

BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY
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The Bossier Parish Police Jury met in regular and legal session on the 2nd day of August, 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. Glenn Benton, and the pledge of allegiance was led by Mr. John Ed Jordan. Ms. Rachel Hauser, Parish Secretary, called the roll, with all members present as follows:

Mr. Glenn Benton	Mr. Chris Marsiglia
Mr. Bob Brotherton, Absent	Ms. Julianna Parks
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. Eric Hudson, Parish Engineer; Mr. Patrick Jackson, Parish Attorney; Ms. Rachel Hauser, Parish Secretary; Ms. Stacie Fernandez, Parish Treasurer.

Motion was made by Mr. Salzer, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to adopt the minutes of the June 7, 2023, as amended, and June 21, 2023, regular meetings, and the June 21, 2023, Finance Committee meeting, as published.

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

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. There will be two visitors added to the agenda.

Motion was made by Mr. Plummer, seconded by Mr. Rodgers, to amend the agenda to add Mr. Travis Morehart, Cook & Morehart, Certified Public Accountants, for review of the 2022 police jury audit exit, to the agenda as Visitor No. 1.

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

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

Mr. Travis Morehart, Cook & Morehart, Certified Public Accountants, presented a review of the 2022 Bossier Parish Police Jury audit. He expressed appreciation to police jury staff for providing all necessary records to complete the police jury's audit. He stated that there were no findings.

Mr. Morehart provided additional information on the 2022 Bossier Parish Police Jury audit. Appreciation was extended to Mr. Morehart and staff.

Motion was made by Mr. Salzer, seconded by Mr. Gray, to amend the agenda to add Mr. Dennis Bamberg to the agenda as Visitor No. 2.

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

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

Mr. Dennis Bamberg stated that he is running for State Representative for District 5. He stated that this is a newly created district which covers southern Bossier Parish, southern Caddo Parish, and Red River Parish.

Mr. Salzer stated that the creation of this district now gives Bossier Parish three representatives. Mr. Plummer stated that this addition of a district shows the growth of Bossier Parish.

Captain Mike Gibson, Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office, was present. He stated that he is over patrol with the Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office and he was asked to speak to the police jury regarding regulations on fireworks in Bossier Parish.

Mr. Jackson stated that the police jury has received some complaints from constituents regarding regulations on fireworks in Bossier Parish. He stated that the only regulation the parish has for fireworks is for the dates fireworks can be sold, but there are no parish regulations for the dates and times fireworks can and cannot be popped. Mr. Jackson asked if the Sheriff's Office has received any complaints in that regard and if the Sheriff's Office has any position on what regulations they would recommend.

Capt. Gibson presented the stats on the last three years of complaints which cover complaints associated with fireworks, loud music, and noise. He stated that they use the parish's noise ordinance to address these noise complaints. He further stated that the noise ordinance prohibits noise after 10:00 p.m. Capt. Gibson requested that regulations for selling fireworks be amended to coincide with the City of Bossier City's regulations on fireworks.

Capt. Gibson stated that for the year 2023, there were 11 complaints with three from the same neighborhood. He stated that subdivisions with the older generation tend to complain more about fireworks and there are only two holidays per year when fireworks are popped.

Capt. Gibson stated that for the year 2022, there were five complaints, with one being loud music. He stated that for the year 2021, there were eight complaints. He stated that there has been a slight increase in complaints, but the population in Bossier Parish has increased.

Capt. Gibson stated that the main issue is when fireworks can be sold. He stated that currently fireworks can be purchased in the City of Bossier City and be popped in the Parish when they are not allowed to be sold in the Parish. He further stated that July 4th and January 1st are the dates the Sheriff's Office receives complaints for noise.

Mr. Jorden asked what times fireworks are allowed to be popped on July 4th. Capt. Gibson stated that currently the Sheriff's Office is using the noise ordinance as regulations in connection with any complaints for popping fireworks which would be 10:00 p.m. He stated that the 11 complaints received were for the day of July 4th, with seven being for fireworks and four for loud music. He further stated that the noise complaints were received before 10:00 p.m.

Mr. Marsiglia stated that there is a need for an ordinance regulating the hours fireworks can be popped in the rural areas of Bossier Parish. Capt. Gibson stated that currently if a complaint is received for noise issues after 10:00 p.m., the Sheriff's Office will send someone. He stated that the Sheriff's Office is operating off the current parish noise ordinance.

Mr. Marsiglia recommended that the Parish Attorney draft a usage ordinance for fireworks for July 4th and January 1st. Capt. Gibson stated that the City of Bossier City's regulations for the sale of fireworks are stricter than the parish's regulations. He stated that the Parish allows the sale of fireworks two weeks prior to the two holidays, and the City of Bossier City's regulations inside the Bossier City limits begins closer to the holidays.

Chief J.T. Wallace, Benton Fire District No. 4, stated that he assisted with drafting the regulations for fireworks inside the City of Bossier City limits. He stated that the parish needs a comprehensive ordinance for fireworks that clearly states when fireworks can be sold and when they can be popped. He further stated that it is not clear when fireworks can and cannot be sold or popped in the Parish of Bossier.

Mr. Jackson asked Chief Wallace and Capt. Gibson, based on their experience on fielding complaints in their organization, do they feel that there is an absence of regulations that needs to be in place to assist them with doing their job more effectively, or is this a small problem that they are able to handle without further regulations.

Capt. Gibson stated that on the two holidays in question, the Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office dispatch is overwhelmed with calls questioning when popping fireworks can begin and what time the popping needs to stop. He stated that based on the current parish noise ordinance, popping fireworks cannot go past 10:00 p.m. He further stated that an ordinance clarifying dates and times for the use of fireworks would greatly help the Sheriff's Office.

Mr. Benton expressed concern that an ordinance is being considered due to only 11 complaints and those located in the rural areas of Bossier Parish will be the ones that suffer. Mr. Rodgers also expressed concern that regulations are being considered due to only 11 complaints.

Mr. Benton recommended that the noise from popping fireworks should be handled with the noise ordinance that is in place. Capt. Gibson stated that the Sheriff's Office will only respond to a noise when there is a complaint.

Mr. Plummer recommended that this matter be referred to the Policy and Procedures Committee for further discussion. Mr. Jackson stated that he will prepare a draft ordinance to address fireworks on July 4th and January 1st to present to the Policy and Procedures Committee and request that Chief Wallace and Capt. Gibson, and any other representatives from their organization attend to provide feedback on the proposed ordinance.

Mr. Rodgers recommends that the regulations align with Bossier City's regulations for fireworks.

A Policy and Procedures Committee meeting will be scheduled for September 6, 2023, to further discuss this matter.

Ms. Debbie Medicus, 8817 Dogwood Trail, Houghton, LA, requested to be added to the agenda as a visitor. **Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Jorden, to amend the agenda to add Ms. Debbie Medicus to the agenda as Visitor No. 4.**

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

YEAS: Mr. Benton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Gray, Mr. Jorden, Mr. Marsiglia, Ms. Parks, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Darby

Ms. Debbie Medicus stated that there is a great need for a better notification system for advisories to boil water. She stated that she understands that there has been a lot of effort by Consolidated Waterworks/sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier with taking over the Village Water System, but is concerned that finding out there is an advisory to boil water by accidentally clicking on a Facebook page or going to the Bossier Parish Police Jury website after the advisory to boil water has been in place for several days is a concern. She further stated that this puts the public health at risk.

Ms. Medicus provided additional information on families being affected by brown sludge in their pipes. She stated that this is a great concern for public health.

Ms. Medicus requested that the notification system be strengthened. She stated that she recently discovered the Code Red app, but she has not received an advisory to boil water from the Code Red app. She asked what systems are being considered for public notification and asked what is being done to address the water quality in general.

Mr. Rimmer stated that SWEPCO will be providing information on their notification system and a request has been made for information on other notification systems.

Mr. Benton stated that the Code Red app is not an efficient notification system as it sends out notices areawide and not to just the areas that are being affected. He stated that the police jury is looking into systems that will notify the specific areas that are being affected by any water issues. He further stated that the Code Red app is all that is in place at this time, and information on the Code Red app was included on the water bills that were recently sent out.

Mr. Benton stated that efforts are being made to flush the water systems due to a system going down. He stated that the parish recently took over the water system and work is being done to update and clean the water system as quickly as possible.

Ms. Hauser announced the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Johnson-Teague Subdivision, Unit No. 2, being a resubdivision of a portion of Lot 1, Johnson-Teague Subdivision, Unit No. 1, and an adjacent tract of land, located in Section 12, Township 16 North, Range 11 West, Bossier Parish, LA; located off Johnson Drive. This matter was tabled on July 19, 2023.

Mr. Hudson stated that the owner of Lot 1, Johnson-Teague Subdivision, Unit No. 1, purchased a larger tract of land behind Lot 1 and wants to combine a portion of the larger tract of land with the existing Lot 1 to create a larger lot in the subdivision to build a home. He stated that Lot 1, Johnson-Teague Subdivision would be part of the original subdivision covenants and the intended use is not being changed and the lot size is being increased. Mr. Hudson recommended approval.

There being no objection, **motion was made by Mr. Salzer, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to approve the plat of the proposed development of Johnson-Teague Subdivision, Unit No. 2, being a resubdivision of a portion of Lot 1, Johnson-Teague Subdivision, Unit No. 1, and an adjacent tract of land, located in Section 12, Township 16 North, Range 11 West, Bossier Parish, LA; located off Johnson Drive.**

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 plat of the proposed development of Willow Creek at Benton Subdivision, Unit No. 2B, Lots 19B and 18A, being a resubdivision of Lots 19A, Willow Creek at Benton Subdivision, Unit No. 2A, and Lot 18, Willow Creek at Benton Subdivision, Unit No. 2, located in Section 24, Township 20 North, Range 14 West, Bossier Parish, LA; located off Old Plain Dealing Road. This application (Case BP-14-23) received a favorable recommendation by the Benton-Parish MPC.

Mr. Leighton Allen, 1109 E. Hartline, Benton, LA, property owner, was present. He stated that he purchased Lots 18 and 19, Willow Creek at Benton Subdivision, with a portion of his driveway and fence being located on Lot 18. He further stated that he plans to sell Lot 18 and therefore needs to adjust the lot lines so that his driveway and fence are located on the lot with the existing home and allow for room for a detached garage. Mr. Hudson stated that the existing drainage servitude will need to be relocated if detached garage encroaches.

There being no objection, **motion was made by Mr. Rodgers, seconded by Mr. Jorden, to approve the plat of the proposed development of Willow Creek at Benton Subdivision, Unit No. 2B, Lots 19B and 18A, being a resubdivision of Lots 19A, Willow Creek at Benton Subdivision, Unit No. 2A, and Lot 18, Willow Creek at Benton Subdivision, Unit No. 2, located in Section 24, Township 20 North, Range 14 West, Bossier Parish, LA; located off Old Plain Dealing Road. (Benton Case BP-14-23)**

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 plat of the proposed development of Hollenshead-Tripp Subdivision, Unit No. 2, being a resubdivision of Lot 3, Hollenshead-Tripp Subdivision, located in Section 21, Township 20 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

Mr. Hudson stated that the property owner wants to cut approximately 3.334 acres from his tract of land for his daughter. He stated that both tracts of land have road frontage. He further stated that due to the subdivision being a three-lot subdivision and a reduction in the size of a lot, a petition was required and has been submitted.

Mr. Thomas Durrett, 810 Wise Road, Plain Dealing, LA, stated that his wife is the property owner's daughter. He stated that the financial institution is requesting a signed copy of the plat today. Mr. Hudson stated that if approved, he will sign the plat and Mr. Durrett will be responsible for filing the plat.

There being no objection, **motion was made by Mr. Rodgers, seconded by Mr. Salzer, to approve the plat of the proposed development of Hollenshead-Tripp Subdivision, Unit No. 2, being a resubdivision of Lot 3, Hollenshead-Tripp Subdivision, located in Section 21, 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.**

Ms. Hauser announced the public hearing to consider the application of Coyle Engineering Co., Inc., to the Benton-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission for a zoning amendment to change the zoning classification of a tract of land being 8.94 acres, more or less, located in Section 23, Township 20 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA, from R-A, Residence Agriculture District, to B-3, Community and Central Business District, for a proposed storage facility; generally located at 1196 and 1198 Highway 162, East of American Freedom Storage. This application (Case BP-04-23) received a favorable recommendation by the Benton-Parish MPC, with conditions.

Mr. Charlie Coyle, Coyle Engineering Company, Inc., was present. He stated that this project is located next to an existing American Freedom Storage facility on Highway 162. He further stated that Mr. Dwayne Gates, property owner and developer, and Mr. Chris Myers, Coyle Engineering Co., Inc., are present to answer any questions. He stated that Mr. Gates owns the American Freedom Storage located next to the property.

Mr. Coyle stated that the Benton-Parish MPC approved the proposed zoning amendment with the condition that a drainage study be prepared and reviewed by the police jury. He stated that Mr. Matt Redmon, Assistant Parish Engineer for the Bossier Parish Police Jury, reviewed the drainage study and forwarded the study to Owen and White. He further stated that Owen and White had some comments which have been addressed.

Mr. Redmon stated that the drainage study has been received and there were some preliminary comments which have been addressed. He stated that the proposed development meets the drainage impact guidelines, with possible small adjustments needed once the project gets to the construction phase and final plans are developed. He further stated that any additional adjustments would be made at the permitting and plat stage.

Mr. Rodgers stated that he has received several phone calls and there several citizens in the audience that would like to address the police jury on this matter. He stated that the proposed development shows approximately nine acres and asked how much of the acreage will house actual buildings.

Mr. Dwayne Gates, 221 Sirman Road, Benton, LA, property owner and developer, stated that the Benton-Parish MPC requires a completed plat and he presented it as a completed project from Highway 162 and back. He stated that there will be a multitude of buildings and the number of buildings will be constructed based on the public's need.

Mr. Rodgers stated that he understands that Bossier Parsh is growing and that there is an existing storage facility next to this tract of land. He stated that this is a residential area and that there is a current land use map in place determining the zoning for certain areas of the parish. He further stated that he is unsure how the police jury can allow this development in a residential area, especially when the residents living around this area do not want another storage facility near their homes.

Mr. Gates stated that fencing is planned around the facility.

Mr. Benton asked how long the existing storage facility has been at this location. Mr. Gates stated that he purchased the property in 1996, and the storage facility was built in 1998.

Ms. Secret Duncan, 2420 Cypress Shores Road, Benton, LA, provided information on the location of her property adjacent to the proposed development. She stated that this development will affect the view from her home. She further stated that flooding is a major concern with the proposed development and that the statement was made earlier that there were potential adjustments that will need to be made during the permitting and platting stage. Ms. Duncan stated that she has a tree line that blocks the view of the existing storage facility, but the lights added to the existing structure shine through the tree line.

Ms. Duncan asked what type of fencing is planned and if the fencing will deter light from her property. She stated that she is in opposition of the proposed development.

Mr. Charles Williamson, 1210 Highway 162, Benton, LA, expressed concern regarding existing flooding issues and stated that he has video from the last large rain event. He further stated that the creek is eroding from the current drainage that runs through it and the drainage is close to flooding his property.

Mr. Williamson stated that there is erosion along Highway 162 due to the excess drainage. He provided additional information on drainage into the creek that runs to his property.

Mr. Williamson stated that this area is considered farm land and home land, not industrial/commercial. He stated that when Mr. Gates purchased the land in 1996, and built the existing facility in 1998, approval by the metropolitan planning commission was not required.

Mr. Williamson stated that drainage is a concern for him regardless of what the engineers have stated pertaining to flooding. He discussed further concerns with drainage.

Mr. Williamson expressed concern regarding traffic. He stated that there are hills coming from both directions with a 55 mile per hour speed zone and double yellow lines, but people speed through that area at high rates of speed. He further stated that he has witnessed trucks and trailers pulling into the existing storage facility which blocks the highway and people do not slow down and pass the vehicles turning in causing accidents.

Mr. Williamson stated that the families living in this area do not want to see it built into an industrial area. He stated that fencing around the facility is proposed, but that is a large area to fence. He asked who is going to maintain all the vegetation and debris that is going to grow between the fencing.

Mr. Williamson stated that lighting from the existing facility is already an issue and adding more lighting will only cause more problems for the residents.

Mr. Williamson stated that he did not receive the first notice from the MPC for the first meeting for rezoning, but he did receive a notice for the second MPC meeting for rezoning. He stated that a proposed RV park was discussed at the first meeting instead of storage buildings. He further stated that hydraulic studies and water studies were requested, but those were not available at the third MPC meeting. Mr. Williamson stated that during the MPC meeting, the board asked if the developer had communicated with the property owners in this area regarding the proposed development. He stated that the property owners were not contacted. Mr. Williamson stated that the property owners surrounding this property do not want an additional storage facility in this area.

Mr. Williamson stated that Mr. Gates owns a lot of property and should build the storage facility on his own property near his home. He stated that no matter what the engineers have stated, this development will adversely affect the drainage in this area.

Mr. Williamson asked who will be responsible for damages that will be caused by this development if approved.

Mr. Rimmer asked how many acres will be concreted for this development. Mr. Coyle stated that the total square footage of the buildings that are being proposed is 83,000 square feet, approximately two acres. It was stated that this facility will be considerably larger than the existing storage facility. There was extensive discussion regarding the drainage.

Mr. Rimmer asked how many accidents have occurred since the existing storage facility opened. Mr. Gates stated that he is not aware of any accidents at the facility.

Mr. Coyle stated that the entrance to the new proposed facility is designed so that three vehicles with trailers can queue into a driveway before the gateway into the facility. He stated that the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development have approved the location of the new driveway and the hydraulic plan has been approved.

Mr. Benton asked if DOTD required a turn lane off Highway 162 for this development. Mr. Coyle stated that no turn lane was required by DOTD.

Mr. Ray Hays, 1221 Highway 162, Benton, LA, stated that he lives across the street from the proposed development. He presented photographs of the erosion caused by the current drainage issues. He discussed where drainages issues are currently on Highway 162 and Stevens Road. He stated that the proposed development will cause additional drainage and flooding.

Mr. Hays reported on issues with speeding on Highway 162 at this location. He stated that he is concerned with the additional flooding issues and the increase in traffic and speeding.

Ms. Beverly Stevens, 145 Stevens Road, Benton, LA, stated that they had to spend approximately \$15,000.00 to place two new culverts for their driveway due to the excess drainage through their property. She stated that they expressed concern of flooding when the Bob White Subdivision was being constructed behind their property and a drainage study was done. She further stated that when it rains, she watches three inches of water drain from the back of her property from the Bob White Subdivision down to a holding pond built in the 1930s or 1940s which overflows into the creek that feeds under the culverts and across Highway 162 causing ponds of water.

Ms. Stevens stated that one side of the bridge on Highway 162 was rebuilt to handle the overflow of drainage, but it has not fixed the continued flooding issues. She stated that the proposed development will cause additional flooding. She further stated that the residents in this area want to keep the zoning as R-A.

Ms. Stevens stated that this area cannot handle any additional drainage.

Mr. Rimmer asked for a show of hands from the audience that object to the proposed zoning amendment. There was a large show of hands.

Mr. Salzer recommended that if anyone has concerns other than the concern of additional drainage issues, aesthetic beauty of the residency, or concerns regarding the lighting that they be allowed to speak at this time.

Mr. Eli Pollitt, 121 Waggoner Road, Benton, LA, stated that he lives across the road from the proposed development. He stated that in the past two years there have been three wrecks in his yard and the yard across the street, with one of the vehicles rolling into the property where the proposed storage facility is planned. He further stated that one of the accidents almost included his wife and children. Mr. Pollitt stated that additional traffic is a concern.

Ms. Sandra Stevens, 159 Stevens Road, Benton, LA, stated that this is a residential area. She stated that the residents do not want an additional storage facility next to their property and asked that the property remain zoned R-A.

Mr. Jeremy Duncan, 2420 Cypress Shores, Benton, LA, stated that he lives on the corner where the proposed storage facility would be constructed. He presented photographs of a plat which shows a creek and stated that the proposed detention pond would be located next to his fence. He expressed concern that the detention pond will wash away his fence.

Mr. Duncan stated that he built his home at this location approximately six years ago and has owned the property approximately six to seven years. He stated that due to erosion of the creek he is unable to drive his lawnmower in this area due to it being a two to three-foot drop off due to erosion over the last six years. He stated that he had to build a bridge across the creek.

Ms. Carlotta Askew-Brown, Benton-Parish MPC, stated that the MPC was in place when the first application was presented by Mr. Gates in 1998 and the application was presented to the police jury in March of 1998. She stated that the same complaints were presented in 1998 regarding drainage, architecture, blending in with the residential area, and the lighting.

Mr. Rimmer asked if traffic was an issue in 1998. Ms. Askew-Brown stated that there was concern with crime and what the storage facility would bring to that area.

Ms. Askew-Brown stated that the Benton-Parish MPC had a tough decision on this matter. She stated that this process began in March of 2023 and initially it was designed as an RV park short term rental, cabin/resort style development that the MPC was not comfortable with approving because that would create more traffic. She stated that the applicant presented a new application in May of 2023, with a proposal of a storage facility which the MPC felt would be more suitable because there would be less traffic. Ms. Askew-Brown stated that a storage facility would create approximately 10 to 15 people per day versus a retail establishment which would create hundreds of people per day and there was already an existing storage facility located next door.

Ms. Askew-Brown stated that the same concerns were issued to the MPC regarding drainage, lighting, and the impact on adjoining areas. She stated that due to all the drainage concerns, the MPC Zoning Board felt that a drainage study would be beneficial. She further stated that a drainage study was presented to the MPC and the board felt more comfortable with moving this matter forward with police jury approval of the drainage study.

Mr. Rodgers asked if a land use map was in place in 1998. Ms. Askew-Brown stated that a land use map was recently approved in 2022. Mr. Rodgers asked why a land use map was created if zoning amendments would be allowed. Ms. Askew-Brown stated that the land use plan is a guide in order to determine where growth for residential, industrial, commercial areas can grow. She stated that research for the land use plan took approximately two years that the citizens, the MPC, and the police jury approved. She further stated that the land use map is used as a guide when a zoning amendment is submitted for consideration.

Mr. Rodgers asked if the land use map is going to be used. Ms. Askew-Brown stated that the board did not want to seem over-regulatory, and wanted to bring property into commerce and a multitude of variables had to be considered in this matter. She stated that Highway 162 is a major roadway and moves traffic. She further stated that Highway 162 is used by industrial and commercial, and is an artery that moves traffic which is a location industrial should be located.

Ms. Askew-Brown provided all the variables considered by the Benton-Parish MPC prior to making a final decision.

Ms. Stevens stated that she has lived there for over 40 years and the land was all residential/agriculture from the northern tip of Cypress east prior to Mr. Gates building a storage facility. She provided additional information regarding commercial buildings in this area.

Ms. Johna Gottula, 2424 Cypress Shores, Benton, LA, stated that she lives adjacent to the property being considered for rezoning. She stated that she is in opposition to the zoning amendment and expressed concern regarding the additional traffic, lights, and other concerns.

Mr. Wayne Gates, 121 Gates Drive, Benton, LA, stated that he has lived in this area for over 50 years and stated that the drainage that everyone is concerned with is coming from Bulter Hill Road across his property and to Cypress Bayou. He stated that DOTD installed larger culverts on Highway 162 due to flooding issues from a subdivision that was previously developed on Butler Hill Road. He provided additional information on the location and flow of the drainage and stated that this drainage bypasses the storage facility.

Mr. Gates stated that the existing storage facility is not an eye sore and everything has been done as requested by the MPC and the Bossier Parish Police Jury in order to meet all regulations for this proposed development.

Mr. Gates discussed the growth and need for storage facilities.

Mr. Marsiglia asked if the storage facility is currently 100 percent full. Mr. Gates stated that it is approximately 95 to 98 percent full.

Mr. Salzer asked if a motion could be made at this time with additional comments allowed after a motion and second.

Ms. Sage Easter, 1227 Highway 162, Benton, LA, stated that she lives across the street from the property that is being considered today for rezoning for a storage facility. She stated that she knows Mr. Gates and she is a realtor. She stated that she is excited about expansion in Bossier Parish in general, commerce, and the tax dollars that it brings to this area.

Ms. Easter asked why a land use map was adopted if land use changes are going to be allowed. She stated that as far as the complaints of the water in this area, the convergent of the water has not been discussed.

Mr. Steven Stewart, 979 Old Plain Dealing Road, Benton, LA, stated that he has been the manager for the existing storage facility for the past four years. He stated that to the best of his knowledge there have been no accidents on Highway 162 due to vehicles pulling in or out of the storage facility.

Mr. Stewart stated that the proposed new storage facility will be considerably larger, but the existing facility and property is kept very clean. He stated that to the best of his knowledge, there have been no break-ins at the storage facility. He further stated that he has letters and emails from citizens who are in favor of the new storage facility.

Mr. Stewart stated that he receives calls asking if there is additional storage on Highway 162. He stated that the storage facility is needed and they have met every legal requirement requested of them for the zoning amendment and proposed storage facility.

Mr. Rodgers stated that Mr. Gates has done all that has been requested of him by the MPC and police jury, but this area is a residential area and does not understand why a storage facility would be allowed at this location.

Mr. Benton asked which way the drainage on Cypress Shores and around that area flows. Mr. Charles Williamson stated that the drainage in this area flows down east on top of his property. Mr. Coyle displayed the drainage map for the area and there was further discussion on the location and direction of the drainage in this area.

Mr. Coyle stated that the proposed storage facility would not have any effect on the drainage.

After further discussion, **motion was made by Mr. Rodgers, seconded by Mr. Jorden, to deny the application of Coyle Engineering Co., Inc., to the Benton-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission for a zoning amendment to change the zoning classification of a tract of land being 8.94 acres, more or less, located in Section 23, Township 20 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA, from R-A, Residence Agriculture District, to B-3, Community and Central Business District, for a proposed storage facility; generally located at 1196 and 1198 Highway 162, East of American Freedom Storage; (Benton Case BP-04-23)**

Mr. Jackson explained that if this application is denied by the police jury, the applicant will have to wait six months to reapply with the Benton-Parish MPC.

Mr. Benton asked for clarification of Mr. Rodgers' motion. He asked if the police jury is denying this application or tabling the public hearing to allow further discussion on this matter. Mr. Benton stated that he would like additional information on this matter prior to making a final decision. He stated that the applicant has met all requirements made by the Benton-Parish MPC and the police jury and feels that the police jury should consider all factors prior to making a final decision.

Mr. Rimmer stated that this request should be further discussed in a committee meeting.

After further discussion, Mr. Rodgers amended his motion, and Mr. Jorden amended his second. **Motion was made by Mr. Rodgers, seconded by Mr. Jorden, to table the public hearing to consider the application of Coyle Engineering Co., Inc., to the Benton-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission for a zoning amendment to change the zoning classification of a tract of land being 8.94 acres, more or less, located in Section 23, Township 20 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA, from R-A, Residence Agriculture District, to B-3, Community and Central Business District, for a proposed storage facility; generally located at 1196 and 1198 Highway 162, East of American Freedom Storage; (Benton Case BP-04-23) to be considered at the August 16, 2023, police jury meeting.**

Votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Hauser announced the public hearing to consider the application of Staci Gray, Coyle Engineering Co., Inc., to the Bossier City-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission for a zoning amendment to change the zoning classification of a certain tract of land being 2.295 acres, more or less, located in Section 21, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA, from R-LD, Residential Low Density District, to B-2, Limited Business District, for a proposed expansion of an existing childcare facility (Kid Company Subdivision) and a private event center; located on the north side of North Willow Drive, west of Airline Drive. This application (Case P-ZON-000078-2023) received a favorable recommendation by the Bossier City-Parish MPC.

Mr. Charlie Coyle, Coyle Engineering Co., Inc., stated that the location of the existing child daycare facility is located on two lots in a subdivision. He stated that Lot 4, North Airline Acres Subdivision, Unit No. 1, is already zoned B-2, but Lot 5, North Airline Acres Subdivision, Unit No. 1, is currently zoned R-LD. He further stated that the next agenda item is a request to combine Lots 4 and 5, North Airline Acres Subdivision, Unit No. 1.

Ms. Parks asked if the applicant has met all requirements for a zoning amendment at this location. Mr. Hudson stated that it is an existing facility and use, but that improvements were on both lots prior to issuance of building permits.

Mr. Salzer asked for clarification as to the use of the business. Ms. Carlotta Askew-Brown, Bossier City-Parish MPC, stated that the applicant is requesting to be allowed to host child events at this location as well as the daycare. Mr. Salzer stated that a B-2 zoning will be restrictive on time of operation.

There being no objection, **motion was made by Ms. Parks, seconded by Mr. Salzer, to approve the application of Staci Gray, Coyle Engineering Co., Inc., to the Bossier City-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission for a zoning amendment to change the zoning classification of a certain tract of land being 2.295 acres, more or less, located in Section 21, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA, from R-LD, Residential Low Density District, to B-2, Limited Business District, for a proposed expansion of an existing**

childcare facility (Kid Company Subdivision) and a private event center; located on the north side of North Willow Drive, west of Airline Drive. (Bossier MPC Case P-ZON-000078-2023)

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 4966

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 2.295 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, LOCATED IN SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST, BOSSIER PARISH, LA, FROM R-LD, RESIDENTIAL LOW DENSITY DISTRICT, TO B-2, LIMITED BUSINESS DISTRICT, FOR A PROPOSED EXPANSION OF AN EXISTING CHILDCARE FACILITY (KID COMPANY SUBDIVISION) AND A PRIVATE EVENT CENTER; LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF NORTH WILLOW DRIVE, WEST OF AIRLINE DRIVE (BOSSIER MPC CASE P-ZON-000078-2023)

BE IT ORDAINED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on this 2nd day of August, 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 2.295 acres, more or less, located in Section 21, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA, from R-LD, Residential Low Density District, to B-2, Limited Business District, for a proposed expansion of an existing childcare facility (Kid Company Subdivision) and a private event center; located on the north side of North Willow Drive, west of Airline Drive; being more particularly described as follows:

Lot 5, North Airline Acres, Unit 1

- Applicant: Staci Gray, Coyle Engineering Co., Inc.
- Purpose: Proposed expansion of an existing childcare facility (Kid Company Subdivision) and a private event center

The ordinance was offered by Ms. Parks, seconded by Mr. Salzer. It was duly adopted on the 2nd day of August, 2023, with the following votes recorded:

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

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

DOUG RIMMER, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Ms. Hauser announced the public hearing to consider approval of the plat and site plan of the proposed development of Kid Company Subdivision, containing a portion of Lots 4 and 5, North Airline Acres Subdivision, Unit No. 1, located in Section 21, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA; located on the north side of North Willow Drive, west of Airline Drive. This application (Case P-PLAT-000079-2023) received a favorable recommendation by the Bossier City-Parish MPC.

Mr. Charlie Coyle, Coyle Engineering Co., Inc., stated that the proposed plat will combine Lots 4 and 5, North Airline Acres Subdivision, Unit No. 1, into one large lot to bring this into conformity.

There being no objection, **motion was made by Ms. Parks, seconded by Mr. Salzer, to approve the plat and site plan of the proposed development of Kid Company Subdivision, containing a portion of Lots 4 and 5, North Airline Acres Subdivision, Unit No. 1, located in Section 21, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA; located on the north side of North Willow Drive, west of Airline Drive. (Bossier Case P-PLAT-000079-2023)**

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

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

Motion was made by Ms. Parks, seconded by Mr. Marsiglia, to schedule a public hearing on September 6, 2023, to consider approval of the application of Sean Hintz, for a Conditional Use Approval for the sale of high and low content alcohol for on and off-premise consumption at Daiquiri Express to be located at 5430 Airline Drive, Suite 100, Bossier Parish, Louisiana. Case P-ALC-000153-2023 – Favorable recommendation by the Bossier City-Parish MPC.

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

- AYES:** Mr. Benton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Gray, Mr. Jorden, Mr. Marsiglia, Ms. Parks, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer
- NAYS:** None

ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Darby, Mr. Plummer

Mr. David Ghormley, Property Standards Officer, presented photographs of property located at 150 Gay Road, Benton, LA, Tax Assessment No. 114595. He recommended that this matter be dismissed.

Motion was made by Ms. Parks, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to dismiss condemnation proceedings on property located at 150 Gay Road, Benton, LA, Tax Assessment No. 114595.

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

Mr. Salzer, Insurance Committee, reported on the meeting of that committee held today at 12:00 p.m. Committee members attending the Insurance Committee were Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Salzer, Mr. Marsiglia, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Benton, and Mr. Darby. Ms. Hauser, Ms. Megan Ramos, Ms. Julie Gill, Ms. Stacie Fernandez, Ms. Monica Grappe, Mr. Jason Weinland, Ms. Ramah Norton, Ms. Lisa Wilson, Mr. Pat Culverhouse, Mr. Sam Marsiglia, Mr. Jim Firth, Mr. Ford, Mr. Hudson, and Mr. Jackson were also present. Other jurors present were Mr. Jorden, Mr. Plummer, and Mr. Gray.

Mr. Salzer stated that Mr. Jason Weinland and Ms. Ramah Norton, JWeinland Group Benefits, were present before the Insurance Committee and provided an update on police jury insurance.

Mr. Benton, Chairman of the Rural Development Committee, reported on the meeting of that committee held today at 1:00 p.m. Committee members attending the Rural Development Committee were Mr. Benton, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Marsiglia, Mr. Jorden, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Ford, Mr. Hudson, and Mr. Jackson. Ms. Hauser, Ms. Megan Ramos, Ms. Julie Gill, Ms. Stacie Fernandez, Ms. Monica Grappe, Mr. Sam Marsiglia, Mr. Pat Culverhouse, Mr. Matt Redmon, Mr. Larry Landry, Ms. Carolina Blunk, and Ms. Carlotta Askew-Brown, were also present. Other jurors present were Mr. Darby, Mr. Gray, Mr. Salzer, and Mr. Cochran.

Mr. Benton stated that the committee discussed possible options to assist property owners in subdividing their property in order to give family members portions of their property. He stated that Mr. Neil Erwin, Attorney, provided possible options on this matter. He further stated that a Rural Development Committee meeting will be scheduled on August 16, 2023, to further discuss this matter.

Mr. Rodgers, Chairman of the Road/Subdivision Regulations Committee, reported on the meeting of that committee held today at 1:30 p.m. Committee members attending the Road/Subdivision Regulations Committee were Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Jorden, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Benton, Mr. Marsiglia, Ms. Parks, Mr. Ford, Mr. Jackson, and Mr. Hudson. Ms. Hauser, Ms. Megan Ramos, Ms. Julie Gill, Ms. Stacie Fernandez, Ms. Monica Grappe, Mr. Sam Marsiglia, Mr. Pat Culverhouse, Mr. Matt Redmon, Mr. Larry Landry, Ms. Carolina Blunk, and Ms. Carlotta Askew-Brown were also present. Other jurors present were Mr. Darby, Mr. Gray, Mr. Salzer, and Mr. Cochran.

Mr. Rodgers stated that the committee discussed contractors working in parish rights-of-way breaking water lines in subdivisions and causing issues for homeowners. He stated that this matter is being further reviewed to determine how to ensure that contractors know where existing utilities are located prior to any work beginning.

Mr. Rodgers stated that the committee also discussed mailboxes in parish rights-of-way. He stated that this matter will be further discussed.

Motion was made by Mr. Darby, seconded by Mr. Salzer, to table Agenda Item No. 12, to consider approval of a Transfer Deed/Donation from the Bossier Parish Police Jury to the City of Bossier City of property located at 1200 Airline Drive, Bossier City, LA, Tax Assessment No. 148936, Parcel 1813343B, for the purpose of maintenance of a water tower, with the police jury reserving all oil, gas, and mineral rights, and authorize the execution of documents; to be considered at the August 16, 2023, regular meeting.

Votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Mr. Salzer, seconded by Mr. Darby, to ratify approval of renewal of the Service Agreement between the McKeon Group and the Bossier Parish Police Jury, 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 2nd day of August, 2023, that it does hereby approve renewal of the Service Agreement between the McKeon Group and the Bossier Parish Police Jury.

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. Salzer, seconded by Mr. Darby. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 2nd day of August, 2023.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
 PARISH SECRETARY

DOUG RIMMER, PRESIDENT
 BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Salzer, to approve a rental renewal to Cyber Innovation Center and consider amendment to agreement with Cyber Innovation Center accordingly, 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 2nd day of August, 2023, that it does hereby approve a rental renewal to Cyber Innovation Center and consider amendment to agreement with Cyber Innovation Center accordingly.

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

The resolution was offered by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Salzer. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 2nd day of August, 2023.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

DOUG RIMMER, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Ms. Parks, seconded by Mr. Marsiglia, to accept a proposal from Professional Service Industries, Inc., in the amount of \$10,000.00 for construction materials testing and observation services for Town Lake Boulevard (Innovation Drive) and Dairy Lane Extension, 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 2nd day of August, 2023, that it does hereby approve a proposal from Professional Service Industries, Inc., in the amount of \$10,000.00 for construction materials testing and observation services for Town Lake Boulevard (Innovation Drive) and Dairy Lane Extension.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parish Administrator or Parish President is hereby authorized to execute said agreement.

The resolution was offered by Ms. Parks, seconded by Mr. Marsiglia. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 2nd day of August, 2023.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

DOUG RIMMER, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Plummer, seconded by Mr. Salzer, to adopt a resolution authorizing the Parish President to execute a Letter of Compliance from the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development approving the Traffic Impact Study for Project No. 2023-119, Sligo Road Extension Improvements, Phase II, extending the Arthur Ray Teague Parkway on the west side of US 71 from LA 612 (Sligo Road) to a point approximately 1000 feet north of LA 527.

The President called for public comment. Mr. Michael Ferris, 2503 Caplis Sligo Road, Bossier City, LA, asked where this project will tie in to the toll bridge that is planned. Mr. Hudson stated that he cannot forecast where the toll road will tie in at this time. He stated that the police jury's plans are to extend Sligo Road south. Mr. Salzer provided additional information on this matter and stated that if the toll road emulates the parish's road, there is hope that the developer of the toll road will participate in the cost of the Sligo Road extension at its connection in order to save the taxpayers money.

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 2nd day of August, 2023, that it does hereby authorize the Parish President to execute a Letter of Compliance from the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development approving the Traffic Impact Study for Project No. 2023-119, Sligo Road Extension Improvements, Phase II, extending the Arthur Ray Teague Parkway on the west side of US 71 from LA 612 (Sligo Road) to a point approximately 1000 feet north of LA 527.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Plummer, seconded by Mr. Salzer. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 2nd day of August, 2023.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

DOUG RIMMER, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Rodgers, to approve Change Order No. 3 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 an additional 55 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 2nd day of August, 2023, that it does hereby approve Change Order No. 3 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. 3.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Rodgers. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 2nd day of August, 2023.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

DOUG RIMMER, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Mr. Matt Redmon, Assistant Parish Engineer, presented a Federal Lands Access Program Project Memorandum of Agreement for Project LA FLAP BPPJ BDCVIL(1) for the following routes: Bodcau Dam Road, Cotton Valley Road, and Ivan Lake Road, for consideration. He stated that this is a result of the Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) grant in coordination with the Corps of Engineers. He further stated that it is planned that Bodcau Dam Road, Cotton Valley Road, and Ivan Lake Road will be reconstructed.

Mr. Redmon stated that the Parish of Bossier was awarded \$2.7 million to be 100 percent federally funded.

Motion was made by Mr. Jorden, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to approve a Federal Lands Access Program Project Memorandum of Agreement for Project LA FLAP BPPJ BDCVIL(1) for the following routes: Bodcau Dam Road, Cotton Valley Road, and Ivan Lake Road, 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 2nd day of August, 2023, that it does hereby approve a Federal Lands Access Program Project Memorandum of Agreement for Project LA FLAP BPPJ BDCVIL(1) for the following routes: Bodcau Dam Road, Cotton Valley Road, and Ivan Lake Road.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parish Administrator or Parish President is hereby authorized to execute said agreement.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Jorden, seconded by Mr. Cochran. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 2nd day of August, 2023.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

DOUG RIMMER, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Mr. Hudson presented a contract between the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness ("GOHSEP" or "State") and Bossier Parish ("Parish"), in connection with the debris removal caused by the severe storms and tornado events on June 14, 2023, through June 16, 2023, for which the governor declared a state of emergency in Proclamation Number 112 JBE 2023. He stated that the contract is for \$1 million and it is a 75/25 percent cost share with the parish paying the 25 percent. He further stated that this grant is for reimbursement for all efforts for Bossier Parish and the City of Bossier City.

Motion was made by Mr. Plummer, seconded by Mr. Gray, to approve a contract between the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness ("GOHSEP" or "State") and Bossier Parish ("Parish"), in connection with the debris removal caused by the severe storms and tornado events on June 14, 2023, through June 16, 2023, for which the governor declared a state of emergency in Proclamation Number 112 JBE 2023, 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 2nd day of August, 2023, that it does hereby approve a contract between the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness ("GOHSEP" or "State") and Bossier Parish ("Parish"), in connection with the debris removal caused by severe storms and tornado events on June 14, 2023, through June 16, 2023, for which the governor declared a state of emergency in Proclamation Number 112 JBE 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parish Administrator or Parish President is hereby authorized to execute said contract.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Plummer, seconded by Mr. Gray. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 2nd day of August, 2023.

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Mr. Ford stated that last year the police jury approved submission of an Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) application for I-69 from Stonewall at I-49 to the Port and tying in to I-20 east of Haughton, LA. He stated that the application will be ready to submit next week and a letter of support will be provided from the police jury.

Mr. Ford stated that Mr. Kent Rogers, Northwest Louisiana Council of Governments (NLCOG), has been in contact with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development in the last few days regarding the matching funds to ensure that DOTD will fund the match if the application is approved. He provided information on the increase in cost for the project.

Mr. Ford stated that he, Mr. Benton, and City of Bossier City Mayor Tommy Chandler attended an expo hosted by Keep Bossier Beautiful (KBB), along with local leaders, to unveil designs from seven local architects for a proposed new gateway to be placed along I-20 westbound just east of Exit 26 (Racetrack). He stated that the design from SGB Architects, LLC, was chosen. He stated that the proposed cost of the gateway sign is approximately \$1 million for one sign. Mr. Ford stated that there will be further meetings to discuss this project and a request will likely be made for the police jury to assist in the cost of the sign.

Mr. Ford stated that Mr. Jeff Darby, Bossier City Council, stated that the city will be submitting a letter to the police jury asking for \$4 million for assistance with the Bossier Council on Aging new facility.

Mr. Ford stated that he has attended meetings regarding the proposed rodeo arena, which is a \$60 million project. He stated that an application for Capital Outlay funds will be submitted for this project.

Mr. Ford stated that meetings have been held with the YMCA due to a request to build a facility in northern Bossier Parish.

Mr. Ford stated that all requests for funds will be discussed at the Budget Workshop on October 19, 2023.

Mr. Ford expressed appreciation to Mr. Matt Redmon, Assistant Parish Engineer, for his work on submitting the Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) grant applications.

Mr. Ford reported on the National Counties of Officials (NACo) annual conference held in Austin, TX. He provided a report on meetings attended. He stated that there is available federal funding for EV charging stations in rural areas for electric cars. He further stated that LA 3 (Benton Road) is an approved EV charging station route and a determination will need to be made if a charging station will be located at the courthouse or find another location.

Mr. Ford presented a request from the Coalition Against Bigger Trucks for a letter of support against raising the limits from 80,000 pounds to 91,000 and 97,000 pounds. He stated that there is concern for bridges and roadways and all local officials have been requested to submit a letter of support against raising the load limits. He further stated that a letter of support will be submitted on behalf of the Bossier Parish Police Jury in this matter.

Mr. Ford provided additional information learned at the NACo annual conference.

Mr. Hudson provided an update on various parish projects and presented photographs of several parish projects. Mr. Hudson stated that the Request for Proposals for the design consultant for the East/West Corridor project is being readvertised due to a scope amendment. He stated that a recommendation will be made in the near future on this project for the police jury's concurrence.

Mr. Hudson stated that he attended a Pre-Construction meeting for the I-20 rehabilitation project. He stated that it is anticipated that the project will begin after Labor Day. He provided additional information on the proposed plans for traffic on this project.

Mr. Hudson provided additional information on subdivision developments throughout the parish.

Mr. Kevin Gay, Road Superintendent, presented an update on activities of the highway department and on several road projects in the parish. He provided a report on the amount of debris picked up from storm damage. He stated that Animal Control has picked up 4 dogs since July 19, 2023.

Mr. Benton stated that the highway crew did great work on Mack Drive, but requested that gravel be placed at the end of the asphalt at the parking lot so it is not quite a drop off for smaller cars.

Mr. Rodgers requested that an item be placed on the August 16, 2023, agenda to schedule a public hearing on September 20, 2023, to consider amending Chapter 94, Article I, of the Bossier Parish Code of Ordinances "Roads and Bridges", to amend Section 94-11 "No Thru Traffic, Local Traffic Only and No Trucks" regulations on certain roads and/or subdivision streets, Subsection 94-11(a) and 94-11(c) to add East Pointe Drive; and providing penalties for the violations thereof.

Mr. Jackson is to further review this matter.

Mr. Benton asked if crews were still picking up debris in subdivisions from the storm event. Mr. Hudson requested that if anyone still has debris from the storm damage to contact the highway department between 6:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Mr. Gray provided a report on the NACo Annual Conference. He asked that a meeting be scheduled with Mr. Kenneth Starnes, Section 8 Housing, to address housing issues in Bossier Parish.

Mr. Benton, Mr. Salzer, Ms. Parks, and Mr. Rimmer provided reports on the NACo Annual Conference.

Mr. Darby expressed appreciation to the highway crews for their hard work during this hot weather.

Mr. Jackson requested that the jurors take the time to get with staff and Ms. Fernandez to discuss any issues they would like considered for the 2023 budget in order to determine if there are available funds in the budget for next year. He stated that it would be helpful if the staff were allowed time to review the budget prior to the budget workshop to determine if funding is available.

Mr. Jackson stated that there have been several new areas of expenditure for services in the communities and the staff would like to work to find funding for those projects, but there are limited pools of funds that have not already been obligated.

Mr. Jackson recommended that the jurors visit with the staff as soon as possible regarding projects and funding.

There being no further business to come before the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 2nd day of August, 2023, the meeting was adjourned by Mr. Rimmer at 4:35 p.m.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

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BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY