

BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY
BENTON, LOUISIANA
MINUTES
October 16, 2013
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The Bossier Parish Police Jury met in regular and legal session on the 16th day of October, 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. Jack Skaggs. 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. Patrick Jackson, Parish Attorney; Mr. Joe E. "Butch" Ford, Jr., Parish Engineer; Ms. Cindy Dodson, Parish Secretary.

Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to adopt the minutes of the September 4, 2013, and the September 18, 2013, regular meetings, and the September 18, 2013, Finance Committee meeting, as published.

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

Mr. Kenneth Starnes, Section 8 Housing, presented the Section 8 Housing Annual Agency Plan, advising that there are no changes.

Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Avery, to approve the Section 8 Housing Annual Agency Plan, as presented.

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

Ms. Faye Teekell, a resident of Lintwin Hills Subdivision, stated that she owns the only vacant lot remaining in the subdivision. She stated that the Benton-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission has advised her that approval of a special exception use is required in order for a mobile home to be placed on this lot. Ms. Teekell stated that she has sold four other lots in this subdivision in the past and has never been required to obtain any type of approval from the Benton-Parish MPC to allow a mobile home on these lots. She stated that Lintwin Hills Subdivision consists of 51 lots, and all homes currently located in the subdivision are mobile homes. Ms. Teekell requested that the police jury submit a letter to the Benton-Parish MPC stating that a mobile home is allowed on this lot and no further approval is required.

Ms. Bennett advised that the Lintwin Hills Subdivision plat does not reflect that the subdivision is a mobile home subdivision. Ms. Teekell stated that to her knowledge, no one has obtained approval for a special exception use to allow placement of a mobile home in the subdivision. Mr. Ford stated that it has apparently been an oversight on behalf of the Benton-Parish MPC that all lot owners in the subdivision have not been required to obtain the required special exception use to allow a mobile home in Lintwin Hills Subdivision. He stated that in order to place a mobile home on this lot, Ms. Teekell is required to submit an application and fee to the Benton-Parish MPC for approval of a special exception use.

Mr. Jackson stated that zoning regulations have been in effect for many years, and that all lot owners in Lintwin Hills Subdivision should have been required to obtain approval of a special exception use from the Benton-Parish MPC. He advised that regardless of the previous oversight of other landowners, an application and fee must be submitted to the Benton-Parish MPC requesting a special exception use to place a mobile home on the lot in question in Lintwin Hills Subdivision.

Ms. Teekell stated that she will not pay a fee for a special exception use when no other homeowner in the subdivision has done so, and the potential buyer of her lot is not willing to pay the fee to the Benton-Parish MPC without confirmation that the special exception use will be approved.

Mr. Jackson stated that the police jury cannot issue a letter guaranteeing that the Benton-Parish MPC will approve a special exception use to place a mobile home in Lintwin Hills Subdivision, and stated that he and Mr. Ford will contact Ms. Penwell and speak with her regarding this matter.

Mr. Ford recommended that the low bid of Max Foote Construction Co., Inc., in the amount of \$13,604,000.00, be accepted for the Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier North Bossier Area Wastewater Treatment Facility, FP&C Project No. 50-J08-06B-02. He stated that the total bid amount does include Bid Alt. No. 1. **Motion was made by Mr. Skaggs, seconded by Mr. Benton, to award the bid for the Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier North Bossier Area Wastewater Treatment Facility, FP&C Project No. 50-J08-06B-02, to Max Foote Construction Co., Inc., low bidder meeting bid specifications in accordance with bids received on August 27, 2013, subject to the concurrence of the Office of Facility Planning and Control.**

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.** Bid results are as follows:

Bidder:	Bid Amount:
Max Foote Construction Co., Inc.	Base Bid: \$12,904,000.00
	Alt. #1: \$ 700,000.00
McInnis Brothers Construction, Inc.	Base Bid: \$13,589,700.00
	Alt. #1: \$ 900,000.00

Don M. Barron Contractor, Inc.	Base Bid: \$13,384,000.00
	Alt. #1: \$ 673,200.00
The Lemoine Company, LLC	Base Bid: \$15,582,748.00
	Alt. #1: \$ 968,000.00
Wharton-Smith, Inc.	Base Bid: \$14,969,000.00
	Alt #1: \$ 810,000.00
Cajun Constructors, Inc.	Base Bid: \$16,810,000.00
	Alt #1: \$ 750,000.00

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 16th day of October, 2013, that it does hereby award the bid for the Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier Wastewater Treatment Facility, North Bossier Parish Area, FP&C Project No. 50-J08-06B-02, to Max Foote Construction Co., Inc., low bidder meeting specifications, subject to the concurrence of the Office of Facility Planning and Control.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Bossier Parish Police Jury has funds available to pay all costs over and above the committed Capital Outlay Funds for this project.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Skaggs, seconded by Mr. Benton. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 16th day of October, 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 Legends Court Subdivision, located in Section 14, Township 18 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA. The matter was tabled on October 2, 2013. No one was present to speak on behalf of the developer.

Mr. Ford stated that the issues regarding the existing oil pipeline located on the property have not been resolved with Lion Oil Company, and recommended that the matter be tabled.

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Shewmake, to table the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Legends Court Subdivision, located in Section 14, Township 18 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA, to be considered at the November 6, 2013, regular meeting.

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 approval of the plat of the proposed development of Cypress Xpress Lube Subdivision, being a resubdivision of Lots 1 and 2, Bee Bend Estates, Unit No. 2-A, located in Section 21, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

Ms. Michan Holbrook, Coyle Engineering Co., Inc., stated that the Department of Health and Hospitals has approved the proposed sewerage system for the expansion of the Cypress Xpress Lube business, advising that a Cajun Air system with sprinkler heads will be tied into the existing system.

There being no opposition, **motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Ms. Bennett, to approve the plat of the proposed development of Cypress Xpress Lube Subdivision, being a resubdivision of Lots 1 and 2, Bee Bend Estates, Unit No. 2-A, located in Section 21, 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 approval of the plat of the proposed development of Red River Trace Subdivision, located in Section 8, Township 15 North, Range 11 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

Mr. Joey French, French Engineering Co., Inc., stated that South Bossier Water will provide water to the proposed development, advising that a new four inch water line will be installed from LA Highway 71 down J. T. White Road to the proposed subdivision. Mr. Ford stated that individual sewerage treatment plants are proposed and that each lot meets the required 22,500 square feet to allow individual sewerage treatment plants.

Mr. Ford advised that .6 mile of J. T. White Road is maintained by the parish. He stated that the remaining portion is dedicated to the public but has never been accepted into the parish road maintenance system. Mr. Ford stated that if the proposed Red River Trace development is approved, the parish will need to accept the remaining portion of J. T. White Road into the parish road maintenance system. He stated that the parish built the road and there is only one failure in the road surface where it crosses the levee. Mr. French stated that the developer will repair this portion of the road when the four-inch water line is installed.

Mr. French stated that the proposed development consists of 27 lots, and there will be no future expansion of this subdivision. He stated that all lots are above the base flood elevation.

There being no opposition, **motion was made by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to approve the plat of the proposed development of Red River Trace Subdivision, located in Section 8, Township 15 North, Range 11 West, Bossier Parish, LA, subject to South Bossier Water System providing water to the proposed development and individual sewer treatment plants.**

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 Circle K Stores, Inc., to the Bossier City-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission, for Conditional Use Approval for the retail sale of high content alcohol at a convenience store at 5302 Airline Drive, Bossier City, LA. The application received a favorable recommendation from the Bossier City-Parish MPC.

Mr. Tim Peters, Circle K Stores, Inc., was present. Mr. Skaggs asked if the proposed Circle K Store is to be open 24 hours per day. Mr. Peters confirmed that 24-hour operation of the store is planned. Mr. Skaggs expressed concern regarding exterior lighting at the facility. Mr. Sam Marsiglia, Bossier City-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission, stated that the MPC requires that very detailed lighting regulations are met.

There being no opposition, **motion was made by Mr. Skaggs, seconded by Mr. Avery, to approve the application of Circle K Stores, Inc., to the Bossier City-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission, for Conditional Use Approval for the retail sale of high content alcohol at a convenience store at 5302 Airline Drive, Bossier City, LA.**

ORDINANCE NO. 4507

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE FOR THE RETAIL SALE OF HIGH CONTENT ALCOHOL FOR OFF-PREMISE CONSUMPTION AT A CONVENIENCE STORE LOCATED AT 5302 AIRLINE DRIVE, BOSSIER CITY, LA.

WHEREAS, Circle K Stores, Inc., has applied to the Bossier Parish Police Jury for Conditional Use for the retail sale of high content alcohol for off-premise consumption at a convenience store located at 5302 Airline Drive, Bossier City, LA; and

WHEREAS, the application has been approved by the Bossier City-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing for the application was held by the Bossier Parish Police Jury on October 16, 2013.

SECTION 1. That the Conditional Use for the retail sale of high content alcohol for off-premise consumption at a convenience store located at 5302 Airline Drive, Bossier City, LA, is hereby approved.

The Ordinance was offered by Mr. Skaggs, seconded by Mr. Avery. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 16th day of October, 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 The Orchard Subdivision, Unit No. 4-A, being a resubdivision of Lots 2 and 2B, The Orchard Subdivision, Unit No. 4, located in Section 28, Township 17 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

Mr. Don Bethel, owner of Lots 1 and 2 of the proposed Orchard Subdivision, Unit No. 4-A, was present. Mr. Ford stated that Mr. Bethel is requesting approval to re-subdivide Lots 1 and 2 by extending the lot line of Lot 1 by 50 feet to build a home on Lot 1. He stated that no structures are allowed on Lot 2 of the proposed subdivision.

There being no opposition, **motion was made by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Shewmake, to approve the plat of the proposed development of The Orchard Subdivision, Unit No. 4-A, being a resubdivision of Lots 2 and 2B, The Orchard Subdivision, Unit No. 4, located in Section 28, 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.**

Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Brotherton, to schedule a public hearing on November 6, 2013, to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Pine Valley Subdivision located in Section 34, Township 20 North, Range 12 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. Plummer, seconded by Mr. Skaggs, to schedule a public hearing on November 20, 2013, for adoption of the 2014 Bossier Parish Police Jury budget.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to accept the resignation of Mr. James Pepper from the East-Central Bossier Parish Fire District No. 1 Board of Commissioners.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to approve the appointment of Mr. Mitch O'Neal to fill the vacancy on the Board of Commissioners for East-Central Bossier Parish Fire District No. 1, due to the resignation of Mr. James Pepper, term to expire December 31, 2013.

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. Skaggs, to approve the application of Harpreet Kaur Wahl and Satwant Kaur Sarai, SGR Times Two, L.L.C., for a 2013 beer/liquor license at Perky's Pizza, 4723 Palmetto Road, Benton, LA. The application has been approved by the Sheriff's Department and the Health Department.

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

Mr. Jackson advised that he has received complaints regarding petty crimes and nuisance activities on the exposed lake bed of Lake Bistineau. He presented a proposed ordinance for the jury's consideration which prohibits the

use of certain vehicles on the exposed lake bed areas of Lake Bistineau located in the unincorporated areas of Bossier Parish. After further discussion, **motion was made by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Benton, to schedule a public hearing on November 6, 2013, to consider adoption of an ordinance prohibiting the use of motorcycles, all-terrain and other motorized recreational vehicles on the exposed lake bed of Lake Bistineau in the unincorporated area of Bossier Parish after sunset during lake drawdowns.**

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 approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion of the Deen Point Road Overlay Project No. 2013-352, 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 16th day of October, 2013, that it does hereby approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion of the Deen Point Road Overlay Project No. 2013-352.

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. Skaggs, seconded by Mr. Avery. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 16th day of October, 2013.

CINDY A. DODSON
PARISH SECRETARY

JIMMY COCHRAN, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Mr. Ford presented Change Order No. 2 on the Wemple Road Reconstruction-Phase I, Project No. 2013-347, advising that this change order results in an additional cost of \$17,052. **Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Skaggs, to approve Change Order No. 2 on the Wemple Road Reconstruction-Phase I, Project No. 2013-347, 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 16th day of October, 2013, that it does hereby approve Change Order No. 2 on the Wemple Road Reconstruction-Phase I, Project No. 2013-347.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Jimmy Cochran, President, is hereby authorized to execute said Change Order No. 2.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Skaggs. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 16th day of October, 2013.

CINDY A. DODSON
PARISH SECRETARY

JIMMY COCHRAN, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Mr. Ford presented Plan Change No. 1 on the Sligo Road Widening Project No. 2013-353, advising there are no costs involved with this plan change. **Motion was made by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to approve Plan Change No. 1 on the Sligo Road Widening Project No. 2013-353, 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 16th day of October, 2013, that it does hereby approve Plan Change No. 1 on the Sligo Road Widening Project No. 2013-353.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Jimmy Cochran, President, is hereby authorized to execute said Plan Change No. 1.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Plummer. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 16th day of October, 2013.

CINDY A. DODSON
PARISH SECRETARY

JIMMY COCHRAN, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Skaggs, seconded by Mr. Shewmake, to establish a 25 mile per hour speed limit on Cardnell Road.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 4508

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE SPEED OF VEHICLES ON CARDNELL ROAD LOCATED IN SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 12 WEST, AND SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST, BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA, AND PROVIDING THE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF.

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on this 16th day of October, 2013, that from and after the effective date of this ordinance, it shall be unlawful for any person to operate or drive a vehicle upon Cardnell Road, located off Swan Lake Road in Section 31, Township 19 North, Range 12 West, and Section 36, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, in excess of twenty-five (25) miles per hour.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, etc., that any person found guilty of violating the provisions of this ordinance shall be fined a sum not to exceed Five Hundred and no/100 Dollars (\$500.00), or imprisoned for not more than thirty (30) days, or both.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, etc., that all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

The ordinance was offered by Mr. Skaggs, seconded by Mr. Shewmake. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 16th day of October, 2013.

CINDY A. DODSON
PARISH SECRETARY

JIMMY COCHRAN, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Rimmer, seconded by Mr. Skaggs, to amend the agenda to consider establishing a 25 mile per hour speed limit on Weaver Road.

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

AYES: Mr. Avery, 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: Ms. Bennett

Motion was made by Mr. Rimmer, seconded by Mr. Skaggs, to establish a 25 mile per hour speed limit on Weaver Road.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 4509

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE SPEED OF VEHICLES ON WEAVER ROAD LOCATED IN SECTION 27, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 12 WEST, BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA, AND PROVIDING THE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF.

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on this 16th day of October, 2013, that from and after the effective date of this ordinance, it shall be unlawful for any person to operate or drive a vehicle upon Weaver Road, located off Bellevue Road in Section 27, Township 19 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, in excess of twenty-five (25) miles per hour.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, etc., that any person found guilty of violating the provisions of this ordinance shall be fined a sum not to exceed Five Hundred and no/100 Dollars (\$500.00), or imprisoned for not more than thirty (30) days, or both.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, etc., that all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

The ordinance was offered by Mr. Rimmer, seconded by Mr. Skaggs. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 16th day of October, 2013.

CINDY A. DODSON
PARISH SECRETARY

JIMMY COCHRAN, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Mr. Altimus expressed appreciation to Ms. Bennett for representing the police jury at the Louisiana Community Development Authority Board of Directors' meeting on October 10, 2013, in Baton Rouge.

Mr. Altimus expressed appreciation to Mr. Cochran, Mr. Shewmake, and Mr. Rimmer for attending the North Louisiana Economic Partnership Regional Caravan held on October 10, 2013, and commended Mr. Cochran for his speech on behalf of the police jury.

Mr. Altimus expressed appreciation to Mr. Rimmer for attending a meeting with Bossier City Mayor Lo Walker and Mr. David Jones, Bossier Parish representative on the Red River Waterway Commission, to discuss joint priority projects for Bossier Parish and the City of Bossier City to be funded by the Red River Waterway Commission. He stated that one of the parish's priorities is the extension of the Arthur Ray Teague Parkway to the Red River National Wildlife Refuge. Mr. Rimmer stated that the extension of the pedestrian walkway on the ART Parkway was also discussed, as well as the construction of pavilions.

Mr. Rimmer reported that it has been recommended that a joint letter from Bossier Parish and the City of Bossier City be sent to the Red River Waterway Commission detailing the requested joint projects.

Mr. Altimus advised that a budget workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, October 22, 2013, at 6:00 p.m., at the Bossier Parish Health Unit.

Mr. Altimus reported that the Annual Department of Transportation and Development Roadshow is scheduled for Wednesday, October 30, 2013, at 9:00 a.m., at the Bossier Civic Center. He stated that a letter regarding joint priority projects with the City of Bossier City will be submitted to DOTD for consideration.

Mr. Ford stated that a plan-in-hand meeting on the Koran/Doyline Road bridge project is scheduled for October 24, 2013, at 12:00 p.m.

Mr. Ford reported that the Benton Town Council has approved the police jury's request for assistance with the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant sewer project for East Benton Subdivision located off Highway 162. He stated that LCDBG funds in the amount of approximately \$400,000 will be requested for this sewer project, and advised that the Town of Benton has agreed to operate and manage the sewer system.

Mr. Ford provided an update on the New Barksdale Air Force Base Entrance at Bodcau Station Road Project, advising that the project should be complete in approximately one week. He stated that the contractor has requested additional time for road striping, and advised that a plan change for the work will be submitted at the November 6, 2013, regular meeting. He advised that a ribbon cutting ceremony will be scheduled in the near future.

Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Shewmake, to amend the agenda to consider two requests for a variance of parish regulations to allow a home to be built below the road surface level at Lot 46, Forest Hills Subdivision, Unit No. 5, and on a lot located on Ryan Road, Assessment No. 173828, Bossier Parish, LA.

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

AYES: Mr. Avery, 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: Ms. Bennett

Mr. Ford presented a request from the property owners at Lot 46, Forest Hills Subdivision, Unit No. 5, for a variance of parish regulations to allow a home to be built below the road surface elevation. He stated that all homes on Sweetbriar Bluff are built below the road surface elevation and recommended approval of the request.

Mr. Ford presented a request from Ryan and Taffi Moore, owners of a lot off Ryan Road, Assessment No. 173828, for a variance of parish regulations to allow a home to be built below the road surface elevation. He stated that there is an approximate 50-foot drop-off from the roadway to Cypress Black Bayou. He stated that he has reviewed this request, and recommends approval of the requested variance.

Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Shewmake, to approve a request for a variance of parish regulations to allow a home to be built below the road surface elevation at Lot 46, Forest Hills Subdivision, Unit No. 5, and for the construction of a home on a lot on Ryan Road, Assessment No. 173828, Bossier Parish, LA.

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

Mr. Rimmer reported on an area of rough road surface on a portion of roadway located in the right-of-way of Interstate 20 which is maintained by LA DOTD. Mr. Ford stated that he has contacted the state regarding this matter, and the state has recommended that the parish take this portion of roadway into its road system for permanent maintenance. Mr. Altimus recommended that the state maintained portion be included in the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development Right-Sizing the State Highway System Program.

Mr. Ronnie Andrews, Public Works Director, presented an update on activities of the highway department and on several road projects in the parish. He reported that there are 1.8 miles of roadway remaining to complete the 2013 Road Overlay Program.

Mr. Andrews requested input and recommendations for the 2016 road overlay program.

Mr. Rimmer reported on cooperative efforts to oppose the proposed closing of lock and dam service on the Red River by the Corps.

Mr. Brotherton extended an invitation to an open house scheduled for Saturday from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the new South Bossier Fire District No. 2 fire station located at Sligo Road and Olde Oaks Subdivision. He stated that the fire station will be dedicated to Ms. Schindall in honor of the late Chief Ron Schindall, and the resolution that the police jury recently adopted honoring Chief Schindall will be presented to Ms. Schindall.

Mr. Brotherton reported that a committee has been created to assist in the proposed opening of a weevil production facility on Lake Bistineau in an effort to treat salvinia. He stated that they are currently looking for a site for the facility.

Mr. Brotherton expressed appreciation to Mr. Andrews and the highway department for the excellent work on Harbor Landing Road.

Committee Meeting – October 16, 2013, 1:30 p.m.

The Finance Committee of the Bossier Parish Police Jury met on this 16th day of October, 2013, at 1:30 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana, with all members present.

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to approve payment of accounts payable invoices in the amount of \$633.75 for the Johnny Gray Jones Youth Shelter for the month of September, 2013, as follows:

Cannon Services, Inc. \$ 558.75

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. Rimmer, to approve payment of all other accounts payable invoices for the month of September, 2013.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Darby, seconded by Mr. Hammack, that Mr. Darby will contribute discretionary funds in the amount of \$516.48 to Central Park Elementary School for the purchase of 50 Logitech stereo headsets, H-150, and six Gearhead Universal Multimedia headsets for the computer lab, and will contribute discretionary funds in the amount of \$600 to Central Park Elementary School for Teacher Appreciation Week.

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. Skaggs, that Ms. Bennett will contribute discretionary funds in the amount of \$1,000, and Mr. Skaggs will contribute discretionary funds in the amount of \$500, for a total of \$1,500 to Benton Middle School for the purchase of new uniforms for the girls' basketball team.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Cochran, seconded by Mr. Brotherton, that Mr. Cochran will contribute matching discretionary funds in the amount of \$400, and each other juror, excluding Mr. Shewmake, will contribute matching discretionary funds in the amount of \$100 each, for a total of \$1,500, to Bossier High School for travel/meal expenses for students of the Forensic Anthropology Facial Reconstruction project to travel to the forensic anthropology lab at LSU Baton Rouge.

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. Darby, that Mr. Shewmake will contribute discretionary funds in the amount of \$500 to T. O. Rusheon Middle School for the purchase of new nonfiction material for the library.

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. Darby, that Mr. Shewmake will contribute discretionary funds in the amount of \$500 to T. O. Rusheon Middle School for the purchase of items needed for an archery program.

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. Darby, that Mr. Shewmake will contribute matching discretionary funds in the amount of \$1,000 to Waller Elementary School for the purchase of updated technology for classrooms.

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

Ms. Dodson presented a letter of appreciation from the Bossier Parish School Board for the police jury's contribution of discretionary funds to Bossier Parish schools.

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to amend the agenda to consider a request from the Veteran's Weekend Celebration Committee for a contribution of \$2,500 to sponsor the Veteran's Weekend Celebration.

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. Benton presented a request from the Veteran's Weekend Celebration Committee for a contribution in the amount of \$2,500 for assistance with the Veteran's Weekend Celebration that will be held in Caddo Parish. He advised that the Caddo Parish Commission, the City of Shreveport, and the City of Bossier City have each contributed to the event. After further discussion, **motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, that each juror, excluding Mr. Shewmake, will contribute matching discretionary funds in the amount of \$227.28 each, for a total of \$2,500.08, to assist with the Veteran's Weekend Celebration.**

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

Mr. Plummer advised that a budget workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, October 22, 2013, at 6:00 p.m., at the Bossier Parish Health Unit.

There being no further business to come before the Finance Committee, the 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 16th day of October, 2013, the meeting was adjourned by the President at 3:15 p.m.

CINDY A. DODSON
PARISH SECRETARY

JIMMY COCHRAN, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY