

BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY
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The Bossier Parish Police Jury met in regular and legal session on the 2nd day of February, 2022, at 2:00 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana. The President, Mr. Tom Salzer, called the meeting to order. The invocation was given by Mr. Charles Gray, and the pledge of allegiance was led by Mr. Glenn Benton. Ms. Julie Gill, Secretary for the Parish Attorney, called the roll, with all members present as follows:

Mr. Glenn Benton	Mr. Chris Marsiglia
Mr. Bob Brotherton	Ms. Julianna Parks, via Zoom
Mr. Jimmy Cochran	Mr. Mac Plummer
Mr. Jerome Darby	Mr. Doug Rimmer
Mr. Charles Gray	Mr. Philip Rodgers
Mr. John Ed Jordan	Mr. Tom Salzer

Others present were Mr. Joe E. "Butch" Ford, Jr., Parish Administrator; Mr. Patrick Jackson, Parish Attorney, via Zoom; Mr. Eric Hudson, Parish Engineer; Ms. Jessica Aldridge, Assistant Parish Secretary; Ms. Stacie Fernandez, Parish Treasurer.

Ms. Gill stated that all police jurors present via Zoom have been provided with the agenda and supporting documents prior to today's meeting for their review and consideration for the appropriate agenda item during today's meeting. She requested the public's patience should anyone have something they would like to present at today's meeting to the police jury as it could take some time to get the police jury's technology in order for those attending via Zoom. She stated that agendas are available on the tables in the front for the public to follow along with during the meeting.

Mr. Salzer asked if anyone was present that would like to address the police jury to discuss an item that is currently not on the agenda.

Mr. Robert Thomas, 3404 Shirley Court, Benton, LA, requested to address the police jury to discuss broadband internet service in the area surrounding his residence.

Motion was made by Mr. Plummer, seconded by Mr. Benton, to amend the agenda to add Mr. Robert Thomas, as Visitor No. 1.

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

YEAS: Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Mr. Gray, Mr. Jordan, Mr. Marsiglia, Ms. Parks via Zoom, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Mr. Thomas stated that currently there is no broadband internet service in the area surrounding his residence. He stated that AT&T has recently installed a fiberoptic line on Shirley Lane, approximately 200 feet from his home on Shirley Court, and upon inquiring about whether those living on Shirley Court would be able to access the broadband internet service from this fiberoptic line, he was advised that this service was not for anyone living on Shirley Court. He further stated that Suddenlink also has a fiberoptic line running down Parks Road to the fire station which is approximately one mile from his home.

Mr. Salzer stated that since federal funds have been made available for broadband internet service in rural areas, there has been initiative to try and make broadband internet service available to those living in the rural communities. He stated that the parish created a Broadband Study Committee to continue to monitor this matter.

Mr. Rodgers, Chairman of the Broadband Study Committee, stated that broadband internet service is a non-regulated service, but the parish is working to prohibit fiberoptic lines from being run in the parish right-of-way to provide broadband internet service for only one customer. He stated that the parish is in contact with all broadband internet providers to try and find an amicable resolution to providing broadband internet service to all rural communities. He provided additional information on the parish's works on this matter.

There was additional discussion on this matter. Mr. Thomas expressed appreciation to the police jury for their continued efforts to bring broadband internet service to the rural communities in Bossier Parish.

Ms. Gill announced the public hearing to consider approval of the site plan and plat of the proposed development of Ivey Subdivision, located in Section 16, Township 18 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA. She stated that it is located in front of Ivey's Building Material Center on Highway 80. This application (Bossier MPC Case P-58-21) received a favorable recommendation from the Bossier City-Parish MPC.

Mr. Hudson stated that construction is planned on Lot 1. He stated that the Bossier City-Parish MPC has approved the proposed site plan and plat. He further stated that a master drainage plan has been submitted.

Mr. Hudson stated that drainage from the proposed development will drain into the detention pond which then goes to Espanita Subdivision. He stated that sewer will be provided by Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier. He further stated that approval from the State has been obtained for access from Highway 80.

Mr. Mitchel Johnson, applicant, stated that a four-plex is planned with four 1,200-foot office spaces. Mr. Hudson stated that access to the proposed office complex will be from the existing access to Ivey's Building Material Center.

After further discussion, and there being no opposition, **motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to approve the site plan and plat of the proposed development of Ivey Subdivision, located in Section 16, Township 18 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA.**

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

AYES: Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Mr. Gray, Mr. Jorden, Mr. Marsiglia, Ms. Parks via Zoom, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Mr. Rimmer, Chairman of the Policy and Procedures Committee, reported on the meeting of that committee held today at 12:00 p.m. Committee members attending the Policy and Procedures Committee meeting were Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Salzer, Mr. Gray, Mr. Marsiglia, Mr. Benton, and Mr. Darby. Mr. Matt Redmon, Mr. Mark Coutee, Mr. Russell Craig, Ms. Jessica Aldridge, Mr. Jackson, Ms. Fernandez, Mr. Hudson, and Mr. Ford were also present. Other jurors present were Mr. Plummer, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Rodgers, and Mr. Jorden.

Mr. Rimmer stated that the Policy and Procedures Committee discussed Policy 310-Holidays of the Bossier Parish Police Jury Policy and Procedures Manual, and advised that currently there are 12 holidays that are acknowledged for police jury employees. He stated that after further consideration, there will be no change to the existing holiday schedule. He further stated that employee holidays will be reviewed during budget proceedings in the future.

Mr. Rimmer stated that the committee discussed Policy 320-Sick Leave Benefits of the Bossier Parish Police Jury Policy and Procedures Manual. He stated that this matter was taken under advisement and will be further discussed at the next Policy and Procedures Committee meeting.

Mr. Rimmer stated that the committee discussed Policy 530-Use of Equipment and Vehicles and Search Policy of the Bossier Parish Police Jury Policy and Procedures Manual. He stated that the committee recommends the following amendment to Policy 530-Use of Equipment and Vehicles and Search Policy:

530- Parish Vehicle Policy and Agreement

Introduction

The purpose of this Policy is to ensure the safety of those individuals who drive Bossier Parish Police Jury (BPPJ) vehicles. Vehicle accidents are costly, but more importantly, they may result in injury to you or others. It is the driver's responsibility to operate the vehicle in a safe manner and to drive defensively to prevent injuries and property damage. This agreement is not intended to replace section 530 (use of equipment and vehicle and safety policy) as outlined in the BPPJ Policy & Procedures Manual.

Operational Requirements

- **You are authorized to drive a BPPJ vehicle while on official parish business only.** Drive the vehicle with due regard for all traffic regulations, your own safety, and the safety of pedestrians and other road users.
- Do not drive the vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- If you take medication that is likely to affect your ability to drive safely, you must advise your supervisor accordingly.
- You must produce a valid driver's license when requested. You shall immediately notify your supervisor if your driver's license is revoked or suspended, and discontinue operation of any BPPJ vehicle. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary action, including dismissal.
- Do not use a mobile phone in the vehicle while driving unless it is being used on hands-free operations.
- Do not try to perform other tasks which may impede your ability to focus on safely operating the vehicle while it is in motion.
- Ensure that all occupants, including you, wear safety belts when the vehicle is in operation.
- Ensure that the vehicle is not driven by an unlicensed driver and is only driven by yourself or someone who has authorization to drive a BPPJ vehicle.

Vehicle Care, Security, and Administration

- Ensure that there is no smoking or chewing of tobacco products in the vehicle.
- Ensure the vehicle is kept clean inside and out and is roadworthy at all times and is maintained in good condition subject to wear and tear and has a current displayed registration sticker.
- Ensure that all maintenance and services scheduled by the manufacturer are carried out in accordance with their recommended time/mileage guidelines.
- Keep the vehicle locked at all times when not in use.
- Never leave keys in unattended vehicle.
- Do not ignore vehicle warning lights/sound systems (such as oil/engine management, etc.) and have vehicle checked as soon as possible after such warnings commence.
- Make the vehicle and its service records available to your supervisor on request for the purpose of an inspection to determine that the vehicle performance and appearance comply with this policy.
- Please notify the supervisor if any equipment, machines, tools, or vehicles appear to be damaged, defective, or in need of repair. Prompt reporting of damages, defects, and the need for repairs could prevent deterioration of equipment and possible injury to employees or others. The supervisor can answer any questions about an employee's responsibility for maintenance and care of equipment or vehicles used on the job.
- Authorized drivers must report any citations either on or off the job to his/her supervisors by the next workday or within 72 hours.
- If an employee becomes ineligible to qualify for a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) required for his/her job, he/she may be demoted to a classification that does not require a CDL driver's license until he/she becomes reinstated.
- The Bossier Parish Police Jury reserves the right to conduct searches consistent with federal, state and local law, and to inspect any packages, parcels, purses, handbags, briefcases, desks, lockers, toolboxes, file cabinets, lunch boxes, computer files, electronic mail, vehicles or any other possessions or articles carried to and from the workplace or

worksite. In this regard, it should be noted that all offices, desks, files, lockers, equipment, etc., are the property of the Bossier Parish Police Jury and are issued for the use of employees only during their employment.

- The Bossier Parish Police Jury assumes no liability for the damage, loss, or theft caused by third parties to the personal property of employees while working or located on a worksite, including parking lots. All personal property left following an employee’s departure will be considered abandoned.

What To Do in Case of An Accident

If you are involved in an accident, it is necessary to follow the procedures outlined below:

1. If anyone is hurt, call for medical assistance.
2. Immediately following an accident, stop and investigate what damage might have occurred to the vehicle.
3. Get the names and address of the owner(s) and driver(s) involved, license number and registration number on the car(s) involved, and the names and addresses of any passenger(s) in the vehicle connected with the accident.
4. Get the name of the other party’s insurance company and insurance policy number.
5. Get the names and addresses of witnesses, if any.
6. Express no opinion as to who was at fault. Give no information except as required by law enforcement officers.
7. Notify your **Supervisor**, the **Highway Department** and the **Human Resources Manager** as soon as possible preceding the accident so a preliminary accident report may be taken.
Bossier Highway Department - Andrea Richardson - (318) 965-3752
Human Resources Manager - Lisa Wilson - (318) 965-3711
8. If any demand, claims, or summons is served to an employee involved in an accident asserting liability against the employees, contact the parish Fleet Administrator immediately.
9. If a collision involves an unattended vehicle, you must attempt to notify the owner. If that is not possible, attach a note to the vehicle asking the owner to contact you or the Highway Department.

There are NO EXCEPTIONS to the above requirements.

VEHICLE RELATED COSTS THAT YOU MUST PAY FOR

- *You are responsible for the payment of parking and traffic violations. The BPPJ is not responsible for any fines.*

- *You are responsible for cleaning your vehicle inside and outside.*

You will be required to pay all expenses related to the following:

- Driving While Intoxicated
- Driving While Under the Influence of Drugs
- Operating During a period of Suspension or Revocation
- Reckless Driving
- Speed Contest (racing)
- Unauthorized use driving

Safe Driving Rules

Driving long distances requires planning and appropriate rest breaks. Before starting out on a long trip you should:

- Ensure you have enough sleep before your trip.
- Avoid consumption of alcohol prior to and during driving
- Stop if you feel drowsy – take a short break (15-20 minutes)

Maintenance

You are responsible for scheduling maintenance and repairs. All non-standard maintenance / repair work must be authorized by your supervisor prior to such work being undertaken. Vehicle servicing is to be conducted at the dealership where the vehicle was purchased unless other arrangements have been made with your supervisor.

Driver Acknowledgment

I acknowledge that the information contained in this Policy has been reviewed with me. As a driver of a company vehicle, I understand that it is my responsibility to operate the vehicle in a safe manner and to drive defensively to prevent injuries and property damage.

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Driver’s License No. _____

License Expiration Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Motion was made by Mr. Rimmer, seconded by Mr. Darby, to accept the recommendation of the Policy and Procedures Committee to amend Policy 530-Use of Equipment and Vehicles and Search Policy of the Bossier Parish Police Jury Policy and Procedures Manual, as recommended by the Policy and Procedures Committee.

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

AYES: Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Mr. Gray, Mr. Jordan, Mr. Marsiglia, Ms. Parks via Zoom, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Mr. Rimmer stated that the Policy and Procedures Committee discussed Policy 760-Travel Policy of the Bossier Parish Police Jury Policy and Procedures Manual. He stated that the committee recommends amendment to Policy 760-Travel Policy as follows:

760 – Travel Policy

Personally Owned Vehicles

When two or more persons travel in the same personally owned vehicle, only one charge will be allowed for the expense of the vehicle. The person claiming reimbursement shall report the names of the other passengers.

A mileage allowance shall be authorized for travelers approved to use personally-owned vehicles while conducting official parish business. Mileage shall be reimbursable according to current IRS milage reimbursement rate.

Mileage shall be computed by one of the following options:

1. On the basis of odometer readings from point of origin to point of return.
2. By using a website mileage calculator or published software package for calculating mileage such as Tripmaker, How Far Is It, MapQuest, etc. The employee is to print the page indicating mileage and attach it with their travel expense form.

Motion was made by Mr. Rimmer, seconded by Mr. Darby, to accept the recommendation of the Policy and Procedures Committee to amend Policy 760 – Travel Policy of the Bossier Parish Police Jury Policy and Procedures Manual, as recommended by the Policy and Procedures Committee.

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

AYES: Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Mr. Gray, Mr. Jorden, Mr. Marsiglia, Ms. Parks via Zoom, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Mr. Rimmer stated that the Policy and Procedures Committee discussed obtaining the services of a landman to assist the parish with determining all Bossier Parish mineral rights throughout the parish to ensure that the parish is receiving payments for parish owned mineral rights. **Motion was made by Mr. Rimmer, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to accept the recommendation of the Policy and Procedures Committee to authorize obtaining proposals in an amount up to \$50,000.00 for a landman to assist the parish with determining Bossier Parish mineral rights throughout the parish to ensure that the parish is receiving payments for all parish owned mineral rights.**

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

AYES: Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Mr. Gray, Mr. Jorden, Mr. Marsiglia, Ms. Parks via Zoom, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Mr. Rimmer stated that the Policy and Procedures Committee discussed Bossier Parish leased vehicles. He stated that the parish needs to modify the current lease plan to renew leases on two vehicles which leases are terminating, and to authorize the purchase of two dump trucks.

Motion was made by Mr. Rimmer, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to accept the recommendation of the Policy and Procedures Committee to renew leases on two vehicles, and to authorize the purchase of two dump trucks, and to authorize the execution of documents.

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

AYES: Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Mr. Gray, Mr. Jorden, Mr. Marsiglia, Ms. Parks via Zoom, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 2nd day of February, 2022, that the Parish Administrator or Parish President, be and is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents in connection with the renewal of leases on two vehicles and the purchase of two dump trucks.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Rimmer, seconded by Mr. Plummer. Upon vote, it was duly adopted on this 2nd day of February, 2022, with the following votes recorded:

AYES: Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Mr. Gray, Mr. Jorden, Mr. Marsiglia, Ms. Parks via Zoom, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None
RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

THOMAS D. SALZER, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Mr. Rimmer requested that a Policy and Procedures Committee meeting be scheduled for February 16, 2022, time to be determined, to review Policy 320-Sick Leave Benefits of the Bossier Parish Police Jury Policy and Procedures Manual, and to discuss the Bossier Parish redistricting plan.

Motion was made by Mr. Rimmer, seconded by My. Brotherton, to table approval of a Purchase and Sale Contract between the Bossier Parish Police Jury and OTC, LLC, and ACD, Inc., for the purchase of 26.12 acres, more or less, located off Whitehurst Street, Bossier City, LA, being a portion of Assessment No. 134629 located in Section 13, Township 18 North, Range 13 West, authorize the use of Industrial Park Funds for said purchase, and authorize execution of any and all documents by the Parish President or Parish Administrator, to be considered at the February 16, 2022, regular meeting.

Motion carried with the following votes recorded:

AYES: Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Mr. Gray, Mr. Jorden, Mr. Marsiglia, Ms. Parks via Zoom, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Motion was made by Mr. Rimmer, seconded by My. Brotherton, to table approval of a Purchase and Sale Contract between the Bossier Parish Police Jury and New Wave Homes, LLC, for the purchase of 6.1 acres, more or less, located off Whitehurst Street, Bossier City, LA, Assessment No. 152217 located in Bannockburn Farms Subdivision, authorize the use of Industrial Park Funds for said purchase, and authorize execution of documents by the Parish President or Parish Administrator, to be considered at the February 16, 2022, regular meeting.

Motion carried with the following votes recorded:

AYES: Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Mr. Gray, Mr. Jorden, Mr. Marsiglia, Ms. Parks via Zoom, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Ms. Carlotta Askew-Brown, Benton Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission, stated that Mr. Wes Sheppard resigned from the Benton-Parish MPC Board of Adjustments. She stated that Mr. Sheppard is now a board member on the Benton-Parish MPC Board of Directors as a town appointment. She further stated that the Benton-Parish MPC Board of Directors has not been functional and unable to have a quorum since August of 2021 due to resignations and COVID-related issues.

Ms. Askew-Brown stated that applicants who have millions of dollars on the line are unhappy when their application cannot be heard before the board due to no quorum.

It was clarified that the position filled by Mr. Sheppard on the Benton-Parish MPC Board of Directors is a town appointment.

Motion was made by Mr. Rodgers, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to accept the resignation of Mr. Charles “Wes” Shephard from the Benton-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission Board of Adjustments effective immediately.

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

AYES: Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Mr. Gray, Mr. Jorden, Mr. Marsiglia, Ms. Parks via Zoom, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Ms. Askew-Brown stated that due to Mr. Sheppard’s resignation from the Benton-Parish MPC Board of Adjustments, a vacancy has been created that needs to be filled as soon as possible. She stated that she is short three board members on the Benton-Parish MPC Board of Adjustments and has had to cancel board meetings due to no quorum. She further stated that a resume has been received from Ms. Sage Easter who has expressed her willingness to serve on the board.

Ms. Askew-Brown stated that cancelled meetings create a hardship on residents who have submitted an application to the board for consideration.

Ms. Sage Easter was present and stated that she has been a resident of Benton, LA, since 1988, and has been a licensed realtor for the last 16 years. She stated that she keeps in contact with Ms. Askew-Brown regarding any vacancies that may come up on the MPC boards. She further stated that she is ready and willing to serve on the Benton-Parish MPC Board of Adjustments.

Motion was made by Mr. Rodgers, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to approve the appointment of Ms. Sage Easter to the Benton-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission Board of Adjustments, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Charles “Wes” Shephard, term to expire April 1, 2025.

The President called for public comment. Mr. Rodgers stated that any vacancies that are on the MPC board should be advertised in order to allow the public to submit resumes for consideration. Ms. Askew-Brown stated that currently the vacancies on both MPC boards are town appointments. She stated that if the jurors know of anyone that would be interested in serving on either board as a town appointment to have them submit their resumes to her. She further stated that the only qualifications that must be met are to live in the Benton-Parish MPC and be a registered voter. Ms. Askew-Brown stated that serving on the boards is a voluntary service and there is no pay for their service.

Mr. Jorden asked if the vacancy on the Benton-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission Board of Adjustments being considered today was advertised. Ms. Askew-Brown stated that since this is a parish appointment, she is unsure if it was advertised. Mr. Jorden expressed concern if this vacancy was not advertised.

Ms. Askew-Brown stated that while she understands the police jury’s concerns regarding advertisement of this vacancy, if an appointment is not made as soon as possible, meetings of the Benton-Parish MPC Board of Adjustments

will have to be cancelled due to no quorum which will create hardships for Bossier Parish citizens waiting for a ruling on their application.

Mr. Rodgers recommended that all future vacancies be advertised. There was additional discussion on this matter.

Motion carried with the following votes recorded:

AYES: Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Mr. Gray, Mr. Jorden, Mr. Marsiglia, Ms. Parks via Zoom, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Motion was made by Mr. Rodgers, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to approve the request of Sportspectrum for a letter of no objection to the selling of beer at the annual Rivercities Triathlon on August 7, 2022, at the Cypress-Black Bayou Recreation Park, 135 Cypress Park Drive, Benton, LA.

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

AYES: Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Mr. Gray, Mr. Jorden, Mr. Marsiglia, Ms. Parks via Zoom, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Motion was made by Mr. Jorden, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to adopt a Proclamation acknowledging Mr. Kenny Wayne Shepherd and his band on their 25th Anniversary of his Platinum Album “Trouble Is...”.

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

AYES: Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Mr. Gray, Mr. Jorden, Mr. Marsiglia, Ms. Parks via Zoom, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in 1997 rock and blues music fans were impatiently waiting for the sophomore release by, what the press still referred to as, a teenage phenom. On October 7, 1997, the world finally heard “Trouble Is...” by The Kenny Wayne Shepherd Band and it demonstrated to the press and public alike that Kenny Wayne Shephard was an artist with a boundless future ahead of him;

WHEREAS, in 2022 rock and blues music fans will have a new landmark release to anticipate. On February 12, 2022, The Kenny Wayne Shepherd Band will, for the first time, perform “Trouble Is...” in its entirety, live from The Strand Theatre in Shreveport, Louisiana – the very same theater they celebrated their inaugural record release of “Trouble Is...” 25 years before. The show will be streamed worldwide and later in the year will be released on DVD/Blu-Ray along with a very special Anniversary Package celebrating its 25th birthday. The concert is benefitting both Providence House and The Northwest Louisiana Family Justice Center;

WHEREAS, the Providence House is an emergency homeless shelter for families with children that aim to break the homeless cycle one family at a time in Northwest Louisiana. For 34 years, the organization has worked to end homelessness through education, job skills training, literacy programs, and so much more. Families are provided with critical resources needed to rebuild their lives and to become self-sufficient; and the Northwest Louisiana Family Justice Center aims to provide a safe and accessible, central intake and service center for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking to receive comprehensive, coordinated community services during this very difficult time;

WHEREAS, after the wildly successful debut of his first platinum selling album, *Ledbetter Heights*, Kenny Wayne Shepherd set out to write and record his second album. Kenny Wayne Shephard stated that “No one was expecting me to match the success of *Ledbetter Heights*, but when we got into the studio and the album started coming together, we knew we had something really special”;

WHEREAS, despite a select few (very few) critics, who tried to dismiss Kenny Wayne Shepherd as a “flash in the pan” due to his age, radio stations across the U.S. added song after song to their playlists - in heavy rotation - and the fans devoured the music. “Trouble Is...” went on to sell over 1,000,000 copies in the U.S. and was certified Platinum by the Recording Industry Association of America. It featured 4 top ten hits, “Slow Ride”, “Somehow, Somewhere, Someway”, “Everything Is Broken” and of course, the No. 1 Mainstream Rock hit “Blue on Black”. Kenny Wayne Shepherd won two Billboard Music Awards, including Rock Song of the Year, and received his first of many Grammy nominations. Twenty-five years later, Kenny Wayne Shepherd is still releasing groundbreaking music, accumulating awards, touring the world, and performing for ever-expanding audiences while those few critics have likely found new career paths;

WHEREAS, “Trouble Is...” was produced by Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee Jerry Harrison and was the beginning of a long-term collaboration between Harrison and Shepherd. The album also features musical powerhouses on the record including Chris Layton, Tommy Shannon, and Reese Wynans, as well as James Cotton.

WHEREAS, Kenny Wayne Shepherd is over two decades into a recording career that began when he was just 16 years old. He has sold millions of albums worldwide and, in addition to his five Grammy nominations, he has won Billboard Music Awards, a pair of Orville H. Gibson awards, the Blues Foundation’s Keeping the Blues Alive award, and two Blues Music awards. He has had nine No. 1 blues albums and a string of No. 1 mainstream rock singles.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury on this 2nd day of February, 2022, that it does hereby recognize Mr. Kenny Wayne Shephard for his exceptional success and congratulate The Kenny

Wayne Shephard Band on their 25th Anniversary of the release of “Trouble Is...”. The police jury further recognizes The Kenny Wayne Shephard Band for acknowledging and benefiting the Providence House and The Northwest Louisiana Family Justice Center in Shreveport, LA.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Bossier Parish Police Jury wishes Kenny Wayne Shephard and The Kenny Wayne Shephard Band the best in all future endeavors and success.

The Resolution was offered by Mr. Jorden, seconded by Mr. Cochran. It was duly adopted on this 2nd day of February, 2022, with the following vote recorded:

AYES: Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Mr. Gray, Mr. Jorden, Mr. Marsiglia, Ms. Parks via Zoom, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer
 NAYS: None
 ABSTAIN: None
 ABSENT: None
 RACHEL D. HAUSER THOMAS D. SALZER, PRESIDENT
 PARISH SECRETARY BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Ms. Parks, seconded by Mr. Gray, to approve Change Order No. 21 for State Project No. H.003854.6-R1 Bossier North/South Corridor Swan Lake Road (I-220 to Flat River) Bossier Parish, LA, and to authorize the execution of documents. This Change Order results in an increase of \$18,778.20.

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

AYES: Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Mr. Gray, Mr. Jorden, Mr. Marsiglia, Ms. Parks via Zoom, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer
 NAYS: None
 ABSTAIN: None
 ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 2nd day of February, 2022, that it does hereby approve Change Order No. 21 for State Project No. H.003854.6-R1 Bossier North/South Corridor Swan Lake Road (I-220 to Flat River) Bossier Parish, LA.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parish Administrator or Parish President is hereby authorized to execute said Change Order No. 21.

The resolution was offered by Ms. Parks, seconded by Mr. Gray. Upon vote, it was duly adopted on this 2nd day of February, 2022, with the following votes recorded:

AYES: Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Mr. Gray, Mr. Jorden, Mr. Marsiglia, Ms. Parks via Zoom, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer
 NAYS: None
 ABSTAIN: None
 ABSENT: None
 RACHEL D. HAUSER THOMAS D. SALZER, PRESIDENT
 PARISH SECRETARY BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Ms. Parks, seconded by Mr. Marsiglia, to approve Change Order No. 22 for State Project No. H.003854.6-R1 Bossier North/South Corridor Swan Lake Road (I-220 to Flat River) Bossier Parish, LA, and to authorize the execution of documents. This Change Order results in an increase of \$12,552.79.

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

AYES: Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Mr. Gray, Mr. Jorden, Mr. Marsiglia, Ms. Parks via Zoom, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer
 NAYS: None
 ABSTAIN: None
 ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 2nd day of February, 2022, that it does hereby approve Change Order No. 22 for State Project No. H.003854.6-R1 Bossier North/South Corridor Swan Lake Road (I-220 to Flat River) Bossier Parish, LA.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parish Administrator or Parish President is hereby authorized to execute said Change Order No. 22.

The resolution was offered by Ms. Parks, seconded by Mr. Marsiglia. Upon vote, it was duly adopted on this 2nd day of February, 2022, with the following votes recorded:

AYES: Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Mr. Gray, Mr. Jorden, Mr. Marsiglia, Ms. Parks via Zoom, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer
 NAYS: None
 ABSTAIN: None
 ABSENT: None
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Motion was made by Ms. Parks, seconded by Mr. Jorden, to approve Change Order No. 23 for State Project No. H.003854.6-R1 Bossier North/South Corridor Swan Lake Road (I-220 to Flat River) Bossier Parish, LA, and to authorize the execution of documents. This Change Order results in an increase of \$3,246.74, which will be paid by the City of Bossier City.

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

- AYES:** Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Mr. Gray, Mr. Jorden, Mr. Marsiglia, Ms. Parks via Zoom, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer
- NAYS:** None
- ABSTAIN:** None
- ABSENT:** None

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 2nd day of February, 2022, that it does hereby approve Change Order No. 23 for State Project No. H.003854.6-R1 Bossier North/South Corridor Swan Lake Road (I-220 to Flat River) Bossier Parish, LA.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parish Administrator or Parish President is hereby authorized to execute said Change Order No. 23.

The resolution was offered by Ms. Parks, seconded by Mr. Jorden. Upon vote, it was duly adopted on this 2nd day of February, 2022, with the following votes recorded:

- AYES:** Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Mr. Gray, Mr. Jorden, Mr. Marsiglia, Ms. Parks via Zoom, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer
- NAYS:** None
- ABSTAIN:** None
- ABSENT:** None

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PARISH SECRETARY

THOMAS D. SALZER, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Ms. Parks, seconded by Mr. Rodgers, to approve Change Order No. 25 for State Project No. H.003854.6-R1 Bossier North/South Corridor Swan Lake Road (I-220 to Flat River) Bossier Parish, LA, and to authorize the execution of documents. This Change Order results in an increase of \$12,848.70, which will be paid by the City of Bossier City.

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

- AYES:** Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Mr. Gray, Mr. Jorden, Mr. Marsiglia, Ms. Parks via Zoom, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer
- NAYS:** None
- ABSTAIN:** None
- ABSENT:** None

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 2nd day of February, 2022, that it does hereby approve Change Order No. 25 for State Project No. H.003854.6-R1 Bossier North/South Corridor Swan Lake Road (I-220 to Flat River) Bossier Parish, LA.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parish Administrator or Parish President is hereby authorized to execute said Change Order No. 25.

The resolution was offered by Ms. Parks, seconded by Mr. Rodgers. Upon vote, it was duly adopted on this 2nd day of February, 2022, with the following votes recorded:

- AYES:** Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Mr. Gray, Mr. Jorden, Mr. Marsiglia, Ms. Parks via Zoom, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer
- NAYS:** None
- ABSTAIN:** None
- ABSENT:** None

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Mr. Ford stated that the sales tax collections for January 2022 are higher than sales tax collections from January of 2021.

Jurors were provided a copy of district highway reports.

Mr. Ford stated that Friday, February 11, 2022, through Tuesday, February 15, 2022, some employees will be attending the 2022 National Association of Counties Legislative Conference virtually. He stated that information will be obtained on how to apply for funds for the infrastructure package from the federal government.

Mr. Ford stated that the Off-System Bridge Program will be receiving an additional funding for the next five years. He stated that once additional information is received, the parish will be applying for additional funds for off-system bridge projects in the parish.

Mr. Ford stated that the Louisiana Transportation Research Center will be hosting a course at the Annex building for parish highway employees for pavement preservation. He provided additional information on this course.

Mr. Ford stated that an Ice Storm Planning Procedure has been created, and with the upcoming potential for an ice storm, a meeting was held with the Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office to review the procedures. He stated that equipment is being staged around the parish at this time. He further stated that the Department of Transportation and Development has provided information on pre-closing of I-220 tomorrow. Mr. Ford stated that a determination for the closure of LA Highway 3 has not been made at this time.

Mr. Rodgers requested an update on the North/South Corridor project. Mr. Ford stated that updates are provided weekly on the North/South Corridor project. He stated that work is being done in connection with borrowing \$16 million in bonds, and stated that currently the parish has \$5 million in surplus for the project. Mr. Ford stated that it is anticipated that the project will let in April with bids being received in May. He further stated that it is planned that construction will begin in the summer.

Mr. Ford stated that the North/South Corridor project is a \$20 million project, and it is anticipated that the project will take approximately 24 months, and will be a calendar day project.

Mr. Ford stated that SWEPCO utility relocation should be complete in May, and Enable should complete the lowering of a pipeline in approximately 90 days.

There was additional discussion on this matter.

Mr. Gray expressed appreciation to Mr. Ford for submitting a letter to the State regarding Highway 71/Barksdale Boulevard. He stated that Highway 71/Barksdale Boulevard was on the list for overlay and asked for an approximate time when the overlay work will begin. Mr. Ford stated that the Department of Transportation and Development advised that the overlay project will begin in approximately 45 to 60 days. He provided additional information on the project.

Mr. Marsiglia requested that all information referencing the financing of projects be provided to the public via social media.

Mr. Hudson provided an update on the Linton Road Bridge at Flat River project.

Mr. Hudson stated that the Stinson Road project is complete. He expressed appreciation to the highway department for their work on this project.

Mr. Hudson provided an update on the DR 4263 PW 910 Paved Road projects.

Mr. Hudson provided an update on the North Bossier Shared Use Trail project.

Mr. Hudson provided photographs of various projects in Bossier Parish.

Mr. Hudson provided an update on the sewer project on Airline Drive.

There was discussion on improvements to I-20. Mr. Hudson is to obtain an update on this project.

Mr. Hudson stated that parish highway crews will be adding a right turn lane on Linton Road at Airline Drive.

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

Mr. Salzer asked if sand is available to parish residents in the event of an ice event. Mr. Coutee stated that sandbags are available to the public at certain areas throughout Bossier Parish.

Mr. Rodgers stated that a complaint was received regarding trash on Linton Road. He stated that Mr. Ford immediately contacted the Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office and the Sheriff's Office quickly responded and cleaned up the trash. He further stated that the constituent that made the initial complaint expressed appreciation for the quick response.

Mr. Rodgers expressed appreciation to Mr. Ford and the Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office.

There being no further business to come before the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 2nd day of February, 2022, the meeting was adjourned by Mr. Salzer at 3:05 p.m.

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