

BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY
BENTON, LOUISIANA
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The Bossier Parish Police Jury met in regular and legal session on the 20th day of March, 2013, at 2:00 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana. The President, Mr. Jimmy Cochran, called the meeting to order. The invocation was given by Mr. Doug Rimmer, and the pledge of allegiance was led by Mr. Wayne Hammack. The Parish Secretary, Ms. Cindy Dodson, called the roll, with all members present, as follows:

Mr. Rick Avery	Mr. Jerome Darby, Excused
Ms. Wanda Bennett	Mr. Wayne Hammack
Mr. Glenn Benton	Mr. Mac Plummer
Mr. Bob Brotherton	Mr. Doug Rimmer
Mr. Jimmy Cochran	Mr. Fred Shewmake
Mr. Sonny Cook	Mr. Jack Skaggs

Others present were Mr. Bill Altimus, Parish Administrator; Mr. Patrick Jackson, Parish Attorney; Mr. Joe E. "Butch" Ford, Jr., Parish Engineer; Ms. Cindy Dodson, Parish Secretary.

Motion was made by Mr. Plummer, seconded by Mr. Brotherton, to adopt the minutes of the February 6, 2013, and the February 20, 2013, regular meetings, and the February 20, 2013, Finance Committee meeting, as published.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Ryan Smith, President and Co-Founder of Good Market, a new local business comprised of various technology businesses planning to build an online market place to enable small businesses, vendors, and individuals to sell their products. He stated that a portion of the online sales will go to support charitable and non-profit organizations. Mr. Smith requested that the police jury support their efforts in participating in an event called "Do Good Weekend", which is an event modeled after Startup Weekend. Mr. Smith stated that this event is a 54 hour competition where business development professionals, marketing professionals, and engineers come together to build companies, and includes social entrepreneurs as speakers that are concerned with social impact in the community.

Mr. Smith advised of a proposed coding competition focused on local engineers developing free web applications or smart phone applications for non-profit groups in the Shreveport-Bossier area. He stated that they are planning to host a live trade fair on the last weekend of April, for vendors who support non-profit organizations, and advised that he will provide additional information once a date is set. Mr. Smith stated that Good Market plans to bring several events to this area, advising that their philosophy is built around the simple phrase "to do good". He stated that Good Market looks forward to working in the Shreveport-Bossier area.

Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Skaggs, to authorize the advertising for bids for the Wemple Road Reconstruction-Phase I, Project No. 2013-347, bids to be received May 8, 2013.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.**

Ms. Dodson announced the public hearing to consider the application of J. Andrew Craig/Mohr and Associates/Pinpoint Assisted Living, to the Bossier City-Parish MPC, for a zoning amendment to change the zoning classification of a tract of land containing 3.89 acres, located at 5239 Airline Drive, in Section 28, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA, from R-A, Residential-Agriculture District, to B-1, Commercial Office District, for an assisted living facility. The application received a favorable recommendation from the Bossier City-Parish MPC.

Mr. Andy Craig, Mohr and Associates, stated that the construction of an assisted living facility at 5239 Airline Drive is proposed. He stated that the Bossier City-Parish MPC has approved the requested zoning amendment.

There being no opposition, **motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to approve the application of J. Andrew Craig/Mohr and Associates/Pinpoint Assisted Living, to the Bossier City-Parish MPC, for a zoning amendment to change the zoning classification of a tract of land containing 3.89 acres, located at 5239 Airline Drive, in Section 28, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA, from R-A, Residential-Agriculture District, to B-1, Commercial Office District, for an assisted living facility.**

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.**

ORDINANCE NO. 4475

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 A TRACT OF LAND CONTAINING 3.89 ACRES, LOCATED AT 5239 AIRLINE DRIVE, IN SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST, BOSSIER PARISH, LA, FROM R-A, RESIDENTIAL-AGRICULTURE DISTRICT, TO B-1, COMMERCIAL OFFICE DISTRICT, FOR AN ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY

BE IT ORDAINED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on this 20th day of March, 2013, 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 a tract of land containing 3.89 acres, located at 5239 Airline Drive, in Section 28, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA, from R-A, Residential-Agriculture District, to B-1, Commercial Office District, for an assisted living facility, being more particularly described as follows:

A tract of land located in the Northwest 1/4 of Section 28, T19N-R13W, Bossier Parish, Louisiana and being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the Northeast corner of Lot 1, Willow Creek Subdivision, Unit 1, also being the Point of Beginning, run

North 00° 10' 11" East a distance of 580.44'; thence run North 89° 42' 00" West a distance of 237.98'; thence run South 40° 46' 44" West a distance of 341.67'; thence run South 48° 14' 00" East a distance of 346.49'; thence run South 00° 13' 50" West a distance of 91.56' to the Northwest corner of Lot 1, Willow Creek Subdivision, Unit 1, thence run along the northerly line of said Lot 1 South 89° 49' 49" East a distance of 201.35' to the Point of Beginning.
Said track contains 4.25 acres.

Applicant: J. Andrew Craig/Mohr and Associates/Pinpoint Assisted Living

Purpose: Assisted living facility

The ordinance was offered by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Rimmer. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 20th day of March, 2013.

CINDY A. DODSON
PARISH SECRETARY

JIMMY COCHRAN, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Ms. Dodson announced the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Willow Trace Subdivision, Unit No. 2, located in Section 36, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

Mr. Travis Sturdivant, Raley & Associates, Inc., stated that the proposed development is a continuation of the existing unit of Willow Trace Subdivision. He stated that Willow Trace Subdivision, Unit No. 2, will maintain the same restrictive covenants as Unit 1 of the development and will consist of stick-built homes only, advising that no mobile homes are allowed. He stated that the plat has been approved by the Bossier City-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission.

There being no opposition, **motion was made by Mr. Skaggs, seconded by Mr. Avery, to approve the plat of the proposed development of Willow Trace Subdivision, Unit No. 2, located in Section 36, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA.**

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.**

Motion was made by Mr. Skaggs, seconded by Mr. Avery, to schedule a public hearing on April 17, 2013, to consider the application of Travis Sturdivant, to the Bossier City-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission for a zoning amendment to change the zoning classification of a tract of land containing 59.96 acres, located in Section 36, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA, from R-A, Residential-Agriculture District, to R-E, Residential Estate District, for an extension of Willow Trace Subdivision.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Mike Vetkoetter, Bossier Parish Property Standards Officer, presented current photographs of property at 1031 Wemple Road, Bossier City, LA, advising that the home has been burned down. He stated that the remaining ash and debris will be removed this week and recommended that condemnation proceedings be dismissed, with the understanding that he will continue to monitor the property.

Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to dismiss condemnation proceedings on property at 1031 Wemple Road, Bossier City, LA.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.** Mr. Vetkoetter is to continue to monitor the property.

Mr. Vetkoetter reported on a meeting of the Property Standards Board of Review, advising that it is recommended that a condemnation hearing be scheduled to consider condemnation of property at 205 Flagg Drive, Haughton, LA.

Motion was made by Mr. Rimmer, seconded by Mr. Benton, to schedule a condemnation hearing on April 3, 2013, to consider condemnation of property at 205 Flagg Drive, Haughton, LA.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Benton, Chairman of the Road/Subdivision Regulations Committee, reported on a meeting of that committee, advising that he, Ms. Bennett, Mr. Cook, Mr. Plummer, and Mr. Shewmake were present. He stated that Mr. Andrews, Mr. Altimus, Mr. Charles Adams, Mr. Paul Rossini, Mr. Ford, Mr. Jackson, and Mr. Nguyen Kha were also present. Other jurors present were Mr. Rimmer and Mr. Brotherton.

Mr. Benton stated that the committee discussed the possibility of imposing a fee for streetlights in new subdivisions, with the proposed fee being added to the sewer bill for residents of the development. He stated that the lack of streetlights in subdivisions is a safety concern, and it is the recommendation of the Road/Subdivision Regulations Committee that Mr. Ford and Mr. Jackson review this matter.

Mr. Ford stated that the committee also discussed the request of Mr. Bryan Camp for approval to develop a proposed subdivision with drainage located in the center of the streets versus drainage with a crown slope. He stated that he and Mr. Hammack will look at subdivisions in the area with this type of street and drainage construction.

Mr. Ford stated that the committee discussed recommendations by NTB Associates, Inc., for Kingston Road improvements.

Mr. Ford advised that the committee discussed Harbor Landing Road, stating that the committee recommends that the road be paved and converted to a one-way road. He stated that this matter will be placed on the April 3, 2013, agenda for further discussion.

Ms. Bennett stated that the Police Jury Association Legislative Day is scheduled for May 1, 2013, which is a police jury meeting day. She stated that it is important that police jurors attend this event and suggested that the May 1, 2013, regular meeting be rescheduled. After further discussion, **motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to reschedule the May 1, 2013, regular police jury meeting, to be held on April 30, 2013, at 2:00 p.m.**

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.**

Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Benton, to adopt a resolution supporting nomination of the Honorable James D. Healy to the National Freight Advisory Committee.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.**

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation is establishing a National Freight Advisory Committee (NFAC) and soliciting nominations for membership; and

WHEREAS, the NFAC will provide advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Transportation on matters related to freight transportation in the United States, including: (1) Implementation of the freight transportation requirements of MAP 21; (2) Establishment of the National Freight Network; (3) Development of a National Freight Strategic Plan; (4) Development of strategies to help States implement State Freight Advisor Committee and State Freight Plans; and (5) Development of measures of conditions and performance in freight transportation; (6) Development of freight transportation investment, data, and planning tools; and (7) Legislative recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Transportation has requested nominations for members of the Committee to ensure a wide range of members and a balanced Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Transportation will appoint committee members with a view toward achieving varied perspectives on freight transportation, including from government bodies, and seeking to balance the interests of many groups including those of local elected officials; and

WHEREAS, Counties play an integral role in the movement of freight in America owning and operating: 44% of all public roads and highways; 228,026 bridges of all kinds; 27% of public transit systems; and 30% of public airports; and

WHEREAS, Elected County Officials play a key role in economic development efforts in their regions and development of new regional transportation infrastructure, serving on, or being actively involved in, all of the nations Port Authorities, Metropolitan Planning Organizations and Development Organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable James D. Healy, County Commissioner, serves as Transportation Chairman for the National Association of Counties (NACo), having also served NACo as Chairman of the Highway, Airport and Transit Authorization Sub-Committees, and serves as a member of the Board of Directors for the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC), and served as the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Transportation and Public Works Committees in his home County, as well as a past member of his local regional planning organization;

WHEREAS, the Honorable James D. Healy has been a vocal proponent of local governments working together in cooperation with the freight, shipping and railroad industries, hosting the first freight/railroad summit last year bringing together 250 local elected officials and representatives of the freight, shipping and railroad industry, and is singularly responsible for the positive dialogue now occurring between local government officials and the railroad industry.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury that it does hereby request the Secretary of Transportation to appoint the Honorable James D. Healy, County Commissioner, as a member of the NFAC Committee, to represent the views and interests of local governments in America.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Shewmake. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 20th day of March, 2013.

CINDY A. DODSON
PARISH SECRETARY

JIMMY COCHRAN, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Avery, to accept the resignation of Mr. Elvin Ervin from the Northeast Bossier Parish Fire District No. 5 Board of Commissioners.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.** Mr. Avery requested that a letter of appreciation be sent to Mr. Ervin for his service to the Board of Commissioners.

Motion was made by Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Avery, to appoint Ms. Allison Green to the Board of Commissioners for Northeast Bossier Parish Fire District No. 5, to fill a vacancy due to the resignation of Mr. Elvin Ervin. Ms. Green's term will expire December 31, 2014.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.**

Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to adopt a resolution of appreciation to Ms. Jean Andrews Wallace for her years of service at the Bossier Office of Public Health.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.**

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Ms. Jean Andrews Wallace is retiring as a registered dietician for the Bossier Office of Public Health; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Wallace obtained her Bachelor of Science in 1981, and a Masters in Business Administration in 1986 from Louisiana Tech University; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Wallace began working at All Saints Episcopal Hospital in Fort Worth, Texas, as Clinical Dietitian for Cardiac, Wellness, Oncology, and Diabetes from 1981 through 1983, and from 1983 through 1985 served as Corporate Dietitian at Jewell Family Enterprises in Arlington, Texas, for long-term care in Texas, Kansas, and California; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Wallace served as Director of Food and Nutrition at Ruston State School from 1986 through

1987, and from 1988 through 1989 served as Director of Food and Nutrition for Northwest Louisiana Rehabilitation Hospital in Ruston, LA; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Wallace began working as Public Health Nutritionist at the Bossier Office of Public Health in 1989 until 2013, and assisted as nutritionist for the Women, Infant and Children’s Supplemental Feeding Program, Office of Public Health, Department of Health and Human Resources, Northwest Region VII, State of Louisiana. She served by providing nutrition advice and counseling to pregnant, post-partum and breastfeeding women and caregivers of infants and children, family planning and genetics patients in North Louisiana Parish Health Units, Out-Patient Cardiac Pediatric Clinic at LSUHSC and Neurology Clinics in Children’s Special Health Services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 20th day of March, 2013, that it does hereby express its sincere appreciation to Ms. Jean Andrews Wallace for her years of loyal dedication and service as a registered dietician for the Bossier Office of Public Health, and does extend its deepest gratitude to Ms. Wallace for her willingness to serve the citizens of Bossier Parish.

The resolution was offered by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Hammack. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 20th day of March, 2013.

CINDY A. DODSON
PARISH SECRETARY

JIMMY COCHRAN, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Ms. Bennett, to approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion of the Catch Basin-Multiple Locations (Bridgewater Bay/Dogwood Park Subdivisions) Drainage Project No. 2012-358, and to authorize the President to execute documents.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.**

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 20th day of March, 2013, that it does hereby approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion of the Catch Basin-Multiple Locations (Bridgewater Bay/Dogwood Park Subdivisions) Drainage Project No. 2012-358.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Jimmy Cochran, President, be and is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents in connection with said Certificate of Substantial Completion.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Benton, seconded by Ms. Bennett. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 20th day of March, 2013.

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PARISH SECRETARY

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Mr. Altimus advised that due to sequestration, the Defenders of Liberty Barksdale Air Show has been cancelled for 2013. He stated that the cancellation of the air show will have a negative economic impact for the Shreveport-Bossier area. He further stated that the Shreveport-Bossier Military Affairs Council will reimburse the police jury its \$25,000 appropriation made for the air show.

Mr. Altimus stated that the police jury is hosting the Mayor’s Quarterly Breakfast scheduled for Wednesday, April 10, 2013, at 7:30 a.m. at the Bossier Civic Center. He requested that jurors advise the staff if they plan to attend.

Mr. Altimus stated that the Legislative Session begins at 12:00 p.m. on April 8, 2013.

Mr. Altimus provided a report on his attendance at the NACo Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C. He stated that the Transportation Security Administration is partnering with various agencies to consider a passenger pre-screening initiative.

Mr. Altimus reported on a meeting of the Airport Subcommittee regarding the closure of several airport control towers throughout the United States.

Mr. Altimus stated that the Environmental Protection Agency has expressed interest in reducing emissions by lowering octane contained in airplane fuel.

Mr. Altimus reported on the Ports Subcommittee meeting, advising that the lack of funding for dredging of channels at U.S. ports was discussed. He stated that the Panama Canal has been widened to allow larger ships through the canal, and this has created a need for additional dredging for the larger ships to travel the East Coast.

Mr. Altimus reported on the Highway Safety Subcommittee, advising that Congress has passed Map 21, which is a 27-month road program. He stated that Congress is working to promulgate the rules of disbursement of funds for this program.

Mr. Altimus provided information regarding proposed vehicle safety standards referred to as connected vehicles. He stated that this safety standard will allow vehicles to notify the driver of the location of another vehicle by alerting that a vehicle is located in a blind spot or following too close.

Mr. Altimus reported that railroad freight movement is on the rise in the United States. He stated that federal funding for Amtrak has been reduced, but they are working to improve Amtrak services.

Mr. Altimus reported on the Gulf Counties & Parishes Oil Spill Task Force meeting, advising that the Restore Act was discussed. He stated that representatives of the states of Florida, Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas expressed concern that they are not included in federal discussions when a disaster happens in the Gulf of Mexico.

Mr. Altimus reported on the Fiscal Cliff that was effective March 1st, providing information regarding federal funding cuts. He stated that as part of tax reform, removing the tax-exempt status from Municipal Bonds is being considered.

Mr. Altimus stated that NACo is offering a dental plan, and stated that he has requested additional information for the Parish Attorney’s review.

Mr. Altimus presented a proposed lease agreement from the Natural Resources Conservation Service for the

leasing of office space in the courthouse annex. He stated that due to strict federal building requirements noted in the lease, he does not recommend leasing the space at this time. The jury concurred.

Mr. Altimus presented documents from KTBS Channel 3 providing a breakdown of how the jury's contribution to the 2012 Independence Day event was utilized.

Mr. Altimus advised that the 2013 NACo Annual Conference and Exposition is scheduled for July 19-22, 2013, in Fort Worth, TX, and requested that jurors interested in attending this conference contact the staff.

Mr. Altimus advised that ethics training classes are scheduled for Friday, March 22, 2013, at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. in the Police Jury Meeting Room.

Jurors were provided a copy of district highway reports.

In response to question by Mr. Benton, Mr. Jackson advised that employees of the Registrar of Voters office are covered under the State Retirement Plan. He stated that the retirement plan is funded by the parish and the state, and that there has been an increase in the parish's portion for retirement for these employees.

Mr. Ford stated that a meeting with developers and engineers is scheduled on Thursday, March 21, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. in the police jury office to discuss a proposed amended utilities ordinance for the parish.

Mr. Ford stated that bids were received for State Project No. 713-08-0111/H.006043, F.A.P. 0810(515), Dogwood Trail Bridge over Red Chute Bayou, advising that James Construction Group was low bidder for the project. He stated that construction should begin on May 15th, and it is anticipated that the project will be complete by August 15th.

Mr. Ford stated that he has received a recommendation from Coyle Engineering Co., Inc., for minor changes at Parks Road and Crouch Road, and that parish crews will be making those improvements.

Mr. Ford reported on a workshop hosted by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development regarding roadway departures. He stated that Louisiana has developed a highway safety plan called Destination Zero Deaths, advising that 54 percent of road fatalities on roadways occur due to a vehicle running off the road or head-on collisions. Mr. Ford stated that low-cost road improvements were introduced at the workshop which may help to reduce roadway fatalities. Mr. Ford stated that according to statistics, approximately half of the fatalities occur on parish roadways.

Mr. Ford advised that the Louisiana Transportation Research Center has scheduled a class on April 10, 2013, at 12:00 p.m., to discuss proper roadway signage for curves. He stated that LTRC has been monitoring all accidents in Louisiana for the last several years, and will be able to determine if there is a pattern on certain roadways and/or curves that have the most fatalities. He advised that with that information, the parish can review ways to improve its roadways for public safety. Mr. Ford stated that the parish will begin installing a 30 degree safety edge on certain parish roadways in an effort to improve safety. He further stated that the parish will be conducting traffic counts on parish roadways to determine which roadways have a higher volume of traffic and categorize the roads as primary, secondary or subdivision roads.

Mr. Benton expressed concern regarding the time of completion on the fencing and lighting project at the Lawson Bo Brandon Sports Complex, formerly known as the Princeton Sports Complex. Mr. Ford is to review the number of contract days for this project.

Mr. Easterly presented Supplemental Agreement No. 1 between the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, Northwest Louisiana Council of Government, and Bossier Parish Police Jury for the Bossier North/South Corridor Project, Winfield Road Extension Project, Wafer Road Extension, and Wemple Road Extension. He stated that this supplemental agreement amends Article VII: Right-of-Way Acquisition, Article IX: Construction Administration and Inspection, and Article XII: Cost Reimbursements, of the original agreement executed on October 2, 2012. Mr. Easterly requested that Mr. Altimus be authorized to execute Supplemental Agreement No. 1, as presented.

Motion was made by Mr. Rimmer, seconded by Mr. Shewmake, to amend the agenda to consider approval of Supplemental Agreement No. 1 to the Original Agreement between the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, Northwest Louisiana Council of Government, and Bossier Parish Police Jury for the Bossier North/South Corridor Project, Winfield Road Extension Project, Wafer Road Extension, and Wemple Road Extension, and to authorize the Parish Administrator to execute documents.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **motion carried, with the following vote recorded:**

AYES: Mr. Avery, Ms. Bennett, Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Cook, Mr. Hammack, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Shewmake, Mr. Skaggs
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Mr. Darby

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Shewmake, to approve Supplemental Agreement No. 1 to the Original Agreement between the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, Northwest Louisiana Council of Government, and Bossier Parish Police Jury for the Bossier North/South Corridor Project,

Winfield Road Extension Project, Wafer Road Extension, and Wemple Road Extension, and to authorize the Parish Administrator to execute documents.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.**

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 20th day of March, 2013, that William Altimus, Parish Administrator, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Bossier Parish Police Jury, Supplemental Agreement No. 1 to the Original Agreement between the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, Northwest Louisiana Council of Government, and Bossier Parish Police Jury for the Bossier North/South Corridor Project, Winfield Road Extension Project, Wafer Road Extension, and Wemple Road Extension.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Shewmake. Upon vote, it was duly adopted on this 20th day of March, 2013.

CINDY A. DODSON
PARISH SECRETARY

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Mr. Easterly advised that the Caplis-Sligo Road Bridge is scheduled to be closed April 10, 2013, for repairs.

Mr. Easterly advised that plans and specifications for the sewer treatment plant are to be submitted to the Louisiana Office of Facility Planning and Control on Friday for review and approval.

Mr. Ronnie Andrews, Public Works Director, presented an update on activities of the highway department and on several road projects in the parish. He stated that several drainage issues are being addressed throughout the parish.

Mr. Andrews presented photographs of the following condemned properties, which have been cleaned up by parish work crews:

- 113 Lone Oak Drive, Benton, LA
- 1006 Trey Avenue, Benton, LA
- 606 Pine Cone Drive, Haughton, LA
- 176 DeMoss Hill Road, Plain Dealing, LA

Mr. Andrews advised that a lien on the properties will be filed with the 26th Judicial District Clerk of Court's Office.

Mr. Rimmer reported on a webinar he participated in discussing the impact of changing the tax-exempt status of municipal bonds and how this will affect local governing bodies.

Mr. Rimmer advised that the Benton Rotary Club extended its appreciation to the police jury for its continued support.

Mr. Jackson advised that a meeting will be scheduled at the beginning of April to discuss issues that require immediate action at Camp Minden, and requested that Mr. Cochran and/or Mr. Altimus be available to attend the meeting once it is scheduled.

Finance Committee Meeting – March 20, 2013, 1:30 p.m.

The Finance Committee of the Bossier Parish Police Jury met on this 20th day of March, 2013, at 1:30 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana, with Mr. Darby being absent.

Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Shewmake, to approve payment of accounts payable invoices in the amount of \$14,450.01 for the Johnny Gray Jones Youth Shelter for the month of February, 2013, as follows:

Centerpoint Energy	\$9,313.00
Area Wide	\$ 240.00
John M. Giglio Plumbing & Contracting	\$4,897.01

The Chairman called for public comment. Mr. Altimus advised that invoices from Centerpoint Energy and John M. Giglio Plumbing & Contracting are for the relocation and replacement of a gas line at the Johnny Gray Jones Youth Shelter due to the line being cut.

Votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Skaggs, to approve payment of all other accounts payable invoices for the month of February, 2013.

The Chairman called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.**

Motion was made by Mr. Shewmake, seconded by Mr. Cochran, that Mr. Darby, Mr. Shewmake, and Mr. Cochran will contribute discretionary funds in the amount of \$593.62 each, for a total of \$1,780.86 to Bossier High School for the purchase of new sweat pants and tops for the junior varsity track and field team. Mr. Altimus stated that notification will be provided to Bossier High School that the sweat pants and tops must remain the property of the school board.

The Chairman called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast, with Mr. Skaggs abstaining.**

Motion was made by Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Cochran, that Mr. Cook will contribute discretionary funds in the amount of \$1,000, Mr. Cochran will contribute discretionary funds in the amount of \$500, Mr.

Brotherton will contribute discretionary funds in the amount of \$300, Mr. Rimmer will contribute discretionary funds in the amount of \$293, and Mr. Avery and Mr. Hammack will contribute discretionary funds in the amount of \$200 each, for a total of \$2,493 to Louisiana New Tech @ Plain Dealing for the purchase of new equipment and supplies for the softball team.

The Chairman called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.**

Ms. Bennett advised that 29 fourth and fifth graders from Benton Elementary School recently competed in the Archery in Louisiana Schools State Tournament, and qualified for the national archery competition. She stated that the Benton Elementary archery team received the overall highest scores, with students winning first and second place in the state competition. She commended the Benton Elementary archery coach for his team's success in the state competition.

Ms. Bennett stated that Benton Archery has requested the police jury's assistance with travel expenses for the archery team to attend the national archery competition.

Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Shewmake, to approve the request of Benton Elementary archery team for discretionary funds for travel expenses for the archery team to attend the national archery competition, as follows:

Discretionary	Matching
Ms. Bennett - \$1,000	Mr. Cook - \$250
Mr. Brotherton - \$250	Mr. Avery - \$250
Mr. Hammack - \$250	Mr. Cochran - \$250
	Mr. Skaggs - \$250
	Mr. Shewmake - \$250
	Mr. Rimmer - \$250

Total contribution: \$3,000.00

The Chairman called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.**

Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Brotherton, that Mr. Hammack will contribute matching discretionary funds in the amount of \$1,200, Mr. Plummer will contribute matching discretionary funds in the amount of \$960, and Mr. Brotherton will contribute matching discretionary funds in the amount of \$277, for a total \$2,437 to Parkway High School for the purchase of new uniforms for the baseball team.

The Chairman called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.**

Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to approve an expenditure of \$3,210.60 from the General Fund for travel expenses for the Parkway High School Robotics Team to attend the National Robotics Competition in Washington, D.C.

The Chairman called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.**

Motion was made by Mr. Shewmake, seconded by Mr. Hammack, that Mr. Shewmake and Mr. Darby will contribute discretionary funds in the amount of \$300 each, for a total of \$600, to Central Park Elementary for Teacher Appreciation Week, subject to legal review.

The Chairman called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Billy Montgomery, police jury representative on the Keep Bossier Beautiful Committee, requested that the police jury consider contributing discretionary funds for improvements to existing welcome signs in the parish, and the proposed purchase of a new welcome sign on Highway 71. After further discussion, **motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Cochran, that each juror will contribute discretionary funds in the amount of \$50 each, for a total amount of \$600, to Keep Bossier Beautiful for improvements as presented.**

The Chairman called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Altimus provided a report on a meeting of the Homeland Security Committee, advising that Ms. Bennett, Mr. Cook, Mr. Darby, Mr. Plummer, and Mr. Shewmake were present. He stated that he, Mr. Sandy Davis, Mr. Sammy Halphen, Mayor Lo Walker, Mr. Jackson, and Mr. Cliff Oliver also attended. Other jurors present were Mr. Hammack, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Benton, and Mr. Rimmer.

Mr. Altimus reported that federal funding to the State for Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness has been reduced over the last several years and this has resulted in less State funds to local OHSEP offices throughout the State. He stated that the reduction in State funds has caused a deficit in the budget for the Caddo-Bossier Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, and additional funds are requested from the police jury.

Mr. Altimus stated that CBOHSEP currently employs five full-time and two part-time employees, and advised that the Homeland Security Committee has recommended that CBOHSEP be asked to reduce its staff to three full-time employees due to the reduction in funding, and for the police jury to maintain its existing budget appropriation to CBOHSEP with no increase for the year 2013.

Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Shewmake, to accept the recommendation of the Homeland Security Committee and deny the request of CBOHSEP for additional funds for 2013, and to recommend that the CBOHSEP staff be reduced to three full-time employees due to the reduction in federal and state funding.

The Chairman called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.**

The Finance Committee meeting was adjourned by the Chairman.

There being no further business to come before the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 20th day of March, 2013, the meeting was adjourned by the President at 3:26 p.m.

CINDY A. DODSON
PARISH SECRETARY

JIMMY COCHRAN, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY