

BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY
BENTON, LOUISIANA
SPECIAL MEETING
November 22, 2016
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The Bossier Parish Police Jury met in special and legal session on this 22nd day of November, 2016, at 11:00 a.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana. The President, Ms. Wanda Bennett, called the meeting to order and the Parish Secretary, Rachel Hauser, called the roll with the following members present:

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

The President announced the purpose of the special meeting:

1. To call a special election to fill a vacancy in the office of Bossier Parish Police Juror District 11, and to make an interim appointment to fill said vacancy until such time as the election can be held.
2. To consider any other business that may come before the Bossier Parish Police Jury in special session.

Candidates desiring interim appointment to Bossier Parish Police Jury, District 11, to fill a vacancy created by the death of Mr. Wayne Hammack, were present. Ms. Bennett stated that each applicant will be allowed a five-minute presentation to provide the jurors with personal information and why they believe they would be beneficial as a public servant to the citizens of Bossier Parish District 11. She stated that the police jury will then adjourn into executive session to discuss each applicant, and will then return to make the appointment for District 11.

Ms. Bennett stated that the interim appointee will serve until a special election can be held on March 25, 2017, with qualifying being January 11, 12, and 13, 2017.

Mr. Lindell Webb, 1830 Venus Drive, Bossier City, LA, stated that he has resided in Bossier Parish for approximately 51 years. He stated that Mr. Hammack left a legacy and he desires to continue that legacy.

Mr. Webb stated that he currently serves as Personnel Committee Chairman at Bellaire Baptist Church. He stated that he is serving his fifth year as a board member on the Bossier Levee Board of Commissioners, and the board is responsible for maintaining Bossier Parish levees. He stated that the levee board works closely with the Bossier Parish Police Jury and the City of Bossier City on several occasions. Mr. Webb stated that the board is responsible for taking bids and issuing permits for Bossier Parish levees.

Mr. Webb stated that he currently serves as Command Sergeant Major for the United States Volunteers Joint Service and Command which provides disaster relief and assists with military funerals.

Mr. Webb stated that he served a four-year term on the Bossier Parish School Board in the late 1990s. He stated that the role of the school board is not to advance careers, but to ensure that the children have the right materials and teachers to train our children for life. He stated that the school board members work closely with the school superintendent to ensure the children have qualified teachers and quality schools.

Mr. Webb stated that he was elected to serve on the Republican Central Committee Louisiana for three years, and the committee was responsible for ensuring that republicans running for office were credible.

Mr. Webb stated that he was in the oil and gas industry for 40 years in different capacities, and that he is familiar with permitting processes.

Mr. Webb stated that he would enjoy the opportunity to serve the citizens as a member of the police jury.

Mr. Benton asked Mr. Webb what recommendations he has that need to be addressed by the Bossier Parish Police Jury. Mr. Webb stated that some concerns that have been expressed are conditions of roads in Bossier Parish and the need for road improvements. He stated that Bossier Parish is continually growing and it is important that proper housing be available, road conditions improved, and that the citizens of Bossier Parish be a priority. He further stated that the Bossier Parish Police Jury has done an outstanding job for Bossier Parish citizens.

Mr. Darby asked Mr. Webb if he were to be appointed as interim appointee for District 11, does he intend to seek election for District 11 at the March 25, 2017, election. Mr. Webb stated that he does intend to qualify for the March 25, 2017, election for District 11 Police Juror.

Mr. Darby asked Mr. Webb how he views parish government in general. Mr. Webb stated that Bossier Parish government works well with other entities for the betterment of Bossier Parish citizens. He stated that he feels Bossier Parish government is actively involved with Bossier Parish citizens, and does not feel that there are any issues that cannot be resolved. He further stated that while serving on the school board, he learned that there will be those who will not be happy with all decisions, but it is important to try and resolve any issues that may arise.

Mr. Shewmake stated that District 11 is located inside the city limits of the City of Bossier City and many times, the police juror for District 11 serves as an at-large member of the police jury and required to vote on issues throughout Bossier Parish. Mr. Webb stated that he understands that he would have to make decisions on areas located outside of District 11.

Mr. Brotherton asked Mr. Webb to state what the most influential reason is that inspired him to seek the interim appointment as police juror for District 11. Mr. Webb stated that he has always supported Bossier Parish and would like to be a part of the continued growth of Bossier Parish.

Mr. Rimmer asked Mr. Webb what years he served on the Bossier Parish School Board. Mr. Webb stated that he was on the school board in the late 1990s.

Mr. Darby stated that the ultimate decision for the District 11 Police Juror will be made by the citizens in District 11 in March of 2017, and asked Mr. Webb what he believes makes him the best possible candidate for District 11. Mr. Webb stated that he cannot promise that he would be the best candidate, but he would do his best to represent

District 11.

Mr. Tom Salzer, 1203 Evangeline Circle, Bossier City, LA, requested the police jury's appointment to fill the vacancy created by the passing of Mr. Wayne Hammack. He stated that he has known Mr. Hammack almost all of his life, and Mr. Hammack was a close family friend. He further stated that he and Mr. Hammack shared many of the same values and viewpoints. Mr. Salzer stated that, like Mr. Hammack, he means what he says, and believes that by working together so much more can be accomplished.

Mr. Salzer stated that Mr. Hammack personally asked him to serve as an alternate on the Bossier City-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission Board of Adjustment, and was ultimately appointed as alternate by the police jury earlier this year. He stated that being appointed as alternate on the Bossier City-Parish MPC Board of Adjustments was Mr. Hammack's way of getting him involved. Mr. Salzer stated that he has enjoyed serving as alternate and learning how parish government works.

Mr. Salzer stated that he was raised on Barksdale Air Force Base until his father retired in 1978, and moved into the Shady Grove Subdivision. He stated that he comes from a construction background which he used to work his way through college at Northwestern State University. He further stated that after graduating with a degree in Industrial Technology, he began working in the corporate industry in transportation. Mr. Salzer stated that four years later, he began working in telecommunications. He stated that he then became a licensed insurance agent and spent the next five years creating a successful business and assisting many people along the way.

Mr. Salzer stated that he took a hobby and side business he had throughout all the years of working in the corporate industry and turned it into a vital business to support himself and his family. He stated that he is currently the founder, owner and operator of the Salzer Group, LLC, which does custom cabinet fabrications and laminate processes for the hospitals and many doctors' offices in the Shreveport-Bossier City area.

Mr. Salzer stated that he and his wife are graduates of Parkway High School and have been married for 20 years. He stated that he has two children that attend Parkway High School. He further stated that he has lived in Bossier Parish, and specifically in District 11 his entire life.

Mr. Salzer stated that he knows that Mr. Hammack would recommend him as interim appointee for District 11, and that Ms. Hammack has expressed her support for his interim appointment for District 11.

Mr. Salzer stated that Mr. Hammack will be missed by all that knew him, but especially those that visited daily with him. He stated that he would be honored for consideration to represent the citizens of District 11 and to help keep Bossier Parish growing in the right direction.

Mr. Shewmake stated that District 11 is located inside the city limits of Bossier City, and the majority of the issues that come before the police jury are located outside of District 11. He asked Mr. Salzer if he has the availability to devote the time that will be required to serve as a police juror. Mr. Salzer stated that he has the time that would be required to serve as police juror, and commended the police jurors and city councilmen for their exceptional job of working together to keep unity instead of segmenting the city and parish.

Mr. Salzer stated that growth is a wonderful thing, but it is important to be smart on how the growth occurs. He stated that investment in the infrastructure with projects like the sewer district and water treatment plants play a vital role in future growth of the City of Bossier City and Bossier Parish.

Mr. Benton asked Mr. Salzer what recommendations he has that need to be addressed by the Bossier Parish Police Jury. Mr. Salzer stated that he does not feel that there is any one issue that needs to be addressed, and wants to be a part of assisting the Parish of Bossier with future improvements and growth. He stated that Mr. Hammack was a stickler for making sure that tax dollars were spent for the betterment of the citizens, and always voted in a way that would ensure that tax dollars were spent appropriately. Mr. Salzer stated that he would like to continue with the same work ethic that Mr. Hammack brought to the police jury in all aspects.

Mr. Brotherton asked Mr. Salzer to state what the most influential reason is that inspired him to seek the interim appointment as police juror for District 11. Mr. Salzer stated that Mr. Hammack is the most influential reason that he is seeking the interim appointment for District 11 Police Juror. He stated that he looked up to Mr. Hammack and shares many of the same values as Mr. Hammack. He further stated that Mr. Hammack always kept an open mind about issues, and that he would like to continue Mr. Hammack's work on the police jury.

Mr. Darby asked Mr. Salzer what he feels that he can contribute to the police jury if appointed as interim appointee for District 11. Mr. Salzer stated that he would keep an open mind on all issues and that he has no hidden agenda. He commended the police jury on its performance and growth, and for its ability to work together with other entities for the betterment of Bossier Parish. He stated that he would like to be a part of that growth and team effort for Bossier Parish. He further stated that he feels that he would be an asset with his knowledge and history of running his own successful business.

Mr. Rimmer asked Mr. Salzer if he is appointed as interim appointee for District 11, does he intend to seek election for District 11 at the March 25, 2017, election. Mr. Salzer stated that he does intend to qualify for the March 25, 2017, election for District 11 Police Juror.

Ms. Bennett stated that the police jury will now adjourn into executive session to further discuss the appointment of interim appointee for Bossier Parish Police Juror District 11.

Motion was made by Mr. Rimmer, seconded by Mr. Shewmake, to adjourn into executive session to discuss the matter of interim appointee for Bossier Parish Police Juror District 11.

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

The meeting was reconvened and called to order by the President. Ms. Bennett stated that it was not necessary for

an executive session in this matter, and no business was discussed. She stated that it was determined that the jurors would be asked to cast their votes for the appointment of an interim appointee for Bossier Parish Police Jury District 11. Those in favor of Mr. Webb were asked to vote green. Those in favor of Mr. Salzer were asked to vote red. Results are as follows:

For Mr. Webb: None

For Mr. Salzer: Mr. Avery, Ms. Bennett, Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Cook, Mr. Darby, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Shewmake, Mr. Skaggs

Motion was made by Mr. Plummer, seconded by Mr. Skaggs, to adopt a proclamation appointing Mr. Tom Salzer as interim appointee to the Bossier Parish Police Jury, District 11, and to schedule a special election to fill said vacancy. Qualifying for interested candidates is January 11 through January 13, 2017. In the event of a run-off, the general election is scheduled for April 29, 2017.

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

It was noted that due to his appointment, Mr. Salzer will resign his position as alternate on the Bossier City-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission Board of Adjustments.

P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the office of the Bossier Parish Police Jury, District 11, created by the death of Wayne Hammack on November 8, 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Bossier Parish Police Jury, in special session on this 22nd day of November, 2016, does hereby appoint Mr. Tom Salzer, to serve as interim appointee to the office of Bossier Parish Police Jury District 11, until such time as an election to fill this vacancy can be duly held.

FURTHER, the Bossier Parish Police Jury does hereby issue notice, call and proclamation for a special primary election and special general election to be held in Bossier Parish Police Jury District 11, to fill said vacancy.

The Bossier Parish Police Jury does fix the date of the primary election for March 25, 2017, and the date of the general election for April 29, 2017, at the times, places and manner prescribed by law.

Any qualified person desiring to become a candidate for said office shall file the necessary papers required by law, with the appropriate entity in the manner and form and under the procedures and conditions required by law, during the period commencing on January 11, 2017, and ending on January 13, 2017.

The Bossier Parish Police Jury does hereby request the Secretary of State, the Commissioner of Elections, the Board of Supervisors of Elections, the Clerk of Court, the Registrar of Voters and all other persons charged with any power, function, right, duty or responsibility in conducting elections in the Parish of Bossier to exercise every lawful function and do every act necessary to conduct said elections, cause the returns thereof to be made, and in general to perform all related and incidental functions necessary to canvass and promulgate the results thereof.

The above proclamation was presented by Mr. Plummer, seconded by Mr. Skaggs. Upon vote, the proclamation was duly adopted by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in special session on this 22nd day of November, 2016.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

WANDA BENNETT, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Ms. Jill Sessions, Bossier Parish Clerk of Court, administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Tom Salzer for his interim appointment as Bossier Parish Police Juror District 11, to serve until such time as an election to fill this vacancy can be duly held.

There being no further business to come before the Bossier Parish Police Jury in special and legal session on this 22nd day of November, 2016, the meeting was adjourned by the President at 11:39 a.m.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

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