

BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY
BENTON, LOUISIANA
MINUTES
October 17, 2001

The Bossier Parish Police Jury met in regular and legal session on this 17th day of October, 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. Bill Altimus. 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. Hammack, to adopt the minutes of the September 5, 2001 regular meeting, as published. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Mr. Darby, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to adopt the minutes of the September 19, 2001 regular meeting, as published. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Alton Ross, on behalf of Wesley Chapel CME Church, requested that the church be allowed to hold a parade on Sunday, November 11, 2001, along Princeton Road from the church to the Princeton Elementary School. Mr. Rogers stated that he has no problem with allowing the parade provided the Bossier Sheriff's Department is available to direct traffic. **Motion was made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Meachum, to approve the request of Wesley Chapel CME Church to hold a parade on November 11, 2001, from the church along Princeton Road to the Princeton Elementary School, subject to meeting all requirements of the Bossier Parish Sheriff's Department in regard to traffic control during the parade. Motion carried unanimously.** Mr. Rogers requested that signs, if available, be placed in the area of the parade to inform motorists of the event.

Ms. Mary Anne Rankin, Bossier Council on Aging, addressed the jury regarding the agency's request for a 2002 budget appropriation. Ms. Rankin provided jurors with a copy of the proposed 2002 budget of the Council on Aging, advising that an appropriation of \$40,000 is requested from the police jury for 2002. Mr. Williams stated that budget hearings will be held next month, and the request will be considered at that time.

Mr. Julian Whittington, Mr. David Miller and Ms. Rebecca Watts, Bossier Sheriff's Department, requested a Quietus on the 2000 tax roll. The following recap for the period July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2001, was presented for consideration:

Tax Payer Column of 2000 Tax Roll	\$ 34,910,798.08
Adjustments (LTC's, SHE's, SPL' s, etc.)	\$ <1,425,451.02>
TOTAL ADJUSTED TAX ROLL:	\$ 33,485,347.06
Protest Money Collected - not distributed	\$ <340,374.94>
Non-protest money collected - no distributed	\$ <459,298.67>

TOTAL COLLECTED:	\$<32,488,711.76>
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UNCOLLECTED:	\$ 196,961.69
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The Uncollected Balance consists of:	
1) Bankruptcies	\$ 30,331.18
2) Movables, Mobile Homes	\$ 148,519.92

	\$ 178,851.10
Adjudications (tax sale properties)	\$ 18,110.59

	\$ 196,961.69

99.5% of the 2000 adjusted Tax Roll was collected.

Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Dr. Shell, to grant a Quietus on the 2000 tax roll. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Dr. Shell, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to deviate from the agenda to consider the following item of business. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Don Pierson, Greater Bossier Economic Development Foundation, Mr. Max LeComte, Coordinating and Development Corporation, Mr. Mike McGrew, Louisiana Department of Labor, and Mr. Brian NcNew, architect, addressed the jury regarding the proposed location of a Business and Industry Service Center in the Viking Drive Industrial Park.

Mr. Pierson stated that working together with the Louisiana Department of Labor, the Coordinating and Development Corporation is seeking to locate the proposed Business and Industry Service Center on Viking Drive in Bossier City. He stated that the facility would consist of two 10,000 square foot buildings, which would house various organizations that play a role in business and workforce development. He stated that a business incubator for small start up companies is also proposed.

Mr. Pierson advised that the total project cost is estimated at approximately \$1.5 million. He requested the police jury's support in endorsing a request for Capital Outlay funds of \$650,000 for the project. He stated that the building will be owned by the Coordinating and Development Corporation and leased to the state.

Mr. LeComte advised that employment offices have been located on Airline Drive for many years, but the lease of this property is no longer available. He stated that the proposed new facility will house Louisiana Department of Labor offices and other entities which complement this office.

Mr. McGrew stated that this will be the first such facility in Northwest Louisiana, and will provide approximately 20,000 square feet of office space dedicated to workforce related programs. He stated that the Department of Labor is very much in favor of the proposal.

Mr. Pierson advised that the business incubator will be aimed at smaller service-type businesses, and will provide them an opportunity to start their business with much lower overhead expenses.

Mr. Pierson requested the jury's support in proceeding with this project. He stated that information on a land parcel will be presented for the jury's consideration in the near future, as well

as a request for support in obtaining Capital Outlay funding for the project. Mr. Pierson stated that no funding from the police jury is anticipated.

Mr. Altimus stated that the Caddo Parish job service office is in poor condition, and asked if combining Caddo/Bossier services could be considered. Mr. McGrew responded, advising that he believes Bossier City and Bossier Parish need this service. After further discussion, **motion was made by Dr. Shell, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to support the proposed location of a Business and Industry Service Center in the Viking Drive Industrial Park. Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to award the bid for a six-month supply of hot mix for the Bossier Parish Highway Department to O. S. Johnson, Inc., low bidder meeting specifications, in accordance with bids received on October 3, 2001. Motion carried unanimously. Bid results are as follows:

Bidder:	Bid Amount
Benton and Brown, Inc.	\$28.00 per ton
Martin Marietta Materials of La, Inc.	\$40.00 per ton
O. S. Johnson, Inc.	\$27.50 per ton

Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to award the bid for the installation of traffic signals on Airline Drive at Wemple Road to Camus Electric Co., Inc., low bidder meeting specifications, in accordance with bids received on October 3, 2001. Motion carried unanimously. Bid results are as follows:

Bidder:	Base Bid Amount:
1) Camus Electric Co., Inc.	\$77,600.00
2) Wye Electric, Inc.	\$89,100.00
3) McNeer Electrical Contracting, Inc.	\$96,500.00
4) Wilhite Electric Co., Inc.	\$79,800.00

Ms. Martin announced that no bids were received for the sale of surplus property at 2539 Wilder Street, Bossier City, LA.

Ms. Martin announced the public hearing to consider approval of the subdivision of a tract of land located off the Linton-Bellevue Road in Sections 29 and 32, Township 20 North, Range 12

West, Bossier Parish, LA. Ms. Elsie Wiggins, property owner, was present. Mr. Woodward stated that the subdivision of a large tract into seven lots is proposed. There being no opposition, **motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to approve the proposed subdivision of a tract of land located off the Linton-Bellevue Road, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

ORDINANCE NO. 3791

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE SUBDIVISION OF A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED OFF THE LINTON-BELLEVUE ROAD IN SECTIONS 29 AND 32, TOWNSHIP 20 NORTH, RANGE 12 WEST, BOSSIER PARISH, LA.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on this 17th day of October, 2001, that it does hereby approve the subdivision of a tract of land containing 45.52 acres more or less, located off the Linton-Bellevue Road in the SW 1/4 of Section 29 and the NW 1/4 of Section 32, Township 20 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, as per survey dated July 10, 2001, prepared by John R. Bowman & Associates for Ms. Elsie Wiggins.

The ordinance was offered by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Hammack. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 17th day of October, 2001.

CHERYL G. MARTIN
SECRETARY-TREASURER

JESSE WILLIAMS, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Mr. Rogers referred to proposed improvements to Valerie Lane, and stated that Mr. Raymond Germany has expressed his opposition regarding assessment for the project because his property fronts on the Stewart Road. Mr. Germany has indicated that he does not use Valerie Lane to access his property and does not feel he should be assessed for the proposed improvements. At Mr. Germany's request, Mr. Rogers read the following provision included in the Notice of Intention of the proposed improvements: "No such assessment on any lot or parcel shall be in excess of the amount such lot or parcel shall be benefited by the proposed street paving improvements." Mr. Rogers stated that he believes the proposed improvements, as a whole, will benefit Bossier Parish.

Motion was made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to proceed with improvements to Valerie Lane, as proposed.

There was discussion on the motion. Mr. Raymond Germany addressed the jury, advising that he feels he will be required to pay a disproportionate amount. He stated that he will not benefit from the street improvements and should not be assessed. Mr. Rogers stated that a portion of Mr. Germany's lot is zoned commercially for a beauty shop, which was to be accessed via Valerie Lane. Mr. Germany offered to remove a culvert which provides access to his property off Valerie Lane, and again stated that he should not be assessed the maximum amount.

After further discussion, **votes were cast on Mr. Rogers' motion to proceed with proposed improvements to Valerie Lane. Motion carried unanimously.**

RESOLUTION

A resolution providing for the construction of paving improvements on Valerie Lane from Stewart Road to its western terminous at the eastern side of Lot 25, Jeanie Lee Estates, Unit No. 2, except that the common area lying West and North of Valerie Lane and the railroad property lying South of Valerie Lane will not be assessed due to lack of benefit, within the corporate limits of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, and outside of municipal corporations, in the manner provided by Sections 3689.1 to 3689.17 inclusive, of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 (R.S 33:3689.1 - 33:3689.17), and other constitutional and statutory authority.

WHEREAS, this Police Jury adopted a resolution on September 5, 2001, giving notice of intention to construct street paving improvements on Valerie Lane from Stewart Road to its western terminous at the eastern side of Lot 25, Jeanie Lee Estates, Unit No. 2, except that the common area lying West and North of Valerie Lane and the railroad property lying South of Valerie Lane will not be assessed due to lack of benefit, within the corporate limits of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, or such parts thereof as may be determined upon, within the corporate limits of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, and outside of municipal corporations, in compliance with the provisions of Section 3689.1 to 3689.17, inclusive, of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 (La. R. S. 33:3689.1 to 33:3689.17), and other constitutional and statutory authority; and

WHEREAS, in compliance with the aforesaid statutory authority and the aforesaid resolution of September 5, 2001, this Police Jury met in open and public session on Wednesday, October 3, 2001, at two o'clock (2:00) p.m. after publication of the notice of said public hearing on September 13, September 20, September 27, 2001, as required by law to hear and receive all objections to the proposed paving improvements, to the manner of payment therefor and to the manner in which such improvements will be made, and to consider the question as to the benefit to each lot or parcel of real estate to be assessed as a result of the construction of said improvements; and

WHEREAS, at the public hearing held on October 3, 2001, there was one protest or objection to the construction and financing of the proposed improvements in the form of an objection by the owner of Lot 7, Unit 1, Mr. Raymond Germany, on the grounds that his lot fronts on an already paved road, and that he would be paying a disproportionate assessment due to the length of his lot abutting Valerie Lane; and

WHEREAS, this Police Jury, after due consideration, has also determined that each lot or parcel of real estate to be assessed under this program will be benefited to an amount not less than

the estimated assessment to be levied against each lot or parcel of real estate as a result of the construction of said improvements; and

WHEREAS, it is now the desire of this Police Jury to proceed with the construction of the street paving improvements on Valerie Lane from Stewart Road to its western terminous at the eastern side of Lot 25, Jeanie Lee Estates, Unit No. 2, except that the common area lying West and North of Valerie Lane and the railroad property lying South of Valerie Lane will not be assessed due to lack of benefit, as hereinafter set out;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana (the "Police Jury"), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), that:

SECTION 1. This Police Jury having determined that each lot or parcel of real estate to be assessed as a result of the construction of the street improvements more fully set forth herein, will be benefited to an amount not less than the estimated assessment to be levied against each such lot or parcel of real estate, the construction of street paving improvements on the following designated street within the corporate limits of said Parish and outside of municipal corporations, be and the same is hereby ordered and directed, in accordance with the resolution of intent adopted by this Police Jury, acting as the governing authority of said Parish, on September 5, 2001, viz;

Two inch (2") thick, asphaltic concrete pavement twenty foot in width over a crushed stone base as follows:

The entire length of Valerie Lane from its intersection with Stewart Road to where it dead ends into Lot 25, Jeanie Lee Estates, Unit No. 2, Bossier Parish, Louisiana.

SECTION 2. The said improvements on Valerie Lane from Stewart Road to its western terminous at the eastern side of Lot 25, Jeanie Lee Estates, Unit No. 2, except that the common area lying West and North of Valerie Lane and the railroad property lying South of Valerie Lane will not be assessed due to lack of benefit, shall consist of the paving of hereinabove set out and as shown by plans and specifications to be prepared by the Engineer for the project and approved by the Bossier Parish Police Jury.

SECTION 3. The total cost of said project shall include the cost of street intersections, necessary ditching, curbing, guttering, aprons, drains and headers, and all other costs incidental thereto, including engineers' and attorneys' fees. The total cost of said project, after deducting

therefrom any contribution from the Parish of Bossier or any source, shall be charged to each lot or parcel of real estate abutting the street improvements in the project in proportion that the frontage of said lot or parcel of real estate bears to all of the abutting lots or parcels of real estate to be improved in said project, and said cost shall be apportioned and paid for in accordance with the provisions of Sections 3689.1 to 3689.17, inclusive, of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 (La. R. S. 33:3689.1 to 33:3689.17), and other constitutional and statutory authority, provided, however, that the assessments per front foot against abutting property shall in no event exceed the sum of Twenty-One Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$21.50) and further provided that the assessment for each lot or parcel shall not be in excess of the amount of such lot or parcel shall be benefited by said street paving improvements.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Hammack. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 17th day of October, 2001.

CHERYL G. MARTIN
SECRETARY-TREASURER

JESSE WILLIAMS, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Cochran, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to table a report from the Insurance Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Woodward reported that Porter & Associates are working on acquisition of right-of-way for installation of traffic signals at Airline Drive/Wemple Road. He stated that appraisals on the Kingston Road right-of-way are complete, and appraisals on the remainder of the Airline Drive right-of-way are being conducted.

Motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Darby, to approve the application of Lynn Rambin for a 2001 beer license at Downtown Koran, Inc., 5461 Highway 527, Haughton, LA, subject to approval by the Sheriff's Department. Motion carried unanimously. The application has been approved by the health department.

Mr. Bobby Ostteen, URS Corporation, presented a status report on the courthouse renovation/addition and jail construction projects. He reported that URS is currently meeting with architects on the jail project, and that Mr. Jackson, Parish Attorney, is working to resolve various issues regarding the purchase of property across from the existing penal farm.

Jurors were provided a copy of a proposed scope of work and cost estimate from URS for a study of the future space and personnel needs for the judicial system for Bossier Parish through the year 2025. Cost for the project is \$29,000. Mr. Ostteen stated that the data collected in this study will help identify current problems, difficulties, and issues associated with growth in each component of the judicial system, and will ultimately translate into a determination of the amount of space required to accommodate anticipated growth in the Bossier Parish court system.

There was discussion of the number of courtrooms needed to accommodate future growth. Mr. Cummings stated that all judges are not in Bossier Parish at the same time. Mr. Rogers stated that he feels the police jury needs a basis for its decision when determining the number of courtrooms needed. Mr. Ostteen stated that in expanding the courthouse, additional space can be included in the proposed expansion and designed for use as a courtroom in the future if needed. Mr.

Cummings stated that he is not in favor of allowing for vacant space. Mr. Rogers stated that the courthouse should be expanded now to accommodate the needs of Bossier Parish for 20 years, as construction costs will be much higher in the future.

After further discussion, no action was taken on this matter.

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

Mr. Woodward presented correspondence from the Webster Parish Police Jury regarding the establishment of a Lake Bistineau Commission. He stated that with the excessive amount of flooding over the past few years, there have been numerous problems on Lake Bistineau such as closing the lake during flooding, issuance of bans on boating, no wake zones, etc. The Webster Parish Police Jury has suggested that a commission be established by the three parishes adjoining Lake Bistineau to address such matters. Mr. Meachum stated that he is in favor of the proposed commission and requested that a letter be sent to Webster Parish to advise of the jury's interest in this matter.

Mr. Jackson, Parish Attorney, stated that the establishment of a Lake Bistineau Commission will require legislative approval. He stated that an interim committee could be formed by the three parishes involved while legislative approval is being obtained.

Mr. Woodward presented correspondence from the Louisiana Office of Emergency Preparedness advising of the approval by FEMA of an application for Federal assistance under the Unmet Needs Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. He stated that Federal funds in the amount of \$209,446.00 are available for the purchase of two homes in Tall Timbers Subdivision, and that the deadline for utilization of these funds is September 30, 2003. Mr. Rogers requested that a letter be sent to homeowners in Tall Timbers Subdivision to advise them of the availability of these funds.

Mr. Woodward stated that the Log Ferry Road bridge has been replaced by parish work crews and should be removed from the Louisiana Off-System Bridge Replacement Program.

Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to remove the Log Ferry Road bridge from the Louisiana Off-System Bridge Replacement Program. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Woodward advised of a request for condemnation of a house on Circle Street. Mr. Rowe, Director of Public Works, stated that the house is in poor condition, and the lot is grown up.

Motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to authorize the Parish Attorney to proceed with the condemnation of property on Circle Street, in accordance with property standards regulations. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Woodward discussed King Country Subdivision, advising that the development is located off Highway 3227 and contains one gravel road. He stated that the developer now wants to continue development of the subdivision and build two additional gravel roads, which is a violation of parish subdivision regulations. The Parish Attorney will research this matter.

Mr. Woodward presented correspondence from the Caddo-Bossier Office of Emergency Preparedness advising that Caddo and Bossier Parishes have been recognized by the National Weather Service as "Storm Ready" communities. He stated that a recognition ceremony will be held at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 24, in Shreveport Mayor Keith Hightower's conference room at the Government Plaza, 505 Travis Street, Shreveport.

Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to adopt a resolution supporting Genesis Auto Group, Inc., and allowing Genesis Auto Group, Inc., to receive the local benefits of the Enterprise Zone Program. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION STATING THE BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY'S ENDORSEMENT OF GENESIS AUTO GROUP, INC., TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BENEFITS OF THE LOUISIANA ENTERPRISE ZONE PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Act 901 of 1981, Act 337 of 1982, Act 433 of 1987, Act 1024 of 1992, Act 581 of 1995, and Act 624 and Act 647 of 1997 state the requirements of Louisiana's Enterprise Zone Program; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program offers significant incentives for economic development to some of the most distressed areas in Bossier Parish; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Economic Development designated Census Tract 105.00 Block Group 1 in Bossier Parish as "Enterprise Zone" eligible based on enabling legislation R.S. 51.21.1787-1791); and

WHEREAS, the Bossier Parish Police Jury states that this endorsement is in agreement with the Overall Economic Development Plan for the Parish of Bossier; and

WHEREAS, the **attached Enterprise Zone map has been marked** to show the location of the business being endorsed; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program requirements, the Bossier Parish Police Jury agrees:

1. To participate in the Enterprise Zone Program.
2. To assist the Department in evaluating progress made in any Enterprise Zone within its jurisdiction.
3. To rebate all local sales/use taxes, except those that are dedicated to the repayment of a bond issue, on the purchase of eligible construction materials, machinery, and equipment purchased for this project and used by the business **permanently on that site.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on this 17th day of October, 2001, that Genesis Auto Group, Inc., and their project Garry McKinney Nissan Body Shop, Enterprise Zone Application #20010411 is endorsed to participate in the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if any provision or item of this resolution is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this resolution 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 all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Johnston. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 17th day of October, 2001.

CHERYL G. MARTIN
SECRETARY-TREASURER

JESSE WILLIAMS, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Mr. Woodward presented correspondence from the State of Louisiana, Division of Administration, Facility Planning and Control, advising that the request for a line of credit for expansion of the juvenile detention center has been denied. He stated that the deadline for resubmission of a capital outlay request is November 1, 2001. It was the consensus of members to resubmit a request for capital outlay funding for expansion of the Bossier Parish Juvenile Detention Center.

Mr. Woodward advised of the request of an employee of the Bossier Parish Juvenile Detention Center for personal time off to attend court proceedings in Chicago. The employee has no vacation time available. It was decided to grant the requested time off without pay, in accordance with the facility's personnel policy.

Motion was made by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to ratify approval, via a telephone poll of jurors, to authorize Coyle Engineering Co., Inc., to proceed with surveying the Coile property across from the existing penal farm. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jackson, Parish Attorney, advised that he is currently preparing an intergovernmental agreement with the Bossier Parish Sheriff's Department in regard to the proposed maximum security jail facility.

Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Dr. Shell, to adopt a resolution supporting efforts to obtain state funding for the construction of a veterans retirement home in Bossier City, LA. Motion carried unanimously. The resolution is to be presented at the Region 4 Police Jury Association meeting to be held in Homer on October 27.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, since 1864, forty-one states have established a total of 79 state-supported homes for the veterans of this Nation; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana has only 402 beds and is authorized 974 beds for its veterans population of 490,000; and

WHEREAS, such states and the Department of Veterans Affairs support state-supported homes for the veterans, and these homes for veterans currently serve critical needs of the veterans of this nation; and

WHEREAS, such state-supported homes for veterans shall continue to serve the veterans of this nation and meet the future needs of veterans when the number of aging veterans increases at an accelerated rate in this nation; and

WHEREAS, such state-supported homes for veterans provide an important resource for the veterans of this nation, and for the families of such veterans; and

WHEREAS, the staff of such state-supported homes for veterans contribute to an enhanced quality of life for the veterans of this nation, and for the families of such veterans; and

WHEREAS, there is no veteran's facility to serve disabled and aging veterans in Northwest Louisiana; and

WHEREAS many disabled and aging veterans are domiciled in veterans facilities at a great distance from their homes or in local private facilities; and

WHEREAS, these veterans served their country in wartime and through the Cold War era at great personal sacrifice to maintain the security of America and the free world; and

WHEREAS, a state veterans home constructed in northwest Louisiana would help meet the needs of the disabled and aging veterans; and

WHEREAS, the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs will fund 65% of the construction of a state veterans home, with 35% state matching funds; and

WHEREAS, the Bossier Parish Police Jury supports the construction of a state veterans home to serve Northwest Louisiana veterans.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on this 17th day of October, 2001, that it does hereby urge the Governor and the Louisiana State Legislature to appropriate the 35% matching funds for construction of a state veterans home in Northwest Louisiana.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Avery, seconded by Dr. Shell. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 17th day of October, 2001.

CHERYL G. MARTIN
SECRETARY-TREASURER

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Mr. Woodward presented a video of property on the Antrim Road, advising that there are several abandoned vehicles at this location. **Motion was made by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to authorize the Parish Attorney to notify the owner of property on Antrim Road, in accordance with property standards regulations. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Johnston advised of the poor condition of Linda Lane, advising that four families live along this road. He requested that Linda Lane be accepted into the parish road system. **Motion was made by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to accept Linda Lane located off the Old Plain Dealing Road, into the parish road system for permanent maintenance. Motion carried unanimously.**

ORDINANCE NO. 3792

AN ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO CERTAIN SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 25 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA, BY ADDING CHAPTER 25, SECTION 2.4, "INCORPORATION OF LINDA LANE INTO PARISH MAINTENANCE SYSTEM"

WHEREAS, the Bossier Parish Police Jury has received a written petition from the occupants of at least three separate dwellings on Linda Lane pursuant to Parish Ordinance 25:2; and

WHEREAS, the District 4 Representative requested the inclusion pursuant to said ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Police Jury deemed it necessary to incorporate Linda Lane as it is in desperate need of maintenance to provide safe access for school buses, mail carriers, and the citizens of Bossier Parish.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, that the Bossier Parish Police Jury, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, in due legal and regular session convened, that the Bossier Parish Code of Ordinances be and is hereby amended by adding the following to be designated Chapter 25, Section 2.4.

LINDA LANE

Having met the requirements of Chapter 25.2, Linda Lane is incorporated into the Parish Maintenance System.

The ordinance was offered by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Mitchell. Upon the following vote, it was duly adopted on this 17th day of October, 2001.

Yeas: Mr. Altimus, Mr. Avery, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Darby, Mr. Hammack, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Meachum, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Rogers, Dr. Shell, Mr. Williams.

Abstain: None

Nays: None

Absent: None

CHERYL G. MARTIN
SECRETARY-TREASURER

JESSE WILLIAMS, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Mr. Mitchell requested that the Weaver Road off Bellevue Road be accepted in the parish road system. He stated that there are six residences on Weaver Road, and a petition signed by the residents has been requested. **Motion was made by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to accept Weaver Road located off the Bellevue Road, into the parish road system for permanent maintenance. Motion carried unanimously.**

ORDINANCE NO. 3793

AN ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO CERTAIN SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 25 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA, BY ADDING CHAPTER 25, SECTION 2.5, "INCORPORATION OF WEAVER ROAD INTO PARISH MAINTENANCE SYSTEM"

WHEREAS, the Bossier Parish Police Jury has received a written petition from the occupants of at least three separate dwellings on Weaver Road pursuant to Parish Ordinance 25:2; and

WHEREAS, the District 5 Representative requested the inclusion pursuant to said ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Police Jury deemed it necessary to incorporate Weaver Road as it is in desperate need of maintenance to provide safe access for school buses, mail carriers, and the citizens of Bossier Parish.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, that the Bossier Parish Police Jury, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, in due legal and regular session convened, that the Bossier Parish Code of Ordinances be and is hereby amended by adding the following to be designated Chapter 25, Section 2.5.

WEAVER ROAD

Having met the requirements of Chapter 25.2, Weaver Road is incorporated into the Parish Maintenance System.

The ordinance was offered by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Johnston. Upon the following vote, it was duly adopted on this 17th day of October, 2001.

Yeas: Mr. Altimus, Mr. Avery, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Darby, Mr. Hammack, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Meachum, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Rogers, Dr. Shell, Mr. Williams.

Abstain: None

Nays: None

Absent: None

CHERYL G. MARTIN
SECRETARY-TREASURER

JESSE WILLIAMS, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Mr. Avery requested that the Byrd Road be accepted into the parish road system, advising that three families live along this road. **Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to accept Byrd Road into the parish road system for permanent maintenance. Motion carried unanimously.**

ORDINANCE NO. 3794

AN ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO CERTAIN SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 25 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA, BY ADDING CHAPTER 25, SECTION 2.6, "INCORPORATION OF BYRD ROAD INTO PARISH MAINTENANCE SYSTEM"

WHEREAS, the Bossier Parish Police Jury has received a written petition from the occupants of at least three separate dwellings on Byrd Road pursuant to Parish Ordinance 25:2; and

WHEREAS, the District 6 Representative requested the inclusion pursuant to said ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Police Jury deemed it necessary to incorporate Byrd Road as it is in desperate need of maintenance to provide safe access for school buses, mail carriers, and the citizens of Bossier Parish.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, that the Bossier Parish Police Jury, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, in due legal and regular session convened, that the Bossier Parish Code of Ordinances be and is hereby amended by adding the following to be designated Chapter 25, Section 2.6.

BYRD ROAD

Having met the requirements of Chapter 25.2, Byrd Road is incorporated into the Parish Maintenance System.

The ordinance was offered by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Johnston. Upon the following vote, it was duly adopted on this 17th day of October, 2001.

Yeas: Mr. Altimus, Mr. Avery, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Darby, Mr. Hammack, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Meachum, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Rogers, Dr. Shell, Mr. Williams.

Abstain: None

Nays: None

Absent: None

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BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Mr. Jackson, Parish Attorney, advised that a meeting with Foley & Judell, Bond Counsel, is scheduled on November 9, 2001, in New Orleans, and requested confirmation of how many jurors will be able to attend.

Mr. Jackson, Parish Attorney, stated that he is submitting for review, two invoices for architect fees on the courthouse/jail projects. He provided jurors with information on cost estimates for similar projects.

Mr. Avery requested that Mr. Jackson research the contract with URS Corporation to ensure that the proposed cost of \$29,000 for a study of future judicial needs is not included in the contract.

Motion was made by Mr. Cummings, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to adjourn into executive session to discuss the matter of Billy Brooks Hudson, et. a. 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 17th day of October, 2001, the meeting was adjourned by the President at 4:00 p.m.

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