

BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY
BENTON, LOUISIANA
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The Bossier Parish Police Jury met in regular and legal session on the 19th day of June, 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. Bob Brotherton, and the pledge of allegiance was led by Mr. Glenn Benton. The Parish Secretary, Ms. Cindy Dodson, called the roll, with all members present, as follows:

Mr. Rick Avery	Mr. Jerome Darby
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. Joe E. "Butch" Ford, Jr., Parish Engineer; Ms. Cindy Dodson, Parish Secretary.

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Shewmake, to adopt the minutes of the April 30, 2013, and the May 15, 2013, regular meetings, and the May 15, 2013, Finance Committee meeting, as published.

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

Ms. Ginger Adam, Lobbyist, presented a final report on the 2013 Regular Legislative Session. Senator Barrow Peacock, Representative Henry Burns, and Representative Gene Reynolds were also present.

Ms. Adam advised that the 2013 Regular Session was a fiscal session and legislators could file an unlimited number of fiscal and local bills, but only five general subject matter bills each.

Ms. Adam stated that Governor Jindal withdrew his proposed tax swap plan on the opening day of the session amid strong opposition, advising that the Governor had proposed eliminating state income taxes in exchange for higher taxes on an array of new items and services. She stated that the Governor then asked legislators to instead phase out the income tax, advising that this was rejected by the House due to budgetary concerns.

Ms. Adam reported that in House Bill 1, funding was restored to the Parish Transportation Fund, and advised that a one-time appropriation of \$200,000 was included in the Aquatic Plant Control Fund for the eradication of salvinia on Lake Bistineau, all contingent upon the Governor's signing of the Bill.

Ms. Adam discussed House Bill 653 which will make changes to the vendor compensation program and grants the Department of Revenue authority to collect sales tax on Internet sales. She stated that Congress is currently debating this bill and its effects on state and local governments.

Ms. Adam discussed House Bill 2, which provides for Capital Outlay Funding, and advised that \$255,000 which was previously removed from the Sewerage District project has been reinstated. She further stated that Capital Outlay funding has been provided for the Jimmie Davis Bridge Rehabilitation and Lighting Project, advising that Senator Peacock has made the funding of this project a priority and he will be asking that this matter be placed on the Bond Commission agenda for approval. She stated that letters of support will be requested from the police jury.

Ms. Adam reported that a last minute appropriation was added for funding for a Rail Study, and that Mayor Walker has been a strong supporter of this study. She stated that this is a one-time appropriation and once the study is complete, they will move forward with trying to get this as a state priority in the State Rail Fund.

Ms. Adam stated that there will be several constitutional amendments on the November 4, 2014, ballot, advising that one of the amendments provides for reducing the redemption period for blighted property from three years to 18 months.

Ms. Adam discussed Senate Bill 20 which provides certain requirements for meetings of political subdivisions at which the levy, increase, renewal or continuance of property or sales taxes is considered or acted upon, or the holding of an election for approval by the voters.

Ms. Adam discussed Senate Bill 171 which provides certain limitations relative to actions or rules requiring modifications of certain existing community water systems. She stated that a state task force will be created to develop state standards on how water systems are to be built and maintained in the State of Louisiana.

Ms. Adam discussed Senate Bill 204 which allows borrowing outside of the Capital Outlay process for Louisiana Community and Technical College Systems. She stated that Louisiana is experiencing industrial growth and a trained labor force is needed, advising that many schools are very supportive of this bill.

Ms. Adam discussed Senate Bill 212 which would require non-elected public bodies with taxing authority to video or tape record, film or broadcast live their proceedings. She stated that this will affect several non-elected bodies in Bossier Parish.

Representative Gene Reynolds addressed the jury and stated that one of his biggest projects is protecting Lake Bistineau. He further stated that a common core curriculum is needed for schools and advised that vocational training is critical in preparing students for the workforce.

Representative Henry Burns addressed the jury providing information on the legislative session, and extended appreciation to Ms. Adam for her continued work to support Bossier Parish. He discussed the I-49 North project, advising that a 2016 opening is planned. Representative Burns also referred to funding for Louisiana Community and Technical Colleges, advising that students need to learn skills to become successful in the workforce.

Senator Barrow Peacock expressed his appreciation to the jury and urged members to let their voices be heard in Baton Rouge.

After further discussion, the jury thanked Ms. Adam for her report, and commended her for her efforts in Baton Rouge. Jurors also thanked members of the legislative delegation for their continued support of Bossier Parish.

Ms. Jan Elkins, KTBS Channel 3, extended appreciation to the police jury for its support of the 2013 Independence Day Festival. She extended an invitation to the police jurors to the Brookshire's VIP party that is scheduled on July 4, 2013, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. She stated the Independence Day Festival is about celebrating living in a free country and expressing appreciation to our military. Ms. Elkins advised that a Farmer's Market will be held on July 4, 2013, from 7:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m., and at 2:00 p.m. vendors will open. She stated that a free children's area will be held inside the Riverview Hall, compliments of Dr. Eric LeBlanc and Dr. Bryan Stewart, and that free lifejackets will be given away to promote water safety.

Ms. Elkins advised that the entertainment will begin at 4:00 p.m., with Posting of the Colors from Barksdale and singing of the National Anthem. She stated that the entertainment includes The Good News Band, Windstorm, The Brady Blade Band, and Kix Brooks, and advised that part of the funds from the police jury have been used to bring well-known entertainers to the festival.

Ms. Elkins advised that the fireworks show will begin at 9:00 p.m., and immediately following the fireworks show, Juice Newton will be performing.

Ms. Dodson announced the public hearing to consider the application of the Bossier City-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission for an amendment to the Unified Development Code to amend the current requirement of fence heights primarily in residential zoning classifications, to allow by right, a fence seven feet high, and to allow by "Conditional Use Approval" and public hearing by the zoning board, fence heights greater than seven feet in certain circumstances. The application received a favorable recommendation from the Bossier City-Parish MPC.

Mr. Sam Marsiglia, Bossier City-Parish MPC, stated that the MPC is receiving requests from citizens who want to place a taller fence around their property. He stated residents located adjacent to a commercial business and those citizens whose homes are located along a major thoroughfare have submitted these requests due to noise and privacy issues. Mr. Marsiglia stated that current regulations require new commercial developers to install a buffer when developing near a residential area, but stated that these regulations do not apply to the existing commercial businesses.

There being no opposition, **motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Avery, to approve the application of the Bossier City-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission for an amendment to the Unified Development Code to amend the current requirement of fence heights primarily in residential zoning classifications, to allow by right, a fence seven feet high, and to allow by "Conditional Use Approval" and public hearing by the zoning board, fence heights greater than seven feet in certain circumstances.**

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

ORDINANCE NO. 4486

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 3908 OF 2003, THE BOSSIER PARISH UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE, TO REFLECT CHANGES RELATIVE TO THE PERMITTED HEIGHT OF FENCES AND WALLS.

WHEREAS, it is the finding of the Bossier Parish Police Jury, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, that the following changes to the Unified Development Code relative to the permitted height of fences:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, that Section 13.12.1 of the Unified Development Code are amended to read as follows: (new language is underlined)

Section 13.12.1 Materials and Construction

A. All fences shall be constructed of materials expressly designed for fences, such as wood pickets, chain link, wrought iron or combination of masonry columns and any of the previously listed materials. It is recommended that applicants review their subdivision covenants, if applicable, before applying to the City or Parish for a building permit for construction of a fence. Fence heights is limited to seven (7) feet unless approved as a "Conditional Use" following the approval procedures of Section 3.3.2 and shall meet all or a portion of the following criteria:

1. Fences, taller than seven (7) feet in height, are limited to the exterior boundary of the subdivision.
2. Fences, taller than seven (7) feet in height, may be approved as a component of a Planned Unit Development (PUD).
3. Fences, taller than seven (7) feet in height, may be utilized as an exterior perimeter fence for lots adjoining highways or other streets, railroads, or utilized for compatibility buffers, noise abatement or security.
4. Fences, taller than seven (7) feet in height, may be approved on the exterior perimeter of a subdivision as a component of the subdivision master development plan or subdivision plat.
5. Methods of construction, for fences taller than seven (7) feet in height, shall be reviewed as a component of the "Conditional Use" approval process. Wooden fences, taller than six (6) feet in height, shall have a minimum of three (3) crossmembers to prevent warping of the wooden pickets.
 - B. On a corner lot, where a rear yard faces the street (on one side), a fence may extend from the rear property line along the building setback line at a height of seven (7) feet. Any fence that crosses a building setback line (front or side) shall not exceed four (4) feet in height beyond the setback line.
 - C. (language remains unchanged)
 - D. Masonry walls (brick, stone, etc.) or combination of wrought iron and masonry are limited to the perimeter of subdivisions. All fencing between lots shall be constructed of chain link, wood or other suitable material. Solid masonry, cinder block, or brick walls are prohibited between lots within a residential subdivision unless approved as a component of a Planned Unit Development (PUD). Height of

fences, within the PUD, shall be approved by the MPC zoning board as a component of the development plan.

The ordinance was offered by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Avery. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 19th day of June, 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 Kingston Plantation Subdivision, Unit No. 3-B, being a re-plat of Lots 128 and 129, Kingston Plantation Subdivision, Unit No. 3A Correction Plat, located in Section 17, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

Mr. Travis Sturdivant, Raley and Associates, Inc., stated that two lots are being combined to make one large lot.

There being no opposition, **motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Skaggs, to approve the plat of the proposed development of Kingston Plantation Subdivision, Unit No. 3-B, being a re-plat of Lots 128 and 129, Kingston Plantation Subdivision, Unit No. 3A Correction Plat, located in Section 17, 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.**

Ms. Dodson announced the public hearing to consider a request by the Benton-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission for a zoning amendment to revert the zoning classification of a 7-acre tract of land, more or less, from B-3, Community and Central Business District, to the previous R-A, Residence-Agriculture District. The application received a favorable recommendation from the Benton-Parish MPC.

Ms. Nancy Penwell, Benton-Parish MPC, advised that this tract of land was zoned B-3 in 2005 for a truck stop, but the land has not been used for that purpose. She requested that the 7-acre tract be reverted to its original zoning of R-A, advising that Mr. Festervan, owner of the 7-acre tract of land, has submitted a letter stating that he has no objection.

There being no opposition, **motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to approve a request by the Benton-Parish MPC for a zoning amendment to revert the zoning classification of a 7-acre tract of land, more or less, from B-3, Community and Central Business District, to the previous R-A, Residence-Agriculture District.**

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

ORDINANCE NO. 4487

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 922 OF 1981, THE BENTON-PARISH METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION ZONING REGULATIONS, TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF A 7-ACRE TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN SECTION 18, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST, BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA, FROM B-3, COMMUNITY BUSINESS DISTRICT, TO THE PREVIOUS R-A, RESIDENCE-AGRICULTURE DISTRICT.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Police Jury of Bossier Parish, Louisiana, in regular and legal session, convened on this 19th day of June, 2013, that Ordinance No. 922 of 1981 of the Police Jury of Bossier Parish, Louisiana, is hereby amended to change the zoning classification from B-3, Community Business District, to the previous R-A, Residence-Agriculture District, on the following described tract of land:

A tract of land located in Section 18, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, being more fully described as follows: Beginning at the Southeast corner of Section 18, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA, run thence north 00° 54' 08" east a distance of 4,156.15 feet; run thence north 89° 16' 46" west a distance of 2,340.44 feet to the point of beginning of tract herein described: Run thence north 89° 16' 46" west a distance of 375.10 feet to a point on the easterly right-of-way line of Louisiana Highway 3 (Benton Road); run thence along said right-of-way line north 15° 01' 22" west a distance of 794.00 feet; thence leaving said right-of-way line run north 74° 58' 38" east a distance of 361.03 feet; run thence south 15° 01' 22" east a distance of 895.78 feet to the point of beginning of tract containing 7.000 acres, more or less.

Applicant: Benton-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission

Purpose: To revert zoning on undeveloped property

The ordinance was offered by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Rimmer. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 19th day of June, 2013.

CINDY A. DODSON
PARISH SECRETARY

JIMMY COCHRAN, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Ms. Dodson announced the public hearing to consider a request by the Benton-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission for a zoning amendment to revert the zoning classification of a 76.94-acre tract of land, more or less, from B-2, Neighborhood Business District, to the previous R-A, Residence-Agriculture District. The application received a favorable recommendation from the Benton-Parish MPC.

Ms. Penwell advised that this tract of land was zoned B-2 in 2006 for a high-end strip mall with professional offices, but was never developed for that purpose. She requested that the 76.94-acre tract be reverted to its original zoning of R-A.

There being no opposition, **motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Shewmake, to approve a request by the Benton-Parish MPC for a zoning amendment to revert the zoning classification of a 76.94-acre tract of land, more or less, from B-2, Neighborhood Business District, to the previous R-A, Residence-Agriculture District.**

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

ORDINANCE NO. 4488

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 922 OF 1981, THE BENTON-PARISH METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION ZONING REGULATIONS, TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF A 76.94-ACRE TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST, BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA, FROM B-2, NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS DISTRICT, TO THE PREVIOUS R-A, RESIDENCE-AGRICULTURE DISTRICT.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Police Jury of Bossier Parish, Louisiana, in regular and legal session convened on this 19th day of June, 2013, that Ordinance No. 922 of 1981 of the Police Jury of Bossier Parish, Louisiana, is hereby amended to change the zoning classification from B-2, Neighborhood Business District, to the previous R-A, Residence-Agriculture District, on the following described tract of land:

A tract of land located in Section 7, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, in Bossier Parish, Louisiana, said tract being more fully described as follows: beginning at a found iron rod marking the northeast corner of said Section 7, thence run north 89°39'02" west a distance of 1862.19 feet, to the point of beginning of the tract herein described;

From said point of beginning, run thence south 06°28'49" west a distance of 1766.60 feet, thence run south 09°04'34" west a distance of 863.69 feet, thence run south 06°25'18" west a distance of 555.20 feet, thence run along a curve to the left a distance of 1452.48 feet said curve having a radius of 5019.58 feet and a chord of south 01°52'05" east 1447.42 feet, thence run south 14°29'21" east a distance of 170.09 feet, thence run south 12°39'27" east a distance of 97.91 feet, thence run south 07°14'03" east a distance of 165.71 feet, thence run south 15°05'43" east a distance of 371.14 feet, thence run south 74°54'17" west a distance of 600.00 feet to the easterly right-of-way line of LA Highway 3, thence run the following 13 calls along said easterly right-of-way line:

North 15°05'43" west a distance of 371.14 feet, North 08°07'10" west a distance of 191.09 feet, North 12°39'27" west a distance of 97.91 feet, north 14°04'42" west a distance of 196.23 feet, along a curve to the right a distance of 1626.09 feet said curve having a radius of 5619.58 feet and a chord of north 01°52'05" west 1620.43 feet, north 06°25'18" east a distance of 555.20 feet, north 06°25'18" east a distance of 786.88 feet, north 17°43'54" east a distance of 203.96 feet, north 06°25'18" east a distance of 200.00 feet, north 03°33'33" east a distance of 200.25 feet, north 06°25'18" east a distance of 700.00 feet, north 02°06'33" west a distance of 101.12 feet, north 06°25'18" east a distance of 375.80 feet, thence run south 89°39'02" east a distance of 630.35 feet to the point of beginning, said tract containing 76.94 acres.

Applicant: Benton-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission

Purpose: To revert zoning on undeveloped property

The ordinance was offered by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Shewmake. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 19th day of June, 2013.

CINDY A. DODSON
PARISH SECRETARY

JIMMY COCHRAN, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Ms. Dodson announced the public hearing to consider a request by the Benton-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission for a zoning amendment to revert the zoning classification of a 20.619-acre tract of land, more or less, from R-2, Multiple Family Residence District, to the previous R-A, Residence-Agriculture District. The application received a favorable recommendation from the Benton-Parish MPC.

Ms. Penwell advised that this tract of land was zoned R-2, Multiple Family Residence District, in 2006 for high-density townhouses. She stated that property was never developed and requested that the zoning classification be reverted to the original R-A, Residential-Agriculture District. Ms. Penwell stated that Ms. Laura Leflett, owner of the 20.619-acre tract of land, has submitted a letter of opposition requesting that the 20.619-acre tract of land remain zoned R-2, Multiple Family Residence District.

Ms. Bennett stated that Ms. Leflett has advised her that due to extenuating circumstances, she is requesting that the zoning classification for the 20.619-acre tract of land remain as is, to allow her additional time to decide if the development of high-density townhouses is feasible in this area.

There being no opposition, **motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Avery, to overturn the favorable ruling of the Benton-Parish MPC and deny the request of the Benton-Parish MPC for a zoning amendment to revert the zoning classification of a 20.619-acre tract of land, more or less, from R-2, Multiple Family Residence District, to the previous R-A, Residence-Agriculture District.**

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 a request by the Benton-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission for a zoning amendment to revert the zoning classification of an 8.661-acre tract of land, more or less, from B-2, Neighborhood Business District, to the previous R-A, Residence-Agriculture District. The application received a favorable recommendation from the Benton-Parish MPC.

Ms. Penwell advised that this tract of land was zoned B-2 in 2006 for commercial development, but the land has not been used for that purpose. She stated that Ms. Laura Leflett, property owner, has submitted a letter requesting that the zoning classification for the 8.661-acre tract remain zoned B-2, Neighborhood Business District.

Ms. Bennett recommended that the zoning classification for this 8.661-acre tract of land remain B-2, Neighborhood Business District, as requested by Ms. Leflett.

There being no opposition, **motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Avery, to overturn the favorable ruling of the Benton-Parish MPC and deny the request of the Benton-Parish MPC for a zoning amendment to revert the zoning classification of an 8.661-acre tract of land, more or less, from B-2, Neighborhood Business District, to the previous R-A, Residence-Agriculture District.**

The President called for public comment. Ms. Laura Adley expressed concern that these properties were rezoned in 2006 but never developed. She stated that it is her understanding that when parishwide zoning is approved, if property is not developed for the purpose for which it was zoned within one year of the zoning amendment, the property will automatically revert back to its original zoning. She requested that these properties be reverted to its original zoning of R-A.

Mr. Avery stated that in 2006, as requested, the Atkins-Sonnier family submitted a master plan of the three properties in order to protect any future landowners adjacent to these properties. **Votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.**

Ms. Dodson announced the public hearing to consider a request by the Benton-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission for a zoning amendment to revert the zoning classification of an 8.78-acre tract of land, more or less, from R-1, One-Family Residence District, to the previous R-A, Residence-Agriculture District. The application received a favorable recommendation from the Benton-Parish MPC.

Ms. Penwell advised that this tract of land was zoned R-1 in 2006 for residential subdivision development, but the subdivision was never developed. She requested that the 8.78-acre tract be reverted to its original zoning of R-A. She stated that Ms. Laura Leflett, landowner, has submitted a letter requesting that the zoning for the 8.78-acre tract remain zoned R-1, One-Family Residence District.

Ms. Bennett recommended that the zoning classification for this 8.78-acre tract of land remain R-1, One-Family Residence District, as requested by Ms. Leflett.

There being no opposition, **motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Avery, to overturn the favorable ruling of the Benton-Parish MPC and deny the request by the Benton-Parish MPC for a zoning amendment to revert the zoning classification of an 8.78-acre tract of land, more or less, from R-1, One-Family Residence District, to the previous R-A, Residence-Agriculture District.**

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. Rimmer, to schedule a public hearing on July 17, 2013, to consider the application of Blake Ogilvie to the Bossier City-Parish MPC for a zoning amendment to change the zoning classification of a tract of land containing 25.88 acres, more or less, located in Sections 7 and 8, Township 18 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA, from I-2, Heavy Industrial District, to I-1, Light Industrial District, for a proposed golf driving range.

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. Shewmake, to schedule a public hearing on July 17, 2013, to consider abandonment of an existing 20-foot utility easement on Lots 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, and 124 in Kingston Plantation Subdivision, Unit No. 3A Correction Plat, located in Section 17, 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. Plummer, to schedule a public hearing on July 17, 2013, to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Cypress Bend Garden District Subdivision, Unit No. 5, located in Section 20, 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.**

Ms. Dodson announced the hearing to consider condemnation of property at 308 Pease Road, Haughton, LA. Mr. Mike Vetkoetter, Property Standards Officer, presented current photographs of the property and reported that some improvements have been made. Ms. Lynn Schopp, property owner, advised that she is working to clean the property and requested a 30-day extension in which to complete the cleanup.

After further discussion, **motion was made by Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Darby, to allow the owner of property at 308 Pease Road, Haughton, LA, an additional 30 days in which to bring the property into compliance with property standards regulations.**

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

Ms. Dodson announced the hearing to consider condemnation of property at 219 Pine Lake Drive, Haughton, LA. Mr. Vetkoetter presented current photographs of the property and advised that the property is now in compliance with property standards regulations. He recommended that condemnation proceedings be dismissed.

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Brotherton, to dismiss condemnation proceedings on property at 219 Pine Lake Drive, Haughton, LA.

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

Ms. Dodson announced the hearing to consider condemnation of property at 10010 Highway 3, Plain Dealing, LA. Mr. Mike Vetkoetter, Property Standards Officer, presented current photographs of the property and reported that it appears that a mobile home located behind the dilapidated residence was torn down, but they did not tear down the dilapidated house or clean up the property as requested.

After further discussion, **motion was made by Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Avery, to proceed with condemnation of property at 10010 Highway 3, Plain Dealing, LA, in accordance with property standards regulations.**

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

Mr. Vetkoetter reported on a meeting of the Property Standards Board of Review, advising that it is

recommended that condemnation hearings be scheduled to consider condemnation of property at 123 Elmview Lane, Haughton, LA , 7305 Wood Duck Trail, Princeton, LA, 200 East Pointe Drive, Benton, LA, and 610 Hwy 164, Haughton, LA.

Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Avery, to schedule condemnation hearings on July 3, 2013, to consider condemnation of property at 123 Elmview Lane, Haughton, LA , 7305 Wood Duck Trail, Princeton, LA, 200 East Pointe Drive, Benton, LA, and 610 Hwy 164, Haughton, LA.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to approve the reappointment of Dr. Richard M. Harrell and Dr. David R. Brian to the Bossier Parish Emergency Medical Services District Board of Commissioners for two-year terms each, terms to expire June 1, 2015.

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 Dr. Harrell and Dr. Brian for their willingness to continue to serve on the board.

Motion was made by Mr. Shewmake, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to schedule a public meeting on July 17, 2013, to adopt property tax millage rates for the year 2013.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Skaggs, to adopt a resolution supporting The Kroger Company located in the 2700 block of Airline Drive, Bossier City, and allowing them to receive the local benefits of the Enterprise Zone Program.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried, with Mr. Cochran opposing.**

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION STATING THE BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY'S ENDORSEMENT OF THE KROGER COMPANY, 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 106.1, 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, 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on this 19th day of June, 2013, that The Kroger Company and their project relocation, in the 2700 block of Airline Drive, Bossier City, Enterprise Zone Application #20130880, 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. Avery, seconded by Mr. Skaggs. Upon vote, it was duly adopted on this 19th day of June, 2013.

CINDY A. DODSON
PARISH SECRETARY

JIMMY COCHRAN, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Darby, to adopt a resolution supporting Willis Knighton Medical Center, Inc., 2400 Hospital Drive, Bossier City, and allowing them to receive the local benefits of the Enterprise Zone Program.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried, with Mr. Cochran opposing.**

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION STATING THE BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY'S ENDORSEMENT OF WILLIS KNIGHTON MEDICAL CENTER, 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 111.04, Block Group 2 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, 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on this 19th day of June, 2013, that Willis Knighton Medical Center, Inc. and their project addition, 2400 Hospital Drive, Bossier City, Enterprise Zone Application #20130905, 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. Avery, seconded by Mr. Darby. Upon vote, it was duly adopted on this 19th day of June, 2013.

CINDY A. DODSON
PARISH SECRETARY

JIMMY COCHRAN, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Mr. Charlie Coyle, Coyle Engineering Co., Inc., advised that in 2010 the police jury awarded Coyle Engineering Co., Inc., the contract for the design development stage for the proposed new Bossier Parish Juvenile Detention Facility. He stated that this project has been on hold since 2010 and advised that Coyle Engineering Co., Inc., will not be renewing its architectural license. Mr. Coyle requested termination of the agreement for the new Bossier Parish Juvenile Detention Facility, Contract No. 2, dated April 19, 2010. He stated that when the project is ready to move forward in the future, they are willing to work with the architectural firm hired to complete the project.

Mr. Ford advised that the contract states that either party may terminate the agreement by notification, and recommended that the agreement be terminated as requested.

Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to approve termination of Contract No. 2 with Coyle Engineering Co., Inc., dated April 19, 2010, for the proposed new Bossier Parish Juvenile Detention Facility, 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 19th day of June, 2013, that it does hereby approve termination of Contract No. 2 with Coyle Engineering Co., Inc., dated April 19, 2010, for the proposed new Bossier Parish Juvenile Detention Facility.

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

The resolution was offered by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Hammack. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 19th day of June, 2013.

CINDY A. DODSON
PARISH SECRETARY

JIMMY COCHRAN, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Mr. Ford advised that as part of an exchange agreement with Mr. Buddy Lucky for property for the South Bossier Park, a 60-foot wide servitude was granted for construction of a road to access Lots 4 and 5 of Sligo Industrial Park, Unit No. 1. He stated that the road is no longer needed, and Mr. Lucky has requested that the 60-foot wide servitude be abandoned.

Motion was made by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to abandon a 60-foot wide servitude located between Lots 4 and 5 of Sligo Industrial Park, Unit No. 1.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 4489

AN ORDINANCE TO OFFICIALLY ABANDON AN EXISTING 60-FOOT WIDE SERVITUDE LOCATED BETWEEN LOTS 4 AND 5 OF SLIGO INDUSTRIAL PARK, UNIT NO. 1, IN SECTIONS 22 AND 27, TOWNSHIP 17 NORTH, RANGE 12 WEST, BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on this 19th day of June, 2013, that it does hereby abandon an existing 60-foot wide servitude located between Lots 4 and 5 of Sligo Industrial Park, Unit No. 1, as follows:

A tract fronting on Caplis Sligo Road 60 feet wide straddling the lot line bounding Lot 4 and Lot 5 of Sligo Industrial Park, Unit No. 1, a subdivision of Bossier Parish, Louisiana, as per plat thereof recorded in Conveyance Book 1364, Page 596, said tract being the Southeasterly 30 feet of said Lot 4 and the Northwesterly 30 feet of said Lot 5, running between parallel lines from Caplis Sligo Road on the Northeast to the Southwesterly most lines of said Lots 4 and 5.

The ordinance was offered by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Plummer. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 19th day of June, 2013.

CINDY A. DODSON
PARISH SECRETARY

JIMMY COCHRAN, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to adopt a resolution authorizing

William Altimus, Parish Administrator, to execute a Termination of Servitude abandoning a 60-foot wide servitude located between Lots 4 and 5 of Sligo Industrial Park, Unit No. 1.

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 19th day of June, 2013, that William Altimus, Parish Administrator, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Bossier Parish Police Jury, a Termination of Servitude abandoning a 60-foot wide servitude located between Lots 4 and 5 of Sligo Industrial Park, Unit No. 1.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Plummer. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 19th day of June, 2013.

CINDY A. DODSON
PARISH SECRETARY

JIMMY COCHRAN, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Mr. Ford presented Plan Change No. 9 on State Project No. 576-08-0001(333)/H.009254, Flood Control Improvements to Tall Timbers Lateral, Phase 3, advising that this plan change results in an additional amount of \$34,437.70. He requested that a resolution accepting the project be adopted. **Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Brotherton, to approve Plan Change No. 9 on State Project No. 576-08-0001(333)/H.009254, Flood Control Improvements to Tall Timbers Lateral, Phase 3, to adopt a resolution accepting the project, 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 19th day of June, 2013, that it does hereby approve Plan Change No. 9 on State Project No. 576-08-0001(333)/H.009254, Flood Control Improvements to Tall Timbers Lateral, Phase 3.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Jimmy Cochran, President, is hereby authorized to execute said Plan Change No. 9.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Brotherton. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 19th day of June, 2013.

CINDY A. DODSON
PARISH SECRETARY

JIMMY COCHRAN, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

STATE PROJECT NO. 576-08-0001(333)/H.009254
PARISH OF BOSSIER

RESOLUTION

PROJECT ACCEPTANCE

WHEREAS, the Bossier Parish Police Jury contracted with Blount Bros. Construction, Inc., to complete State Project No. 576-08-0001(333)/H.009254 in accordance with the current bid laws of the State of Louisiana, including, but not limited to R.S. 38:2211 et seq; and

WHEREAS, the contract between the Bossier Parish Police Jury and Blount Bros. Construction, Inc., has been successfully completed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury, in regular session, assembled on this 19th day of June, 2013, that the contract is hereby accepted by the Bossier Parish Police Jury.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Brotherton. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 19th day of June, 2013.

CINDY A. DODSON
PARISH SECRETARY

JIMMY COCHRAN, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Plummer, seconded by Mr. Brotherton, to accept the proposal of Coyle Engineering Co., Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$7,000, to provide construction layout services for a parking lot and boat launch at the Red River National Wildlife Refuge, Arthur Ray Teague Parkway Extension, and to authorize the execution of 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 19th day of June, 2013, that Jimmy Cochran, President, and/or William Altimus, Parish Administrator, be and are hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Bossier Parish Police Jury, any and all documents or contracts in connection with the proposal of Coyle Engineering Co., Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$7,000, to provide construction layout services for a parking lot and boat launch at the Red River National Wildlife Refuge, Arthur Ray Teague Parkway Extension.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Plummer, seconded by Mr. Brotherton. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 19th day of June, 2013.

CINDY A. DODSON
PARISH SECRETARY

JIMMY COCHRAN, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Mr. Altimus presented a request from Cypress-Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District for use of a 60-foot radio tower that was previously located on the old courthouse building. He stated that the radio tower will be used to provide a wi-fi connection for visitors staying at Cypress Park. Mr. Altimus stated that the radio tower is currently in storage. Mr. Altimus requested that an item be placed on the July 3, 2013, regular meeting agenda to declare the 60-foot radio tower as surplus, and to consider donating the tower to Cypress-Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District.

Mr. Altimus advised that the Mayor of Benton has requested assistance from the police jury with clean-up efforts of two dilapidated buildings located inside the Town of Benton near the Highway 3 over-pass. He advised that Sheriff Whittington has offered assistance from his department by providing the use of inmates to assist with the clean-up efforts of this property. Mr. Altimus stated that he will present this request to the jury once a formal request has been received from the Mayor of Benton, and advised that a lien will be filed on the property in efforts to recover the parish's expenses for clean-up of this property.

Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to amend the agenda to consider a request from Bossier Parish Emergency Medical Services District that the police jury authorize the Parish Attorney to request an Attorney General's Opinion on the matter of the refusal by the Veterans Administration in Shreveport to reimburse Bossier Parish EMS for services rendered in circumstances that involve Bossier Parish residents.

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. Darby, Mr. Hammack, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Shewmake, Mr. Skaggs

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Mr. Altimus stated that the Veterans Administration in Shreveport has refused to reimburse Bossier Parish EMS for services rendered in circumstances that involve the residents of Bossier Parish. He stated that to his knowledge, the Veterans Administration pays for EMS services in other areas across the State. Mr. Altimus stated that in 2002, in response to a request by Bossier Parish EMS, the federal government advised that payment by the Veterans Administration for these services does not appear to conflict with federal law. Mr. Altimus stated that because Bossier Parish EMS is a subsidiary of the police jury, the request for an Attorney General's Opinion in this matter must be made by the police jury.

Mr. Sammy Halphen, Bossier Parish Director of Public Safety, stated that Bossier Parish EMS believes that the \$36 fee paid by all Bossier Parish citizens acts as a membership, and that the Office of Inspector General has agreed. He stated that until recently, the Veterans Administration paid Bossier Parish EMS for its services when a Bossier Parish resident was involved, and urged the jury to first address this issue on a State level. Mr. Halphen stated that Mr. Jackson, Parish Attorney, previously sent a request on behalf of the Bossier Parish EMS, but it was determined that the request for an Attorney General's Opinion must be submitted by the local governing body. He stated that the loss of this payment is costing the EMS District thousands of dollars.

Mr. Steve Nezat, Director for the Bossier Parish EMS District, stated that the EMS District will continue to provide transportation services for Bossier Parish residents to the Veterans Hospital. He stated that the Veterans Administration does provide payment for the transporting of Shreveport residents, and stated that it appears that the Veterans Administration is misinterpreting the Bossier Parish ordinance levying the \$36 user fee for the EMS District. Mr. Nezat stated that in order to resolve this matter, an Attorney General's Opinion is needed.

After further discussion, **motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Avery, to authorize the Parish Attorney to request an Attorney General's Opinion on behalf of the Bossier Parish Police Jury on the matter of the refusal of the Veterans Administration to reimburse the Bossier Parish Emergency Medical Services District for services rendered in circumstances that involve Bossier Parish residents.**

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

Mr. Altimus presented a request for approval to pump water from Lake Bistineau for an oil/gas drilling operation. He stated that he will present this request to the Parish Attorney for review.

Jurors were provided a copy of district highway reports.

Mr. Ford provided an update on the Dogwood Trail and Caplis Sligo Road bridge projects.

Mr. Ford reported on a meeting with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development advising that the parish has been authorized to begin the acquisition of right-of-way for the North/South Corridor project. He stated that the police jury will be managing this project, and advised that federal funding for the project is available.

Mr. Ford reported on a meeting with Capital Outlay representatives, advising that the police jury has been authorized to advertise for bids for the proposed sewer treatment plant. He requested that an item be placed on the July 17, 2013, regular meeting agenda to authorize advertising for bids for the proposed sewer treatment plant.

Mr. Ford reported on a pre-construction meeting for the Wemple Road project, advising that the project will begin July 8, 2013. He stated that drainage improvements will be made at Airline Drive and Wemple Road, and that the outside southbound lane of Airline Drive will be closed for approximately 50 days. Mr. Ford stated that Wemple Road will be closed in phases for approximately five months and advised that business owners in this area, as well as the school board, have been notified of the upcoming road closure.

Mr. Ford provided an update on the New Barksdale Air Force Base Entrance at Bodcau Station Road project, advising that the railroad crossing has been constructed and the project should begin on July 8, 2013.

Mr. Ford stated that the base for the flag pole at Parish Camp has been installed and that bids will be received Friday for construction of the pavilion.

Mr. Ford advised that the Department of Transportation and Development's Louisiana Transportation Research Center/Local Technical Assistance Program has provided new road signs for Bellevue Road. He stated that the signs will be installed from Highway 80 to Bellevue.

Mr. Ford advised that the Old Highway 71 one-lane bridge will be closed effective immediately due to the unsafe condition of the bridge.

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Ms. Bennett, to amend the agenda to consider scheduling a public hearing on July 3, 2013, to consider approval of the Minor Plat for Bowman's Grading and Asphalt, Inc., located in Section 13, Township 17 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA, and to consider approval of the Certificate of Substantial Completion of the Princeton Sports Complex – Fencing and Lighting at New Ball Fields FPC #50-J08-11-01, Parish Project No. 2012-394, and to authorize the President 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. Darby, Mr. Hammack, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Shewmake, Mr. Skaggs
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion of the Princeton Sports Complex – Fencing and Lighting at New Ball Fields FPC #50-J08-11-01, Parish Project No. 2012-394, 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 19th day of June, 2013, that it does hereby approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion of the Princeton Sports Complex – Fencing and Lighting at New Ball Fields FPC #50-J08-11-01, Parish Project No. 2012-394.

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 Mr. Shewmake. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 19th day of June, 2013.

CINDY A. DODSON
 PARISH SECRETARY

JIMMY COCHRAN, PRESIDENT
 BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to schedule a public hearing on July 3, 2013, to consider approval of the Minor Plat for Bowman's Grading and Asphalt, Inc., located in Section 13, Township 17 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

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

Mr. Ford presented a list of upcoming proposed drainage and concrete projects, advising that several projects will be placed on the agenda in the near future to authorize advertising for bids. He stated that relocation of the pipe at the Petchak home is complete, and advised that he will request that the property be declared as surplus in the near future.

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 4.9 miles of the 2013 Road Overlay Program are now complete.

Mr. Andrews provided an update on the Daleen Road bridge project, advising that the project should be complete by next Wednesday.

Mr. Rimmer requested an update on the drainage issue at Espanita Forest Subdivision. Mr. Andrews is to review this matter.

Mr. Skaggs congratulated the Bossier Chamber of Commerce for its full accreditation from the U. S. Chamber of Commerce and for receiving a four-star rating.

Mr. Rimmer reported on a public meeting concerning the Highway 80 corridor.

Mr. Rimmer reported on a recent tour of Camp Minden and the possibility of economic development opportunities.

Mr. Rimmer congratulated Margaritaville on its grand opening.

Representative Henry Burns stated that for the first time, the Revenue Estimating Commission, which indicates income coming into the state, is showing a positive increase of \$155 million for the State of Louisiana.

Finance Committee Meeting – June 19, 2013, 1:30 p.m.

The Finance Committee of the Bossier Parish Police Jury met on this 19th day of June, 2013, at 1:30 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana, with all members present.

Ms. Joan Turek, Coordinator for the Bossier Parish Destination ImagiNation Program, and teacher for the Gifted and Talented Program at Parkway High School, extended appreciation to the police jury for its financial support for travel expenses for students from Bossier to attend the Destination ImagiNation Global Finals held in Knoxville, Tennessee. She recognized students in attendance that participated in the Destination ImagiNation Program.

Ms. Turek presented photographs of several events held throughout the year showing teams from different Bossier Parish schools working together at local competitions, as well as photographs of teams at the Destination ImagiNation Global Finals in Knoxville, Tennessee. She stated that many graduates from Bossier Parish schools who participated in the Destination ImagiNation Program often come back from college to volunteer for the program.

Ms. Turek stated that one of the aspects of the Destination ImagiNation Program is that students also participate in community service.

Mr. Daniel Sanchez, 2013 graduate of Parkway High School, presented a video of students who participate in the Parkway Wishing Well Program. He stated that the Parkway Wishing Well Program granted 10 wishes and advised that these students participated by helping to serve meals and spending time with the children at the Shared Harvest Community Kitchen. Mr. Sanchez stated that students also held a cakewalk fundraising event at Parkway High School and used the monies raised to take the children at Providence House to the movies and roller skating. He stated that a fundraiser was also held to assist with the purchase of toiletry items and other items for the Providence House. Mr. Sanchez stated that students visit the Veterans Home and hand out teddy bears to residents. He stated that students sponsored a Reach-Out Day event at Parkway High School to encourage students to get acquainted with each other, as well as making cards showing their support for three teachers who are going through difficult times.

Mr. Sanchez stated that the students also assisted the Children's Day Care Center at the Providence House in raising funds for floor mobiles and radios for the children. He stated that the Ginger Bread House wished for publicity to let the public know that they are available to assist anyone suffering from any type of abuse.

Ms. Sonja Bailes, Bossier Parish School Board, extended her appreciation to the police jury for their support of Bossier Parish students by helping to pay a portion of expenses for travel to the Destination ImagiNation Global Finals. She stated that this program is not only a critical thinking program, but a teaching, problem solving, creativity and improvisation program. Ms. Bailes stated that the program teaches students compassion as demonstrated with the Wishing Well Program.

Ms. Bailes extended her appreciation to the police jury for seeing the value in investing in the students of Bossier Parish schools, and presented a packet of thank you cards from the students.

Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to approve payment of accounts payable invoices in the amount of \$1,002.72 for the Johnny Gray Jones Youth Shelter for the month of May, 2013, as follows:

Homeland Safety Systems	\$687.72
Area Wide	\$240.00
Homeland Safety Systems	\$ 75.00

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. Benton, to approve payment of all other accounts payable invoices for the month of May, 2013.

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

Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Brotherton, to table the request of Elm Grove Elementary School for discretionary funds for the purchase of new computers, to be considered at the July 17, 2013, finance meeting.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to table the request of LA New Tech @ Plain Dealing for discretionary funds for the purchase of new uniforms and equipment for the baseball team, to be considered at the July 17, 2013, finance meeting.

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 19th day of June, 2013, the meeting was adjourned by the President at 3:51 p.m.

CINDY A. DODSON
PARISH SECRETARY

JIMMY COCHRAN, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY