

BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY
BENTON, LOUISIANA
MINUTES
August 15, 2001

The Bossier Parish Police Jury met in regular and legal session on this 15th day of August, 2001, at 2:00 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana. The President, Mr. Jesse Williams, called the meeting to order. The invocation was given by Mr. Dennis Woodward and the pledge of allegiance was led by Mr. Winfred Johnston. The Secretary-Treasurer, Cheryl Martin, called the roll, with all members present, as follows:

Mr. William Altimus	Mr. Winfred Johnston
Mr. Rick Avery	Mr. Hank Meachum
Mr. Jimmy Cochran	Mr. Henry Mitchell
Mr. Brad Cummings	Mr. Jeff Rogers
Mr. Jerome Darby	Dr. Eddy Shell
Mr. Wayne Hammack	Mr. Jesse Williams

Others present were Mr. Dennis Woodward, Parish Administrator; Mr. Patrick Jackson, Parish Attorney; Cheryl Martin, Secretary-Treasurer.

Motion was made by Dr. Shell, seconded by Mr. Darby, to adopt the minutes of the July 18, 2001 regular meeting, as published. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Woodward presented a resolution adopted by the police jury on August 1, 2001, commending Mr. Sammy Johnson, Ms Patricia Scroggins and Ms. Bonnie Coleman, employees at the Bossier Parish Juvenile Detention Center, for their efforts in providing life sustaining measures to an inmate at the facility who suffered a severe seizure.

Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to deviate from the agenda to allow Mr. Rob Stinson to address the jury as agenda item no. 19. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Duxie Scott, Dr. David Brian, and Mr. Dan Newman, representatives of the Bossier Parish Emergency Medical Services District, addressed the jury regarding billing procedures for the

EMS District. Mr. Scott stated that in accordance with Federal regulations, the EMS District is required to bill patients for any insurance deductible or co-pay.

Mr. Newman, billing accountant for the EMS District, explained that by law the EMS District is required to collect the 20% portion of charges which are not covered by insurance or medicare. He stated that the \$36 annual user fee paid by citizens of Bossier Parish is a service fee for using the ambulance. Mr. Newman stated that the EMS District accepts whatever amount insurance pays, plus any deductible or co-pay. He stated that a reasonable attempt is made to collect the deductible or co-pay. Mr. Newman advised that the EMS District is requesting an opinion from the Office of the Inspector General on whether charges for an insurance deductible and/or co-pay can be waived, but that until this ruling is available, the EMS District must continue to attempt to collect these charges.

Mr. Gary Joiner, Precision Cartographics, discussed upcoming reapportionment for Bossier Parish, and provided jurors with population information for each police jury district. Mr. Joiner stated that during the reapportionment process, some of the current voting precincts can be eliminated. He asked that jurors review the information provided, and stated that he will be scheduling individual meetings with each juror. Mr. Joiner stated that public meetings will be held to receive public input, and that final proposals will be prepared for submission to the Justice Department.

Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to take bids received at 1:00 p.m., August 15, 2001, for pharmaceuticals for the Bossier Parish jail and penal farm, under advisement, to be tabulated and awarded at a later date. Motion carried unanimously. Bid results are as follows:

Bidder	Bid Amount
Denmon's Pharmacy	
Percentage Discount from AWP	\$ <u>8 %</u>
Dispensing Fee per each prescription	\$ <u>5.90</u>
Walker Brothers Drugs	
Percentage Discount from AWP	\$ <u>10%</u>
Dispensing Fee per each prescription	\$ <u>4.00</u>

Kelly's Pharmacy

Percentage Discount from AWP \$ 11.5%
 Dispensing Fee per each prescription \$ 3.95

Sterling

Percentage Discount from AWP \$ 15%
 Dispensing Fee per each prescription \$ 5.77

Sealed bids were opened and read aloud for the sale of surplus property at Tract 56-A, lying in the northeast part of Lot 18, Dillard Place, Bossier City, LA. Minimum bid acceptable is \$4,184.96. Mr. Woodward opened the only bid received of Mr. Robert Hayden in the amount of \$5,100.00. **Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Cummings, to accept the bid of Mr. Robert Hayden in the amount of \$5,100.00 for the sale of surplus property at Tract 56-A, lying in the northeast part of Lot 18, Dillard Place, Bossier City, LA. Motion carried unanimously.**

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 15th day of August, 2001, that Jesse Williams, President, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Bossier Parish Police Jury, a Quitclaim Deed in connection with the sale of adjudicated property at Tract 56-A, lying in the northeast part of Lot 18, Dillard Place, Bossier City, LA., to Robert E. Hayden.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Cummings. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 15th day of August, 2001.

CHERYL G. MARTIN
 SECRETARY-TREASURER

JESSE WILLIAMS, PRESIDENT
 BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Sealed bids were opened and read aloud for the purchase of two 2001 Ford F350 One Ton 4 x 2 trucks for the Bossier Parish Highway Department, as follows:

Bidder:	Bid Amount
Quality Ford, Inc.	\$25,946.00 each
Wray Ford, Inc.	\$21,780.00 each
J. C. Johnson Ford	\$23,504.00 each

Motion was made by Mr. Cummings, seconded by Mr. Darby, to take the bids under

advisement, to be tabulated and awarded at the September 5, 2001 regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Martin announced the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Willow Lake, Unit No. 1, located in Section 21, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA. Mr. Charles Coyle, on behalf of D & R Properties, advised that Mr. Tom Sanders is the only adjoining landowner, and that a letter of approval from Mr. Sanders has been received. There being no opposition, **motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to approve the plat of the proposed development of Willow Lake, Unit No. 1, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

Ms. Martin announced the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Mallard Bend Subdivision, located in the Northwest Quarter of Section 28, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA. Mr. Woodward stated that the proposed development is located off Airline near Bayou Bend Subdivision, and consists of four large lots. He stated that one private road is proposed. Mr. Ken Smith, Smith Engineering, stated that the proposed street will be asphalt and will meet all parish specifications. There being no opposition, **motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to approve the plat of the proposed development of Mallard Bend Subdivision, as presented.** Ms. Stephanie Edmiston, Bossier City-Parish MPC, stated that the developer will be required to install a larger water line to tie on to the Bossier City water system. **Votes were cast on Mr. Avery's motion to approve the plat of Mallard Bend Subdivision. Motion carried unanimously.**

Ms. Martin announced the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Rosedale Place, Unit No. 4, located in Section 33, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA. Mr. Jeff Raley, Smith and Raley Engineering, stated that this is a continuation of existing units and that the development will be served by the Bossier City water system. Mr. Avery questioned the proposed construction of an entrance road off Airline Drive, as indicated in the master plan for Rosedale Place. Mr. Raley stated that they have been unable to

purchase the required property, advising that the property is not available for sale. Mr. Raley also noted that this current development fronts Wemple Road. Mr. Avery urged Mr. Raley to pursue this matter.

There being no opposition, **motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to approve the plat of the proposed development of Rosedale Place, Unit No. 4, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

Ms. Martin announced the public hearing to consider establishment of a permit system for commercial hauling on Bossier Parish roads. Mr. Johnny Allison, Allison & Reynolds Timber Services, L. L. C., and Mr. Steve Muslow, timber consultant in Caddo Parish, addressed the jury. Mr. Rogers stated that any permit requirements will apply to all commercial haulers, not just loggers. He stated that the police jury needs to be aware of job locations in an effort to monitor any road damages. Mr. Allison stated that they obtain parish logging permits now, advising that an employee of the parish regularly visits the job site to confirm that permits are in order. Mr. Woodward stated that the permit obtained now is actually a culvert permit which is required to cross a parish road right-of-way.

There was discussion of permit regulations in nearby parishes. Mr. Muslow urged that the jury consider a permit system that is flexible, stating that work crews should not be delayed when moving from one location to the next.

Mr. Rowe, Director of Public Works, stated that work on small tracts is a problem, as crews move on quickly. He stated that the crew is usually gone when drainage or road damage is discovered.

Mr. Kenny Covington, Covington Company, Inc., urged jurors to consider the oil and gas industry, stating that there is continuous activity in this type of work. He stated that equipment is moved constantly, and that being required to obtain a permit each time equipment is moved will place a burden on these companies. Mr. Rogers stated that the police jury does not intend to create any additional burden, and is primarily concerned with job location and any road damages done.

The parish attorney is to draft a proposal for establishment of a permitting system for consideration at a later date. Copies are to be forwarded to persons present at the public hearing for

their input.

Mr. Woodward advised that a letter has been received from East Central Fire District No. 1 regarding the proposed development of Adner Ranch Estates. He stated that the fire district has indicated that since water wells are planned for the development, they have no requirements. **Motion was made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to approve the plat of the proposed development of Adner Ranch Estates. Motion carried unanimously.**

There was discussion of payroll procedures to accommodate an additional deferred compensation program. Ms. Martin provided jurors with a list of current payroll deduction information. Mr. Woodward recommended that the number of deferred compensation providers be limited to two. There was discussion of the large number of current deductions for various insurance providers, and the possibility of consolidating these to reduce the number of companies.

Mr. Rogers recommended that an annual presentation be made to employees regarding current benefits. He further recommended that employees be provided a benefit package containing information on the available benefits. **Motion was made by Dr. Shell, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to allow Mr. John Sands, with Retirement Plan Advisors, to make a presentation to police jury employees regarding the deferred compensation program offered by Prudential. Motion carried unanimously.** Mr. Cochran and Ms. Martin are to review current supplemental insurance coverages for possible consolidation.

Mr. Woodward advised that the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant program has an internet web site available that provides information on criteria for eligible uses for grant funding. Jurors are to review the web site and discuss this matter further at the September 5 regular meeting.

There was discussion of the location of a site for construction of the proposed maximum security jail facility. Mr. Woodward advised that Mr. Mark Montgomery has submitted an appraisal of \$1000 per acre for the 101.55 acre tract owned by Mr. Coile, located across from the existing

penal farm on Old Plain Dealing Road. Mr. Meachum reported that the timber value on this property is appraised at \$19,806 and if the landowner wants to harvest the timber, the price for the property will be reduced by this amount. Mr. Meachum stated that he prefers to purchase the property with the timber. **Motion was made by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, that the Bossier Parish Police Jury take steps to execute an option on the Coile property, 75 acres to purchased by the Bossier Parish Police Jury and 25 acres to be purchased by the Bossier Parish Sheriff's Department, with the purchase of this property subject to completion of a site feasibility and environmental impact study to be done by URS, and the continued negotiations with Mr. Coile on the purchase price in view of the current appraisal.**

There was discussion on the motion. Mr. Altimus made the following statement:

"I fully support Mr. Johnston's motion at this time. As you may recall, I have voted against this every time it has come up, but over the last two weeks, I have taken the opportunity to really research this matter.

The land where the maximum security jail is located is a very important piece of the total equation, but you have to remember, it is just one piece.

The police jury has received several proposals for land now. Let's review them.

- 1.) Wayne Davis/John Doles - \$1,900.00 per acre. It is farther north of the penal farm and we will have to subsidize Plain Dealing's water and sewage.
- 2.) RMS - \$1,800.00 per acre.
- 3.) Bigby property - \$2,000 per acre.

We know the Sheriff has paid \$1,500 to \$2,500 per acre for various tracts of land around the penal farm.

I was on board for Mr. Cummings' land off Old Shed Road in Bossier City. If you remember, I went and got Mr. Charles Coyle to come out and take a look at it. We both went to the MPC to check the zoning. It was there we found out that this site wouldn't fly, literally.

We have done word of mouth requests for land, we have advertised in the newspaper, we have had articles written in the paper stating we are looking for land, we have hired a land attorney to help us identify potential tracts, Bobby Edmiston of the Assessor's office has been trying to beat the sticks for us. Gentlemen, here we are months later - no land.

Several weeks ago, I called Mr. Charles Coyle and asked him to analyze the Coile site concerning water and sewage. Mr. Coyle is President of the Central Bossier Water system which supplies water to the penal farm now. He has consulted with the DEQ and the Health Department concerning the sewage system. I asked Mr. Coyle three things up front.

- 1.) Be very liberal in his cost.
- 2.) Be able to defend his figures.
- 3.) Don't low ball me.

As you are aware, URS has budgeted \$1.5 million for water and sewage for our facility. Mr. Coyle's bottom line for all three facilities located at the penal farm is \$1,622,000. I will ask Mr. Coyle to come forward in a minute to explain his thoughts and figures.

We might eventually find some land for \$1,000 per acre within three to five miles of the existing penal farm. But wherever it ends up, this police jury will have to absorb the full cost of putting in the water and sewage, and let's not forget all future maintenance too.

We have a standing offer from the Sheriff right now to split the cost of these items along with any future maintenance.

Taking Mr. Coyle's figures to heart, this splitting the expense will save this jury, the taxpayers, \$689,000 on the front end, not counting future maintenance. Even if we have to pay \$100,000 more for the land, we are still ahead \$589,000 than if we struck out on our own somewhere else. To me and hopefully my fellow jurors, buying the Coile property is an example of two parish

entities joining together, working toward a common goal, in a wise use of the taxpayers' dollar now and into the future.

Another problem I would like to address, fire protection in this area is basically none. As we are aware, this is a gray area. It is rated 10 by the insurance industry, the worst it can be. Homes and businesses pay the maximum in fire insurance premiums. I had the opportunity to speak to Chief Wallace of the Benton Fire District on this issue. Bottom line, the Benton Fire District is very interested in helping us and the residents of this area out. They have a station located within seven miles of the penal farm now, it could be beefed up. My thoughts would be to donate some land on the site, assist in equipment purchases and have the Benton Fire District organize this station. Not only would this help us out in fire protection and insurance, but it would also provide coverage in this area to the residents.

The Sheriff has agreed to enter into intergovernmental agreements with the jury covering this whole operation, not only creating this complex now, but also maintenance in the future.

When you take all of this into consideration, gentlemen, the Coile property is where we need to be."

Mr. Charles Coyle, Coyle Engineering, stated that in locating the jail facility in the immediate area of the penal farm, sewer needs can be met by treating and pumping effluent to the Red River. He stated that this will require a pump station at an estimated cost of \$800,000. Mr. Coyle stated that with the drilling of two deep water wells, the facilities could tie on to the Central Bossier Water System.

Mr. J. T. Wallace, Fire Chief, Benton Fire District No. 4, stated that Benton Fire District No. 4 can provide quality fire protection to the new jail facility. He stated that the expansion of the Benton Fire District to include this area will drastically reduce fire insurance ratings for homeowners.

After further discussion, **votes were cast on Mr. Johnston's motion to take steps to execute an option on the Coile property, 75 acres to purchased by the Bossier Parish Police Jury and 25 acres to be purchased by the Bossier Parish Sheriff's Department, with the purchase of this property subject to completion of a site feasibility and environmental impact study to be done by URS, and the continued negotiations with Mr. Coile on the purchase price in view of the current appraisal. Motion carried, with Mr. Cummings opposing.** It was noted that Mr. Jackson would continue to negotiate for options on other property until finalization.

Mr. Gary Cathcart reported on a meeting regarding the Lake Bistineau stump removal project, advising that Wildlife and Fisheries' biologists are to determine the areas to be cut and will coordinate the use of funds from the parishes of Bossier, Webster and Bienville, obtained through the Office of Rural Development grants.

Motion was made by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to approve the request of Robert Stinson for a three-day special event beer permit for "Rally on the Red" to be held at The Grill at Cash Point Landing, L.L.C., dba Tavern on the Red, on August 16, 17 and 18, 2001. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jim Firth, Purchasing Manager, reported a substantial savings in long distance telephone charges with the current primary rate service, as opposed to local option service. He further stated that CenturyTel has advised that effective September 9, it will no longer be long distance to call from Benton to Plain Dealing or from Plain Dealing to Benton.

Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Darby, to schedule a Board of Tax Review on September 19, 2001. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Dr. Shell, seconded by Mr. Darby, to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Louisiana State University in Shreveport in cooperation with the Red River Watershed Management Initiative, and to authorize the President to execute said document. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 15th day of August, 2001, that Jesse Williams, President, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Bossier Parish Police Jury, a Memorandum of Understanding with Louisiana State University in Shreveport in cooperation with the Red River Watershed Management Initiative.

The resolution was offered by Dr. Shell, seconded by Mr. Darby. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 15th day of August, 2001.

CHERYL G. MARTIN
SECRETARY-TREASURER

JESSE WILLIAMS, PRESIDENT
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Representatives of URS Corporation presented an update on the courthouse renovation/addition and jail construction projects. Mr. Bob Grafer recommended that URS be allowed to perform its inspection of the proposed jail site prior to the jury's entering into purchase negotiations.

Mr. Patrick Williams, reported on the inmate space needs study, advising that in accordance with the study, the bed count being considered for the new facility should be adequate to handle current and future needs of the parish.

Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Avery, to authorize payment of accounts payable invoices for the month of July, 2001. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Mitchell urged the jury's participation with the City of Bossier City and the Levee Board in the construction of a dock site on Red Chute Bayou at Dogwood Trail. He stated that with the use of parish equipment, it is believed that construction costs can be reduced. **Motion was made by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Avery, to participate with the Levee Board and the City of Bossier City in the construction of a dock site on Red Chute Bayou at Dogwood Trail, up to a maximum expenditure of \$10,000 from the police jury. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Rogers stated that it is recommended by the Policy and Procedures Committee that the police jury employ an outside consultant to prepare job descriptions and perform a salary survey for police jury employees. **Motion was made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to proceed with the hiring of a consulting firm to prepare job descriptions and perform a salary survey for police jury employees, as recommended. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Hammack reported on a meeting of the Building and Grounds Committee regarding expansion of the juvenile detention center. He stated that Fibrebond has requested approval of substantial completion of the current expansion project, and that plans for future expansion are being reviewed. **Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to approve the request of Fibrebond for substantial completion of the expansion of the Bossier Parish Juvenile Detention Center. Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to approve the purchase of the following items at the Bossier Parish Juvenile Detention Center, up to a maximum expenditure of \$2,000. Motion carried unanimously.

- 1) **Awning over visitor area**
- 2) **Restroom petition**
- 3) **Stainless steel table**

Mr. Meachum reported that Ms. Helen Black with Horseshoe Casino has indicated that Horseshoe Casino has expressed an interest in donating such items as linens, computers, furnishings, etc., to the detention center.

Mr. Woodward presented a draft edition of the Bossier Parish and Bossier City Flood Hazard Mitigation Plan, advising that a public hearing should be scheduled to receive public input on the proposed plan. **Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to schedule a public hearing on September 5, 2001, to receive public input on the development of a Flood Hazard Mitigation Plan for Bossier Parish. Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion was made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Darby, to schedule a public hearing on September 19, 2001, to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Princeton Estates, Unit No. 3, located in Section 6, Township 18 North, Range 11 West, Bossier Parish, LA. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Dr. Shell, to adopt a resolution to urge and request Governor Mike Foster, the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development and the Federal Highways Administration to expedite the I-49 extension from I-220 in Shreveport to the Arkansas state line. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION TO URGE AND REQUEST GOVERNOR MIKE FOSTER, THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT, AND THE FEDERAL HIGHWAYS ADMINISTRATION TO EXPEDITE THE I-49 EXTENSION FROM I-220 IN SHREVEPORT TO THE ARKANSAS STATE LINE, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the I-49 extension from I-220 in Shreveport to the Arkansas state line will provide Northwest Louisiana with an efficient, high speed transportation facility that will better serve existing and future travel demands than the existing area highways; and

WHEREAS, the I-49 extension from I-220 in Shreveport to the Arkansas state line will improve traffic access to existing and future communities, employment centers, recreational and tourist areas, agricultural land uses and other development; and

WHEREAS, the I-49 extension from I-220 in Shreveport to the Arkansas state line will improve traffic flow on existing highways in the area by diverting heavy vehicles and through traffic to the new facility; and

WHEREAS, the I-49 extension from I-220 in Shreveport to the Arkansas state line will strengthen the overall transportation system in the area and throughout the region by enhancing the movement and distribution of goods and improving access to existing rail services, airports, waterways and ports.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in due, regular and legal session convened, that the Bossier Parish Police Jury does hereby urge and request Governor Mike Foster, the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development and the Federal Highways Administration to expedite the I-49 extension from I-220 in Shreveport to the Arkansas state line.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Dr. Shell. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 15th day of August, 2001.

CHERYL G. MARTIN
SECRETARY-TREASURER

JESSE WILLIAMS, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Mr. Woodward stated that in order to purchase state surplus property, a purchase agreement must be submitted in accordance with Louisiana State Property Control Regulations. **Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to authorize the submission of a State of Louisiana Surplus Property Purchase Agreement and Certification. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Woodward advised that an application for certification of an employee to operate weigh scales has been provided to Mr. Rowe, Director of Public Works.

Mr. Woodward referred to Capital Outlay Funding for the juvenile detention center, advising that the request for \$250,000 is now classified a Priority 2 and the requested \$2,105,000 is classified as a Priority 5. He stated that a request for a line of credit must now be submitted. **Motion was made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to authorize a request for a line of credit in connection with Capital Outlay funding for the Bossier Parish Juvenile Detention Center. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Woodward advised that in accordance with La. R.S. 42:282-287, a financial report has been provided by the Bossier Parish Clerk of Court for the period July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2001.

Mr. Avery asked the status of bids for a red light on Airline Drive at Wemple Road. Mr. Woodward advised that engineers for the Airline Drive project are handling this matter. He further reported that appraisals for right-of-way acquisition for the Kingston Road project have not been received.

Mr. Jackson, Parish Attorney, requested that the matter of proposals for a bonding attorney be placed on the September 5, 2001 agenda. He stated that representatives of the firm Jones, Walker, Waechter, Poitevent, Carrere & Denegre, L. L. P. and Weiner, Weiss & Madison, A.P.C., are present and asked that they be allowed to address the jury. **Motion was made by Mr.**

Hammack, seconded by Dr. Shell, to deviate from the agenda to consider this item of business.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Susie Morgan, Weiner, Weiss & Madison, A.P.C., addressed the jury, advising that their offices are local and easily accessible. She discussed other projects which have been handled by their firm, and stated that with the combined experiences of Jones, Walker and Weiner, Weiss in similar transactions and the proximity of Weiner, Weiss to Bossier Parish, they offer a superior choice to the police jury for bond counsel services.

Mr. Jackson advised that due to a conflict with his representation of the Bossier City-Parish MPC in a legal matter, he has withdrawn from the case and an outside attorney has been hired. The MPC has requested funds from Bossier City and the police jury for the employment of outside counsel, when necessary, based on the current 60/40 funding formula. **Motion was made by Mr. Cochran, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to approve an expenditure of up to \$6,000 per year to be placed in an account for this hiring of outside counsel for the Bossier City-Parish MPC, when necessary. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Jackson stated that he is currently working on architect contract negotiations for Phase II of the courthouse renovation/addition and jail construction projects. He stated that there is a question as to whether two inspections, one at six months and one at the 11th month of construction, should be required. Mr. Jackson stated that there will be a very detailed punch list, which may take up to three months to complete after substantial completion. After discussion, Mr. Jackson recommended that both a six-month inspection and an 11-month inspection requirement be left in the contract, with the six-month inspection to be optional. The jury concurred.

Mr. Woodward reported that he has inspected an abandoned house at Houston and Circle Streets, and recommends that condemnation proceedings be considered. **Motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Avery, to proceed with condemnation of an abandoned house at Houston and Circle Streets, in accordance with property standards regulations. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Meachum advised of the recent death of Mr. Donnie Wilhite, advising that Mr. Wilhite has made many contributions to Bossier Parish. **Motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Dr. Shell, to authorize the preparation of a resolution in honor and memory of Mr. Donnie Wilhite for his many contributions to Bossier Parish. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Altimus reported that six Bossier Master Plan Community Meetings are scheduled. Ms. Stephanie Edmiston, Bossier City-Parish MPC, stated that these are neighborhood meetings and are scheduled in different areas of the parish, as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Tuesday, August 28, 2001	6:00-8:00 p.m.	Stockwell Place Elementary Cafeteria 5801 Shed Road
Wednesday, August 29, 2001	5:30-7:30 p.m.	Platt Elementary Cafeteria 4680 Hwy. 80 East, Haughton
Thursday, August 30, 2001	6:00-8:00 p.m.	Bossier Arts Council Theatre 630 Barksdale Blvd.
Monday, September 10, 2001	5:30-7:30 p.m.	Parkway High School Cafeteria 4301 Panther Drive
Tuesday, September 11, 2001	6:00-8:00 p.m.	Airline Baptist Church Sanctuary 4007 Airline Drive
Thursday, September 13, 2001	5:30-7:30 p.m.	Rusheon Middle School Cafeteria 2401 Old Minden Road

Mr. John Noles reported that \$5.5 million has been appropriated to the Louisiana National Guard for development of a boot camp at the Louisiana Army Ammunition Plant. He stated that the camp is to be a 17-month program for young adults.

Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to adjourn into executive session for discussion of the matter of Billy Brooks Hudson, et. al. v. City of Bossier City, et. al. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 15th day of August, 2001, the meeting was adjourned by the President at 5:00

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SECRETARY-TREASURER

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