

BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY
BENTON, LOUISIANA
SPECIAL MEETING
August 17, 2022
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The Bossier Parish Police Jury met in special and legal session on the 17th day of August, 2022, at 1:00 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana. The President, Mr. Tom Salzer, called the meeting to order. Ms. Rachel Hauser, Parish Secretary, called the roll, with all members present as follows:

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

Ms. Hauser announced the purpose of the special meeting:

1. To hear any and all public comments in connection with the Bossier Parish Redistricting Maps.
2. To consider any other business that may come before the Bossier Parish Police Jury in special session.

Ms. Hauser stated that Bossier Parish Redistricting Maps for Redistricting Plan A-Revised were provided to all Bossier Parish Libraries and published on the Bossier Parish Police Jury website for review. She stated that a form for public comments was provided with instructions to submit the public comment form to the police jury office. Ms. Hauser stated that no comments were received.

Mr. Salzer asked if anyone was present that would like to present public comments regarding the proposed Redistricting Plan A-Revised. No one was present.

Mr. Mike Hefner, Geographic Planning & Demographic Services, LLC, was present. He stated that the proposed Redistricting Plan A-Revised meets all requirements of the Voting Rights Act, as well as state statutes.

Mr. Gray stated that he is not satisfied with the proposed District 9 map as provided in the Redistricting Plan A-Revised. He stated that he does not feel that the numbers are justifiable to him for his district and that he did not get the equity that he needs from Districts 7 and 10. He further stated that the proposed Redistricting Plan A-Revised is splitting a community and pushing his district west increasing his numbers by only 90.

Mr. Gray stated that growth in Bossier Parish is to the north. He stated that the Redistricting Plan B1 for Districts 7, 9, and 10 that he requested be considered provided an increase in numbers to his district that was fair to him. He further stated that Redistricting Plan A-Revised splits a community that is located on the edge of District 9 and he feels that since growth is north and south, his district should have included areas to the north of his district and not to the west.

Mr. Cochran stated that he will not agree to change his District 7 map as presented in the Redistricting Plan A-Revised. He stated that there are several subdivisions throughout Bossier Parish that are split by police jury district lines.

Mr. Gray stated that Mr. Hefner previously stated that District 9 numbers were low and needed to increase, and the changes to the District 9 map as presented in Redistricting Plan A-Revised does not increase his numbers to satisfy him.

After further discussion, it was stated that this matter will be considered at the 2:00 p.m. regular meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Bossier Parish Police Jury in special and legal session on this 17th day of August, 2022, the meeting was adjourned by the President at 1:10 p.m.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

THOMAS D. SALZER, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY