

BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY
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The Bossier Parish Police Jury met in regular and legal session on the 3rd day of September, 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 Ms. Wanda Bennett, and the pledge of allegiance was led by Mr. Jack Skaggs. 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

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.

Ms. Dodson announced the hearing to determine the viciousness of a dog belonging to Leia Burnett, 316 Johnson Drive, Elm Grove, LA.

Mr. Jackson stated that a complaint has been received regarding an incident on August 16, 2014, where a 12 year old child was attacked by a pit bull belonging to Leia Burnett. He stated that the child's family is present for today's hearing.

Mr. Jackson stated that there have been three complaints of this particular dog being aggressive or having some interaction with members of the general public. He stated that an incident took place on November 4, 2012, which resulted in a complaint being filed by Ms. Carol McClung, a neighbor. He stated that Ms. McClung alleges that the pit bull attempted to do her harm.

Mr. Jackson stated that another incident occurred on December 13, 2012, where Ms. Tracy Ford Delrie, a neighbor, alleged that the pit bull attempted to do her harm.

Mr. Billy Don Slack, Bossier Parish Animal Control Officer, stated that he has been dispatched to Ms. Burnett's residence at 316 Johnson Drive on several occasions regarding her dogs. He stated that in one incident, a woman fell on the pavement while trying to run from the dog.

Mr. Slack stated that on another occasion, the dog entered a neighbor's yard while the neighbor's wife was mowing, but no incident report was filed. He stated that Ms. Burnett advised that she did not have the sonar collar on the dog when it left her property. Mr. Rimmer asked what kind of collar Ms. Burnett was referring to. Mr. Slack stated that Ms. Burnett has a sonar fence around the front yard, but the dog did not have the collar on at that time.

Ms. Leia Burnett, 316 Johnson Drive, Elm Grove, LA, extended her apologies to the family of the 12 year old child who was bitten by her pit bull, Duchess. She stated that this incident has been difficult for both families.

Ms. Burnett stated that according to witnesses who were on her front porch at the time of the incident, the 12 year old child, Tayler Rodriguez, crossed into her yard with his cousin, Logan Lasyone, and he was running and screaming as he entered the yard. She stated that Duchess ran up to Tayler and began barking, and the child began screaming, kicking and flailing his arms at the dog. She stated that according to Tayler's cousin, Tayler did kick Duchess prior to Duchess biting him. Ms. Burnett stated that her son, Jesse Howard, began yelling at Duchess and the dog released Tayler and he ran back to the other side of the fence. She stated that Duchess remained in her yard. Ms. Burnett stated that everyone began helping Tayler, and when his uncle arrived, she advised him that the dog is up to date on all vaccinations.

Ms. Burnett stated that she called the hospital to check on Tayler, but was unable to speak with any family member. She stated that Tayler's cousin provided her with an update on his condition, advising that the kneecap was slightly separated and that there was some damage to the tendons. She stated that she spoke with Tayler's aunt and uncle later that evening and was advised that he did require surgery on his knee to repair the damage. Ms. Burnett stated that she contacted Tayler's aunt and uncle regarding his condition. She stated that she also contacted Tayler's mother, Tracy Collins, advising that Ms. Collins was upset that she had not contacted her sooner. She stated that Ms. Collins indicated that she would do whatever necessary to have the dog euthanized.

Ms. Burnett stated that after her conversation with Ms. Collins, two Bossier Parish Sheriff's deputies came to her mother's home to take the pit bull for a 10 day quarantine. She stated that she requested that Duchess be allowed to be quarantined at her home, but her request was denied.

Ms. Burnett presented several photos of Duchess, a letter from her veterinarian with current vaccination records, a letter from her groomer, a petition signed by friends and family who interact with Duchess on a daily basis, and photos of "Beware of Dog" and "Keep Out" signs that are posted on her property and on the chain link fence in the back yard.

Ms. Burnett stated that she was not issued a citation by the Bossier Parish Sheriff's Department for this incident because it was determined that no laws were broken.

Ms. Burnett stated that their dogs are part of their family, and the dogs are not aggressive. She stated that her sister owns a \$10,000 service dog which regularly visits Duchess and there have never been any altercations between the dogs.

Ms. Burnett requested that Duchess not be judged based on this one incident or by her breed. She stated that Duchess is a very loving dog, and was only defending herself when Tayler began kicking at her. She extended her sincere apologies to Tayler and his family.

Mr. Hammack requested clarification of where the incident took place. Ms. Burnett stated it was in her front yard. She stated that the children came through the neighbor's yard and under the sonar fence into her front yard. She stated that the dogs had their collars on and did not leave the yard.

Ms. Bennett asked if the dogs are not aggressive, why is there a need for the "Beware of Dog" signs. Ms. Burnett stated that after the first incident with Ms. McClung, they were instructed by law enforcement to place "Beware

of Dog” signs on their property. She stated that signs have been in place for approximately four years. She stated that they were not issued any citations in the first incident with Ms. McClung, and that there was no proof that the dog bit Ms. McClung. Ms. Burnett stated that Mr. Slack monitored the dogs after the incident and made the determination that the dogs were not vicious.

Mr. Brotherton asked for clarification on the incidents involving the pit bull, Duchess. Mr. Jackson stated that in the incident that occurred in November of 2012, involving Ms. Carol McClung, it was alleged that Duchess bit Ms. McClung’s shoe while she was walking on the street in front of Ms. Burnett’s home. Ms. Burnett stated that after this incident, a sonar fence was installed to keep the dogs from leaving the front yard.

Mr. Jackson stated that in December of 2012, another report was filed on one of Ms. Burnett’s dogs. Ms. Burnett stated that another one of her dogs saw Ms. Delrie and her dog walking and ran up to them barking. She stated that she immediately retrieved her dog with no incident. She stated that the sonar fence was in place, but the dog ran out of the house without the collar. Ms. Burnett stated that Ms. Delrie contacted the sheriff’s department and filed a police report alleging that Ms. Burnett’s dog left her yard. Mr. Jackson stated that Ms. Burnett plead guilty to a violation of the leash law and paid a fine.

Mr. Doug Burnett, 316 Johnson Drive, Elm Grove, LA, stated that their dogs are house dogs, and are never outside without supervision.

Ms. Beverly Rose, mother of Ms. Burnett, stated that she often cares for Ms. Burnett’s dogs, and advised that they are loving dogs. She stated that she has never witnessed the dogs being aggressive toward anyone. She requested that Duchess be returned to her home.

Ms. Lauri Deaton, 5882 Highway 33, Choudrant, LA, stated that she is Ms. Burnett’s sister-in-law. She stated that she owns a \$10,000 service dog and Duchess visits often with no incidents. She stated that Duchess is frequently around her four grandchildren ages nine months to four years old, and the dog has never acted aggressive toward the children.

Mr. Gordon Dyck, 181 Dalrymple Road, Benton, LA, stated that he has known Duchess since she was a puppy, and she is not a vicious dog. He stated that he services phone lines and has witnessed aggressive dogs. Mr. Dyck stated that Ms. Burnett’s dogs have never been aggressive.

Ms. Tracy Collins, 690 Elsie Drive, Princeton, LA, stated that she is the mother of Tayler Rodriguez. She stated that she was not present when the incident occurred. Ms. Collins stated that Tayler was spending the night with her sister, and the boys wanted to go play with Jesse, Ms. Burnett’s son. She stated that the two boys took one to two steps off the dirt road into the corner of Ms. Burnett’s yard when the pit bull, Duchess, left the porch and attacked Tayler. Ms. Collins stated that Tayler stated that he did not kick at the dog when it approached him. She stated that Tayler fell to the ground and the pit bull bit his knee cap. Ms. Collins stated that when the dog released its bite, Tayler ran and jumped over another fence to get away from the dog.

Ms. Collins stated that Ms. Burnett never came outside or tried to contact anyone regarding the incident. She stated that Tayler’s cousin had to call his father, who lives two doors away from Ms. Burnett, to come take care of Tayler. She stated that she received a call from Tayler who was frantic telling her what happened. Ms. Collins advised that she immediately left her home in Princeton and drove to Ms. Burnett’s residence to pick her child up to take him to the hospital. She stated that Tayler was invited by Jesse, Ms. Burnett’s son, to come to the home. Ms. Collins stated that her son has visited Ms. Burnett’s home on at least two other occasions.

Ms. Collins stated that a few days after the incident, she drove to Ms. Burnett’s home to see where the incident occurred and two of Ms. Burnett’s dogs charged her vehicle as she drove by. She stated that Ms. Burnett did not contact her until seven days after the incident, and wanted to know if she was going to request that Duchess be euthanized. She stated that she advised Ms. Burnett that she would do all she could to prevent the dog from being allowed back to the Burnett’s home. Ms. Collins stated that additional “Beware of Dog” signs have been placed on the property since this incident occurred. She stated that this matter is being presented as if her child provoked the pit bull, but she does not feel that the dog was provoked.

Ms. Collins presented photographs of the injuries received by her son, advising that surgery was required. Mr. Darby asked if her son is traumatized due to this attack, and Ms. Collins stated that he has been traumatized.

Mr. Benton asked Ms. Collins if the dog pursued her son when he was able to run away. Ms. Collins stated that the dog did not pursue her child, advising that she believes the sonar fence prevented the dog from leaving the yard.

Ms. Collins stated that Jesse, Ms. Burnett’s son, was the only person on the porch when the dog attacked her son.

Mr. Jesse Howard, 316 Johnson Drive, Elm Grove, LA, stated that he is Ms. Burnett’s son, and advised that the children were not invited to come to his home. He stated that Tayler’s two cousins visit often, and the dogs have never been aggressive with either child. Mr. Howard stated that he was not the only person on the front porch when the incident took place. He stated that Tayler had come a good distance into their yard before the dog bit him. He further stated that it would have been impossible for the dogs to charge Ms. Collins’ vehicle, as only one dog is outside and it is chained to a tree.

Mr. Jackson stated that Logan Lasyone, one of the children, gave a statement, advising that he and his cousin were walking to the neighbor’s home. He stated that when they were approximately 10 to 15 feet into Ms. Burnett’s yard, three dogs came off the porch and charged them. He stated that Logan did not worry about the dogs because he has been to the home many times, and his family sold Duchess to the Burnetts. Mr. Jackson stated that Logan stated that two of the dogs ran up to him and stopped while Duchess ran past him towards Tayler and bit him on the right leg. He advised that Logan stated that the three dogs continued barking and growling the entire time.

Mr. Jackson stated that according to the police report, Ms. Collins provided a similar statement as Logan Lasyone.

Mr. Jackson stated that Ms. McClung alleged in her complaint that as she was walking back from the lake, two of Ms. Burnett’s pit bulls were looking at her from their yard. She stated that she had previously had issues with the pit bulls and knew they were going to attack her. Ms. McClung reported that the two pit bulls began chasing her down the

road and one hit her in the back of the left leg, and the other hit the back of her right leg. She stated that before she could get away, one of the pit bulls bit her shoe. Ms. McClung advised that the dog owner then called the dogs back to their property at 316 Johnson Drive and put them in the house.

Ms. Burnett stated that Ms. Collins was not present when the incident took place at her home, and that she was outside prior to Tayler's uncle showing up. She stated that she got ice for Tayler's wound, and wrapped her son's shirt around Tayler's knee.

Ms. Burnett stated that Logan Lasyone told her that he never stopped petting one of the other dogs and was unaware that Tayler had been bitten. She stated that Ms. Collins was not present at the time of this incident, and cannot provide a report as to what did or did not happen when her son was bitten.

Mr. Burnett provided information pertaining to the sonar fence that is currently in place to keep the dogs in their yard.

Ms. Amy Charon, 159 Bourbon St., Elm Grove, LA, stated that she has known Ms. Burnett's dogs since they were puppies and they are all loving dogs.

Mr. Jackson stated that with a history of these types of events, if the jury is inclined to not declare the dog as vicious, in order to protect the public, he recommends that fencing be placed around the Burnett property to ensure that the dogs are not able to have any contact with the public prior to the dog being returned to the Burnetts, with an agreement from the owners that if the dogs run at large, the jury can dispense with these hearings and move directly to the 26th Judicial District Court. He stated that a sonar fence does not keep a young child from wandering in unaware, and if the dogs are territorial as described, the public would be held responsible if the dogs get loose and cause harm, as the police jury has been put on notice of at least two events of this nature pertaining to the pit bull.

Mr. Brotherton asked if Mr. and Mrs. Burnett agree to the terms as stated by Mr. Jackson. Mr. Burnett stated that he will fence his entire property with a chain link fence so the dog can be returned to them. Mr. Rimmer stated that the second condition is that if the dog is found running at large at any time, these proceedings will be dispensed with and the matter will go directly to the 26th Judicial District Court. Mr. Burnett stated that if the dog gets free and causes harm to anyone, he will have the dog put down.

Mr. Jackson stated that if the jury decides to return the dog, he recommends that the dog remain impounded until the proper fencing is installed and approved by Mr. Slack. Mr. Burnett asked if the backyard fencing is sufficient for the dog to be returned at this time. Mr. Jackson stated that he does not recommend this due to the fact that the back door does not lead directly into the fenced area, and the dog will have to be walked to the fenced area on a leash. He stated that until the unaware public can be protected from coming into their yard and being subjected to a potential attack, the dog needs to remain impounded until proper fencing is installed.

Mr. Brotherton stated that the issue is to keep the unaware citizen out of their yard and to keep the dogs inside their yard.

Mr. Avery asked if the public is responsible if a child opens the gate and is attacked. Mr. Jackson stated that if there is proper signage with a physical barrier between the dogs and the public where someone cannot wander onto their property and be attacked, then the public cannot be held responsible.

Mr. Darby stated that he appreciates how the Burnetts feel about their dog, but a child has been traumatized by this incident, and the best interest of the child that has been traumatized needs to be considered. He stated that he cannot support the return of the dog.

Motion was made by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Hammack, that upon completion of fencing the front yard and approval of the fence by the Bossier Parish Animal Control Officer, the dog is to be returned to Mr. and Mrs. Burnett with the stipulation that if the dog is loose and/or harms any one, all hearings will be dispensed of and the matter will be presented directly to the 26th Judicial District Court.

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

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

Mr. Butch Ford advised that bids were received on August 26, 2014, for Contracts 1 and 2 for the Wastewater Collection System for the Sewer District. He further stated that bids for Contract 3 for the Wastewater Collection System were received on August 28, 2014. Mr. Ford stated that the bids received exceeded cost estimates for the projects, and recommended that the bids be taken under advisement. He stated that a meeting with the Department of Environmental Quality is scheduled next week to discuss the bids.

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Darby, to take the bids for Contracts 1, 2 and 3, Wastewater Collection System, under advisement.

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 application of Verma McMillan, to the Bossier City-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission, for a zoning amendment to change the zoning classification of a 3,000 square foot tract of land located at 4615 Highway 80 East, Haughton, LA, Lot 3, Merrywoods Subdivision, from R-LD, Residential Low Density District, to B-3, General Business District, for future commercial development. The application received a favorable recommendation from the Bossier City-Parish MPC.

Ms. Verma McMillan was present. Mr. Benton stated that Ms. McMillan is planning to expand the existing business, Country Village Center, on this tract of land.

There being no opposition, **motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Brotherton, to approve the application of Verma McMillan, to the Bossier City-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission, for a zoning**

amendment to change the zoning classification of a 3,000 square foot tract of land located at 4615 Highway 80 East, Haughton, LA, Lot 3, Merrywoods Subdivision, from R-LD, Residential Low Density District, to B-3, General Business District, for future commercial development.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 4556

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND BOSSIER PARISH ORDINANCE NO. 3908 OF 2003, WHICH ADOPTED A UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE FOR THE BOSSIER CITY-PARISH METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION AND THE PARISH OF BOSSIER, LOUISIANA, BY CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF A 3,000 SQUARE FOOT TRACT OF LAND LOCATED AT 4615 HIGHWAY 80 EAST, HAUGHTON, LA, LOT 3, MERRYWOODS SUBDIVISION, FROM R-LD, RESIDENTIAL LOW DENSITY DISTRICT, TO B-3, GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT, FOR FUTURE COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT

BE IT ORDAINED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on this 3rd day of September, 2014, that Ordinance No. 3908 of 2003 (Unified Development Code) of the Police Jury of Bossier Parish, is hereby amended to change the zoning classification of a 3,000 square foot tract of land located at 4615 Highway 80 East, Haughton, LA, Lot 3, Merrywoods Subdivision, from R-LD, Residential Low Density District, to B-3, General Business District, for future commercial development.

Applicant: Verma McMillan

Purpose: Future commercial development

The ordinance was offered by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Brotherton. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 3rd day of September, 2014.

CINDY A. DODSON
PARISH SECRETARY

DOUG RIMMER, SR. PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Ms. Dodson announced the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Willow Brook Subdivision, Unit No. 3, Correction Plat, a Planned Unit Development, located in Section 28, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

Mr. Travis Sturdivant, Raley and Associates, Inc., advised that the original plat was prematurely filed and did not include the required utility servitudes. He stated that the proposed plat includes the required utility servitudes, as well as a three foot adjustment to the lot line between Lots 83 and 3001 to avoid a sewer manhole.

There being no opposition, **motion was made by Mr. Skaggs, seconded by Mr. Avery, to approve the plat of the proposed development of Willow Brook Subdivision, Unit No. 3, Correction Plat, a Planned Unit Development, located in Section 28, 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 Pecan Acres Subdivision, being a minor plat and a re-subdivision of Lots 5 and 6, and portions of Lot 4, I.W. Whittington Subdivision of Pandora Plantation, located in Section 32, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

Mr. Ford stated that the proposed plat provides for the adjustment of lot lines due to a home being built across the existing lot line.

There being no opposition, **motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Cook, to approve the plat of the proposed development of Pecan Acres Subdivision, being a minor plat and a re-subdivision of Lots 5 and 6, and a portion of Lot 4, I.W. Whittington Subdivision of Pandora Plantation, located in Section 32, 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 Wilson Estates Minor Plat, being a re-subdivision of Lots 4 and 5 and a portion of Lots 14-16 of Bellevue Road Subdivision, Unit No. 3, located in Section 13, Township 19 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

Mr. Travis Sturdivant, Raley & Associates, Inc., advised that this is family property and they are requesting approval to divide the property into two parcels. Mr. Ford stated that the proposed Lot 1 provides for a 30-foot servitude of passage to Lot 2 from Bellevue Road. Mr. Sturdivant advised that there are no plans to add residences or structures to either tract of land.

There being no opposition, **motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Cook, to approve the plat of the proposed development of Wilson Estates Minor Plat, being a re-subdivision of Lots 4 and 5 and a portion of Lots 14-16 of Bellevue Road Subdivision, Unit No. 3, located in Section 13, Township 19 North, Range 12 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 Minor Plat Prepared for the Exclusive Use of Raymond Dewie Germany and Nelda Sue Barnette Germany, located in Section 19, Township 18 North, Range 11 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

Mr. Ford stated that Mr. Germany is requesting approval to give a two-acre tract to each of his two sons from the existing 104.11-acre tract. Mr. Ford stated that an existing 20-foot easement, which is a concrete private drive, provides access to all tracts of land. He stated that Bossier Parish Communications District has advised that addresses

can be established on the private drive. Mr. Avery recommended that the proposed plat include language stipulating that the police jury will never maintain the 20-foot easement and it is considered a driveway only.

Mr. Benton requested that the dedicated easement be increased to a 30-foot easement.

There being no opposition, **motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Avery, to approve the Minor Plat Prepared for the Exclusive Use of Raymond Dewie Germany and Nelda Sue Barnette Germany, located in Section 19, Township 18 North, Range 11 West, Bossier Parish, LA, with the stipulation that the 20-foot easement be increased to a 30-foot easement, and provided that wording is included on the plat stipulating that the Bossier Parish Police Jury will never maintain any portion of the 30-foot easement from Stewart Road.**

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 5353 Highway 80 East, Haughton, LA. Mr. Mark Coutee, Bossier Parish Highway Superintendent, presented current photographs of the property advising that there has been no change in the condition of the property.

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Cook, to proceed with condemnation of property at 5353 Highway 80 East, 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.**

It was noted that parish crews are to mow this property.

Mr. Coutee presented photographs of condemned property at Lot A, Country Place Subdivision, Unit No. 4-A, Haughton, LA, advising that parish crews have completed clean-up of the property. He stated that a lien on the property will be filed with the 26th Judicial District Clerk of Court's Office.

Mr. Coutee reported on a meeting of the Property Standards Board of Review, advising that it is recommended that a condemnation hearing be scheduled to consider condemnation of property at 5267 Alfalfa Drive, Bossier City, LA, 5264 Alfalfa Drive, Bossier City, LA, 2813 Loriwood Drive, Haughton, LA, and 106 Robin Lane, Bossier City, LA.

Motion was made by Mr. Darby, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to schedule a condemnation hearing on September 17, 2014, to consider condemnation of property at 5267 Alfalfa Drive, Bossier City, 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. Cochran, to schedule a condemnation hearing on September 17, 2014, to consider condemnation of property at 5264 Alfalfa Drive, Bossier City, 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. Brotherton, to schedule a condemnation hearing on September 17, 2014, to consider condemnation of property at 2813 Loriwood Drive, Haughton, 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. Brotherton, to schedule a condemnation hearing on September 17, 2014, to consider condemnation of property at 106 Robin Lane, Bossier City, 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 Ms. Bennett, to accept the resignation of Dr. Richard M. Harrell from the Emergency Medical Services District Board of Directors.

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 for his service to the EMS Board of Directors.

Mr. Altimus advised that Mr. Nathan Tabor and Mr. Darrell Braniff have expressed interest in serving on the Emergency Medical Services District Board of Directors. He stated that both applicants are adequately qualified to serve.

After further discussion, **motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Benton, to appoint Mr. Nathan Tabor to the Bossier Parish Emergency Medical Services District Board of Directors to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Dr. Richard M. Harrell, term to expire June 1, 2015.**

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

Mr. Altimus stated that \$250 million has been allocated by the state for community colleges to enhance facilities and/or construct new buildings. He advised that Bossier Parish Community College has qualified for a portion of these funds to construct a new building.

Dr. Thomas William, Bossier Parish Community College Vice Chancellor of Business Affairs, advised that the current student enrollment at BPCC is 8,750. Mr. Altimus advised that an additional building is needed at the college and in order for BPCC to qualify for the allocated state funds, an "in-kind" match or matching funds is required from the community college. He recommended that the donation of a 9.920 acre tract of land at the National Cyber Research Park to BPCC be considered, advising that this could serve as the "in-kind" match needed for state funding. Mr. Altimus stated that the new BPCC building could be built at this location, with the first floor to be utilized by the National Cyber Research Park.

Mr. Jackson stated that this would be a joint project with BPCC and Cyber Innovation Center, but a five year reversion clause will be included so that if there are any changes at the legislative level regarding funding for this project, the 9.920 acres will automatically revert back to the National Cyber Research Park. He stated that the City of Bossier City will be considering donation of their two-thirds interest in the 9.920 acre tract as well.

After further discussion, **motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Darby, to adopt a resolution authorizing the transfer of 9.920 acres of land located in the National Cyber Research Park to the State of Louisiana for the benefit of the Louisiana Community and Technical System, to include a five year reversion clause.**

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

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF 9.920 ACRES OF LAND LOCATED IN THE NATIONAL CYBER RESEARCH PARK TO THE STATE OF LOUISIANA FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE LOUISIANA COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL SYSTEM.

WHEREAS, the City of Bossier City and the Parish of Bossier purchased property to advance the National Cyber Research Park for the purpose of providing a physical location for government, private industry and academia to collaborate, perform leading research and develop state of the art technologies; and

WHEREAS, Bossier Parish Community College has partnered with the Cyber Innovation Center to develop programs that support cyber and technology careers; and

WHEREAS, Act No. 360 of the 2013 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature authorized the financing of \$18,500,000 for the BPCC Science, Technology and Math (STEM) Building;

WHEREAS, a requirement of the funding is that the project have no less than a 12% match to the state funding; and

WHEREAS, the City and Parish have a 9.920 acre tract of land in the National Cyber Research Park appraised at a value of \$2,376,522.50 which will provide the match needed for BPCC to proceed with the referenced building;

WHEREAS, the building will also provide benefit to the Cyber Innovation Center pursuant to a mutually agreeable Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the State of Louisiana and the Cyber Innovation Center;

WHEREAS, the Bossier Parish Police Jury retains a right of reversion of the property should the Bossier Parish Community College not build the BPCC Science, Technology and Math (STEM) Building within five (5) years of donation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury, in regular session convened, that the one third interest owned by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in the 9.920 acre tract of land more particularly described as:

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

A certain tract of land containing 9.920 acres, more or less, being located in Sections 18 & 19, Township 18 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, Louisiana and being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the southwest corner of said Section 19 and proceed North 00° 28' 08" East a distance of 2713.13 feet; thence proceed North 74° 10' 21" East a distance of 3014.12 feet to a found ¾" iron pipe; thence proceed North 20° 01' 21" West a distance of 960.75 feet to a set ½" iron pipe being the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continue North 20° 01' 21" West a distance of 971.00 feet to a found ¾" iron rod located on the southerly right-of-way of US Highway 80; thence proceed North 69° 56' 25" East along said southerly right-of-way a distance of 445.00 feet to a set ½" iron pipe; thence leaving said southerly right-of-way proceed South 20° 01' 21" East a distance of 971.00 feet to a set ½" iron pipe; thence proceed south 69° 56' 25" West a distance of 445.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, all as further shown hereon, and being subject to any and all servitudes, easements and/or rights-of-way of record or of use.

Shall be donated to the State of Louisiana for the benefit of the Louisiana Technical System, Bossier Parish Community College;

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that William Altimus, Parish Administrator, shall be authorized to execute any and all documents in conjunction with this transaction.

The ordinance was offered by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Darby. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 3rd day of September, 2014.

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Mr. Ford reported that homeowners on Vickers Road have requested that due to issues with addresses, the portion of Vickers Road that veers west be named Vickers West Road, and the portion that veers north be named Vickers North Road.

Mr. John H. Lee was present. Mr. Ford stated that Vickers Road veers off in three different directions, and that the parish maintains portions of the roadway in each direction. He stated that homes are continually being built on Vickers Road and this has created problems for emergency medical services when trying to locate the correct address. Mr. Ford stated that after meeting with representatives of Bossier E911, it is recommended that the portion of Vickers Road that runs north be named Vickers North Road, and the portion of the roadway that runs west, be named Vickers West Road.

Ms. Bennett stated that Mr. Vickers' daughter submitted a request several years ago that if any portion of Vickers Road was ever renamed, that this portion be named after a longtime employee of Mr. Vickers, Lavandis Davis. Mr. Ford expressed concern regarding changing the name of the roadway entirely, advising that this may cause problems

in address changes for the existing residents. After further discussion, **motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Benton, to name the portion of Vickers Road that veers north, Vickers North Road, and the portion that veers west, be named Vickers West Road, with the understanding that if any other portion of Vickers Road is to be renamed, it will be named Lavandis Davis Road.**

The President called for public comment. Mr. Cochran requested that there be no duplications in address numbers assigned to any portion of Vickers Road and the proposed Vickers North Road and Vickers West Road to ensure that there are no problems for emergency medical services.

Mr. Lee stated that the residents have requested that the portion of Vickers Road that veers off to the east be named Vickers East Road. Mr. Ford stated that this portion is the original Vickers Road and he does not recommend that the name of this portion be changed.

Mr. Plummer stated that residents are required to change their addresses on all documentation when there's any road name change. He recommended that those portions of Vickers Road be changed to a name that does not include the name Vickers to ensure that there is no confusion for emergency medical services. Ms. Bennett stated that it is important that there be no obstacles when dealing with emergency medical services response to emergencies.

There was discussion pertaining to where parish maintenance ends on the portion of Vickers Road which continues north. Ms. Bennett recommended that this matter be tabled until all issues have been resolved pertaining to parish maintenance and the issues of renaming portions of Vickers Road.

After further discussion, Ms. Bennett withdrew her motion and Mr. Benton withdrew his second. **Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Darby, to table the matter of a proposed name change for Vickers Road, to be considered at the September 17, 2014, regular meeting.**

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried with Mr. Cook and Mr. Hammack being absent from vote.**

Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Darby, to authorize the Parish Attorney to pursue legal proceedings in the matter of the improper discharge of sewer effluent on property owned by Jerry Redmon c/o Cyndee Retiz at 2014 Cypress Forest Drive, Benton, LA.

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

Mr. Ford advised that bids will be received tomorrow on the Eastwood Drainage Project.

Mr. Ford reported that bids will be received on Tuesday, September 9, 2014, at 2:00 p.m. for the Kingston Road Widening Project – Phase I.

Mr. Ford reported that a meeting with the Department of Environmental Quality in Baton Rouge is scheduled for Friday, September 12, 2014, at 11:15, to discuss the sewer district project.

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 11.75 miles of the 2014 Road Overlay Program are now complete.

Mr. Brotherton reported on an educational workshop held at the Red River Waterway Commission Research Center by Stephen F. Austin State University pertaining to endocides.

Mr. Rimmer reported on a presentation he attended at the Veteran's Affairs Hospital in Shreveport.

Mr. Rimmer reported on the luncheon he attended today at Harrah's Louisiana Downs Racetrack, advising that this weekend's Super Derby celebrates the 35th year of the Super Derby, and the 40th year of the Louisiana Downs Racetrack.

There being no further business to come before the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 3rd day of September, 2014, the meeting was adjourned by the President at 4:02 p.m.

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