

BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY
BENTON, LOUISIANA
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The Bossier Parish Police Jury met in regular and legal session on the 18th day of August, 2021, at 2:00 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana. The President, Mr. Jerome Darby, called the meeting to order. The invocation was given by Mr. Glenn Benton, and the pledge of allegiance was led by Mr. Philip Rodgers. Ms. Rachel Hauser, Parish Secretary, called the roll, with members present as follows:

Mr. Glenn Benton	Mr. Chris Marsiglia
Mr. Bob Brotherton, Excused	Ms. Julianna Parks
Mr. Jimmy Cochran	Mr. Mac Plummer
Mr. Jerome Darby	Mr. Doug Rimmer
Mr. Charles Gray	Mr. Philip Rodgers
Mr. John Ed Jordan	Mr. Tom Salzer

Others present were Mr. William R. Altimus, Parish Administrator; Mr. Joe E. "Butch" Ford, Jr., Parish Engineer; Mr. Eric Hudson, Assistant Parish Engineer; Ms. Rachel Hauser, Parish Secretary; Ms. Stacie Fernandez, Parish Treasurer.

Ms. Hauser introduced Ms. Brianna Cooley, a junior at Parkway High School, who is a recipient of the President's Volunteer Service Award seven times, and recently received the President's Volunteer Service Lifetime Achievement Award.

Mr. Cochran recognized Ms. Cooley for all of her achievements and congratulated her on behalf of the police jury. He presented Ms. Cooley with a resolution acknowledging Ms. Cooley for her accomplishments.

Ms. Cooley presented medals she has received.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Miss Brianna Cooley is currently an eleventh-grade student attending Parkway High School; and
WHEREAS, Miss Cooley has received the President's Volunteer Service Award seven times, and most recently received the President's Volunteer Service Lifetime Achievement Award which is an impressive recognition given to those across the country who attain seemingly countless hours of community service; and

WHEREAS, Miss Cooley has shown tremendous leadership skills and determination in volunteering a combined 4,000 hours over the last eight years; and,

WHEREAS, Miss Cooley is a problem solver who has developed numerous initiatives as a military child to address issues she has seen in each community in which she has lived. A few of those initiatives include "Giving Tuesday Military" in which she helped lead the effort to log one-million acts of kindness by harnessing social media to motivate volunteers; founded "Lil Warriors Kindness Krewe" which promotes mentoring of young students to find their purpose through service to others; and as President of Parkway High School's "Student 2 Student" organization, developing a wraparound approach to welcoming new students and increasing inclusion through #PantherPals23. Miss Cooley serves as the public relations director of Beta Club, is a member of the JROTC, and is part of the National Honors Society; and

WHEREAS, Miss Cooley strives to help other young people discover their purpose and passions through serving others; and,

WHEREAS, despite Miss Cooley's age, due to her motivation, compassion, and selflessness, she is making strides few do or ever will.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on this 18th day of August, 2021, that it does hereby express its sincere appreciation to Miss Brianna Cooley for her determination, leadership, and dedication to the students of Bossier Parish.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Bossier Parish Police Jury congratulates Miss Cooley on receiving the President's Volunteer Service Award seven times, and further congratulates Miss Cooley for recently receiving the President's Volunteer Service Lifetime Achievement Award, and does thank her for her willingness to serve the students of Bossier Parish in this capacity.

The resolution was adopted unanimously on this 18th day of August, 2021.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

JEROME DARBY, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Ms. Dawn Thomas, Visitor No. 2, was not present.

Dr. Clint Wilson expressed appreciation for allowing him to come before the police jury today. He stated that he is a local physician in Bossier City with an outpatient family medicine clinic at Willis-Knighton Bossier.

Dr. Wilson stated that his clinic has been treating COVID-19 patients for the last 19 months and he and his partner have been participating in local COVID-19 research trials. He provided additional information on research trials that they have participated in concerning COVID-19.

Ms. Parks stated that there are several citizens that have questions regarding the COVID-19 virus, mask mandates, and vaccines. She stated that there is controversy about whether masks can protect students at school, and asked if there is evidence that masks can slow down the transmission of the COVID-19 virus. Dr. Wilson stated that there have been several studies regarding the effectiveness of masks against the COVID-19 virus. He provided information on the results of the studies.

There was additional discussion on studies, masks, vaccines, immunity, and hospital capacity as it pertains to COVID-19 virus.

Appreciation was extended to Dr. Wilson for his willingness to provide information to the police jury and public pertaining to the COVID-19 virus.

Mr. Hudson recommended that the low bid of Benton & Brown, LLC, in the amount of \$657,889.00, be accepted for Project No. 2021-114, Proposed Street Improvements, DR 4263 PW 910 Paved Roads, Task Order No. 2, in accordance with bids received August 16, 2021.

Motion was made by Mr. Plummer, seconded by Mr. Salzer, to award the bid for Project No. 2021-114, Proposed Street Improvements, DR 4263 PW 910 Paved Roads, Task Order No. 2, in the amount of \$657,889.00 to Benton & Brown, LLC, low bidder meeting bid specifications in accordance with bids received August 16, 2021, and to authorize the execution of documents.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast, and the motion carried unanimously.** Bid results are as follows:

Bidder:	Bid Amount:
Benton & Brown, LLC	\$657,889.00
Earnest Contracting, LLC	\$720,903.20

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 18th day of August, 2021, that it does hereby award the bid for Project No. 2021-114, Proposed Street Improvements, DR 4263 PW 910 Paved Roads, Task Order No. 2, in the amount of \$657,889.00 to Benton & Brown, LLC, low bidder meeting bid specifications in accordance with bids received August 16, 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parish Administrator or Parish President is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents related to same.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Plummer, seconded by Mr. Salzer. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 18th day of August, 2021.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

JEROME DARBY, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Ms. Hauser announced the public hearing to consider approval of the application of Brandon Ray, Ray Property Investments, Inc., to the Bossier City-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission, for a zoning amendment to change the zoning classification of a certain tract of land being 2.47 acres, more or less, located at 4900 Benton Road, Bossier City, LA, from R-A, Residence-Agricultural District, to B-2, Limited Business District, for a proposed retail development. The application received a favorable recommendation from the Bossier City-Parish MPC.

Mr. Don Durr, Durr Engineering, LLC, was present on behalf of The Larson Group. Mr. Hudson stated that the public hearing today is for a zoning amendment only, and a site plan will need to be submitted for approval at a later date. He stated that this proposed development is located on LA Highway 3 and approval will be required from the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for access.

There being no objection, **motion was made by Ms. Parks, seconded by Mr. Rodgers, to approve the application of Brandon Ray, Ray Property Investments, Inc., to the Bossier City-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission, for a zoning amendment to change the zoning classification of a certain tract of land being 2.47 acres, more or less, located at 4900 Benton Road, Bossier City, LA, from R-A, Residence-Agricultural District, to B-2, Limited Business District, for a proposed retail development.**

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast, and the motion carried unanimously.**

ORDINANCE NO. 4847

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND BOSSIER PARISH ORDINANCE NO. 4705 OF 2018, WHICH ADOPTED AN AMENDED UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE FOR THE BOSSIER CITY-PARISH METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION AND THE PARISH OF BOSSIER, LOUISIANA, BY CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF A CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND BEING 2.47 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, LOCATED AT 4900 BENTON ROAD, BOSSIER CITY, LA, FROM R-A, RESIDENCE-AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT, TO B-2, LIMITED BUSINESS DISTRICT, FOR A PROPOSED RETAIL DEVELOPMENT

BE IT ORDAINED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on this 18th day of August, 2021, that Ordinance No. 4705 of 2018 (Amended Unified Development Code) of the Police Jury of Bossier Parish, is hereby amended to change the zoning classification of a certain tract of land being 2.47 acres, more or less, located at 4900 Benton Road, Bossier City, LA, from R-A, Residence-Agricultural District, to B-2, Limited Business District, for a proposed retail development, being more particularly described as follows:

From the south east property corner of Lot 11 of Plantation Estates No 7 as recorded in Book 1207 Pages 347-348 of the conveyance records of Bossier Parish, Louisiana proceed 1317.87 feet S 89°43'53" to the Easterly Right of Way line of Louisiana Highway 3 (Benton Road).

Thence run south Easterly along the Right of Way of Benton Road 86.7 feet to the Point of Beginning.

From point of Beginning continue along the Easterly Right of Way line of Benton Road a distance of 319.5 feet.

Thence run N 89°36'12" E a distance of 274.36 feet to a point.

Thence continue N 89°36'12" E a distance of 29.67 feet to a point.

Thence run N 0°22'38" W a distance of 294.56 feet to a point.

Thence run 425.85 feet S 89°43'53" E to the Point of Beginning on the Easterly Right of Way line of Louisiana Highway 3 (Benton Road).

Said Tract containing 2.47 acres +/-.

Applicant: Brandon Ray, Ray Property Investments, Inc.

Purpose: Proposed retail development

The ordinance was offered by Ms. Parks, seconded by Mr. Rodgers. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 18th day of August, 2021.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

JEROME DARBY, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Ms. Hauser announced the public hearing to consider the application of the Bossier City-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission to revise the Unified Development Code, Conditional Use regulations, Article 3.3.2.H in reference to the expiration of alcohol sales. The application received a favorable recommendation from the Bossier City-Parish MPC.

Ms. Carlotta Askew-Brown, Bossier City-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission, stated that the proposed amendment to Article 3.3.2.H provides that a Conditional Use approval will expire after one year unless the applicant re-submits a complete development plan review application to the Metropolitan Planning Commission board.

There being no objection, **motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Rodgers, to approve the application of the Bossier City-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission to amend the Unified Development Code, Conditional Use regulations, Article 3.3.2.H in reference to the expiration of alcohol sales.**

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast, and the motion carried unanimously.**

ORDINANCE NO. 4848

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 4705 OF 2018, WHICH ADOPTED AN AMENDED UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE FOR THE BOSSIER CITY-PARISH METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION AND THE PARISH OF BOSSIER, LOUISIANA, TO AMEND ARTICLE 3 – PROCEDURES AND ADMINISTRATION, BY AMENDING SECTION 3.3.2 – CONDITIONAL USES

WHEREAS, the Bossier Parish Police Jury held a public hearing on August 18, 2021, to review proposed amendments to the Unified Development Code; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendments received a FAVORABLE recommendation from the Bossier City-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission; and

BE IT ORDAINED, the Unified Development Code, Article 3 – Procedures and Administration, Section 3.3.2.H-, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 3.3.2 – Conditional Uses

Section 3.3.2.H is hereby amended to read as follows:

3.3.2 Conditional Uses

H. Expiration of Approval

A conditional use approval shall expire after one year unless the applicant re-submits a complete development plan review application to the MPC Board.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

The ordinance was offered by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Rodgers. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 18th day of August, 2021.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

JEROME DARBY, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Ms. Hauser announced the public hearing to consider the application of Jennifer Elkins, Mama’s Bar and Grill, to the Bossier City-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission for a Conditional Use Approval for the sale of high and low content alcohol for on-premise consumption at a bar and grill located at 5510 Airline Drive, Ste. 106, Bossier City, LA. The application received a favorable recommendation from the Bossier City-Parish MPC.

Ms. Deborah Roberts, 12758 Mansfield Road, Keithville, LA, was present representing the applicant, Ms. Jennifer Elkins.

There being no objection, **motion was made by Ms. Parks, seconded by Mr. Gray, to approve the application of Jennifer Elkins, Mama’s Bar and Grill, to the Bossier City-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission for a Conditional Use Approval for the sale of high and low content alcohol for on-premise consumption at a bar and grill located at 5510 Airline Drive, Ste. 106, Bossier City, LA.**

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast, and the motion carried unanimously.**

ORDINANCE NO. 4849

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE FOR THE SALE OF HIGH AND LOW CONTENT ALCOHOL FOR ON-PREMISE CONSUMPTION AT A BAR AND GRILL LOCATED AT 5510 AIRLINE DRIVE, STE. 106, BOSSIER CITY, LA

WHEREAS, Jennifer Elkins has applied to the Bossier Parish Police Jury for a Conditional Use for the sale of high and low content alcohol for on-premise consumption at a bar and grill located at 5510 Airline Drive, Ste. 106, Bossier City, LA ; and

WHEREAS, the application has been approved by the Bossier City-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing for the application was held by the Bossier Parish Police Jury on August 18, 2021.

SECTION 1. That the Conditional Use for the sale of high and low content alcohol for on-premise consumption at a bar and grill located at 5510 Airline Drive, Ste. 106, Bossier City, LA , is hereby approved.

The Ordinance was offered by Ms. Parks, seconded by Mr. Gray. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 18th day of August, 2021.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

JEROME DARBY, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Ms. Hauser announced the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Waterford Lake Subdivision, Unit No. 2, located in Section 22, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA. (Located in Waterford Lake Subdivision at the end of Calle Lago Court)

Mr. Donnie Barker, Mohr and Associates, Inc., stated that the proposed development is a continuation of Waterford Lake Subdivision. Mr. Hudson provided information pertaining to drainage. He stated that the developer has

agreed to pave the drainage ditch when the next unit that crosses over the drainage ditch is developed. He further stated that the developer has been working with the parish to ensure that all requirements are met. Mr. Hudson stated that there will be stipulations for any further development in this subdivision and no additional development will be allowed until the developer has paved the drainage ditch.

There being no objection, **motion was made by Ms. Parks, seconded by Mr. Marsiglia, to approve the plat of the proposed development of Waterford Lake Subdivision, Unit No. 2, located in Section 22, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA, subject to the developer's cooperation in paving the drainage ditch to Flat River. (Located in Waterford Lake Subdivision at the end of Calle Lago Court)**

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast, and the motion carried unanimously.**

Ms. Hauser announced the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Myers Road Estates Subdivision, Unit No. 1-A, being a resubdivision of Lot 2, Myers Road Estates Subdivision, located in Sections 22 and 27, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA. (Located in Myers Road Estates Subdivision off Swan Lake Road)

Ms. Danielle Moody, 310 St. Annes Court, Bossier City, LA, was present. She stated that the proposed plat provides for the combination of two lots into one large lot. Mr. Hudson stated that Mr. and Mrs. Moody purchased Lot 2, Myers Road Estates Subdivision, approximately one year ago. He further stated that access to Myers Road is available.

Mr. Hudson stated that Mr. and Mrs. Moody want access from Swan Lake Road to be used as their primary access. He stated that a drainage study has been submitted to the engineering department, and Mr. and Mrs. Moody have agreed to build a bridge over the creek.

Mr. Hudson stated that all site distance requirements on Swan Lake Road have been met.

There being no objection, **motion was made by Ms. Parks, seconded by Mr. Rodgers, to approve the plat of the proposed development of Myers Road Estates Subdivision, Unit No. 1-A, being a resubdivision of Lot 2, Myers Road Estates Subdivision, located in Sections 22 and 27, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA. (Located in Myers Road Estates Subdivision off Swan Lake Road)**

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast, and the motion carried unanimously.**

Ms. Hauser announced the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Crown Pointe Subdivision, located in Sections 1 and 2, Township 20 North, Range 14 West, Bossier Parish, LA. (Located off Old Plain Dealing Road)

Mr. Kurt Nixon, Nixon Engineering Solutions, stated that the proposed development is located in Plain Dealing and consists of large lots. He stated that he has been working with the engineering department to meet all subdivision requirements.

Mr. Nixon requested a waiver of subdivision regulations requiring sidewalks due to the lot sizes being 1.5 to 4-acre lots. Mr. Rodgers asked what the subdivision regulations are for sidewalks in a subdivision. Mr. Hudson stated that parish subdivision regulations require sidewalks in all subdivisions. He stated that the police jury has granted some waivers of subdivision regulations requiring sidewalks in the past if the lots are large.

Mr. Jackson asked if the roadways will be wider than normal subdivision streets. Mr. Hudson stated that the width of the roadways in the subdivision will not be wider than normal. He stated that the proposed development will be open ditch drainage.

There was additional discussion on subdivision regulations pertaining to sidewalks. Mr. Jackson expressed concern that without sidewalks, vehicles will be parked on the side of roadways in the proposed development, and children will play in the roadways and oncoming traffic will not be able to see the children if they are between the parked vehicles.

Mr. Hudson provided additional information on subdivisions that have received a waiver of subdivision regulations requiring sidewalks.

Mr. Sam Marsiglia, Haughton Metropolitan Planning Commission, stated that a waiver of subdivision regulations requiring sidewalks was recently granted for a subdivision in the Haughton MPC, and stated that the Bossier City-Parish MPC sidewalk regulations provide that if a lot is a minimum of one acre and has open ditch drainage, sidewalks are not required. After further discussion, **motion was made by Mr. Rodgers, seconded by Mr. Benton, to table the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Crown Pointe Subdivision, located in Sections 1 and 2, Township 20 North, Range 14 West, Bossier Parish, LA, to be considered at the September 1, 2021, regular meeting.**

Votes were cast, and the motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Hauser announced the public hearing to consider approval of the site plan for Airline Lagniappe Commercial Subdivision, located at 5480 Airline Drive, Bossier Parish, LA. (Located just north of Swan Lake Road on the right side of Airline Drive)

Mr. Micah Duffy, Coyle Engineering Company, Inc., was present. Mr. Hudson stated that the developer has been working with Ms. Askew-Brown, Bossier City-Parish MPC, on the proposed site plan. He stated that due to the proposed businesses that are planned in the development, there is no need for a traffic study to be done at this time. He further stated that if there is a use change in the commercial development, a traffic study will be required at that time.

Mr. Hudson stated that a commercial development is planned with five available business locations in the development. He stated that the drainage plan has been reviewed, and the Bossier Parish Levee District has no objection to the proposed development.

Mr. Hudson recommended approval of the proposed development. There being no objection, **motion was made by Ms. Parks, seconded by Mr. Rodgers, to approve the site plan for Airline Lagniappe Commercial Subdivision, located at 5480 Airline Drive, Bossier Parish, LA, (Located just north of Swan Lake Road on the**

right side of Airline Drive) with the understanding that a traffic study will be required if there is a change in use in the commercial development.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast, and the motion carried unanimously.**

Ms. Hauser announced the public hearing to consider approval of the site plan for Black Stag Development, located in Section 32, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA. (Located on the Southeast corner of Benton Road and Vanceville Road)

Mr. Matt Abrams, Abrams Architecture and Design, was present. Mr. Hudson stated that the proposed development will be located off Vanceville Road and will consist of one office building and a parking lot.

Mr. Hudson stated that a drainage study has been submitted for review and has been approved by the Engineering Department, Bossier Parish Police Jury. He stated that the Bossier Parish Levee District has approved the development as presented. He further stated that an Access Connection Permit for the driveway is required from the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development. Mr. Hudson stated that LA DOTD has stipulated that if there is any additional development or request for access to LA Highway 3, a traffic study will be required at that time.

There being no objection, **motion was made by Mr. Marsiglia, seconded by Ms. Parks, to approve the site plan for Black Stag Development, located in Section 32, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA. (Located on the Southeast corner of Benton Road and Vanceville Road)**

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast, and the motion carried unanimously.**

Ms. Hauser announced the public hearing to consider approval of the Minor Plat for Joan Small Marshall, being a division of a 3.916-acre tract of land located in Section 23, Township 17 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA. (Located on Sligo Road near Hines Drive)

Mr. Hudson stated that the property owner is requesting to subdivide a large tract of land into two tracts. He recommended approval of the minor plat as presented.

There being no objection, **motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to approve the Minor Plat for Joan Small Marshall, being a division of a 3.916-acre tract of land located in Section 23, Township 17 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA. (Located on Sligo Road near Hines Drive)**

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast, and the motion carried unanimously.**

Ms. Hauser announced the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Swan Lake Commercial Subdivision, Unit No. 1, being a commercial subdivision located in Section 26, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA. (Located on Duckwater Landing)

Mr. Ryan Estess, Raley and Associates, Inc., was present. Ms. Parks asked for additional information pertaining to a traffic study. Mr. Hudson stated that a traffic study will be required for any additional development in this area.

There being no objection, **motion was made by Ms. Parks, seconded by Mr. Rodgers, to approve the plat of the proposed development of Swan Lake Commercial Subdivision, Unit No. 1, being a commercial subdivision located in Section 26, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA.**

The President called for public comment. Mr. Rodgers asked if a trucking company would be allowed to locate on this tract of land. Ms. Askew-Brown stated that the property would require a zoning amendment in order for a trucking company to locate on this tract of land.

Votes were cast, and the motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Hauser announced the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Faith Estates Subdivision, Unit No. 3, being a resubdivision of Lot 6, Faith Estates Subdivision, Unit No. 1, and Lot 28, Faith Estates Subdivision, Unit No. 2, located in Section 28, Township 19 North, Range 11 West, Bossier Parish, LA. (Located in Faith Estates Subdivision off Daley Drive)

Mr. Charlie Coyle, Coyle Engineering Company, Inc., stated that the property owner, Mr. Timmy Williams, owns Lot 6, 7, and 8, Faith Estates Subdivision, Unit No. 1, and Lot 28, Faith Estates Subdivision, Unit No. 2. He stated that Mr. Williams is requesting to adjust the lot line between Lot 6, Faith Estates Subdivision, Unit No. 1, and Lot 28, Faith Estates Subdivision, Unit No. 2.

There being no objection, **motion was made by Mr. Jorden, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to approve the plat of the proposed development of Faith Estates Subdivision, Unit No. 3, being a resubdivision of Lot 6, Faith Estates Subdivision, Unit No. 1, and Lot 28, Faith Estates Subdivision, Unit No. 2, located in Section 28, Township 19 North, Range 11 West, Bossier Parish, LA. (Located in Faith Estates Subdivision off Daley Drive)**

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast, and the motion carried unanimously.**

Motion was made by Mr. Marsiglia, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to schedule a public hearing on September 15, 2021, to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Cane's Landing Office Park Subdivision, Unit No. 1, being a Commercial Planned Unit Development located in Section 33, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast, and the motion carried unanimously.**

Ms. Hauser announced the condemnation hearing for property located at 107 Augusta Avenue, Benton, LA, Tax Assessment No. 102542. Mr. David Ghormley, Property Standards Officer, presented current photographs of the

property advising that the yard is being maintained. He stated that the home is vacant and has been broken into on several occasions.

Mr. Ghormley stated that he inspected the home on August 4, 2021, and found that the door was open. He stated that he contacted the property management company who is managing the property, and it was secured immediately. He further stated that as of this morning, the home had been broken into again.

Mr. Jackson stated that in order to condemn property, it must be determined that the property presents a threat to public health and safety.

Ms. Amanda Nottingham, 105 Oakmont Circle, Benton, LA, presented photographs of the inside of the vacant home located at 107 Augusta Avenue, Benton, LA. She stated that there is a hole in the roof of the home which is covered by a large blue tarp. She further stated that the inside of the home is covered in mold. She provided additional information on the condition of the inside of the home.

Mr. Darby asked Ms. Nottingham if the concern is for the inside of the home only. Ms. Nottingham stated that large blue tarps are covering large holes in the roof of the home. She stated that she has submitted a complaint to the mortgage company and the property management company for the home. She further stated that in 2006 a murder took place in the home, and it has been vacant for approximately 14 years. Ms. Nottingham stated that she reached out to the property owners, but they have claimed the home was lost in foreclosure.

Ms. Nottingham stated that she has retained the services of a title attorney to determine ownership of the property and home. She stated that residents of the subdivision have expressed interest in purchasing the property.

There was additional discussion on the condition of this property. Mr. Cochran stated that this property has come before the police jury in the past for condemnation. Mr. Ghormley stated that when the property was previously condemned, the police jury requested that the roof be tarped and the home be secured. He stated that all requirements were met and the file was closed. He further stated that the police jury cannot address issues that are located inside of a home.

Ms. Nottingham stated that the police jury condemned the property located at 107 Augusta Avenue, Benton, LA, in May of 2010. She stated that parish property standards regulations provide that the Parish Administrator is allowed to enter a home in order to determine if the conditions exist which may endanger the public health, safety, or welfare.

Mr. Jackson stated that the police jury can only remove a structure if it presents an immediate threat to the public health. He stated that with the home being boarded up and secured, and a tarp has been placed on the roof covering the holes, the home does not present a threat to the public health. He further stated that if the home has been broken into and the door is open, the police jury can demand that the home be secured.

Mr. Jackson stated that the police jury does not have the authority to condemn a home because it is unsightly, only if it is unsafe. He stated that restrictive subdivision covenants can be enforced by homeowners in a subdivision to address unsightly property located within a subdivision.

Ms. Nottingham provided additional information regarding state law as it pertains to unsightly property. Mr. Jackson stated that if sufficient evidence is provided to the police jury which proves that the home presents a threat to the public health, the police jury can make a determination at that time if the home should be removed.

This matter was further discussed. Mr. Rodgers requested that Mr. Jackson send a letter to the mortgage company and any other interest owners of the home located at 107 Augusta Avenue, Benton, LA, providing them with the parish's concern regarding the condition of the home.

Ms. Hauser announced the condemnation hearing for property located at 623 Lawrence Drive, Haughton, LA, Tax Assessment No. 114230. Mr. David Ghormley, Property Standards Officer, presented current photographs of the property. He stated that there has been no change in the condition of the property.

Mr. Ghormley stated that the property does present an imminent threat to public health and safety, and recommended that the property be condemned.

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Marsiglia, to condemn property located at 623 Lawrence Drive, Haughton, LA, Tax Assessment No. 114230, in accordance with property standards regulations.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast, and the motion carried unanimously.**

Ms. Hauser announced the condemnation hearing for property located at 120 Lawrence Drive, Haughton, LA, Tax Assessment No. 115938. Mr. David Ghormley, Property Standards Officer, presented current photographs of the property. He stated that there has been no change in the condition of the property.

Mr. Ghormley stated that the property does present an imminent threat to public health and safety, and recommended that the property be condemned.

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to condemn property located at 120 Lawrence Drive, Haughton, LA, Tax Assessment No. 115938, in accordance with property standards regulations.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **motion carried with the following votes recorded:**

AYES: Mr. Benton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Mr. Gray, Mr. Jorden, Mr. Marsiglia, Ms. Parks, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Salzer

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Rodgers

Ms. Hauser announced the condemnation hearing for property located at 5273 Dixon Street, Bossier City, LA, Tax Assessment No. 102561. Mr. David Ghormley, Property Standards Officer, presented current photographs of the property. He stated that there has been some effort to clean the property and the property owner has requested a 30-day extension in which to complete the clean-up of the property. He further stated that the property owner has stated that he tested positive for COVID-19 and is unable to clean the property at this time.

Motion was made by Ms. Parks, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to allow the owner of 5273 Dixon Street, Bossier City, LA, Tax Assessment No. 102561, additional time in which to bring the property into compliance with property standards regulations.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **motion carried with the following votes recorded:**

AYES: Mr. Benton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Mr. Gray, Mr. Jorden, Mr. Marsiglia, Ms. Parks, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Salzer
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Rodgers

This matter will be reviewed at the October 6, 2021, regular meeting.

Mr. Ghormley reported on a meeting of the Property Standards Board of Review, advising that it is recommended that a condemnation hearing be scheduled on September 1, 2021, to consider condemnation of property located at 8607 Hollow Bluff Drive, Haughton, LA, Tax Assessment No. 103224.

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Gray, to schedule a condemnation hearing on September 1, 2021, to consider the condemnation of property located at 8607 Hollow Bluff Drive, Haughton, LA, Tax Assessment No. 103224.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast, and the motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Ghormley stated that the Board of Review recommended that a condemnation hearing be scheduled on September 1, 2021, to consider condemnation of property located at 508 Weavers Way, Bossier City, LA, Tax Assessment No. 105377.

Motion was made by Mr. Salzer, seconded by Mr. Gray, to schedule a condemnation hearing on September 1, 2021, to consider the condemnation of property located at 508 Weavers Way, Bossier City, LA, Tax Assessment No. 105377.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast, and the motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Ghormley stated that the Board of Review recommended that a condemnation hearing be scheduled on September 1, 2021, to consider condemnation of property located at 308 Pease Road, Haughton, LA, Tax Assessment No. 149484.

Motion was made by Mr. Gray, seconded by Mr. Jorden, to schedule a condemnation hearing on September 1, 2021, to consider the condemnation of property located at 308 Pease Road, Haughton, LA, Tax Assessment No. 149484.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast, and the motion carried unanimously.**

Chief J.T. Wallace, Benton Fire District No. 4, requested that the police jury adopt a resolution approving the holding of an election in Benton Fire District No. 4 of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, November 13, 2021, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein.

Motion was made by Mr. Jorden, seconded by Mr. Rodgers, to adopt a resolution approving the holding of an election in Benton Fire District No. 4 of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, November 13, 2021, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast, and the motion carried unanimously.**

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Jorden, and seconded by Mr. Rodgers:

RESOLUTION

A resolution approving the holding of an election in Benton Fire District No. 4 of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, November 13, 2021, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Benton Fire District No. 4 of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Benton Fire District No. 4 of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana (the "District"), adopted a resolution on August 18, 2021, calling a special election in the District on Saturday, November 13, 2021, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Authority has requested that this Police Jury, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, give its consent and authority for the District to hold the aforesaid election, and in the event that the election carries, to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein; and

WHEREAS, as required by Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, it is now the desire of this Police Jury to give its consent and authority of the District to hold the said election, and in the event that the election carries, to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of said Parish, that:

SECTION 1. In compliance with the provisions of Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, and in accordance with the request of the Board of Commissioners of Benton Fire District No. 4 of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, this Police Jury hereby approves the holding of an election in the District, on Saturday, November 13, 2021, at which election there will be submitted the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION (MILLAGE)

Shall Benton Fire District No. 4 of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana (the "District"), be authorized to levy and collect a special tax of two (2) mills on all property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated \$389,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the

tax for an entire year), for a period of fifteen (15) years, beginning with the year 2022 and ending with the year 2036, for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, improving, maintaining or operating fire protection and emergency medical service facilities, vehicles and equipment, including both movable and immovable property, that are to be used to provide fire protection and medical service in the District, including paying the cost of obtaining water for fire protection purposes and salaries of firemen, and all purposes incidental thereto?

SECTION 2. In the event the election carries, this Police Jury does hereby further consent to and authorize the District to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Mr. Benton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Mr. Gray, Mr. Jorden, Mr. Marsiglia, Ms. Parks, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Brotherton

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 18th day of August, 2021.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

JEROME DARBY, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Jorden, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to approve the reappointment of Mr. Richard McGuire to the Board of Commissioners for Bossier Parish Fire District No. 7 for a two-year term, term to expire August 31, 2023.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast, and the motion carried unanimously.**

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Ms. Parks, to ratify approval of Change Order No. 1 for Project No. 2021-112, Proposed Street Improvements, DR 4263 PW 910 Paved Roads, and to authorize the execution of documents. This Change Order results in an increase of \$63,612.00.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast, and the motion carried unanimously.**

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 18th day of August, 2021, that it does hereby approve Change Order No. 1 for Project No. 2021-112, Proposed Street Improvements, DR 4263 PW 910 Paved Roads.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parish Administrator or Parish President is hereby authorized to execute said Change Order No. 1.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Benton, seconded by Ms. Parks. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 18th day of August, 2021.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

JEROME DARBY, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Rodgers, seconded by Ms. Parks, to accept a proposal from Land & Aquatic Resource Management, LLC, in the amount of \$8,500.00 for an environmental assessment on Benton Sewer Pipeline and Structures from Turtle Creek/Jones Cypress Bayou Subdivision to an existing manhole near Airline Drive and Deen Point Road, and to authorize the execution of documents.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast, and the motion carried unanimously.**

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 18th day of August, 2021, that it does hereby accept the proposal of Land & Aquatic Resource Management, LLC, in the amount of \$8,500.00 for an environmental assessment on Benton Sewer Pipeline and Structures from Turtle Creek/Jones Cypress Bayou Subdivision to an existing manhole near Airline Drive and Deen Point Road.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parish Administrator or Parish President is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents in connection with said proposal.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Rodgers, seconded by Ms. Parks. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 18th day of August, 2021.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

JEROME DARBY, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to approve Change Order No. 5 for Project No. 2019-126, Johnson-Koran Road Bridge over Foxskin Bayou, and to authorize the execution of documents. This Change Order results in a deduct of \$13,627.50 and an additional 34 contract days.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast, and the motion carried unanimously.**

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 18th day of August, 2021, that it does hereby approve Change Order No. 5 for Project No. 2019-126, Johnson-Koran Road Bridge over Foxskin Bayou.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parish Administrator or Parish President is hereby authorized to execute said Change Order No. 5.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Plummer. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 18th day of August, 2021.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

JEROME DARBY, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Jorden, to approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion for Project No. 2021-106, Winfield Road Improvements, and to authorize the execution of documents.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **motion carried with the following votes recorded:**

AYES: Mr. Benton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Mr. Jorden, Mr. Marsiglia, Ms. Parks, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Gray

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 18th day of August, 2021, that it does hereby approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion for Project No. 2021-106, Winfield Road Improvements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parish Administrator or Parish President be and is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents in connection with said Certificate of Substantial Completion.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Jorden. Upon vote, it was duly adopted on this 18th day of August, 2021, with the following votes recorded:

AYES: Mr. Benton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Mr. Jorden, Mr. Marsiglia, Ms. Parks, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Gray

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

JEROME DARBY, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Rodgers, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to approve Change Order No. 1 for Project No. 2021-100, Bossier North-South Corridor (Flat River to Crouch Road) Clearing and Grubbing, and to authorize the execution of documents. This Change Order results in a deduct of \$113,444.70.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **motion carried with the following votes recorded:**

AYES: Mr. Benton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Mr. Jorden, Mr. Marsiglia, Ms. Parks, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Gray

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 18th day of August, 2021, that it does hereby approve Change Order No. 1 for Project No. 2021-100, Bossier North-South Corridor (Flat River to Crouch Road) Clearing and Grubbing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parish Administrator or Parish President is hereby authorized to execute said Change Order No. 1.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Rodgers, seconded by Mr. Plummer. Upon vote, it was duly adopted on this 18th day of August, 2021, with the following votes recorded:

AYES: Mr. Benton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Mr. Jorden, Mr. Marsiglia, Ms. Parks, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Gray

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

JEROME DARBY, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Rodgers, seconded by Ms. Parks, to approve a Utility Relocation Agreement between Southwestern Electric Power Company and the Bossier Parish Police Jury for Project No. 2021-100, Bossier North-South Corridor (Flat River to Crouch Road) Clearing and Grubbing, and to authorize the execution of documents.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast, and the motion carried unanimously.**

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 18th day of August, 2021, that it does hereby approve a Utility Relocation Agreement between Southwestern Electric Power Company and the Bossier Parish Police Jury for Project No. 2021-100, Bossier North-South Corridor (Flat River to Crouch Road) Clearing and Grubbing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parish Administrator or Parish President be and is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents in connection with said agreement.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Rodgers, seconded by Ms. Parks. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 18th day of August, 2021.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

JEROME DARBY, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Rodgers, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to approve Change Order No. 6 for Project No. 2019-132, West Linton Road Extension to Fairburn Avenue, and to authorize the execution of documents. This Change Order results in a deduct of \$22,225.26 and an additional 40 contract days.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast, and the motion carried unanimously.**

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 18th day of August, 2021, that it does hereby approve Change Order No. 6 for Project No. 2019-132, West Linton Road Extension to Fairburn Avenue.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parish Administrator or Parish President is hereby authorized to execute said Change Order No. 6.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Rodgers, seconded by Mr. Plummer. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 18th day of August, 2021.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

JEROME DARBY, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Mr. Altimus stated that Mr. David Jones, Red River Waterway Commission, has advised that the extension of Arthur Ray Teague Parkway Walking Trail to Parkway High School project will begin September 1, 2021. He stated that it has been reported that there have been approximately 283,000 visits on Arthur Ray Teague Parkway since the beginning of 2021.

Jurors were provided a copy of district highway reports.

Mr. Altimus presented the 2020 Census District Determination which provides that redistricting will be necessary to rebalance the election districts in Bossier Parish. He stated that Bossier Parish is the fastest growing parish north of I-10. He provided additional information on this matter.

Mr. Altimus stated that the Northwest Louisiana Council of Governments (NLCOG) and the LA 3132 Stage 1 Environmental Study Project Team held an open house-style public hearing to discuss the results of the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the LA 3132 (Inner Loop) Extension project in Caddo Parish. He stated that LA 3132 ends at Flournoy Lucas Road in Shreveport, LA, and it is planned that LA 3132 will be extended to I-69. He provided additional information on the proposed plans for the extension of LA 3132.

Mr. Altimus stated that Tim James, Inc., is proposing a toll bridge be constructed at his expense near this location to cross the Red River. He provided additional information on the proposed plans for a toll bridge.

Mr. Altimus reported that a ground-breaking ceremony is scheduled for Tuesday, August 24, 2021, at 3:00 p.m. for the Louisiana Tech Research Institute facility located at Bossier Parish Community College. He stated that Governor John Bel Edwards will be present.

Mr. Hudson provided an update on the North Bossier Shared Use Trail, Phase II, project.

Mr. Hudson stated that the Linton Road Bridge over Flat River will close on August 24, 2021, and will be closed for approximately six months.

Mr. Hudson stated that bids for DR 4263 PW 910 Paved Roads, Task Order No. 2, were received today, and DR 4263 PW 910 Paved Roads, Task Order Nos. 3 and 4, bids will be received in the near future.

Mr. Hudson provided an update on the Belmere Subdivision Entrance Improvements Project.

Mr. Hudson requested that the agenda be amended to schedule a public hearing on September 15, 2021, to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Rainwater Subdivision, located in Section 18, Township 19 North, Range 11 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

Motion was made by Mr. Jorden, seconded by Mr. Gray, to amend the agenda to schedule a public hearing on September 15, 2021, to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Rainwater Subdivision, located in Section 18, Township 19 North, Range 11 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **motion carried with the following votes recorded:**

YEAS: Mr. Benton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Mr. Gray, Mr. Jordan, Mr. Marsiglia, Ms. Parks, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mr. Brotherton

Motion was made by Mr. Jordan, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to schedule a public hearing on September 15, 2021, to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Rainwater Subdivision, located in Section 18, Township 19 North, Range 11 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast, and the motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Hudson stated that discussions have been held to change the platting approval process as it pertains to minor plats in an effort to accelerate the approval process for applicants. He stated that police jury approval is not required for minor plats and it is recommended that in the future, any minor plats that have been approved administratively be read into the record at a police jury meeting as being approved without a public hearing being required.

Mr. Hudson stated that the Minor Plat for Justin Sheppard has been approved administratively. He stated that Mr. Sheppard has donated a 60-foot right-of-way along Circle M Road. The Minor Plat for Justin Sheppard has been filed with the Bossier Parish Clerk of Court, bearing Instrument No. 127048.

Mr. Ford reported that a meeting was recently held to discuss locating an archery site at Camp Minden. He provided information on the proposed archery site. He stated that it is recommended that in the event of flooding, the proposed archery site be used as a staging site for equipment. Mr. Ford stated that an agreement will need to be executed between the Louisiana National Guard and the Archery Shooter's Association (ASA) agreeing that the site can be used as a staging area in the event of flooding.

Mr. Ford provided additional information on the proposed archery site at Camp Minden. He stated that he will be presenting a proposed budget for this project in the near future.

Mr. Ford provided a report on an accident at the construction site for Linton Road Bridge over Black Bayou project. He stated that a woman drove her car into a barricade on Linton Road Bridge over Black Bayou causing damage to the pile driver and a piling. He further stated that the woman was not injured.

Mr. Mark Coutee, Public Works Director, presented an update on activities of the highway department and on several road projects in the parish.

Mr. Ford reported that the highway department is understaffed. He stated that discussions are being held to possibly use a temporary staffing agency and allowing overtime for current employees.

Recommendations were received on ways to notice the public of available positions with the Bossier Parish Highway Department.

Mr. Warren Saucier, Parks and Recreation Director, presented an update on activities at parks throughout Bossier Parish.

Mr. Jackson recommended the use of an app called Louisiana Wallet which provides your information for COVID-19 vaccinations so that you do not have to keep up with the vaccination card. He stated that the app is free.

Finance Committee Meeting – August 18, 2021, 1:30 p.m.

The Finance Committee of the Bossier Parish Police Jury met on this 18th day of August, 2021, at 1:30 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana, with Mr. Brotherton being absent.

Mr. Brock Banos, Director of Sports & Programs, Special Olympics Louisiana, was present and requested to be added as a visitor.

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Darby, to amend the agenda to add Mr. Brock Banos, Director of Sports & Program, Special Olympics Louisiana, as Visitor No. 1.

The Chairman called for public comment. There being none, **motion carried with the following votes recorded:**

YEAS: Mr. Benton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Mr. Gray, Mr. Jordan, Mr. Marsiglia, Ms. Parks, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mr. Brotherton

Mr. Banos expressed appreciation to the police jury for allowing him to be present at the Finance Committee meeting today. He presented information pertaining to their proposed program plan for people with intellectual disabilities in Bossier Parish. He also presented a video which provided additional information pertaining to their program.

Mr. Banos stated that their program is a statewide program which reaches almost every parish in the State of Louisiana. He stated that prior to the COVID-19 health crisis, there were several programs in the schools and

communities throughout the state. He further stated that Special Olympics Louisiana is attempting to re-establish and build their programs to provide sports opportunities, health programs, education opportunities, and leadership opportunities for people with intellectual disabilities.

Mr. Banos provided additional information on each program offered by Special Olympics Louisiana. He stated that Special Olympics Louisiana strives to improve the lives of those with intellectual disabilities.

Mr. Banos stated that he will answer any questions that the police jurors may have in connection with the packet or American Rescue Plan Act Funding Application for funding which has been submitted to the police jury for consideration.

Mr. Rimmer asked for additional information regarding the ARPA Funding Application submitted by Special Olympics Louisiana as it pertains to Revenue Replacement being the purpose for submission of the application. Mr. Banos stated that due to the COVID-19 health crisis, Special Olympics Louisiana incurred a revenue reduction of over \$1 million statewide, as well as other losses. He stated that they are working to rebuild all programs. He provided additional information as to the use of the requested funds.

Mr. Plummer requested that Mr. Banos provide contact information for local contacts associated with this program. He stated that the request for ARPA funds will be taken under advisement.

Mr. Benton asked if the requested \$120,000.00 is to be used world-wide or for Bossier Parish programs only. Mr. Banos stated that these funds would be used for Bossier Parish programs only. There was additional discussion on proposed uses of the requested funds.

Mr. Rodgers asked if Special Olympics Louisiana will be reaching out to other parishes in Louisiana for funding assistance. Mr. Banos stated that he is unsure if requests are being made to other Louisiana parishes.

Mr. Rodgers stated that while he personally supports this program, he does not feel that use of taxpayer dollars for this type of program is appropriate. He stated that taxpayer dollars should be used in a manner which benefits the taxpayers.

There was additional discussion on this matter.

Motion was made by Mr. Cochran, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to approve payment of accounts payable invoices for the month of July, 2021.

The Chairman called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast, and the motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Jackson requested that a Finance Committee meeting be scheduled on September 1, 2021, to discuss American Rescue Plan Act funds, as well as setting policies for applications submitted to the police jury from other entities requesting funds received by the parish from the American Rescue Plan Act.

Mr. Jackson stated that initially the police jury planned to allocate funds received from the American Rescue Plan Act for water and sewer improvements in the Parish of Bossier.

The Finance Committee meeting was adjourned by the Chairman.

There being no further business to come before the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 18th day of August, 2021, the meeting was adjourned by the President at 4:30 p.m.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

JEROME DARBY, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY