

BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY
POLICY AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES

Mr. Doug Rimmer, Chairman

February 7, 2024

The Policy and Procedures Committee of the Bossier Parish Police Jury met on this 7th day of February, 2024, at 12:00 p.m., in the Police Jury Conference Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana. Mr. Doug Rimmer, Chairman, called the meeting to order, with the following members present:

Mr. Doug Rimmer, Chairman, Mr. Bob Brotherton, Mr. Glenn Benton, Mr. Jimmy Cochran, Mr. Julian Darby, Ms. Pam Glorioso, Mr. John Ed Jorden, Ms. Julianna Parks, Mr. Philip Rodgers, Mr. Tom Salzer, and Mr. Keith Sutton

Others present for the meeting:

Mr. Pat Culverhouse,
Mr. Neil Erwin,
Ms. Stacie Fernandez
Mr. Jim Firth
Mr. Butch Ford
Ms. Julie Gill
Mr. John Ed Jorden
Mr. Nguyen Kha
Ms. Megan Ramos

Mr. Doug Rimmer, Chairman, called the meeting to order. Ms. Megan Ramos provided copies of Act 393 of 2023 for review. Mr. Neil Erwin, Attorney highlighted the details of the bill. Mr. Butch Ford stated that currently, as the bill reads, the Bossier Parish Police Jury does not have the capability of providing teleconference or video conference participation for the members of the public or elected officials with a recognized disability. He stated that in order to become compliant with this Act, there will need to be continued discussion on the most efficient way to provide this service. He said there will also need to be room in the budget for electronic upgrades, if deemed necessary. Mr. Ford also stated that he would like to see how this works in other cities in the parish. He said that in many small, rural towns, this would be very difficult for them to become compliant, due to it being an unfunded mandate. The jurors discussed concerns about this being an unfunded mandate and that connectivity that would cause meetings to shut down. They also discussed financial concerns to update electronic software and proper protocol for verifying

paperwork and having reasonable time to allow the parish secretary to schedule which agenda item the person would like to address.

Mr. Erwin stated that this is a realistic mandate as long as reasonable guidelines are developed for the implementation of this so that it does not create an untended unfunded mandate. Mr. Ford suggested forming a subcommittee that would meet monthly to discuss this issue.

The Policy and Procedures Committee agreed to form a subcommittee that meets monthly to discuss this issue.

This concluded the meeting of the Policy and Procedures Committee Meeting. Adjourned 12:45 p.m. by Mr. Doug Rimmer.

MEGAN C. RAMOS
INTERIM PARISH SECRETARY

DOUG RIMMER, CHAIRMAN
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY