

BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY
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The Bossier Parish Police Jury met in regular and legal session on this 5th day of April, 2006, at 2:00 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana. The President, Mr. Jerome Darby, called the meeting to order. The invocation was given by Mr. Eddy Shell and the pledge of allegiance was led by Mr. Bill Altimus. The Secretary-Treasurer, Ms. 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. Joe E. "Butch" Ford, Jr., Parish Engineer; Ms. Cheryl Martin, Secretary-Treasurer.

Motion was made by Mr. Shell, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to amend the agenda to add Ms. Laura Adley. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to amend the agenda to add Ms. Rhonda Kennedy. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Laura Adley presented a letter dated April 3, 2006, advising that a copy of the letter been sent to each juror. She requested that it be made a part of the record of this meeting and read it aloud as follows:

Re: Protest to platting of a proposed truck stop/casino site to be located on a tract of land on Highway 3, in Section 18, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA, plus any changes to flood map. This issue has become more suspect and deserves the full attention of all elected officials. The amendment to change the zoning classification of this land to B-3 was approved on December 21, 2005 by the Bossier Parish Police Jury. The plat approval for this site should be denied based on the official flood map which shows the proposed site platted over a floodway, blocking the Willow Chute Bayou. This could result in the flooding of homes and other structures and may become a liability for the parish. Due to this type of business, hazardous material spillage is a threat. An environmental study should be considered.

Someone representing RMH Properties is prompting the Corps of Engineers to make changes to the flood map without following proper procedure and obtaining the proper approval. It is my understanding that one change has been accomplished in less than 45 days. Please stop these map changes and force them to follow standard procedures. Please take this opportunity to do what is best for Bossier Parish. Give citizens the opportunity of a public hearing.

Respectfully,

Laura Adley

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cc: Jim McCrery, Congressman

Jane Smith, Representative

Robert Adley, Senator

Larry Deen, Sheriff

Schuyler Marvin, District Attorney

Patrick Jackson, Attorney

Ms. Adley requested that Mr. Ford, Parish Attorney, submit a formal appeal to the proposed change in the flood map.

Ms. Rhonda Kennedy, 162 Skipper Drive, expressed concern regarding the condition of property at 154 Skipper Drive, which adjoins her property. The owner of property at 154 Skipper Drive has been notified by the police jury that his property is in violation of Bossier Parish Property Standards regulations. Ms. Kennedy requested that the police jury deny the property owner any further extensions of time in which to clean up his property.

Ms. Kennedy stated the owner is burning hazardous materials on his property which creates toxic fumes. She stated that these fumes have caused health problems for her and her family. Ms. Kennedy stated that junk from the property is piled against and pushing down her fence. Mr. Mitchell stated that recent photos of the property indicate that no efforts are being made by the owner to clean up this property.

Ms. Kennedy stated that she has contacted the Department of Environmental Quality and the Environmental Protection Agency regarding this matter, and was advised that the owner must be caught burning the materials.

Mr. Sam Marsiglia, Bossier City-Parish MPC, stated that the MPC has also sent the property owner a letter advising him that he is in violation of zoning regulations due to an illegal wrecking operation at this location.

Motion was made by Mr. Shell, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to authorize a letter from the police jury to the Department of Environmental Quality and the Environmental Protection Agency, requesting that they investigate this matter, with a copy to be sent to Sheriff Larry Deen and Schuyler Marvin, Bossier Parish District Attorney. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Meachum, to initiate condemnation proceedings for the condemnation of property at 154 Skipper Drive, in accordance with Bossier Parish Property Standards regulations. Motion carried unanimously.

Sealed bids were opened and read aloud for a six-month supply of hot mix for the Bossier Parish Highway Department, as follows:

Bidder: Bid Amount:
Benton and Brown, LLC \$46.00 per ton

Ms. Martin advised that this is the only bid received. **Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to accept the bid of Benton and Brown, LLC, in the amount of \$46 per ton for the six month supply of hot mix for the Bossier Parish Highway Department. Motion carried unanimously.**

Ms. Martin announced the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Piper's Acres, being a resubdivision of Lot 16, Victory Acres, located in Section 7, Township 18 North, Range 1 West, Bossier Parish, LA. There being no one present regarding this matter, **motion was made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to table this matter. Motion carried unanimously.**

Ms. Martin announced the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Olde Oaks, Unit VII, located in Section 23, Township 17 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA. Mr. James Harris, developer, and Mr. Brad Graff, Cothren, Graff and Smoak Engineering, were present. Mr. Harris advised that the development will have sidewalks and street lights.

Mr. Ford, Parish Engineer, stated that this is a continuation of the existing units of Olde Oaks Subdivision, and stated that there is a retention pond for the entire development. He requested that he be provided detailed information on the design of this pond. Mr. Graff stated that it is a 25-acre pond and that any additional runoff from this development will go over that 25 acres. He stated that the pond is designed to remain sufficient for more than 25 years. There being no opposition, **motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to approve the plat of the proposed development of Olde Oaks Subdivision, Unit No. 7, subject to receipt by the parish engineer of detailed information on the retention pond. Motion carried unanimously.**

Ms. Martin announced the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Nine Oaks located in Section 23, Township 17 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA. There being no opposition, **motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Shell, to approve the plat of the proposed development of Nine Oaks Subdivision, subject to receipt by the parish engineer of detailed information on the retention pond. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Ford discussed drainage from a break in the pond dam. Mr. Harris stated that this has been repaired. Mr. Ford recommended that the elevation be checked.

Ms. Martin announced the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Tommy Medler Subdivision, located in Section 3, Township 21 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA. Mr. Ford, Parish Engineer, stated that he has received no information on this development and has had no contact with the developer. He recommended that no action be taken and that this item be removed from the agenda. The jury concurred.

Ms. Martin announced the public hearing to discuss the proposed extension of Duckwater Landing in Lakewood Subdivision, Unit No. 9, approximately one-half mile east to Swan Lake Road, located in Section 16, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA. Mr. John Vice, Mr. Lynn Beaty, and Mr. John Vice, Sr., were present.

Mr. Ford stated that these gentlemen own an 80-acre tract of land on Swan Lake Road and have offered to donate to the parish, a 60' right-of-way through their property for construction of a road from Lakewood Subdivision, Unit No. 9 approximately one-half mile east to Swan Lake Road. He stated that residents of Lakewood Subdivision have only one road for entering and exiting the subdivision and stated that the extension of Duckwater Landing will provide an additional outlet. Mr. Ford stated that the estimated cost for construction of the road is \$100,000. **Motion was made by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to accept the donation of right-of-way and proceed with the extension of Duckwater Landing approximately one-half mile east to Swan Lake Road. Motion carried unanimously.** Mr. Mitchell expressed his appreciation to the landowners for donation of the needed right-of-way.

Ms. Martin announced the public hearing to consider the application of William and Rebekah Burson to the Benton-Parish MPC for a waiver of subdivision platting requirements to allow the subdivision of a tract of land located at 1627 Old Plain Dealing Road, Bossier Parish, LA. Mr. Ford stated that this is a very minor plat, and stated the police jury previously lifted its moratorium on the placement of manufactured homes in the parish to allow the Bursons to proceed. He stated that no additional action is necessary.

Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to schedule a public hearing on May 3, 2006, to consider the application of Kyle Associates, LLC for a zoning amendment to change the zoning classification of a tract of land located in Section 33, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA, from R-A Residential Agriculture District, to B-2 Limited Business District for a C-Store, located on the northwest corner of Airline Drive and Wemple Road. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to schedule a public hearing on May 3, 2006, to consider the application of Kyle Associates, LLC, for a Conditional Use Approval at a B-2 location, 4002 Airline Dr., Bossier City, for the retail sale of packaged low content alcohol at a C-Store, for off-premise consumption, located on the northwest corner of Airline Drive and Wemple Road. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Meachum, to schedule a public hearing on May 3, 2006, to consider the application of Southern Suds for a zoning amendment to change the zoning classification of Lot 1, Hathorn Subdivision, Bossier Parish, LA from B-2 Limited Business District, to B-3 General Business District, for a carwash, located on the north side of Highway 80, east of Hillcrest Cemetery. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to schedule a public hearing on May 3,

2006, to consider the application of the Bossier City-Parish MPC to amend the Unified Development Code regarding Self-Service Structures and Modular Commercial Buildings. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ford stated that Coyle Engineering Co., Inc., has requested that consideration of the approval of the plat of the proposed development of Raybon Cove Subdivision, located in Section 18, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA, be postponed indefinitely. No action was taken.

Motion was made by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to adopt an endorsement resolution supporting the application of Target Corporation 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 TARGET CORPORATION, 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 111.04 Block Group 3 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, the Bossier Parish Police Jury agrees:

- 1. To participate in the Enterprise Zone Program.
- 2. To assist the Department in evaluating progress made in any Enterprise Zone within its jurisdiction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on this 5th day of April, 2006, that Target Corporation and their project start-up new store, Bossier City, LA Enterprise Zone Application #060265-0 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. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Rogers. Upon vote, it was duly adopted on this 5th day of April, 2006.

CHERYL G. MARTIN
SECRETARY-TREASURER

JEROME DARBY, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Shell, to approve the reappointment of Mr. Charles "Buster" Constanzi to the Bossier City-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission Board of Directors, for a six year term which expires April, 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Avery, to approve the reappointment of Mr. Tommy Boggs, Mr. Charles Boone, Mr. Percy Hubbard, Mr. Wayne Davis and Mr. Bill Schwartz, and to approve the appointment of Mr. Carlton Golden, Mr. Jim Johnson and Mr. John Michael Moore to the Industrial Development Board of the Parish of Bossier. Motion carried unanimously. All terms are for a six-year period which expires January 27, 2012.

Mr. Johnston reported on a meeting of the Health and Sanitation Committee held on March 22, 2006 to discuss parish-wide garbage pickup. He stated that representatives of several local garbage collection companies were present. Mr. Johnston stated that a Request for Proposals is being prepared and will be sent out to the various companies. These proposals will be reviewed by the committee and a recommendation will be made to the jury at a later date.

Mr. Avery reported on a meeting of the Subdivision Regulations Committee regarding requested changes to zoning signage and distance regulations, advising that additional information is being gathered for study. Mr. Altimus advised that he has contacted Mr. Neil Erwin, zoning attorney, to assist in this matter, and stated that Mr. Erwin will attend the April 19, 2006 regular meeting for discussion.

Mr. Altimus reported that he attended a building code seminar regarding the new statewide building code requirement, advising that effective January 1, 2007, each parish must have a building inspection operation in place. He stated that it is required that each parish appoint a building inspection official who must certify to the police jury that building code requirements are met on all residential construction. Mr. Altimus stated that a 19 member commission will be appointed by the State to oversee regulations. He discussed various options available to the police jury for implementing this operation.

Mr. Altimus advised that the USDA has noted several deficiencies in the annex building in meeting requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. The USDA currently leases office space in the annex building for the local Natural Resources Conservation Service office. Mr. Altimus stated that he is working with Mr. Paul Baker, Maintenance Supervisor, regarding making the necessary changes and repairs.

Mr. Ford and Mr. Bruce Easterly discussed the proposed extension of the Arthur Ray Teague Parkway. He stated that the proposal has been presented to officials with the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries in Washington,

D.C., and advised that a road to the proposed Wildlife and Fisheries visitors center is planned. Mr. Easterly stated that response to the proposed extension is favorable, and advised that an environmental study will be performed.

Mr. Easterly reported that the Stage 0 Assessment on the Parks Road Extension to Swan Lake Road has been approved and sent the Federal Highway Administration. He stated the Northwest Louisiana Council of Governments is preparing a Request for Proposals for the project.

Mr. Altimus requested authority to submit an application to the Statewide Flood Control Program for funding to assist in flood control in the parish. He stated that the Bayou Bodcau/Red Chute drainage area is the principal problem in the parish at this time. Mr. Altimus stated that options have been provided to remedy this problem, advising that a drainage control structure at the Bodcau dam has been discussed. He stated that the cost of the project is approximately \$700,000. Mr. Altimus stated that clearing Willow Chute is another option, as well as the construction of an east/west diversion channel. He stated that the parish already has zoning and retention ordinances in place. Mr. Altimus stated that the cost for a study of the proposed east/west diversion channel is \$2 million.

After discussion, **motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to adopt a resolution authorizing the submission of an application to the Statewide Flood Control Program for funding to assist in flood control in the parish. Motion carried unanimously.**

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT A PRE-APPLICATION TO THE STATEWIDE FLOOD CONTROL PROGRAM FOR ASSISTANCE IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A PROJECT FOR THE PURPOSE OF REDUCING EXISTING FLOOD DAMAGES; PROVIDING FOR THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION OF SAID FLOOD DAMAGES; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, Bossier Parish has been adversely affected by damages from flood waters; and

WHEREAS, the Bossier Parish Police Jury desires to apply for State matching funds pursuant to L.A. R.S. 38:90.1 et. seq., as amended, to implement a project to reduce said flood damages, and that the Bossier Parish Police Jury is fully aware of its obligations under said Statute; and

WHEREAS, the Bossier Parish Police Jury is a political body duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Louisiana and is eligible to apply for funds under said Statute.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Bossier Parish Police Jury as follows:

Section 1. That the Bossier Parish Police Jury acknowledges that upon approval of the pre-application, a formal application will be prepared and submitted to the Statewide Flood Control Program.

Section 2. That at the appropriate time and upon approval of funding assistance and prior to commencement of work on the project, the Bossier Parish Police Jury agrees to execute a Statement of Sponsorship pursuant to said Statute.

Section 3. That Bill Altimus, Parish Administrator, is hereby designated Authorized Representative for the Bossier Parish Police Jury to effect the preparation of the pre-application and application to the Statewide Flood Control Program for funding assistance of a flood control project.

Section 4. That said Authorized Representative's responsibility shall pertain to technical matters only and shall not include any official act on behalf of the Bossier Parish Police Jury.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Cochran. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 5th day of April, 2006.

CHERYL G. MARTIN
SECRETARY-TREASURER

JEROME DARBY, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Mr. Bruce Easterly presented an update on the courthouse renovation/addition project. He stated that several areas are near completion, and advised that seating is currently being installed in the police jury meeting room. Mr. Easterly stated that he has requested a schedule for substantial completion as soon as possible so that plans for moving can be made.

Mr. Ford presented Change Order No. 13 on the courthouse renovation/addition project which results in an additional amount of \$23,285.75. Mr. Ford recommended that the change order be approved and requested that the President be authorized to execute necessary documents. **Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to approve Change Order No. 13 on the courthouse renovation/addition project in the amount of an additional \$23,285.73, and to authorize the President to execute said Change Order. Motion carried unanimously.**

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 5th day of April, 2006, that Jerome Darby, President, be and is hereby authorized to execute on its behalf, Change Order No. 13 on the courthouse renovation/addition project in the amount of an additional \$23,285.73.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Cochran. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 5th day of April, 2006.

CHERYL G. MARTIN
SECRETARY-TREASURER

JEROME DARBY, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Mr. Ford presented Change Order No. 2 on the Benton Library construction project in an amount of \$-14,567.86. He stated that an unforeseen site problem was discovered, but stated that good quality fill has been installed which has corrected the problem. He further stated that there has been a reduction in the landscape allowance. Mr. Ford stated that Change Order No. 2 results in 25 additional contract days due to adverse weather in February and due to delays attributed to foundation design review. He recommended that the Change Order be approved and requested that Mr. Darby be authorized to execute necessary documents. **Motion was made by Mr. Shell, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to approve Change Order No. 2 on the Benton Library construction project, and to authorize the President to execute said Change Order. Motion carried unanimously.**

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 5th day of April, 2006,

that Jerome Darby, President, be and is hereby authorized to execute on its behalf, Change Order No. 2 on the Benton Library construction project in an amount of \$-14,567.86.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Shell, seconded by Mr. Hammack. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 5th day of April, 2006.

CHERYL G. MARTIN
SECRETARY-TREASURER

JEROME DARBY, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Mr. Ford presented Exhibit A to Change Order No. 1 on renovation of the Tech Services Department at the Bossier Central Library, advising that this change results in an additional \$395. He stated that a credit of \$100 was given due to the deletion of wood trim at the new lay-in ceiling and an additional \$495 was charged for removal of existing flooring under the carpet due to loose tiles. **Motion was made by Mr. Cummings, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to approve Exhibit A to Change Order No. 1 on renovation of the Tech Services Department at the Bossier Central Library, and to authorize the President to execute necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.**

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 5th day of April, 2006, that Jerome Darby, President, be and is hereby authorized to execute on its behalf, Exhibit A to Change Order No. 1 on renovation of the Tech Services Department at the Bossier Central Library

The resolution was offered by Mr. Cummings, seconded by Mr. Mitchell. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 5th day of April, 2006.

CHERYL G. MARTIN
SECRETARY-TREASURER

JEROME DARBY, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Mr. Ford presented a summary of proposed concrete replacement and ditch repair/paving projects. He requested that ditch paving projects in Rosedale Place Subdivision and in Bayou Bend Subdivision, and concrete replacement work in Creekside Subdivision, be advertised for bids. He stated that overlay is being considered in Creekside Subdivision, advising that these streets are in bad shape. **Motion was made by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Cummings, to authorize the advertising for bids for ditch paving work in Rosedale Place Subdivision and in Bayou Bend Subdivision, and for concrete replacement in Creekside Subdivision, bids to be received May 17, 2006. Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion was made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to schedule a public hearing on May 3, 2006, to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Forest Hills Subdivision, Unit No. 7, located in Section 14, Township 18 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Johnston requested that the LA Department of Transportation and Development be asked to consider installation of a caution sign on Highway 2 near its intersection with St. Mary Road west of Plain Dealing.

Ms. Martin provided information on the current tax millage rates, advising that a decision on whether the police jury intends to roll forward should be made as notification procedures for the 2005 tax roll have changed. Mr. Altimus reminded jurors that propositions for renewal of the highway fund tax millage and the health unit fund tax millage will be placed on the September ballot, and stated that he may recommend that these millage rates be increased. He stated that the additional revenues in the health unit fund could be used for proposed sewer districts, and stated that additional revenues in the highway fund could be dedicated to specific roads. Mr. Altimus stated that the costs of materials continues to rise and stated that there are needs throughout the parish. The matter is to be further reviewed at the April 19, 2006 regular meeting.

Mr. Gary Cathcart, Public Works Director, reported that the Town of Plain Dealing has requested that the grapppler truck be provided for use by the town during a clean-up day scheduled on April 29. He stated that the Town of Plain Dealing will pay all labor costs. Mr. Cathcart stated that a dump truck may also be needed. **Motion was made by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Shell, to provide the use of the grapppler truck for a clean-up day in the Town of Plain Dealing on April 29, 2006, with the Town of Plain Dealing paying all labor costs. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Cathcart stated that the Town of Haughton has made a similar request for use of the grapppler truck for a clean-up day on May 26, 2006, and stated that the town will pay all labor costs. **Motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to provide the use of the grapppler truck for a clean-up day in the Town of Haughton on May 26, 2006, with the Town of Haughton paying all labor costs. Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion was made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Cummings, to send a 10-day notice to the owner of property at 324 Princeton Road, advising that the property is in violation of property standards regulations. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Rogers requested that small permanent back stops be installed at the Tall Timbers Park.

Mr. Rogers asked the status of placing project signs at the site of major police jury projects. He requested that this be done as soon as possible.

Mr. Rogers advised of a vacant lot located at the east side of Tall Timbers Boulevard, advising that the police jury may want to consider purchasing this lot for use as a parking lot.

Mr. Cummings requested that the police jury proceed with the advertising for bids for the construction of a pavilion at the North Bossier Park.

Motion was made by Mr. Cummings, seconded by Mr. Altimus, that Mr. Cummings will contribute \$5,600 in discretionary funds to Rusheon Middle School for computer equipment. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Altimus offered to assist Mr. Cummings in providing these funds.

Motion was made by Mr. Cummings, seconded by Mr. Altimus, to take funds from the Parks and Recreation Fund for construction of a pavilion at the North Bossier Park. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Meachum referred to his previous request that Liberty Road be accepted into the parish road system, advising that one person owns the road and has offered to sell the road right-of-way for \$800. **Motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to proceed with the purchase of right-of-way for the acceptance of Liberty Road into the parish road maintenance system. Motion carried unanimously.**

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 5th day of April, 2006, that Jerome Darby, President, be and is hereby authorized to execute on its behalf, all necessary documents in connection with the acquisition of right-of-way for acceptance of Liberty Road into the parish road system for permanent maintenance.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Hammack. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 5th day of April, 2006.

CHERYL G. MARTIN
SECRETARY-TREASURER

JEROME DARBY, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

There was discussion of the old highway department property in Houghton. Mr. Meachum asked if the sale of this property is being considered. Mr. Hammack stated that he is concerned that the police jury may have a need for this property in the future. The matter is to be reviewed at the April 19, 2006 regular meeting.

Mr. Johnston stated that Eighty Acres Drive is in very bad shape and suggested that the necessary right-of-way be obtained for acceptance of the road into the parish road system. Mr. Cathcart stated that this is a private road, and advised that he will prepare a cost estimate for repair of the road.

Mr. Johnston reported on the 2006 Police Jury Association Convention held recently in Alexandria. Mr. Darby discussed various resolutions presented at the convention.

Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to amend the agenda to adjourn into executive session to discuss contractual negotiations with Ware Youth Center. 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

The meeting was reconvened and called to order by the Chairman. **Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to direct the Parish Administrator to continue negotiations with Ware Youth Center for management of the Bossier Parish Juvenile Detention Center, and to expedite implementation of an agreement. Motion carried unanimously.**

There being no further business to come before the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 5th day of April, 2006, the meeting was adjourned by the President at 4:45 p.m.

CHERYL G. MARTIN
SECRETARY-TREASURER

JEROME DARBY, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY