

BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY  
BENTON, LOUISIANA  
MINUTES  
February 1, 2006  
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The Bossier Parish Police Jury met in regular and legal session on this 1st day of February, 2006, at 2:00 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana. The President, Mr. Jerome Darby, called the meeting to order. The invocation was given by Mr. Eddy Shell and the pledge of allegiance was led by Mr. Hank Meachum. The Secretary-Treasurer, Ms. 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	Mr. Eddy Shell
Mr. Wayne Hammack	Mr. Jesse Williams

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Others present were Mr. Bill Altimus, Parish Administrator; Mr. Patrick Jackson, Parish Attorney, Mr. Joe E. "Butch" Ford, Jr., Parish Engineer; Ms. Cheryl Martin, Secretary-Treasurer.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Shell, to amend the agenda to add Ms. Gail Bergeron. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Mr. Scott Fafer, Get Rid of It of AR, Inc., discussed the discontinuation of garbage pickup service in areas surrounding the Town of Plain Dealing. He stated that due to rising fuel costs and increased operational expenses, it is no longer economically feasible for them to provide this service in rural areas and stated that more densely populated areas are preferred. Mr. Fafer stated that residents of the Town of Plain Dealing are charged for garbage pickup on their monthly water bill, which is collected and paid to Get Rid of It by the Town. He stated that individual billing has not been profitable, advising that often several residents will utilize the pickup service at one location and split the cost. Mr. Fafer requested that the police jury consider establishment of a garbage district which utilizes one billing system for all customers in the district. He stated that this would guarantee payment to Get Rid of It for their services.

Mr. George Horst, 137 Young Road, stated that a garbage collection service from El Dorado, AR, has offered their services in the Ivan area. Mr. Fafer stated that Get Rid of It is not looking to solicit additional business on an individual billing basis. After discussion, **motion was made by Mr. Cummings, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to refer this matter to the Health and Sanitation Committee for review. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Mr. Derek Reynolds, 211 Colonel Burt, requested that zoning signs indicate when the sale of alcohol is proposed. He further requested that current regulations be amended to increase the distance which an establishment selling alcohol must be located from a church, school, library or playground, from 300 feet to 2,000 feet measured from property line to property line. After discussion, **motion was made by Mr. Cummings, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to refer this matter to the Subdivision Regulations Committee for review. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Ms. Gail Bergeron requested that she be allowed to place a manufactured home at 204 Twin Point Drive, Twin Lake Estates, Unit No. 4. She stated that she is aware of the current moratorium on the placement of mobile or manufactured homes in Bossier Parish, and requested that the jury approve her request. Mr. Williams stated that Ms. Bergeron is a hurricane evacuee from Washington Parish, and requested that the moratorium be waived for this request only. Mr. Ford, Parish Engineer, stated that the covenants for Twin Lake Estates do allow manufactured homes in the subdivision. **Motion was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Shell, to approve the request of Gail Bergeron to place a manufactured home at 204 Twin Point Drive, Twin Lake Estates, Unit No. 4, Bossier Parish. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Sealed bids were opened and read aloud for the sale of surplus property at 2533 Wilder Street, Bossier City, LA. Minimum bid acceptable \$2,300.00.

Bidder:	Bid Amount:
Mittie McCray	\$2,300.00

Ms. Martin advised that this is the only bid received. **Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to accept the bid of Mittie McCray in the amount of \$2,300 for the sale of surplus property at 2533 Wilder Street, Bossier City, LA. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Ms. Martin announced the public hearing to consider the application of Jack Abrams to the Bossier City-Parish MPC for a Conditional Use Approval on a B-3 Lot, 5106 Benton Road, Bossier Parish, LA, for the retail sale of low content alcohol for off-premise consumption. The property is located at the northeast corner of Benton Road at its intersection with Lafitte Lane. The application received a favorable recommendation by the Bossier City-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission.

Mr. Mitch Blackman, Circle K Stores, addressed the jury. Mr. Altimus stated that there are concerns regarding traffic at this location. Mr. Sam Marsiglia, Bossier City-Parish MPC, stated that there are also concerns regarding the proposed 24-hour operation, but stated that the proposal meets all regulations. Mr. Blackman stated that they are working with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for approval to access Highway 3. Mr. Ford, Parish Engineer, advised that he has requested a traffic study at this location. **Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Shell, to table this matter pending the results of the requested traffic study.**

There was discussion on the motion. Mr. Todd Duplanous stated that they are also working with the Department of Transportation and Development on a traffic study. He stated that a turn lane is to be constructed when the proposed apartment complex is completed at this location. Mr. Marsiglia stated that this property is already zoned for commercial use, and stated that the applicant is seeking approval for alcohol sales at this time.

Ms. Susan Coddle addressed the jury and requested that a temporary moratorium be issued on future approval of

alcohol sales until an increase in the 300 feet distance requirement is considered.

**Votes were cast on Mr. Avery's motion to table the rezoning application pending the results of a traffic study. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Ms. Martin announced the public hearing to consider the application of Olde Oaks Development, LLC, to the Bossier City-Parish MPC for a zoning amendment to change the zoning classification of five tracts of land located in Section 23, Township 17 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA, from R-A, Residential-Agriculture District, to R-LD, Residential-Low Density District, for residential subdivisions. The application received a favorable recommendation by the Bossier City-Parish MPC. There being no opposition, **motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Avery, to approve the application of Olde Oaks Development, LLC, for a zoning amendment, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

ORDINANCE NO. 4083

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND BOSSIER PARISH ORDINANCE NO. 3908 OF 2003, WHICH ADOPTED A UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE FOR THE BOSSIER CITY-PARISH METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION AND THE PARISH OF BOSSIER, LOUISIANA, BY CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF FIVE TRACTS OF LAND LOCATED IN SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 17 NORTH, RANGE 12 WEST, BOSSIER PARISH, LA, FROM R-A, RESIDENTIAL-AGRICULTURE DISTRICT, TO R-LD, RESIDENTIAL-LOW DENSITY DISTRICT.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on this 1st day of February, 2006, that Ordinance No. 3908 of 2003 (Unified Development Code) of the Police Jury of Bossier Parish, is hereby amended to change the zoning classification of five tracts of land located in Section 23, Township 17 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA, from R-A, Residential-Agriculture District, to R-LD, Residential-Low Density District, as follows:

Tract No. 1 (Sligo Enterprises, Inc.): 92.88 acres, more or less, located in Section 23, T17N-R12W, Bossier Parish, Louisiana;

Tract No. 2 (Dennis & Margie Bamburg Individually): 13.461 acres, more or less, located in Section 23, T17N-R12W, Bossier Parish, Louisiana;

Tract No. 3 (Dennis & Margie Bamburg Individually): 22.33 acres, more or less, located in Sections 23 and 26, T17N-R12W, Bossier Parish, Louisiana;

Tract No. 4 (Dennis & Margie Bamburg Individually): 31.357 acres, more or less, located in Section 23, T17N-R12W, Bossier Parish, Louisiana;

Tract No. 5 (Sligo Enterprises, Inc.): 2.96 acres, more or less, located in Section 23, T17N-R12W, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, from R-A, Residential-Agriculture District, to R-LD, Residential-Low Density District, for additions to a residential subdivision. (Municipal Police Employees Retirement System of Louisiana)

Applicant: Olde Oaks Development, LLC

Purpose: Residential Subdivisions

The ordinance was offered by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Avery. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 1st day of February, 2006.

CHERYL G. MARTIN

SECRETARY-TREASURER

JEROME DARBY, PRESIDENT  
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

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Ms. Martin announced the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the Island Park Boulevard Street Dedication, located in Section 15, Township 17, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA. Mr. Travis Sturdivant, Smith and Raley, Inc., was present. Mr. Ford stated that a master plan for the development has been provided. He stated that the proposed development is located on the west side of the Red River near the old Hamels Park property. Mr. Sturdivant stated that a portion of the property is located in Bossier Parish, but is within the jurisdiction of the Shreveport Metropolitan Planning Commission. He stated that both the Caddo Parish Commission and the Shreveport MPC have approved the proposal. There being no opposition, **motion was made by Mr. Shell, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to approve the plat of the proposed Island Park Boulevard Street Dedication. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Ms. Martin announced the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Island Park Subdivision, Unit No. 1, located in Section 15, Township 17, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA. There being no opposition, **motion was made by Mr. Shell, seconded by Mr. Williams, to approve the plat of the proposed development of Island Park Subdivision, Unit No. 1, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Ms. Martin announced the public hearing to consider approval of the plats of the proposed development of Island Park Garden Homes, Units 1 and 2, located in Section 15, Township 17, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA. There being no opposition, **motion was made by Mr. Shell, seconded by Mr. Williams, to approve the plats of the proposed development of Island Park Garden Homes, Units 1 and 2, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Ms. Martin announced the public hearing to consider approval of the plats of the proposed development of Island Park Town Homes, Unit No. 1, located in Section 15, Township 17, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA. There being no opposition, **motion was made by Mr. Shell, seconded by Mr. Williams, to approve the plats of the proposed development of Island Park Town Homes, Unit 1, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Mr. Cochran reported that he visited with officials from Bossier Parish Technical College to discuss their request for funds in the amount of \$9,800., advising that the Bossier Parish School Board contributes over \$200,000 annually to the school for supplies, etc. He stated that this is a good school and that he feels the police jury should try to assist them in providing the funds needed to purchase the requested supplies and equipment. **Motion was made by Mr. Cochran, seconded by Mr. Shell, to approve the request of Bossier Parish Technical College for funds in the amount of \$9,800, to be divided among police jurors. Motion carried unanimously.** It was noted that the funds contributed will come from regular discretionary recreational funds and that no matching funds will be used.

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Jurors were provided photos of property at 5414 Amber Circle, Benton, LA, for review. **Motion was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Shell, to initiate proceedings for the condemnation of property at 5414 Amber Circle, Benton, LA, in accordance with property standards regulations. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Mr. Rogers reported on a meeting of the Building and Grounds Committee regarding a request of the Bossier Parish Sheriff's Department for additional maintenance personnel at the parish jails. He stated that the committee recommends that one additional maintenance employee be hired at a maximum salary of \$30,000 plus fringe benefits. **Motion was made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Avery, to accept the recommendation of the Building and Grounds Committee to hire an additional maintenance employee at parish jail facilities at a maximum salary of \$30,000, plus fringe benefits, with the police jury and the Bossier Sheriff's Department dividing the cost equally. Motion carried unanimously.** Any increase in salary will be agreed upon by both parties.

Mr. Rogers stated that there was also discussion of the two prison work crew buses, advising that the police jury currently pays one-half the costs of employee salary and fringe for employees manning one of the buses and pays one-fourth the costs of employee salary and fringe for the second bus. The remaining costs are paid by the Bossier Parish Sheriff's Department. He stated that it is recommended that an additional \$25,000 be contributed toward the cost of employee salary and fringe for operation of the prison work crew buses. **Motion was made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Altimus, to approve an additional \$25,000 toward employee costs for operation of the prison work crew buses. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Mr. Altimus advised that the limit allowed for public works projects in Bossier Parish has increased to \$135,330.00 for 2006. **Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to acknowledge that the limit allowed for public works projects in Bossier Parish without bid requirements, is increased to \$135,330.00 for the year 2006. Motion carried unanimously.**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Hammack to table discussion of tax renewals for the health unit and highway department, to be considered at the February 15, 2006 regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Mr. Altimus advised that he is awaiting the results of an appraisal of the old highway department property in Haughton.

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Mr. Altimus advised that an old apartment complex in Plain Dealing has been adjudicated to the parish and advised that the Town of Plain Dealing has requested that it be declared as surplus property and sold. **Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to declare adjudicated property at 209 E. Vinnie Street, Plain Dealing, as surplus, to be advertised for bids, with the condition that renovation of this property must begin within 90 days of the sale.**

**Motion carried unanimously.** Minimum acceptable bid is \$1,417.21 and bids are to be received March 1, 2006.

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Mr. Altimus presented a publication by the Northwest Louisiana Council of Governments containing information regarding the Airline Drive road project and the Crouch Road project.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to declare adjudicated property at Lot 11, Block D of Lots 5, 6, 7, and the S ½ of Lot 8, Mack Bayou Plantation, Bossier City, Bossier Parish, LA, as surplus, to be advertised for bids, minimum acceptable bid \$3,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.** Bids are to be received March 1, 2006.

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Jurors were provided information on road projects completed within their districts during 2005.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to approve 10 additional sick days in 2006 for Louise Efferson, an employee of the Bossier Parish Juvenile Detention Center. Motion carried unanimously.**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Altimus, to approve a request of the First Methodist Church of Benton to adopt a portion of Airline Drive from the church to Kingston Road for a trash pickup program, and to authorize the highway department to install signs on this portion of the road indicating the program. Motion carried unanimously.**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to schedule a public hearing on March 1, 2006, to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Seven Pines Road Estates, located in Section 17, Township 20 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA. Motion carried unanimously.**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to accept the streets and drainage in The Colony, Unit No. 3, into the parish road system for permanent maintenance. Motion carried unanimously.**

#### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on the 1st day of February, 2006, has received a request from Raley and Associates, Inc., that the parish accept into its system for permanent maintenance the streets and drainage in The Colony, Unit No. 3, Bossier Parish, Louisiana.

WHEREAS, the said streets and drainage have been completed in accordance with the specifications of the Bossier Parish Police Jury; and

WHEREAS, a two-year maintenance bond has been executed in favor of the Bossier Parish Police Jury to guarantee against failure of said streets and drainage as to material and workmanship as required by Chapter 110, Section 110-201 of the Bossier Parish Code of Ordinances.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Bossier Parish Police Jury that it does accept the two-year maintenance bond of H & H Contracting Co., Inc., for maintenance, including labor and materials, for the above captioned streets and drainage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Bossier Parish Police Jury does hereby accept into the parish maintenance system for continuous maintenance, the streets and drainage located in The Colony, Unit No. 3, Bossier Parish, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Court, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, together with the maintenance bond.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Johnston. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 1st day of February, 2006.

CHERYL G. MARTIN  
SECRETARY-TREASURER

JEROME DARBY, PRESIDENT  
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

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Mr. Ford advised of a request for acceptance of Liberty Road into the parish road system. He stated that Liberty Road is a private gravel road and that the landowner has advised that he will sell the needed right-of-way to the parish for an amount of \$800. Mr. Cathcart stated that the cost to repair Liberty Road is approximately \$20,000. **Motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Shell, to authorize payment of \$800 for the purchase of right-of-way for acceptance of Liberty Road into the parish road maintenance system, and to proceed with repair of the road upon finalization of right-of-way acquisition. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Mr. Ford updated jurors on the courthouse renovation/addition project, advising of an additional cost of approximately \$3,300 for relocating the copy machine in the police jury office to a more central location. He stated that tables in the smaller courtrooms are too long and will have to be shortened at a cost of approximately \$400 each, advising that reimbursement for this charge will be requested from the architect. Mr. Ford advised that podiums in the courtrooms must be relocated, and stated that this change will cost approximately \$5,000 and will result in an additional 20 contract days. He stated that microphones in the police jury meeting room will be replaced with the type that is currently being used.

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Ms. Dodson, Assistant Secretary, advised that the Bossier Parish Sheriff's Department has denied approval of the application of Mohammad Zeidan for a 2006 beer license at King's Corner based on the results of its criminal background investigation of the applicant. **Motion was made by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to deny the application of Mohammad Zeidan for a 2006 beer license at Kings Corner based on the recommendation of the Bossier Parish Sheriff's Department. Motion carried unanimously.**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to approve the application of Jesse Bryant for a 2006 beer license at Bistineau Bar & Grill, 3210 Highway 527, Elm Grove, LA. Motion carried unanimously.** The application has been approved by the Health Department and the Sheriff's Department.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Cummings, to schedule a public hearing on March 1, 2006, to consider approval of the application of the Bossier City-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission for an amendment to the Unified Development Code to allow mini-warehouses as a Conditional Use in the R-A, Residential Agriculture District. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Mr. Cathcart, Public Works Director, advised that the new grapppler truck is on site for jurors to see. He requested that the Health and Sanitation Committee meet to review the matter of when and how the truck will be used. **Motion was made by Mr. Cummings, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to refer to the Health and Sanitation Committee, the matter of determining the scheduled usage of the new grapppler truck. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Mr. Cathcart reported that mosquito control personnel will begin larvacide treatments now, advising that early signs indicate that mosquitoes will be a problem this year.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Shell, to approve the reappointment of Mr. Cyril Hicks to the Benton-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission Board of Directors for a six-year term which expires 1/1/2012. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Mr. Williams advised of a request from the Cypress-Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District for assistance in improvements at the beach area at Cypress Lake. **Motion was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Shell, to authorize parish work crews to assist in improvements at the Cypress Lake beach, and to provide sand for the project. Motion carried unanimously.**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Shell, that Mr. Hammack and Mr. Shell will contribute \$400 each from recreational discretionary funds to Elm Grove Middle School for an after-school tutoring program. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Mr. Altimus reported on a meeting he attended in Baton Rouge regarding mobile homes versus modular homes, advising that he now has a better understanding of the definition of a modular home.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to send notice to the owner of property at 6462 Highway 80 advising that the property is in violation of property standards regulations. Motion carried unanimously.**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to send 10-day notice to the owner of**

**property at 154 Skipper Drive advising that the property is in violation of property standards regulations. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Mr. Mitchell reported that efforts are being made to clean up property at 1110 Bellevue Road.

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Mr. Mitchell reported on a meeting of the Bossier Chamber of Commerce, advising that the police jury was commended for its efforts on various projects in the parish.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Cummings, to send 10-day notice to the owner of property at 1864 Camp Zion Road advising that the property is in violation of property standards regulations. Motion carried unanimously.**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to send 10-day notice to the owner of property located at the corner of Sligo Road and Highway 157 advising that the property is in violation of property standards regulations. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Mr. Avery advised that the construction of an additional unit of Rosedale Place Subdivision is proposed, and recommended that no additional units be approved until all issues between the developer and the homeowners association are resolved. **Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Altimus, to authorize Mr. Sam Marsiglia, Bossier City-Parish Director, to notify the developers of Rosedale Place Subdivision of the jury's intention that no additional units of the subdivision will be approved until all financial issues with the homeowners association are resolved. Motion carried unanimously.**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Meachum, to approve a request of the Northwest LA Trail Riders Association to hold a three-day trail ride from Minden to Frierson, subject to approval of the Bossier Parish Sheriff's Department. Motion carried unanimously.**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Cummings, to amend the agenda to adjourn into executive session to discuss the matter of Bossier Parish Police Jury vs. City of Shreveport/Hollywood Casino. Motion carried, with the following vote recorded:**

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

**NAYS: None**

**ABSTAIN: None**

**ABSENT: None**

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The meeting was reconvened and called to order by the President. Mr. Jackson, Parish Attorney, advised of a request from the District Attorney that Criminal Court Fund asset forfeiture money be used to purchase new furniture for the District Attorney offices. The matter is to be discussed at a later date.

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There were visitors in the audience who expressed concern regarding how the proposed expansion of Olde Oaks Subdivision will affect their property. Mr. Ford, Parish Engineer, will address this issue.

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There being no further business to come before the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 1st day of February, 2006, the meeting was adjourned by the President at 4:30 p.m.

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