

BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY
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The Bossier Parish Police Jury met in regular and legal session on the 17th day of February, 2016, at 2:00 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana. The President, Ms. Wanda Bennett, called the meeting to order. The invocation was given by Mr. Bob Brotherton, and the pledge of allegiance was led by Mr. Jerome Darby. 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. Plummer, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to adopt the minutes of the January 13, 2016, regular meeting, and January 13, 2016, Finance Committee meeting, as published.

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

Ms. Janet Burks, Registrar of Voters, announced that she will be retiring after working 45 years in the Registrar of Voters Office. She stated that she began working in the Registrar of Voters Office in June of 1971, and was appointed Registrar of Voters in 1997. She expressed her appreciation to the police jury for its continued support of the Registrar of Voters Office.

Ms. Burks also expressed appreciation to the staff of the Registrar of Voters Office for their exemplary work and dedication to Bossier Parish.

Ms. Bennett expressed appreciation to Ms. Burks for her years of dedication and service to Bossier Parish.

Mr. Ford advised that Denmon Engineering Co., Inc., has recommended that the low bid of Wicker Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$3,259,822.00, be accepted for the Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier, North Bossier Parish Area, Contract "C"-Sewer Force Mains and Gravity Mains Project No. 2015-458. **Motion was made by Mr. Shewmake, seconded by Mr. Cook, to award the bid for Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier, North Bossier Parish Area, Contract "C"-Sewer Force Mains and Gravity Mains Project No. 2015-458, to Wicker Construction, Inc., low bidder meeting bid specifications in accordance with bids received on December 15, 2015.**

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.** Bid results are as follows:

| Bidder: | Bid Amount: |
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| Wicker Construction, Inc. | \$3,259,822.00 |
| Pulley Construction, Inc. | \$3,384,157.00 |
| S&J Construction Co., LLC | \$3,750,097.45 |
| Eutaw Construction Company | \$3,964,550.75 |

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Shewmake, and seconded by Mr. Cook:

RESOLUTION

A resolution awarding and authorizing the signing of the Construction Contract for the "Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier, North Bossier Parish Area, Contract "C"-Sewer Force Mains and Gravity Mains Project No. 2015-458", and authorizing the issuance of the Notice to Proceed.

WHEREAS, the Bossier Parish Police Jury did receive construction bids on the Construction Contract for the "Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier, North Bossier Parish Area, Contract "C"-Sewer Force Mains and Gravity Mains Project No. 2015-458", Bossier Parish, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the lowest and best bid was that submitted by Wicker Construction, Inc., in the overall Base Bid amount of \$3,259,822.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bossier Parish Police Jury awarded the construction contract to Wicker Construction, Inc., in the overall Base Bid amount of \$3,259,822.00, once concurrence by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality has been obtained; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President and Parish Administrator for the Bossier Parish Police Jury be and are hereby authorized and empowered to sign a construction contract for and on behalf of the Bossier Parish Police Jury with Wicker Construction, Inc., upon receipt of the performance bond in the amount of the contract price; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon receipt of required certificates of insurance evidencing coverage as provided in the project specifications and upon execution and recordation of all contract documents, that the Engineer is hereby authorized to issue the Notice to Proceed to the Contractor to commence construction of the project.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: 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

ABSENT: None

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 17th day of February, 2016.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

WANDA BENNETT, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Mr. Ford advised that Denmon Engineering Co., Inc., has recommended that the low bid of San-Tech, Inc., in the amount of \$1,999,743.00, be accepted for the Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier, North Bossier Parish Area, Contract "D"-Kingston Road Lift Station Project No. 2015-459. He stated that he does not recommend awarding Bid Alt. No. 1 at this time. **Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Benton, to award the bid for Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier, North Bossier Parish Area, Contract "D"-Kingston Road Lift Station Project No. 2015-459, to San-Tech, Inc., low bidder meeting bid specifications in accordance with bids received on December 15, 2015.**

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.** Bid results are as follows:

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| Bidder: | Bid Amount: |
| San-Tech, Inc. | Base Bid: \$1,999,743.00 |
| | Alt. No. 1: \$ 86,570.00 |
| Eutaw Construction Company | Base Bid: \$2,587,939.00 |
| | Alt. No. 1: \$ 111,000.00 |

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Avery, and seconded by Mr. Benton:

RESOLUTION

A resolution awarding and authorizing the signing of the Construction Contract for the "Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier, North Bossier Parish Area, Contract "D"-Kingston Road Lift Station Project No. 2015-459", and authorizing the issuance of the Notice to Proceed.

WHEREAS, the Bossier Parish Police Jury did receive construction bids on the Construction Contract for the "Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier, North Bossier Parish Area, Contract "D"-Kingston Road Lift Station Project No. 2015-459", Bossier Parish, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the lowest and best bid was that submitted by San-Tech, Inc., in the overall Base Bid amount of \$1,999,743.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bossier Parish Police Jury awarded the construction contract to San-Tech, Inc., in the overall Base Bid amount of \$1,999,743.00, once concurrence by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality has been obtained; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President and Parish Administrator for the Bossier Parish Police Jury be and are hereby authorized and empowered to sign a construction contract for and on behalf of the Bossier Parish Police Jury with San-Tech, Inc., upon receipt of the performance bond in the amount of the contract price; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon receipt of required certificates of insurance evidencing coverage as provided in the project specifications and upon execution and recordation of all contract documents, that the Engineer is hereby authorized to issue the Notice to Proceed to the Contractor to commence construction of the project.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: 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

ABSENT: None

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 17th day of February, 2016.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

WANDA BENNETT, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Ms. Hauser announced the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of O'Neal Gas Subdivision, located in Section 13, Township 18 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

There being no objection, **motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Brotherton, to approve the proposed development of O'Neal Gas Subdivision, located in Section 13, Township 18 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 public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Redwood Place at Legacy Subdivision, Unit No. 8, a Planned Unit Development, located in Section 21, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

There being no objection, **motion was made by Mr. Skaggs, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to approve the plat of the proposed development of Redwood Place at Legacy Subdivision, Unit No. 8, a Planned Unit Development, located in Section 21, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA.**

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

Ms. Hauser announced the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Miciotto Park Subdivision, Unit No. 1, located in Section 11, Township 18 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

There being no objection, **motion was made by Mr. Skaggs, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to approve the plat of the proposed development of Miciotto Park Subdivision, Unit No. 1, located in Section 11, Township 18 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA.**

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

Mr. Roderick Williams, President of University Health System in Shreveport, was present and provided information pertaining to University Health System and its mission. He stated that in 2013, the state privatized the hospital and the Biomedical Research Foundation of Northwest Louisiana created a rescue plan for the region. He further stated that the rescue plan by the BRF was the strongest decision for healthcare made in this region and saved the University Health System Level 1 Trauma Center.

Mr. Williams stated that University Health Systems treated approximately 3,000 traumas in the past year, and without the trauma center, several lives could have been lost.

Mr. Williams stated that the mission of University Health Systems is to teach, heal and discover. He stated that University Health Systems serves as a teaching facility for Louisiana State University. He further stated that as a hospital, they are dedicated to research and healing.

Mr. Williams stated that it is the goal and vision of University Health Systems to become the premier healthcare of choice for the region.

Mr. Williams stated that University Health Systems is looking to expand their services outside the hospital facility. He stated that an urgent care facility located off the southern loop in Shreveport recently opened, the bone marrow transplant center has been reestablished, and fairly comprehensive congregational wellness and preventative health care programs have been established where physicians and staff from the hospital go out into the community.

Mr. Williams stated that an application is being submitted for a Primary Stroke Center which is needed in this region.

Mr. Williams stated that they are working to reduce wait times at University Health Systems, and responsiveness to emergency medical services has significantly improved.

Mr. Williams stated that University Health Systems has 26 operating rooms, and experiencing record setting volumes in the operating rooms. He further stated that University Health Systems has 50 functioning emergency room bays. Mr. Williams stated that it is estimated that the facility will see approximately 72,000 emergency room visits, and 400,000 in the ambulatory section for the year 2016.

Mr. Williams stated that University Health Systems has a strong relationship with Louisiana State University School of Medicine.

Mr. Williams stated that any budget cuts in higher education and healthcare by lawmakers in Baton Rouge will adversely affect University Health Systems and LSU School of Medicine.

Ms. Bennett expressed appreciation to University Health System for their medical treatment that recently saved her grandson, and stated that University Health System is an asset to this region.

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Shewmake, to schedule a public hearing on March 16, 2016, to consider approval of the Property Survey for River Rouge Plantation, LLC, located in Sections 19 and 20, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA. This matter was tabled on January 13, 2016.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Skaggs, seconded by Mr. Darby, to schedule a public hearing on March 16, 2016, to consider approval of the plat of the Roby Road Dedication, a parish right of way, 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. Skaggs, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to schedule a public hearing on March 16, 2016, to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Willow Heights Subdivision, Unit No. 1, a Planned Unit Development, located in Section 20, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

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

Ms. Hauser announced the hearing to consider condemnation of property located at 117 Cedar Brook Lane, Haughton, LA, Tax Assessment No. 111971. Mr. David Ghormley, Property Standards Officer, presented current photographs of the property advising that there has been no change in the condition of the property.

Mr. Ghormley stated that the property does present an imminent threat to public health and safety, and recommended that the property be condemned.

After further discussion, **motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Brotherton, to proceed with condemnation of property located at 117 Cedar Brook Lane, Haughton, LA, Tax Assessment No. 111971, in accordance with property standards regulations.**

The President called for public comment. Ms. Heather Watkins, Midwest Management, stated that they purchased a one percent interest in the property at tax sale in 2012. She stated that they are diligently working to obtain full title of the property, and requested that the home not be demolished by the parish. Mr. Ghormley stated that the parish has no plans to demolish the home, and the only work that will be done by the parish is to mow and clean the property.

Votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jimmy Cochran, Chairman of the Recreation Fund Program Committee, reported on a meeting of that committee, advising that he, Mr. Avery, Mr. Brotherton, and Mr. Shewmake were present. He stated that Mr. Pat Culverhouse, Ms. Kathy French, Mr. Altimus, and Mr. Jackson were also present. Other jurors present were Ms. Bennett, Mr. Benton, Mr. Hammack, Mr. Plummer, and Mr. Rimmer.

Mr. Cochran stated that the Parish Attorney is working to create guidelines for use of discretionary funds, and that the committee has no recommendations at this time. He stated that all future school requests for discretionary funds will require approval from the principle of that school prior to the request being considered by the police jury.

Mr. Glenn Benton, Chairman of the Road/Subdivision Regulations Committee, reported on a meeting of that committee, advising that he, Ms. Bennett, Mr. Cook, Mr. Plummer, and Mr. Shewmake were present. He stated that Mr. Jackson, Mr. Ford, Ms. Carlotta Askew-Brown, and Mr. Sam Marsiglia were also present. Other jurors present were Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Avery, Mr. Rimmer, and Mr. Skaggs.

Mr. Benton stated that the committee discussed amendments to subdivision regulations requiring traffic studies for all new development located in the unincorporated areas outside the five miles of incorporated town or villages

Mr. Benton stated that the committee also discussed amendments to subdivision regulations establishing side yard setbacks on corner lots only.

Mr. Benton stated that the committee discussed drainage issues at the Bobby Byrd Ditch, and the potential for future development in this area. He stated that there is a possibility that the developers will assist with corrective measures for the drainage issues at the Bobby Byrd Ditch. Mr. Benton stated that this matter is to be further reviewed.

Mr. Benton stated that creation of the sewer district has brought in the potential for more development in Bossier Parish. He stated that additional funding will be needed in order to meet the needs of continued development.

Mr. Benton stated that the East/West Corridor project was also discussed. He stated that two subdivision developments are located within the right-of-way dedicated for the East/West Corridor project. He further stated that Mr. Ford has met with the developers of the subdivisions and they are willing to donate the land to the parish for the East/West Corridor project. Mr. Benton stated that funds will be needed to obtain the survey to protect the proposed route for the East/West Corridor. He stated that the developers have expressed interest in participating in the cost of the East/West Corridor project.

Mr. Benton stated that the committee also discussed possible regulations requiring permits for fencing in subdivisions and requiring subdivision plats to include the location of fences. This matter is to be further reviewed.

Motion was made by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Shewmake, to remove from the agenda, adoption of a resolution accepting State Project No. H.009945, F.A.P. No. H009945, Koran Doyline Road Bridge over Clark Bayou, Federal Aid Off-System Highway Bridge Program, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, as satisfactorily complete and accepting maintenance of the improvements.

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

Mr. Ford stated that at the February 3, 2016, regular meeting, Mr. Miner requested that the parish provide riprap on a retaining wall located behind his home at 3205 Trailview Circle, Haughton, LA. He stated that Mr. Miner claims that the retaining wall was damaged due to a large oak tree falling prematurely because of drainage issues from a parish owned drainage ditch.

Mr. Ford stated that a cost estimate has been prepared to provide riprap on the retaining wall at 3205 Trailview Circle, Haughton, LA. He stated that there are no easements that would allow parish crews to access the retaining wall at this location. He further stated that Mr. Miner was requested to also obtain a proposal for the cost to riprap the damaged retaining wall, but no proposal has been received. Mr. Ford requested that this matter be tabled.

After further discussion, **motion was made by Mr. Rimmer, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to table the discussion of a cost estimate to provide riprap on a retaining wall located at 3205 Trailview Circle, Haughton, LA, to be considered at the March 3, 2016, regular meeting.**

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

Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Darby, to adopt a resolution supporting the renewal of a 2.5 property tax millage for the Caddo-Bossier Parishes Port Commission.

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Caddo-Bossier Parishes Port Commission was created by the Louisiana Legislature in 1962 and is the governing authority charged with regulating commerce and traffic in the Port areas and developing, operating, maintaining, and marketing our Port Complex; and

WHEREAS, in April of 1993, the citizens of Caddo and Bossier Parishes voted to provide a 2.5 mill property tax for the development of the Port Complex; and

WHEREAS, Caddo-Bossier Parishes Port Commission has strategically and carefully utilized the citizen’s \$88 million of property tax revenue and returned \$1.5 billion of public and private infrastructure and investment; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo-Bossier Parishes Port Commission has been careful stewards of the citizens’ of Caddo and Bossier Parishes’ money by a return on investment of \$17 for every \$1; and

WHEREAS, this Caddo-Bossier Parishes Port Commission presently owns 2,300 acres and is landlord to 17 companies employing 1,500 at the Port Complex; and

WHEREAS, for every direct job at the Port, four indirect jobs are created in the parishes of Caddo and Bossier in support of the companies at the Port Complex; and

WHEREAS, an expansion of 3,000 acres will generate new permanent and indirect jobs to this area’s economy; and based upon the past strategy, total additional direct and indirect jobs are estimated to be 15,000; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo-Bossier Parishes Port Commission has placed on the April 9, 2016, ballot, a renewal of the 1993, 2.5 property tax millage for 25 years; and

WHEREAS, the funds derived from the millage will be dedicated to acquiring land, in both Caddo and Bossier Parishes, constructing access roads, railroads, warehouses and utilities, transfer and storage facilities, and other Port transportation and infrastructure facilities, title to which will be vested to the public.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bossier Parish Police Jury is hereby supportive of the Caddo-Bossier Parishes Port Commission’s property tax renewal and encourages each citizen who is a registered voter in Bossier Parish to vote for the renewal proposition.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Darby. Upon vote, it was duly adopted on this 17th day of February, 2016.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

WANDA BENNETT, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Mr. Ford presented Plan Change No. 6 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, advising that the plan change results in an additional cost of \$428.90. **Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to approve Plan Change No. 6 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, 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 17th day of February, 2016, that it does hereby approve Plan Change No. 6 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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Wanda Bennett, President, is hereby authorized to execute said Plan Change No. 6.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Plummer. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 17th day of February, 2016.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

WANDA BENNETT, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Skaggs, to accept the proposal of Coyle Engineering Co., Inc., in the amount of \$1,750.00 to provide surveying services for cross sections of Willow Chute Bayou, 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 17th day of February, 2016, that Wanda Bennett, 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 Coyle Engineering Co., Inc., in the amount of \$1,750.00 to provide surveying services for cross sections of Willow Chute Bayou.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Skaggs. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 17th day of February, 2016.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

WANDA BENNETT, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to accept the proposal of Forte & Tablada in the amount of \$164,320.00 to provide professional services for replacement of the Sligo Road Bridge over Foxskin Bayou, 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 17th day of February, 2016, that Wanda Bennett, 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 Forte & Tablada in the amount of \$164,320.00 to provide professional services for replacement of the Sligo Road Bridge over Foxskin Bayou.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Rimmer. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 17th day of February, 2016.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

WANDA BENNETT, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Mr. Ford presented a request from Mr. Brit Miller for the parish to abandon the gravel portion only on Millers Bluff Road. He stated that Mr. Miller claims that they are having issues with trespassers on their property, as well as trash being dumped on their property.

Mr. Benton asked if Millers Bluff Road is used for access to other property. Mr. Ford stated that Highway 537 also provides an access to properties in this area.

After further discussion, **motion was made by Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Shewmake, to amend the agenda to consider scheduling a public hearing on March 16, 2016, to consider abandonment of the gravel portion only of Millers Bluff Road located in Sections 15 and 22, Township 22 North, Range 14 West, Bossier Parish, 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. Cook, seconded by Mr. Avery, to schedule a public hearing on March 16, 2016, to consider abandonment of the gravel portion only of Millers Bluff Road located in Sections 15 and 22, Township 22 North, Range 14 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

The President called for public comment. Mr. Cochran recommended that ownership of property on each side of Millers Bluff Road be verified. It was recommended that the fire district, Emergency Medical Services, school board, and sheriff's department be notified of the public hearing.

Votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Altimus expressed appreciation to police jury staff for their work on obtaining sewer systems for the sewer district.

Mr. Ford reported that a meeting of the Red River Valley Association is scheduled for tomorrow to discuss the Red River. He stated that he will be providing a report on the 2015 flood event.

Mr. Ford stated that the Corps of Engineers did not fund the needed \$1.5 million to restudy the Red River. He stated that the Red River Flood Technical Committee will be meeting next week to discuss options for the needed funding to restudy the Red River. Mr. Altimus stated that he will be meeting with Senator Vitter tomorrow to also discuss funding to restudy the Red River.

Mr. Ford stated that a meeting is scheduled tomorrow at 2:00 p.m. at the Bossier Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness to discuss renewal of the Hazard Mitigation Grant Plan.

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

Mr. Rimmer reported that Senator Vitter will be present at a Town Hall meeting tomorrow at 11:30 a.m. at the Public Service Complex on Shed Road in Bossier City.

Mr. Darby requested a Juvenile Committee meeting be scheduled and Mr. Kenny Loftin be asked to attend to discuss 17-year olds and same sex genders at the juvenile detention facility.

Mr. Benton reported that the Police Jury Association's 92nd Annual Convention is scheduled for March 3-5, 2016, in Caddo Parish.

Committee Meeting – February 17, 2016, 1:30 p.m.

The Finance Committee of the Bossier Parish Police Jury met on this 17th day of February, 2016, 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. Rimmer, to approve payment of accounts payable invoices in the amount of \$1,479.76 for the Johnny Gray Jones Youth Shelter for the month of January, 2016, as follows:

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| Homeland Safety Systems | \$ 156.91 |
| Area Wide | \$ 240.00 |
| Emergency Power Systems | \$1,082.85 |

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

Motion was made by Mr. Shewmake, seconded by Ms. Bennett, to approve payment of all other accounts payable invoices for the month of January, 2016.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Cochran, seconded by Mr. Darby, that Mr. Cochran will contribute matching discretionary funds in the amount of \$850 to Plantation Park Elementary School for the purchase of iPads for third grade students.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Cochran, seconded by Mr. Darby, that Mr. Cochran will contribute matching discretionary funds in the amount of \$650 and discretionary funds in the amount of \$1,850, for a total of \$2,500, to Plantation Park Elementary School for the purchase of a mobile chromebook lab.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Cochran, seconded by Mr. Shewmake, to approve the request of Butler Education Complex for discretionary funds for the purchase of archery equipment, as follows:

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| Discretionary | |
| Mr. Benton | \$ 300.00 |
| Mr. Cochran | \$ 235.00 |
| Mr. Darby | \$ 300.00 |
| Mr. Shewmake | \$ 200.00 |
| Total contribution: | \$ 1,035.00 |

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 17th day of February, 2016, the meeting was adjourned by the President at 3:10 p.m.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

WANDA BENNETT, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY