

BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY
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The Bossier Parish Police Jury met in regular and legal session on this 7th day of January, 2004, at 2:00 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana. The President, Mr. Jimmy Cochran, called the meeting to order. The invocation was given by Mr. Eddy Shell and the pledge of allegiance was led by Mr. Henry Mitchell. The Secretary-Treasurer, Cheryl Martin, called the roll, with all members present, as follows:

Mr. William Altimus	Mr. Winfred Johnston
Mr. Rick Avery	Mr. Hank Meachum
Mr. Jimmy Cochran	Mr. Henry Mitchell
Mr. Brad Cummings	Mr. Jeff Rogers
Mr. Jerome Darby	Mr. Eddy Shell
Mr. Wayne Hammack	Mr. Jesse Williams

Others present were Mr. Bill Altimus, Parish Administrator; Mr. Jeff Cox, Attorney; Mr. Joe E. "Butch" Ford, Jr., Parish Engineer; Cheryl Martin, Secretary-Treasurer.

Sealed bids were opened and read for the sale of adjudicated property at the South 75 feet of Lot 12, Block G, Cumberland Subdivision, Bossier Parish, LA. Minimum bid acceptable is \$944.93. Ms. Martin opened the only bid received of Mr. Jerry A. Brown in the amount of \$950.00. **Motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Darby, to accept the bid of Mr. Jerry A. Brown in the amount of \$950.00 for the purchase of property at the South 75 feet of Lot 12, Block G, Cumberland Subdivision, Bossier Parish, LA. Motion carried unanimously.**

Sealed bids were opened and read for the sale of adjudicated property at the North 70 feet of Lot 12, Block G, Cumberland Subdivision, Bossier Parish, LA. Minimum bid acceptable is \$871.42. Ms. Martin opened the only bid received of Mr. Jerry A. Brown in the amount of \$875.00. **Motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Darby, to accept the bid of Mr. Jerry A. Brown in the amount of \$875.00 for the purchase of property at the North 70 feet of Lot 12, Block G, Cumberland Subdivision, Bossier Parish, LA. Motion carried unanimously.**

Ms. Martin announced the public hearing to consider the application of Zone Systems, Inc., for Planning Approval on a B-3 tract, 1183 Bellevue Road, Haughton, LA, for a 190' telecommunications tower. The application received a favorable recommendation from the Bossier City-Parish MPC. There being no opposition, **motion was made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Shell, to approve the application of Zone Systems, Inc., as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

Ms. Martin announced the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Spotted Acres, located off Highway 528 in Section 11, Township 19 North, Range 11 West, Bossier Parish, LA. Mr. Tom Hathorn, representing the developer, was present. Mr. Ford, Parish Engineer, stated that the proposed development meets all parish regulations and recommended approval. There being no opposition, **motion was made by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to approve the plat of the proposed development of Spotted Acres, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

Ms. Martin announced the public hearing to consider the application of Total Properties, Inc., to the Benton-Parish MPC for a zoning amendment to change the zoning classification of a tract of land located in Section 35, Township 20 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA, from R-A, Residence-Agriculture District, to R-3 MHP, Residence Mobile Home Park, for a residential subdivision that will allow manufactured homes, conventional constructed homes and mobile homes. The Benton-Parish MPC recommended denial of the application.

Mr. Warren Moore, Total Properties, Inc., stated that the proposed development is located at the intersection of the Linton Road and Linton Cut-Off Road, and is to consist of 49 lots. He stated that each lot is 125 feet wide and approximately 3/4 of an acre in size. Mr. Moore stated that a Homeowners Association is planned. He stated that restrictive covenants require a 1400 square foot minimum for homes, and stated that a cyclone fenced backyard is also required. Mr. Moore stated that manufactured homes are required to have porches, with an attached garage and a hard surface driveway and parking area. Individual sewer systems are proposed and the development will be served by the Cypress Black Bayou Water System.

Mr. Cochran stated that he is concerned with an increase in the current traffic flow in this area with the proposed development.

Mr. Buddy Keeth, 1603 Linton Road, stated that the rear 400 feet of his property adjoins the proposed development and stated that he is concerned that drainage runoff from the proposed subdivision will flow across the rear of his property. He further stated that he feels the existing substandard roads will not adequately handle the increased traffic and that such a development will lower the quality of life in this area.

Mr. Morgan Johnson, 109 Boyce Circle, stated that he is also concerned with additional traffic. Mr. Johnson stated that one of his main concerns is maintenance of the proposed individual sewer treatment systems. He stated that 49 lots is excessive for a tract of this size. Mr. Johnson stated that he feels the proposed subdivision will have an adverse effect on the value of surrounding properties.

Ms. Lucy Cooper, 125 Rambo Road, stated that she is concerned with additional drainage runoff to Cypress Lake and urged jurors to review this matter. She stated that the majority of homes in this area are traditional homes and urged jurors to consider the wishes and concerns of the current surrounding property owners.

Mr. Wilbert Anderson, 5069 Linton Cut-Off Road, urged jurors to deny approval of the proposal and expressed concern regarding increased traffic.

Mr. Gary Taylor, 2521 Rosedale, stated that the amount of traffic in this area is tremendous.

Mr. Bob Brown, Benton-Parish MPC, stated that the MPC feels the change in conditions is not adequate enough to warrant a zoning change and recommends denial of the application.

Mr. Warren Moore stated that with increased growth, there are traffic problems throughout the parish. He stated that the sewer treatment systems meet all requirements of the Bossier Parish Health Department, and that strict guidelines and restrictive covenants will be implemented.

Mr. Hammack discussed the effects of drainage runoff from the proposed development. Mr. Moore stated that Smith and Raley Engineering has looked at the drainage in this area and that he is willing to work with Mr. Keeth on this matter.

Mr. Ford, Parish Engineer, stated that he has looked at the site of the proposed development, and that most homes in the area are traditional built homes. He stated that manufactured homes in the area are well kept. Mr. Williams stated that most residential properties consist of more than one acre.

Mr. Samuel Thornton, 1540 Linton Road, stated that he is concerned that the proposed subdivision will lower property values in the area.

Mr. Roy Roberson, 104 Boyce Circle, expressed concern regarding additional drainage to Cypress Lake.

Mr. Tommy Pharr, 156 Downs Drive, stated that he has five sewer treatment plants on three acres, and that he feels 49 systems on this tract will have an adverse effect on drainage to the lake.

Mr. Avery stated that while he is not opposed to manufactured homes, he feels this location is not suitable for such a development. Mr. Williams asked if Mr. Moore would consider larger lots with stick built homes. He stated that recently developed manufactured home subdivisions in this area do not appear to be prosperous.

Mr. David Fuselier, 5214 Linton Road, stated that people are coming to this area building homes for their retirement.

Mr. Tom Mosby, 5085 Linton Cutoff Road, stated that this development will affect property values on two roads.

Mr. Altimus stated that in accordance with the Benton-Parish MPC, there are certain reasons which warrant a zoning change; (1) to correct an error in zoning, (2) an increased need for sites for business and industry, (3) change in conditions and (4) the subdividing of open land into urban building sites. He stated that he does not feel this proposal warrants a zoning change, advising that this is a rural area consisting primarily of stick built homes. He stated that this development would create a high density use which is not compatible with the surrounding property.

Motion was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Altimus, to deny the application of Total Properties, Inc., for a zoning amendment to change the zoning classification of a tract of land located in Section 5, Township 20 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA, from R-A, Residential-Agriculture District, to R-3 MHP, Residence Mobile Home Park, for a residential subdivision that will allow manufactured homes, conventional constructed homes and mobile homes. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to table the public hearing to consider a request of the Benton-Parish MPC for an amendment to its zoning regulations to remove the land use Mobile Home from "Uses By Right" within the R-A, Residence Agriculture District and the R-1, Single Family Residence District, and adding the land use Mobile Home to "Special Exception Uses" within the R-A and R-1 Districts, and to amend Definitions by changing the definition of a mobile home, to allow review of this matter by the Parish Attorney. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to schedule a public hearing on February 4, 2004, to consider the application of Rick Allison to the Bossier City-Parish MPC for a zoning amendment to change the zoning classification of a five acre tract located in the east half of Section 21, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA, from R-A, Residence District, to B-3, Community and Central Business District, for a boat and RV storage facility located at the northeast corner of Airline Drive and W. Swan Lake Road. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Sam Marsiglia, Bossier City-Parish MPC, advised of an amendment by the Bossier City MPC which requires that the front 175 feet of the property will remain R-A for now.

Motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to postpone for one month, the application of Red River South Enterprises to the Bossier City-Parish MPC for a zoning amendment to change the zoning classification of a 56.47 acre tract of land located in Sections 4 and 5, Township 16 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA, from R-A, Residence-Agriculture District, to B-3, Community and Central Business District, for a riverside marina, truck stop and commercial storage facility, and also Conditional Use Approval for retail sales of beverages of high alcoholic content at a lounge; on-premise consumption of beverages of low alcoholic content at a restaurant, all located 7980 Barksdale Boulevard, Bossier City, LA.

There was discussion on the motion. Mr. Altimus stated that the Bossier City MPC has requested that turn lanes at this location be considered, and advised that a meeting with officials from the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development is scheduled on January 26 to discuss this matter.

Votes were cast on Mr. Meachum's motion to table the public hearing for one month. Motion carried, with Mr. Cochran abstaining from vote.

Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Altimus, to schedule a public hearing on February 4, 2004, to consider the application of Boggs Contracting Group, Inc., to the Bossier City-Parish MPC for a zoning amendment to change the zoning classification of a 15.51 acre tract of land located in Sections 17 and 20, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA, from R-A, Residence Agriculture District, to R-1, PUD, One-Family Residence District, Planned Unit Development, for a single family residential subdivision. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Cummings, to table appointments to the Board of Commissioners for Bossier Parish Fire District No. 6, to be considered at the January 21, 2004 regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Mr. Shell, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to adopt a resolution supporting Waring Oil Company and allowing them to receive the local benefits of the Enterprise Zone Program. Motion carried, with Mr. Cochran opposing.

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION STATING THE BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY'S ENDORSEMENT OF WARING OIL COMPANY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BENEFITS OF THE LOUISIANA ENTERPRISE ZONE PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Act 901 of 1981, Act 337 of 1982, Act 433 of 1987, Act 1024 of 1992, Act 581 of 1995, and Act 624 and Act 647 of 1997 state the requirements of Louisiana's Enterprise Zone Program; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program offers significant incentives for economic development to some of the most distressed areas in Bossier Parish; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Economic Development designated Census Tract 108.98 Block Group 1 in Bossier Parish as "Enterprise Zone" eligible based on enabling legislation R.S. 51.21.1787-1791); and

WHEREAS, the Bossier Parish Police Jury states that this endorsement is in agreement with the Overall Economic Development Plan for the Parish of Bossier; and

WHEREAS, the **attached Enterprise Zone map has been marked** to show the location of the business being endorsed; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program

- 1. To participate in the Enterprise Zone Program.
- 2. To assist the Department in evaluating progress made in any Enterprise Zone within its jurisdiction.
- 3. To rebate all local sales/use taxes, except those that are dedicated to the repayment of a bond issue, on the purchase of eligible construction materials, machinery, and equipment purchased for this project and used by the business **permanently on that site.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on this 7th day of January, 2004, that Waring Oil Company, and their project 71 construction, Enterprise Zone Application #20030572 is endorsed to participate in the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if any provision or item of this resolution is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end, the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Shell, seconded by Mr. Rogers. Upon vote, it was duly adopted on this 7th day of January, 2004.

CHERYL G. MARTIN
SECRETARY-TREASURER

JIMMY COCHRAN, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Altimus, to adopt a resolution accepting streets and drainage in Lakewood Subdivision, Unit No. 6, into the parish road system for permanent maintenance. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Ford, Parish Engineer, stated that the required maintenance bond has been provided, and that all core testing results are in compliance with parish regulations.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on the 7th day of January, 2004, has received a request from Coyle Engineering Co., Inc., that the parish accept into its system for permanent maintenance, the streets and drainage in Lakewood Subdivision, Unit No. 6, Bossier Parish, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, The said streets and drainage have been completed in accordance with the specifications of the Bossier Parish Police Jury; and

WHEREAS, A two-year maintenance bond has been executed in favor of the Bossier Parish Police Jury to guarantee against failure of said streets and drainage as to material and workmanship as required by Chapter 26, Section 107 of the Bossier Parish Code of Ordinances.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Bossier Parish Police Jury that it does accept the two-year maintenance bond of Benton & Brown, L. L. C., for maintenance, including labor and materials, for the above captioned streets and drainage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Bossier Parish Police Jury does hereby accept into the parish maintenance system for continuous maintenance the streets and drainage located in Lakewood Subdivision, Unit No. 6, Bossier Parish, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Court, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, together with the maintenance bond.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Altimus. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 7th day of January, 2004.

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Mr. Altimus presented pictures of the maximum security jail construction site.

Mr. Altimus presented statistics for the month of December regarding the issuance of building permits, advising that a total of 17 permits were issued representing approximately \$2.8 million in construction.

Mr. Altimus advised that tree seedlings will be available on a first-come basis through the Trailblazer 2004 Tree Initiative on February 10-12, 2004.

Mr. Altimus provided jurors with an update on the courthouse project, advising that closing the west end parking lot is planned for January 12, 2004.

Mr. Altimus stated that he has prepared an ordinance pertaining to the discharging of firearms in or near a residential subdivision, and has forwarded a copy to the Parish Attorney and to the Bossier Sheriff's Department for review. The matter is to be considered at the January 21, 2004 regular meeting.

Mr. Altimus advised that Ms. Joan Carraway, Bossier Parish Clerk of Court, will administer the Oath of Office to police jurors at the January 21, 2004 regular meeting. He stated that the election of officers for the Bossier Parish Police Jury will also be held on January 21, 2004. Jurors were provided a list of current police jury committees and asked to advise which committees they are interested in serving on.

Mr. Altimus advised of a request from Bossier Parish Technical School, Louisiana Technical College, for funding in the amount of \$4,511.09 for equipment items needed for various programs. Mr. Shell stated that a large number of Bossier Parish students attend the college for job training and that he feels the police jury should support them. **Motion was made by Mr. Shell, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, that each juror will contribute \$375.92 each to Louisiana Technical College, for a total of \$4,511.09, as requested. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Ford, Parish Engineer, requested a meeting of the Subdivision Regulations Committee on January 21, 2004, prior to the regular meeting, to discuss several issues. He stated that the matter of regulations pertaining to street light maintenance within residential subdivisions has come up and a decision needs to be made on who is responsible for maintenance of street lights in residential subdivisions.

Mr. Ford discussed the matter of maintenance bonds required in the acceptance of streets into the parish road system for permanent maintenance, advising that he does feel the current requirements are adequate. Current regulations require that maintenance bonds provide for payment of 25% of the construction costs for asphalt streets and 10% of the construction costs for concrete streets. Mr. Ford stated that maintenance bonds should provide for 100% of constructions costs for all street types.

Mr. Ford advised of several properties which have been subdivided and recorded with a metes and bounds legal description. He stated that the properties were not surveyed and no plat is filed.

A meeting of the Subdivision Regulations Committee is scheduled at 1:00 p.m., January 21, 2004, prior to the Finance Committee meeting.

Mr. Ford reported that the acquisition of right-of-way is complete in the acceptance of Lodge Hall Road into the parish road system, and requested that he be authorized to execute right-of-way deeds. **Motion was made by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to adopt a resolution authorizing Mr. Ford to execute right-of-way deeds in connection with the acquisition of right-of-way along Lodge Hall Road. Motion carried unanimously.**

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 7th day of January, 2004, that Joe E. "Butch" Ford, Jr., P.E., Parish Engineer, be and is hereby authorized to execute on its behalf, right-of-way deeds in connection with the acquisition of right-of-way along Lodge Hall Road (formerly Pine Street in Pine View Subdivision, Princeton, LA), from the following property owners:

- Lot No. 1 Herbert Lee Bray
- Lot No. 2 Olla Pierre
- Lot No. 3 Annie Parker Amien
- Lot No. 4 Brenda Harper
- Lot Nos. 5 and 6 Mary Edwards
- Lot No. 7 Donnie Keith
- Lot No. 9 Carlos Edwards

The resolution was offered by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Mitchell. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 7th day of January, 2004.

CHERYL G. MARTIN
SECRETARY-TREASURER

JIMMY COCHRAN, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to adopt an ordinance to officially accept Lodge Hall Road into the parish road system for permanent maintenance. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 3911

AN ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 94, SECTION 94-7, OF THE BOSSIER PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES OF BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA, ACCEPTING THE LODGE HALL ROAD INTO THE PARISH ROAD MAINTENANCE SYSTEM FOR PERMANENT MAINTENANCE.

WHEREAS, the District 4 Representative has requested the inclusion pursuant to said ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Police Jury deemed it necessary to incorporate Lodge Hall Road as it is in desperate need of maintenance to provide safe access for school buses, mail carriers, and the citizens of Bossier Parish.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, that the Bossier Parish Police Jury, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, in due legal and regular session convened, that in accordance with Chapter 94, Section 94-7, of the Bossier Parish Code of Ordinances, the following road be and is hereby accepted into the Bossier Parish Road Maintenance System for permanent maintenance:

LODGE HALL ROAD - 0.11 MILE
(formerly Pine Street in Pine View Subdivision)

A gravel road located off LA Highway 157, Bossier Parish, LA.

Having met the requirements of Chapter 94, Section 94-7, Lodge Hall Road is incorporated into the Parish Maintenance System.

The ordinance was offered by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Rogers. Upon the following vote, it was duly adopted on this 7th day of January, 2004.

Yeas: Mr. Altimus, Mr. Avery, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Darby, Mr. Hammack, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Meachum, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Rogers, Mr. Shell, Mr. Williams.

Abstain: None

Nays: None

Absent: None
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Mr. Ford stated that one property owner on Holli Road has not yet signed a right-of-way deed in the acceptance of Holli Road into the parish road system. He stated that he will begin working on right-of-way acquisition for the acceptance of streets in Franwood Subdivision and Peppermint Lane in Mr. Meachum's district, and Laura Lane in Mr. Rogers' district.

Mr. Ford advised that a meeting is scheduled on January 12, 2004, with Bossier City officials regarding the proposed park on Old Brownlee Road. He stated that he will present information from the Corps of Engineers regarding a wetlands determination on the area.

Ms. Martin presented a proposal from Cook & Morehart for auditing of the Bossier Parish Police Jury financial records for the year ended December 31, 2003, for a base fee of \$20,300. She stated that additional hours will be required due to the implementation of GASB, and that any additional hours necessary will be billed at an additional hourly rate. **Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Shell, to accept the proposal of Cook & Morehart for audit of the Bossier Parish Police Jury financial records for the year ended December 31, 2003. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Gary Cathcart, Public Works Director, reported that parish work crews have completed 112 additional parking spaces on property north of the courthouse.

Motion was made by Mr. Cummings, seconded by Mr. Darby, to amend the agenda to adjourn into executive session to discuss Suit No. 113413, Shield Enterprises, Inc. vs Bossier City-Parish MPC Board of Adjustment.

Motion carried with the following vote recorded:

AYES: Mr. Altimus, Mr. Avery, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Darby, Mr. Hammack, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Meachum, Mr. Rogers, Mr. Shell, Mr. Williams.

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion was made by Mr. Cummings, seconded by Mr. Darby, that Mr. Cummings will contribute \$346.95 from his school recreational funds to Bossier High School for computer lab seating. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Meachum advised of drainage problems behind the Haughton High School girls softball field and requested that the Public Works Director prepare a cost estimate for installing drainage pipe to correct the problem. Upon receipt of the cost, Mr. Meachum and Mr. Rogers will share this expense from their school recreational funds. **Motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to authorize repair of a drainage problem behind the Haughton High School girls softball field, with Mr. Meachum and Mr. Rogers to share the cost of repair. Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to accept the resignation of Mr. Louis Baker from the Benton-Parish MPC Board of Directors, and to adopt a resolution of appreciation to Mr. Baker for his years of service in this capacity. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Williams stated that he will make an appointment to fill this position at a later date.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Mr. Louis Baker has served on the Benton-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission Board of Directions since his appointment by the Bossier Parish Police Jury on December 10, 1997; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Baker has been diligent in his duties and has demonstrated a genuine concern for the growth and future development of Bossier Parish.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 7th day of January, 2004, that it does hereby accept the resignation of Mr. Louis Baker from the Benton-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission Board of Directors, and does express its sincere appreciation to Mr. Louis Baker for his years of service to the citizens of Bossier Parish.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Mitchell. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 7th day of January, 2004.

CHERYL G. MARTIN
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Motion was made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to authorize preparation of an ordinance accepting Laura Lane, a gravel road in Mr. Rogers' district, into the parish road system for permanent maintenance. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to schedule a public hearing to consider a replat of five lots to one lot in Forest Hills Subdivision. Motion carried unanimously. A hearing date will be set upon receipt of plat information.

Mr. Avery stated that he will contribute funds from his matching school recreational funds for infield fill

material at the Airline High School baseball field, and from the regular school recreation funds for gray rock at the girls softball field at Airline High School. Mr. Avery stated that upon a determination of the cost, he will contribute funds for both projects. **Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Darby, that Mr. Avery will contribute funds from his school recreational funds for projects at Airline High School, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to adopt a resolution congratulating the Louisiana State University Tigers football team on their winning of the National Championship on January 4, 2004. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on January 4, 2004, the Louisiana State University Tigers football team claimed the BCS National Championship Title in a 21-14 win over the University of Oklahoma Sooners in the 2004 Nokia Sugar Bowl; and

WHEREAS, many citizens throughout the State of Louisiana and the nation, watched with intense enthusiasm and support as the LSU "Fighting Tigers" demonstrated their tremendous talent and determination; and

WHEREAS, members of both the offensive and defensive teams of the LSU Tigers are truly among the best in the nation; and

WHEREAS, the winning of this National Championship by the LSU Tigers will be remembered by many as one of the greatest college bowl series games in history; and

WHEREAS, Coach Nick Saban and the members of the entire LSU coaching staff have displayed an extraordinary knowledge of the game and a genuine concern for the players, and have earned the respect and admiration of the players, coaches and fans surrounding the game of college football.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Bossier Parish Police Jury and the citizens of Bossier Parish, that we do hereby convey our sincerest congratulations to Coach Nick Saban and the Louisiana State University Tigers and do applaud them on their National Championship Title.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Rogers. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 7th day of January, 2004.

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There being no further business to come before the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 7th day of January, 2004, the meeting was adjourned by the President at 3:50 p.m.

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