

BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY
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The Bossier Parish Police Jury met in regular and legal session on the 15th day of September, 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. Doug Rimmer, and the pledge of allegiance was led by Mr. Glenn Benton. Ms. Rachel Hauser, Parish Secretary, called the roll, with all 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. Patrick Jackson, Parish Attorney; Mr. Eric Hudson, Assistant Parish Engineer; Ms. Rachel Hauser, Parish Secretary; Ms. Stacie Fernandez, Parish Treasurer.

Motion was made by Mr. Rimmer, seconded by Mr. Gray, to adopt the minutes of the July 7, 2021, and July 21, 2021, regular meetings, and the July 21, 2021, Finance Committee meeting, as published.

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

Mr. Daniel Besinaiz, Bossier City-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission, recognized Ms. Carlotta Askew-Brown for being selected by the Young Professionals Initiative Program as one of 40 honorees of the 2021 class of young professionals under the age of 40 from Northwest Louisiana for their accomplishments. He stated that an honoree is selected based on values such as achievement, experience and innovation, vision, leadership, and community involvement.

Congratulations were extended to Ms. Askew-Brown. Ms. Askew-Brown expressed appreciation for the recognition of this nomination.

Ms. Hauser stated that Ms. Brittainy Pope, an employee of Bossier Parish Libraries, was also selected as one of the 40 nominees.

Mr. Howard Davis, Headmaster, and Ms. Lori Moore, Development Director, Providence Classical Academy, were present.

Mr. Davis provided enrollment numbers at Providence Classical Academy since opening, and provided information on their plans for continued growth. He stated that an additional ingress/egress is needed for the school and they have been working closely with Mr. Ford and Mr. Hudson on this matter.

Mr. Marsiglia encouraged police jurors to schedule a tour of the school. He stated that the facilities are outstanding and the students are well behaved.

Mr. Hudson advised that Volkert, Inc., has recommended acceptance of the low bid of Benton & Brown, LLC, in the amount of \$3,648,137.00, for Project No. 2021-116, Proposed Street Improvements, DR 4263 PW 910 Paved Roads, Task Order No. 4, in accordance with bids received September 13, 2021.

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Jordan, to award the bid for Project No. 2021-116, Proposed Street Improvements, DR 4263 PW 910 Paved Roads, Task Order No. 4, in the amount of \$3,648,137.00 to Benton & Brown, LLC, low bidder meeting bid specifications in accordance with bids received September 13, 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	\$3,648,137.00
Earnest Contracting, LLC	\$4,487,290.00

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 15th day of September, 2021, that it does hereby award the bid for Project No. 2021-116, Proposed Street Improvements, DR 4263 PW 910 Paved Roads, Task Order No. 4, in the amount of \$3,648,137.00 to Benton & Brown, LLC, low bidder meeting bid specifications in accordance with bids received September 13, 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. Benton, seconded by Mr. Jordan. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 15th day of September, 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 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. (Located on corner of Barclay Boulevard and Airline Drive)

Mr. Travis Sturdivant, Raley and Associates, Inc., was present on behalf of Yellow Rose Land Development, LLC. He stated that the proposed development consists of five office buildings to be located on the south side of Barclay Boulevard.

Mr. Hudson stated that as a condition of approval of the proposed development, no building permits will be issued until such time as a contract for construction of a traffic signal at Barclay Boulevard and Airline Drive has been fully executed.

There being no opposition, **motion was made by Mr. Marsiglia, seconded by Mr. Rodgers, to approve 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, (Located on corner of Barclay Boulevard and Airline Drive) with the understanding that no building permits will be issued until such time as a contract for construction of a traffic signal at Barclay Boulevard and Airline Drive has been fully executed.**

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 Rainwater Subdivision, located in Section 18, Township 19 North, Range 11 West, Bossier Parish, LA. (Located on Campbell Road)

Mr. Marvin Rainwater was present on behalf of his father, Mr. Fisher Rainwater. He stated that his father is requesting to partition the large tract of land into smaller tracts of land for his children.

Mr. Hudson stated that parish subdivision regulations require that a road be constructed when subdividing property. He stated that a servitude exists on the large tract of land, but it does not meet parish subdivision regulations for a parish road.

After further discussion, Mr. Jackson requested that this matter be tabled for further discussion.

Motion was made by Mr. Jorden, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to table the public hearing to consider approval of plat of the proposed development of Rainwater Subdivision, located in Section 18, Township 19 North, Range 11 West, Bossier Parish, LA (Located on Campbell Road), to be considered at the October 6, 2021, regular meeting.

Votes were cast, and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Ms. Parks, seconded by Mr. Rodgers, to schedule a public hearing on October 20, 2021, to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Edgewater Pass Subdivision, located in Section 22, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA. (Located off Legacy Elementary Drive)

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

Motion was made by Mr. Rimmer, seconded by Mr. Salzer, to adopt a resolution acknowledging Ordinance No. 81 of 2021 adopted by the City of Bossier City dated August 17, 2021, in accordance with LA. R.S. 33:180.

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 15th day of September, 2021, that Ordinance No. 81 of 2021 adopted by the City of Bossier City dated August 17, 2021, is hereby acknowledged in accordance with LA. R.S. 33:180.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Rimmer, seconded by Mr. Salzer. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 15th day of September, 2021.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

JEROME DARBY, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Jorden, seconded by Mr. Salzer, to approve the reappointment of Mr. Charles Gray to the Bossier Parish Library Board of Control for a five-year term, term to expire October 1, 2026.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Rodgers, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to adopt an ordinance to officially post certain bridge structures in Bossier Parish in connection with the Louisiana Off-System Bridge Replacement Program.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 4857

AN ORDINANCE TO OFFICIALLY POST CERTAIN BRIDGE STRUCTURES LOCATED ALONG THE PARISH TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM IN THE PARISH OF BOSSIER, STATE OF LOUISIANA

WHEREAS, the Bossier Parish Police Jury is responsible for health, safety and welfare of the public utilizing the parish transportation system in Bossier Parish, and the bridge structures located on these transportation routes; and

WHEREAS, the Bossier Parish Police Jury, in order to provide advance information regarding the bridge structures located on its parish transportation routes, has structurally rated and posted certain bridges, as required by federal, state and local laws.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury that the bridge structures listed below by structure number and location are hereby officially posted by signing to provide sufficient advance notice to the motoring public as to the load carrying capabilities of each structure:

<u>Structure</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Load Posting (T)</u>
PO832225933301	Smith Road, Red Chute Bayou	15-25
PO832351933431	Winfield Road, Connell Branch	10-15

PO832523934411	Old Plain Dealing Hwy, Collinsburg Creek	10-15
PO832526934161	Antrim Road, Lil Cypress Creek	15-25
PO833010934591	McCance Road, Posten Bayou	5
PO832544934211	Palmetto Street, Trib Lil Cypress Bayou	25-40
PO832541934191	S. Perrin Street, Lil Cypress Bayou	25-40 (Temporarily Closed)
PO832187933071	Atkins Clark Road, Flat River Ditch	15-25

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

The ordinance was offered by Mr. Rodgers, seconded by Mr. Plummer. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 15th day of September, 2021.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

JEROME DARBY PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Marsiglia, to adopt the Annual Certification of Compliance with the State of Louisiana Off-System Bridge Replacement Program.

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

RESOLUTION

ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE STATE OF LOUISIANA OFF-SYSTEM BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the code of Federal Regulation, as enacted by the United States Congress, mandates that all structures defined as bridges located on all public roads shall be inspected, rated for safe load capacity and posted in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards and that an inventory of these bridges be maintained by each State; and

WHEREAS, responsibility to inspect, rate and load post those bridges under the authority of Bossier Parish in accordance with those Standards is delegated by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to Bossier Parish.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the governing authority of Bossier Parish in regular meeting assembled does hereby certify to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (herein referred to as DOTD) that for the period October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022:

1. The Parish has performed all interim inspections on all parish owned or maintained bridges in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards.

2. All bridges owned or maintained by the Parish have been structurally analyzed and rated by the parish as to the safe load capacity in accordance with AASHTO Manual for Maintenance Inspection of Bridges. The load posting information that has been determined by the Louisiana DOTD for all bridges where the maximum legal load under Louisiana state law exceeds the load permitted under the operating rating as determined above has been critically reviewed by the Parish. Load posting information has been updated by the Parish to reflect all structural changes, any obsolete structural ratings or any missing structural ratings.

3. All Parish owned or maintained bridges which require load posting or closing are load posted or closed in accordance with the table in the DOTD Engineering Directives and Standards Manual Directive No. 1.1.1.8. All DOTD supplied load posting information concerning a bridge has been critically reviewed by the Parish Engineer prior to load posting.

4. All bridges owned or maintained by the Parish are shown on the attached list in the format specified by the DOTD. Corrections to data supplied to the Parish by LA DOTD are noted.

These stipulations are prerequisites to participation by the Parish in the Off-System Bridge Replacement Program.

This resolution was considered section by section and as a whole. Upon motion by Mr. Benton, second by Mr. Marsiglia, and vote, it was duly adopted on this 15th day of September, 2021.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

JEROME DARBY, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Rodgers, seconded by Mr. Marsiglia, to accept the newly constructed portion of West Linton Road, located in Sections 16 and 17, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA, into the parish road system for permanent maintenance.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 4858

WHEREAS, the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on the 15th day of September, 2021, has received a request from 3 Gen Construction, LLC, that the parish hereby accept into its system for permanent maintenance West Linton Road, Bossier Parish, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the said West Linton Road has been completed in accordance with the specifications of the Bossier Parish Police Jury; and

WHEREAS, a two-year maintenance bond has been executed in favor of the Bossier Parish Police Jury to guarantee against failure of said West Linton Road as to material and workmanship as required by Chapter 110, Section 110-201 of the Bossier Parish Code of Ordinance.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury that it does accept the two-year maintenance bond of 3 Gen Construction, LLC, including labor and materials, for the above captioned West Linton Road.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Bossier Parish Police Jury does hereby accept into the parish maintenance system for continuous maintenance West Linton Road, Bossier Parish, Louisiana:

West Linton Road – 0.564 miles

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this ordinance be recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Court, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, together with a copy of the recorded Contract Agreement and maintenance bond filed May 27, 2020, and recorded as Instrument No. 1234471 in the Office of the Clerk of Court, Bossier Parish, Louisiana,

The Ordinance was offered by Mr. Rodgers, seconded by Mr. Marsiglia. Upon vote, it was duly adopted on this 15th day of September, 2021.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

JEROME DARBY, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Rodgers, seconded by Mr. Marsiglia, to approve establishing a 30 mile per hour speed limit on West Linton Road in its entirety, located between Fairburn Avenue and Palmetto Road, in Sections 16 and 17, 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.**

ORDINANCE NO. 4859

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE SPEED OF VEHICLES ON WEST LINTON ROAD IN ITS ENTIRETY, LOCATED BETWEEN FAIRBURN AVENUE AND PALMETTO ROAD, IN SECTIONS 16 AND 17, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST, BOSSIER PARISH, LA, TO 30 MILES PER HOUR, AND PROVIDING THE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on this 15th day of September, 2021, that from and after the effective date of this ordinance, it shall be unlawful for any person to operate or drive a vehicle upon West Linton Road in its entirety, located between Fairburn Avenue and Palmetto Road, in Sections 16 and 17, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA, in excess of thirty (30) miles per hour.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, etc., that any person found guilty of violating the provisions of this ordinance shall be fined a sum not to exceed Five Hundred and no/100 Dollars (\$500.00), or imprisoned for not more than thirty (30) days, or both.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, etc., that all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

The ordinance was offered by Mr. Rodgers, seconded by Mr. Marsiglia. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 15th day of September, 2021.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

JEROME DARBY, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to ratify approval of Change Order No. 2 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 \$28,306.00.

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 15th day of September, 2021, that it does hereby approve Change Order No. 2 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. 2.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Plummer. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 15th day of September, 2021.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

JEROME DARBY, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion for Project No. 2021-102, Glendale Lane Street Improvements, Phase III, 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 15th day of September, 2021, that it does hereby approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion for Project No. 2021-102, Glendale Lane Street Improvements, Phase III.

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. Cochran. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 15th day of September, 2021.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

JEROME DARBY, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to approve Change No. 1 for Project No. 2021-102, Glendale Lane Street Improvements, Phase III, and to authorize the execution of documents. Said Change Order results in an additional 12 contract days, and is a final change order.

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 15th day of September, 2021, that it does hereby approve Change Order No. 1 for Project No. 2021-102, Glendale Lane Street Improvements, Phase III.

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

The resolution was offered by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Rimmer. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 15th day of September, 2021.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

JEROME DARBY, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Jorden, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to approve Change Order No. 1 for Project No. 2021-106, Winfield Road Improvements, and to authorize the execution of documents. Said Change Order is a final change order and results in an increase of \$14,338.00.

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 15th day of September, 2021, that it does hereby approve Change Order No. 1 for Project No. 2021-106, Winfield Road Improvements.

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. Jorden, seconded by Mr. Cochran. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 15th day of September, 2021.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
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Jurors were provided a copy of district highway reports.

Mr. Altimus reported that the U.S. House of Representatives will be considering the Infrastructure Bill on September 23, 2021, and provided additional information on the proposed bill.

Mr. Altimus stated that the Police Jury Association Region IV meeting is being hosted by Lincoln Parish, and is scheduled for Tuesday, September 28, 2021, in Ruston, LA, at 6:00 p.m. He encouraged police jurors and staff to attend.

Mr. Altimus stated that the Board of Tax Review meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 29, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. in the Police Jury meeting room.

Mr. Hudson provided an update on Project No. 2019-127, Realignment of Linton Road Bridge over Flat River project.

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

Mr. Hudson provided an update on Proposed Street Improvements, DR 4263 PW 910 Paved Roads, Task Order Nos. 1-5, projects.

Mr. Mark Coutee, Public Works Director, presented an update on activities of the highway department and on several road projects in the parish. Appreciation was expressed to parish highway crews for their hard work.

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

Mr. Gray expressed appreciation to Ochsner LSU Health Shreveport for recently hosting a COVID vaccine drive-through clinic at Rusheon Middle School.

Mr. Rimmer reported on a mandatory Pre-Bid Conference recently held for the Bossier Parish New Central Library project.

Ms. Parks expressed appreciation to everyone that took part in collecting and delivering donations to Hurricane Ida evacuees staying at the Cypress Black Bayou Park. She stated that the evacuees were very appreciative of the donations.

Mr. Jackson expressed appreciation to Mr. David Ghormley and Mr. Hudson for their assistance over the weekend in response to noise complaints in Old Oaks Subdivision due to new drilling. He expressed appreciation to Aethon Energy for their quick response to address the noise complaints.

Finance Committee Meeting – September 15, 2021, 1:30 p.m.

The Finance Committee of the Bossier Parish Police Jury met on this 15th day of September, 2021, at 1:30 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana, with Mr. Brotherton being absent.

Ms. Tamara Crane, Bossier Council on Aging, requested that she be added to the finance agenda as a visitor. **Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to amend the agenda to add Ms. Tamara Crane, Bossier Council on Aging, to the agenda as Visitor No. 3.**

The Chairman 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. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Mr. Brotherton

Ms. Jan Elkins, KTBS Channel 3, requested that she be added to the finance agenda as a visitor. **Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Jorden, to amend the agenda to add Ms. Jan Elkins, KTBS Channel 3, to the agenda as Visitor No. 4.**

The Chairman 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. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Mr. Brotherton

Ms. Alexis Kelly, Development Coordinator for Robinson's Rescue, expressed appreciation to the police jury for allowing her to come before the police jury today. She stated that in the last 13 years, Robinson's Rescue has spayed approximately 74,000 pets.

Ms. Kelly stated that the police jury's appropriation of \$5,000.00 for the year 2021, allowed Robinson's Rescue to provide 75 free spay/neuter surgeries for Bossier Parish residents through the Subsidized Spay/Neuter Incentive Program (SSNIP), including rabies vaccinations.

Ms. Kelly stated that due to the COVID-19 shutdown, there has been an increase in animal population due to spay/neuter services not being available.

Ms. Kelly provided additional information regarding their services and needs. After further discussion, Ms. Kelly requested that the jury consider increasing the \$5,000.00 budget appropriation to \$15,000.00 for the year 2022.

Mr. Cochran expressed appreciation to Robinson's Rescue for their dedication and work with animals in Caddo and Bossier Parishes.

The request will be considered during budget proceedings.

Ms. Shonda Houston-Dotie, Director of Youth Programs for Volunteers for Youth Justice, and Ms. Renita Mikle, Coordinator of the Volunteers for Youth Justice, were present.

Ms. Dotie expressed appreciation to the police jury for its continued support, and requested that the jury consider a budget appropriation in the amount of \$45,000.00 to the Volunteers for Youth Justice Bossier JumpStart program for the year 2022.

Ms. Dotie provided the police jurors with information pertaining to the programs offered by Volunteers for Youth Justice. She provided information on how they are adjusting due to the COVID-19 health crisis. She also provided information pertaining to appropriations received from other entities.

Ms. Dotie presented letters from juveniles who have been through programs provided by Volunteers for Youth Justice and how the programs have improved their lives.

The request will be considered during budget proceedings.

Ms. Tamara Crane, Bossier Council on Aging, requested a budget appropriation of \$115,000.00 for the year 2022. Ms. Crane stated that senior centers recently reopened on July 1, 2021, after being closed due to the COVID-19 health crisis. She stated that funding has been focused on transportation and meals.

Ms. Crane provided additional information on Bossier Council on Aging services. The request will be considered during budget proceedings.

Mr. Altimus expressed appreciation to Ms. Crane and employees of Bossier Council on Aging for their assistance in providing transportation for Bossier Parish dialysis patients during the February 2021 winter event.

Ms. Jan Elkins, KTBS Channel 3, presented a report from the 2021 Independence Day Festival. She extended appreciation for the police jury's continued support of the Independence Day Festival each year.

Appreciation was expressed to Ms. Elkins and KTBS Channel 3 for the work done for this celebration.

Ms. Elkins requested the police jury's continued support with a \$20,000.00 budget appropriation for 2022.

The request will be considered during budget proceedings.

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

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

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 15th day of September, 2021, the meeting was adjourned by the President at 3:00 p.m.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

JEROME DARBY, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY