

BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY
BENTON, LOUISIANA
MINUTES

March 15, 2023

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The Bossier Parish Police Jury met in regular and legal session on the 15th day of March, 2023, at 2:00 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana. The President, Mr. Doug Rimmer, called the meeting to order. The invocation was given by Mr. Jerome Darby, and the pledge of allegiance was led by Mr. Chris Marsiglia. 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, Absent
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, Absent

Others present were Mr. Joe E. "Butch" Ford, Jr., Parish Administrator; Mr. Patrick Jackson, Parish Attorney; Mr. Eric Hudson, Parish Engineer; Ms. Rachel Hauser, Parish Secretary; Ms. Stacie Fernandez, Parish Treasurer.

Mr. Rimmer asked if anyone was present that would like to address the police jury to discuss an item that is currently not on the agenda. No one was present.

Ms. Felesha Sweeney, newly appointed Bossier Parish Library Director, expressed appreciation to the police jury for appointing her as the new Bossier Parish Library Director. She stated that she has worked for the library system for the last eight years and looks forward to many more years. She further stated that she is networking with other libraries to learn as much as she can regarding library director responsibilities.

Ms. Sweeney stated that she looks forward to working with the police jury in this capacity.

Motion was made by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Rodgers, to award the bid for Project No. 2021-125, DR 4263 PW 910 Paved Roads, Task Order No. 13, in the amount of \$1,098,391.50, including Alternate No. 1 in the amount of \$1,115,026.50, to Earnest Contracting, LLC, in accordance with bids received March 9, 2023, and to authorize the execution of documents. Engineer's Estimate for the project is \$1.4 million.

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

Bid results are as follows:

Bidder:	Bid Amount:
Benton & Brown, LLC, of Minden	Base Bid: \$1,524,000.50
	Alt. #1: \$1,543,962.50
Earnest Contracting, LLC	Base Bid: \$1,098,391.50
	Alt. #1: \$1,115,026.50

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 15th day of March, 2023, that it does hereby award the bid for Project No. 2021-125, DR 4263 PW 910 Paved Roads, Task Order No. 13, in the amount of \$1,098,391.50, including Alternate No. 1 in the amount of \$1,115,026.50, to Earnest Contracting, LLC, in accordance with bids received March 9, 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parish Administrator or Parish President is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents related to same.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Rodgers. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 15th day of March, 2023.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

DOUG RIMMER, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Ms. Hauser announced the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Crump Subdivision, located in a portion of Section 15, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA; located off Linton Road. This application (Case BP-02-23) received a favorable recommendation by the Benton-Parish MPC.

Mr. Hudson stated that the proposed plat is a resubdivision of three lots. He stated that all lots have road frontage off Linton Road. He further stated that the proposed development meets parish regulations for waiver of certain subdivision requirements for small developments and recommended approval.

There being no objection, **motion was made by Mr. Rodgers, seconded by Mr. Marsiglia, to approve the plat of the proposed development of Crump Subdivision, located in a portion of Section 15, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA; located off Linton Road. (Benton Case BP-02-23)**

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

Ms. Hauser announced the public hearing to consider approval of the application of Jo Ann Touchstone to the Bossier City-Parish MPC for a zoning amendment to change the zoning classification of a certain tract of land being 0.32 acres, more or less, located in Section 15, Township 18 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA, from R-A, Residential Agriculture District, to B-3, General Business District, for a commercial office building. This application (Case P-ZON-000117-2022) received a favorable recommendation by the Bossier City-Parish MPC.

There being no objection, **motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Brotherton, to approve the application of Jo Ann Touchstone to the Bossier City-Parish MPC for a zoning amendment to change the zoning classification of a certain tract of land being 0.32 acres, more or less, located in Section 15, Township 18 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA, from R-A, Residential Agriculture District, to B-3, General Business District, for a commercial office building. (Bossier Case P-ZON-000117-2022)**

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

ORDINANCE NO. 4938

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND BOSSIER PARISH ORDINANCE NO. 4705 OF 2018, WHICH ADOPTED AN AMENDED UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE FOR THE BOSSIER CITY-PARISH METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION AND THE PARISH OF BOSSIER, LOUISIANA, BY CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF A CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND BEING 0.32 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, LOCATED IN SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 18 NORTH, RANGE 12 WEST, BOSSIER PARISH, LA, FROM R-A, RESIDENTIAL AGRICULTURE DISTRICT, TO B-3, GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT, FOR A COMMERCIAL OFFICE BUILDING. (BOSSIER CASE P-ZON-000117-2022)

BE IT ORDAINED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on this 15th day of March, 2023, that Ordinance No. 4705 of 2018 (Amended Unified Development Code) of the Police Jury of Bossier Parish, is hereby amended to change the zoning classification of a certain tract of land being 0.32 acres, more or less, located in Section 15, Township 18 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA, from R-A, Residential Agriculture District, to B-3, General Business District, for a commercial office building, being more particularly described as follows:

A TRACT OF LAND CONSISTING OF A PORTION OF LOT 16, WILLIAMS SUBDIVISION AS RECORDED IN BOOK 60, PAGE 167, CONVEYANCE RECORDS OF BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA, BEING LOCATED IN SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 18 NORTH, RANGE 12 WEST, BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT A FOUND 1/2" IRON ROD ON THE WEST LINE OF LOT 16 OF WILLIAMS SUBDIVISION AS RECORDED IN BOOK 60, PAGE 167, CONVEYANCE RECORDS OF BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA, AT THE APPARENT SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF U.S. HIGHWAY 80, THENCE SOUTH 88°31'13" EAST A DISTANCE OF 159.13 FEET ALONG THE APPARENT SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY OF U.S. HIGHWAY 80 TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED:

THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 88°31'13" EAST A DISTANCE OF 73.34 FEET, ALONG APPARENT SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE;

THENCE SOUTH 00°33'56" A DISTANCE OF 191.52 FEET;

THENCE NORTH 88°31'13" WEST A DISTANCE OF 73.34 FEET;

THENCE NORTH 00°33'56" EAST A DISTANCE OF 191.52 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

SAID TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED CONTAINING 0.322 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

Applicant: Jo Ann Touchstone

Purpose: Commercial office building

The ordinance was offered by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Brotherton. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 15th day of March, 2023.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

DOUG RIMMER, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Rodgers, seconded by Mr. Benton, to schedule a public hearing on April 19, 2023, to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of River Square Subdivision, being a resubdivision of portions of Lots 16, 17, 24, and 25, Shady Grove Plantation, in Section 29, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA; located off Benton Road. Case P-PLAT-000107-2022 - Favorable recommendation by the Bossier City-Parish MPC.

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

Mr. Jorden, Chairman of the Animal Control Committee, reported on the meeting of that committee held today at 12:00 p.m. Committee members attending the Animal Control Committee were Mr. Jorden, Mr. Marsiglia, Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, and Mr. Rodgers. Mr. Pat Culverhouse, Ms. Julie Gill, Ms. Hauser, Ms. Stacie Fernandez, Ms. Rachael Graves, Mr. Mark Coutee, Mr. Kevin Gay, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Jim Firth, Mr. Hudson, Ms. Monica Grappe, and Mr. Ford were also present. Other jurors present were Mr. Plummer, Mr. Darby, and Mr. Rimmer.

Mr. Jorden stated that the committee discussed the Bossier Parish Animal Control Policy. He stated that this matter will be further discussed at the next Animal Control Committee meeting.

Mr. Rodgers, Chairman of the Road/Subdivision Regulations Committee, reported on the meeting of that committee held today at 12:30 p.m. Committee members attending the Road/Subdivision Regulations Committee meeting were Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Jorden, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Benton, Mr. Marsiglia, Mr. Ford, Mr. Jackson, and Mr. Hudson. Mr. Jimbo Davlin, Ms. Heather Contario, Ms. Stacie Fernandez, Ms. Julie Gill, Ms. Rachael Graves, Mr. Pat Culverhouse, Ms. Monica Grappe, Ms. Carolina Blunk, Ms. Hauser, and Mr. Sam Marsiglia were also present. Other jurors present were Mr. Cochran, Mr. Gray, and Mr. Darby.

Mr. Rodgers stated that the committee discussed levee issues that are being reviewed by the Levee Board.

Mr. Rodgers stated that the committee discussed mailboxes.

Mr. Rodgers stated that the committee discussed a request from the Bossier Parish School Board for assistance from the police jury on a roadway to be located around Benton Middle and Benton Intermediate Schools off Benton Road. He stated that it is the recommendation of the Road/Subdivision Regulations Committee that the request from the Bossier Parish School Board for the parish's assistance on the above referenced project be denied at this time due to parish not having available crews to work on that project because parish crews are currently working on the road overlay program.

Motion was made by Mr. Jorden, seconded by Mr. Rodgers, to approve a Joint Cooperative Endeavor Agreement regarding the care, housing, and humane handling of stray animals, and to authorize the execution of documents; subject to review and approval by the Parish Attorney.

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 15th day of March, 2023, that it does hereby approve a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement regarding the care, housing, and humane handling of stray animals.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parish Administrator or Parish President is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents in connection with said agreement.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Jorden, seconded by Mr. Rodgers. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 15th day of March, 2023.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

DOUG RIMMER, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Rodgers, seconded by Mr. Jorden, to approve a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between and among the Bossier Parish Police Jury and the Town of Benton in connection with the Parish of Bossier furnishing approximately 300 cubic yards of asphalt millings to the Town of Benton to be used to construct a parking lot at the Benton Sports Complex, with the Town of Benton being responsible for loading and hauling asphalt millings and all costs, and to authorize the execution of documents.

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

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 15th day of March, 2023, that it does hereby approve a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between and among the Bossier Parish Police Jury and the Town of Benton in connection with the Parish of Bossier furnishing approximately 300 cubic yards of asphalt millings to the Town of Benton to be used to construct a parking lot at the Benton Sports Complex, with the Town of Benton being responsible for loading and hauling asphalt millings and all costs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parish Administrator or Parish President be and is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents in connection with said agreement.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Rodgers, seconded by Mr. Jorden. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 15th day of March, 2023.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

DOUG RIMMER, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Rodgers, seconded by Mr. Marsiglia, to approve an agreement between the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development and the Bossier Parish Police Jury in connection with State Project No. H.015010, F.A.P. No. H015010, Local Road Striping and Signing, Bossier Parish, LA, and to authorize the execution of documents.

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

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 15th day of March, 2023, that it does hereby approve an agreement between the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development and the Bossier Parish Police Jury in connection with State Project No. H.015010, F.A.P. No. H015010, Local Road Striping and Signing, Bossier Parish, LA.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parish Administrator or Parish President be and is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents in connection with said agreement.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Rodgers, seconded by Mr. Marsiglia. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 15th day of March, 2023.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

DOUG RIMMER, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Marsiglia, seconded by Mr. Gray, to approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion for Project No. 2019-130, Bobby Byrd Ditch Drainage Improvements, and to authorize the execution of documents.

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

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 15th day of March, 2023, that it does hereby approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion for Project No. 2019-130, Bobby Byrd Ditch Drainage Improvements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parish Administrator or Parish President be and is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents in connection with said Certificate of Substantial Completion.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Marsiglia, seconded by Mr. Gray. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 15th day of March, 2023.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

DOUG RIMMER, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Mr. Micha Duffy, Coyle Engineering Co., Inc., presented a request for a variance of parish regulations to allow for an addition to Kids Company Children Development to be built below the road surface level located at 5503 Airline Drive, Bossier City, LA. There was discussion regarding the location of this property. Mr. Hudson stated that this property is located in a Flood Zone X and recommended approval of the variance. He stated that they will have to meet the parish’s detention requirements.

Motion was made by Mr. Rodgers, seconded by Mr. Benton, to approve a variance of parish regulations to allow for an addition to Kids Company Child Development Center to be built below the road surface level located at 5503 Airline Drive, Bossier City, LA.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to consider approval of Change Order No. 1 for Project No. 2021-108, Expansion of Wastewater Collection System – Contract “A” – Highway 80 East Sewer System Improvements, on behalf of Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier, and to authorize the execution of documents. Said change order is a no-cost change order and no additional contract days.

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 15th day of March, 2023, that it does hereby approve Change Order No. 1 for Project No. 2021-108, Expansion of Wastewater Collection System – Contract “A” – Highway 80 East Sewer System Improvements, on behalf of Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parish Administrator or Parish President is hereby authorized to execute said Change Order No. 1.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Plummer. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 15th day of March, 2023.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

DOUG RIMMER, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Marsiglia, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to approve Change Order No. 4 for S.P. No. H.007400.6, North Bossier Shared Use Trail, Phase II, Bossier Parish, and to authorize the execution of documents. Said Change Order results in an increase of \$17,878.21 and no additional contract days.

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 15th day of March, 2023, that it does hereby approve Change Order No. 4 for S.P. No. H.007400.6, North Bossier Shared Use Trail, Phase II, Bossier Parish.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parish Administrator or Parish President is hereby authorized to execute said Change Order No. 4.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Marsiglia, seconded by Mr. Cochran. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 15th day of March, 2023.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

DOUG RIMMER, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Ms. Hauser expressed appreciation to all parish employees for their hard work on the 99th Annual Police Jury Association of Louisiana Convention. She read an email received from Ms. Melanie Barnett, Executive Administrator of the PJA, expressing appreciation from the PJAL staff for helping make this year’s convention a huge success.

Mr. Ford expressed appreciation to all staff for their hard work to make the PJAL Convention a huge success.

Mr. Ford stated that a resolution was presented and adopted at the PJAL Convention urging and requesting assistance from our congressional delegation to remove the language in the Public Assistance Program and Policy Guide, Paragraph B of Section XXI – Ineligible Costs. He stated that the Federal Emergency Management Agency and Bossier Parish participated in an arbitration in Washington, D.C., in March of 2020 due to FEMA’s denial of Bossier Parish’s request for Public Assistance for 52 inundated roadways in Bossier Parish as a result of the declared flood event in 2016.

Mr. Ford stated that after consideration, on March 18, 2020, a ruling was issued which stated that the parish had provided adequate documentation that flood inundation did, in fact, cause damage to the parish roads.

Mr. Ford stated that shortly after this ruling in favor of Bossier Parish, FEMA arbitrarily changed their language to Version 4 of the Public Assistance Program and Policy Guide (PAPP), Section XXI – Ineligible Costs, effective June 1, 2020, as follows:

B. Loss of Useful Service Life

FEMA cannot provide PA funding for the projected loss of useful service life of a facility. For example, if a road has been inundated by flood waters for an extended timeframe, FEMA cannot provide PA funding for the value of projected loss of useful life of the road due to the long-term effects the inundation might have on the road. Similarly, FEMA cannot fund the value of the loss of landfill capacity due to incident-related debris.

Mr. Ford stated that this language makes all inundated roads from flooding ineligible for public assistance. He stated that this Resolution will be presented at the National Association of Counties convention to request its support to

urge our congressional delegation to have this language removed so that in the future any parish or county across this nation can request public assistance for inundated roads due to a flood event.

Mr. Ford reported on the 2023 Louisiana Transportation Conference he and Mr. Hudson attended in Baton Rouge. He stated that there are several Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFO) available through U.S. Department of Transportation. He provided additional information on NOFOs.

Mr. Ford stated that in order to qualify for several grants, a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion policy must be included in the local road safety plan. He stated that Bossier Parish was one of the first parishes to adopt a DEI in the parish's road safety plan. He further stated that there are strict regulations that must be followed to qualify for these grants, and he and Eric will be reviewing policies to ensure that the parish meets all those regulations.

Mr. Ford reported that Operation Clean Sweep is scheduled for March 18, 2023. He stated that the Barksdale Defenders of Liberty Air Show is scheduled for March 25 and 26, 2023.

Mr. Ford reported that Mr. Rich Brontoli, Executive Director of the Red River Valley Association, is retiring and Ms. Emily Mott will be the new Executive Director of the Red River Valley Association.

Mr. Ford stated that the Red River Valley Association recently provided an update on the study for the Red River Navigation to Fulton, Arkansas. He stated that Freese and Nichols', Gulf Engineers & Consultants (GEC), and Garver will be submitting cost estimates and tasks. He further stated that he will keep the police jury updated on the progress of the Red River Navigation study.

Mr. Ford stated that he and Mr. Rimmer will be attending Bossier Day in Baton Rouge, LA, on May 9, 2023.

Mr. Ford stated that the Police Jury Association of Louisiana's Legislative Day is scheduled for May 17, 2023, which is a police jury meeting day. He recommended that the police jury consider changing the date of the police jury meeting due to a number of jurors attending the Legislative Day. He stated that this will be discussed at the April 5, 2023, meeting.

Mr. Ford stated that Love the Boot Week which is sponsored by Keep Louisiana Beautiful, is scheduled for April 17-23, 2023. He stated that he will provide additional information to the jurors on this event.

Mr. Ford stated that the National Official of Counties Organization Annual Conference is scheduled for July 21-24, 2023, in Austin, Texas. He requested that anyone planning to attend contact Ms. Hauser or Ms. Julie Gill to get registered.

Jurors were provided a copy of district highway reports.

Mr. Hudson provided a report on the Department of Transportation conference he and Mr. Ford attended.

Mr. Hudson presented photographs of several parish projects.

Mr. Rimmer presented a request from Bienville Parish for 150 cubic yards of millings. He requested that DOTD be contacted to see if they have any available millings. Mr. Ford is to contact DOTD.

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

Mr. Warren Saucier, Parks and Recreation Director, presented an update on activities at parks throughout Bossier Parish. He stated that the league at Lawson Bo Brandon Sports Complex will be hiring a caretaker for the complex.

Mr. Saucier provided a report on construction of the batting cages at Lawson Bo Brandon Sports Complex.

Mr. Saucier provided a report on the Kingston Road Park. He stated that a portable toilet has been placed at the park.

Mr. Brotherton asked for the total number of registered players. Mr. Saucier stated that he will get that information for Mr. Brotherton. He provided a report on how the fields at South Bossier Park are being used.

Mr. Brotherton asked about handicap parking at the parks. Mr. Saucier stated that illegal parking in handicapped parking spaces is a problem at the parks and it needs to be enforced by having a deputy on site. There was further discussion on this matter. Mr. Saucier stated that he will ask the league to post notices on social media to try and address illegal parking in handicapped parking spaces at the parks.

Mr. Saucier stated that currently there are no restrooms along the Arthur Ray Teague Parkway. He stated that Bossier Parish Parks and Recreation are working with the Red River National Wildlife Refuge to install a handicapped accessible portable toilet at the boat launch.

Mr. Plummer stated that the only bathroom facility is located at the Shreveport-Barksdale Bridge and that is a good distance from the southern portion of the parkway where the majority of the citizens park to begin their journey. He recommended that the agenda be amended to authorize an expenditure of Parks and Recreation Funds to locate a handicapped portable toilet at the southern end of the Arthur Ray Teague Parkway.

Motion was made by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Rodgers, to amend the agenda to authorize an expenditure of Parks and Recreation Funds to locate a handicapped portable toilet at the southern end of the Arthur Ray Teague Parkway.

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. Jorden, Mr. Marsiglia, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Ms. Parks, Mr. Salzer

Motion was made by Mr. Plummer, seconded by Mr. Gray, to authorize an expenditure of Parks and Recreation Funds to locate a handicapped portable toilet at the southern end of the Arthur Ray Teague Parkway. The President called for public comment. There being none, votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.

Appreciation was extended by all jurors to the police jury staff for their hard work to make the Police Jury Association of Louisiana’s Annual Convention a huge success.

Mr. Gray provided a report on meetings he attended at the Police Jury Association of Louisiana’s Annual Convention. He stated that he received several comments from other attendees at the convention expressing how much they enjoyed the convention.

Mr. Jorden expressed appreciation to all the sponsors that donated to and supported the Bossier Parish Police Jury to make the PJAL Annual Convention a huge success.

Mr. Brotherton expressed appreciation to the police jury staff for their hard work on the PJAL Convention. He stated that he is still receiving messages expressing how much the attendees enjoyed the convention. He further stated that one email he received stated that they have been attending PJAL Conventions for 25 years, and this year’s convention hosted by Bossier Parish was by far the greatest they have ever attended.

Mr. Brotherton reported on the Shreveport-Bossier Sports Commission held this morning. He stated that the Red River Volleyball Classic for high schools is scheduled for March 18 and 19, 2023.

Mr. Brotherton reported that a High School Bass Classic is scheduled for March 25 and 26, 2023.

Mr. Brotherton reported that the Gulf Coast Athletic Championship for Men’s and Women’s Track and Field is scheduled for April 14 and 15, 2023, at Lee Hedges Stadium.

Mr. Brotherton reported that the Twin City Shootout baseball tournament is scheduled for April 22 and 23, 2023.

Mr. Brotherton stated that the Archery Shooters Association event is scheduled for April 29 and 30, 2023, at Camp Minden.

Mr. Rodgers reported on the Broadband Committee meeting he attended at the PJAL Annual Convention. He stated that AT&T is working diligently to get fiberoptics in the ground to provide services in all areas of Bossier Parish.

Mr. Rodgers congratulated Mr. Rimmer for his recent appointment to the Region IV Executive Board.

Mr. Rodgers expressed appreciation to the staff and police jurors for their hard work for Bossier Parish.

Mr. Darby provided a report on meetings he attended at the 99th Annual Police Jury Association of Louisiana Convention. He expressed appreciation to the staff for their hard work.

Mr. Darby requested that a resolution be presented to the Bossier High School Basketball Boys’ Team congratulating them for winning the 2023 LHSAA Boys’ Basketball State Championship, District 1-4A, at the April 5, 2023, regular meeting.

Mr. Rimmer requested that a resolution be presented to the Parkway High School Girls’ Basketball Team congratulating them for winning the 2023 LHSAA Girls’ Basketball State Championship, District 5-A. Resolution to be presented at a meeting convenient for the basketball team.

Mr. Rimmer requested that resolutions be presented to Mr. Ernie Perry, III, Airline High School, congratulating him for winning the 2023 LHSAA State Wrestling Championship, Division 1, and to Mr. Kristofer Mesloh, Parkway High School, congratulating him for winning the 2023 LHSAA State Wrestling Championship, Division II. Resolutions to be presented at a meeting convenient for Mr. Perry and Mr. Mesloh.

Mr. Brotherton requested that a resolution be presented to the Bossier High School Soccer Team congratulating them for being State Runner Up at the 2023 LHSAA Boys’ Soccer Championship, Division III. Resolution to be presented at a meeting convenient for the soccer team.

Mr. Benton expressed appreciation to the staff for their hard work on the PJAL Annual Convention. He provided a report on meetings he attended at the convention.

Mr. Rimmer provided a report on meetings he attended at the convention.

Finance Committee Meeting – March 15, 2023, 1:30 p.m.

The Finance Committee of the Bossier Parish Police Jury met on this 15th day of March, 2023, at 1:30 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana, with Mr. Cochran, Ms. Parks, and Mr. Salzer being absent.

Mr. Plummer asked if anyone was present that would like to address the Finance Committee to discuss an item that is currently not on the agenda. No one was present.

Motion was made by Mr. Rimmer, seconded by Mr. Gray, to approve payment of accounts payable invoices and budget to actual monthly comparison for the month of February, 2023.

Mr. Plummer called for public comment. There being none, votes were cast and the motion carried

unanimously.

Motion was made by Mr. Rodgers, seconded by Mr. Brotherton, to approve a one year extension for the Fiscal Agent and Depository Bank Contract with First Guaranty Bank contained in accepted proposal on March 18, 2020, and to authorize the execution of documents.

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

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

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 15th day of March, 2023, that the Parish Administrator or Parish President be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Bossier Parish Police Jury, any and all documents in connection with a one year extension for the Fiscal Agent and Depository Bank Contract with First Guaranty Bank contained in accepted proposal on March 18, 2020.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Rodgers, seconded by Mr. Brotherton. It was duly adopted on the 15th day of March, 2023, with the following votes recorded:

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

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

MAC PLUMMER, CHAIRMAN
FINANCE COMMITTEE

Motion was made by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Jorden, to approve an amendment to the Haughton Metropolitan Planning Commission’s 2023 budget to increase the Executive Director’s salary from \$17,000.00 to \$34,870.00, to reflect the Executive Director’s part-time position becoming a full-time position (this budget increase reflects the Bossier Parish Police Jury’s portion of the Executive Director’s salary).

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

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

The Finance Committee meeting was adjourned by the Chairman.

There being no further business to come before the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 15th day of March, 2023, the meeting was adjourned by Mr. Rimmer at 3:11 p.m.

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DOUG RIMMER, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY