

BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY
BENTON, LOUISIANA
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The Bossier Parish Police Jury met in regular and legal session on the 15th day of October, 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. Bob Brotherton, and the pledge of allegiance was led by Mr. Glenn Benton. The Parish Secretary, Ms. Cindy Dodson, called the roll, as follows:

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

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

Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to adopt the minutes of the September 3, 2014, and September 17, 2014, regular meetings, and the September 17, 2014, Finance Committee meeting, as published.

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

Mr. Kevin McCotter, McCotter Public Strategies, advised that his company is a government relations and regulatory affairs consulting firm working primarily in Louisiana. He stated that his firm represents SPARQ Natural Gas, LLC, by assisting in identifying compressed natural gas fueling locations throughout Louisiana. Mr. McCotter stated that his firm also works with the Department of Revenue in order to maximize tax credits available for these very significant investments.

Mr. McCotter stated that SPARQ Natural Gas is an outstanding corporate citizen in Louisiana, and has recently closed a commitment with the airport in Baton Rouge to establish a compressed natural gas station on airport property. He stated that SPARQ Natural Gas has also worked with nationally renowned firms across the United States.

Mr. McCotter stated that SPARQ Natural Gas plans to establish the first privately funded compressed natural gas fueling station in Bossier Parish at Neighbors Exxon, 6100 Highway 157, Haughton, LA. He stated that the City of Bossier City currently has two compressed natural gas fueling stations inside the city limits.

Mr. Norman Herrera, Chief Executive Officer of SPARQ Natural Gas, LLC, provided information on the company, and advised that they are looking forward to establishing a compressed natural gas fueling station in Bossier Parish and the potential it affords the community. He stated that they are also looking forward to continuing to work with Bossier Parish in this capacity by identifying other potential locations in Bossier Parish for compressed natural gas fueling stations.

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. Cochran, 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. Dodson announced the public hearing to consider the application of NTP Solutions to the Bossier City-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission for Conditional Use Approval on an R-A zoned tract of land on Sligo Road located approximately 700 feet northeast of the corner of Mayflower Road and Sligo Road, for a cellular phone tower. The application received a favorable recommendation from the Bossier City-Parish MPC. This matter was tabled on September 17, 2014.

Ms. Dodson presented a letter from Mr. William S. Mendenhall, Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, PC, on behalf of the applicant, NTP Solutions, requesting that this matter be removed from the agenda at this time.

Motion was made by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to remove from the agenda, the matter of the approval of the application of NTP Solutions to the Bossier City-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission for Conditional Use Approval on an R-A zoned tract of land on Sligo Road located approximately 700 feet northeast of the corner of Mayflower Road and Sligo Road, for a cellular phone tower, as requested.

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 abandonment of an existing stub-out right-of-way between Lots 17 and 18, Lakewood Subdivision, Unit No. 2, located in Section 34, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

Mr. Skaggs asked if there was anyone present in the audience regarding this matter. No one was present. He stated that a meeting was held with the property owner, and this stub-out will be used to provide access to a home to be constructed on the adjoining 30-acre tract of land.

Mr. Skaggs stated that the 30-acre tract is zoned R-1, which prohibits hunting on the property, and it is understood that no high powered rifles will be used on this property. He stated that concrete for the stub-out/driveway is proposed, and an iron and brick style fence is planned along the stub-out/driveway. Mr. Skaggs stated that the property

owner also plans to construct a wooden privacy fence along the back of the properties which are affected by the construction of a home on the 30-acre tract located off Lakewood Pointe. He stated that the front of the home will not face Lakewood Pointe.

Mr. Skaggs stated that it is also stipulated that there will be no further subdivision of this 30-acre tract.

There being no opposition, **motion was made by Mr. Skaggs, seconded by Ms. Bennett, to authorize preparation of an ordinance to grant access through an existing 80-foot stub-out right-of-way to adjoining property owners of an approximate 30-acre undeveloped tract of land off Lakewood Pointe Drive between Lots 17 and 18, Lakewood Subdivision, Unit No. 2, located in Section 34, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA, subject to the above stipulations.**

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 Steve Davis/Level 5, LLC, to the Bossier City-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission for a zoning amendment to change the zoning classification of a .789 acre tract of land located at 100 Mid South Loop, Bossier Parish, LA, from R-A, Residential Agriculture District, to B-2, Limited Business District, for a credit union. The application received a favorable recommendation from the Bossier City-Parish MPC.

Ms. Michan Holbrook, Coyle Engineering Co., Inc., was present. Mr. Benton requested clarification of the proposed entrance/exit to the property. Mr. Ford stated that the hearing today is to consider site plan approval only. He stated that the proposed credit union will have a separate entrance and exit, with the exit being located further away from the intersection of Highway 80 and Mid South Loop. Mr. Ford stated that after further research, it has been determined that a 40-foot right-of-way exists on Mid South Loop, and it may be feasible for the parish to consider obtaining a 10-foot right-of-way at this time for any future improvements to Mid South Loop. Mr. Ford commended the credit union for their willingness to work with the parish during the design of the proposed credit union.

Mr. Ford stated that the Department of Transportation and Development is not requiring a turning lane off Highway 80 onto Mid South Loop for the proposed credit union. He stated that the existing crossover from Highway 80 onto Mid South Loop is offset approximately 15 feet and is currently signaled. Mr. Ford stated that in the future, DOTD may request that the traffic signals at Highway 80 and Mid South Loop be removed. Mr. Brotherton stated that he is not in favor of removing the signals. Mr. Ford stated that he does not feel there will be significant traffic issues due to the hours of operation for the proposed credit union, and recommended approval.

Mr. Benton stated that he wants to ensure that right-of-way on Mid South Loop is sufficient for any future improvements to the roadway. Mr. Ford advised that the parish will be required to purchase the additional 10 feet of right-of-way from the credit union. Mr. Benton requested that the 10-foot right-of-way be donated to the parish. Mr. Jim Perkins, Bossier Federal Credit Union Chief Executive Officer, stated that he will make a recommendation to the board to donate the 10 foot of right-of-way to the parish, and will provide their response to Mr. Ford.

Mr. Brotherton stated that he will not agree to removal of the signals at Highway 80 and Mid South Loop. Mr. Cochran stated that due to the number of accidents at this intersection, he recommends that the entire median along Highway 80 in this area be converted into a turning lane. Mr. Ford is to submit a letter of recommendation to DOTD to address the issues at the intersection of Highway 80 and Mid South Loop.

Mr. Ford recommended approval, subject to Bossier Federal Credit Union's agreement to donate a 10-foot right-of-way to the parish to allow any future improvements along Mid South Loop.

There being no opposition, **motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Brotherton, to approve the application of Steve Davis/Level 5, LLC, to the Bossier City-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission for a zoning amendment to change the zoning classification of a .789 acre tract of land located at 100 Mid South Loop, Bossier Parish, LA, from R-A, Residential Agriculture District, to B-2, Limited Business District, for a credit union, subject to Bossier Federal Credit Union donating a 10-foot right-of-way on Mid South Loop to the parish.**

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

ORDINANCE NO. 4562

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 .789 ACRE TRACT OF LAND LOCATED AT 100 MID SOUTH LOOP, BOSSIER PARISH, LA, FROM R-A, RESIDENTIAL AGRICULTURE DISTRICT, TO B-2, LIMITED BUSINESS DISTRICT, FOR A CREDIT UNION

BE IT ORDAINED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on this 15th day of October, 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 .789 acre tract of land located at 100 Mid South Loop, Bossier Parish, LA, from R-A, Residential Agriculture District, to B-2, Limited Business District, for a credit union, being more particularly described as follows:

A certain tract of land containing 0.789 acres, more or less, being located in Section 9, Township 18 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, Louisiana and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a found 1/2" iron pipe at the intersection of the north right-of-way of U.S. Highway 80 and the north-south centerline of said Section 9 and proceed North 00° 34' 16" East along the north-south centerline of Section 9 a distance of 255.09 feet to a found 1/2" iron rod; thence leaving said north-south centerline proceed South 88° 50' 04" East a distance of 134.85 feet to a found 1/2" iron rod; thence proceed South 00° 37' 15" West a distance of 255.20 feet to a found 1/2" iron rod on the north right-of-way of U.S. Highway 80; thence proceed North 88° 47' 03" West along said north right-of-way a distance of 134.63 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Applicant: Steve Davis/Level 5, LLC

Purpose: Credit union

The ordinance was offered by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Brotherton. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 15th day of October, 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 Wemple Estates Subdivision, Unit No. 1, a Planned Unit Development, located in Section 34, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

Mr. Michael Kelsch, Raley and Associates, Inc., was present. Mr. Avery asked if a wooden privacy fence is being required between Lot 1 of the proposed development and Lots 294 and 298 of Rosedale Place Subdivision, Unit No. 12. Mr. Kelsch stated that a wooden privacy fence is planned.

Mr. Ford stated that the proposed development consists of four lots which will be accessed from Wemple Road. He stated that the proposed development will be served by Bossier City water and sewer. Mr. Sam Marsiglia, Bossier City-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission, stated that the Bossier City-Parish MPC Board of Adjustments granted the developer a waiver of regulations requiring the installation of sidewalks along Wemple Road, but is still reviewing the request for a variance of streetlight regulations. Mr. Kelsh advised that the developer has requested approval to install a streetlight between Lots 3 and 4, advising that the developer will pay the installation costs and the four lot owners will pay maintenance and usage charges. He stated that Swepco is currently reviewing this proposal.

Mr. Skaggs expressed concern regarding the potential increase in traffic on Wemple Road. Mr. Ford stated that if there is any further development in this area, access will be off Airline Drive and will not affect traffic on Wemple Road.

Mr. Ford stated that covenants have been submitted for review.

There being no opposition, **motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Shewmake, to approve the plat of the proposed development of Wemple Estates Subdivision, Unit No. 1, a Planned Unit Development, located in Section 34, 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 Rosedale Place Subdivision, Unit No. 15, being a gated subdivision, located in Sections 33 and 34, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

Mr. Michael Kelsch, Raley and Associates, Inc., was present. Mr. Ford stated that the proposed development is a continuation of the existing units of Rosedale Place Subdivision, and consists of seven lots. He stated that sidewalks and streetlights are planned, and a hammerhead turnaround is proposed at the end of Quincy Drive. Mr. Kelsch stated that the proposed unit will maintain the same restrictive covenants as the existing units of Rosedale Place Subdivision.

There being no opposition, **motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Cook, to approve the plat of the proposed development of Rosedale Place Subdivision, Unit No. 15, being a gated subdivision, located in Sections 33 and 34, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA.**

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

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Ms. Bennett, to remove from the agenda, the matter of scheduling a public hearing on November 5, 2014, to consider approval of the Plat of Survey for The James A. Shaver, Jr., Partition, located in Section 7, Township 18 North, Range 11 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 Ms. Bennett, to schedule a public hearing on November 19, 2014, for adoption of the 2015 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 Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Shewmake, to schedule a public hearing on November 5, 2014, to consider approval of the proposed Thompson Re-Plat, being a resubdivision of Lot 4, James E. Burt Subdivision, located in Section 5, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Avery, to schedule a public hearing on November 5, 2014, to consider approval of the proposed Minor Plat Prepared for the Exclusive Use of Mark Foy, located in Section 2, Township 20 North, Range 14 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. Cochran, to schedule a public hearing on November 19, 2014, to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Cypress Trace Subdivision, located in Sections 1 and 12, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

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

Ms. Dodson announced the hearing to consider condemnation of property at Lots 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 38 and 40, Olde Oaks Subdivision, Haughton, LA. Mr. David Ghormley, Property Standards Officer, presented current photographs of the property and advised that the property is now in compliance with property standards regulations. He recommended that condemnation proceedings be dismissed.

Motion was made by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Ms. Bennett, to dismiss condemnation proceedings on property at Lots 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 38 and 40, Olde Oaks Subdivision, Haughton, LA.

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

Ms. Dodson announced the hearing to consider condemnation of property at 5251 John Wilson Drive, Bossier City, LA. Mr. Ghormley presented current photographs of the property and reported that some improvements have been made. He recommended that the property owner be allowed an additional two weeks in which to complete the clean-up of this property.

Motion was made by Mr. Skaggs, seconded by Mr. Avery, to allow the owner of property at 5251 John Wilson Drive, Bossier City, LA, an additional two weeks in which to bring the property into compliance with property standards regulations.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.** This matter will be reviewed at the November 5, 2014, regular meeting.

Ms. Dodson announced the hearing to consider condemnation of property at 382 Cane Bend Drive, Haughton, LA. Mr. Ghormley presented current photographs of the property and reported that there has been no change in the condition of the property.

Motion was made by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to proceed with condemnation of property at 382 Cane Bend Drive, 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 1260 Lars Road, Haughton, LA. Mr. Ghormley presented current photographs of property advising that there has been no change in the condition of the property.

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Brotherton, to proceed with condemnation of property at 1260 Lars Road, 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.**

Mr. Cochran, Chairman of the Insurance Committee, reported on a meeting of that committee, advising that he, Mr. Benton, Mr. Rimmer, and Mr. Avery were present. He stated that Mr. Patrick Jackson, Ms. Sheryl Thomas, and Mr. Altimus were also present. Other jurors present were Mr. Shewmake, Mr. Brotherton, and Mr. Plummer.

Mr. Cochran reported that the Insurance Committee discussed a proposed increase in the cost of employee healthcare benefits. He stated that this issue will be further discussed during budget proceedings.

Motion was made by Mr. Shewmake, seconded by Ms. Bennett, to accept the resignation of Mr. Sam Thornton as police jury representative to the Human Services District Board.

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. Cochran, to appoint Ms. Jeanette Edmiston as police jury representative to the Human Services District Board to replace Mr. Sam Thornton, term to expire June of 2015.

The President called for public comment. Ms. Lisa Johnson, President of the Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, introduced Ms. Jeanette Edmiston. Jurors expressed appreciation to Ms. Edmiston for her willingness to serve in this capacity.

Votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Shewmake, to adopt a resolution supporting Los Hombres, Inc., 7960 E. Texas Street, Bossier City, LA, and allowing them to receive the local benefits of the Enterprise Zone Program.

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

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION STATING THE BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY'S ENDORSEMENT OF LOS HOMBRES, INC., TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BENEFITS OF THE LOUISIANA ENTERPRISE ZONE PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Act 901 of 1981, Act 337 of 1982, Act 433 of 1987, Act 1024 of 1992, Act 581 of 1995, and Act 624 and Act 647 of 1997 state the requirements of Louisiana's Enterprise Zone Program; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program offers significant incentives for economic development to some of the most distressed areas in Bossier Parish; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Economic Development designated census Tract 111.9, Block Group 3 in Bossier Parish as "Enterprise Zone" eligible based on enabling legislation R.S. 51.21.1787-1791); and

WHEREAS, the Bossier Parish Police Jury states that this endorsement is in agreement with the Overall Economic Development Plan for the Parish of Bossier; and

WHEREAS, the **attached Enterprise Zone map** has been marked to show the location of the business being endorsed; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program, the Bossier Parish Police Jury agrees:

- 1. To participate in the Enterprise Zone Program.
- 2. To assist the Department in evaluating progress made in any Enterprise Zone within its jurisdiction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on this 15th day of October, 2014, that Los Hombres, Inc., and their project Nicky's Mexican Restaurant, at 7960 E. Texas Street, Bossier City, Enterprise Zone Application #20141278, is endorsed to participate in the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Shewmake. Upon vote, it was duly adopted on this 15th day of October, 2014.

CINDY A. DODSON
PARISH SECRETARY

DOUG RIMMER, SR., PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Skaggs, seconded by Mr. Avery, to accept the streets and drainage in Belle Rose at Legacy Subdivision, Unit No. 5, into the parish road system for permanent maintenance.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 4563

WHEREAS, the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on the 15th day of October, 2014, has received a request from Southern Home Builders, Inc., that the parish accept into its system for permanent maintenance, the streets and drainage in Belle Rose at Legacy Subdivision, Unit No. 5, Bossier Parish, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the said streets and drainage have been completed in accordance with the specifications of the Bossier Parish Police Jury; and

WHEREAS, a two-year maintenance bond has been executed in favor of the Bossier Parish Police Jury to guarantee against failure of said streets and drainage as to material and workmanship as required by Chapter 110, Section 110-201 of the Bossier Parish Code of Ordinance.

WHEREAS, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Bossier Parish Police Jury that it does accept the two-year maintenance bond of Southern Home Builders, Inc., including labor and materials, for the above captioned streets and drainage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Bossier Parish Police Jury does hereby accept into the parish maintenance system for continuous maintenance, streets and drainage located in Belle Rose at Legacy Subdivision, Unit No. 5, Bossier Parish, Louisiana:

- Tallgrass Circle – 0.164 mile
- Switchgrass Drive – 0.020 mile

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this ordinance be recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Court, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, together with the maintenance bond.

The Ordinance was offered by Mr. Skaggs, seconded by Mr. Avery. Upon vote, it was duly adopted on this 15th day of October, 2014.

CINDY A. DODSON
PARISH SECRETARY

DOUG RIMMER, SR. PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Cochran, seconded by Mr. Brotherton, to table the matter of approval of the proposal of Colton Environmental Management to provide environmental services, to be considered at the November 5, 2014, regular meeting.

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 Ms. Bennett, to adopt a resolution authorizing the Bossier Parish Police Jury to acquire and/or expropriate all parcels, tracts, properties or servitudes required for construction and completion of the Bossier North/South Corridor, I-220/Swan Lake Road, Interchange to Crouch Road Improvement, State Project No. H.003854, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, located in Section 2, Township 18 North, Range 13 West, and to authorize the Parish Administrator to execute any and all documents, instruments, pleadings or affidavits necessary or convenient for the acquisition or expropriation of said properties or servitudes.

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

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY TO ACQUIRE AND/OR EXPROPRIATE ALL PARCELS, TRACTS, PROPERTIES OR SERVITUDES REQUIRED FOR CONSTRUCTION AND COMPLETION OF THE BOSSIER NORTH/SOUTH CORRIDOR, I-220/SWAN LAKE ROAD, INTERCHANGE TO CROUCH ROAD

IMPROVEMENT, STATE PROJECT NO. H.003854, BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA, LOCATED IN SECTION 2, TOWNSHIP 18 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE PARISH ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS, INSTRUMENTS, PLEADINGS OR AFFIDAVITS NECESSARY OR CONVENIENT FOR THE ACQUISITION OR EXPROPRIATION OF SAID PROPERTIES OR SERVITUDES.

WHEREAS, the Bossier Parish Police Jury (the "Parish") has declared the construction and completion of the Bossier North/South Corridor, 1-220/Swan Lake Road, Interchange to Crouch Road Improvement, State Project No. H.003854, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, located in Section 2, Township 18 North, Range 13 West,(the "Project"), to be a significant public purpose and benefit to the citizens of the Parish, including, but not limited to, the increase safety of its citizens, and that assisting in and expropriating property is necessary to complete the Project; and,

WHEREAS, The Project will require the acquisition of additional parcels of properties adjacent to and contiguous to the existing right-of-ways, specifically including, but not limited to, parcels or tracts of land from the following property tracts:

Parcel No(s).	Section(s)/ Township/ Range
5-2	Sect. 2, T-18-N, R-13-W

and,

WHEREAS, in the event that the offers of compensation for the purchase of the necessary additional parcels of property adjacent to and contiguous to the existing right-of-way are not accepted by any owner of the property listed above, or the property owner does not donate said additional parcels or a voluntary agreement and/or settlement for the purchase of said property cannot be reached on any of said property parcels listed above, then in that event the Parish desires to acquire said property by expropriation pursuant to applicable law, including expropriation under the authority of and in a manner authorized by Article 1, Section 4 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana (1974) and LSA-R.S. 48:411, et seq., or the provisions of the Louisiana Local Services Law, La. R.S. 33:1321-1339, which authorizes the Parish to expropriate property for construction purposes prior to judgment in the trial court, in the same manner by which the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development may expropriate property pursuant to La. R.S. 48:441-460, and specifically, La. R.S. 33:1329 which grants every parish that is a party to a local services agreement, "[w]here condemnation is necessary, ... the right to invoke and follow the procedure outlined and provided for in R.S. 48:1259" or any other applicable laws of the State of Louisiana;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY:

Section 1. The Parish is authorized to acquire all property necessary to facilitate construction and completion of the Project.

Section 2. The Parish is authorized to institute and file any necessary expropriation actions related to the Project in the proper court of law by attorneys representing the Parish in conformance with LSA-R.S. 48:411, et seq., or any other applicable laws of the State of Louisiana.

Section 3. The Parish Administrator, William R. Altimus, is authorized and empowered to execute all conveyance instruments, including purchase agreements, act of sale, acts of donation, right-of-ways or servitude agreements, related to the Project, and to execute any and all other documents necessary to complete said Project, and to pursue any necessary expropriation actions related to the Project, whether or not involving the property tract and/or owners referred to herein, and to execute any documents pursuant to such terms and conditions as he shall deem advisable, and he is authorized to execute any other documents related to the Project and do any and all things necessary and proper to carry out this Resolution and to fulfill its objects and purposes.

Section 4. If any one or more of the provisions of this Resolution shall, for any reason, be held to be illegal or invalid, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect any other provision of this Resolution, but this Resolution shall be construed and enforced as if such illegal or invalid provision had not been contained herein. Any constitutional or statutory provision enacted after the date of this Resolution which validates or makes legal any provision of this Resolution which would not otherwise be valid or legal, shall be deemed to apply to this Resolution.

Section 5. This Resolution shall become effective upon final adoption and publication in the manner required by law.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mr. Darby

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 15th day of October, 2014.

CINDY A. DODSON
PARISH SECRETARY

DOUG RIMMER, SR., PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Mr. Ford reported that construction on the Kingston Road Widening-Phase I project began last week.

Mr. Ford stated that a representative from the Department of Environmental Quality will tour the sewer plant facilities tomorrow. He stated that deductive plan changes for the Wastewater Collection System Contracts 1 and 2 for the Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 have been approved by the Department of Environmental Quality.

Mr. Ford stated that it is anticipated that the environmental documents needed to begin Phase 2 of the Wastewater Collection System for the Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 will be cleared next week. He stated that the closing for the additional \$10 million Tax Utilities Revenue Bonds will be scheduled in the near future.

Mr. Ford stated that the police jury approved at its September 17, 2014, regular meeting, the purchase of a home at 1994 Caplis Sligo Road, Bossier City, LA, through the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, but the property owner no longer wants to participate in the program.

Mr. Ford stated that Mr. John Thomisee has requested that the police jury pursue the purchase of his home located at 409 Caplis Sligo Road through the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

Mr. Ford stated that the Koran Doyline Road bridge replacement project will be let on November 12, 2014.

Mr. Ford stated that it is not feasible for the parish to access a drainage easement located behind a home at 3203 Trailview Circle, Haughton, LA, through property owned by the Dogwood Subdivision Homeowners Association. He stated that the parish will have to access the drainage easement through a 10-foot easement located between 3203 Trailview Circle and 3205 Trailview Circle.

Mr. Ford stated that a 10-foot drainage easement was granted after approval and filing of the Dogwood Park Subdivision, Unit No. 12, plat, and the easement was not shown on the original plat. He stated that fences and portable buildings are located in the 10-foot easement, advising that the property owners were not aware of the existing easement at the time they purchased their lot.

Mr. Ford stated that additional easement is needed to allow crews to access the area that needs repair. He asked if the property owners are required to move the fencing at their expense, and if the property owner is responsible for any damage to the driveway. It was determined that the parish is responsible for any damage to the driveways caused by parish equipment.

Mr. Rimmer stated that the property owners have expressed interest in providing the parish with the additional easement needed. Mr. Ford stated that Mr. Haigler at 3203 Trailview Circle requested that the easement be cleaned and repaired, and stated that he will contact Mr. Haigler regarding additional easement needed.

Mr. Ford stated that Ms. Marie Walsh, Director of the LA Local Technical Assistance Program, requested the parish's participation in a pilot program to collect data needed by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for the off-system bridge program. He stated that Bossier Parish will be participating in this pilot program.

Mr. Ford stated that earlier this year, a request for funds was submitted for needed improvements to the Linton Road Bridge over Flat River due to previous fatal accidents. He stated that Ms. Walsh, Director of the LA Local Technical Assistance Program, personally toured the Linton Road Bridge and has stated that they will participate in helping to secure Federal funds for the project.

Mr. Ford stated that the Town of Benton has agreed to provide sewer service to the East Benton Subdivision. He stated that Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Funds in an amount up to \$382,300 have been approved for sewer improvements for East Benton Subdivision.

Mr. Ford requested that the agenda be amended to consider approval of a Standard Form of Agreement between Owner and Engineer for Professional Services with Balar Engineering and Surveyors to provide engineering services in connection with the FY2014-2015 LCDBG Sewer Improvements Project for sewer improvements in the East Benton Subdivision, to approve Amendment No. 1 to the Standard Form of Agreement between Owner and Engineer for Professional Services, and to authorize the Parish Administrator to execute documents.

Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Benton, to amended the agenda to consider approval of a Standard Form of Agreement between Owner and Engineer for Professional Services with Balar Engineering and Surveyors, in the amount of \$64,700, to provide engineering services in connection with the FY2014-2015 LCDBG Sewer Improvements Project for sewer improvements in the East Benton Subdivision, to approve Amendment No. 1 to the Standard Form of Agreement between Owner and Engineer for Professional Services, and to authorize the Parish Administrator to execute documents, subject to review by the Parish Attorney.

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

AYES: Mr. Avery, Ms. Bennett, Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Cook, Mr. Hammack, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Shewmake, Mr. Skaggs

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mr. Darby

Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Benton, to approve a Standard Form of Agreement between Owner and Engineer for Professional Services with Balar Engineering and Surveyors, in the amount of \$64,700, to provide engineering services in connection with the FY2014-2015 LCDBG Sewer Improvements Project for sewer improvements in the East Benton Subdivision, to approve Amendment No. 1 to the Standard Form of Agreement between Owner and Engineer for Professional Services, and to authorize the Parish Administrator to execute documents, subject to review by the Parish Attorney.

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 15th day of October, 2014, that it does hereby approve the Standard Form of Agreement between Owner and Engineer with Balar Engineers and Surveyors for engineering services in connection with the FY2014-2015 LCDBG Sewer Improvements Project for sewer improvements in the East Benton Subdivision, and does hereby approve Amendment No. 1 to the Standard Form of Agreement between Owner and Engineer for Professional Services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that William R. Altimus, Parish Administrator, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents in connection with the contract and Amendment No. 1 with Balar Engineers and Surveyors.

The resolution was offered by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Benton. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 15th day of October, 2014.

CINDY A. DODSON
PARISH SECRETARY

DOUG RIMMER, SR., PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Mr. Ford advised that an item will be placed on the November 5, 2014, regular meeting agenda to ratify the posting of a 10 to 15 ton load limit on the Pump Station Road Bridge.

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

Mr. Skaggs expressed appreciation to Mr. Ford and to the Department of Transportation and Development for their quick response in repairing a section of Swan Lake Road.

Ms. Bennett reported on a meeting she attended for the Louisiana Community Development Authority in Baton Rouge. She stated that the meeting was well attended.

Mr. Benton recognized Ms. Dodie Horton, Representative Henry Burn's office, and requested their assistance with the issues on Highway 80 in Haughton, LA.

Ms. Horton stated that a meeting is scheduled with the Department of Transportation and Development, advising that DOTD is interested in removing the existing crossover on Highway 80 at the site of the proposed credit union. She requested that jurors submit any questions or comments on this matter to her so they can be addressed at this meeting.

Finance Committee Meeting – October 15, 2014, 1:30 p.m.

The Finance Committee of the Bossier Parish Police Jury met on this 15th day of October, 2014, at 1:30 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana, with Mr. Darby being absent.

Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Benton, to approve payment of accounts payable invoices in the amount of \$2,074.04 for the Johnny Gray Jones Youth Shelter for the month of September, 2014, as follows:

Emergency Power Systems	\$150.00
Glass Services	\$144.00
Taylor Power Systems, Inc.	\$961.42
Taylor Power Systems, Inc.	\$480.00
Cannon Services, Inc.	\$338.62

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

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Shewmake, to approve payment of all other accounts payable invoices for the month of September, 2014.

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 the request of Waller Elementary School for discretionary funds for the purchase of updated technology for classrooms, as follows:

Matching	
Mr. Shewmake -	\$1,275
Mr. Darby -	\$1,825
Mr. Rimmer -	\$133
Mr. Cook -	\$211.25
Mr. Hammack -	\$250
Mr. Plummer -	\$250
Mr. Skaggs -	\$445
Total contribution:	\$4,389.25

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

Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Skaggs, to approve the request of Airline High School for discretionary funds for the purchase of a new scoreboard for the girls' softball program, as follows:

Discretionary	Matching
Mr. Avery - \$848.91	Mr. Avery - \$945
Mr. Shewmake - \$300	Mr. Skaggs - \$1,000
	Mr. Cochran - \$250
	Mr. Rimmer - \$100.86

Total Contribution - \$3,444.77

The Chairman called for public comment. Ms. Sonja Bailes, Public Relations Liaison for the Bossier Parish School Board, advised that the school board maintenance department will be handling the installation of the scoreboard and any remaining balance for this project will be paid from the Airline High School Athletic Fund.

Votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Thomas advised that a budget workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, October 21, 2014, at 6:00 p.m., at the Bossier Parish Health Unit.

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 15th day of October, 2014, the meeting was adjourned by the President at 3:16 p.m.

CINDY A. DODSON
PARISH SECRETARY

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