

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 April, 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. Fred Shewmake, and the pledge of allegiance was led by Mr. Doug Rimmer. 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. Shewmake, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to adopt the minutes of the March 4, 2015, and March 18, 2015, regular meetings, and the March 18, 2015, Finance Committee meeting, as published.

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

Sealed bids were opened and read aloud for the sale of surplus property described as Lot 5, Caddo Heights Subdivision, Benton, LA, Tax Assessment No. 101911, as follows:

Bidder:	Bid Amount:
Jesse and Barbara James	\$686.00

Ms. Hauser advised that this is the only bid received and stated that the minimum bid acceptable is \$685.51. **Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to accept the bid of Jesse and Barbara James for the sale of adjudicated property described as Lot 5, Caddo Heights Subdivision, Benton, LA, Tax Assessment No. 101911, and to authorize the Parish Administrator to execute the quitclaim deed.**

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 April, 2015, that William Altimus, Parish Administrator, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Bossier Parish Police Jury, a Quitclaim Deed to Jesse and Barbara James for the sale of surplus property described as Lot 5, Caddo Heights Subdivision, Benton, LA, Tax Assessment No. 101911.

The resolution was offered by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Rimmer. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 15th day of April, 2015.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

JACK SKAGGS, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Ms. Hauser announced the public hearing 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 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 application received a favorable recommendation from the Benton-Parish MPC.

Ms. Hauser advised that the public hearing is to be rescheduled, to be held at the May 6, 2015, regular meeting. Mr. Skaggs stated that due to a publication error by the Bossier Press Tribune, it is required that the public hearing for this matter be rescheduled for May 6, 2015.

Mr. Jackson stated that the parish's Official Journal, the Bossier Press Tribune, was provided the notice of public hearing in a timely manner, to be published in three separate publications as required by law. He stated that due to a change in personnel at the Official Journal, the notice was only published one time.

Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to reschedule the public hearing 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 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; to be considered at the May 6, 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 the application of Southern Lifestyle Development, LLC, to the Benton-Parish MPC, for a zoning amendment to change the zoning classification of a 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 application received an unfavorable recommendation from the Benton-Parish MPC.

Ms. Hauser advised that the public hearing in this matter is also to be rescheduled, to be held at the May 6, 2015, regular meeting. Mr. Skaggs stated that due to a publication error by the Bossier Press Tribune, in order to meet publication requirements, it is necessary to reschedule this public hearing for May 6, 2015.

Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Darby, to reschedule the public hearing 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 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; to be considered at the May 6, 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 May 6, 2015, to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Hidden Trace Subdivision, Unit No. 1A, being a resubdivision of Lot 3, Hidden Trace Subdivision, located in Section 3, 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. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to schedule a public hearing on May 6, 2015, to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Russell Family Partition, located in Section 34, Township 17 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Avery, to schedule a public hearing on May 20, 2015, to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Faith Estates Subdivision, Unit No. 1, located in Section 28, Township 19 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 Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Benton, to schedule a public hearing on May 20, 2015, to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of King Woods Subdivision, Unit No. 1, located in Section 26, Township 20 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

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

Mr. Keith Norwood, Bossier Parish Schools, stated that residents living behind Benton Elementary School do not have public access to their homes. He stated that these residents have accessed their homes via Roby Drive, which serves as a carline drop-off and pick-up for the school. He stated that the parish has provided some maintenance to Roby Drive. Mr. Norwood requested that the proposed Roby Road, a new two-lane roadway, be constructed around the east side of Benton Elementary School to provide better access for the homeowners behind the school. He stated that the proposed road would be built to parish standards, and dedicated to the public once complete.

Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to schedule a public hearing on May 20, 2015, to consider approval of the plat of the Roby Road Right-of-Way Dedication located in Section 28, Township 20 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. Darby, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to adopt a proclamation proclaiming the month of April, 2015, as Fair Housing Month in Bossier Parish.

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

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the 47th Anniversary of the National Fair Housing Law, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, during the month of April, is an occasion for all Americans – individually and collectively – to rededicate themselves to the principle of freedom from housing discrimination whenever it exists; and

WHEREAS, this law guarantees for each citizen the critical, personal element of freely choosing a home; and

WHEREAS, a fair housing law has been passed by the state of Louisiana, and implementation of the law requires the positive commitment, involvement, and support of each of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the departments and agencies of the state of Louisiana are to provide leadership in the effort to make fair housing not just an idea, but an ideal for all our citizens; and

WHEREAS, barriers that diminish the rights and limit the options of any citizen to freely choose a home will ultimately diminish the rights and limit the option of all.

NOW, THEREFORE, We, The Bossier Parish Police Jury, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2015, as

FAIR HOUSING MONTH

in the Parish of Bossier, and do hereby encourage all citizens to abide by the letter of spirit of the Fair Housing Law, and ask the citizens of this Parish to join in reaffirming the obligation and commitment to fair housing opportunities for all.

The proclamation was offered by Mr. Darby, seconded by Mr. Hammack. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 15th day of April, 2015.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

JACK SKAGGS, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Mr. Richard Crowell, Louisiana Timber Partners, requested that property described as Lot 15-A, Correction Plat of Penny's Acres, Tax Assessment No. 116968, be declared as surplus. He stated that Louisiana Timber Partners is interested in this property to provide additional access to the property owned by LTP Timberquest Fund, LP, located adjacent to Lot 15-A.

Mr. Crowell stated that he understands that if the property is declared as surplus and the timber company is the highest bidder, the residents of Penny's Acres may be concerned regarding increased traffic from the timber company. He stated that the timber company currently has two access points to the property owned by LTP Timberquest Fund, LP, from Crouch Road and Linton Bellevue Road. Mr. Crowell stated that when there is an opportunity to acquire additional access to a tract of land, they pursue obtaining that additional access.

Mr. Avery expressed concern that if the intentions are to build a roadway on this tract of land, the roadway will need to be compatible with the existing driveways on Amy Lane. Mr. Jackson stated that a roadway cannot be built on a lot in an existing subdivision to access adjacent property. Mr. Crowell stated that they do not intend to build a roadway on Lot 15-A, but possibly in the future sell for a home site, or as part of a potential development on property adjacent to the lot.

Mr. Jackson stated that Lot 15-A cannot be used as an entrance point to the property adjacent to the lot, as it is designated as a subdivided lot in an existing subdivision for a home. Mr. Crowell stated that it is not their intention to use the lot as an access point to the property owned by LTP Timberquest Fund, LP. Mr. Jackson stated that no permanent structures are allowed on the lot, and the characteristics of the lot cannot be changed from a driveway and home site to a roadway.

Mr. Jackson stated that a replat of the cul-de-sac on Amy Lane could be submitted to the police jury for consideration as a stub out if the property adjacent to the lot is intended for development. Mr. Crowell stated that their only intention at this point is to purchase the lot.

Ms. Bennett requested that Mr. Jackson meet with Mr. Crowell to further discuss this matter and the restrictions for use of the lot if they are the successful bidder. Mr. Jackson stated that if the timber company desires to purchase the property and not change the character of the lot, he recommends that the property be declared surplus. He stated that if the intention of the timber company is to use the lot as an ingress and egress point to access timberland for the purpose of management, harvest and inspection, he would not recommend declaring the property as surplus.

Ms. Bennett recommended that the property be declared surplus and to authorize the advertisement for bids, with the stipulation that use of this property be restricted to subdivision use only.

After further discussion, **motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to declare adjudicated property described as Lot 15-A, Correction Plat of Penny's Acres, Benton, LA, Tax Assessment No. 116968, as surplus, and to authorize the advertising for bids for the sale of said property, excluding any and all oil and gas mineral interest, restricting land use to subdivision use only, and stipulating that the lot cannot be used for the purpose of ingress and egress to adjoining property without further action of the police jury.**

The President called for public comment. Ms. Bennett asked that the landowners on Amy Lane located within 300 feet of Lot 15-A, be notified that this lot has been declared surplus and that bids will be received.

Votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Mr. Shewmake, seconded by Mr. Brotherton, to approve the adoption of a Citizen Participation Plan/Citizen Complaint Procedure, and to approve the appointment of Mr. William Altimus as Citizen Complaint Officer in connection with the FY 2016-2017 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program.

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 Mr. Darby, to approve the selection of two projects to be funded through the FY 2016-2017 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program.

The President called for public comment. Mr. Brotherton recommended that Green Road, Chitman Road, Chitman Cutoff Road, and Honeysuckle Road be considered as projects for the FY 2016-2017 LCDBG Program.

Votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Brotherton, to authorize the procurement and selection of professional services for the purpose of assisting in the development of the FY 2016-2017 LCDBG applications and implementation of the projects.

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. Hammack, to adopt a Procurement Policy for compliance with the FY 2016-2017 LCDBG Program.

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

Mr. Altimus presented information pertaining to House Bill No. 216, which authorizes the Shreveport-Bossier Convention and Tourist Bureau to levy an additional 1.5 percent hotel occupancy tax in Caddo and Bossier Parishes. He stated that this bill is similar to the bill presented last year for consideration, but the proposed tax has been decreased from 2.0 percent to 1.5 percent and funds from those taxes would be divided equally among the Independence Bowl, the Ark-La-Tex Regional Air Services, and the Shreveport-Bossier Sports Commission.

Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Ms. Bennett, to adopt a resolution supporting House Bill No. 216 authorizing the Shreveport-Bossier Convention and Tourist Bureau to levy an additional 1.5 percent hotel occupancy tax in Caddo and Bossier Parishes, only under the condition of a local option election, and

support is to be immediately withdrawn to the extent that a local option election is removed from the proposed legislation.

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

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING HOUSE BILL NO. 216 BEING CONSIDERED IN THE 2015 REGULAR SESSION OF THE LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE RELATIVE TO THE HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO, ONLY UNDER THE CONDITION OF A LOCAL OPTION ELECTION.

WHEREAS, the Shreveport-Bossier Convention and Tourist Bureau (The Bureau) is authorized to levy a hotel occupancy tax of 4.5%; and,

WHEREAS, House Bill 216 of the 2015 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature authorizes the Bureau to levy an additional tax of 1.5%, provided the additional levy is approved by the voters at the tax election; and,

WHEREAS, if approved at the tax election, the additional levy will be dedicated as follows; "Fifty percent of one cent" each to the Independence Bowl, the Ark-La-Tex Regional Air Service and the Shreveport-Bossier Sports Commission; and,

WHEREAS, the funds generated by this additional levy will increase economic activity in the greater Shreveport-Bossier community, and improve the lives of citizens in northwest Louisiana.

WHEREAS, support by the Bossier Parish Police Jury of this legislation is only under the condition of a local option election, and support is to be immediately withdrawn to the extent that a local option election is removed from the proposed legislation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in due, regular and legal session convened, that the Bossier Parish Police Jury endorses and strongly supports the enactment of the House Bill No. 216 that has been filed in the 2015 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions if 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. Hammack, seconded by Ms. Bennett. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 15th day of April, 2015.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

JACK SKAGGS, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Mr. Ford presented a request from the Department of Transportation and Development for use of Caplis Sligo Road as the official detour route during the closure of the Sligo Road Bridge over Red Chute Bayou for repairs. He stated that DOTD has agreed to pay costs in an amount up to \$50,000 for any necessary repairs to Caplis Sligo Road that may be required due to the increased traffic while being used as a detour route.

Motion was made by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to adopt a resolution authorizing the Department of Transportation and Development use of Caplis Sligo Road as the official detour route during the closure of the Sligo Road Bridge over Red Chute Bayou for repairs, with the Department of Transportation and Development being responsible for costs of repairs in an amount up to \$50,000 for any necessary repairs to Caplis Sligo Road that may be required due to the increase in traffic while being used as a detour route.

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 April, 2015, that it hereby authorizes the Department of Transportation and Development use of Caplis Sligo Road as the official detour route during the closure of the Sligo Road Bridge over Red Chute Bayou for repairs, with the Department of Transportation and Development being responsible for costs of repairs in an amount up to \$50,000 for any necessary repairs to Caplis Sligo Road that may be required due to the increase in traffic while being used as a detour route.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Plummer. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 15th day of April, 2015.

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Mr. Ford stated that a meeting is scheduled tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. in the Bossier Parish Police Jury Conference Room to discuss traffic issues at the intersection of Barksdale Boulevard and Sligo Road, and traffic issues at Caplis Sligo Road. He stated that closure of the Sligo Road Bridge will also be discussed. He further stated that representatives from the Louisiana State Police, Bossier Parish Sheriff's Department, DOTD, Bossier Parish E911 and parish fire districts, will be present to discuss these issues.

Mr. Ford reported that pavement of a three-quarter mile portion of Caplis Sligo Road will begin May 1, 2015, and any additional repairs needed will be made at that time.

Mr. Ford presented Change Order No. 2 on the Kingston Road Widening-Phase I Project No. 2014-414, advising that the change order results in a deduct of \$1,970. **Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to approve Change Order No. 2 on the Kingston Road Widening-Phase I Project No. 2014-414, 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 15th day of April, 2015, that it does hereby approve Change Order No. 2 on the Kingston Road Widening-Phase I Project No. 2014-414.

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

The resolution was offered by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Cochran. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 15th day of April, 2015.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

JACK SKAGGS, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Mr. Ford presented Change Order No. 3 on the Kingston Road Widening-Phase I Project No. 2014-414, advising that the change order results in an additional cost of \$43,712.45. **Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to approve Change Order No. 3 on the Kingston Road Widening-Phase I Project No. 2014-414, 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 15th day of April, 2015, that it does hereby approve Change Order No. 3 on the Kingston Road Widening-Phase I Project No. 2014-414.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Jack Skaggs, President, is hereby authorized to execute said Change Order No. 3.

The resolution was offered by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Cochran. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 15th day of April, 2015.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

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Mr. Ford presented Change Order No. 2 on the Wastewater Collection System (Contract No. 2) for Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier Project No. 2014-416, advising that the change order results in a deduct of \$42,314.50. **Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to approve Change Order No. 2 on the Wastewater Collection System (Contract No. 2) for Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier Project No. 2014-416, 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 15th day of April, 2015, that it does hereby approve Change Order No. 2 on the Wastewater Collection System (Contract No. 2) for Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier Project No. 2014-416.

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

The resolution was offered by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Rimmer. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 15th day of April, 2015.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

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Motion was made by Mr. Plummer, seconded by Mr. Brotherton, to adopt a resolution authorizing the Bossier Parish Police Jury to prepare and submit a pre-application in the area of Lucky Estates Subdivision/Louisiana Highway 612 in connection with the Statewide Flood Control Program for assistance for the implementation of a project for the purpose of reduction of existing flood damages; providing for the necessary documentation of said flood damages; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

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

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT A PRE-APPLICATION TO THE STATEWIDE FLOOD CONTROL PROGRAM FOR ASSISTANCE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A PROJECT FOR THE PURPOSE OF REDUCTION OF EXISTING FLOOD DAMAGES; PROVIDING FOR THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION OF SAID FLOOD DAMAGES; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, the Lucky Estates Subdivision/Louisiana Highway 612 area has been adversely affected by damages from flood waters; and

WHEREAS, the Bossier Parish Police Jury desires to apply for State matching funds pursuant to Chapter 2-A of Title 38 of Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, to implement a project to reduce said flood damages, and the Bossier Parish Police Jury is fully aware of its obligations under said statute; and

WHEREAS, the Bossier Parish Police Jury is a political body duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Louisiana and is eligible to apply for funds under the statute.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury as follows:

Section 1. That the Bossier Parish Police Jury acknowledges that upon approval of the pre-application, a formal application will be prepared and submitted to the Statewide Flood Control Program.

Section 2. That at the appropriate time and upon approval of funding assistance and prior to commencement of work on project, the Bossier Parish Police Jury agrees to execute a Statement of Sponsorship pursuant to the statute.

Section 3. That Joe E. Ford, Jr., Parish Engineer, is hereby designated as authorized representative for the Bossier Parish Police Jury to affect the preparation of the pre-application and application to the Statewide Flood Control Program for funding assistance of a flood control project.

Section 4. That said Authorized Representative's responsibilities shall pertain to technical matters only and shall not include any official act on behalf of the Bossier Parish Police Jury.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Plummer, seconded by Mr. Brotherton. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 15th day of April, 2015.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

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Motion was made by Mr. Shewmake, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to authorize obtaining proposals in an amount up to \$5,000 from a state approved archaeologist for a Cultural Resources Survey conducted by an SOI qualified archaeologist in concert with the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness Project No. 1603-015-0001, FEMA Grant 1603, Drainage Project, Bossier Parish, LA, 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 15th day of April, 2015, 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 in connection with the hiring of a state approved archaeologist in an amount not to exceed \$5,000, for a Cultural Resources Survey conducted by an SOI qualified archaeologist in concert with the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness Project No. 1603-015-0001, FEMA Grant 1603, Drainage Project, Bossier Parish, LA.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Shewmake, seconded by Mr. Cochran. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 15th day of April, 2015.

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Mr. Altimus presented a request from Northeast Bossier Parish Fire District No. 5 for assistance with construction of a circle drive around a fire station, with the fire district paying all labor, equipment and material costs. This matter is to be considered at the May 6, 2015, regular meeting.

Mr. Ford expressed appreciation to Mr. Pat Culverhouse, Bossier Parish Public Information Officer, for his assistance in reviewing parish projects and scheduling meetings.

Mr. Ford presented a list of proposed drainage and concrete pavement projects for the year 2015. He requested that jurors contact him with any additional projects that need to be considered.

Mr. Avery requested an update on the drainage issue in River Bluff Subdivision. Mr. Ford stated it is his understanding that Mr. Neil Pounders has agreed to riprap the section of the riverbank that is eroding. He stated that a meeting is scheduled next week to further discuss this matter.

Mr. Avery asked if a meeting with the Corps of Engineers has been scheduled to review the issue of the riverbank eroding. Mr. Ford stated that due to high water, the riverbank cannot be inspected at this time. He stated that a meeting will be scheduled in the near future.

Mr. Ford presented Supplemental Agreement No. 3 between the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, Northwest Louisiana Council of Governments, and the Bossier Parish Police Jury for the Bossier North/South Corridor Project, Winfield Road Extension Project, Wafer Road Extension, and Wemple Road Extension. He requested that Mr. Altimus be authorized to execute Supplemental Agreement No. 3.

Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to amend the agenda to consider approval of Supplemental Agreement No. 3 to the Original Agreement between the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, Northwest Louisiana Council of Governments, and the Bossier Parish Police Jury for the Bossier North/South Corridor Project, Winfield Road Extension Project, Wafer Road Extension, and Wemple Road Extension, and to authorize the Parish Administrator to execute documents.

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 Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to approve Supplemental Agreement No. 3 to the Original Agreement between the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, Northwest Louisiana Council of Governments, and the Bossier Parish Police Jury for the Bossier North/South Corridor Project, Winfield Road Extension Project, Wafer Road Extension, and Wemple Road Extension, 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 15th day of April, 2015, that William Altimus, Parish Administrator, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Bossier Parish Police Jury, Supplemental Agreement No. 3 to the Original Agreement between the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, Northwest Louisiana Council of Governments, and the Bossier Parish Police Jury for the Bossier North/South Corridor Project, Winfield Road Extension Project, Wafer Road Extension, and Wemple Road Extension.

The resolution was offered by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Rimmer. Upon vote, it was duly adopted on this 15th day of April, 2015.

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Mr. Ford provided an update on the North/South Corridor Project, stating that it is anticipated that all right-of-way will be acquired by June of 2015 for the North/South Corridor Phase I Project. He stated that the project will be divided into three phases in the near future with the Office of Facility Planning and Control being responsible for those costs. Mr. Ford stated that it is anticipated that the project will be let in January of 2016.

Mr. Ford provided information pertaining to each Phase of the North/South Corridor Project.

Mr. Ford stated that the Wemple Road Reconstruction-Phase 2 Project will be let in June or July of 2015.

Mr. Ford provided an update on the North Bossier Shared Use Trail, stating that a Plan in Hand to continue the trail from Old Brownlee Road to The Colony Subdivision, and from Old Brownlee Road to Lakewood Subdivision, is expected soon.

Mr. Ford provided an update on the Kingston Road Improvements Project, stating that the weather continues to delay the project.

Mr. Ford presented a plat of the proposed Revised Prairie Flats Subdivision, Unit No. 1-A, for consideration. He stated that the abandonment of Lots 1, 2, 4, 6-35, 37 and 38 of Prairie Flats Subdivision is requested. He further stated that this matter came before the police jury in 2014, but was removed from the agenda until such time as a petition was signed by all landowners indicating that they have no objection to abandonment of Lots 1, 2, 4, 6-35, 37 and 38.

Mr. Ford presented a petition signed by the current landowners in Prairie Flats Subdivision indicating they are not opposed to abandonment of the aforementioned lots in Prairie Flats Subdivision. Mr. Avery expressed concern with abandoning a subdivision when there are invested owners of lots in the subdivision. Mr. Jackson stated that there could be unknown repercussions when abandoning a subdivision where lots have already been sold.

Mr. Avery recommended that this matter not be considered by the police jury. After further discussion, **motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Darby, to amend the agenda to consider approval of the plat of the proposed Revised Prairie Flats Subdivision, Unit No. 1-A.**

The President called for public comment. There being none, **motion failed due to lack of unanimous vote, with the following vote recorded:**

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

NAYS: Mr. Benton

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Mr. Ford stated that he will place this item on the May 6, 2015, regular meeting agenda to consider scheduling a public hearing.

Mr. Benton requested that Mr. Ford review a low spot on Tall Pines Road located in Dogwood South Subdivision, Unit No. 17, and determine if the damage is due to a drainage pipe that crosses the roadway. Mr. Ford is to review this matter.

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 the Sligo Road Bridge near Ark La Plant Road is being replaced with tank cars and should be complete Friday. He stated that repairs to Old Plain Dealing Road Bridge, Log Ferry Road Bridge, and Fairview Point Road Bridge are complete and the bridges are open.

Mr. Benton stated that he has received several calls of appreciation from citizens of Bossier Parish for the work of the Bossier Parish Highway Department.

Mr. Avery requested that gravel be placed on Garrett Smith Road.

Mr. Rimmer reported on a Tri-State Conference at Northwestern State University sponsored by the Coordinating and Development Corporation. He stated that the main topic was economic development.

Mr. Rimmer stated that the Police Jury Association Legislative Day is scheduled for Wednesday, April 22, 2015, in Baton Rouge.

Mr. Rimmer reported that the month of April is Military Child Month, and encouraged the jurors to attend the Purple Up Event sponsored by Rusheon Middle School on Friday, April 17, 2015, at 9:00 a.m.

Mr. Brotherton advised that Anna P. Tooke Library in Koran, Louisiana, officially opened today, and a grand opening ceremony is to be scheduled in the near future.

Finance Committee Meeting – April 15, 2015, 1:30 p.m.

The Finance Committee of the Bossier Parish Police Jury met on this 15th day of April, 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 \$2,147.25 for the Johnny Gray Jones Youth Shelter for the month of March, 2015, as follows:

Bossier-Caddo Glass, LLC	\$ 895.00
Glass Services	\$1,077.25
Bobby Brannon Heating & Air Conditioning	\$ 175.00

The Chairman called for public comment. Mr. Avery requested additional information pertaining to invoices associated with glass. Mr. Altimus stated that residents of Johnny Gray Jones Youth Shelter broke a pane of glass, and two replacement panes were inadvertently ordered. He stated restitution of the costs for replacement of the pane of glass is required.

Votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.

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

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

Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, that each juror will contribute discretionary funds in the amount of \$250 each, for a total of \$3,000, for travel expenses for Destination Imagination teams from Bossier Parish schools to attend the 2015 Global Destination Imagination Finals in Knoxville, Tennessee, on May 20th through May 23rd.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Skaggs, seconded by Mr. Hammack, that Mr. Skaggs and Mr. Cochran will contribute discretionary funds in the amount of \$500 each, Mr. Avery will contribute discretionary funds in the amount of \$441.66, and Mr. Rimmer will contribute discretionary funds in the amount of \$142.34, for a total of \$1,584 in discretionary funds to Airline High School for the purchase of a sound system for the Department of Speech and Drama.

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. Avery, that Ms. Bennett will contribute discretionary funds in the amount of \$175 to Benton 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 Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Shewmake, to approve the request of Benton Elementary School for discretionary funds for entry fees and hotel expenses for the archery team to compete in the National Archery Tournament in Louisville, Kentucky, on May 8, 2015, through May 10, 2015, as follows:

Discretionary		Matching	
Ms. Bennett	\$1,000	Mr. Rimmer	\$250
Mr. Skaggs	\$ 250	Mr. Cochran	\$250
Mr. Plummer	\$ 250	Mr. Avery	\$250
		Mr. Shewmake	\$250
		Mr. Plummer	\$250
		Mr. Hammack	\$250

Total contribution: \$3,000

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

Town of Benton Mayor Wayne Cathcart introduced Mr. Jimmy Underwood, President of the Benton Athletics. Mr. Underwood stated that Benton Athletics is over the Benton Dixie Baseball and Softball Program in the Town of Benton.

Mayor Cathcart stated that the Dixie Program in the Town of Benton serves approximately 550 children. Mr. Underwood stated that there are approximately 35 to 40 teams that utilize the Town of Benton Sports Complex.

Mayor Cathcart stated that Benton Athletics has worked hard to maintain and improve the Town of Benton Sports Complex with parents volunteering their time and fundraising. Mr. Underwood stated that Benton Athletics has provided new lighting, concrete at the concession stand, and have spent approximately \$31,000 this year at the sports complex. He stated that Benton Athletics purchases all field conditioners, provides dirt necessary for all dirt work, and the parents volunteer their time for all labor.

Mayor Cathcart stated that the Town of Benton has provided funds to the program by providing materials, including new playground equipment at an estimated cost of \$20,000. He stated that Benton Athletics serves a large area,

and is requesting assistance from the Parish of Bossier through some type of recreational funding for improvements to the Town of Benton Sports Complex.

Mr. Shewmake asked if this request has been reviewed by the Parks and Recreation Committee. Mr. Plummer recommended that the request be submitted to the Parks and Recreation Committee for further review.

Ms. Bennett stated that parents of the children utilizing the sports complex have dedicated a lot of time and labor improving the sports complex, and the Town of Benton has provided some material for improvements. She commended the parents for all their hard work on the sports complex.

Ms. Bennett stated that she and Mr. Ford met with Mayor Cathcart regarding this request and asked that the request be submitted to the Benton Town Council for consideration prior to consideration by the police jury. She stated that the sports complex belongs to the Town of Benton, and some funding should be provided by them for the improvements. She asked if the request for funds for improvements has been submitted to the Benton Town Council for consideration. Mayor Cathcart stated that the request has not been submitted to the Benton Town Council, and he feels it is appropriate to submit the request to the police jury.

Ms. Bennett stated that after meeting with Mayor Cathcart, it was her intention that he was to present the request for funding for improvements at the Benton Sports Complex to the Benton Town Council, and the police jury would consider the request from the Town of Benton for assistance in asphaltting the handicap accessible ramps/paths at Simpson Street Park to assist during the Benton Farmer's Market.

Ms. Bennett recommended that Mayor Cathcart submit the request for improvements to the sports complex to the Benton Town Council for consideration prior to the police jury taking any action on the request. Mayor Cathcart withdrew the request from the Town of Benton for assistance with improvements at the Town of Benton Sports Complex.

After further discussion, **motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Shewmake, to refer this matter to the Parks and Recreation Committee for further review.**

The Chairman called for public comment. Mr. Hammack stated that there are several parks owned by the Parish of Bossier that need improvements, and those improvements need to be considered prior to committing funds to a park that is not owned by the parish.

Votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Cathcart submitted a request from the Town of Benton for assistance with hard surface asphalt handicapped accessible ramps/paths at the Simpson Street Park. He stated that the Benton Farmer's Market was a success last year at the park, but there were issues with gravel pathways and handicapped accessibility. Mayor Cathcart stated that approximately 1,875 square feet of handicapped accessible ramps/paths need to be asphalted to provide better access for citizens in wheelchairs.

Mayor Cathcart stated that the Town of Benton will be responsible for all costs associated with material for this project. He stated that the Town of Benton will also remove all existing material on the ramps/paths prior to start of the asphalt improvements. Mr. Ford stated that the cost of materials is less than \$2,000, and will take less than a day to complete.

After further discussion, **motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to approve the request from the Town of Benton for assistance with hard surface asphaltting of the handicapped accessible ramps/paths at the Simpson Street Park, with the Town of Benton paying all material costs.**

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 15th day of April, 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