

BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY
BENTON, LOUISIANA
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The Bossier Parish Police Jury met in regular and legal session on the 16th day of July, 2014, at 2:00 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana. The President, Mr. Doug Rimmer, Sr., called the meeting to order. The invocation was given by Mr. Wayne Hammack, and the pledge of allegiance was led by Mr. Jimmy Cochran. The Parish Secretary, Ms. Cindy Dodson, called the roll, 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, absent

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

Motion was made by Mr. Shewmake, seconded by Mr. Benton, to adopt the minutes of the June 4, 2014, and June 18, 2014, regular meetings, and the June 18, 2014, Finance Committee meeting, as published.

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 amend the agenda to add Agenda Item No. 12, to adopt a proclamation congratulating the Benton Elementary archery team on winning the title of 2014 Elementary World Champions at the National Archery in the Schools Program World Tournament and proclaiming July 17, 2014, as Benton Elementary School Archery 2014 Elementary World Champions Day.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mr. Skaggs

Mr. Clay Carter, 189 Tooke Road, Elm Grove, LA, requested that the police jury abandon Tooke Road. He stated that there are currently three residences on Tooke Road, and advised of problems on the road due to traffic from oil and gas vehicles. Mr. Carter stated that there are problems with speeding and issues with noise, dust and unacceptable behavior by employees of the oil and gas companies. He stated that he has made several complaints to the Bossier Parish Sheriff's Department regarding speeding on the road, and advised that the parish sent noise monitoring equipment to Tooke Road but no oil and gas vehicles traveled the road during monitoring.

Mr. Carter stated that his home is located approximately 50 feet from Tooke Road, and advised that he is very concerned regarding the safety of children due to the speeding vehicles. He further stated that dust is a severe problem. Mr. Carter stated that he and the other residents want to put a gate up to keep the oil and gas trucks off the road, and require them to build an access road on property where the oil and gas wells are located.

Mr. Ford stated that Tooke Road is a tacitly dedicated road which has been paved by the parish. He stated that an oil and gas company participated in the cost of paving the road due to their use of the road to access well sites. Mr. Ford stated that he has contacted the oil and gas company regarding the noise complaint, and requested that a noise study be done at this location. He stated that he has not received the results of this study. Mr. Ford stated that all landowners on Tooke Road must be in favor of the requested abandonment.

Mr. Brotherton stated that an active cemetery is located at the end of Tooke Road, as well as a private drive to a camp on Lake Bistineau. Mr. Brotherton recommended that the Parish Attorney review this matter further, and that Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Officers be requested to monitor Tooke Road. The jury concurred.

Ms. Dodson announced the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Kingston Plantation Subdivision, Unit No. 5, located in Section 17, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA. This matter was tabled on July 2, 2014.

Mr. Warren Moore, developer, and Mr. Ken Smith, Smith Engineering, were present. Mr. Moore stated that this is the final unit of Kingston Plantation Subdivision, advising that the proposed development consists of 94 large lots. He stated that curb and gutter streets and underground drainage are planned and advised that the proposed development will be served by Bossier City water and Eagle Water sewerage service.

Mr. Ford stated that he met with Mr. Warren Moore, Mr. Hank Moore, Mr. Gene Ash, and Mr. Ken Smith last Friday and discussed the outstanding balance owed to AEP Swepco for streetlights in the existing units of Kingston Plantation Subdivision. He stated that Mr. Jeff Crain, AEP Swepco, advised that a decision has not been reached regarding the possibility of reducing the debt owed to AEP Swepco by the Kingston Plantation Homeowners Association.

Mr. Ford stated that the police jury owns the gatehouse at the entrance to Kingston Plantation Subdivision, and a survey is being obtained in order to lease the gatehouse to the homeowners association. He stated that a full inspection of the gatehouse is planned to ensure that all building code regulations are met. Mr. Ford stated that the gate at the entrance is currently not insured, but all past incidents of damage caused by the gate have been covered by the homeowners association and the developer.

Mr. Ford reported that the concerns regarding increased traffic due to the proposed additional 94 lots were discussed. He stated that plans are in place to widen Kingston Road from the new elementary school west to Benton Road as funds become available in the future.

Mr. Ford stated that after reviewing all surveys of the proposed Unit No. 5, a possible emergency exit to Magnolia Chase Drive is being considered. He stated that Mr. Hank Moore and Mr. Warren Moore have agreed to dedicate a 20-foot easement for the proposed emergency exit in the future, to be owned and maintained by the parish.

Mr. Ford stated that he is currently working with the Bossier Parish Levee Board and the Department of Transportation and Development regarding the location of the high bank. He stated that once the high bank has been located, it may be necessary to amend the plat for the proposed Unit No. 5 to adjust lot lines. Mr. Ford stated that due to issues with the Bossier Parish Levee Board on recent subdivision plats, an item will be placed on the pre-application check-list for subdivision plat approval to ensure that all requirements of the Bossier Parish Levee Board are met prior to a public hearing by the police jury. Mr. Avery requested that this process be adopted by the metropolitan planning commissions as well.

Ms. Bennett stated that the Bossier Parish Levee Board does not often approve waivers, and is concerned that the request for a 50-foot easement reduction will not be granted.

Mr. Ford stated that if significant changes are required to the proposed plat after the Bossier Parish Levee Board has made its determination, resubmission of the amended plat to the Benton-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission may be required.

Mr. Gene Ash, President of the Kingston Plantation Homeowners Association, stated that the current insurance policy that Mr. Moore has in place does not cover the gatehouse and gate, and he has requested a quote for insurance coverage.

Mr. Ash stated that two contracts signed with AEP Swepco were signed by Mr. Moore as president of the homeowners association, but that Mr. Moore was not the acting president of the homeowners association at that time.

Mr. Ash stated that safety is a concern due to increased traffic as a result of the additional unit, as well as the construction of new schools in this area. He expressed concern that it will take approximately four to five years before a turning lane on Kingston Road is completed.

Mr. Benton asked if Mr. Moore originally owned all of the property where the existing units of Kingston Plantation Subdivision are located, as well as the proposed Unit No. 5 when the master plan for Kingston Plantation Subdivision was submitted. Mr. Moore stated that he owned all of the property and that the proposed Unit No. 5 was rezoned at the same time as the other units and was included in the original master plan. Mr. Ford advised that he has not seen the master plan that includes the proposed Unit No. 5, but was aware that this section of land would eventually be developed. He stated that he believes there is a master plan which includes the proposed Unit No. 5 because all lots in the proposed unit were included in the original plans to the Department of Health and Hospitals for the subdivision.

Mr. Smith requested that if this matter is tabled for 30 days, the police jury consider allowing the public hearing to be heard on August 6, 2014, if a letter of recommendation is received from the Department of Transportation and Development prior to the August 6, 2014, regular meeting.

After further discussion, **motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to table the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Kingston Plantation Subdivision, Unit No. 5, located in Section 17, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA, for 30 days; further noted in the motion, if a letter of recommendation from the Department of Transportation and Development is received and all issues regarding location of the high bank are resolved prior to the August 6, 2014, regular meeting, the matter will be considered at the August 6, 2014, 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 a change in the boundaries of Bossier Parish Precinct 02-01 and Bossier Parish Precinct 02-18D, as the result of the annexation of McKenzie Place Subdivision into the corporate limits of the Town of Benton.

Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Shewmake, to adopt an ordinance changing the boundaries of Bossier Parish Precinct 02-01 and Bossier Parish Precinct 02-18D, as the result of the annexation of McKenzie Place Subdivision into the corporate limits of the Town of Benton.

ORDINANCE NO. 4549

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 4400 OF JULY 6, 2011, WHICH ADOPTED BOSSIER PARISH REDISTRICTING PLAN 4B, AND ORDINANCE NO. 4392 OF JUNE 1, 2011, WHICH ADOPTED BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY REDISTRICTING PLAN 4A, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING ELECTION PRECINCTS FOR THE PARISH OF BOSSIER, STATE OF LOUISIANA, BY CHANGING THE BOUNDARY LINES OF CERTAIN ELECTION PRECINCTS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY (MCKENZIE PLACE SUBDIVISION) INTO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF BENTON, BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA, AND DEFINING THE TERRITORIAL LIMITS OF SAID ELECTION PRECINCTS, TO BE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UPON ADOPTION.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 16th day of July, 2014, that Ordinance No. 4400 of July 6, 2011, which adopted Bossier Parish Police Jury Redistricting Plan 4B, and Ordinance No. 4392 of June 1, 2011, which adopted Bossier Parish Police Jury Redistricting Plan 4A, in accordance with the 2010 decennial census of population as required by law, be and are hereby amended in accordance with Revised Statute 18:532.1, by changing the boundary lines of certain election precincts to provide for the annexation of property (McKenzie Place Subdivision) into the corporate limits of the Town of Benton, Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, said precinct boundary changes described as follows:

PRECINCT 02-01:

Precinct 02-01 contains all territory contained within the corporate limits of the Town of Benton.

PRECINCT 02-18D:

Beginning at the junction of the center right-of-way of Louisiana State Highway 160 and the center right-of-way of New Bethel Booker Road, thence proceed in an easterly direction on the center right-of-way of Louisiana State Highway 160 to the junction with the center right-of-way of Butler Hill Road, thence proceed in a southerly direction on the center right-of-way of Butler Hill Road to the junction with the center right-of-way of Louisiana State Highway 162, thence proceed in a westerly direction on the center right-of-way of Louisiana Highway 162 to the junction with the eastern corporate limits of the Town of Benton, thence proceed in a generally northerly, thence westerly, thence southerly direction on said corporate limits to the junction with the center right-of-way of Stinson Road, thence proceed in a westerly direction on the center right-of-way of Stinson Road to the junction with a power transmission line, thence proceed southwesterly on said power transmission line to the junction with the center right-of-way of an unnamed road, thence proceed southwesterly on the center right-of-way of said road to the junction with the Caddo Parish/Bossier Parish boundary line, thence proceed in a northerly direction on the Caddo Parish/Bossier Parish boundary to a point due south of the termination of the center right-of-way of Adger Lake Road in Section 21, T20N, R14W, thence proceed in a northerly direction to the junction of the center right-of-way of Adger Lake Road, thence proceed in a northeasterly direction on the center right-of-way of Adger Lake Road to the junction with the center right-of-way of Old Plain Dealing Road and Peace Lane thence proceed northwesterly on the center right-of-way of Peace Lane to the center flow channel of an unnamed stream, thence proceed southeasterly along the center flow channel of the unnamed stream to the junction with the center right-of-way of a power transmission line, thence proceed northeasterly along the power transmission line to the junction with the center right-of-way of Louisiana State Highway 3, thence proceed northeasterly along the center right-of-way of Louisiana State Highway 3 to the junction with the center right-of-way of New Bethel Booker Road, thence proceed westerly then northerly along the center right-of-way of New Bethel Booker Road to the junction with the center right-of-way line of Louisiana State Highway 160, which is the point of beginning.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, etc., that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications, which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, etc., that all other provisions, items or applications, described in Ordinance No. 4392 of June 1, 2011, and Ordinance No. 4400 of July 6, 2011, shall remain in full force and effect.

The ordinance was offered by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Shewmake. It was duly adopted on this 16th day of July, 2014, with the following vote recorded:

YEAS: Mr. Avery, Ms. Bennett, Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Cook, Mr. Darby, Mr. Hammack, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Shewmake

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Skaggs

CINDY A. DODSON
PARISH SECRETARY

DOUG RIMMER, SR., PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Ms. Dodson announced the hearing to consider condemnation of property at Lot A, Country Place Subdivision, Unit No. 4-A, Haughton, LA. Mr. Mark Coutee, Bossier Parish Highway Superintendent, presented current photographs of the property and reported that there has been no change in the condition of the property.

After further discussion, **motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Brotherton, to proceed with condemnation of property at Lot A, Country Place Subdivision, Unit No. 4-A, Haughton, LA, in accordance 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 204 Princeton Lane North, Princeton, LA. Mr. Coutee presented current photographs of the property and reported that there has been no change in the condition of the property.

After further discussion, **motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Brotherton, to proceed with condemnation of property at 204 Princeton Lane North, Princeton, LA, in accordance with property standards regulations.**

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

Motion was made by Mr. Shewmake, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to adopt a resolution honoring Colonel Steve dePyssler on his 95th birthday.

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Colonel Steve dePyssler is celebrating his 95th birthday; and

WHEREAS, Colonel dePyssler has volunteered for 36 years at Barksdale Air Force Base, serving 26 years as Director of the Retiree Activities Office, and 36 years as a Director of the Ark-La-Tex Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America, and as Publisher of the award winning Chapter newspaper; and

WHEREAS, Colonel dePyssler has helped thousands of veterans, retirees, spouses and others with Casualty Affairs, Personal Affairs, Survivor Benefit Plan, VA disability and much more, and is still active by working every day at the Barksdale Air Force Base Retiree Activities Office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury on this 16th day of July, 2014, that it does hereby congratulate Colonel Steve dePyssler on the celebration of his 95th birthday, and does extend its sincere

appreciation to Colonel dePyssler for his outstanding service to the many veterans, retirees, spouses, and others at Barksdale Air Force Base.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Shewmake, seconded by Mr. Plummer. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 16th day of July, 2014.

CINDY A. DODSON
PARISH SECRETARY

DOUG RIMMER, SR., PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to approve the request of Sportspectrum for a letter of no objection to the selling of beer at the annual River Cities Triathlon on August 3, 2014, at the Cypress-Black Bayou Recreation Park, 135 Cypress Park Drive, Benton, LA.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Avery, to reappoint Ms. Eddie M. Scott, Ms. Joy Rhodes Wise, and Mr. Gary Lyles to the Bossier Parish Fire District No. 7 Board of Commissioners for two-year terms each, terms to expire July 31, 2016.

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

Mr. Altimus presented a proposed ordinance amending the regulation of peddling in the unincorporated areas of Bossier Parish to require issuance of a photo identification card from the Bossier Parish Police Jury in lieu of a sticker.

After further discussion, **motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to adopt an ordinance amending Chapter 86, Section 86-2, of the Bossier Parish Code of Ordinances "Solicitation Upon Private Residence", to amend and/or add certain sections or subsections.**

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

ORDINANCE NO. 4550

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 86, SECTION 86-2, OF THE BOSSIER PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES "SOLICITATION UPON PRIVATE RESIDENCE", TO ADD AND/OR AMEND CERTAIN SECTIONS OR SUBSECTIONS

BE IT ORDAINED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 16th day of July, 2014, that Chapter 86, Section 86-2 (a)(3)k, (b)1 and (b)2, be and are hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 86-2. Solicitation Upon Private Residence.

Section 86-2 (a)(3)k is hereby amended to read as follows:

(a) License Required.

(3) The Permit shall require the following information:

- A) Business Name, Telephone Number, Physical Address and E-mail address
- B) Description of the Product or Service and copy of item(s) to be Peddled
- C) Applicant or Sponsor Name, Business Telephone Number, Cellular Phone Number, Previous Events in Bossier Parish, Date of Application, E-mail address, Physical Address
- D) Criminal Background report from local agency
- E) Better Business Bureau report from local agency
- F) Date(s) of Activity in Bossier Parish
- G) Hours of Operation, between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
- H) Location and Schedule of Peddling
- I) Number of Peddlers per day, Number of Time/Day(s)
- J) Staff – Name of Local Coordinator, Cellular Phone Number, Local Address, Number of on-site Staff Members
- K) If permit granted, permittee shall wear a visible name tag with photo displaying company name, individual name, date issued and permit number issued by Bossier Parish.

Section 86-2 (b)(1) is hereby amended to read as follows:

(b) Regulations Established.

(1) Unless permit is obtained by the company and the individual door to door solicitor, the going in and upon private residences in the unincorporated areas of Bossier Parish by solicitors, peddlers, hawkers, itinerant merchants, or transient vendors of merchandise not having been requested or invited to do so by the owner or owners, occupant or occupants of such private residences for the purpose of soliciting orders for the sale of goods, wares, merchandise and/or services and/or disposing of and/or peddling or hawking such goods and/or services is declared to be unlawful; provided, however, that the provisions of this article shall not apply to the sale or soliciting of orders for the sale of milk, dairy products, vegetables, poultry, eggs and other farm and garden produce so far as the sale of the commodities named in this section is now authorized by law; nor shall the provisions of the article apply to solicitation of orders for utilities, including cable television.

Section 86-2 (b)(2) is hereby added as follows:

(2) No person convicted of a felony, or a crime involving deceit, fraud or dishonesty shall be eligible for a permit.

The ordinance was offered by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Plummer. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 16th day of July, 2014.

CINDY A. DODSON
PARISH SECRETARY

DOUG RIMMER, SR., PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Mr. Ford presented a request from the Town of Benton for dedication of an easement on police jury property located at the corner of Burt Boulevard and Highway 3, to allow them access to the Benton wastewater lift station. He stated that the lift station, which is owned by the Town of Benton, is located on this property and a generator and fencing is needed.

After further discussion, **motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to approve the dedication of an easement to the Town of Benton for the Benton wastewater lift station located at the corner of Burt Boulevard and Highway 3, Benton, LA.**

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. Darby, to establish a 25 mile per hour speed limit on Cannon Road.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 4551

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE SPEED OF VEHICLES ON CANNON ROAD LOCATED IN SECTION 2, TOWNSHIP 18 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 July, 2014, that from and after the effective date of this ordinance, it shall be unlawful for any person to operate or drive a vehicle upon Cannon Road, located off Wafer Road in Section 2, Township 18 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. Benton, seconded by Mr. Darby. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 16th day of July, 2014.

CINDY A. DODSON
PARISH SECRETARY

DOUG RIMMER, SR., PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Mr. Benton stated that the police jury owns property located on the corner of Highway 80 and the east side of Tall Timbers Boulevard that serves as an overflow parking lot for the Tall Timbers Park. He stated that a portion of the property is currently used for parking for Tall Timbers Park and the adjacent landowner has requested to purchase the remaining portion in order to expand a daycare center.

After further discussion, **motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Brotherton, to authorize obtaining proposals for a survey and for the appraisal of a portion of property located at the corner of Highway 80 and the east side of Tall Timbers Boulevard, to declare the property as surplus, to be advertised for bid with the minimum acceptable bid to be set at the appraised value, and to authorize the President to execute documents; funds received from the sale of this property are to be placed in the Parks and Recreation Fund for construction of a restroom facility at Tall Timbers Park.**

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 July, 2014, that Doug Rimmer, Sr., President, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Bossier Parish Police Jury, any and all documents in connection with the hiring of a surveyor and appraiser for the survey and appraisal of a portion of police jury property located at the corner of Highway 80 and the east side of Tall Timbers Boulevard.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Brotherton. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 16th day of July, 2014.

CINDY A. DODSON
PARISH SECRETARY

DOUG RIMMER, SR., PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to adopt a proclamation congratulating the Benton Elementary Archery Team on winning the title of 2014 Elementary World Champions at the National Archery in the Schools Program World Tournament, and declaring July 17, 2014, as Benton Elementary School Archery 2014 Elementary World Champions Day in Bossier Parish.

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

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Benton Elementary School fourth and fifth grade archery team competed in the National Archery in the Schools Program World Tournament held July 11-13, 2014, in Madison, Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, the Benton Elementary School archery team, under the direction of Benton Elementary archery Coach Perry Norcross, was named elementary state champions for 2013-2014, and placed eighth in the nation in May, 2014, at the National Archery in the Schools Program in Louisville, Kentucky, earning them the right to compete at the world level; and

WHEREAS, the National Archery in the Schools Program is the largest youth archery program in the world, and at the 2014 National Tournament, nearly 10,450 student archers competed, setting a new Guinness World Record; and

WHEREAS, the Benton Elementary School archery team competed against thousands of the best archers from across the globe, including Africa, Canada, England and Mexico; and

WHEREAS, upon a tally of the scores at this event, the Benton Elementary School archery team placed first out of the 30 teams competing and won the title of Elementary World Champions.

NOW, THEREFORE, We, the Bossier Parish Police Jury, do hereby proclaim the 17th day of July, 2014, as

**BENTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ARCHERY
2014 ELEMENTARY WORLD CHAMPIONS DAY**

in the Parish of Bossier, and does hereby congratulate the Benton Elementary School archery team on winning the title of 2014 Elementary World Champions at the National Archery in the Schools Program World Tournament, and does commend Coach Perry Norcross and each member of the Benton Elementary School archery team for this tremendous accomplishment and does applaud you on your outstanding performance in earning the title of Elementary World Champions.

The resolution was offered by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Cochran. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 16th day of July, 2014.

CINDY A. DODSON
PARISH SECRETARY

DOUG RIMMER, SR. PRESIDENT
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Mr. Ford advised that bids for Contracts 1 and 2 for the Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 will be taken on August 26, 2014, and bids for Contract 3 will be taken on August 28, 2014.

Mr. Ford advised that a public meeting is scheduled for August 21, 2014, beginning at 2:00 p.m., in the Bossier Parish Police Jury Meeting Room to provide the public with information regarding the Environmental Information Document (EID) and the Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) for the Proposed Primary Sewer Lift Station and Force Main and Proposed Wastewater Treatment Facility for the Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier.

Mr. Ford reported on a meeting with the Department of Transportation and Development advising that the Jimmie Davis Highway Bridge Reconstruction Project will begin in October, 2014, and it is anticipated that the bridge will be closed for approximately one year beginning January, 2015.

Ms. Bennett requested information pertaining to a sinkhole that has developed on property in Bay Hills Subdivision. Mr. Ford stated that surveying work is complete, and it has been determined that dedicated easements do exist. He stated that culverts beneath the ground will need to be located prior to any further recommendations being made.

Mr. Ronnie Andrews, Public Works Director, presented an update on activities of the highway department and on several road projects in the parish.

Mr. Cochran reported on a meeting with BlueCross BlueShield.

Mr. Cochran congratulated the Bossier Little League 13-15 year old girls' softball team for advancing to the state finals in Vidalia, LA.

Ms. Bennett reported on the Annual NACo Conference held in New Orleans, LA, on July 11-14, 2014, advising that the conference was well attended and the workshops were excellent and very informative.

Motion was made by Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Darby, to amend the agenda to schedule a public hearing on August 20, 2014, to consider the application of Leyla Olvera d/b/a Tio Nacho, Inc., to the Benton Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission for a Special Exception Use for on-premise consumption of low and high content alcohol at a restaurant located at 5608 Highway 3, Suite H, Benton, LA.

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

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

Motion was made by Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Darby, to schedule a public hearing on August 20, 2014, to consider the application of Leyla Olvera d/b/a Tio Nacho, Inc., to the Benton Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission for a Special Exception Use for on-premise consumption of low and high content alcohol at a restaurant located at 5608 Highway 3, Suite H, Benton, LA.

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

Mr. Darby stated that local football jamborees will be held soon and requested that school officials be asked to recognize the police jury for its contributions to Bossier Parish schools during game announcements.

Mr. Rimmer introduced Mr. Ian Snellgrove, Director, and Mr. Gene Barattini, Deputy Director, of the Bossier Parish Homeland Security Office.

Mr. Rimmer reported on the Annual NACo Conference in New Orleans, LA, advising that the event was a great success.

Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to amend the agenda to adjourn into executive session to discuss the matter of “G&H Development, LLC, vs Nancy Penwell, et al”, Civil Action No. 5:13-CV-00272, United States District Court, Western District of Louisiana.

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
 NAYS: None
 ABSTAIN: None
 ABSENT: Mr. Skaggs

Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to adjourn into executive session to discuss the matter of “G&H Development, LLC, vs Nancy Penwell, et al”, Civil Action No. 5:13-CV-00272, United States District Court, Western District of Louisiana.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously, 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
 NAYS: None
 ABSTAIN: None
 ABSENT: Mr. Skaggs

Finance Committee Meeting – July 16, 2014, 1:30 p.m.

The Finance Committee of the Bossier Parish Police Jury met on this 16th day of July, 2014, at 1:30 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana, with Mr. Skaggs being absent.

Mr. Travis Morehart, Cook & Morehart, Certified Public Accountants, presented a review of the 2013 Bossier Parish Police Jury audit. He reported that there are no findings or comments, and commended the police jury staff.

Mr. Barry Butler asked if the 2012 audit has been revised to correct an error in calculations. Mr. Morehart stated that the necessary action has been taken to address this.

Ms. Robin Jones and Mr. Clint McCommon, Bossier Arts Council, were present. Mr. McCommon presented information regarding an upcoming event, DigiFest South, which is a demonstration of the powerful impact that creativity and technology have on our culture and economy.

Mr. McCommon stated that their mission is to educate students from 7th grade through college on opportunities for careers in the digital media world. He stated that an additional goal is to educate elected officials, business and community leaders about the economic impact that the digital media industry has on the local area.

Mr. McCommon stated that DigiFest South is being held September 17-18, 2014, at the CenturyLink Center. He stated that the DigiFest Kickoff Talks event is being held on September 16, 2014, at 11:30 a.m., at the Margaritaville Paradise Theater, and a Laser Light EDM Concert is scheduled at 7:00 p.m., on September 18, 2014. Mr. McCommon stated that one of the biggest events is DigiPitch, which allows entrepreneurs to present their digital media ideas to a panel of venture capitalists for a chance to receive funding for their ideas.

Mr. McCommon requested that the police jury consider a contribution of \$5,000 towards the DigiFest South event. The request was taken under advisement.

Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Darby, to approve payment of accounts payable invoices in the amount of \$225 for the Johnny Gray Jones Youth Shelter for the month of June, 2014, as follows:

Emergency Power Systems	\$150.00
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. Cochran, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to approve payment of all other accounts payable invoices for the month of June, 2014.

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 16th day of July, 2014, the meeting was adjourned by the President at 3:40 p.m.

CINDY A. DODSON
PARISH SECRETARY

DOUG RIMMER, SR., PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY