

BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY  
BENTON, LOUISIANA  
MINUTES  
August 4, 2021

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The Bossier Parish Police Jury met in regular and legal session on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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. Mac Plummer, and the pledge of allegiance was led by Mr. Jimmy Cochran. 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, Excused
Mr. Charles Gray	Mr. Philip Rodgers
Mr. John Ed Jordan	Mr. Tom Salzer

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

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Ms. Dawn Thomas requested to be added to the agenda as Visitor No. 3. **Motion was made by Mr. Salzer, seconded by Mr. Gray, to amend the agenda to add Ms. Dawn Thomas as Visitor No. 3.**

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. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer**  
**NAYS: None**  
**ABSTAIN: None**  
**ABSENT: Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Rimmer**

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Ms. Jean Horne, Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office, requested a Quietus on the 2020 tax roll. The following recap for the period July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021, was presented for consideration:

Tax Payer Column of 2020 Tax Roll	\$ 117,961,270.82
Adjustments (LTC's, SHE's, SPL' s, etc.)	\$ <445,591.01>
<b>TOTAL ADJUSTED TAX ROLL:</b>	<b>\$ 117,515,679.81</b>
Amount Collected and Distributed	\$ <115,982,570.94>
Protest Money Collected - not distributed	\$ <967,860.66>
<b>LESS: TOTAL COLLECTED:</b>	<b>\$ 116,950,431.60</b>
<b>UNCOLLECTED:</b>	<b>\$ 565,248.21</b>
The Uncollected Balance consists of:	
1) Bankruptcies	\$ 16,225.57
2) Adjudications (tax sale properties)	\$ 476.60
2) Movables, Mobile Homes, RE bankruptcy discharged	\$ 548,546.04
<b>UNCOLLECTED BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 565,248.21</b>

99.52% of the 2020 adjusted tax roll was collected.

**Motion was made by Mr. Plummer, seconded by Mr. Jordan, to grant a Quietus on the 2020 tax roll.**

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

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Ms. Ginger Adam Corley, lobbyist, presented a report on the 2021 Regular Legislative Session. She stated that the 2021 Regular Session was a fiscal session in nature, with the primary focus being tax reform. She further stated that prior to the session beginning, notice was received that Louisiana parishes were going to receive funds from the American Rescue Plan Act, and the state was awarded roughly \$3 billion to be allocated according to guidance from the Treasury.

Ms. Corley stated that the General Appropriation Bill allocated \$2.9 million to Bossier Parish and the City of Bossier City to Louisiana Tech University for non-construction related costs at the Louisiana Technology Research Institute.

Ms. Corley stated that the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 allocated \$3.011 billion to Louisiana from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund. She stated that the State allocated \$563 million of those funds for infrastructure statewide which will assist with the backlog in Capital Outlay, the Jimmie Davis Bridge project, as well as several other projects.

Ms. Corley stated that the Legislature allocated \$90 million of the American Rescue Plan Act funds for Granting Unserved Municipalities Broadband Opportunities Fund (GUMBO) which provides for broadband access and expansion in rural and disadvantage areas.

Ms. Corley stated that there was also legislation which stipulated what projects qualified for funds from the American Rescue Plan Act.

Ms. Corley stated that \$50,000.00 has been allocated to the South Bossier Recreation Center project, and \$25,000.00 has been allocated to the Extension of Crouch Road to Swan Lake Road/Reconstruction of Swan Lake Road to I-220 Planning and Construction (Local Match Required), FP&C Project No. 50-J08-06B-03, project.

Ms. Corley stated that there are Capital Outlay funds allocated for the Jimmie Davis Bridge Rehabilitation, Lighting, Design, Engineering, Planning and Construction project. She stated that federal monies in the amount of \$100 million have been allocated for this project, and she will provide updates as they become available on this project.

Ms. Corley stated that tax reform bills that are proposed in the legislative package require voter approval and will be on the October 9, 2021, ballot. She stated that one of the bills that would be of interest for Bossier Parish is the Sales Tax Streamline Commission Bill which creates a local political subdivision that would be the collector of taxes. She further stated that the proposed bill would not take full effect until next year when the Legislative Session begins. Ms. Corley stated that the proposed bill will have to be defined statutorily on how that local political subdivision would operate.

Ms. Corley stated that House Bill 622 recreates the Office of Rural Development and includes broadband connectivity, water quality, and sewer treatment as policy areas within that office. She stated that the bill was amended at the request of Bossier Parish to require that each applicant for the position of regional director reside in the district in which he/she seeks employment as a regional director.

Ms. Corley stated that the Cypress Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District (the "District") was thoroughly discussed, and meetings were held with Representative Dodie Horton to establish a process in the statute to deal with complaints against appointees of the local governing authorities to the District. She stated that the law as provided in House Bill 630 became effective August 1, 2021. Ms. Corley expressed appreciation to Representative Horton for working with her and Mr. Jackson to create language for this bill.

Ms. Corley stated that House Bill 702 calls for a referendum on October 9, 2021, in St. Tammany Parish to move the Diamond Jacks Casino, which recently closed in Bossier City, to a specific location on a designated waterway in their parish. She stated that if the referendum passes, and Louisiana Gaming Control Board approves the relocation, the city and parish will need to work with the Louisiana Gaming Control Board on an exit strategy for that property.

Ms. Corley provided a report on the Veto Session which lasted two days.

Ms. Corley stated that it is possible that there will be a Fall Special Session if the Infrastructure Bill passes in Congress. She further stated that there will be a Special Session in February which will address redistricting due to the recent census.

Appreciation was expressed to Ms. Corley and her continued efforts to represent Bossier Parish.

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Ms. Dawn Thomas, 108 Ironwood Street, Bossier City, LA, was present. She presented a document titled "Official Notice: Proof of Virus and Vaccine Fraud" in which she prepared. She stated that due to the current issues in our world today, she has learned a great deal about the Constitution of the United States. She further stated that it is her obligation to provide to the police jury information she has obtained pertaining to the virus, masks, and vaccines.

Ms. Thomas presented an email from Dr. Anthony Fauci to Ms. Sylvia Burwell which was obtained through a Freedom of Information Act request.

Ms. Thomas provided a link, [https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/eid/article/26/6/20-0516\\_article](https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/eid/article/26/6/20-0516_article), which provides that the samples used are not of human origin and the grown samples are mixed with "fetal bovine serum", and according to biologists, are in fact not samples of the alleged SARS-COV2 virus.

Ms. Thomas stated that a lawsuit has been filed by the Renz Law Firm on behalf of America's Front Line Doctors stating that more than 45,000 people have been killed by the vaccine as of the date of filing of the lawsuit and requesting a temporary injunction to stop use of the vaccines.

Ms. Thomas provided additional information pertaining to the pros and cons of being vaccinated and unvaccinated. She discussed information as provided in the document presented to the police jury.

Ms. Thomas stated that there is scientific documented proof that masks and vaccines are not going to protect anyone, and the information contained in the handout presented to the police jury today provides information which verifies this claim.

Ms. Thomas stated that the Bossier Parish Police Jury has the right to end the mask mandate for Bossier Parish. She stated that since the police jury has been served with scientific evidence that proves the mask mandate is not necessary, she requested that the police jury consider at its next meeting ending the mask mandate for Bossier Parish.

Ms. Thomas stated that our constitutional rights are at stake due to the mask mandate. She requested that an item be placed on the August 18, 2021, police jury agenda to further discuss the mask mandate.

Mr. Darby stated that the police jury will need to decide whether to place the requested item on the August 18, 2021, police jury agenda to further review this matter. Ms. Thomas asked if she is present at the August 18, 2021, police jury meeting, will she be allowed to speak at that time. Mr. Darby stated that anyone that wishes to address the police jury is allowed to do so.

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Mr. Hudson stated that bids were received for Project No. 2019-128, White Oak Ditch Improvements on August 3, 2021. He stated that only one bid was received and recommended that the bid be rejected. He further stated that the one bid received exceeded the project cost estimate.

**Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Marsiglia, to reject all bids for Project No. 2019-128, White Oak Ditch Improvements, received on August 3, 2021.**

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

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Mr. Hudson stated that Denmon Engineering has recommended that the low bid of Wicker Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$1,046,755.00, be accepted for Project No. 2021-109, Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 Expansion of Wastewater Collection System – Airline Drive, in accordance with bids received August 3, 2021. He stated that the estimated construction cost for this project is \$1 million.

**Motion was made by Ms. Parks, seconded by Mr. Rodgers, to award the bid for Project No. 2021-109, Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 Expansion of Wastewater Collection System – Airline Drive, in the amount of \$1,046,755.00 to Wicker Construction, Inc., low bidder meeting bid specifications in accordance with bids received August 3, 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:
Wicker Construction, Inc.	\$1,046,755.00
Don M. Barron Contractor, Inc.	\$1,186,911.00
Pulley Construction, Inc.	\$1,350,000.00

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021, that it does hereby award the bid for Project No. 2021-109, Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 Expansion of Wastewater Collection System – Airline Drive, in the amount of \$1,046,755.00 to Wicker Construction, Inc., low bidder meeting bid specifications in accordance with bids received August 3, 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 Ms. Parks, seconded by Mr. Rodgers. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021.

RACHEL D. HAUSER  
PARISH SECRETARY

JEROME DARBY, PRESIDENT  
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

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Ms. Hauser announced the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Henry’s Way Subdivision, located in Section 10, Township 18 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA. (Located off Adner Road)

Mr. Hudson stated that there are multiple homes located on this tract of land. He stated that the proposed plat meets parish detention pond regulations. Mr. Benton expressed concern regarding the drainage into Country Place Subdivision when driveways are constructed to access the proposed lots. He stated that he is concerned with the design for subdividing the tract of land into 10 lots.

Mr. Hudson stated that all parish subdivision regulations have been met. He stated that a drainage study has been submitted for the proposed tract of land.

Mr. Jackson stated that typically the police jury would require a public roadway when subdividing a tract of land into 10 lots.

Mr. Benton stated that he cannot support the proposed plat being presented today.

Mr. Darby asked if there was anyone in the audience that would like to address the police jury regarding this matter. No one was present.

There being no objection, **motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Marsiglia, to deny approval of the plat of the proposed development of Henry’s Way Subdivision, located in Section 10, Township 18 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA. (Located off Adner Road)**

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. Marsiglia, Ms. Parks, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer**
- NAYS: Mr. Jorden**
- ABSTAIN: None**
- ABSENT: Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Rimmer**

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Ms. Hauser announced the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Bellevue Plantation Subdivision, Unit No. 1, located in Section 33, Township 20 North, Range 11 West, Bossier Parish, LA. (Located off Cotton Valley Road)

Mr. Michael Kelsh, Raley and Associates, Inc., stated that the developer owns 89 acres off Cotton Valley Road and is requesting to subdivide the tract of land into 10 lots.

Mr. Hudson stated that site distance studies have been conducted to address issues with Lot 1, and once the home on Lot 1 has been constructed, a determination will be made at that time for the location of the driveway. He stated that large lots are planned and will front Cotton Valley Road. He further stated that water and sewer will be provided by wells and individual septic systems, and yard lights are planned. Mr. Hudson recommended approval of the proposed development.

There being no opposition, **motion was made by Mr. Jorden, seconded by Mr. Gray, to approve the plat of the proposed development of Bellevue Plantation Subdivision, Unit No. 1, located in Section 33, Township 20 North, Range 11 West, Bossier Parish, LA. (Located off Cotton Valley Road)**

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

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Ms. Hauser announced the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Canal Place Subdivision, Unit No. 3, a Planned Unit Development, located in Section 33, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA. (Located off Old Brownlee Road)

Mr. Michael Kelsh, Raley and Associates, Inc., stated that the proposed development is a continuation of the existing units of Canal Place Subdivision. Mr. Hudson stated that the proposed Unit No. 3 is part of the masterplan for Canal Place Subdivision and has a regional detention pond. He recommended approval of the proposed plat.

There being no opposition, **motion was made by Mr. Marsiglia, seconded by Ms. Parks, to approve the plat of the proposed development of Canal Place Subdivision, Unit No. 3, a Planned Unit Development, located in Section 33, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA. (Located off Old Brownlee Road)**

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

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Ms. Hauser announced the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Canal Place Subdivision, Unit No. 4, a Planned Unit Development, located in Section 33, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA. (Located off Old Brownlee Road)

Mr. Michael Kelsh, Raley and Associates, Inc., stated that the proposed development is a continuation of the existing units of Canal Place Subdivision.

There being no opposition, **motion was made by Mr. Marsiglia, seconded by Ms. Parks, to approve the plat of the proposed development of Canal Place Subdivision, Unit No. 4, a Planned Unit Development, located in Section 33, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA. (Located off Old Brownlee Road)**

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

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Ms. Hauser announced the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Canal Place Subdivision, Unit No. 5, a Planned Unit Development, located in Section 33, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA. (Located off Old Brownlee Road)

Mr. Michael Kelsh, Raley and Associates, Inc., stated that the proposed development is a continuation of the existing units of Canal Place Subdivision.

There being no opposition, **motion was made by Mr. Marsiglia, seconded by Ms. Parks, to approve the plat of the proposed development of Canal Place Subdivision, Unit No. 5, a Planned Unit Development, located in Section 33, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA. (Located off Old Brownlee Road)**

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

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Ms. Hauser announced the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Canal Place Estates Subdivision, Unit No. 2, being a Gated Subdivision, located in Section 33, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA. (Located off Old Brownlee Road)

Mr. Michael Kelsh, Raley and Associates, Inc., stated that the proposed development consists of seven lots that will front Old Brownlee Road. He stated that this development is a continuation of the existing units of Canal Place Subdivision. He further stated that the proposed development is part of the original masterplan.

Mr. Marsiglia asked if there were plans to locate the mailboxes a certain distance from the roadway. He stated that his understanding is that the driveways for each lot will provide an area for mailbox placement so that the mail carrier will not block one lane of traffic.

Mr. William Mayfield, 121 North Canal Drive, Bossier City, LA, requested that Mr. Rodgers provide the details of mailbox placement for this development. Mr. Rodgers stated that a four-foot ledge has been installed off the driveway for placement of the mailboxes.

There being no opposition, **motion was made by Mr. Marsiglia, seconded by Ms. Parks, to approve the plat of the proposed development of Canal Place Estates Subdivision, Unit No. 2, being a Gated Subdivision, located in Section 33, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA. (Located off Old Brownlee Road)**

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

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Ms. Hauser announced the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Barmore's Way Subdivision, located in Section 25, Township 17 North, Range 11 West, Bossier Parish, LA, said plat to replace that certain Minor Plat recorded March 12, 2019, Registry No. 1208118. (Located off Johnson Koran Road)

Mr. Sam Marsiglia, Houghton Metropolitan Planning Commission, stated that Mr. Barmore is requesting to subdivide a large lot into three lots for his children. He stated that the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development has no objection to access for one lot being from LA Highway 527.

There being no opposition, **motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Marsiglia, to approve the plat of the proposed development of Barmore's Way Subdivision, located in Section 25, Township 17 North, Range 11 West, Bossier Parish, LA, said plat to replace that certain Minor Plat recorded March 12, 2019, Registry No. 1208118. (Located off Johnson Koran Road)**

The President called for public comment. Mr. Rodgers asked if a hardship has been issued to allow an additional residence on the property in question. He stated that it is his understanding that a tiny home, or a home similar to a tiny home, is located on the property.

Mr. Marsiglia stated that he is not aware of any hardship being issued for an additional residence on the property in question. He stated that the Houghton Metropolitan Planning Commission's regulations for a hardship follow the same regulations as the Bossier City-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission. He further stated that the hardship allows for an elderly cottage to be placed on a tract of land with an existing residence.

Mr. Marsiglia stated that there are several legally non-conforming uses in the Houghton Metropolitan Planning Commission area. He stated that this is an issue that has been thoroughly discussed by the Houghton MPC. Mr. Marsiglia stated that any properties that are legally non-conforming that existed prior to creation of the Houghton MPC have been grandfathered in; but, if the property owner wishes to make any changes to a pre-existing legally non-conforming property from this point forward, approval will be required from the Houghton MPC before any changes can be made.

Votes were cast, **and the motion carried unanimously.**

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Ms. Hauser announced the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Sligo Industrial Park Subdivision, Unit No. 4, a re-subdivision of Sligo Industrial Park Subdivision, Unit No. 2, located in Section 22, Township 17 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA. (Located off Caplis Sligo Road on Crown Court Place)

Mr. Tom Roche, 123 Sirman Road, Benton, LA, stated that he plans to purchase a four-acre tract of land located on Crown Court Place and subdivide the four-acre tract of land into three tracts.

Mr. Hudson stated that sewer improvements will be required for two tracts of land. Mr. Roche stated that he advised Mr. Nguyen Kha, Assistant Parish Engineer and Utilities Director for Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District Nos. 1 and 2 of the Parish of Bossier, that a sewer spray mechanical system is planned and has been approved by the health department.

There being no opposition, **motion was made by Mr. Plummer, seconded by Mr. Jorden, to approve the plat of the proposed development of Sligo Industrial Park Subdivision, Unit No. 4, a re-subdivision of Sligo Industrial Park Subdivision, Unit No. 2, located in Section 22, Township 17 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA. (Located off Caplis Sligo Road on Crown Court Place)**

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

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**Motion was made by Ms. Parks, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to schedule a public hearing on September 1, 2021, to consider approval of the Site Plan for Swan Lake Commercial Subdivision, Unit No. 2, being a resubdivision of Swan Lake Commercial Subdivision, Unit No. 1, located in Section 26, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA. (Located on the corner of Swan Lake Road and Duckwater Landing Road)**

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

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**Motion was made by Ms. Parks, seconded by Mr. Rodgers, to schedule a public hearing on September 1, 2021, to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Swan Lake Commercial Subdivision, Unit No. 2, being a resubdivision of Swan Lake Commercial Subdivision, Unit No. 1, located in Section 26, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA. (Located on the corner of Swan Lake Road and Duckwater Landing Road)**

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

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Mr. David Ghormley, Property Standards Officer, reported on a meeting of the Property Standards Board of Review, advising that it is recommended that a condemnation hearing be scheduled on August 18, 2021, to consider condemnation of property located at 5273 Dixon Drive, Bossier City, LA, Tax Assessment No. 102561.

**Motion was made by Mr. Salzer, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to schedule a condemnation hearing on August 18, 2021, to consider the condemnation of property located at 5273 Dixon Drive, Bossier City, LA, Tax Assessment No. 102561.**

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 August 18, 2021, to consider condemnation of property located at 623 Lawrence Drive, Haughton, LA, Tax Assessment No. 114230.

**Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Gray, to schedule a condemnation hearing on August 18, 2021, to consider the condemnation of property located at 623 Lawrence Drive, Haughton, LA, Tax Assessment No. 114230.**

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 August 18, 2021, to consider condemnation of property located at 120 Lawrence Drive, Haughton, LA, Tax Assessment No. 115938.

**Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to schedule a condemnation hearing on August 18, 2021, to consider the condemnation of property located at 120 Lawrence Drive, Haughton, LA, Tax Assessment No. 115938.**

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

Mr. Rodgers asked for information pertaining to 107 Augusta Avenue, Benton, LA, Tax Assessment No. 102542. Mr. Ghormley stated that the lawn is being maintained, taxes are being paid on the property, and there is a hole in the roof of the home. He stated that he is unaware of what the police jury can do on the property at this time. He further stated that the property management company has retained a local contractor to maintain the property, and the contractor has advised that the roof is too unstable to access to re-tarp the hole in the roof.

Mr. Ghormley stated that it is his understanding the the property is in foreclosure and it is anticipated that once the foreclosure is finalized, the home will be addressed at that time. He stated that he has been advised that the home has been vacant since 2009.

Mr. Rodgers expressed concern due to the condition of the home and the possibility of children accessing the home. Mr. Ghormley stated that all windows and doors have been secured.

Ms. Amanda Nottingham, 105 Oakmont Circle, Benton, LA, stated that 107 Augusta Avenue was condemned by the police jury in 2010. She stated that she drives by this home every day and the doors are open at this time and there is no fencing around the home. She further stated that residents of the neighborhood have been trying to get someone to address the condition of the home.

Ms. Nottingham stated that calls have been made to the Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office due to the home being broken into on several occasions. She provided additional information on the condition of the home. She stated that due to the condition on the inside of the home, it needs to be torn down. Ms. Nottingham requested assistance from the police jury to have the home removed.

Mr. Jackson recommended that a condemnation hearing be scheduled and asked that Mr. Ghormley present photos of the condition of the home at that time. He stated that it will need to be determined if the structure is unsafe and presents an imminent threat to public health and safety.

Mr. Jackson provided information pertaining to limitations the police jury has when dealing with private property and structures. He stated that if a structure is secure, meaning the property is secured by fencing and the doors and windows are secured, the property meets the property standards regulations. He further stated that if the structure is not secured with fencing or the windows and doors are not secure and is an attractive nuisance for children, the parish can then take action on the structure.

Mr. Jackson stated that the parish cannot enforce subdivision covenants, but the residents in the subdivision have the authority to enforce their subdivision covenants.

Mr. Jackson stated that if the property in question meets the criteria of an attractive nuisance, the parish can condemn the structure at that time and remove the structure. He stated that condemning a structure in order to remove the structure is not an easy task and the police jury will need to make an absolute determination that the structure meets all criteria of an attractive nuisance and presents a public health threat.

After further discussion, **motion was made by Mr. Rodgers, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to amend the agenda to schedule a condemnation on August 18, 2021, to consider condemnation of property located at 107 Augusta Avenue, Benton, LA, Tax Assessment No. 102542.**

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, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer, Mr. Skaggs**

**NAYS: None**

**ABSTAIN: None**

**ABSENT: Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Rimmer**

**Motion was made by Mr. Rodgers, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to schedule a public hearing on August 18, 2021, to schedule a condemnation on August 18, 2021, to consider condemnation of property located at 107 Augusta Avenue, Benton, LA, Tax Assessment No. 102542.**

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

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Mr. Philip Rodgers, Chairman of the Broadband Study Committee, reported on a meeting of that committee. Committee members attending the Broadband Study Committee were Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Jorden, Mr. Marsiglia, and Mr. Altimus. Mr. Pat Culverhouse, Ms. Julie Gill, Mr. Austin Vaughn, Ms. Fernandez, Mr. Randy Bailey, Mr. Ed Dunn, Mr. Alex Freylekham, Ms. Hauser, a representative from AT&T, Mr. Jim Firth, Mr. Stewart Thompson, Mr. Bill MacNammara, Mr. Matthew Johnson, and Mr. Benton, were also present, with Mr. Jackson attending via telephone.

Mr. Rodgers stated that the Broadband Study Committee discussed completion of the tower on the Alexander property. He stated that residents are currently receiving broadband connection. He further stated that the committee discussed allowing other broadband companies use of parish towers for their equipment.

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Mr. Jackson stated that the Broadband Study Committee discussed ways to incentivize free enterprise to come into our community and test rapidly developing technologies to provide internet service to the underserved communities. He stated that the committee discussed giving free enterprise access to existing towers that have adequate space available.

Mr. Jackson requested authorization for Mr. Altimus to work with his office to negotiate with providers to ensure that proper insurance is in place in order to allow them to use parish towers for placement of their equipment.

**Motion was made by Mr. Rodgers, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to authorize negotiations with broadband service providers to locate equipment on parish owned towers, and authorize execution of co-location agreements.**

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 4<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021, that the Parish Administrator or Parish President be and is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents in connection with broadband service providers locating equipment on parish owned towers to provide broadband service to Bossier Parish citizens.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Rodgers, seconded by Mr. Plummer. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021.

RACHEL D. HAUSER  
PARISH SECRETARY

JEROME DARBY, PRESIDENT  
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

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Mr. Mason Granade, ROCKETNET, LLC, 115 Austin Street, Monroe, LA, was present. He requested that ROCKETNET be considered as a broadband service provider to be allowed use of parish towers to provide broadband service for the Bossier Parish area.

Appreciation was extended to Mr. Granade and it was requested that he provide his contact information to the police jury office.

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Mr. Mac Plummer, Chairman for the Finance Committee, reported on a meeting of that committee. Committee members attending the Finance Committee were Mr. Plummer, Mr. Marsiglia, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Benton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Ms. Parks, Mr. Salzer, Mr. Gray, and Mr. Jorden.

Mr. Jackson stated that the Finance Committee discussed recent millage rates adopted by the police jury at the July 21, 2021, regular meeting. He stated that it is recommended that the police jury place an item on the September 1, 2021, to further discuss tax millage rates for 2021.

Ms. Hauser announced that the police jury intends to hold a public meeting in the Police Jury Meeting Room on Wednesday, September 1, 2021, to adopt an ordinance levying the 2021 ad valorem property tax millages.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Plummer, seconded by Mr. Salzer, to ratify and accept the recommendation of the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit Board of Appeals on July 21, 2021, in the matter of Fortitude 11 Logistics, LLC, Report No. 2636 issued on April 19, 2021.**

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

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**Motion was made by Mr. Plummer, seconded by Mr. Gray, to accept the proposal of Beast Engineering, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 for engineering services for Project No. 2019-127, Realignment of Linton Road Bridge over Flat River, 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 4<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021, that it does hereby accept the proposal of Beast Engineering, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 for engineering services for Project No. 2019-127, Realignment of Linton Road Bridge over Flat River.

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. Plummer, seconded by Mr. Gray. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021.

RACHEL D. HAUSER  
PARISH SECRETARY

JEROME DARBY, PRESIDENT  
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

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**Motion was made by Ms. Parks, seconded by Mr. Gray, to accept the proposal of Professional Service Industries, Inc., in an estimated amount of \$10,000.00 for construction materials testing and observation services for Project No. 2019-127, Realignment of Linton Road Bridge over Flat River, 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 4<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021, that it does hereby accept the proposal of Professional Service Industries, Inc., in an estimated amount of \$10,000.00 for construction materials testing and observation services for Project No. 2019-127, Realignment of Linton Road Bridge over Flat River.

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 Ms. Parks, seconded by Mr. Gray. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021.

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Mr. Ford reported that there have been several complaints regarding beaver dams on Race Track Bayou. He stated that the beaver dams are causing a rise in the stream of two to four feet causing potential flooding in Tiburon Subdivision and other parish residents in this area. He further stated that in order to access the beaver dams, permission will need to be obtained from two property owners for use of their property as an access point in order to reach the beaver dams with parish equipment.

Mr. Ford stated that if the beaver dams are not removed, trees in the bayou will die this summer which will cause additional rise in the stream. He further stated that if a significant rain event occurs and the beaver dams have not been removed, significant flooding could occur in this area.

Mr. Ford requested authority from the police jury to remove the beaver dams and obtain permission from the property owners to allow the parish to use their property as an access point in order to reach the beaver dams for removal. He stated that Race Track Bayou is not a levee-maintained bayou. He further stated that water from Race Track Bayou does not flow south, but flows to Willow Chute Bayou and then to Flat River.

After further discussion, **motion was made by Mr. Jorden, seconded by Mr. Salzer, to authorize removal of beaver dams located on Race Track Bayou, and authorize the Parish Engineer to contact property owners in order to obtain permission for the parish to use their property as an access point to reach the beaver dams for removal.**

The President called for public comment. Discussion was held regarding the possibility of retaining the services of a trapper in order to ensure that there will be no additional beaver dams. Mr. Ford recommended that this matter be further discussed in a committee meeting. He stated that the beaver dams are not causing issues with a public roadway, but is affecting the floodplain.

Ms. Parks asked how long it would take for the beaver dams to be removed if the police jury authorizes removal of the beaver dams. She stated that citizens in this area are very concerned about the potential for flooding if the beaver dams are not removed soon. Mr. Ford stated that one of the property owners has already authorized the parish to use his property as an access point to the beaver dams. He stated that he will need to reach out to one other property owner for approval to use their property as an access point as well.

Ms. Mindy Wardlaw, 128 Rachel Lane, Bossier City, LA, stated that she has spoken with Ms. Allison Brigham, who is one of the property owners in which the parish needs approval to use their property for access to the beaver dams, and Ms. Brigham has stated that they have no objection to the parish accessing Race Track Bayou through their property

to remove the beaver dams. She stated that she will provide the police jury with Ms. Brigham’s contact information to further discuss this matter.

Mr. Ford stated that he anticipates that the beaver dams will be removed by the end of next week.

**Votes were cast, and the motion carried unanimously.**

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Mr. Hudson presented a request by Mr. Marsiglia for an amendment to the 2021 and 2023 Road Overlay Program by removing Old Brownlee Road from the 2021 Road Overlay Program and adding Vanceville Road, and amending the 2023 Road Overlay Program by removing Vanceville Road and adding Old Brownlee Road. He stated that Vanceville Road is also located in Ms. Parks’ district.

**Motion was made by Mr. Marsiglia, seconded by Ms. Parks, to amend the 2021 Road Overlay Program to remove Old Brownlee Road and add Vanceville Road, and to amend the 2023 Road Overlay Program to remove Vanceville Road and add Old Brownlee Road.**

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

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

ROAD NAME	MILEAGE	JUROR	CONTRACT MILES	PARISH MILES	
				GRAVEL	BLACKTOP
<b>2021</b>					
<b>DISTRICT 1</b>					
Alford Road	0.20	Bob Brotherton			<b>0.20</b>
Oliver Road 1/2 Jorden	0.80	Bob Brotherton			<b>0.80</b>
Camp Zion Road 1/2 Jorden	0.70	Bob Brotherton			<b>0.70</b>
Potter Road	1.10	Bob Brotherton			<b>1.10</b>
Watkins Road	0.40	Bob Brotherton			<b>0.40</b>
Moore Road	0.40	Bob Brotherton			<b>0.40</b>
Robinson Road	0.70	Bob Brotherton			<b>0.70</b>
	<b>4.30</b>				
<b>DISTRICT 2</b>					
Chandler Road	0.60	Glenn Benton			<b>0.60</b>
High Point Road	0.30	Glenn Benton			<b>0.30</b>
Taylor Bend Road	0.10	Glenn Benton			<b>0.10</b>
Echo Ridge Circle	0.20	Glenn Benton			<b>0.20</b>
Pine Creek Lane	0.10	Glenn Benton			<b>0.10</b>
Bellevue Road/ One Lane South Bound	0.50	Glenn Benton			<b>0.50</b>
	<b>1.80</b>				
<b>DISTRICT 3</b>					
Old Plain Dealing Road	1.00	Philip Rodgers			<b>1.00</b>
Linda Lane	0.40	Philip Rodgers			<b>0.40</b>
Big Pine Key Lane	0.60	Philip Rodgers			<b>0.60</b>
	<b>2.00</b>				
<b>DISTRICT 4</b>					
Mott Road	1.00	John Jorden			<b>1.00</b>
Fire Tower Road	1.50	John Jorden			<b>1.50</b>
Old Plain Dealing Road	1.00	John Jorden			<b>1.00</b>
Bodcau Dam Road	0.80	John Jorden			<b>0.80</b>
Jones Road	0.60	John Jorden			<b>0.60</b>
Oliver Road 1/2 Brotherton	0.70	John Jorden			<b>0.70</b>
Camp Zion Road 1/2 Brotherton	0.50	John Jorden			<b>0.50</b>
Bellevue Road	0.50	John Jorden			<b>0.50</b>
	<b>6.60</b>				
<b>DISTRICT 5</b>					
Vanceville Road 1/2 Marsiglia	0.30	Julianna Parks			<b>0.30</b>
N. Willow Drive	0.20	Julianna Parks			<b>0.20</b>
Alder Lane	0.20	Julianna Parks			<b>0.20</b>
Lakewood Point	0.90	Julianna Parks			<b>0.90</b>
Linton Road	0.80	Julianna Parks			<b>0.80</b>
	<b>2.40</b>				
<b>DISTRICT 6</b>					



Vanceville Road 1/2 Parks	<b>0.30</b>	Chris Marsiglia			<b>0.30</b>
<b>DISTRICT 8</b>					
Villa Lane	0.20	Doug Rimmer			<b>0.20</b>
Betty Joan Road	0.10	Doug Rimmer	<b>0.10</b>		
Bellevue Road	0.50	Doug Rimmer			<b>0.50</b>
	<b>0.80</b>				
<b>DISTRICT 12</b>					
Jeremy Lane	0.20	Mac Plummer			<b>0.20</b>
Jay Drive	0.40	Mac Plummer			<b>0.40</b>
Ash Point Road	0.50	Mac Plummer			<b>0.50</b>
	<b>1.10</b>				
<b>TOTAL MILEAGE</b>	<b>19.30</b>		<b>0.10</b>		<b>19.20</b>

ROAD NAME	MILEAGE	JUROR	CONTRACT MILES	PARISH MILES	
				GRAVEL	BLACKTOP
<b>2023</b>					
<b>DISTRICT 1</b>					
Bourbon Street	0.10	Bob Brotherton			<b>0.10</b>
Circle Street	0.20	Bob Brotherton			<b>0.20</b>
Houston Street	0.20	Bob Brotherton			<b>0.20</b>
Legacy Drive	0.30	Bob Brotherton			<b>0.30</b>
Public Camp Road	0.20	Bob Brotherton			<b>0.20</b>
	<b>1.00</b>				
<b>DISTRICT 2</b>					
Fillmore Cemetery Road	0.50	Glenn Benton			<b>0.50</b>
Princeton Lane South	0.25	Glenn Benton			<b>0.25</b>
Mary Jane Boulevard	0.25	Glenn Benton			<b>0.25</b>
Mary Jane Circle	0.10	Glenn Benton			<b>0.10</b>
Honey Tree Trail Circle	0.30	Glenn Benton			<b>0.30</b>
S Meadow Lane	0.20	Glenn Benton			<b>0.20</b>
Dogwood South Lane	0.70	Glenn Benton			<b>0.70</b>
Bellevue Rd (South One Lane)	0.50	Glenn Benton			<b>0.50</b>
	<b>2.80</b>				
<b>DISTRICT 3</b>					
Stinson Road	0.50	Philip Rodgers			<b>0.50</b>
Finley Road	1.00	Philip Rodgers			<b>1.00</b>
Butler Hill Road	1.00	Philip Rodgers			<b>1.00</b>
Westrilee Drive	0.40	Philip Rodgers			<b>0.40</b>
Woodlake Ridge Lane	0.15	Philip Rodgers			<b>0.15</b>
Old Plain Dealing Road	1.00	Philip Rodgers			<b>1.00</b>
Peace Lane 1/2 Jordan	0.40	Philip Rodgers			<b>0.40</b>
	<b>4.45</b>				
<b>DISTRICT 4</b>					
Malone Road	0.50	John Jordan			<b>0.50</b>
Old Plain Dealing Road	1.00	John Jordan			<b>1.00</b>
Shiloh Road	0.10	John Jordan			<b>0.10</b>
Kilgore Road	1.00	John Jordan			<b>1.00</b>
Demoss Road	0.50	John Jordan			<b>0.50</b>
Curtis Lane	0.60	John Jordan			<b>0.60</b>
Egypt Hill Road	0.50	John Jordan			<b>0.50</b>
Peace Lane 1/2 Rodgers	0.40	John Jordan			<b>0.40</b>
Bodcau Dam Road	1.20	John Jordan			<b>1.20</b>
	<b>5.80</b>				
<b>DISTRICT 5</b>					
Old Brownlee Road	0.25	Julianna Parks			<b>0.25</b>
Duckwater Landing	0.50	Julianna Parks			<b>0.50</b>
Fawn Hollow	0.60	Julianna Parks			<b>0.60</b>
Maize Street	0.50	Julianna Parks			<b>0.50</b>
	<b>1.85</b>				
<b>DISTRICT 6</b>					
Old Brownlee Road	0.25	Chris Marsiglia			<b>0.25</b>

Wemple Road	0.40	Chris Marsiglia			<b>0.40</b>
Gloucester Drive	0.25	Chris Marsiglia			<b>0.25</b>
Stanton Court	0.15	Chris Marsiglia			<b>0.15</b>
Hawthorne Drive	0.10	Chris Marsiglia			<b>0.10</b>
Bevly Lake Drive	0.10	Chris Marsiglia			<b>0.10</b>
	<b>1.25</b>				
<b>DISTRICT 8</b>					
Woodstock Drive	0.20	Doug Rimmer			<b>0.20</b>
Wells Road	1.20	Doug Rimmer			<b>1.20</b>
Bellevue Road	1.00	Doug Rimmer			<b>1.00</b>
	<b>2.40</b>				
<b>DISTRICT 12</b>					
Clover Lane	<b>0.20</b>	Paul Plummer			<b>0.20</b>
<b>TOTAL MILEAGE</b>	<b>19.75</b>				<b>19.75</b>

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**Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Marsiglia, to approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion for Project No. 2019-126, Johnson-Koran Road Bridge over Foxskin Bayou, 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 4<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021, that it does hereby approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion for Project No. 2019-126, Johnson-Koran Road Bridge over Foxskin Bayou.

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. Marsiglia. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021.

RACHEL D. HAUSER  
PARISH SECRETARY

JEROME DARBY, PRESIDENT  
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

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**Motion was made by Ms. Parks, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to accept the sewer main extension and improvements in St. Charles Court Village Subdivision, Unit No. 9, into the Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier sewer system for permanent maintenance.**

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 4846**

WHEREAS, the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021, has received a request from Pulley Construction, Inc., that the parish accept into the Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier sewer system for permanent maintenance, the sewer main extension and improvements in St. Charles Court Village Subdivision, Unit No. 9; and

WHEREAS, the said sewer system 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 sewer system as to material and workmanship as required by Chapter 122, Section 122-65 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 Pulley Construction, Inc., including labor and materials, for the above captioned sewer system.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Bossier Parish Police Jury does hereby accept into the parish sewer system for continuous maintenance, the sewer system located in St. Charles Court Village Subdivision, Unit No. 9, Bossier Parish, Louisiana; and

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 the maintenance bond.

The Ordinance was offered by Ms. Parks, seconded by Mr. Plummer. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021.

RACHEL D. HAUSER  
PARISH SECRETARY

JEROME DARBY, PRESIDENT  
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

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**Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to approve a Short Form of Agreement between Owner and Engineer for Professional Services from Cothren, Graff, Smoak Engineering, Inc., for the Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier, for a new Water Well No. 5 (North Well in Wooded Area) Raw Waterline and Telemetry to Booster Station, 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 4<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021, that it does hereby approve a Short Form of Agreement between Owner and Engineer for Professional Services from Cothren, Graff, Smoak Engineering, Inc., for the Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier, for a new Water Well No. 5 (North Well in Wooded Area) Raw Waterline and Telemetry to Booster Station.

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. Benton, seconded by Mr. Plummer. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021.

RACHEL D. HAUSER  
PARISH SECRETARY

JEROME DARBY, PRESIDENT  
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**Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to approve Supplement No. 1 to the proposal with Civil Design Group, LLC, in the amount of \$8,123.50 for additional surveying and engineering services for Covington Road Extension to LA Highway 614, 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 4<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021, that it does hereby approve Supplement No. 1 to the proposal with Civil Design Group, LLC, in the amount of \$8,123.50 for additional surveying and engineering services for Covington Road Extension to LA Highway 614.

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 supplement to proposal.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Cochran. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021.

RACHEL D. HAUSER  
PARISH SECRETARY

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Mr. Ford presented a request from East Central Bossier Parish Fire District No. 1 for assistance with construction of a road from Forest Hills Boulevard to the back of the Bossier Parish Fire District No. 1 training center. He stated that the road will serve as a primary access to a new fire station which will be built in the near future and will be an emergency use route for Forest Hills Subdivision in the event the current entrance is blocked.

Chief Robert Rowe, East Central Bossier Parish Fire District No. 1 was present. He stated that gate access will meet current Bossier Parish regulations for gate access.

Mr. Benton stated that SB2 gravel will be used for the road surface. Mr. Ford stated that the parish will supply the labor, equipment, and piping, with the fire district being responsible for the cost of the gravel. He further stated that the road will be asphalted in the near future.

**Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to approve the request from East Central Bossier Parish Fire District No. 1 for assistance with construction of a road from Forest Hills Boulevard to the back of the Bossier Parish Fire District No. 1 training center, with the parish supplying labor, equipment, and piping, and the fire district being responsible for the cost of the gravel.**

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

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Mr. Jorden expressed appreciation to Chief Rowe and fire fighters for their quick response and actions at a recent wreck involving a cattle trailer loaded with cattle. He stated that while the cattle trailer was on fire, fire fighters entered the trailer with cutters to save the cattle. He further stated that the owner of the cattle asked that appreciation be extended to the fire fighters for helping save the lives of his cattle.

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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.

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Mr. Hudson stated that a Pre-Construction meeting was recently held for Project No. 2021-100, Bossier North-South Corridor (Flat River to Crouch Road) Clearing and Grubbing project. He stated that it is anticipated that work on the project will begin August 16, 2021.

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Mr. Hudson reported that advertisement for consultant selection for State Project No. H.003855, Bossier Parish Congestion Relief Winfield Road is being prepared by the state.

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Mr. Hudson reported that all right-of-way for the North Shared Use Trail, Phase II, has been obtained. He stated that it will be approximately four to five months before the project will be advertised for bids.

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Mr. Hudson provided a report on the recent Pre-Construction meeting for Project No. 2021-112, Proposed Street Improvements, DR-4263 PW 910 Paved Roads, Task Order No. 1. He stated that it is anticipated that work on the project will begin Monday.

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Mr. Hudson stated that bids will be received for Project No. 2021-114, Proposed Street Improvements, DR 4263 PW 910 Paved Roads, Task Order No. 2, on August 16, 2021.

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Mr. Hudson stated that plans for LA Highway 3 – Benton Road at I-220 Interchange, Capital Improvements Project (Turn Lanes), are complete and have been approved by the state. He stated that bid dates will be discussed at a later date.

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Mr. Hudson provided a report on the Project No. 2021-106, Winfield Road Improvements project.

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Mr. Hudson stated that water and sewer projects will soon be let.

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Mr. Hudson provided a report on miscellaneous drainage and concrete repair projects.

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Mr. Rodgers stated that the Bayhills Subdivision Homeowners Association has requested that a meeting be scheduled with the engineering department.

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Mr. Ford stated that Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office deputies will be present at Linton-Cutoff Road and Highway 162 for approximately one week from 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 a.m. when school begins.

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Mr. Ford reported on a tour of the site at Camp Minden that is being proposed to hold archery events. He presented proposed plans for the area in which the archery events are planned.

Mr. Ford reported on meetings held to discuss plans for the proposed project at Camp Minden. He stated that a pile of rock material is located on the site which is available to be used for the proposed parking lots. He further stated that it is anticipated that the first archery event to be held at this location will be in April of 2022.

Mr. Ford presented a proposed budget for the proposed project at Camp Minden. He requested that the Louisiana National Guard be contacted and asked to assist with the project. Mr. Benton stated that a request will need to be submitted from Camp Minden for the Louisiana National Guard's assistance. Mr. Jackson is to further review this request.

Mr. Ford stated that requests for assistance with this project will be submitted to other entities.

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Mr. Rodgers stated that it is his understanding that deputies with the Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office were to assess traffic at Linton-Cutoff Road and Highway 162 to determine if deputies would need to remain at that location to ensure the safety of parents and students traveling to school. Mr. Ford stated that he will further discuss this matter with Sheriff Julian Whittington.

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Mr. Rodgers reported on a recent meeting to discuss the Linton Road Bridge over Black Bayou project and the placement of buoys or booms by the Cypress Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District (the "District") to prevent boating traffic from going under the bridge while construction is being done.

Mr. Rodgers stated that it was his understanding that the District planned to keep the lake open as long as it was feasible to do so. Mr. Hudson stated that when the project bid, it was always understood that the District would be responsible for closure of the lake if it was determined that it was unsafe for boating traffic to travel under the bridge.

Mr. Hudson stated that it was determined by the District and the contractor to place signage on the pilings requesting that boating traffic not travel under the bridge and it was assumed that the boating traffic would obey the signage.

Mr. Rodgers asked if the Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office has the authority to issue citations to anyone that goes around the buoys or booms which have been placed on the water at the bridge due to boating traffic not adhering to the signage. Mr. Hudson stated that it is his understanding that due to the buoys or booms being placed on the lake to prevent boating traffic from going beneath the bridge, any boating traffic that attempts to go around the buoys or booms can receive a citation from the Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office.

Mr. Rodgers stated that the police jury attempted to be accommodating to the citizens and boating traffic on the lake, but measures had to be taken to ensure safety of the citizens, boating traffic, and construction crews due to some citizens refusing to obey signage that was placed at this location in order to keep them safe.

Mr. Ford stated that prior to the project beginning, the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development required that the area beneath the Linton Road Bridge be closed for the duration of the project due to safety concerns. He stated that he advised LA DOTD that the parish did not have the authority to close the water crossing beneath the Linton Road Bridge. He further stated that Mr. Robert Berry, Executive Director for the District, was contacted and advised that LA DOTD required that the water crossing beneath the Linton Road Bridge be closed.

Mr. Ford stated that Mr. Berry was advised that the parish would assist with any costs associated with closure of the water crossing for the duration of the project. He stated that Mr. Berry advised that the District would handle closure of the water crossing.

Mr. Ford stated that at the Pre-Construction meeting for this project, it was determined by the District and the contractor for the project that no buoy or boom system was going to be used to close the water crossing, but signage was going to be placed on the piles notifying the boating traffic that the water crossing was closed. He stated that the contractor is now requesting that other measures be taken to close the water crossing beneath the Linton Road Bridge due to the signage being ignored by the boating traffic.

Mr. Ford stated that this project is a State project, and the contractor is required to contact LA DOTD with any concerns or issues. He stated that LA DOTD will then reach out to the parish for assistance where needed.

Mr. Ford stated that Mr. Berry obtained permission for use of a private boat launch for other property owners on the lake until the project was complete.

Mr. Jackson stated that there is a State Statute which authorizes the sheriff's office to issue criminal citations if it is properly demarcated as a construction area. He stated that the signs placed on the pilings was not sufficient notice of closure in order to authorize the sheriff's office to issue criminal citations. He further stated that placement of the buoys

or booms closing the water crossing beneath the bridge allows for criminal citations to be issued to boating traffic that attempts to use the water crossing.

Mr. Ford stated that the original plan during the course of this project, was that the water crossing beneath the bridge would be closed to all boating traffic with the placement of a buoy or boom system. He stated that the contractor, at that time, felt that there was no need for a buoy or boom system, and requested that signage be placed on the pilings.

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

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**Motion was made by Mr. Plummer, seconded by Mr. Benton, to adjourn into executive session to discuss pending litigation, Docket No. C-164341 “James McCormick, D.D.S. and Kim Morris McCormick versus Joe E. "Butch" Ford, Jr., William "Bill" Altimus, Jerome Darby, and Carlotta Askew-Brown”.** Mr. Neil Erwin, Ms. Monica Grappe, and members of the Bossier Parish engineering staff were requested to attend the executive session.

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

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The meeting was reconvened and called to order by the President. No further action was taken.

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There being no further business to come before the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 4<sup>th</sup> 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

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