

BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY  
BENTON, LOUISIANA  
SPECIAL MEETING  
October 27, 2005  
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The Bossier Parish Police Jury met in special and legal session on this 27th day of October, 2005, at 6:30 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana. The President, Mr. Jeff Rogers, called the meeting to order and the Secretary-Treasurer, Ms. Cheryl Martin, called the roll, with Mr. Shell absent, 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, absent
Mr. Wayne Hammack	Mr. Jesse Williams

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The President announced the purpose of the special meeting as follows:

1. To consider a moratorium on the placement of mobile and manufactured homes in all of Bossier Parish until such time the police jury can consider its Use by Right developmental plans.
2. To consider any other business that may come before the Bossier Parish Police Jury in special session.

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Mr. Rogers discussed a meeting held at the Office of Emergency Preparedness regarding the provision of temporary housing for additional hurricane evacuees which may be located in Bossier and Caddo Parishes. He stated that the Governor has asked that local governments be responsible for the handling of this matter within their individual parishes. Mr. Rogers stated that the housing of the additional evacuees could be for a period of 18 months or longer, and the Governor is allowing local government to review the matter and determine how much, if any, additional assistance can be offered.

Mr. Ken Kruithof, Bossier Parish School Superintendent, stated that there are currently 531 additional students in the Bossier Parish school system as a result of Hurricane Katrina. He stated that 14 additional teachers have been hired and that temporary buildings have been moved in at several schools. Mr. Kruithof stated that three additional bus routes and bus drivers have been added. He stated that to date, the school board has spent \$370,951.76, in addition to contributions of \$51,000, in accommodating the additional students and has received no reimbursement from FEMA. Mr. Kruithof stated that to bring in additional students will increase the need for additional space and place an increased burden on the school system. He stated that the number of students per teacher has increased. Mr. Kruithof stated that he is concerned that State funding may also be cut due to the catastrophic effects of Hurricane Katrina.

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Mr. Lynn Austin, Bossier City CAO, stated that the City of Bossier City has received no reimbursement from FEMA for its hurricane related expenses. He stated that the CenturyTel Arena was used as a shelter, housing 1400 evacuees. Mr. Austin stated that area churches were a tremendous help in providing aid to the evacuees. He stated that additional evacuees in Bossier Parish will create the need for additional police, fire and emergency medical service personnel, and stated that the City of Bossier City does not have the funds to provide this additional service.

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Bossier Parish Sheriff Larry Deen stated that government and law enforcement agencies in Bossier Parish have worked hard to keep Bossier Parish a safe place to live, and stated that the continued safety and well-being of the citizens of Bossier Parish must be considered. Sheriff Deen stated that the Sheriff's Department has not been reimbursed for its hurricane related expenses.

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Bossier City Marshal Johnny Wyatt stated that Willis Knighton Medical Center in Bossier City has advised that due to influx of hurricane evacuees in Bossier Parish, they are at a maximum capacity in their ability to provide medical care. He stated that he has had to hire temporary employees in his office to handle the additional work load and has exceeded his budget. Marshal Wyatt stated that his office has received no reimbursement from FEMA. Mr. Rogers stated that he does not feel local agencies can continue to provide these additional services without Federal reimbursement.

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Mr. Darby stated that the police jury, along with other city and parish agencies, must do what is best for the citizens of Bossier Parish. He stated that he has learned that there are sex offenders who have been relocated due to the hurricane and have not registered their current residency. Marshal Wyatt stated that there is no way to determine where they are now located.

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Mr. Butch Ford, Bossier Parish Engineer, stated that the Bossier Parish highway system is not equipped to handle a large amount of additional traffic. He stated that the police jury has prepared a comprehensive traffic plan due to the tremendous growth in Bossier Parish, and stated that this plan may have to be amended to accommodate the possible additional residents. Mr. Ford stated that there are many areas of the parish without public water and sewer services available.

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Mr. Rogers stated that it is evident that Bossier Parish is unable to support an influx of additional evacuees at this time. Mr. Altimus stated that many social organizations throughout the parish can not continue to provide financial assistance.

Mr. Jackson, Parish Attorney, recommended that the police jury consider issuing a moratorium to prohibit any new housing development, excluding approved subdivisions, and which will prohibit any mobile homes, modular homes or RV parks anywhere in the parish, until a thorough study of this matter is completed.

**Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Hammack, that in view of the testimony provided to the Bossier Parish Police Jury by Larry Deen, Sheriff of Bossier Parish, Ken Kruithof, Superintendent of Bossier Parish Schools, Lynn Austin, CAO of the City of Bossier City, Johnny Wyatt, Bossier City Marshal, Butch Ford,**

**Bossier Parish Engineer, and in view of the recent approval given by the Bossier Parish Police Jury to undertake Project SB with the Urban Land Institute, the Bossier Parish Police Jury will impose a moratorium on any new mass (more than two units per subdivided lot) development or temporary housing developments in Bossier Parish for a 90 day period. This action will allow the parish an opportunity to work with State and Federal relief agencies to determine whether developments of temporary housing can occur after looking at the impact to the Parish in terms of infrastructure (streets, water, sewage), transportation, schools, law enforcement needs and social service capabilities that can be brought to bear on this situation. At the end of 90 days, the parish will review the investigation it has conducted. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Mr. Altimus stated that he has asked Ms. Martin provide the jury an estimate of how the proposed 2006 police jury budget would be affected if there are reductions in State funding.

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There being no further business to come before the Bossier Parish Police Jury in special and legal session on this 27th day of October, 2005, the meeting was adjourned by the President at 7:50 p.m.

CHERYL G. MARTIN  
SECRETARY-TREASURER

JEFF ROGERS, PRESIDENT  
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY