

BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY  
BENTON, LOUISIANA  
MINUTES  
February 21, 2024  
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The Bossier Parish Police Jury met in regular and legal session on the 21st day of February, 2024, at 2:00 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana. The President, Mr. Philip Rodgers, called the meeting to order. The invocation was given by Mr. Doug Rimmer, and the pledge of allegiance was led by Mr. John Ed Jorden. Ms. Megan Ramos, Interim Parish Secretary, called the roll, with the following members present:

Mr. Glenn Benton	Mr. Chris Marsiglia
Mr. Bob Brotherton	Ms. Julianna Parks, absent
Mr. Jimmy Cochran	Mr. Doug Rimmer
Mr. Julian Darby	Mr. Philip Rodgers
Ms. Pam Glorioso	Mr. Tom Salzer
Mr. John Ed Jorden	Mr. Keith Sutton

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Others present were Mr. Joe E. "Butch" Ford, Jr., Parish Administrator; Mr. Patrick Jackson, Parish Attorney; Mr. Eric Hudson, Parish Engineer; Ms. Megan Ramos, Interim Parish Secretary; Ms. Holly Fisk, Staff Accountant.

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Ms. Ramos announced the public hearing to consider approval of the relocation of the voting precinct polling place for Precincts 02-22A-1, 02-22A-2, 02-22B and 02-22C, from Cypress Baptist Church, 4701 Palmetto Road, Benton, LA, to Benton High School, 449 Fairburn Avenue, Benton, LA, in Police Jury District 5.

**Motion was made by Mr. Rimmer, seconded by Mr. Darby, to approve the relocation of the voting precinct polling place for Precincts 02-22A-1, 02-22A-2, 02-22B and 02-22C, from Cypress Baptist Church, 4701 Palmetto Road, Benton, LA, to Benton High School, 449 Fairburn Avenue, Benton, LA.**

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, Ms. Glorioso, Mr. Jorden, Mr. Marsiglia, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer, Mr. Sutton**

**NAYS: None**

**ABSENT: Ms. Parks**

**ABSTAIN: None**

ORDINANCE NO. 5004

AN ORDINANCE TO RELOCATE THE VOTING PRECINCT POLLING PLACE FOR PRECINCTS 02-22A-1, 02-22A-2, 02-22B AND 02-22C, CYPRESS BAPTIST CHURCH, 4701 PALMETTO ROAD, BENTON, BOSSIER PARISH, LA, TO BENTON HIGH SCHOOL, 449 FAIRBURN AVENUE, BENTON, BOSSIER PARISH, LA, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Cypress Baptist Church has notified the Bossier Parish Police Jury that the precinct polling place at Cypress Baptist Church is no longer available for use as a precinct polling place due to ongoing construction projects and space issues which make it no longer suitable for use as a precinct polling place; and

WHEREAS, this change was discussed in an open and public meeting on February 21, 2024, and no objections to the change were received; and

WHEREAS, there are 1,242 registered voters in Precinct 02-22A-1, with 1,123 being white, 82 black and 37 other; and

WHEREAS, there are 931 registered voters in Precinct 02-22A-2, with 838 being white, 52 black and 41 other; and

WHEREAS, there are 1,071 registered voters in Precinct 02-22B, with 987 being white, 31 black and 53 other; and

WHEREAS, there are 649 registered voters in Precinct 02-22C, with 632 being white, 6 black and 11 other; and

WHEREAS, this proposal would change the physical location of this polling place a distance of 1.6 miles, and would have no effect on voter registration or racial balance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 21st day of February, 2024, that it does hereby approve the relocation of the voting precinct polling place for Precincts 02-22A-1, 02-22A-2, 02-22B, and 02-22C from the Cypress Baptist Church, 4701 Palmetto Road, Benton, Bossier Parish, LA, to Benton High School, 449 Fairburn Avenue, Benton, Bossier Parish, LA.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, etc., that notice of this change will be made by publication of official police jury proceedings in the parish journal, by special notice in local newspapers if necessary, and by posted notice at the former and new polling places at the next election.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, etc., that this change be submitted to the State of Louisiana Department of Elections, and shall be effective immediately.

The ordinance was offered by Mr. Rimmer, seconded by Mr. Darby. It was duly adopted on this 21st day of February, 2024, with the following vote recorded:

AYES: Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Ms. Glorioso, Mr. Jorden, Mr. Marsiglia, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer, Mr. Sutton

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Ms. Parks

MEGAN C. RAMOS  
INTERIM PARISH SECRETARY

PHILIP RODGERS, PRESIDENT  
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

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Mr. Eric Hudson, Parish Engineer, stated that Mr. Jacob Hannigan, 281 Longhorn Drive, Bossier City, LA, has requested approval of a variance of Bossier Parish Subdivision Regulations petition requirements which provides that the number of property owner signatures required on a petition may be reduced to 60% if concluded that obtaining 100% of property owner signatures would result in unnecessary hardship to the applicant. He stated that Mr. Hannigan is seeking approval of this variance for the proposed development of Greenacres Ranchettes, Unit No. 3, being a re-subdivision of Lot 3 of Greenacres Ranchettes, Unit No. 1, located in Section 27, Township 17 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

Mr. Hudson stated that Greenacres Ranchettes, Unit No. 1, is an old subdivision that was recorded in 1974 with a total of 36 lots. Unit No. 1 currently has 44 lots. Greenacres Ranchettes, Unit No. 2, was recorded in 1975 with a total of 34 lots. Unit No. 2 currently has 35 lots. Greenacres Ranchettes, Unit No. 1, Lot No. 2, which is adjacent to the petitioner, has been previously subdivided into 6 lots, that were not approved by the police jury. Lot owners 2B2 and 2B3 will not sign the petition because they do not want the petitioner to subdivide the lot. He stated that the applicants have made exhaustive attempts to contact all lot owners in an effort to obtain signatures for the petition and advised that the engineering department also mailed out letters to non-responsive lot owners. The petitioners have gotten 88% of the required signatures. Mr. Hudson stated that there are nine (9) lot owners who did not sign the petition. Mr. Hudson clarified that a public hearing of plat approval cannot be scheduled until the requested variance is approved.

Mr. Jacob Hannigan addressed the jury. He stated that he and his wife have made multiple attempts to contact all lot owners, and most have been unresponsive. He stated that there were some who would not even listen to what they were trying to do. Mr. Hannigan said that he and his wife want to build their forever home here.

Motion was made by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Sutton to approve the request for a variance of Bossier Parish Subdivision Regulations petition requirements for the proposed development of Greenacres Ranchettes, Unit No. 3, being a re-subdivision of Lot 3 of Greenacres Ranchettes, Unit No. 1, located in Section 27, Township 17 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA, in Police Jury District 1.

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

**YEAS: Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Ms. Glorioso, Mr. Jordan, Mr. Marsiglia, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer, Mr. Sutton**

**NAYS: None**

**ABSENT: Ms. Parks**

**ABSTAIN: None**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Marsiglia, to schedule a public hearing on March 6, 2024, to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Greenacres Ranchettes, Unit No. 3, being a re-subdivision of Lot 3 of Greenacres Ranchettes, Unit No. 1, located in Section 27, Township 17 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA, in Police Jury District 1. (Case P-PLAT-000212-2023 Bossier City-Parish MPC)**

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, Ms. Glorioso, Mr. Jordan, Mr. Marsiglia, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer, Mr. Sutton**

**NAYS: None**

**ABSENT: Ms. Parks**

**ABSTAIN: None**

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Mr. Eric Hudson, Parish Engineer, stated that Ms. Blenna Causey Robinson, is seeking approval of a variance of Bossier Parish Subdivision Regulations petition requirements for the proposed development of W.M. Sirman, Unit No. 1-A, being a re-subdivision of Lot 2 of the W.M. Sirman Subdivision, located in a portion of Section 13, Township 20 North, Range 13 West, Northwestern Land District, Bossier Parish, LA. W.M. Sirman Subdivision, Unit No. 1 was recorded in 1973 with a total of 8 (eight) lots. Currently the subdivision has 12 (twelve) lots. Mr. Hudson stated that the applicants have obtained 91% of lot owners signatures for the petition.

Ms. Blenna Causey Robinson addressed the jury. She stated that this land belonged to her parents, and upon their death, the front section of the property was willed to her. She stated that the only signature she is unable to obtain is Mr. Dwayne Gates. Ms. Robinson said that Mr. Gates wants 30-50 feet at the back of the property to build a road and install a fence, and he is adamant that the back part of the property belongs to him. Mr. Gates will not sign the petition unless Ms.

Causey Robinson gives him the property in question. She stated that the land in question belongs to her, and Mr. Gates owns the seventy-five acres behind her property.

**Motion was made by Mr. Jorden, seconded by Mr. Salzer, to approve the request for a variance of Bossier Parish Subdivision Regulations petition requirements for the proposed development of W.M. Sirman Subdivision, Unit No. 1-A, being a re-subdivision of Lot 2 of the W.M. Sirman Subdivision, located in a portion of Section 13, Township 20 North, Range 13 West, Northwestern Land District, Bossier Parish, LA, in Police Jury District 4.**

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, Ms. Glorioso, Mr. Jorden, Mr. Marsiglia, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer, Mr. Sutton**

**NAYS: None**

**ABSENT: Ms. Parks**

**ABSTAIN: None**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Jorden, seconded by Ms. Glorioso, to schedule a public hearing on March 6, 2024, to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of W.M. Sirman, Unit No. 1-A, being a re-subdivision of Lot 2 of the W.M. Sirman Subdivision, located in a portion of Section 13, Township 20 North, Range 13 West, Northwestern Land District, Bossier Parish, LA, in Police Jury District 4. (Case BP-1-24- Benton MPC)**

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, Ms. Glorioso, Mr. Jorden, Mr. Marsiglia, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer, Mr. Sutton**

**NAYS: None**

**ABSENT: Ms. Parks**

**ABSTAIN: None**

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Mr. Rodgers reported on a meeting of the Road/Subdivision Regulations Committee. He stated that they discussed a request for a waiver of the bonding requirements provided in police jury Ordinance No. 5001, Utility Permits.

Mr. Rodgers said that Mr. Gif Gillen provided a report on oil and gas royalties on parish properties, and expressed appreciation to Mr. Gillen for his expertise and hard work in ensuring that all royalties are received.

Mr. Rodgers stated that ASA Archery is having a competition at Camp Minden and representatives at Camp Minden have requested that Bossier Parish provide 50-60 loads of millings for their parking lot.

**Motion was made by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Rimmer to amend the agenda to allow the consideration of a request from Camp Minden for 50-60 loads of millings for their parking lot area.**

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, Ms. Glorioso, Mr. Jordan, Mr. Marsiglia, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer, Mr. Sutton**

**NAYS: None**

**ABSENT: Ms. Parks**

**ABSTAIN: None**

**Motion was made by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Marsiglia to approve a request from Camp Minden that the parish provide 50-60 loads of millings for a parking lot area.**

Mr. Hudson stated that these are millings that we have on site and the only cost will be for labor.

**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, Ms. Glorioso, Mr. Jordan, Mr. Marsiglia, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer, Mr. Sutton**

**NAYS: None**

**ABSENT: Ms. Parks**

**ABSTAIN: None**

Mr. Rodgers reported that the committee discussed four adjudicated properties located on Hedge Drive, advising that the committee will continue discussions on this matter at a later date.

Mr. Rodgers stated that the Haughton MPC is growing and will be facing changes in the future.

This concluded the report of the Road/Subdivision Regulations Committee.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Sutton, to accept the Certificate of Substantial Completion of Project No. 2023-119, Sligo Road Extension Improvements – Phase II, and authorize the execution of documents.** Mr. Hudson stated that this is finalizing the overlay work on 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, Ms. Glorioso, Mr. Jorden, Mr. Marsiglia, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer, Mr. Sutton**

**NAYS: None**

**ABSENT: Ms. Parks**

**ABSTAIN: None**

**RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2024, that it does hereby accept the Certificate of Substantial Completion of Project No. 2023-119, Sligo Road Extension Improvements – Phase II.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parish Administrator and/or the 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. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Sutton. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 21st day of February 2024.

MEGAN RAMOS  
INTERIM PARISH SECRETARY

DOUG RIMMER, PRESIDENT  
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

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Mr. Rodgers stated that Ms. Lisa Russell, Ms. Suzette Hadden and Mr. Joe MacIsaac have submitted resumes for consideration for appointment to the Bossier City-Parish MPC Board of Adjustments, and asked if any of the applicants were present who would like to address the jury.

Ms. Lisa Russell, 205 Evangeline Walk, Bossier City, LA addressed the jury. She stated that she is a small business owner licensed in mediation and arbitration. Ms. Russell said that she has lived in a large metropolitan area for 15 years and believes her skills will be beneficial for this position. She thanked the jury for their consideration.

Ms. Suzette Hadden, 4912 Modica Lott Road, Bossier City, LA, addressed the jury. She stated that she is currently a Legislative Assistant to State Representative Dennis Bamburg and a former educator with 28 years of experience. She highlighted her professional accomplishments and thanked the jury for their time.

Mr. Rodgers noted that the police jury received three resumes for this position and only two applicants were present at the meeting. He assigned a color system for voting with yellow assigned to Mr. MacIsaac, red to Ms. Hadden and green to Ms. Russell.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **Ms. Suzette Hadden was appointed, with the following votes recorded:**

**RED: Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Ms. Glorioso, Mr. Jordan, Mr. Marsiglia, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer, Mr. Sutton**

**YELLOW: None**

**GREEN: None**

**ABSENT: Ms. Parks**

Ms. Suzette Hadden's appointment to the Bossier City-Parish MPC Board of Adjustments is for a five-year term, term to expire March 1, 2029.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Rimmer, seconded by Mr. Benton to ratify approval of a request to allow highway department crews to assist in storm damage cleanup in the Dogwood Subdivision.** Mr. Hudson reported that there was significant debris in Dogwood Subdivision following a recent storm over the weekend. He stated that he sent out emails to the police jurors for approval to allow highway department crews to assist in cleanup efforts. Mr. Rimmer noted that several residents of the neighborhood have expressed their appreciation to the highway department crews for their assistance.

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, Ms. Glorioso, Mr. Jordan, Mr. Marsiglia, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer, Mr. Sutton**

**NAYS: None**

**ABSENT: Ms. Parks**

**ABSTAIN: None**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Cochran, seconded by Mr. Salzer to approve a request from the LSU Extension Office for rock for a parking lot at the LSU Red River Research Station facility with the LSU Extension Office being responsible for all costs.** Mr. Hudson stated that 10-14 loads of rock will be needed, with the LSU Extension Office paying for the materials.

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, Ms. Glorioso, Mr. Jorden, Mr. Marsiglia, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer, Mr. Sutton**

**NAYS: None**

**ABSENT: Ms. Parks**

**ABSTAIN: None**

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Mr. Butch Ford, Parish Administrator, discussed the appointment of Mr. Mel Allen to the Bossier Parish Communications District No. 1 Board of Directors, for a four-year term, term to expire March 1, 2028. Mr. Ford stated that the previous board member, Mr. Paul Marshall, resigned in December, 2023. He stated that he sought out recommendations from Sheriff Julian Whittington and did not advertise externally for this position.

Mr. Mel Allen, 200 Jessie Jones Drive, Benton, LA 71006, addressed the jury. He stated that he worked in communications for BellSouth, and served on the Sheriff's posse for 29 years.

Mr. Sutton inquired as to why this position was not advertised externally. Mr. Ford stated that he consulted with Sheriff Whittington, and stated that he believed Mr. Allen would be an ideal candidate for this position. Mr. Patrick Jackson, Parish Attorney, stated that this is a joint appointment with the City of Bossier City.

**Motion was made by Mr. Salzer, seconded by Mr. Jorden, to approve the appointment of Mr. Mel Allen to the Bossier Parish Communications District No. 1 Board of Directors, for a four-year term, term to expire March 1, 2028.**

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, Ms. Glorioso, Mr. Jorden, Mr. Marsiglia, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer, Mr. Sutton**

**NAYS: None**

**ABSENT: Ms. Parks**

**ABSTAIN: None**

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Mr. Jackson discussed the proposed settlement by and between the Bossier Parish Police Jury and Bellevue Water System in regard to the Emergency Water Haul on December 27 and 28, 2023. He stated that the police jury has received a settlement offer in the amount of \$7,700, which represents approximately 10 percent of the total amount due. Mr. Jackson said that it is his recommendation that the police jury accept this offer as this may be the only payment received. He further stated that in emergency situations, the parish must help out its people, and during this ice storm event, the Bellevue Water System experienced catastrophic failure. Mr. Jackson stated that it was critical that water be provided to the citizens of the parish.

Mr. Jorden clarified that the Bellevue Water System Board that accepted the water and agreed to reimburse the parish for the emergency water haul, is not the same Board in place now. He stated that the current Board has not agreed to reimburse the parish.

**Motion was made by Mr. Jorden, seconded by Mr. Cochran to approve the settlement by and between Bossier Parish Police Jury and Bellevue Water System in regard to December 27 and 28, 2022, Emergency Water Haul, and authorize the execution of documents.**

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, Ms. Glorioso, Mr. Jorden, Mr. Marsiglia, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer, Mr. Sutton**

**NAYS: None**

**ABSENT: Ms. Parks**

**ABSTAIN: None**

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the Bossier Parish Police Jury has received a letter dated January 2, 2024 from David M. Newell, Newell Law Firm, LLC, concerning the December 27 and 28, 2022 Emergency Water Haul from Consolidated Waterworks Sewerage District No. 1 to Bellevue Water System; and

WHEREAS, on December 27 and 28, 2022, temperatures fell below freezing which caused Bellevue Water System's infrastructure to have a catastrophic failure. The Board had no other way to secure water for its citizens and requested help from the Parish. The assistance was rendered in accordance with the request for help; and

WHEREAS, the Bellevue Water System Board has acknowledged it does not have the funds to pay for the assistance it requested, and the Board has offered this partial payment of \$7,700 in satisfaction of its debt; and

WHEREAS, the Bellevue Water System Board understands that future requests for assistance may not be responded to due to its failure to pay the full costs of the aid requested; and

WHEREAS, the Parish has offered to take over the system, make necessary repairs and install the necessary upgrades to avoid failures that necessitated this request. The Bellevue Water System Board has rejected this proposal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bossier Parish Police Jury does hereby accept the partial payment of \$7,700 received from the Bellevue Water System Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Bossier Parish Police Jury does hereby accept and approve settlement of this matter with Bellevue Water System Board.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Jorden, seconded by Mr. Cochran. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 21st day of February, 2024.

MEGAN C. RAMOS  
INTERIM PARISH SECRETARY

PHILIP RODGERS, PRESIDENT  
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

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Mr. Hudson explained Change Order No. 3 for Project No. 2021-105, North South Corridor Phase II (Flat River to Crouch Road). He stated that the base of the road at the tie-in between the North South Corridor and Deen’s Point Road was changed from soil-cement to rock. He stated that this change results in a project cost increase of \$58,000.

**Motion was made by Mr. Rimmer, seconded by Mr. Marsiglia, to approve Change Order No. 3 for Project No. 2021-105, North South Corridor Phase II (Flat River to Crouch Road), and authorize the execution of documents.**

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, Ms. Glorioso, Mr. Jorden, Mr. Marsiglia, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer, Mr. Sutton**
- NAYS: None**
- ABSENT: Ms. Parks**
- ABSTAIN: None**

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2024, that it does hereby authorize the Parish President or the Parish Administrator to execute on its behalf, any and all documents in connection with Change Order No. 3 on Project No. 2021-105, North South Corridor Phase II (Flat River to Crouch Road).

The resolution was offered by Mr. Rimmer, seconded by Mr. Marsiglia. It was duly adopted on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2024, with the following votes recorded:

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

MEGAN C. RAMOS  
INTERIM PARISH SECRETARY

PHILIP RODGERS, PRESIDENT  
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

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Mr. Ford, Parish Administrator, provided a report on the National Association of Counties (NACo) Legislative Session. He stated that he was able to get a resolution passed unanimously

through the Justice and Public Safety Commission that would be voted on in July at the NACo National Convention in Tampa. He stated this resolution would restore the guidelines at FEMA prior to the flood of 2016. This would allow people to apply for flood inundation damage.

Mr. Ford advised jurors that registration is now open for the 2024 NACo Conference being held in Tampa, FL, on July 12 - 15, 2024. He asked jurors to notify him or Megan Ramos if they plan to attend.

Mr. Ford stated that Port Night is being held on Tuesday, February 27, 2024, at The Port of Caddo – Bossier Regional Commerce Center. He stated that former Parish Administrator, Mr. Bill Altimus, is currently serving as President of the Port Commission and urged jurors to RSVP if they plan to attend.

Mr. Ford reminded jurors of the upcoming Police Jury Association Convention being held on February 28 – March 1, 2024, in Lake Charles, LA. He said that everyone is excited to see the changes due to the new administration.

Mr. Ford reported that Bossier Day at the State Capitol is March 18 and 19, 2024. He asked jurors to let the staff know if they plan to attend so reservations can be made.

Mr. Ford reported on the status of the Interstate 20 construction project. He stated that he has been advised that the westbound lanes of I-20 will be closed on February 23, 2023. He further stated that he met with local business owners, and they expressed concern about the ongoing construction project and potential road closure as their business revenues are down. Mr. Ford stated that he advised LA DOTD that shutting down any portion of I-20 is not beneficial to the parish, and suggested that a 60-day traffic study be done to determine the best option. He further stated that the drivers of 18-wheelers traveling on I-20 are being issued a citation if they do not find an alternate route.

Mr. Cochran stated that as a business owner, he thinks that there should be alternative solutions to this problem. He also expressed concern regarding the hazardous working conditions for the highway crews.

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Mr. Eric Hudson, Parish Engineer, reported on the Caplis/Sligo Road bridge project. He stated that the project bid has been awarded and we are now awaiting the contract. Mr. Hudson estimated it will be 90 days before construction begins, and stated that the project will take approximately 9 months to 1 year to complete. Mr. Jackson, Parish Attorney, suggested notifying

local businesses prior to any road closures for this project. Mr. Hudson stated that he will look into this.

Mr. Hudson reported on the Smith Road Bridge project, advising that he is waiting on the environmental study. He stated that he will have an update on the North/South Corridor project at the next police jury meeting. Mr. Hudson stated that he is awaiting completion and closure of the White Oak Ditch Project.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Marsiglia, seconded by Mr. Darby to amend the agenda to consider acceptance of GOHSEP Storm Debris Removal (North), Project No. 2023-124, Amendment No. 1, Wade’s Tree Service, and GOHSEP Storm Debris Removal (South). Project No. 2023-125, Amendment No. 1, Beatty Logging, and authorize the execution of documents.** Mr. Hudson reported that these projects are 90/10 reimbursable.

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, Ms. Glorioso, Mr. Jorden, Mr. Marsiglia, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer, Mr. Sutton
- NAYS:** None
- ABSENT:** Ms. Parks
- ABSTAIN:** None

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**Motion was made by Mr. Jorden, seconded by Ms. Glorioso, to accept GOHSEP Storm Debris Removal (North), Project No. 2023-124, Amendment No. 1, Wade’s Tree Service, in the amount of \$22,300, and authorize the execution of documents.**

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, Ms. Glorioso, Mr. Jorden, Mr. Marsiglia, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer, Mr. Sutton
- NAYS:** None
- ABSENT:** Ms. Parks
- ABSTAIN:** None

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2024, that it does hereby authorize the Parish President and/or Parish Administrator, to execute on its behalf, any and all documents in connection with GOHSEP Storm Debris Removal (North), Project No. 2023-124, Amendment No. 1, Wade’s Tree Service.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Jorden, seconded by Ms. Glorioso. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2024.

MEGAN C. RAMOS  
INTERIM PARISH SECRETARY

PHILIP RODGERS, PRESIDENT  
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

AMENDMENT NO. 1  
STORM DEBRIS REMOVAL (NORTH)  
PROJECT # 2023-124

This agreement is made and entered into on 21 February, 2024 between the **Bossier Parish Police Jury**, hereinafter referred to as “**Parish**” and **Wade’s Tree Service**, hereinafter referred to as “**Contractor**” under the following terms and conditions.

Both parties hereby agree to amend the original contract dated June 29, 2023.

Both parties hereby agree to amend the original contract price of \$75,000.00 to reflect an increase in the amount of \$22,300.00. Upon mutual agreement the amended contract sum of \$75,000.00 is now revised to \$97,300.00

Except as set forth in Amendment No. 1, all terms and conditions not addressed herein shall remain as stated in the original agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this agreement as of this 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2024.

**PARISH:**  
Bossier Parish Police Jury  
By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parish President

**CONTRACTOR:**  
Wade’s Tree Service  
By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Owner

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**Motion was made by Mr. Jorden, seconded by Ms. Glorioso, to accept GOHSEP Storm Debris Removal (South), Project No. 2023-125, Amendment No. 1, Beatty Logging, in the amount of \$12,600, and authorize the execution of documents.**

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, Ms. Glorioso, Mr. Jorden, Mr. Marsiglia, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer, Mr. Sutton**

**NAYS: None**

**ABSENT: Ms. Parks**

**ABSTAIN: None**

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2024, that it does hereby authorize the Parish President and/or Parish Administrator, to execute on its behalf, any and all documents in connection with GOHSEP Storm Debris Removal (South), Project No. 2023-125, Amendment No. 1, Beatty Logging.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Jorden, seconded by Ms. Glorioso. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2024.

MEGAN C. RAMOS  
INTERIM PARISH SECRETARY

PHILIP RODGERS, PRESIDENT  
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

AMENDMENT NO. 1  
STORM DEBRIS REMOVAL (SOUTH)  
PROJECT # 2023-125

This agreement is made and entered into on 21 February, 2024 between the **Bossier Parish Police Jury**, hereinafter referred to as “**Parish**” and **Beaty Logging Co., Inc.**, hereinafter referred to as “**Contractor**” under the following terms and conditions.

Both parties hereby agree to amend the original contract dated June 29, 2023.

Both parties hereby agree to amend the original contract price of \$75,000.00 to reflect an increase in the amount of \$12,600.00. Upon mutual agreement the amended contract sum of \$75,000.00 is now revised to \$87,600.00

Except as set forth in Amendment No. 1, all terms and conditions not addressed herein shall remain as stated in the original agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this agreement as of this 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2024.

**PARISH:**  
Bossier Parish Police Jury  
By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parish President

**CONTRACTOR:**  
Beaty Logging Co., Inc.  
By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Owner

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Mr. Kevin Gay, Highway Superintendent, reported that highway department crews have cleaned out the ditches on Ridgefield Drive and Rye Circle. He stated that crews have added milling materials to the shoulder on Linton Road and Seven Pines Road, and have cut out and backfilled with hot mix on Fairview Point Road and East Point Drive.

Mr. Gay stated that crews have cleaned and repaired culverts on Parish Camp, Pine Haven, Fox Den Drive, Abe Martin Road, Scarborough Road, and Espanita Drive. He further stated that

crews have patched 40 roads, placed rock in the parking lot at the Community Center, and cleaned the curbs on Swan Lake Road.

Mr. Gay stated that boom axe crews are still working on Young Road. Mr. Rimmer asked if the crews had a chance to look at the ditch on Eliga Drive. Mr. Gay reported that it is on the ditching list, and they will get to it soon. Mr. Rodgers expressed thanks to Mr. Gay and his crews for the fantastic job they have done. Mr. Rodgers said that Mr. Gay is always very prompt with getting things done whenever needed.

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Mr. Warren Saucier presented the parks and recreation report. He reported that baseball season is starting at the Lawson Bo Brandon Park, and advised that they are installing new light bulbs and Raytheon Electric will be installing lights in the batting cages as well. Mr. Saucier reported that there are a lot of activities going on at the Tall Timbers Park, advising that they are taking bids on the fence and will get to work on it as soon as possible. He reported that the lacrosse league will be utilizing the South Bossier Park on Saturdays.

Mr. Saucier reported that the soil placed at Parish Camp seems to have solved the water problem there. He stated that gravel is being placed in the parking lot and electrical conduits are also being installed. Mr. Rodgers asked if the parking lot will be asphalted. Mr. Saucier reported that it will be asphalted with curbs. Mr. Benton asked how much longer the park will be closed. Mr. Saucier estimated that the park is going to be closed for approximately 2 more months.

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Mr. Nguyen Kha presented the Public Utilities Report. He reported that the applications for 2024 Community Water Enrichment Fund (CWEF) and Local Government Assistance Program (LGAP) have been submitted. He stated that CWEF grant funding will be used for a pump house in the Dogwood Water System, and LGAP grant funding will be used to install a new generator for the Rocky Mount water well.

Mr. Kha stated that the Water Sector Program, Project C – Water Wells, will be readvertised for bids. He stated that ARPA Contract C is almost complete, advising that additional fencing and site work is needed. Mr. Kha also reported that the ARPA Manhole Rehab project began approximately 10 days ago at the Highway 80 corridor.

Mr. Kha advised that a preconference for Prison Water System, West Central Water System is scheduled on February 22, 2024. He stated that contracts have been accepted for Contract B –

Turtle Creek Tie-Ins, and the project will be starting once the contracts are completed. Mr. Rodgers asked how long the project will take once it has started. Mr. Kha stated that it should take approximately one year to complete the project.

Mr. Benton inquired about a stopped-up sewer line in Tall Timbers. Mr. Kha reported that it is cleaned out, as of now, and we could apply for an ARPA grant in the future to replace that portion of the line.

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Mr. Marsiglia said that he is very happy to be at today's meeting. He extended thanks for all the prayers and well wishes during his recent health issue and stated that he would like to present a resolution to the people who helped save his life.

Mr. Cochran and Mr. Jorden stated that they were happy Mr. Marsiglia was back.

Mr. Benton expressed thanks to Mr. Ford for his representation of Bossier Parish at NACo Legislative Conference. He stated that Mr. Ford made many other parishes and counties aware of FEMA's Inundated Roads Policy.

Mr. Salzer asked if efforts are being made to request that FEMA once again allow small businesses to apply directly to FEMA for a small business loan. Mr. Ford stated that GOHSEP is working on creating a fund that would provide a low interest loan program, in the cases of those who are not eligible for a Small Business Loan. Mr. Ford stated that he is working to have FEMA consider changes in its Inundated Road Policy.

Mr. Sutton stated that he is happy to see Mr. Marsiglia back. He said that he recently worked with representatives of Keep Bossier Beautiful, along with South Bossier volunteers, planting 27 trees in Police Jury District 12.

Mr. Rimmer stated he is happy Mr. Marsiglia is able to be back today, and expressed thanks for all the prayers and well wishes for him and his wife during their recent health issues.

Mr. Rimmer stated that he and Mr. Sutton attended a groundbreaking ceremony for Chasing Aces, a new business planned next to Margaritaville. He stated that he is very excited to have this business in Bossier City.

Mr. Rodgers asked jurors to keep Stacey Brown in their prayers. He stated he is happy that Mr. Marsiglia is back and stated that many people are going through issues but to remember that God is in control.

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Mr. Jackson, Parish Attorney, stated that Mr. Kenny Loftin has been appointed as Deputy Secretary of the Louisiana Office of Juvenile Justice. He states that he is very proud, and that Mr. Loftin is a great candidate for this position.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING-February 21, 2024 - 1:30 p.m.

The Finance Committee of the Bossier Parish Police Jury met on this 21st day of February, 2024, at 1:30 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana. Mr. Tom Salzer, Chairman, called the meeting to order and the roll was called by Ms. Megan Ramos, Interim Parish Secretary, with Mr. Jorden and Ms. Parks absent.

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Mr. Salzer asked if anyone in the audience would like to address the Finance Committee regarding a matter not on today's agenda.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Benton, to approve payment of accounts payable invoices and budget to actual monthly comparison for the month of January, 2024.**

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

**YEAS: Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Ms. Glorioso, Mr. Marsiglia, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer, Mr. Sutton**

**NAYS: None**

**ABSTAIN: None**

**ABSENT: Mr. Jorden, Ms. Parks**

There being no further business to come before the Finance Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:32 p.m. by Mr. Salzer.

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There being no further business to come before the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2024, the meeting was adjourned by the President at 3:38 p.m.

MEGAN C. RAMOS  
INTERIM PARISH SECRETARY

PHILIP RODGERS, PRESIDENT  
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY