

BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY  
BENTON, LOUISIANA  
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The Bossier Parish Police Jury met in regular and legal session on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2017, at 2:00 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana. The President, Mr. Bob Brotherton, called the meeting to order. The invocation was given by Mr. Fred Shewmake, and the pledge of allegiance was led by Mr. Rick Avery. 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. Mac Plummer
Mr. Glenn Benton	Mr. Doug Rimmer
Mr. Bob Brotherton	Mr. Tom Salzer
Mr. Jimmy Cochran	Mr. Fred Shewmake
Mr. Sonny Cook	Mr. Jack Skaggs

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Others present were Mr. Patrick Jackson, Parish Attorney; Mr. Joe E. "Butch" Ford, Jr., Parish Engineer; Ms. Rachel Hauser, Parish Secretary.

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Mr. Charles Lee, 114 Cypress Lake Circle, Benton, LA, requested to address the police jury. **Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Shewmake, to amend the agenda to add Mr. Charles Lee as a visitor.**

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. Salzer, Mr. Shewmake, Mr. Skaggs**

**NAYS: None**

**ABSTAIN: None**

**ABSENT: None**

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Mr. Lee presented a complaint regarding property located at 220 Cypress Lake Circle, Benton, LA. He stated that a shop was built on the property which is prohibited, and that there are several 55 gallon drums of used oil, water and gas, hydraulic fluid, and other dangerous chemicals located on the property. Mr. Lee stated that these chemicals present a threat to public health and safety and need to be removed.

Mr. Jackson asked if anyone is living in the home. Mr. Lee stated that Mr. John Whitecotton previously lived in the home, but has abandoned the home and Selene Finance, LP, now has possession of the home. Mr. Jackson asked if the home at 220 Cypress Lake Circle is rental property. Mr. Lee stated that Mr. Whitecotton was purchasing the home, but due to the mobile home leaking and issues with mold and mildew, Mr. Whitecotton moved out. He stated that it is his understanding that Mr. Whitecotton's insurance would not cover the cost to fix the leaks and the mold and mildew.

Mr. Jackson asked if Mr. Lee had any photographs of the property. Mr. Lee stated that he does not have any photos, but the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality has visited the site and taken photographs. Mr. Jackson stated that Mr. David Ghormley, Property Standards Officer, will be in contact with Mr. Lee to obtain additional information and photographs of the property.

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Ms. Jamie Monceaux, 225 Mott Road, Plain Dealing, LA, requested to address the police jury. **Motion was made by Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Shewmake, to amend the agenda to add Ms. Jamie Monceaux as a visitor.**

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. Salzer, Mr. Shewmake, Mr. Skaggs**

**NAYS: None**

**ABSTAIN: None**

**ABSENT: None**

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Ms. Monceaux reported that a parish ditch runs through her property which drains Mott Road and is causing her property to flood. She stated that the ditch runs through the woods and has not been cleaned out in approximately 15 years.

Mr. Ford stated that he has been made aware of Ms. Monceaux's complaint. Ms. Monceaux stated that she spoke with Mr. Ford today.

Mr. Ford stated that approximately 27 years ago, Ms. Monceaux submitted a complaint regarding a ditch that drains across her property. He stated that it appears that several years ago, Mott Road was relocated and then state Representative Billy Montgomery coordinated and secured easements to access private property to clean out the ditch. Mr. Ford stated that the State of Louisiana requested that the police jury provide labor and equipment to clean out the ditch. He stated that no permanent drainage easements were obtained at that time by the State of Louisiana or the Parish of Bossier to allow the police jury to continue maintaining the ditch.

Mr. Ford stated that the State of Louisiana owns a portion of property in which the ditch is located, but he is unsure who gave permission at that time to access private property to clean out the ditch.

Mr. Ford stated that in 2009, Ms. Monceaux requested that the ditch be cleaned and subsequently gave permission to the parish to access the ditch located on her private property. He stated that permission was also granted from the State of Louisiana to access their property to clean out the portion of the ditch on their property.

Ms. Monceaux stated that the parish never cleaned the ditch out in 2009 as stated by Mr. Ford. Mr. Ford stated that the former Public Works Director, Mr. Ronnie Andrews, cleaned out the ditch in 2009.

Mr. Ford stated that Ms. Monceaux is asking that the parish not only clean out the section that was cleaned out in 2009, but is now requesting that the parish clean an additional portion of the ditch up to the bridge on LA Highway 2. He stated that the parish has no drainage easements that would allow the parish to access that property.

Mr. Ford stated that he has informed Ms. Monceaux that he will obtain a cost estimate for a survey to obtain permanent easements in order to continue to maintain the ditch in the future. He stated that he has explained to Ms. Monceaux that the parish cannot access private property to clean out a ditch, unless a parish road is impacted by flooding.

Ms. Monceaux stated that she can make a parish road be impacted by the ditch if that is what it takes to force the parish to clean out the ditch. Ms. Bennett requested that Ms. Monceaux not be disrespectful to Mr. Ford or the police jurors. Ms. Monceaux stated that Mr. Ford is lying. Ms. Bennett requested that Ms. Monceaux be seated, but Ms. Monceaux refused to sit down.

Ms. Bennett asked if the drainage ditch has caused any flooding to homes or endangered lives or livestock. Mr. Ford stated that there has been no flooding of homes or lives endangered. He stated that the only flooding that has occurred is Ms. Monceaux's driveway leading to her home. Ms. Monceaux stated that due to flooding she was unable to access her property, and claimed that her cattle were in knee deep water. She also claimed that she lost a cow during last years flood event.

Mr. Brotherton requested that Ms. Monceaux sit down at this time, and stated that Mr. Ford will be in contact with her once he has obtained the cost estimate for a survey for drainage easements.

Ms. Monceaux again refused to sit down, and was requested to immediately leave the meeting due to her continued outburst and disrespect.

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Ms. Hauser announced the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Miller Acres Subdivision, located in Section 25, Township 20 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

Mr. Casey Miller was present. Mr. Ford stated that Mr. Miller plans to construct the stub-out located off Linton Road to meet parish standards. He stated that the stub-out will be used to access the two 20-acre tracts of land. He further stated that Mohr & Associates, Inc., has prepared plans for the stub-out, which have been reviewed and final plans should be received in the very near future.

Mr. Ford stated that Mr. and Mrs. King, 2870 E. Linton Road, Benton, LA, owns property adjacent to the proposed stub-out for the two tracts of land, and previously had concerns of additional drainage on their property. He stated that he has met with Mr. and Mrs. King and reviewed the proposed plans.

Mr. Benton asked for clarification as to the proposed plat. Mr. Ford stated that Mr. Miller is requesting to subdivide one tract of land into two tracts. He stated that the stub-out will be used to access these two tracts, as well as a tract of land owned by Mr. Miller located south of the proposed Tract 2. Mr. Ford stated that the parish will maintain the stub-out in the future once a maintenance bond has been received.

Mr. Ford stated that an old ditch runs to the rear of Mr. King's property, and he has requested that Mr. Miller run a swell on his property to assist with the flow of the water to the main ditch at the back of his property. Mr. Miller stated that he has no objection to this request.

Mr. Ford stated that a dead tree exists at the front corner of the property, and Mr. Miller has agreed to remove that tree.

Mr. Ford stated that a drainage study has been received and reviewed, and recommended approval of the proposed plat.

There being no objection, **motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Avery, to approve the plat of the proposed development of Miller Acres Subdivision, located in Section 25, 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.**

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Ms. Hauser announced the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Willow Chute Estates Subdivision, Unit No. 1, located in Section 27, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

Mr. Charlie Coyle, Coyle Engineering Co., Inc., stated that the property owner is requesting to subdivide a large tract of land into three tracts. Mr. Skaggs stated that an existing home is located on the proposed Lot 1.

Mr. Ford stated that he has reviewed the proposed plat and recommends approval.

There being no objection, **motion was made by Mr. Skaggs, seconded by Mr. Avery, to approve the plat of the proposed development of Willow Chute Estates Subdivision, Unit No. 1, located in Section 27, 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.**

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Ms. Hauser announced the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Andrys Acres Subdivision, located in Section 31, Township 20 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

Ms. Amy Andrys was present. Mr. Ford stated that the property owner is requesting to subdivide a large tract of land into three tracts. He stated that Ms. Andrys plans to build a home on the proposed Lot 2 off Merritt Road.

Mr. Ford stated that White Oak Creek is located in this area, and a study was previously done by East Pointe Subdivision which provides all flood zones in this area. He stated that a small portion of the proposed Lot 2 is in a flood zone, but is located above the Base Flood Elevation, which allows for a home to be constructed on that tract of land. He further stated that parish regulations also require that the home be constructed one foot above the roadway.

Mr. Ford stated that a 30-foot servitude of passage will be used to access the proposed Lot 3 as provided on the proposed plat. He stated that an additional access point is available from Doe Lane.

There being no objection, **motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Skaggs, to approve the plat of the proposed development of Andrys Acres Subdivision, located in Section 31, Township 20 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA.**

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

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Ms. Hauser announced the hearing to consider condemnation of property located at 584 Millers Bluff Road, Plain Dealing, LA, Tax Assessment No. 107229. Mr. Mark Coutee, Public Works Director, presented current photographs of the property advising that there has been no change in the condition of the property. He recommended that the home be demolished due to the deteriorating condition of the home. Mr. Coutee stated that the property and home does present an imminent threat to public health and safety.

After further discussion, **motion was made by Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Avery, to proceed with condemnation of property located at 584 Millers Bluff Road, Plain Dealing, LA, Tax Assessment No. 107229, in accordance with property standards regulations.**

The President called for public comment. It was recommended that the parish allow one of the fire departments to burn the house as a fire training exercise.

**Votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.**

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Mr. Doug Rimmer, Chairman of the Insurance Committee, reported on a meeting of that committee, advising that he, Mr. Benton, Mr. Salzer and Mr. Shewmake were present. He stated that Ms. Charlotte Bouillon, Mr. Jim Firth, Ms. Ramah Norton, Ms. Sheryl Thomas, Mr. Jason Weinland, and Ms. Lisa Wilson were also present. Other jurors present were Mr. Avery, Mr. Brotherton and Mr. Plummer.

Mr. Rimmer stated that Mr. Weinland provided the Insurance Committee with an update on the self-insured insurance plan. He stated that at this time, the police jury continues to receive a grandfather status with the insurance plan, but it is unknown if there will be any changes by the federal government in the future that would affect the grandfather status.

Mr. Rimmer stated that the police jury's prescription drug plan will be the major focus of the committee.

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Ms. Hauser recommended that consideration of an appointment to the Bossier Parish Fire District No. 7 Board of Commissioners to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Ms. Emily McMillan be tabled. She stated that no resumes have been received to fill that vacancy. **Motion was made by Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Avery, to table the matter of appointment to the Bossier Parish Fire District No. 7 Board of Commissioners to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Ms. Emily McMillan, to be considered at the March 15, 2017, regular meeting.**

**Votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Plummer, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to ratify and accept the recommendation of the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit Board of Appeals on February 15, 2017, to uphold the findings of the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit in the matter of Terry Garner d/b/a J Glo Trucking, LLC, Report No. 1558, issued on September 27, 2016.**

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

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Mr. Jackson presented an ordinance amending Chapter 118 of the Bossier Parish Code of Ordinances "Traffic and Vehicles", to address the potential of Uber and Lyft services operating in Bossier Parish. He stated that the proposed ordinance provides that Bossier Parish will recognize any qualifying permit from any other political subdivision that has a due diligence process for Uber and Lyft services.

Mr. Jackson stated that the proposed ordinance provides that a fee of \$25.00 will be charged per applicant if a permit has already been obtained from any other political subdivision to cover the fees for a background check by the Bossier Parish Sheriff's Department. He stated that additional insurance certificates will be required to ensure that the company has qualifying insurance.

Mr. Jackson stated that the proposed ordinance also provides that a fee of \$100.00 will be charged to an applicant if no permit has been obtained from any other political subdivision, and if they wish to provide services in the Parish of Bossier only.

Mr. Jackson stated that this ordinance applies only to Uber and Lyft services.

Mr. Jackson stated that the City of Shreveport requires a fee of \$2,500.00 per vehicle, and a percentage of each rider's fee, but the Parish of Bossier will not require those fees.

After further discussion, **motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Shewmake, to adopt an ordinance amending Chapter 118 of the Bossier Parish Code of Ordinances "Traffic and Vehicles", to add Article IV, Sections 118-50 through 118-65 relative to Transportation Network Companies, vehicles for hire and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.**

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

ORDINANCE NO. 4641

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 118, ARTICLE IV, SECTIONS 118-50 THROUGH 118-65 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANIES, TO AMEND CHAPTER 118 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO VEHICLES FOR HIRE AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Parish of Bossier has been approached by various Transportation Network Companies for the purpose of operating within the Parish of Bossier; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Bossier does not ordinarily regulate the activities of vehicles for hire; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Parish of Bossier to develop a uniform policy for the regulation of Transportation Network Companies.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury, in due, legal and regular session convened that Chapter 118, Article IV of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish Of Bossier is hereby amended to read as follows:

## CHAPTER 118, ARTICLE IV. TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANIES

Section 118-50. Definitions.

As used in this Chapter:

*Personal vehicle* means a vehicle that is used by a transportation network company driver and is:

- a) Owned, leased or otherwise authorized for use by the transportation network company driver.

*Digital network* means any online-enabled application, software, website or system offered or utilized by a transportation network company that enables the prearrangement of rides with transportation network company drivers.

*Transportation network company* means a corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, or other entity that is licensed pursuant to this Chapter and operating in the Parish of Bossier that uses a digital network to connect transportation network company riders to transportation network company drivers who provide prearranged rides. A transportation network company shall not be deemed to control, direct or manage the personal vehicles or transportation network company drivers that connect to its digital network, except where agreed to by written contract.

*Transportation network company driver or driver* means an individual who:

- a) Receives connections to potential passengers and related services from a transportation network company in exchange for payment of a fee to the transportation network company; and
- b) Uses a personal vehicle to offer or provide a prearranged ride to riders upon connection through a digital network controlled by a transportation network company in return for compensation or payment of a fee.

*Transportation network company rider or rider* means an individual or persons who use a transportation network company's digital network to connect with a transportation network driver who provides prearranged rides to the rider in the driver's personal vehicle between points chosen by the rider.

*Prearranged ride* means the provision of transportation by a driver to a rider, beginning when a driver accepts a ride requested by a rider through a digital network controlled by a transportation network company, continuing while the driver transports a requesting rider, and ending when the last requesting rider departs from the personal vehicle. A prearranged ride does not include transportation provided using a taxicab, limousine, or any other vehicle for hire as defined by Louisiana statutes and regulations.

Section 118-51. Not taxi cabs, associations, courtesy transportation services, interactive services or providers of any other vehicle for hire service. TNCs or TNC drivers are not associations, courtesy transportation services, interactive transportation services, or providers of any other vehicle for hire defined by Louisiana statutes and regulations.

Section 118-52. TNC permit required; fees.

(a) A person shall not operate a TNC in the Parish of Bossier without first having obtained a permit from the Bossier Parish Police Jury.

(b) Any person having first obtained an annual permit from the City of Shreveport, or other political subdivision of the State, and providing proof of the same, shall be allowed to pay a \$25.00 annual registration fee to the Parish of Bossier, and after having completed the application and background check process, executing an agreement to indemnify and hold harmless the Parish, its officers, agents and employees for any incident that causes harm to a third party and arises from the intentional or negligent acts of the TNC or any of its drivers, shall be approved to operate in the Parish of Bossier. If there is no such qualifying permit from the City of Shreveport, or other political subdivision of the State, then a \$100.00 annual registration fee shall be paid to the Parish of Bossier, and after having completed the application and background check process, executing an agreement to indemnify and hold harmless the Parish, its officers, agents and employees for any incident that causes harm to a third party and arises from the intentional or negligent acts of the TNC or any of its drivers, shall be approved to operate in the Parish of Bossier. Said permit shall be valid for one year from the date of issuance. It may be renewed annually upon payment of the annual permit fee.

(c) Prior to the issuance of a permit hereunder, the TNC shall execute an agreement, in a form approved by the Parish Attorney, to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Parish, its officers, agents and employees for any incident that causes harm to a third party and arises from the intentional or negligent acts of the TNC or any of its drivers.

(d) Any person found guilty of violating the provisions of this section shall be punished as provided in Section 1-13 of the Bossier Parish Code of Ordinances.

Section 118-53. Agent.

The TNC must maintain with the Secretary of State a registered agent for service of process in the State of Louisiana.

Section 118-54. Fare collected for services.

On behalf of a TNC driver, a TNC may charge a fare for the services provided to riders; provided that, if a fare is collected from a rider, the TNC shall disclose to the rider the fare calculation method on its website or within the software application service. The TNC shall also provide riders with the applicable rates being charged and the option to receive an estimated fare before the rider enters the TNC driver's vehicle.

Section 118-55. Identification of TNC vehicles and drivers.

The TNC's software application or website shall display a picture of the TNC driver, and the license plate number of the motor vehicle utilized for providing the prearranged ride before the rider enters the TNC driver's vehicle. TNC vehicles shall display trade dress identifying each vehicle as an authorized provider for the TNC system.

Section 118-56. Electronic receipt.

Within a reasonable period of time following the completion of a trip, a TNC shall transmit an electronic receipt to the rider on behalf of the TNC driver that lists:

- (a) The origin and destination of the trip;
- (b) The total time and distance of the trip; and
- (c) An itemization of the total fare paid, if any.

Section 118-57. Financial responsibility of transportation network companies.

TNCs and TNC drivers shall comply with the insurance requirements set forth in the Transportation Network Company Motor Vehicle Responsibility Law, La. R.S. 45:201.1 et seq. The TNC shall provide the Parish with a certificate of insurance providing evidence that the TNC has purchased all insurance required by law. The certificate of

insurance shall further identify the Parish, its elected officials, officers, directors, employees as additional insureds under such insurance.

**Section 118-58. Zero tolerance for drug or alcohol use.**

(a) The TNC shall implement a zero tolerance policy regarding a TNC driver's activities while accessing the TNC's digital platform. The zero tolerance policy shall address the use of drugs or alcohol while a TNC driver is providing prearranged rides or is logged into the TNC's digital network but is not providing prearranged rides, and the TNC shall provide notice of this policy on its website, as well as procedures to report to the TNC a complaint about a driver with whom a rider was matched and whom the rider reasonably suspects was under the influence of drugs or alcohol during the course of the trip.

(b) Upon receipt of such rider complaint alleging a violation of the zero tolerance policy, the TNC shall suspend such TNC driver's access to the TNC's digital platform within 48 hours from the initial reporting, and shall conduct an investigation into the reported incident. The suspension shall last the duration of the investigation.

(c) The TNC shall maintain records relevant to the enforcement of this requirement for a period of at least two (2) years from the date that a rider complaint is received by the TNC.

**Section 118-59. TNC driver requirements.**

(a) Before allowing an individual to accept trip requests through a TNC's digital platform:

(1) The individual shall submit an application to the TNC, which includes information regarding his or her address, age, driver's license, driving history, motor vehicle registration, automobile liability insurance, and other information required by the TNC;

(2) The TNC shall conduct, or have a third party conduct, a local and national criminal background check for each applicant that shall include:

(A) Multi-State/Multi-Jurisdiction Criminal Records Locator or other similar commercial nationwide database with validation (primary source search); and

(B) National Sex Offender Public Website;

(3) The TNC shall obtain, and review, a driving history research report for such individual.

(b) The TNC shall not permit an individual to act as a TNC Driver on its digital platform who:

(1) Has had more than three moving violations in the prior three-year period, or one major violation in the prior three-year period (including, but not limited to, attempting to evade the police, reckless driving, or driving on a suspended or revoked license);

(2) Has been convicted, within the past seven years, of driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol, fraud, sexual offenses, use of a motor vehicle to commit a felony, a crime involving property damage, and/or theft, acts of violence, or acts of terror;

(3) Is a match in the National Sex Offender Registry database;

(4) Does not possess a valid driver's license;

(5) Does not possess proof of registration for the motor vehicle(s) used to provide prearranged rides;

(6) Does not possess proof of automobile liability insurance for the motor vehicle(s) used to provide prearranged rides; or

(7) Is not at least 19 years of age.

**Section 118-60. Vehicle safety.**

Before allowing a TNC driver to accept trip requests through the TNC's digital platform, the TNC shall ensure that any motor vehicle(s) that a TNC Driver will use to provide prearranged rides meets the State of Louisiana's vehicle safety requirements for private motor vehicles. A valid Louisiana brake tag shall certify compliance of the vehicle herewith.

**Section 118-61. No street hails.**

A TNC driver shall not solicit or accept street hails.

**Section 118-62. No cash trips.**

The TNC shall adopt a policy prohibiting solicitation or acceptance of cash payments from riders and notify TNC drivers of such policy. TNC drivers shall not solicit or accept cash payments from riders. Any payment for prearranged rides shall be made only electronically using the TNC's digital network or software application.

**Section 118-63. No discrimination; accessibility.**

(a) The TNC shall adopt a policy of non-discrimination on the basis of destination, race, color, national origin, religious belief or affiliation, sex, disability, age, sexual orientation, or gender identity with respect to riders and potential riders and notify TNC drivers of such policy.

(b) TNC drivers shall comply with all applicable laws regarding non-discrimination against riders or potential riders on the basis of destination, race, color, national origin, religious belief or affiliation, sex, disability, age, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

(c) TNC drivers shall comply with all applicable laws relating to accommodation of service animals.

(d) A TNC shall not impose additional charges for providing services to persons with physical disabilities because of those disabilities.

**Section 118-64. Records.**

A TNC shall maintain the following customer records:

(a) individual trip records of rider customers for at least one (1) year from the date each trip was provided; and

(b) individual records of TNC driver customers at least until the one year anniversary of the date on which a TNC driver's customer relationship with the TNC has ended.

**Section 118-65. Controlling authority.**

Notwithstanding any other provision of this code, TNCs and TNC drivers are governed exclusively by this Chapter.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision or item of this Ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this Ordinance which can be given affect

without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all Ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

The ordinance was offered by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Shewmake. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2017.

RACHEL D. HAUSER  
PARISH SECRETARY

BOB BROTHERTON, PRESIDENT  
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

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**Motion was made by Mr. Skaggs, seconded by Mr. Benton, to ratify approval of a rental increase at the Cyber Innovation Center, and to amend the agreement with the Cyber Innovation Center accordingly.**

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

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**Motion was made by Mr. Salzer, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to authorize the Parish Attorney to pursue legal proceedings in the matter of the improper discharge of sewer effluent on property owned by Francisco B. Rodriguez and Guillermina Berumen at 285 Longhorn Drive, Bossier City, LA.**

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

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**Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Ms. Bennett, to accept the resignation of Ms. Wanda Smith from the Board of Directors for Bossier Parish Communications District No. 1, effective immediately, and to adopt a resolution of appreciation to Ms. Wanda Smith for her years of service on the Bossier Parish Communications District No. 1 Board of Directors.**

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Ms. Wanda Smith has served on the Bossier Parish Communications District No. 1 Board of Directors since her appointment by the Bossier Parish Police Jury on February 1, 1992; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Smith has been diligent in her duties and has demonstrated a genuine concern for the citizens of Bossier Parish by working to ensure a uniform emergency telephone notification system to shorten the time required for a citizen to request and receive emergency aid.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2017, that it does hereby accept the resignation of Ms. Wanda Smith from the Bossier Parish Communications District No. 1 Board of Directors, and does express its sincere appreciation to Ms. Smith for her years of service to the citizens of Bossier Parish.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Avery, seconded by Ms. Bennett. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2017.

RACHEL D. HAUSER  
PARISH SECRETARY

BOB BROTHERTON, PRESIDENT  
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

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**Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to appoint Mr. Ken Ward to the Board of Directors for Bossier Parish Communications District No. 1, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Ms. Wanda Smith, term to expire March 1, 2021.**

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

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**Motion was made by Mr. Rimmer, seconded by Mr. Shewmake, to accept the resignation of Mr. Ronnie Poole from the East-Central Bossier Parish Fire District No. 1 Board of Commissioners, effective immediately.**

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

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**Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Salzer, to table the matter of appointment to the East-Central Bossier Parish Fire District No. 1 Board of Commissioners to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Ronnie Poole, to be considered at the March 15, 2017, regular meeting.**

**Votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Plummer, seconded by Mr. Darby, to accept the resignation of Mr. Tom Salzer from the Bossier City-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission Board of Adjustments, effective immediately.**

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

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**Motion was made by Mr. Plummer, seconded by Mr. Darby, to table the matter of appointment to the Bossier City-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission Board of Adjustments, to be considered at the March 15, 2017, regular meeting.**

**Votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Skaggs, to adopt a resolution of intention of the Police Jury of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, to create a sewerage district in said Parish, describing the boundaries thereof, ordering and directing the President to give due notice of the proposed creation of said sewerage district and providing for the hearing of any and all objections to the creation or boundaries thereof.**

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

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

**RESOLUTION**

A resolution of intention of the Police Jury of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, to create a sewerage district in said Parish, describing the boundaries thereof, ordering and directing the President to give due notice of the proposed creation of said sewerage district and providing for the hearing of any and all objections to the creation or boundaries thereof.

WHEREAS, the Police Jury, acting upon its own initiative, desires to issue notice of its intention to create a sewerage district in the hereinafter described territory of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, and outside of corporate limits of municipalities, in the manner provided by Sub-Part A, Part I, Chapter 9, Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of said Parish:

SECTION 1. That in compliance with the provisions of Sub-Part A, Part I, Chapter 9, Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto, it is the intention of this Police Jury to create a sewerage district (the "Sewerage District") within the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, and outside the corporate limits of any municipality, which Sewerage District shall comprise and embrace all of that territory within the following described boundaries, or such part thereof as may be determined upon, to-wit:

Beginning at the intersection of the south section line of Sect. 23, T 20 N, R 14 W with the Bossier/Caddo Parish Line (Point of Beginning); commence east along the south section lines of Sect's. 23 & 24, T 20 N, R 14 W and Sect. 19, T 20 N, R 13 W, to the west corporate limits of the Town of Benton; thence southerly along the west corporate limits of the Town of Benton to the south corporate limits of the Town of Benton; thence easterly along the south corporate limits of the Town of Benton to the east corporate limits of the Town of Benton; thence northerly along the east corporate limits of the Town of Benton to the intersection with La. Hwy. 162; thence easterly along La. Hwy. 162 to the intersection with La. Hwy. 157; thence southerly along La. Hwy. 157 to the southwest corner of Sect. 33, T 19 N, R 11 W; thence east along the south section lines of Sect's. 33, 34, 35 and 36, T 19 N, R 11 W to the Bossier/Webster Parish Line; thence northerly along the Bossier/Webster Parish Line to the northeast corner of Sect. 01, T 20 N, R 11 W; thence westerly along the north boundary of said Sect. 01 and a portion of Sect. 02, T 20 N, R 11 W (said north boundary of Sect. 01 and a portion of Sect. 02 being the common boundary of Bossier and Webster Parish) to the Bodcau Bayou; thence northerly along Bodcau Bayou and the common boundary of Bossier and Webster Parish to La. Hwy. 2; thence westerly along said La. Hwy. 2 to the common boundary line of Bossier and Caddo Parishes; thence southerly along the common boundary of Bossier and Caddo Parishes to the Point of Beginning, less and except any area within the corporate limits of the Town of Benton and less and except any area within the corporate limits of the Town of Plain Dealing.

SECTION 2. That the Police Jury of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, shall meet in open and public session at its regular meeting place, the Police Jury Meeting Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana, on **Wednesday, April 5, 2017, at two o'clock (2:00) p.m.**, for the purpose of hearing any and all objections to the creation of the proposed Sewerage District, to the boundaries thereof and to the inclusion of the property proposed to be included in the Sewerage District, and that after disposing of all objections, if there be any, the Police Jury shall, if it determines to do so, adopt an ordinance creating the Sewerage District, fixing the boundaries thereof, giving said District a numerical designation and name (Sewerage District No. 2 of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana), and appointing five (5) property taxpayers residing within the Sewerage District as a Board of Supervisors to act as the governing authority of the Sewerage District.

SECTION 3. That the President of this Police Jury be and he is hereby ordered and directed to issue a notice of intention of the Police Jury of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, to create said Sewerage District, which notice shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A and shall embrace substantially all things set forth in this resolution and shall be published in accordance with the provisions of law.

SECTION 4. That any and all resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed and rescinded to the extent of such conflict.

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. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Salzer, Mr. Shewmake, Mr. Skaggs

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 1st day of March, 2017.

RACHEL D. HAUSER  
PARISH SECRETARY

BOB BROTHERTON, PRESIDENT  
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY  
EXHIBIT A

NOTICE OF INTENTION

Pursuant to the provisions of Sub-Part A, Part I, Chapter 9, Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto, and a resolution adopted by the Police Jury of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, on March 1, 2017, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the intention of said Police Jury to create a sewerage district (the "Sewerage District") within the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, and outside

the corporate limits of any municipality, which Sewerage District shall comprise and embrace all of that territory within the following described boundaries, or such part thereof as may be determined upon, to-wit:

Beginning at the intersection of the south section line of Sect. 23, T 20 N, R 14 W with the Bossier/Caddo Parish Line (Point of Beginning); commence east along the south section lines of Sect's. 23 & 24, T 20 N, R 14 W and Sect. 19, T 20 N, R 13 W, to the west corporate limits of the Town of Benton; thence southerly along the west corporate limits of the Town of Benton to the south corporate limits of the Town of Benton; thence easterly along the south corporate limits of the Town of Benton to the east corporate limits of the Town of Benton; thence northerly along the east corporate limits of the Town of Benton to the intersection with La. Hwy. 162; thence easterly along La. Hwy. 162 to the intersection with La. Hwy. 157; thence southerly along La. Hwy. 157 to the southwest corner of Sect. 33, T 19 N, R 11 W; thence east along the south section lines of Sect's. 33, 34, 35 and 36, T 19 N, R 11 W to the Bossier/Webster Parish Line; thence northerly along the Bossier/Webster Parish Line to the northeast corner of Sect. 01, T 20 N, R 11 W; thence westerly along the north boundary of said Sect. 01 and a portion of Sect. 02, T 20 N, R 11 W (said north boundary of Sect. 01 and a portion of Sect. 02 being the common boundary of Bossier and Webster Parish) to the Bodcau Bayou; thence northerly along Bodcau Bayou and the common boundary of Bossier and Webster Parish to La. Hwy. 2; thence westerly along said La. Hwy. 2 to the common boundary line of Bossier and Caddo Parishes; thence southerly along the common boundary of Bossier and Caddo Parishes to the Point of Beginning, less and except any area within the corporate limits of the Town of Benton and less and except any area within the corporate limits of the Town of Plain Dealing.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Police Jury of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, will meet in open and public session at its regular meeting place, the Police Jury Meeting Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana, on **Wednesday, April 5, 2017, at two o'clock (2:00) p.m.**, and will at that time hear any and all objections to the creation of the proposed Sewerage District, and after disposing of all objections, if there be any, the Police Jury shall, if it determines to do so, adopt an ordinance creating said Sewerage District, fixing the boundaries thereof, giving the District a numerical designation and name (Sewerage District No. 2 of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana), and appointing five (5) property taxpayers residing within the Sewerage District as a Board of Supervisors to act as the governing authority of said Sewerage District.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Benton, Louisiana, on this, the 1st day of March, 2017.

RACHEL D. HAUSER  
PARISH SECRETARY

BOB BROTHERTON, PRESIDENT  
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

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**Motion was made by Mr. Plummer, seconded by Mr. Salzer, to authorize the Bossier Parish Police Jury to prepare and submit a pre-application to the Statewide Flood Control Program for assistance in the implementation of a project for the purpose of reducing existing flood damages; providing for the necessary documentation of said flood damages; and providing for other related matters in connection therewith.**

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

RESOLUTION

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

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

WHEREAS, the Bossier Parish Police Jury desires to apply for State matching funds pursuant to L.A. R.S. 38:90.1 et. Seq., as amended, to implement a project to reduce said flood damages, and that the Bossier Parish Police Jury is fully aware of its obligations under said Statute; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

The resolution was offered by Mr. Plummer, seconded by Mr. Salzer. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2017.

RACHEL D. HAUSER  
PARISH SECRETARY

BOB BROTHERTON, PRESIDENT  
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

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Mr. Ford presented Plan Change No. 3 on 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 advising that the plan change results in an increase in the amount of \$6,696.71. **Motion was made by Mr. Shewmake, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to approve Plan Change No. 3 on 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 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2017, that it does hereby approve Plan Change No. 3 on 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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Bob Brotherton, President, is hereby authorized to execute said Plan Change No. 3.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Shewmake, seconded by Mr. Rimmer. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2017.

RACHEL D. HAUSER  
PARISH SECRETARY

BOB BROTHERTON, PRESIDENT  
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

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**Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Skaggs, to adopt a resolution informing the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality of the actions taken by the Bossier Parish Police Jury on behalf of the Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier to resolve the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Environmental Audit Report, and necessary actions to maintain permit requirements contained in the Louisiana Pollution Discharge Elimination System Permit No. LA0126152.**

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

**RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier informs the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality that the following actions were taken by the Bossier Parish Police Jury:

1. Resolved the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Environmental Audit Report which is attached to this resolution.

2. Set forth the following actions necessary to maintain permit requirements contained in the Louisiana Pollution Discharge Elimination Systems (LPDES) permit number LA0126152:

a. No actions are required at this time since this is a new facility, with the exceptions of following operation and maintenance procedures outlined by the equipment manufacturers.

The resolution was offered by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Skaggs. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2017.

RACHEL D. HAUSER  
PARISH SECRETARY

BOB BROTHERTON, PRESIDENT  
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

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**Motion was made by Mr. Skaggs, seconded by Ms. Bennett, to approve Supplemental Agreement No. 5 to the Original Agreement Between the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, Northwest Louisiana Council of Governments, and the Bossier Parish Police Jury for the Bossier North/South Corridor Project, Winfield Road Extension Project, Wafer Road Extension, and Wemple Road Extension, and to authorize the Parish Administrator to execute documents.**

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

**RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2017, that William Altimus, Parish Administrator, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Bossier Parish Police Jury, Supplemental Agreement No. 5 to the Original Agreement between the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, Northwest Louisiana Council of Governments, and the Bossier Parish Police Jury for the Bossier North/South Corridor Project, Winfield Road Extension Project, Wafer Road Extension, and Wemple Road Extension.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Skaggs, seconded by Ms. Bennett. Upon vote, it was duly adopted on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2017.

RACHEL D. HAUSER  
PARISH SECRETARY

BOB BROTHERTON, PRESIDENT  
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

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Ms. Hauser requested that the agenda be amended to consider approval of the reappointment of Mr. Charles Glover and Mr. Gary Hubbard as board members for the Cyber Innovation Center, for five-year terms each, terms to expire March 1, 2022.

**Motion was made by Mr. Skaggs, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to amend the agenda to consider approval of the reappointment of Mr. Charles Glover and Mr. Gary Hubbard as board members for the Cyber Innovation Center, for five-year terms each, terms to expire March 1, 2022.**

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. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Salzer, Mr. Shewmake, Mr. Skaggs
- NAYS:** None
- ABSTAIN:** None
- ABSENT:** None

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**Motion was made by Mr. Rimmer, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to approve the reappointment of Mr. Charles Glover and Mr. Gary Hubbard as board members for the Cyber Innovation Center, for five-year terms each, terms to expire March 1, 2022.**

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

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Mr. Ford reported that approximately 13 homes for the buyout program through the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program have been approved. He stated that he is awaiting the official approval letter from FEMA. He further stated that there are plans to submit approximately 55 additional homes to be considered for the buyout program through the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

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Mr. Ford reported that Bossier Parish School Board will be appearing before the Benton-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission on Monday, March 6, 2017, to discuss the new Benton High School. He stated that a traffic study has been received and will require some amendments.

Mr. Keith Norwood, Bossier Parish School Board, provided additional information pertaining to the traffic study for the new Benton High School. He also provided additional information as to proposed development around the new high school.

Mr. Norwood stated that it is anticipated that the new Benton High School will open in 2019.

Mr. Rimmer asked when the new Houghton Middle School will be open. Mr. Norwood stated that it is anticipated that the new middle school will open in the fall of 2017.

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Mr. Ford reported that there has been an increase in violations by commercial vehicles on parish roads. He stated that a meeting was held by the Bossier Parish Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit with the Louisiana State Police and Aethon United, LP, to discuss parish regulations pertaining to commercial vehicles on parish roads.

Mr. Ford stated that there has been an increase of violations by companies from Texas, as well as an increase of logging truck activity in northern Bossier Parish that is being monitored by the CVEU.

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

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Mr. Rimmer provided a report on the Police Jury Association Convention held in Calcasieu Parish on February 15-17, 2017. He stated that the convention was well attended and that the workshops were very informative.

Mr. Rimmer congratulated Mr. Benton on his election as Second Vice President for the Police Jury Association of Louisiana.

Mr. Rimmer reported that he attended the Wildlife & Fisheries Committee meeting and the Criminal & Juvenile Justice Committee meeting during the recent Police Jury Association Convention. He stated that each workshop was very informative.

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Mr. Avery reported that he has received several complaints of excessive barking from dogs and requested an update. Mr. Jackson stated that an investigation regarding a complaint of excessive barking from dogs was recently completed in Le Oaks Subdivision and it was determined that the complaint had no merit.

Mr. Jackson asked that Mr. Avery provide him with the address of where the excessive barking from dogs is occurring, and an investigation will be conducted. He stated that if it is determined that the complaint has merit, a citation will be issued to the owner of the dogs.

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Mr. Darby provided a report on the Police Jury Association Convention held in Calcasieu Parish on February 15-17, 2017. He reported that he is the chairman for the Health & Hospitals Committee, and stated that Deputy Secretary of the Department of Hospitals, Ms. Michelle Alletto, was present. Mr. Darby stated that the expansion of Medicaid was discussed. He stated that the State of Louisiana has approximately 400,000 enrolled in Medicaid.

Mr. Darby stated that Deputy Secretary Alletto discussed the evaluation of federal programs and the opiate crisis in the State of Louisiana. He stated Deputy Secretary Alletto expressed the importance of safe drinking water, and use of well water testing kits.

Mr. Darby stated that federal funds used for the Human Service District was discussed, and how federal funding cuts may potentially affect the Human Service District and the impact those funding cuts may have on local governments.

Mr. Darby stated that it has been determined that low income for Registered Nurses in the State of Louisiana is contributing to the shortage of RNs practicing in the State of Louisiana.

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Mr. Benton stated that he attended the 2017 Louisiana Police Jury Association Convention as well. He stated that he attended the Solid Waste Committee meeting, and reported that the need for pre-determined sites to be established for debris collection due to natural disasters is crucial. He further stated that the parish is currently working to establish pre-determined sites for future natural disasters.

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Mr. Benton stated that the Police Jury Association Legislative Day is scheduled for May 3, 2017, which is a police jury meeting day. He stated that it is important that police jurors attend this event and suggested that the May 3, 2017, regular meeting be rescheduled to Thursday, May 4, 2017, at 2:00 p.m.

**Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Shewmake, to amend the agenda to consider rescheduling the May 3, 2017, regular police jury meeting, to be held on May 4, 2017, at 2:00 p.m.**

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. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Salzer, Mr. Shewmake, Mr. Skaggs**  
**NAYS: None**  
**ABSTAIN: None**  
**ABSENT: None**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to reschedule the May 3, 2017, regular police jury meeting, to be held on May 4, 2017, at 2:00 p.m.**

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

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Mr. Brotherton stated that he attended the Wildlife & Fisheries Committee meeting at the Police Jury Association Convention. He stated that it was reported that \$10 million has been pulled from the Wildlife & Fisheries' budget, and there is concern that some of the programs sponsored by Wildlife & Fisheries last year will be cut this year due to budget cuts. Mr. Brotherton stated that he is concerned that one of the programs that will be affected by budget cuts is the fight against Salvenia at Lake Bistineau.

Mr. Brotherton reported that currently there is approximately 3,000 acres of Salvenia on Lake Bistineau.

Mr. Brotherton stated that the fight against feral hogs in the State of Louisiana was also discussed during the Wildlife & Fisheries Committee meeting. He stated that the State of Louisiana is considering adopting the use of a new bait and poison which is being used by the State of Texas that would kill the hogs immediately. Mr. Brotherton stated that farmers and landowners have expressed concern over the use of the new bait and poison and the affect it may have on other animals.

Mr. Brotherton stated that the black bear was recently removed from the endangered species list, and there is concern that this bait and poison could affect black bears as well.

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Mr. Brotherton announced his candidacy for the Region 4 Police Jury Association Executive Board.

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There being no further business to come before the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2017, the meeting was adjourned by the President at 3:00 p.m.

RACHEL D. HAUSER  
PARISH SECRETARY

BOB BROTHERTON, PRESIDENT  
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY