

BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY
BENTON, LOUISIANA
MINUTES
July 6, 2016
www.bossierparishla.gov

The Bossier Parish Police Jury met in regular and legal session on the 6th day of July, 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. Jerome Darby, and the pledge of allegiance was led by Mr. Wayne Hammack. 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. 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 May 4, 2016, and May 18, 2016, regular meetings, and May 18, 2016, Finance Committee meeting, as published.

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

Ms. Ginger Adam Corley, lobbyist, presented a report on the 2016 Regular Legislative Sessions. Representative Dodie Horton and Senator Barrow Peacock were also present.

Ms. Corley stated that the 2016 Regular Session was a general session, and a Special Session was called by Governor John Bel Edwards in order to discuss budget shortfalls that existed when he took office in January of 2016. She stated that there was a \$2 billion shortfall in the State's \$26 billion budget.

Ms. Corley stated that the 1st Special Session primarily focused on raising Louisiana sales tax by \$1.2 billion for the next budget cycle to address the projected \$2 billion shortfall. She stated that Louisiana has the highest sales tax in the nation with the recent sales tax increase, and the temporary sales tax hikes will expire on June 30, 2018.

Ms. Corley stated that one cent (\$.01) will be added to the four cent (\$.04) state sales tax, and a bill was passed that addressed current exemptions at the state level that allows for additional revenue for the state coffers. She stated that corporate incentives were rolled back, and several funds were cut in an effort to meet the \$2 billion shortfall.

Ms. Corley stated that during the Regular Session, the legislature focused on hearings on the value of incentives given to businesses in Louisiana. She stated that there was discussion on funding by state government to local governments, and the responsibility of funding programs by the state and local governments. Ms. Corley stated that Governor Edwards issued an Executive Order during the 2nd Special Session which allows local governments to be a party to decisions which are made concerning approval of industrial property tax exemptions in that parish. She stated that the industrial property tax exemption is an abatement of taxes for a manufacturer that qualifies under state law and the number of jobs they create, among other things. She further stated that the industrial property tax exemption can be renewed every five years. She provided additional information pertaining to the legislature's actions on taxes in the state.

Ms. Corley stated that the Parish Transportation Fund was protected which is a constitutionally protected fund, and any changes would have to be approved by voters. She expressed appreciation to all representatives and senators for their continued support of Bossier Parish.

Ms. Corley stated that a constitutional amendment will be on the November ballot regarding appointment and qualifications of registrar of voters. She stated that a total of six constitutional amendments will be on the November ballot.

Ms. Corley stated that the 911 Communication Districts were a driving force with establishment of a new fee on wireless phones and prepaid calling cards which will assist with funding emergency communication services and operations. She stated that this new fee will assist with the lost revenue due to the use of wireless phones in place of landlines. She stated that Bossier Parish was well represented by Ms. Tracey Hilburn and Bossier Parish Communications District No. 1 during the session.

Ms. Corley stated that Senator Ryan Gatti presented a bill that would abolish certain boards, commissions, authorities, districts, and like entities which have been inactive or dormant. She stated that the North Bossier Levee and Drainage District has been inactive for some time, and it was requested that the North Bossier Levee and Drainage District be excluded from the list to abolish. She further stated that Senator Gatti and other delegation committed their assistance in finding board members to serve in that capacity and keep that board active.

Ms. Corley reported that a study commission has been created by the Attorney General, Louisiana State Police, and the Louisiana Gaming Control Board to conduct a study to compare Louisiana riverboat taxes, rules, regulations, space restrictions, and several other issues to other states with riverboat gaming. She stated that it was requested that local governments be allowed to participate in these studies, but the request was denied. She further stated that public meetings will be held which will allow local governments to attend the meetings.

Ms. Corley reported on several bills that did not pass during the legislative session.

Ms. Corley reported that the legislature did not pass a capital outlay bill during the regular session, and it was refiled and passed in the 2nd Special Session, including several Bossier Parish projects. She stated that letters of request for reauthorization of capital outlay funds will be required from the parish.

Ms. Corley reported that Governor Edwards' priority for House Bill 2 funding will be roads and deferred maintenance for state buildings, which will affect funding for non-state entities, including the Bossier Parish Police Jury. She further stated that roads with a non-cash bond approval will be included in the Priority 1 cash line of credit which will use the capacity allowed for funding and will not be beneficial to non-state entities. Ms. Corley stated that the parish

will need to work closely with its delegation in order to get those funds back to complete the sewer district project, as well as other projects.

Ms. Corley stated that there were changes to requirements for capital outlay funds which include the requirement of periodic reports to be submitted to the Ways and Means Committee and Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Committee. She stated that signed cooperative endeavor agreements and proof of local match is required to remain in House Bill 2 for capital outlay funds.

Ms. Corley reported on structural changes in budget and tax policies, advising that the Sales Tax Streamlining and Modernization Commission meet every Friday. She stated that next year will be a fiscal session and she anticipates structural bills to be introduced during the session on changes to state government.

Ms. Corley reported that Governor Edwards announced a federal government grant which includes funding for the I-220 at I-20 Interchange and Extension into Barksdale Air Force Base Project.

After further discussion, the jury thanked Ms. Corley for her report, and commended her for her efforts in Baton Rouge. Jurors also thanked members of the legislative delegation for their continued support of Bossier Parish.

Mr. Kent Rogers, North Louisiana Council on Government, provided an update on the Long Range Transportation Plan. He stated that funds in the amount of \$60 million have been allocated for the I-220 at I-20 Interchange and Extension into Barksdale Air Force Base Project.

Mr. Rogers reported on plans for a new 4-lane bridge to be constructed beside the existing Jimmie Davis Bridge, stating that verbiage has been amended in the capital outlay bill that will allow for funds allocated for the rehabilitation of the existing Jimmie Davis Bridge to be used for design, engineering, and construction of a new bridge.

Mr. Rogers stated that the new comprehensive Long Range Transportation Plan includes a passenger rail study, public transportation study and the long range plan. He stated that the passenger rail study, combined with the work done locally and in East Texas, has caused Amtrak to elevate this project to the next level which provides for funds through Amtrak federal allocations and federal railroad allocations at the federal level.

Mr. Rogers stated that the public transit study provides for new routes for SporTran to better serve the public to include circulator routes and express routes connecting smaller hubs. He stated that routes to the Benton area, North Caddo Parish area, and south near The Port area are also being considered.

Mr. Rogers provided information on the Regional Thoroughfare Plan.

Ms. Bennett expressed appreciation to Mr. Rogers and NLCOG for their continued support of Bossier Parish.

Ms. Jan Elkins, KTBS, extended appreciation to the police jury for its support of the 2016 Independence Day Festival. She stated that funds received were used for national entertainment and fireworks, as well as many other things to make the Independence Day Festival a success. She further stated that there are few communities around the country that are able to provide such an event for the public. Ms. Elkins stated that as a partnership with the entities that support the event, a difference is being made in this community, and expressed appreciation to the police jury for its continued support.

Ms. Elkins stated that there was an approximate 10 percent increase from last year's attendance at the event.

She stated that the event expresses appreciation to God for a free country and freedom to celebrate. She further stated that this event expresses appreciation to the men and women who fight to keep our country free.

Ms. Tamara Crane, Bossier Council on Aging, stated that the Bossier Council on Aging is funded as a quasi-governmental and private non-profit agency. She stated that they receive funding through the Older American's Act, Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs, Bossier Parish Police Jury, and municipalities, as well as private donations and fundraisers.

Ms. Crane stated that two years ago, at the recommendation of local officials, the Bossier Council on Aging applied for a millage which failed by less than 400 votes. She stated that the Bossier Council on Aging Board of Directors has directed Ms. Crane to focus on the community and serving seniors, 60 years of age and older, that live in the Bossier Parish area to provide services that will enable them to stay home and not face living in a medical institution.

Ms. Crane stated that due to budget cuts by the State of Louisiana, it is unsure how much, if any, funding will be received from state government for the program. She stated that through the work of local representatives, 0.5 percent will be earmarked from car rental taxes for the Bossier Council on Aging.

Ms. Crane requested the police jury's support of a millage proposition to be placed on the December 10, 2016, ballot. She stated that it has not been determined at this time if the Bossier Council on Aging will request a .5 or 1 mill tax. She further stated that if a tax millage is approved by the voters, the Bossier Council on Aging will no longer need a budget appropriation from the police jury.

Ms. Crane stated that the Bossier Council on Aging Board of Directors recognizes the need for a proactive approach in order to provide information to the public prior to an election being held for a tax millage. She stated that in order to better serve the senior citizens in the Bossier Parish area and constituents of the Bossier Parish Police Jurors, a tax millage is imperative. She further stated that Bossier Council on Aging is the only rural transportation provider for the elderly and disabled in this area, and the programs are either free or of little cost to the senior citizens.

Mr. Shewmake asked for the budget of the Bossier Council on Aging. Ms. Crane stated that their 2016 budget is less than \$1.1 million. She stated that a little over 60 percent of the budget is funded by federal, state and municipality dollars. She further stated that clients can contribute, but it is not a requirement.

Mr. Skaggs asked if the Bossier Council on Aging has prepared a business plan to submit for the public's review, which will better inform the public how tax dollars will be used. He stated that recent millages have been successful due to a good marketing and business plan being in place and available for public review prior to the election.

Ms. Crane stated that the board is committed to providing information to the public prior to a tax millage being placed on the ballot, and that the board has developed some key points regarding the need for the tax millage.

Mr. Shewmake expressed appreciation to the Bossier Council on Aging for the service they provide to the senior citizens, and commended them on how well they have stayed within budget with the services provided. He stated that

Louisiana has the highest sales tax in the nation, and is concerned what kind of message will be sent to the public if the police jury supports calling another election for an additional tax on the Bossier Parish citizens.

Ms. Crane stated that it is understood that the police jury budget is strained, as well as all other budgets. She stated that the police jury allocates \$115,000 per year to Bossier Council on Aging, but it is not a guarantee that the police jury will be able to allocate the full amount each year. Ms. Crane stated that it is important that a dedicated funding source be created to ensure continued service to the Bossier Parish senior citizens.

Ms. Bennett requested that the senior citizens be offered an opportunity to contribute a minimum contribution for services they receive from the Bossier Council on Aging.

Mr. Benton asked if there are plans to extend services to senior citizens in the East 80 Haughton/Lake Bistineau area. He stated that there are several voters in this area that will be asked to vote for the tax millage, but these services do not extend to that area. Ms. Crane stated that Haughton continues to grow, but Bossier Council on Aging cannot fund the amount it would take to create a facility in that area at this time. Mr. Benton asked that the Bossier Council on Aging's business plan include the Haughton area.

Mr. Shewmake stated that while there is a need, he does not believe it is an appropriate time to ask voters to vote for a new tax and cannot support the request at this time.

Ms. Crane stated that if the tax millage passes, funding requested from the City of Bossier City and the police jury would decrease substantially.

The police jury thanked Ms. Crane for providing information to the police jury regarding their request for its support of a millage proposition to be placed on the December 10, 2016, ballot. Ms. Bennett stated that the police jury will consider the request.

Ms. Linda Norris, Louisiana Spirit Crisis Counseling Program, a division of the Louisiana Department of Health, stated that this program is a federally funded crisis counseling program. She stated that Louisiana Spirit is canvassing the Bossier Parish area to assist those affected by the March 2016 flood event. She further stated that Louisiana Spirit offers crisis counseling, resources, and referrals to those affected by the recent flood event. Ms. Norris stated that will be going door-to-door, as well as visiting businesses and churches, to offer their assistance.

Ms. Norris stated that she and her colleagues can be identified by the bright orange and yellow shirts they will be wearing when canvassing the Bossier Parish area.

Ms. Bennett recognized Senator Barrow Peacock and Representative Dodie Horton as being present in today's meeting. Representative Horton extended appreciation to Ms. Corley and other legislators for their assistance and guidance during the legislative session.

Ms. Hauser announced the public meeting to adopt property tax millage rates for the year 2016. The jury concurred that the Bossier Parish Police Jury will not roll forward its property tax millage rates for the year 2016. Ms. Hauser stated that 2016 is a reassessment year, and the rates have been adjusted based on the reassessment as submitted by the Bossier Parish Assessor's Office. **Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Shewmake, to adopt an ordinance levying the 2016 property tax millage rates for the General Alimony Tax, Highway Tax, Library Tax, Health Unit Tax and Corrections Facilities Tax.**

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

ORDINANCE NO. 4617

BE IT ORDAINED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, in a public meeting held on July 6, 2016, and conducted in accordance with the open meetings law, that the following millage rates be and hereby are levied upon the dollar assessed valuation of all property subject to ad valorem taxation within said parish for the year 2016 for the purpose of raising revenue:

		Millage
General Alimony Tax		
Mill Key #1026008	Outside Bossier City	2.77 mills
Mill Key #1026009	Inside Bossier City	1.38 mills
Highway Tax		
Mill Key #1026018		2.07 mills
Library Tax		
Mill Key #1026015		7.57 mills
Health Unit Tax		
Mill Key #1026013		0.85 mill
Corrections Facilities Tax		
Mill Key #1026051		3.08 mills

The ordinance was offered by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Shewmake. It was duly adopted on this 6th day of July, 2016, 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

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

WANDA BENNETT, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Skaggs, to levy a user fee of \$36.00 per year for the purpose of paying the costs of any and all emergency medical transportation and services in the Bossier Parish Emergency Medical Services District for the year 2016.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 4618

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY OF A USER FEE OF \$36.00 PER YEAR (MILL KEY #1026053) FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COSTS OF ANY AND ALL EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION AND ALL EMERGENCY SERVICES IN THE BOSSIER PARISH EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE DISTRICT, PARISH OF BOSSIER, STATE OF LOUISIANA, FOR THE YEAR 2016, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAW.

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury, acting as the governing authority of the Bossier Parish Emergency Medical Service District, in regular and legal session on the 6th day of July, 2016, that in accordance with law, a user fee of \$36.00 per year for the year 2016, shall be assessed persons owning each residential or commercial structure either occupied or unoccupied, located wholly or partly within the boundaries of the said District, each residential or commercial structure being defined as each residential or commercial unit in a structure and each housing unit within a multiple structure, and a mobile home, as defined in R. S. 9:1149.s(3), for the purpose of paying the costs of any and all emergency medical transportation and all emergency services incidental thereto, as authorized and approved at a special election held in said District on October 16, 1993.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, etc., that the proper administrative officers of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized and directed to extend said user fee against assessment roll of said District for the year 2016, and to make the collection of the user fee imposed for and on behalf of said District, according to law, and that the user fee herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to said user fee as set forth by law, and the collection shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

The ordinance was offered by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Skaggs. It was duly adopted on this 6th day of July, 2016, 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	
RACHEL D. HAUSER		WANDA BENNETT, PRESIDENT
PARISH SECRETARY		BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to adopt an ordinance levying an acreage tax of eight cents per acre on all forest lands and cut-over potential forest lands situated in Bossier Parish for the year 2016.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 4619

AN ORDINANCE TO LEVY AN ACREAGE TAX (MILL KEY #1026043) OF EIGHT CENTS PER ACRE ON ALL FOREST LANDS AND CUT-OVER POTENTIAL FOREST LANDS, SITUATED IN BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA, AND TO AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT THE ASSESSOR IN AND FOR BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA, TO ASSESS AND EXTEND SAID TAX ON THE TAX ROLL, AND TO AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT TAX TO BE COLLECTED BY THE SHERIFF AND EX-OFFICIO TAX COLLECTOR IN AND FOR BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA, AND AUTHORIZE THE EXPENDITURE OF SAID FUNDS COLLECTED, ALL ACCORDING TO LAW.

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED by the Police Jury of Bossier Parish in regular and legal session on the 6th day of July, 2016, that for the year 2016 there shall be levied on acreage a tax of eight cents per acre on all forest lands and cut-over potential forest lands situated in Bossier Parish, Louisiana.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, etc., that this acreage tax shall be assessed and extended on the tax roll of Bossier Parish, Louisiana, by the Parish Assessor in the same manner as the assessment and extension on the tax rolls of the other taxes.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, etc., that said acreage tax shall be collected by the Sheriff and Ex-Officio Tax Collector of Bossier Parish, Louisiana, in the same manner as other parish taxes and when so collected shall be remitted to the Department of the Government having jurisdiction over the practice of forestry for deposit into the State Forestry Fund.

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, etc., that said acreage tax shall be collected and deposited all in accordance with the law.

The ordinance was offered by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Rimmer. It was duly adopted on this 6th day of July, 2016, 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	
RACHEL D. HAUSER		WANDA BENNETT, PRESIDENT
PARISH SECRETARY		BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Ms. Hauser announced the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Hernandez Haven Subdivision, being a resubdivision of Lot No. 2, Dunn Subdivision, located in Section 3, Township 16 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA. This matter was tabled on June 1, 2016.

Ms. Zaira Hernandez was present. Mr. Ford stated that Mr. and Mrs. Hernandez are requesting to subdivide Lot No. 2, Dunn Subdivision, which was originally a part of Lucky Partition, Unit No. 2, into three lots to create Hernandez Haven Subdivision. He stated that it has been the policy of the police jury to only approve resubdivision of a lot in an existing subdivision if 100 percent approval has been received from the residents of that subdivision.

Mr. Ford stated that the Bossier City-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission approved the proposed plat, but they do not require 100 percent approval from the residents in the subdivision.

Mr. Ford stated that a petition was presented to the residents of the existing subdivision, but no residents agreed to sign the petition. He stated that the petition included details of the proposed resubdivision of Lot No. 2. Mr. Brotherton stated that letters of opposition have been received, as well as phone calls, opposing the resubdivision of Lot No. 2.

After further discussion, **motion was made by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Benton, to deny the request for approval of the plat of the proposed development of Hernandez Haven Subdivision, being a resubdivision of Lot No. 2, Dunn Subdivision, located in Section 3, Township 16 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 Minor Plat for Permenter Property, located in Section 16, Township 21 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA. This matter was tabled on June 1, 2016.

Mr. Ford stated that the applicant has requested that this request be removed from the agenda.

Ms. Hauser announced the public hearing to consider approval of the Minor Plat for Hamiter, et al, located in Section 15, Township 23 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

Mr. Cody Goodwin, surveyor, was present. Mr. Ford stated that this is family property and they are requesting approval to divide the property into six parcels. He stated that a 50-foot wide dedicated easement is planned to access Tracts 3, 4, 5 and 6, and it is understood that the parish will never maintain this 50-foot easement.

There being no objection, **motion was made by Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Avery, to approve the Minor Plat for Hamiter, et al, located in Section 15, Township 23 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA, with the understanding that the Bossier Parish Police Jury will never maintain any portion of the 50-foot dedicated easement accessing Tracts 3, 4, 5 and 6.**

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 Minor Plat for David Trowbridge, located in Section 30, Township 23 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

Mr. Goodwin stated that this is family property and they are requesting approval to divide the property into four parcels. Mr. Ford stated that the Department of Transportation and Development has requested that Tracts 1 and 2 be accessed from Chalybeate Springs Road.

Ms. Bennett stated that any development on these four tracts will require police jury approval.

There being no objection, **motion was made by Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to approve the Minor Plat for David Trowbridge, located in Section 30, Township 23 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA, with the understanding that any development on Tracts 1, 2, 3 and 4 will require police jury approval.**

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 proposed development of Bellevue Road Subdivision, Unit No. 1-A, being a resubdivision of Lot No. 16, Bellevue Road Subdivision, located in Section 18, Township 19 North, Range 11 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

Dale and Julia Hardy were present, and asked that the police jury approve the requested proposal, advising that this will allow their son to build a home on proposed Lot No. 16B, located behind their home. Mr. Ford stated that the request is to split Lot No. 16, Bellevue Road Subdivision, Unit No. 1-A, into two lots. He stated that a petition signed by 100 percent of the property owners in Bellevue Road Subdivision approving the resubdivision of Lot No. 16 has been received.

Mr. Ford stated that a 12-foot servitude of passage is planned as a private drive for access to the proposed Lot No. 16B, and it is understood that the parish will never maintain this 12-foot servitude of passage.

There being no objection, **motion was made by Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Avery, to approve the proposed development of Bellevue Road Subdivision, Unit No. 1-A, being a resubdivision of Lot No. 16, Bellevue Road Subdivision, located in Section 18, Township 19 North, Range 11 West, Bossier Parish, LA, with the understanding that the Bossier Parish Police Jury will never maintain the 12-foot servitude of passage.**

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 Survey Map for John David Doyal, located in Section 12, Township 20 North, Range 14 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

Mr. Ford stated that the request is to divide a tract of land into three tracts with available access from Doyal Road or Old Plain Dealing Road. He stated that the proposed survey map has been approved by the Benton-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission.

There being no objection, **motion was made by Mr. Skaggs, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to approve the Survey Map for John David Doyal, located in Section 12, Township 20 North, Range 14 West, Bossier Parish, LA.**

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

Ms. Bennett stated that a 36-acre tract of land located at the corner of Airline Drive and Wemple Road was recently annexed into the City of Bossier City limits, excluding Wemple Road. She stated that this 36-acre tract of land is the proposed site of the new Wal-Mart Supercenter. She further stated that Wemple Road is a parish road, and a drainage and site plan will need to be submitted to the Bossier Parish Police Jury for approval of ingress and egress from roadways owned by the Bossier Parish Police Jury into the planned Wal-Mart Supercenter.

Mr. Sam Marsiglia, Bossier City-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission, stated that zoning and conditional use approval for the Wal-Mart Supercenter at the corner of Airline Drive and Wemple Road has been approved by the Bossier City-Parish MPC. He stated that hearings are pending for the proposed plat and exterior lighting for the proposed Wal-Mart. He further stated that the Bossier City-Parish MPC Zoning Board has requested that lighting for the parking lot exceed height regulations and a conditional use approval will need to be approved.

Mr. Marsiglia stated that the Wal-Mart Supercenter has withdrawn its request to be open 24-hours and will close at mid-night. He stated that the Bossier City-Parish MPC Zoning Board has requested additional information as to exterior lighting since the store plans to close at mid-night, and hearings have been delayed to address the exterior lighting issues.

Mr. Marsiglia stated that approval for curb cuts on Wemple Road is required from the Bossier Parish Police Jury to allow access drives for the proposed Wal-Mart Supercenter from Wemple Road since the City of Bossier City's annexation of the property did not encompass Wemple Road.

Mr. Cochran asked why the City of Bossier City failed to include Wemple Road into the city limits when annexing the property north of Wemple Road for the proposed Wal-Mart Supercenter.

Ms. Bennett stated that there are several issues that need to be resolved prior to a public hearing being scheduled in this matter.

Mr. Marsiglia stated that the request for a public hearing is strictly to consider ingress and egress from Wemple Road into the proposed Wal-Mart Supercenter. Mr. Cochran stated that the City of Bossier City should be required to annex that portion of Wemple Road that will be used to access the proposed Wal-Mart Supercenter.

Mr. Skaggs recommended that meetings be scheduled with all entities in this matter to address several unanswered questions prior to a public hearing being scheduled. Mr. Cochran recommended that this matter be tabled until all issues have been resolved.

After further discussion, **motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Shewmake, to table scheduling a public hearing on August 3, 2016, to consider approval of the application of Wal-Mart Real Estate Business Trust to the Bossier City-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission for a drainage and site plan for the Wal-Mart Wemple Commercial Development Subdivision containing approximately 34 acres, located at Airline Drive and Wemple Road in Section 33, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA, for access to Wemple Road and Airline Drive, to be considered at a later date once meetings have been held between all entities and all issues resolved.**

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

Mr. Ford stated that a plat for the proposed development of Canal Place Subdivision has been received from the Bossier City-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission for consideration and approval by the police jury. He stated that the plat has been approved by the Bossier City-Parish MPC. He further stated that the traffic study conducted for the proposed Wal-Mart Supercenter which is planned to be located beside the proposed Canal Place Subdivision ties residential developments to the engineer's recommendations to improve the intersection at Old Brownlee Road and Wemple Road.

Mr. Ford stated that there are issues with the Bobby Byrd Ditch located in this area which will affect development of the proposed Canal Place Subdivision. He stated that the Bobby Byrd Ditch issues will need to be resolved prior to development of Canal Place Subdivision.

After further discussion, **motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Skaggs, to table scheduling a public hearing on August 3, 2016, to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Canal Place Subdivision, Unit No. 1, a Planned Unit Development, located in Section 32, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA, to be considered at a later date once needed improvements to the intersection of Old Brownlee Road and Wemple Road and all drainage concerns have been resolved.**

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 the meeting of that committee, advising that he, Ms. Bennett, Mr. Cook, Mr. Plummer, and Mr. Shewmake were present. He stated that Mr. Ford, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Pat Culverhouse, and Mr. Sam Marsiglia were also present. Other jurors present were Mr. Avery, Mr. Darby, Mr. Hammack, Mr. Rimmer, and Mr. Skaggs.

Mr. Benton stated that the committee discussed issues with fencing being placed on parish drainage easements in subdivisions which is blocking access for parish crews to maintain the easements. He stated that homeowners are requesting the parish to provide maintenance on these easements that have been blocked by fences constructed by the homeowners. Mr. Benton stated that the Road/Subdivision Regulations Committee recommends that a permitting process be developed to require homeowners to obtain permits prior to placing fences across parish drainage easements which will state that the parish will not maintain any portion of a drainage easement that has been fenced by the homeowner.

Mr. Benton stated that Mr. Ford and Mr. Marsiglia are to further review the requested permitting process and provide a report at the July 20, 2016, regular meeting.

Mr. Andy Runnels, Balar Engineers & Surveyors, was present. Mr. Ford presented Change Order No. 3 on the Wastewater Collection System (Contract No. 3) for Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of

Bossier. He stated that unmarked utilities were discovered during installation of 20-foot joints of standard pipe for the force main, and due to the proximity of the unmarked utilities, and a different size pipe is required.

Mr. Ford stated that a credit has been provided for the 20-foot joints of standard pipe, but cost to bore and install the required size pipe is more expensive. Mr. Ford stated that Department of Environmental Quality funds are available to cover the increase in cost. He stated that Change Order No. 3 results in an increase of \$43,730.00, and is subject to approval from the Department of Environmental Quality.

After further discussion, **motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to approve Change Order No. 3 on the Wastewater Collection System (Contract No. 3) for Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier, subject to the approval of funding from the Department of Environmental Quality, 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 6th day of July, 2016, that it does hereby approve Change Order No. 3 on the Wastewater Collection System (Contract No. 3) for Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier, subject to the approval of funding from the Department of Environmental Quality.

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

The resolution was offered by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Rimmer. Upon vote, it was duly adopted on this 6th day of July, 2016.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

WANDA BENNETT, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Rimmer, seconded by Mr. Shewmake, to adopt a resolution supporting CellXion, LLC, 5031 Hazel Jones Road, Bossier City, LA, and allowing them to receive the local benefits of the Quality Jobs Program.

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

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION STATING THE BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY'S ENDORSEMENT OF CELLXION, LLC, TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BENEFITS OF THE LOUISIANA QUALITY JOBS PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the sales/use tax rebates for the Quality Jobs Program are governed by §51.1787 (Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program); and

WHEREAS, the Quality Jobs Program offers significant incentives for economic development in the State; and

WHEREAS, the business is located within Census Tract 111.09 , Block Group 3 in Bossier Parish which is designated as Enterprise Zone eligible; and

WHEREAS, the Bossier Parish Police Jury states that this endorsement is in agreement with the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for their area; and

WHEREAS, the **attached Census Tract/Block Group map** has been marked to show the location of the business being endorsed; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Louisiana Quality Job Program requirements, the Bossier Parish Police Jury agrees:

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on this 6th day of July, 2016, and endorses CellXion, LLC, Quality Job Application #20160938, to participate in the Louisiana Quality Jobs Program.

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

The resolution was offered by Mr. Rimmer, seconded by Mr. Shewmake. Upon vote, it was duly adopted on this 6th day of July, 2016.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

WANDA BENNETT, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Skaggs, seconded by Mr. Brotherton, to adopt a Proclamation congratulating the Benton Middle School archery team on winning the title of 2016 Middle School World Champions at the National Archery in the Schools Program World Tournament and proclaiming July 10, 2016, as Benton Middle School Archery 2016 Middle School World Champions Day.

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

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Benton Middle School archery team competed in the National Archery in the Schools Program World Tournament held June 24-26, 2016, in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the Benton Middle School archery team, under the direction of Benton Middle archery Coaches Terrie Streetman and Jessica Benoit, was named middle state champions for 2016 Archery in Louisiana Schools (ALAS) State Tournament, and national champions in May, 2016, at the 2016 National Archery in Schools Program in Louisville, Kentucky, earning them the right to compete at the world level; and

WHEREAS, the National Archery in Schools Program is the largest youth archery program in the world, and at the 2016 NASP World Tournament, nearly 13,000 student archers competed; and

WHEREAS, the Benton Middle School archery team competed against thousands of the best archers from across the globe, including the United States, Canada, and Mongolia; and

NOW, THEREFORE, We, the Bossier Parish Police Jury, on this 6th day of July, 2016, do hereby proclaim the 10th day of July, 2016, as

BENTON MIDDLE SCHOOL ARCHERY
2016 MIDDLE SCHOOL WORLD CHAMPIONS DAY

in the Parish of Bossier, and does hereby congratulate the Benton Middle School archery team on winning the title of 2016 Middle School World Champions at the National Archery in Schools Program World Tournament, and does commend Coach Terrie Streetman and Coach Jessica Benoit and each member of the Benton Middle School archery team for this tremendous accomplishment and does applaud you on your outstanding performance in earning the title of Middle School World Champions.

s/Bob Brotherton
Bob Brotherton, District 1

s/Jimmy Cochran
Jimmy Cochran, District 7

s/Glenn Benton
Glenn Benton, District 2

s/ Doug Rimmer
Doug Rimmer, District 8

s/Wanda Bennett
Wanda Bennett, District 3

s/ Fred Shewmake
Fred Shewmake, District 9

s/Sonny Cook
Sonny Cook, District 4

s/Jerome Darby
Jerome Darby, District 10

s/Jack Skaggs
Jack Skaggs, District 5

s/Wayne Hammack
Wayne Hammack, District 11

s/Rick Avery
Rick Avery, District 6

s/Mac Plummer
Mac Plummer, District 12

Ms. Hauser stated that no action is required on the request to ratify and accept the recommendation of the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit Board of Appeals on June 15, 2016, to uphold the findings of the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Officer, in the matter of Apex Services, Report Nos. 1426, 1427 and 1428, issued on April 6, 2016, April 11, 2016, and May 23, 2016. She stated that the fines have been paid by Apex Services.

Mr. Ford presented Revised Change Order No. 2 on the Wastewater Collection System (Contract No. 3) for Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier, advising that Revised Change Order No. 2 results in an increase of \$59,960.00. He stated that approval of this change order is subject to the approval of funding from the Department of Environmental Quality. **Motion was made by Mr. Rimmer, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to approve Revised Change Order No. 2 on the Wastewater Collection System (Contract No. 3) for Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier, subject to the approval of funding from the Department of Environmental Quality, 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 6th day of July, 2016, that it does hereby approve Revised Change Order No. 2 on the Wastewater Collection System (Contract No. 3) for Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier, subject to the approval of funding from the Department of Environmental Quality.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Wanda Bennett, President, is hereby authorized to execute said Revised Change Order No. 2.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Rimmer, seconded by Mr. Plummer. Upon vote, it was duly adopted on this 6th day of July, 2016.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

WANDA BENNETT, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Skaggs, seconded by Mr. Brotherton, to approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion of the National Research Park (NCRP) – Project Shore Office Building and Data Center, 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 6th day of July, 2016, that it does hereby approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion of the National Cyber Research Park (NCRP) – Project Shore Office Building and Data Center.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that William R. Altimus, Parish Administrator, be and is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents in connection with said Certificate of Substantial Completion.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Skaggs, seconded by Mr. Brotherton. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 6th day of July, 2016.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

WANDA BENNETT, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Skaggs, to approve Supplemental Agreement No. 1 to the Owner Engineer Agreement between the Bossier Parish Police Jury and Forte and Tablada, Inc., in the

amount of \$3,000.00 for the Replacement of Sligo Road Bridge over Foxskin Bayou, and to authorize 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 6th day of July, 2016, that Wanda Bennett, President, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Bossier Parish Police Jury, Supplemental Agreement No. 1 to the Owner Engineer Agreement between the Bossier Parish Police Jury and Forte and Tablada, Inc., in the amount of \$3,000.00 for the Replacement of Sligo Road Bridge over Foxskin Bayou.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Skaggs. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 6th day of July, 2016.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

WANDA BENNETT, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Ms. Hauser presented an invitation from Robinson's Rescue for a tour of their facility on August 3, 2016, at 10:30 a.m., at 2515 Line Avenue, Shreveport, LA. She requested that the police jurors advise staff if they plan to attend.

Mr. Ford provided an update on the sewer project. He stated that the Red River continues to recede and access to the outfall structure is anticipated in the near future. He further stated that there has been a large amount of interest for sewer services in the Highway 80 area, and extended appreciation to the police jurors, police jury staff and legislators for making the sewer district a reality.

Mr. Ford stated that a meeting is scheduled for Thursday with Eagle Water to discuss the purchase of five sewer systems. He stated that it is anticipated that a closing on the purchase of these sewer systems will be scheduled during the week of July 18th.

Mr. Ford provided a report on the North/South Corridor Project, stating that right-of-way is being obtained. He provided an update on wetland mitigation for this project. He further stated that it is anticipated that clearing and grubbing and utility projects for the North/South Corridor project will let in September. He stated that the project will be completed in phases.

Mr. Ford stated that bids were received for the Acceleration Lane on US 71, Planning and Construction (Bossier), FP&C Project No. 50-J08-14-02 on June 28, 2016, and those bids have been submitted to the Office of Facility, Planning and Control for review and approval.

Mr. Ford reported on drainage projects throughout the parish.

Mr. Ford stated that a meeting with Federal Emergency Management Agency and CB&I Environmental & Infrastructure, Inc., is scheduled for Monday to discuss public work projects, as well as damaged bridges, roads and drainage pipes, affected by the recent flood event.

Mr. Ford stated that it is anticipated that notification from FEMA regarding qualification status for the Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant Program for severe repetitive loss, which pays 90 to 100 percent, will be in August or September of 2016. He stated that there were approximately 20 to 25 applications submitted for that FMA Grant Program. He further stated that approximately 10 to 12 applications were recently submitted to FEMA for the 75/25 FMA Grant Program. Mr. Ford stated that the application process for flood victims will be a long process.

Mr. Ford stated that the grand opening ceremony for the Joe Delaney Memorial Park has been postponed until October of 2016.

Mr. Ford reported that pilings have been installed on Lake Bistineau at Parish Camp for containment booms to help control the Salvinia at the boat ramp.

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 work has begun again on the road overlay program. He further stated that the Pump Station Road Bridge is complete, and it is anticipated that the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development will inspect and determine the load limit on the bridge soon.

Mr. Rimmer requested patching on Winfield Road. Mr. Coutee is to inspect the roadway for needed repairs.

Mr. Benton reported that the new restrooms at Tall Timbers Park are complete and will be opening soon. He extended appreciation to Mr. Warren Saucier, Parks and Recreation Director, for his outstanding work on parish parks.

There being no further business to come before the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 6th day of July, 2016, the meeting was adjourned by the President at 3:40 p.m.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

WANDA BENNETT, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY