

BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS/BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
Mr. Glenn Benton, Chairman
August 21, 2024

The Capital Improvements/Building and Grounds Committee of the Bossier Parish Police Jury met on this 21st day of August, 2024, immediately following the Juvenile Committee, in the Police Jury Conference Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana. Mr. Glenn Benton, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m., with the following members present:

Mr. Glenn Benton, Chairman, Mr. Tom Salzer, Co-Chairman, Mr. Bob Brotherton, Mr. Jimmy Cochran, Mr. Chris Marsiglia, and Mr. Doug Rimmer.

Others present for the meeting:

Ms. Carlotta Askew-Brown
Ms. Carolina Blunck
Mr. Jimmy Cochran
Mr. Julian Darby
Ms. Ashley Ezell
Ms. Stacie Fernandez
Mr. Butch Ford
Ms. Julie Gill
Ms. Pam Glorioso

Ms. Monica Grappe
Mr. Eric Hudson
Mr. Patrick Jackson
Mr. John Ed Jordan
Mr. Sam Marsiglia
Ms. Megan Ramos
Mr. Warren Saucier
Mr. Keith Sutton
Mr. Rod White

Mr. Butch Ford, Parish Administrator, stated that the parish has received an appraisal of the Bossier Parish Library administrative building from Mr. David Volentine, MAI. He stated that the building and property appraised value is \$1,375,000. Mr. Doug Rimmer asked the purchase price of the building and property. Mr. Ford stated that the parish purchased the building and property for \$800,000, and advised that renovations were completed, including the addition of a generator, which has increased the value.

Mr. Ford stated that now that the history center has moved over to the new building, a meeting will be scheduled with Mr. Mark Prevot, Prevot Design Services, APAC, to look at the history center to determine the cost of renovations needed to utilize the space as the new administrative building. He stated that technical services will go back to the administrative building, as well, and advised that the only vacant building will be the old central library, until such time as a decision is made regarding that building.

Mr. Ford stated that he met with Mr. Jack Skaggs, President and Chief Executive Officer of The Coordinating and Development Company (CDC), this past Monday to go over the appraisal. He stated that Mr. Skaggs has questions that he is unable to answer and advised that he asked him to reach out to Mr. Patrick Jackson, Parish Attorney, regarding the sale of the property.

He further stated that he will provide an update to the committee on the renovation schedule, moving administrative and technical services, and the sale of this property at the next committee meeting. Mr. Ford stated that he does not believe the renovation cost will reach the appraised value of the current administrative building, and advised that he believes there will be funds remaining from the sale of the building.

Mr. Jackson stated that any money from the sale of the building will go back to the library fund. Mr. Ford stated the remaining money from the sale of the building will most likely be used for the new Haughton Branch of the Bossier Parish Library system. He stated that renovations of the former history center will also take into consideration that Ms. Stephanie Agee, Bossier Parish Registrar of Voters, utilizes that space for early voting. He further stated that the development of the renovation schedule will take into account the use of the space during upcoming elections. Mr. Ford stated that Ms. Agee's election equipment will continue to be stored in a locked closet and advised that her office will continue to use the facility and store equipment in the building.

Mr. Benton asked Mr. Jackson if a vote of the committee is necessary to continue with this plan. Mr. Jackson asked the committee for a consensus to approve proceeding with this plan. It was the consensus of the committee to approve the plan as presented.

Ms. Carlotta Askew-Brown, Bossier City-Parish MPC Executive Director and Benton MPC Executive Director, asked if there are any restrictions as to what type of business can operate at this location. Mr. Ford stated that it is currently zoned as an industrial district. Ms. Monica Grappe, Right of Way Agent, stated that the property is zoned I-2 (Heavy Industrial District).

Mr. Benton stated that Mr. Jackson will advise the committee at its next meeting as to the status of the potential sale of the library administrative building.

This concluded the meeting of the Capital Improvements/Building and Grounds Committee Meeting. The meeting was adjourned by the Chairman at 12:35 p.m.

MEGAN C. RAMOS
INTERIM PARISH SECRETARY

GLENN BENTON, CHAIRMAN
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