

BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY
BENTON, LOUISIANA
MINUTES
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The Bossier Parish Police Jury met in regular and legal session on the 15th day of July, 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:

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| 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. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Shewmake, to adopt the minutes of the June 3, 2015, and June 17, 2015, regular meetings, and the June 17, 2015, Finance Committee meeting, as published.

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

Mr. Timothy Wilhite, President of the Ark-la-tex Regional Air Service Alliance, expressed appreciation to the police jury for its continued support of RASA. He stated that in 2012 the police jury, as well as the City of Shreveport, Greater Bossier Economic Development Foundation and the Shreveport-Bossier Convention and Tourist Bureau, donated funds to RASA to assist with the securing of a flight to Denver, Colorado, from the Shreveport Regional Airport. Mr. Wilhite stated that since 2012, the addition of the flight to Denver, Colorado, has provided an \$8 million economic impact.

Mr. Wilhite stated that RASA's goal is to provide economic incentives in an effort to provide additional air service to the community and to provide support to Barksdale Air Force Base. He stated that it is important to provide convenient air service for men and woman stationed at BAFB. He also stated that it is imperative to support business development, which supports BAFB, as well as the Cyber Innovation Center and Computer Science Corporation.

Mr. Wilhite reported that from the year 2013 to 2014, Washington, D.C., became the sixth largest destination from the Shreveport Regional Airport, with an increase of 24,310 passengers in one year traveling to and from Washington, D.C.

Mr. Wilhite requested support of a proposition being placed on the November ballot to authorize the Shreveport-Bossier Convention and Tourist Bureau to levy an additional 1.5 percent hotel occupancy tax in Caddo and Bossier Parishes.

Mr. Wilhite again expressed his appreciation to the police jury for its support to help provide quality air service to the community.

Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Benton, to authorize the advertising for bids in an amount not to exceed \$90,000, for the purchase of one new automatic sandbagger for the Bossier Parish Highway Department, bid date to be determined.

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 Tom O'Neal to the Bossier City-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission, for a zoning amendment to change the zoning classification of a 10-acre tract of land, more or less, located on the southeast corner of Highway 80 and Daleen Road, Bossier Parish, LA, from R-A, Residential Agriculture District, to I-1, Light Industrial District, for a retail location. The application received a favorable recommendation from the Bossier City-Parish MPC.

Mr. Benton stated that he has recently been notified that there are plans to subdivide the proposed 10.26-acre tract of land in the future. Mr. Sam Marsiglia, Bossier City-Parish MPC, stated that only a portion of this property will be utilized for the proposed retail location, and the remaining portion of land will be sold.

Mr. Dusty Taylor, present representing Mr. Tom O'Neal, stated that Mr. O'Neal is purchasing the 10.26-acre tract of land, and it is anticipated that the property owner located to the west of this tract will purchase the undeveloped portion of the property as it is located adjacent to his property.

Ms. Glenda Davis, 1598 Highway 614, Haughton, LA, stated that the legal description of the property is incorrect, advising that her son's property is located on the southeast corner of Highway 80 and Daleen Road. Mr. Marsiglia stated that the application submitted by Mr. O'Neal described the property as the southeast corner, and requested that the records reflect that the correct description for the proposed property is the southwest corner of Highway 80 and Daleen Road.

Ms. Davis also requested that the ingress and egress to the proposed development be located off Highway 80, and not Daleen Road. Mr. Benton stated that the proposed ingress and egress to the development is from Highway 80. Mr. Taylor stated that the Department of Transportation and Development has approved the proposed ingress and egress to the 10.26-acre tract of land, advising that ingress and egress will be located at the crossover on Highway 80. He further stated that DOTD has required a separate ingress and egress for the undeveloped portion of the 10.26-acre tract if sold and developed in the future.

Mr. Jackson requested that the records reflect that the correct description of the property is at the southwest corner of Highway 80 and Daleen Road.

Mr. Ford stated that he has reviewed the proposed site plan, and DOTD has approved the ingress and egress off Highway 80, advising there will be no access off Daleen Road. He stated that this property drains into the Eastwood/Merrywoods ditch and a 100-year detention pond is required for this proposed development. Mr. Ford stated that the proposed development will be served by Village Water System, and an individual sewer treatment plant is planned.

Mr. Taylor stated that due to the requested changes for the ingress and egress by DOTD, development will be located on the west side of the proposed driveway. Mr. Ford stated that a new site plan is required which reflects this change.

There being no objection, **motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to approve the application of Tom O'Neal, to the Bossier City-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission, for a zoning amendment to change the zoning classification of a 10.26-acre tract of land, more or less, located on the southwest corner of Highway 80 and Daleen Road, Bossier Parish, LA, from R-A, Residential Agriculture District, to I-1, Light Industrial District, for a retail location.**

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

ORDINANCE NO. 4579

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 10.26-ACRE TRACT OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, LOCATED ON THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF HIGHWAY 80 AND DALEEN ROAD, BOSSIER PARISH, LA, FROM R-A, RESIDENTIAL AGRICULTURE DISTRICT, TO I-1, LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT, FOR A RETAIL LOCATION.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on this 15th day of July, 2015, 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 the application of Tom O'Neal, to the Bossier City-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission, for a zoning amendment to change the zoning classification of a 10.26-acre tract of land, more or less, located on the southwest corner of Highway 80 and Daleen Road, Bossier Parish, LA, from R-A, Residential Agriculture District, to I-1, Light Industrial District, for a retail location, being more particularly described as follows: FROM NE COR OF SEC 13 PROCEED S 88 DEG 44 MIN 43 SEC W ALONG N LINE OF SEC 781.86 FT, THENCE LEAVING N LINE OF SEC S 00 DEG 26 MIN 09 SEC W 19.46 FT TO A PIPE AT INTERSECTION OF S R/W OF US HWY 80 AND W R/W OF DALEEN RD AND THE PT OF BEGIN, THENCE S 00 DEG 26 MIN 09 SEC W ALONG W R/W OF DALEEN RD 634.63 FT, THENCE LEAVING SAID W R/W OF RD S 69 DEG 54 MIN 19 SEC W 684.46 FT TO A PT ON W LINE OF E 1/2 OF NE 1/4 OF SEC, THENCE N 00 DEG 50 MIN 43 SEC E ALONG W LINE 767.03 FT TO A PIPE AT THE INTERSECTION OF W LINE WITH SAID S R/W OF HWY 80, THENCE LEAVING SAID W LINE N 80 DEG 49 MIN 14 SEC E ALONG S R/W 644.56 FT TO THE PT OF BEGIN, SEC 13, T 18, R 12 /TR 2-E/.

Applicant: Tom O'Neal
Purpose: Retail location

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

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

JACK SKAGGS, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Shewmake, to schedule a public hearing on August 19, 2015, to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Woodlake Ridge Subdivision, Unit No. 1A, being a resubdivision of Lots 6 and 7, Woodlake Ridge Subdivision, Unit No. 1, located in Sections 3 and 4, 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 Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to schedule a public hearing on August 19, 2015, to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Cypress Border Subdivision, Unit No. 1A, being a resubdivision of Lot 12 and the east 100 feet of Lot 13, Cypress Border Subdivision, located in Section 27, 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. Cook, seconded by Mr. Avery, to schedule a public hearing on August 19, 2015, to consider approval of the Minor Plat Prepared for the Exclusive Use of Christopher Taylor, located in Section 6, 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.**

Ms. Hauser announced the hearing to consider condemnation of property at 1509 Rocky Trail, Houghton, LA. Mr. David Ghormley, Property Standards Officer, presented current photographs of the property advising that due to wet weather conditions, the property owner has requested additional time to complete cleanup of the property. Mr. Benton recommended a 30-day extension, but requested that no additional extensions be granted.

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Darby, to allow the owner of property at 1509 Rocky Trail, Houghton, LA, an additional thirty (30) days in which to bring the property into compliance with property standards regulations, and that no additional extensions will be granted for cleanup of this property.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.** The matter will be reviewed at the August 19, 2015, regular meeting.

Ms. Hauser announced the hearing to consider condemnation of property at 186 Fern Road, Elm Grove, LA. Mr. Ghormley 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 Mr. Rimmer, to dismiss condemnation proceedings on property at 186 Fern Road, Elm Grove, LA.

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 2005 Palmetto Road, Benton, LA. Mr. Ghormley presented current photographs of the property, advising that there has been no change in the condition of the property.

Mr. John Davis, II, property owner, was present. Ms. Bennett stated that the yard needs to be maintained on a regular basis. Mr. Davis stated that his work schedule makes it difficult to keep his yard maintained on a regular basis, but stated that he will work to keep the yard maintained in the future. Ms. Bennett stated that if Mr. Davis is unable to maintain the yard himself he may need to consider hiring a lawn service.

After further discussion, **motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to allow the owner of property at 2005 Palmetto Road, Benton, LA, an additional three (3) 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.** The matter will be reviewed at the August 5, 2015, regular meeting.

Ms. Hauser announced the hearing to consider condemnation of property described as Lots 1-9, 12, 14, 15-17, 19-29, 34, 35, 37-42, Olde Oaks Subdivision, Unit No. VIII, Haughton, LA. Mr. Ghormley presented current photographs of the property, advising 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 Mr. Plummer, to dismiss condemnation proceedings on property described as Lots 1-9, 12, 14, 15-17, 19-29, 34, 35, 37-42, Olde Oaks Subdivision, Unit No. VIII, 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. Jackson stated that there is an issue of raw sewerage draining onto public streets in Olde Oaks Subdivision, which is being reviewed at this time.

Mr. Ghormley presented current photographs of property at 476 Bodcau Spur Road, Haughton, LA, advising that there has been very little change in the condition of the property.

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Shewmake, to proceed with condemnation of property at 476 Bodcau Spur 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. Ghormley presented current photographs of property at 1030 Chandler Road, Haughton, LA, advising that the property is now in compliance with property standards regulations. He recommended that condemnation proceedings be dismissed.

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to dismiss condemnation proceedings on property at 1030 Chandler Road, Haughton, LA.

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

Mr. Ghormley presented current photographs of property at 502 Wildlife Lane, Bossier City, LA, advising 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 Mr. Avery, to dismiss condemnation proceedings on property at 502 Wildlife Lane, Bossier City, LA.

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

Mr. Ghormley presented current photographs of property at 264 East Ridge Drive, Benton, LA, advising that a substantial amount of cleanup work has been done.

Ms. Venecia Hendricks, tenant at 264 East Ridge Drive, stated that she no longer purchases abandoned storage buildings. She stated that the large trailer of items recently moved to the property were items she inherited.

After further discussion, **motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to dismiss condemnation proceedings on property at 264 East Ridge Drive, Benton, LA.**

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

Mr. Ghormley presented current photographs of property at 209 Chimney Lane, Haughton, LA, advising that a substantial amount of work has been done to clean the property. He stated that the two vehicles filled with newspapers are still in the driveway, which does present an imminent threat to public health and safety.

Mr. David Valetton, 4908 Dahlia Drive, Bossier City, LA, stated that he has been assisting the property owner in the cleanup of this property. He stated that renewed registration tags for each vehicle were received recently, but they are unable to locate the keys to one of the vehicles. He further stated that one car is now running, and a new key has been ordered for the other vehicle. Mr. Valetton requested an additional 15 days to complete the cleanup of the property.

After further discussion, **motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to allow the owner of property at 209 Chimney Lane, Haughton, LA, an additional 15 days 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.** The matter will be reviewed at the August 5, 2015, regular meeting.

Mr. Ghormley presented current photographs of property at 4200 Palmetto Road, Palmetto Country Club, Benton, LA, advising that the property is now in compliance with property standards regulations. He recommended that condemnation proceedings be dismissed.

Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Shewmake, to dismiss condemnation proceedings on property at 4200 Palmetto Road, Palmetto Country Club, Benton, LA.

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

Mr. Ghormley reported on a meeting of the Property Standards Board of Review, advising that it is recommended that a condemnation hearing be scheduled to consider condemnation of property at 5213 John Wilson Drive, Bossier City, LA.

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to schedule a condemnation hearing on August 5, 2015, to consider condemnation of property at 5213 John Wilson Drive, Bossier City, LA.

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

Mr. Benton, Chairman of the Road/Subdivision Regulations Committee, reported on a meeting of that committee, advising that he, Mr. Avery, Ms. Bennett, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Shewmake, and Mr. Skaggs were present. He stated that Mr. Ford, Mr. Sam Marsiglia, Mr. Mark Coutee, Mr. Altimus, Mr. Larry Landry, Mr. Pat Culverhouse, Mr. Warren Cantrell, representatives from Raley and Associates, Inc., and representatives from Forte & Tablada were also present. Other jurors present were Mr. Cook, Mr. Darby, Mr. Hammack and Mr. Rimmer.

Mr. Benton stated that the committee discussed the requested acceptance of the streets and drainage in River Bluff Subdivision, Unit No. 2. He stated that it is recommended by the committee that no action be taken at this time on the acceptance of the streets and drainage in River Bluff Subdivision, Unit No. 2, until the Federal Emergency Management Agency has issued its report on the 2015 flood event.

Mr. Benton stated that the committee discussed a report submitted by Forte and Tablada prioritizing 12 Bossier Parish bridges to provide a targeted approach for repairs and mitigation for the chosen bridges, and to allow for a scientific approach to best utilize public funds.

Mr. Benton stated that the committee also discussed the Swan Lake Road Transportation Plan submitted by Neel-Schaffer, Inc., which provides potential roadway options to improve the flow of traffic in and around the intersection of Swan Lake Road and Modica Lott Road from I-220 to Tiburon Subdivision, as well as explores options to improve the existing roadway network between Swan Lake Road and Airline Drive. He stated that the City of Bossier City will be asked to participate in this project.

Mr. Benton stated that Summer Trail, previously known as Moody Road, was also discussed, and no action was needed on this matter. He stated that a proposed emergency exit for Cypress Bend Garden District Subdivision through Haymeadow Subdivision was not discussed.

Mr. Benton requested that no action be taken at this time on the request for acceptance of the streets and drainage in River Bluff Subdivision, Unit No. 2, into the parish road system for permanent maintenance. The jury concurred.

Motion was made by Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Avery, to approve a request from Northeast Bossier Parish Fire District No. 5 for amendments to its Constitution and Bylaws.

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. Darby, to approve the reappointment of Mr. Jackie Byrd and Mr. Dennis Hays to the Bossier Parish Fire District No. 7 Board of Commissioners for two-year terms each, terms to expire July 31, 2017.

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. Hammack, to approve the reappointment of Mr. Billy Montgomery to the Shreveport-Bossier Sports Commission Advisory Board for a two-year term, term to expire August 31, 2017.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.** It was noted that this is a joint appointment with the City of Bossier City, City of Shreveport and the Caddo Parish Commission, and each entity has advised that they are in favor of Mr. Montgomery's reappointment.

Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Ms. Bennett, to approve the reappointment of Mr. Doyle Adams to the Shreveport-Bossier Sports Commission Advisory Board for a four-year term, term to expire August 31, 2019.

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 accept the streets and drainage in Woodhaven Subdivision 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. 4580

WHEREAS, the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on the 15th day of July, 2015, has received a request from Ronald G. Carlson, Inc., that the parish accept into its system for permanent maintenance, the streets and drainage in Woodhaven Subdivision, 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 Ronald G. Carlson, 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 Woodhaven Subdivision, Bossier Parish, Louisiana:

Baylynn Lane – 0.262 mile

Kimball Court – 0.084 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 Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Plummer. Upon vote, it was duly adopted on this 15th day of July, 2015.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

JACK SKAGGS, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Avery, to accept a proposal from Owen Engineering, LLC, in the amount of \$4,760 for professional engineering services for hydrologic and hydraulic analysis for Pilkington Road Bridge over Tidwell Branch, and to authorize the execution of 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 July, 2015, that Jack Skaggs, President, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Bossier Parish Police Jury, any and all documents or contracts in connection with the proposal of Owen Engineering, LLC, in the amount of \$4,760 for professional engineering services for hydrologic and hydraulic analysis for Pilkington Road Bridge over Tidwell Branch.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Avery. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 15th day of July, 2015.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

JACK SKAGGS, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Mr. Ford stated that Mr. Haigler, owner of property at 3203 Trailview Circle, Houghton, LA, has withdrawn his request that the police jury replace an additional panel of the driveway that was not used by the parish when accessing a drainage easement located behind his home. He stated that the parish is repairing any damage to that portion of the driveway that was utilized by the parish.

Mr. Altimus reported that the President of the United States has issued a major disaster declaration for the State of Louisiana, which will allow parishes in northwest Louisiana to receive public assistance due to the 2015 flood event. He stated that a meeting is scheduled next week with FEMA to begin the process of requesting public assistance.

Mr. Altimus stated that individual assistance for flood victims has been denied at this time, but the State of Louisiana will be submitting a request to FEMA to reconsider that decision. He further stated that farmers will submit requests for assistance through a different type of FEMA funding that is not considered individual assistance or public assistance.

Mr. Altimus reported on his attendance at the Annual NACo Conference recently held in South Carolina. He stated that he serves as Vice Chair of the Transit/Rail Subcommittee, and the committee is concerned with the increased transportation of hazardous material by rail through urban and rural areas throughout the country and the increase of derailments. He stated that the subcommittee is working with railroad companies to determine what is being hauled in tank cars and how to handle leaks and derailments of tank cars carrying hazardous materials.

Mr. Altimus stated that railroad companies have developed the AskRail app, which can be accessed by first responders who have been vetted by the railroads to be able to determine what is contained in tank cars that may be

leaking or derailed. He stated that Mr. Snellgrove is working to have all first responders in our area vetted to be able to access this app.

Mr. Altimus presented a video providing additional information on the AskRail app.

Mr. Ford stated that the Summerset Estates Subdivision plat was approved at the June 17, 2015, police jury meeting, and provided for a 25-foot building setback. He stated that the developer has requested to increase the building setback from 25 feet to 75 feet, and if feasible, allow for a utility easement for a water line.

Mr. Ford stated that at the June 17, 2015, police jury meeting, Plan Change No. 2 on the Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier Primary Sewer Lift Stations and Force Mains – North Bossier Parish Area Contract “A” – Sewer Force Main Project No. 2014-425 was approved as a no cost plan change. He stated that originally, Denmon Engineering Co., Inc., designed all road crossings without a cased crossing where joint piping is located. Mr. Ford stated that road crossings with joint piping are typically cased, and recommended approval of a revised Plan Change No. 2 to include the cost of cased crossings for this project. He stated that the proposed revised Plan Change No. 2 will be considered at the August 5, 2015, regular meeting.

Mr. Ford presented an updated list of proposed drainage and concrete pavement projects for the year 2015.

Mr. Ford provided an update on several parish projects throughout the parish, including the Kingston Road Improvements Project, North-Bossier Shared Use Trail, North/South Corridor Project, Wemple Road Reconstruction Project, Eastwood/Merrywoods Statewide Flood Control Project, 2014-2015 LCDBG Project-East Benton Subdivision Sewer Improvements Project, and the sewer district project.

Mr. Ford stated that due to the 2015 flood event, no work can be done on the outfall structure for the sewer plant. He stated that the water level must be at 14 feet, but is currently at 27 feet, which is causing a delay in the project. He further stated that any additional costs associated with the delay of completing the outfall structure for the sewer plant will be submitted to FEMA for reimbursement.

Mr. Ford reported that the low water crossing on Pump Station Road is complete and Rocky Mount Road Bridge is now open. He stated that a drainage study is planned for Pilkington Road Bridge and tank cars are planned to replace the bridge. He further stated that Young Road Bridge is closed and replacement of the bridge is planned in the near future.

Mr. Ford reported on several other bridge projects throughout the parish. He stated that several bridges and roads are damaged due to the flood event, as well as overweight trucks. Mr. Ford stated that the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Office is closely monitoring roadways for overweight vehicles.

Mr. Mark Coutee, Public Works Director, presented an update on activities of the highway department and on several road projects in the parish. He stated that the Arkansas Line Road Bridge is now open.

Mr. Brotherton reported that a mobile home has been placed on a tract of land at 6284 Highway 157, Haughton, LA, advising that there is an existing home on this property. He further stated that this property is currently in violation of property standards regulations, and is in violation of parish regulations that prohibit the location of two dwellings on a tract of land. Mr. Brotherton stated that water, electricity and sewer have been hooked up at this mobile home without proper permitting, and advised that the mobile home is occupied.

Mr. Brotherton requested that a condemnation hearing be scheduled in this matter. After further discussion, **motion was made by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to amend the agenda to consider scheduling a condemnation hearing on August 5, 2015, to consider condemnation of property at 6284 Highway 157, Haughton, LA.**

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. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to schedule a condemnation hearing on August 5, 2015, to consider condemnation of property at 6284 Highway 157, Haughton, LA.

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

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

The Finance Committee of the Bossier Parish Police Jury met on this 15th day of July, 2015, at 1:30 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana, with all members present.

Ms. Vickie Case, Cook & Morehart, Certified Public Accountants, presented a review of the 2014 Bossier Parish Police Jury audit. She reported one finding, advising that the police jury did not appropriately amend its budget during the year. She stated that actual revenues for the Highway fund failed to meet budgeted revenues by more than five percent for the year 2014. Ms. Case stated that there were certain projects planned for 2014 where a portion of the cost of those projects was to be reimbursed by the State of Louisiana or other entities. She stated that delays in those projects caused cash basis revenues to fall short of budgeted revenues for 2014.

Ms. Case recommended that the police jury amend its budget, as needed, to comply with the Local Government Budget Act. She reported that there are no other findings or comments, and commended the police jury staff.

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Ms. Bennett, to approve payment of accounts payable invoices in the amount of \$390.00 for the Johnny Gray Jones Youth Shelter for the month of June, 2015, as follows:

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| Emergency Power Systems | \$150.00 |
| Area Wide | \$240.00 |

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. Darby, to approve payment of all other accounts payable invoices for the month of June, 2015.

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 an expenditure in the amount of \$20,000 from the Parks and Recreation Fund for an irrigation system at the Lawson Bo Brandon Sports Complex.

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

Mr. Bruce Easterly presented a request from the Cypress Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District for assistance in the patching of a road in the park, advising that they have offered to pay all labor, equipment and material costs.

Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Avery, to amend the agenda to consider a request from Cypress Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District to allow highway department crews to assist in patching a road located in the park, with the Cypress Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District paying all labor, equipment and material costs.

The Chairman 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 authorize parish road crews to assist in patching a road located in the Cypress Park recreation area, with the Cypress Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District paying all labor, equipment and 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 July, 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