

BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY
ROAD/SUBDIVISION REGULATION COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES

Mr. Philip Rodgers, Chairman
Mr. Bob Brotherton, Co-Chairman
March 6, 2024

The Road/Subdivision Regulations Committee of the Bossier Parish Police Jury met on this 6th day of March, 2024, at 11:30 a.m., in the Police Jury Conference Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana. Mr. Philip Rodgers, Chairman, called the meeting to order, with the following members present:

Mr. Philip Rodgers, Chairman, Mr. Bob Brotherton Co-Chairman, Mr. Glenn Benton, Ms. Pam Glorioso, Mr. John Ed Jordan, Ms. Julianna Parks, Mr. Doug Rimmer.

Others present for the meeting:

Ms. Carlotta Askew-Brown
Ms. Carolina Blunck,
Mr. Jimmy Cochran,
Mr. Pat Culverhouse,
Mr. Julian Darby,
Ms. Ashley Ezell,
Ms. Stacie Fernandez,
Mr. Jim Firth,
Mr. Butch Ford,
Ms. Julie Gill,
Mr. John Goleman,
Ms. Monica Grappe,

Ms. Rachael Graves,
Mr. Eric Hudson,
Mr. Patrick Jackson,
Mr. Nguyen Kha,
Mr. Sam Marsiglia,
Ms. Megan Ramos,
Mr. Matt Redmon,
Mr. Tom Salzer,
Mr. Keith Sutton,
Mr. Terrence Tucker,
Mr. Rod White,
Ms. Lisa Wilson,

Mr. Eric Hudson, Parish Engineer, stated that a permit request has been received from AT&T for Country Place Subdivision and upon review, he noticed that the proposed routes for the cables are in the front of the yard instead of in the rear of the yard, as required by ordinance. He stated that this matter will need to come before the jury to make a request for variance. Mr. Hudson stated that this is an old subdivision, and all utilities servitudes are platted in the rear of the lots. He stated that MPC guidelines also require that all utilities be in the rear of the property.

Mr. Terrence Tucker, AT&T Engineering Department, advised that to provide high speed fiber optic cable, they need to install and maintain the cables in the front yard. He stated that this is minimally invasive to the customer, and that going through the rear of the property presents AT&T with a more cumbersome process to access, bore, install, and maintain the product. Jurors discussed ongoing issues with AT&T, and other permit holders, damaging existing water lines and the problems that have arisen from those instances.

Mr. Patrick Jackson, Parish Attorney, stated if the committee does consider this, an agreement pertaining to this specific subdivision is needed, knowing the difficulties in locating

water and sewer lines in the front of the property. He said that due to the age of the water and sewer lines, it will be hard to locate them. Mr. Jackson suggested that an agreement be made ahead of beginning any work to ensure that any damages will be repaired. He stated that for any future work, it will require that his office work with AT&T's counsel to make an agreement. Mr. Jackson added that if they are requesting a waiver for this project, he would need to make an agreement with their counsel before any approval of the waiver is granted.

Mr. Hudson discussed the matter of a proposed sidewalk from the intersection of Benton Road/Benton Spur to Beckett Street. Carlotta Askew-Brown, Bossier City-Parish MPC, discussed a grant her office has applied for to pay for this project and advised that a letter of support for the project has been requested from the library. Ms. Askew-Brown stated that in an effort to generate safer and more accessible communities, the MPC is working to amend the code to require developments to install sidewalks and they are pursuing grants to cover gaps in coverage. She stated that they have found multiple grants so far, have applied for two and in applying for another they need a letter of support from the library. Ms. Askew-Brown stated as they move forward through identifying other areas with gaps in accessibility, they will come back with an update and request any additional information from the parish throughout the process.

Mr. Ford stated that this will be voted on in the regular meeting during the committee meeting report.

Mr. Hudson stated that Mr. Jorden is still getting requests for help in his district from a company called Four States Fiber, who is installing fiberoptic cable internet. Mr. Hudson stated they have already completed much of the state roads, but they are requesting help on the tacitly dedicated roads. He added that next Friday at 10:00 a.m., he and Mr. Jorden are meeting with the company to discuss these issues and any help the Parish can provide.

Mr. Ford stated that Suddenlink/Optimum contacted him last week, and they are working under a Gumbo Grant. He said that Suddenlink/Optimum was having difficulty contacting other utility companies to use their poles for a Gumbo Grant project. He stated that the project is forty percent complete, and the job must be completed by July. Mr. Ford is working to help facilitate working with other companies for Suddenlink/Optimum to access the poles currently in place.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:22 p.m. by the Chairman.

MEGAN C. RAMOS
INTERIM PARISH SECRETARY

PHILIP RODGERS, CHAIRMAN
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