

BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY
BENTON, LOUISIANA
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March 18, 2015
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The Bossier Parish Police Jury met in regular and legal session on the 18th day of March, 2015, at 2:00 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana. The President, Mr. Jack Skaggs, 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. Rachel Hauser, called the roll, with all members present, as follows:

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

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

Motion was made by Mr. Plummer, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to adopt the minutes of the February 4, 2015, and February 18, 2015, regular meetings, and the February 18, 2015, Finance Committee meeting, as published.

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

Ms. Hauser announced the public hearing to consider the application of Ratcliff Investments, LLC, to the Bossier City-Parish MPC, for a zoning amendment to change the zoning classification of a 1.46-acre tract of land located on the south side of Curtis Sligo Road in the 1700 block adjacent to Steve's Motors, Bossier Parish, LA, from I-1, Light Industrial District, to B-3, General Business District, for a Dollar General Store. The application received a favorable recommendation from the Bossier City-Parish MPC. This matter was tabled on March 4, 2015.

Mr. Geoffrey Westmoreland, Attorney at Law, stated that they are working to obtain the signature of all residents in Killen's Farms Subdivision as required by the police jury for resubdivision of a lot in an existing subdivision, and requested that this matter be tabled.

Motion was made by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Shewmake, to table the public hearing to consider the application of Ratcliff Investments, LLC, to the Bossier City-Parish MPC, for a zoning amendment to change the zoning classification of a 1.46-acre tract of land located on the south side of Curtis Sligo Road in the 1700 block adjacent to Steve's Motors, Bossier Parish, LA, from I-1, Light Industrial District, to B-3, General Business District, for a Dollar General Store; to be considered at the April 1, 2015, regular meeting.

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

Ms. Hauser announced the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Killen's Farms Subdivision, Unit No. 1A, Lots 2C and 2D, being a resubdivision of Lot 2B, Killen's Farms Subdivision, located in Section 21, Township 17 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA. This matter was tabled on March 4, 2015.

Mr. Westmoreland requested that this matter also be tabled.

Motion was made by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to table the public hearing to consider the proposed development of Killen's Farms Subdivision, Unit No. 1A, Lots 2C and 2D, being a resubdivision of Lot 2B, Killen's Farms Subdivision, located in Section 21, Township 17 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA; to be considered at the April 1, 2015, regular meeting.

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. Hammack, to schedule a public hearing on April 15, 2015, to consider the application of Southern Lifestyle Development, LLC, to the Benton-Parish MPC, for a zoning amendment to change the zoning classification of a 146.56-acre tract of land known as the Palmetto Golf Course, located in Sections 8 and 9, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA, from R-A, Residence-Agriculture District, to R-1, One-Family Residential District, for a single family detached home subdivision.

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. Hammack, to schedule a public hearing on April 15, 2015, to consider the application of Southern Lifestyle Development, LLC, to the Benton-Parish MPC, for a zoning amendment to change the zoning classification of an 8.41-acre tract of land located on the east side of Palmetto Golf Course, adjacent to Palmetto Road in Section 9, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA, from R-A, Residence-Agriculture District, to B-2, Neighborhood Business District, for a proposed commercial development.

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

Ms. Hauser announced the hearing to consider condemnation of property at 235 Silver Leaf Drive, Benton, LA. Mr. David Ghormley, Property Standards Officer, presented current photographs of the property advising that a small amount of work has been done but the property is still in violation of property standards regulations.

Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Benton, to proceed with condemnation of property at 235 Silver Leaf Drive, Benton, LA, in accordance with property standards regulations.

The President called for public comment. Mr. Charles Duke, 235 Silver Leaf Drive, Benton, LA, stated that he is the owner of this property and presented current photographs. He stated that he has been unable to complete cleanup of his property due to the recent rainfall. Mr. Avery stated that property standards violations have been ongoing at this location for some time. Mr. Duke stated that a neighbor has blocked a drainage ditch, which is causing his property to flood. He presented a photograph of items located in his yard, stating that they are being used as yard decorations. He further stated that other property owners in this area also use miscellaneous items in their yard as decorations, and requested that he be allowed to keep these items in his yard. Ms. Bennett stated that the parish does not arbitrarily select properties in the parish that are in violation of property standards regulations, but respond only to complaints made by citizens.

Mr. Ghormley stated that the piles of bricks and pallets located on the property present a health and safety concern. He further stated that little progress has been made to clean up this property and it appears that additional items are being placed on the property.

Mr. Duke stated that an inoperable vehicle located on the property has been covered with a tarp. Ms. Bennett explained that the vehicle presents a health and safety concern because there are no windows in the vehicle and children could get inside where snakes and other vermin may be present. She further stated that a tarp will not prevent a child from getting inside of the vehicle.

Mr. Duke requested a list of specific items that the police jury is requesting him to remove from the property. Mr. Ghormley presented a letter that was received by the property owner outlining items that need to be removed from property at 235 Silver Leaf Drive. Mr. Duke requested additional time to complete the cleanup of his property.

Ms. Bennett stated that she will agree to a two-week extension due to recent rainfall, and if the rain continues and Mr. Duke is not able to complete cleanup of the property, he is to contact Mr. Ghormley immediately.

After further discussion, Ms. Bennett withdrew her motion, and Mr. Benton withdrew his second. **Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Shewmake, to allow the owner of property at 235 Silver Leaf Drive, Benton, LA, an additional two (2) 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.**

Ms. Hauser announced the hearing to consider condemnation of property described as Lots 124 and 125, Carstarphen Heights Subdivision, Plain Dealing, LA. Mr. Ghormley presented current photographs of the property and advised that the owner has been in the hospital, but has indicated that she plans to have these homes demolished. He stated that the property owner has requested a 60-day extension.

Ms. Annie Hayes, 3211 Rose Place, Bossier City, LA, was present on behalf of the property owner, Ms. Emma Booter West. Mr. Ghormley stated that Ms. West indicated that she has been in contact with someone who is to demolish the houses and clean up the property, and has requested an additional 60 days to complete this work.

Mr. Ghormley stated that neither of these homes have been found to contain asbestos. It was recommended that the homes be burned by the fire department as part of a training exercise, with the homeowner being responsible for removing all debris from the site after the burn is complete. Ms. Hayes stated that Ms. West has given her the authority to act on her behalf in this matter, and agreed to burning the homes as part of a fire department training exercise as recommended.

After further discussion, **motion was made by Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Darby, to allow the owner of property described as Lots 124 and 125, Carstarphen Heights Subdivision, Plain Dealing, LA, an additional thirty (30) days in which to bring the property into compliance with property standards regulations, and to approve allowing the fire department to burn the homes as part of a training exercise, with the homeowner being responsible for removing all debris from the site after the burn is complete.**

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.** The matter will be reviewed at the May 6, 2015, regular meeting.

Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Cook, to adopt a resolution supporting Providence Classical Academy, Inc., 4525 Old Brownlee Road, 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 Ms. Bennett, Mr. Brotherton and Mr. Cochran opposing.**

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION STATING THE BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY'S ENDORSEMENT OF PROVIDENCE CLASSICAL ACADEMY, 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 111.10, Block Group 1 in Bossier Parish as "Enterprise Zone" eligible based on enabling legislation R.S. 51.21.1787-1791); and

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

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on this 18th day of March, 2015, that Providence Classical Academy, Inc., and their project expansion of current private school campus, at 4525 Old Brownlee Road, Bossier City, Enterprise Zone Application #20150193, is endorsed to participate in the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program.

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

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

The resolution was offered by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Cook. Upon vote, it was duly adopted on this 18th day of March, 2015.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

JACK SKAGGS, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Benton, to accept the resignation of Mr. Dan McGrath from the Bossier City-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission Board of Adjustment.

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. Plummer, to approve the appointment of Mr. Tim Wheelahan to the Bossier City-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission Board of Adjustment to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Dan McGrath, term to expire April 1, 2020.

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. Darby, to accept the resignation of Mr. James Harris from the Bossier City-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission Zoning Board.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Rimmer, seconded by Mr. Benton, to approve the application of Manwa Omar for a 2015 beer license at King’s Korner, 756 Highway 80, Houghton, LA. The application has been approved by the Sheriff’s Department and the Health Department.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to approve the application of Sheeba Ali for a 2015 beer license at Taylor’s Grocery, 3909 Highway 154, Elm Grove, LA. The application has been approved by the Sheriff’s Department and the Health Department.

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

Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion of the Chiller Retrofit, Bossier Parish Courthouse Project No. 14-0024, and to authorize the President to execute documents.

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

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 18th day of March, 2015, that it does hereby approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion of the Chiller Retrofit, Bossier Parish Courthouse Project No. 14-0024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Jack Skaggs, President, be and is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents in connection with said Certificate of Substantial Completion.

The resolution was offered by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Hammack. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 18th day of March, 2015.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

JACK SKAGGS, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Mr. Ford presented an agreement with Eagle Water, LLC, for construction, operation and maintenance of temporary wastewater treatment facilities to service the new Kingston Elementary School and Bossier Parish Technical School. He stated that parish sewerage projects have been delayed by the Department of Environmental Quality, and it is imperative that these two schools be provided with sewer service immediately. Mr. Ford recommended that the police jury approve the agreement with Eagle Water, LLC, stating that the proposed temporary wastewater treatment facilities are the most cost effective and quick resolution for providing temporary sewer service to the schools.

Mr. Ford stated that Eagle Water, LLC, will design and operate the two temporary wastewater treatment systems, and the school board will be billed according to usage at the two schools.

After further discussion, **motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to adopt a resolution to authorize the Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier, Louisiana, to enter into an agreement with Eagle Water, LLC, for the construction, operation and maintenance of temporary wastewater treatment facilities, and to authorize the Parish Administrator to execute any and all documents, instruments, or affidavits that may be necessary or convenient to said agreement or transaction, subject to the Parish Attorney's review.**

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 18th day of March, 2015, that the Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Eagle Water, LLC, for construction, operation, and maintenance of certain temporary wastewater treatment facilities;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that William R. Altimus, Parish Administrator, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Bossier Parish Police Jury, any and all documents, instruments or contracts in connection with said agreement or transaction.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Rimmer. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 18th day of March, 2015.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

JACK SKAGGS, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Brotherton, to adopt a resolution authorizing the Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier, Louisiana, to enter into a lease and servitude agreement with the Bossier Parish School Board for properties to be used in the construction, operation and maintenance of temporary wastewater treatment facilities, and to authorize the Parish Administrator to execute any and all documents, instruments, or affidavits that may be necessary or convenient to said agreement or transaction.

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 18th day of March, 2015, that the Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the Bossier Parish School Board for properties to be used in the construction, operation and maintenance of temporary wastewater treatment facilities;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that William R. Altimus, Parish Administrator, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Bossier Parish Police Jury, any and all documents, instruments or contracts in connection with said agreement or transaction.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Brotherton. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 18th day of March, 2015.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

JACK SKAGGS, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Mr. Ford presented Amendment No. 7 to the agreement with Balar Engineers & Surveyors for the Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier. He stated that there have been several amendments to the contract in an effort to provide sewer service to Calumet and to the Princeton Sports Complex, and recommended approval of Amendment No. 7 in the amount of \$11,812.

Mr. Ford reported on a recent meeting with Balar Engineers & Surveyors, stating that Balar has requested additional fees in the amount of \$2,500 per month for monitoring contractors' payroll to ensure that all requirements of the Davis-Bacon and Related Act are being met. He stated that he feels these services are included in the construction administration fees, and does not recommend approval of Balar's request for the additional \$2,500 per month. Mr. Ford stated that these services will be handled in-house.

Mr. Ford expressed concern that Balar is requesting additional fees for this project. He further expressed concern regarding a clause in the original contract that allows Balar to adjust rates from \$65 per hour to \$83 per hour for an inspector.

Mr. Ford stated that he feels an amendment to the contract should be required in order to adjust any fees that were agreed to in the original contract. He stated that the Parish Attorney will further review this matter.

After further discussion, **motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Brotherton, to approve Amendment No. 7 to the Agreement between Owner and Engineer for Professional Engineering Services with Balar Engineers & Surveyors for the Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier, and to authorize the Parish Administrator to execute documents.**

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

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 18th day of March, 2015, that William Altimus, Parish Administrator, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Bossier Parish Police Jury, Amendment No. 7 to the Agreement between Owner and Engineer for Professional Engineering Services with Balar Engineers & Surveyors for the Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Brotherton. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 18th day of March, 2015.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

JACK SKAGGS, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Shewmake, to adopt a resolution authorizing the Bossier Parish Police Jury to consent to the assignment by Cohort Energy Company (“Assignor”) to Kerr-McGee Oil & Gas Onshore, L.P., of certain rights, title and interest held by Assignor in certain mineral leases identified in that certain “Partial Assignment of Oil, Gas and Mineral Leases” filed in the conveyance records of Bossier Parish, Louisiana, in Book 1542, Page 168, as Registry No. 987680, and to authorize the Parish Administrator to execute any and all documents, instruments, pleadings or affidavits that may be necessary or convenient to evidence said consent.

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

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 18th day of March, 2015, hereby consents to the assignment by Cohort Energy Company (“Assignor”) to Kerr-McGee Oil & Gas Onshore, L.P., of certain rights, title and interest held by Assignor in certain mineral leases identified in that certain “Partial Assignment of Oil, Gas and Mineral Leases” filed in the conveyance records of Bossier Parish, Louisiana, in Book 1542, Page 168, as Registry No. 987680;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parish Administrator is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents, instruments, pleadings or affidavits that may be necessary or convenient to evidence said consent.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Shewmake. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 18th day of March, 2015.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

JACK SKAGGS, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to adopt a resolution authorizing the Bossier Parish Police Jury to consent to the sublease from J-W Operating Company to Kerr-McGee Oil & Gas Onshore, L.P., as recorded in the conveyance records of Bossier Parish as Registry No. 1046331, affecting: (i) that certain “Lease for Oil, Gas and Other Liquid or Gaseous Minerals” State Agency Lease No. 17150 dated June 13, 2001, which was recorded in the conveyance records of Bossier Parish as Registry No. 729691; and (ii) that certain “Lease for Oil, Gas and Other Liquid or Gaseous Minerals” State Agency Lease No. 17773 dated March 12, 2003, and recorded in the conveyance records of Bossier Parish as Registry No. 772728 (collectively the “Lease”), and to authorize the Parish Administrator to execute any and all documents, instruments, pleadings or affidavits that may be necessary or convenient to evidence said consent.

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

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 18th day of March, 2015, hereby consents to the sublease from J-W Operating Company to Kerr-McGee Oil & Gas Onshore, L.P., as recorded in the conveyance records of Bossier Parish as Registry No. 1046331, affecting: (i) that certain “Lease for Oil, Gas and Other Liquid or Gaseous Minerals” State Agency Lease No. 17150 dated June 13, 2001, which was recorded in the conveyance records of Bossier Parish as Registry No. 729691; and (ii) that certain “Lease for Oil, Gas and Other Liquid or Gaseous Minerals” State Agency Lease No. 17773 dated March 12, 2003, and recorded in the conveyance records of Bossier Parish as Registry No. 772728 (collectively the “Lease”);

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parish Administrator is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents, instruments, pleadings or affidavits that may be necessary or convenient to evidence said consent.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Plummer. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 18th day of March, 2015.

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PARISH SECRETARY

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Mr. Altimus reported that as of July 1, 2014, the population for Bossier Parish is 126,345. He stated that funding received from the state is determined by the population of the parish.

Mr. Altimus reported that NLCOG is working to enhance a study that was prepared several years ago to determine future population growth for Bossier Parish.

Mr. Ford provided an update on the sewer plant, advising that due to the recent rainfall, the outfall structure is approximately 10 feet under water and the project will be delayed.

Mr. Ford provided an update on construction of the lift station to be located off Highway 80 in Haughton. He stated that approval of the force main project has been received from the Department of Environmental Quality, and the contract will be signed in the very near future to begin that project.

Mr. Ford reported that the closing for the \$10 million Department of Environmental Quality loan for the Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1, Parish of Bossier, will be scheduled in the next two weeks.

Mr. Ford provided an update on the Kingston Road Improvements project, stating that the project is shut down due to the weather.

Motion was made by Mr. Rimmer, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to amend the agenda to adopt a resolution supporting an application for funding through the FY2014-2015 Community Water Enrichment Fund.

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

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

Motion was made by Mr. Rimmer, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to adopt a resolution supporting an application for funding through the FY2014-2015 Community Water Enrichment Fund.

The President called for public comment. Ms. Stephanie Sullivant, Benton Town Clerk, advised that the Town of Benton has submitted its application for funding through the FY2014-2015 Community Water Enrichment Fund.

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 18th day of March, 2015, that it does hereby approve and support an application to the Office of Community Development, Community Water Enrichment Fund, for funds in the amount of \$135,317 for water system improvements for the Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Rimmer, seconded by Mr. Cochran. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 18th day of March, 2015.

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Mr. Ford reported on recent meetings discussing the potential for flooding in Bossier Parish due to the amount of rainfall received and expected in the next few days. He stated that a five-step action plan is in place to address potential flooding in Bossier Parish.

Mr. Ford reported that the Sligo Road Bridge over Red Chute has been closed by the Department of Transportation and Development, advising that traffic will be detoured to Caplis Sligo Road.

Mr. Ford reported that the Alford Road Bridge is being replaced with tank cars. He stated that the tank car supplier will be delivering tank cars directly to the site, advising that this will help to complete the project in a timely manner.

Mr. Ford reported that Highway 154 was closed for an extended period last Thursday due to a culvert failure. He stated that a low load limit was placed on the road and this prohibited an oil company from accessing its well site. Mr. Ford stated that after inspection of the Koran Doyline Road Bridge, the oil company was allowed to use the bridge, with Bossier Parish supervision, to access the well site.

Mr. Avery requested that a letter be sent to the Department of Transportation and Development to address drainage issues on property at 5000 Benton Road.

Mr. Avery requested an update on the drainage issue in River Bluff Subdivision. Mr. Ford stated that he is working to schedule a meeting with the Corps of Engineers to visit the site where the erosion is occurring.

Mr. Ford reported that the Red River is shifting to the east near Highway 537, advising that the river has shifted approximately 450 feet in the last 10 to 12 years. He stated that the river is now approximately 300 feet from Highway 537, advising that a meeting to address this matter is being scheduled with the Corps of Engineers.

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

Mr. Coutee stated that repairs to Still House Road Bridge are complete, and it is anticipated that repairs to the Old Plain Dealing Road Bridge will be complete in the next week.

Ms. Bennett expressed appreciation to all highway department employees for their diligent work on repairing bridges and preparing for potential flooding.

Ms. Bennett reported on a workshop held by the City of Bossier City and the Bossier City-Parish MPC to address zoning, land use, and sign use. She stated the workshop was well attended.

Ms. Bennett advised that Sheriff Julian Whittington has been named Public Official of the Year by the National Association of Social Workers.

Mr. Darby expressed congratulations to Mr. Jalen West, a Bossier High School graduate, for ranking No. 2 in the nation for assist per game in the NCAA with the Northwestern State Demons.

Mr. Skaggs extended appreciation to police jury staff and emergency personnel for being proactive during recent weather events.

Mr. Skaggs requested that jurors take time-stamped photos of any flooding that may occur in their district and submit that information to Mr. Ian Snellgrove, Director of Bossier Parish Homeland Security. He stated that Mr. Snellgrove is creating a database to monitor all flooding throughout the parish.

Mr. Jackson stated that every road, water line, and sewer line has a capacity and when that capacity is reached, improvements are needed to meet demands. He stated that due to the amount of development in Bossier Parish and the cost of land available for development, it is becoming difficult to make recommendations to the police jury pertaining to who is responsible for costs associated with improvements required due to development and growth. Mr. Jackson recommended that the Road/Subdivision Regulations Committee meet to discuss potential policy management on how to address future improvements needed due to development and growth, and who is responsible for the costs associated with those improvements.

Finance Committee Meeting – March 18, 2015, 1:30 p.m.

The Finance Committee of the Bossier Parish Police Jury met on this 18th day of March, 2015, at 1:30 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana, with all members present.

Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Benton, to approve payment of accounts payable invoices in the amount of \$527.11 for the Johnny Gray Jones Youth Shelter for the month of February, 2015, as follows:

Cannon Services, Inc.	\$448.80
R. E. Michel Company, Inc.	\$ 78.31

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

Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to approve payment of all other accounts payable invoices for the month of February, 2015.

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, that Mr. Avery will contribute matching discretionary funds in the amount of \$1,000, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Rimmer, and Mr. Skaggs will contribute matching discretionary funds in the amount of \$500 each, and Mr. Skaggs will contribute discretionary funds in the amount of \$500, for a total of \$3,000 in matching and discretionary funds to Airline High School for the purchase of a field tarp for the baseball field.

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, that Mr. Avery will contribute discretionary funds in the amount of \$58.34, and Mr. Rimmer and Mr. Skaggs will contribute discretionary funds in the amount of \$58.33 each, for a total of \$175 in discretionary funds to Airline High School for the hiring of a security officer for Project Graduation on May 16 and 17, 2015.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Darby, seconded by Mr. Shewmake, that Mr. Darby and Mr. Shewmake will contribute discretionary funds in the amount of \$300 each, for a total of \$600 in discretionary funds to Central Park Elementary School for Teacher Appreciation Week, said funds to be used for classroom supplies only.

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 18th day of March, 2015, the meeting was adjourned by the President at 3:15 p.m.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

JACK SKAGGS, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY