

ORDINANCE NO. 4965

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PARISH OF BOSSIER TO ENTER INTO A LOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE BOSSIER PARISH SCHOOL BOARD AND AUTHORIZING THE PARISH ADMINISTRATOR OR PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE ANY DOCUMENTS IN FURTHERANCE THEREOF.

WHEREAS, the Parish of Bossier and the Bossier Parish School Board will mutually benefit from the improvement of infrastructure, which enhances existing development and facilitates the development of new schools in the Parish of Bossier;

WHEREAS, the Parish of Bossier and the Bossier Parish School Board have engaged in joint endeavors regarding the development of schools, streets, highways and road projects, zoning master plans and a uniform development code, which benefit the citizens of Bossier Parish; and

WHEREAS, a local services agreement between the Parish of Bossier and the Bossier Parish School Board will facilitate intergovernmental functions to provide greater economy and efficiency in the operation of local services; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the Parish of Bossier will benefit by the development created by improving the traffic congestion at the W.T. Lewis Elementary School by constructing a turn lane to the school from Modica Lott Road, being a joint project of both entities; and

WHEREAS, the Bossier Parish School Board will pay for the design and construction of a turn lane from Modica Lott Road to the W.T. Lewis Elementary School parking lot as part of an existing Bossier Parish Police Jury Project, Project Number 2023-116, Innovation Drive and Dairy Lane Extension, as requested by the School Board; and

NOW THEREFORE, the Parish of Bossier and the Bossier Parish School Board agree as follows:

That the Parish of Bossier and the Bossier Parish School Board are joining together to plan, finance, and construct an existing Bossier Parish Police Jury Project, Project Number 2023-116, Innovation Drive and Dairy Lane Extension, by adding a turn lane off of Modica Lott Road to the W. T. Lewis Elementary School parking lot; to operate and maintain such public projects or improvements necessary or incidental thereto and to avail themselves of the method of acquisition or public projects, servitudes, rights-of-way,

easements, streets, highways and roads with the Parish of Bossier and/or the Bossier Parish School Board, specifically allowed in La. R. S. 33:1329, all for and on behalf of the residents of the Parish of Bossier.

That the Parish of Bossier and/or the Bossier Parish School Board shall have the right individually or jointly to acquire property pursuant to La. R. S. 33:1329 in furtherance of these improvements, being a joint project of both entities. Further, the parties may, from time to time, provide funds and/or services to the other for purposes of facilitating these endeavors. By letter agreement, the parties may document the services and funds the parties may exchange between the other, after appropriate vote of the political subdivision to so do the services or provide the funds.

That the Parish of Bossier and the Bossier Parish School Board, in entering into this agreement, authorize their respective attorneys and staff to take whatever action necessary in furtherance of the joint projects set forth herein.

If any provision or item of this Agreement or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this Agreement which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items, or applications and to this end the provisions of this Agreement are hereby declared severable.

The ordinance was offered by Ms. Parks, seconded by Mr. Marsiglia. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 19th day of July, 2023.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

DOUG RIMMER, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY