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(From left) Ike, April Guice (Bossier Press-Tribune Sales Consultant), Ivy and Izzy get ready for the i3 Art Expo. No, they are not alligators, as they have been asked before, although that would be perfect given the Louisiana Lagniappe theme. The three bright green mascots are iguanas that embody what the i3 Art Expo is all about: Inspiration, Imagination and Innovation, and they cannot wait to see their old friends and make new ones. See more from the i3 Art Expo on page 14.

By Kathleen Weir/Bossier Press-Tribune

BPCC BOSSIER CITY CAMPUS CELEBRATES 20TH ANNIVERSARY WITH SPECIAL CEREMONY

BY STACEY TINSLEY
Bossier Press-Tribune

Bossier Parish Community College the incredible dream maker for this community.”

The BPCC Bossier City campus, which has grown significantly over the years, continues to be a vital part of the local economy and workforce pipeline. BPCC leadership underscored the institution’s commitment to innovation, student success and community partnerships, adapting to meet the

“This campus has been a pillar of opportunity and progress for thousands of students over the past 20 years,” BPCC Chancellor Dr. Rick Bateman said. “Today, we not only celebrate our history but also look forward to a future filled with even greater success.”

The 10 a.m. event welcomed esteemed dignitaries, BPCC administration, faculty, staff and students, all gathered to reflect on two decades of educational excellence and workforce development in Bossier Parish and beyond. Attendees highlighted the college’s significant contributions to higher education and its role in shaping the careers of thousands of graduates.

Speakers at the event emphasized BPCC’s lasting impact, not just through its academic programs and campus expansions but through the lives it has transformed.

Brian Crawford of Willis-Knighton Health System spoke on the power of education, saying, “Dreams start with associate degrees. Dreams start very small. They start one class at a time. It’s not about the BPCC buildings that were at Airline Drive or these buildings. It’s about the incredible people that fill up these buildings that make

evolving needs of students and employers.

Kevin McCotter of Campus Facilities Inc. echoed this sentiment, saying, “The pride and joy is not just in the buildings on this great campus. It’s in the academic programs—the technical programs, the music programs, the health and education programs. But most importantly, the students’ success stories from everyone who has walked these halls.”

Following the ceremony, a reception allowed guests to network and share memories of BPCC’s impact over the last two decades. As the institution continues to expand its programs and facilities, the 20th-anniversary celebration served as a reminder of its enduring mission—to empower students, strengthen the region’s workforce and serve as a beacon of education in Bossier Parish.

For more information on BPCC and its programs, visit www.bpcc.edu.

Winter Jam 2025 Brings Powerful Worship & Community to Bossier

BY STACEY TINSLEY
Bossier Press-Tribune

The Winter Jam 2025 Tour, presented by World Vision and founded by NewSong, made another electrifying stop in Bossier City on Saturday, March 1, 2025, delivering an unforgettable night of worship, high-energy performances and spiritual renewal. Thousands of attendees packed Brookshire Grocery Arena for the highly anticipated event, part of a 38-city nationwide tour.

This year’s lineup featured an impressive array of Christian music’s biggest names, including Skillet, Anne Wilson, KB, Colton Dixon, NewSong and Micah Tyler, along with inspirational speaker Zane Black. From rock anthems to heartfelt worship ballads, the artists brought an energy and message that resonated deeply with the crowd.

“We are looking forward to touring with dear friends and seeing everyone out on the road,” said John Cooper of Skillet. “Let’s rock!”

For Russ Lee of NewSong, the mission of Winter Jam is to bring people together and see WINTER JAM, Page 2



By Stacey Tinsley, Bossier Press-Tribune

Hundreds of people from around the Ark-La-Tex and beyond attended the Winter Jam 2025 Christian music tour at Brookshire Grocery Arena in Bossier City on Saturday, March 1, 2025.

KREWE OF GEMINI BRINGS MARDI GRAS MAGIC TO BOSSIER WITH FLOAT LOADING PARTY, PARADE

BY STACEY TINSLEY
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The Krewe of Gemini kicked off a weekend of Mardi Gras festivities with two major events—the Float Loading Party on Friday, Feb. 28, 2025, followed by the Gemini XXXVI Parade on Saturday, March 1, 2025. The celebrations brought together locals and visitors alike for a vibrant showcase of tradition, pageantry and revelry.

On Friday evening, crowds gathered at the Krewe of Gemini Den (2101 E. Texas St., Bossier City) for a behind-the-scenes look at the elaborate floats before they hit the streets. The Float Loading Party, a Mardi Gras tradition, allowed attendees to mingle with krewe members, get a sneak peek at the vibrant parade floats and collect highly sought-after custom polystone beads

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By Stacey Tinsley, Bossier Press-Tribune

The Krewe of Gemini kicked off a weekend of Mardi Gras festivities with its annual Float Loading Party on Friday, Feb. 28, 2025. The event was held at the Krewe of Gemini Den on East Texas Street in Bossier City.

North Bossier Lunch Group Hosts Bossier City Council Candidates

BY STACEY TINSLEY
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Community leaders, business owners and residents gathered at the North Bossier Lunch Group’s monthly meeting on Feb. 26 at the Bossier Parish School for Technology and Innovative Learning (BPSTIL) to hear from candidates in the upcoming Bossier City Council election. The event provided a platform for attendees to engage with local leaders and for the candidates to outline their plans for the future of Bossier City.

The meeting, catered by BPSTIL’s Culinary Arts program, gave attendees an opportunity to connect with candidates running for the two Bossier City Council at-large positions and city council districts 4 and 5. Each candidate presented their vision for growth, infrastructure and economic development, outlining how they plan to address key issues facing the city.

With Bossier City experiencing rapid growth, the candidates discussed the need for infrastructure improvements, including roadways, water and sewer systems, and public safety. They also addressed the importance of supporting local businesses and creating job opportunities for residents.

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Brian Crawford of Willis-Knighton Health System spoke on the power of education and his own student experiences at Bossier Parish Community College.



By Stacey Tinsley, Bossier Press-Tribune

Kevin McCotter of Campus Facilities Inc. discusses the growth of Bossier Parish Community College during a ceremony on Feb. 27, 2025 at BPCC.



By Stacey Tinsley, Bossier Press-Tribune

Bossier Parish Community College Chancellor (BPCC) Dr. Rick Bateman (left), shares memories with Kevin McCotter of Campus Facilities Inc. before the BPCC anniversary ceremony on Thursday, Feb. 27, 2025. The ceremony marked the 20th anniversary of BPCC’s East Texas Street campus in Bossier City.

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ter Jam has remained the same—providing a family-friendly, faith-centered experience at an affordable price.

“Our goal has always been to host an event for families and individuals who want to have a good time but also be encouraged and built up in their faith,” Lee said. “We want parents to know their teens and young children are safe and in good hands at Winter Jam. The songs and the overall experience will be uplifting, inspiring and entertaining for all ages.”

For many in the Shreveport-Bossier community, Winter Jam was more than just a concert—it was a spiritual awakening. Local churches and youth groups filled the arena, making it a tradition that continues to grow each year.

“This was an incredible night of worship and praise,” said Bossier City resident Ashley Taylor, who attended with her church group. “It’s amazing to see so many people from different backgrounds coming together in one place to worship God.”

Local Christian radio stations played a major role in promoting the event and connecting the faith community.

“It is exciting and a joy to see so many people, young and old, come out to hear such great Christian bands,” said Robin House, station manager for Miracle Radio, 90.7 FM in Shreveport-Bossier and 90.9 FM in Minden. “Attendance at Winter Jam was great this year, with many driving several hours to be here. We met people at our booth from Texas, Arkansas and South Louisiana.”

Kayla Berrier, director of marketing for KVNE, echoed that sentiment.

“Our mission at KVNE is

to glorify God by encouraging people, connecting the community and pointing people to Jesus,” Berrier said. “We love getting to partner with Winter Jam in the Bossier City-Shreveport area because it does exactly that! Seeing the local community and people from all over come together to praise God is something we will never grow tired of. This night is a chance to experience hope that can only be found in Jesus. We can’t wait to be back again next year!”

Winter Jam’s humble beginnings trace back to a free NewSong concert in Greenville, South Carolina, on a cold January night more than 30 years ago. What started as a small worship gathering has now grown into one of the largest Christian music tours in the country, drawing hundreds of thousands of attendees annually.

“God keeps blessing it, and people keep coming out and enjoying the night while being inspired and encouraged,” Lee said. “We are humbled by its success and honored to be a part of it.”

Beyond the music, Winter Jam’s message remains one of hope, faith and God’s love. Organizers hope that those who attended leave not only entertained but spiritually refreshed.

“There is great peace and freedom in knowing these truths,” Lee added. “They have changed all of our lives, and we want to pass along this great news!”

As Winter Jam 2025 continues its journey across the country, the tour’s Bossier City stop on Saturday night was one to remember—a night filled with music, worship and the unshakable power of faith.

For more information on Winter Jam’s remaining tour dates, visit www.jam-tour.com.



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weekly article that gives
updates and insights to
the most current events
at City Hall and in
Bossier City.*

Happy Mardi Gras to all of our readers... we are at the end of what has been a festive and fun-filled Mardi Gras Season and as always... Shreveport, Bossier and our region really did “Let the Good Times Roll.” The Spotlight wants to be among the 1st to say “Congratulations” to Mayor Tommy Chandler for being unopposed for his second term as Mayor. Mayor Chandler said that he is “Grateful and Humbled for the support and the opportunity to serve the Citizens of Bossier City for four more years.” Mayor Chandler said that he is looking forward to working with the new Council once they are elected and he is ready to continue the work that he has begun. Whereas the new Council will consist of several new council members those races will not be determined until March 29th, make sure that you put voting and early voting on your calendar these races are important to our community and voting allows your voice to be heard. New Council Member Joel Girouard was also unopposed and is ready to take the oath of office when the new Council is sworn in. Councilman Girouard took a little time with Mayor Chandler and toured City Hall and made informal introductions to some of the Dept. Heads and listened to some of the needs and concerns of the Depts. Mayor Chandler and Police Chief Daniel Haugen was proud to report that the crime statistics for Bossier City for 2024 has been released. The Crime report showed that crime in Bossier City has continued to decrease in every area except one. Both leaders were very pleased to report this because low crime and a safe city is the #1 priority for our Mayor and our Police Chief. Bossier Parish Schools took over the Civic Center and displayed the many talents and creativity of students throughout the Parish in this years i3 Expo. This is an annual event where Bossier Schools

take the time to celebrate our students in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math. The talent and hard work of the students are on full display and there was a great turnout of parents, teachers and families to encourage students to continue in their field of choice and to continue to cultivate their talents. Each year Mayor Chandler has the privilege of taking part in the i3 Expo by judging the Artwork and making his selection for the “Mayor’s Choice” Award. Mayor Chandler said that this is one of the hardest things he has to do because all of the work is so good. On Wednesday of last week Mayor Chandler went to the Port of Caddo Bossier along with Mayor Arceneaux and welcomed the Red River Valley Association for their 100th convention. Our area is still reeling and rocking from the opening of LIVE Casino. Louisiana Live opened it’s doors on February 13th and there was great fanfare and celebration of Bossier City’s newest Entertainment Destination. Mayor Chandler said that he is Thankful for all of the great casinos we have in our city and that he was excited about the partnership of Bossier City and Live. The Bossier Civic Center is staying busy with community involvement and options for our citizens. On March 3rd and 4th the Civic Center will host the Veteran’s job fair and the weekend of the 7th is the Classic Arms Gun Show. This week the forecast is to begin the week with rain and then followed by nicer but cooler weather. Great week for you to find some things to enjoy in Bossier City... don’t forget you can always pay a visit to the East Bank District for great food and entertainment. Thank you for reading the “Spotlight” and we are looking forward to the next update. Follow us and stay informed on Facebook @ bossiercitylouisiana



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riencing continued growth, discussions at the meeting focused on infrastructure improvements, business development and maintaining a high quality of life for residents. The event reinforced the importance of civic engagement and the role of local leadership in shaping the city’s future.

The North Bossier Lunch Group aims to bring together men and women in the community who want to stay informed and unite those interested in making a difference. The group’s vision is to help North Bossier business owners, stakeholders, community leaders and partners network and discuss the growth, development and future of North Bossier and Bossier City.



By Stacey Tinsley, Bossier Press-Tribune
Bossier City Councilman At-Large Chris Smith speaks to attendees about the upcoming March 29, 2025, election at the North Bossier Lunch Group’s monthly meeting on Feb. 26 at the Bossier Parish School for Technology and Innovative Learning.



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GEMINI FLOAT LOADING PARTY

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and specialty throws.

With gates opening at 5 p.m., Gemini’s annual float loading event featured food trucks, local vendors and a cash bar, along with a \$15 bottomless beer cup from Thrifty Liquor, ensuring guests were in the Mardi Gras spirit. Music, dancing and the excitement of the upcoming parade filled the air as revelers soaked in the festive atmosphere.

The excitement peaked on Saturday, March 1, as thousands lined the streets of Shreveport-Bossier for the highly anticipated Gemini XXXVI Parade. Rolling out at 3:30 p.m., this year’s theme, “Dreamcatcher,” brought childhood dreams to life with floats inspired by astronauts, fighter pilots, superheroes and more.

Dressed in full tableau attire, the Krewe of Gemini’s captain, king, queen, dukes and duchesses waved

to cheering crowds as their elaborate floats tossed beads, trinkets and specialty throws to eager hands below. Lively music, dance performances and marching bands added to the electric energy of the parade, making it an unforgettable spectacle for all ages.

The Krewe of Gemini Parade served as the one of the last events of the 2025 Ark-La-Tex Mardi Gras season, bringing the community together in a dazzling display of culture, tradition and celebration. From the exclusive behind-the-scenes Float Loading Party to the show-stopping parade in Shreveport on Saturday, the weekend was a true testament to the spirit of Mardi Gras in Bossier City and beyond.

As beads and memories were made, the Krewe of Gemini once again delivered a Mardi Gras experience to remember—one filled with pageantry, joy and the magic of dreams come to life.

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OPINION

WHY SO MUCH VULGER AND CRUDE LANGUAGE IN LOUISIANA?

It would seem that the use uncouth swear words have become a way of description throughout the Bayou State, as well as across the country, from the President on down in recent years. The routine use of words that are both coarse and foul-mouthed are being used more and more across the athletic, business, political and academic spectrum. My opinion? I personally feel the growing use of vulgar language is right down disgusting.

The language controversy raised its ugly head in the past few weeks as an LSU professor chose to criticize both Louisiana Governor Jeff Landry and President Trump during a lecture in his classroom where he teaches as a tenured professor. The law professor argues that he can gush about anything he wants using any filthy language he feels he can spew out under his protection of freedom of speech and academic freedom.

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Granted, this professor, a guy named Ken Levy, can go into his empty classroom and say about anything he wants. The simple test? I'll stay out of your face but you stay out of mine. But the rules rightly change when you are teaching young students, and a portion of the professor's salary is paid for with public funds.

The bar has been set by Louisiana's flagship university by determining that dissenting views are allowed in an academic setting, but disagreements can take place without using vulgarity or showing disrespect. Professor Levy crossed that line. As expected, the courts are now involved. Levy has been suspended from teaching at LSU, and he is appealing his dismissal. A question you might ask yourself. Would you want your daughter to be sitting in the classroom as the teacher laces his or her lectures with swear-words? I would not.

"The foolish and wicked practice of profane cursing and swearing is a vice so mean and low that every person of sense and character detests and despises it," President George Washington once wrote. It's a good thing our nation's first president did not take a law course under Prof. Levy.

Vulgarity was the cause of a shake up recently when the Vice chairman of the Louisiana Public Service Commission, Davante Lewis, was removed from his post over his use of coarse language directed at Governor Jeff Landry. He was not fired like professor Levy. But fellow commissioners removed him from his vice chairmanship. Is this a violation of Lewis's freedom of speech? No. Lewis has the right to say whatever he wants. But when you're a public official, there are consequences. The rules of the commission say that a majority of the commission can either elect or remove those in leadership roles. Lewis could not put the majority of votes together to keep him as commission vice president. So he can live by the sword or die by the sword. If he continues to criticize by using vulgar language, he will do so out of any leadership role.

College football coaches are rampant in their use of swear words. My two young grandsons and I watched the post-game press conference of the Alabama football coach after their humiliating defeat to Vanderbilt this past season, and after listening to his rants and alibis for a while, I thought someone should wash his mouth out with soap.

It's going to be difficult to come up with some exact formula governing vulgar language used by public officials. I get that. And so many of these foul mouthers holler that they have the right to say what they want because they have freedom of speech. But what about us? What about our right to expect and have freedom of decency?

Peace and Justice,
Jim Brown

Jim Brown Jim Brown's syndicated column appears each week in numerous newspapers throughout the nation and on websites worldwide. You can read all his past columns and see continuing updates at <http://www.jimbrownsusa.com>.

OTHER

Lawmakers file bill requiring stricter sentencing for repeat offenders

By Nolan McKendry|
The Center Square

Louisiana lawmakers are considering a bill that would impose stricter mandatory sentencing requirements for repeat violent offenders, following the death of Lafayette SWAT officer Sr. Cpl. Segus Jolivet. House Bill 11, authored by Rep. Chad Boyer, R-St. Landry, seeks to change how the state handles multiple convictions for violent crimes.

The bill, named "The Segus Jolivet Act," would require harsher sentences for repeat offenders. Under current Louisiana law, a person with multiple felony convictions can face

enhanced sentences if the district attorney invokes the state's Habitual Offender Law. However, prosecutors are not required to do so, and some repeat offenders receive sentences that critics say are too lenient.

Under HB 11, if a person is convicted of a felony crime of violence — defined under existing law — and the district attorney does not pursue habitual offender status, the following mandatory sentences would apply:

*A third conviction would result in a sentence of at least 50% of the maximum penalty for a first-time offense.

*A fourth or subsequent conviction would result in a sentence

of at least 75% of the maximum penalty for a first-time offense.

Additionally, the bill would allow a jury to consider prior convictions when determining a verdict, a change from the current law that prohibits jurors from factoring in past offenses when deciding guilt in a current case.

The proposed law follows the killing of Jolivet, who was fatally shot during a SWAT standoff in July 2024. While initial reports suggested that the suspect, Nyjal Hurst, fired the fatal shot, investigations later revealed that Jolivet died from "friendly fire"—a bullet fired by another SWAT officer. However, many in law

enforcement, including Dusan Police Chief Kip Judice, argue that Hurst is ultimately responsible. "Had this guy carried out the sentence he received in 2022, we would not even be seeing him until 2030. He would still be locked up. Corporal Jolivet would still be alive," Judice told KADN News 15 in August.

Despite having four felony convictions for violent offenses, Hurst had only served seven months in prison. This, Judice contends, is a failure of Louisiana's justice system — one that HB 11 aims to correct by ensuring repeat offenders serve significantly longer sentences.

OPINION

Former FBI Director James Comey's Corruption is Again Exposed 'Operation HoneyPot' Investigation Forces Comey's Rendezvous with Accountability and Shame

Royal Alexander

When egregious conduct occurs at the hands of a prominent, high-level government employee it's very important that it be highlighted and memorialized for the sake of history. The actions of former FBI Director James Comey qualify as one of those instances It has been several years since we were daily exposed to the facts of this corruption, so please allow me to briefly recap:

James Comey is directly responsible for Deep State spying and the Russia Hoax. Comey, as sanctimonious as he is disingenuous, leaked classified information to falsely create the appearance of a need for a special counsel. This involved the Steele dossier lie—the false and misleading information funded by Hillary Clinton with campaign donations and used to secure FISA warrants—resulting in the fraudulent and hugely distracting two-year, \$32 million taxpayer-inquisition by Robert Mueller that 'found no collusion between President Trump's campaign and Russia'—a pathetic episode of lawfare that Trump accurately and continually refers to as the "Russia Hoax."

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We now know that

under Comey the FBI ignored evidence that it was being used by the Clinton campaign to fund and to execute a political dirty trick. This included intelligence the government received in July 2016 alleging that Mrs. Clinton had approved "a proposal from one of her foreign policy advisors to vilify Donald Trump by stirring up a scandal claiming interference by the Russian security services." Comey briefed this material to President Barack Obama, Vice President Joe Biden and Attorney General Loretta Lynch yet the FBI, nevertheless, ignored the demonstrably false, political nature of this "intelligence." (Durham Report).

However, this week a story broke that Comey is now being investigated for setting in motion an off-the-book "honey-pot" operation prior to the corrupt actions I have just highlighted. Apparently, Comey sent a pair of undercover female agents to compromise the 2016 Trump campaign. (A "honey-pot" operation is an operational practice that involves the use of a covert agent (often female), to create a sexual or romantic relationship to compromise a target.) According to the Washington Times, FBI Director Kash Patel and Deputy Director Dan Bongino are looking for a pair of once-undercover female

employees who were allegedly directed to ingratiate their way into the Trump campaign as "honeypots" when traveling with the then-presidential candidate and his campaign team. (Blaze Media).

Blaze Media further reports that "an agency whistleblower revealed in a protected disclosure that shortly after Trump announced his bid for the presidency in June 2015, Comey deployed two undercover FBI agents to compromise the campaign at senior levels, gaining access and intelligence." This story further outlines that the "whistleblower report suggested that the operation was effectively a fishing expedition, as it did not appear to be targeting any specific crime; was intentionally hidden from the Department of Justice Inspector General Michael Horowitz during his review of possible FBI misconduct; was ultimately abandoned after one of the infiltrators had her cover blown; and served as possible evidence of institutional bias against Trump." You think?!

I close with the article's most damning observation: "The case had no predicated foundation, so Comey personally directed the investigation without creating an official case ... Comey did not have a legitimate reason not to officially

create an official investigation file or have a file number." Comey later "bragged in 2018, for instance, that he probably wouldn't have done or maybe gotten away with it in a more organized investigation, a more organized administration." The Washington Times reports that "The FBI whistleblower employee noted in the disclosure that one of the undercovers agreed to be transferred to the CIA so she would not be available as a potential witness. The other undercover employee was rewarded for her activities through a promotion in the bureau and is now a high-level FBI executive in a major field office." This is why the American people have lost faith in their national institutions. This is why Comey should be prosecuted.

Perhaps much closer to the feelings of millions of Americans is a social media post this past week: "I don't care about inflation or the cost of eggs or anything else; I only want Trump to keep taking a blow torch to the whole corrupt, diseased system" until we have our government and country back and we have re-established what Thomas Jefferson referred to as a "Government By The Consent Of the Governed."

Royal Alexander is an attorney, writer and former politician based in Shreveport, LA.

LIBRARY

DISCOVER WHAT YOUR NAME MEANS DAY - MARCH 5TH

Those of you who come back every week to read this column might remember the time I wrote about the origins of common idioms and sayings. This week I'm writing about Discover What Your Name Means Day, which is celebrated on March 5th gives me an opportunity to geek out some more about languages and word origins and meanings. So, without further delay: names!

There are any number of websites and books out there that are dedicated to this very topic, and that's not even considering the sheer quantity of baby name books in print. This particular celebration was founded by Jerry Hills in 1997. Hills is an American onomastician, who is someone who studies names and their history, etymology, and usage; he has even created a website in 1999 that was dedicated to this topic called Jerry Hill Presents Names, which I'll link below.

Onomastics, or onomatology, is the science of naming, the study of the origin and forms of proper names of persons or places (thank you Merriam-Webster). Different cultures have different naming traditions or practices, naming conventions have even changed over the centuries and what was once a popular name would be considered unique at best or strange at worst. Now that we have easy access to and communication with other countries, it's easier for us to learn about naming conventions in other parts of the world and how a name that might be

traditionally feminine in one language is traditionally masculine in another.

If you're curious about your own name origins, either first or last, we have books for that. We also have access to Ancestry (ancestry.com - library edition) where you can do some research and discover your name's history. Are you named after a family member or friend? Are you a Junior or a third (III)? Perhaps you'll find your name fits you to a T.

Jerry Hill Presents Names link: <https://jerry-hill.tripod.com/archive/>
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HISTORY

BARKSDALE'S AIR SHOW: THRILLING CROWDS SINCE AVIATION'S EARLY DAYS

When the Wright brothers' Wright Flyer first took flight on December 17, 1903, one of the onlookers - John T. Daniels - was left in awe. Historian David McCullough, in his book "The Wright Brothers," wrote that Daniels gave an interview years later about the historic event and said that the aircraft "... sailed off in the air ... as pretty as any bird you ever laid your eyes on. I don't think I ever saw a prettier sight in my life." It was he who captured a photo of the Flyer's successful launch from the sands of Kill Devil Hill, North Carolina. Thirty

years later, that same sense of wonder may have prevailed among the thousands of people who attended the first air show at Barksdale Air Force Base.

That first show was part of the ceremonies celebrating the dedication of Barksdale Field, as the base was then known, on February 2, 1933. According to the book "A History of Barksdale Air Force Base," published in 1971, Barksdale was born of the need for a new airfield to accommodate the U.S. Army Air Corps' expanding 3rd Air Attack Group. Despite eight other cities bidding to get this new airfield, Barksdale's

present site won out, after what the book describes as "a monumental task that literally encompassed ten years of intensive, determined and dedicated effort."

A crowd estimated to number 50,000 people attended the dedication, including the mother and other family members of the airfield's namesake, Lieutenant Eugene Hoy Barksdale. Although there were no Air Force Thunderbirds or Navy Blue Angels to headline that day's air show, newspaper accounts say the exhibition did not disappoint. Coverage in the February 3, 1933 edition of The Shreveport Times

states, "Uncle Sam's fleet of planes roared skyward for an hour and a half, sending an air-minded crowd home happy." Demonstrations included "ground strafing," in which the planes "dived to within almost 25 feet of targets ... with two forward machine guns pelting leaden slugs," and acrobatic maneuvers that "entertained the crowd with ... loops, power dives, snap rolls," and "every stunt in the varied and death-defying repertoire of a pursuit pilot." According to this newspaper account, Barksdale Field Commander Major Millard F. Harmon led a flight of the 20th Pursuit Group past the reviewing stands, followed closely by a group of attack planes led by Captain Lester J. Maitland, a pilot notable for having made the first flight from California to Hawaii in 1927. For those attendees who had perhaps never seen an airplane, this spectacle must have been quite a sight to witness.

Holding the audience's attention were aircraft such as the Boeing P-12, a

prop-driven bi-plane having a design little changed from the World War One era, with a maximum speed of 189 miles per hour. Fast forward to the 1940s, when the U.S. military transitioned to jets that could attain speeds of nearly 600 miles per hour. As engines and airframes improved, those speeds continued to climb.

At this year's Barksdale Defenders of Liberty Air Show, Saturday and Sunday, March 29 and 30, the Air Force Thunderbirds will perform, showcasing not only precision flying skills, but also an exceptional aircraft in the F-16 Fighting Falcon. Originally developed by General Dynamics, the Falcon is capable of reaching Mach 2 or 1,500 miles per hour, according to the plane's fact sheet on the Air Force website af.mil. Other performers will include Red Bull Aviation, the U.S. Army Golden Knights parachute team, and the Titan Aerobatic Team. Historic aircraft like the P-51 Mustang and B-25 will also be part of the show. For more information,



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visit defendersoflibertyairshow.com.

Whether watching from on base or from your yard, enjoy the air show and its rich history, and understand that it was made possible through the efforts of numerous base personnel and community volunteers and civic organizations like the Shreveport-Bossier Military Affairs Council. To them I say thank you. And I pay homage to the organizers and performers of that first, long-ago airshow of 1933. Ninety-two years has not diminished the standard that was set or the legacy left that February day. The pages of history recall their accomplishment. Orville and Wilbur would be proud.

If you have any information or items relating to the history of Bossier Parish, the History Center may be interested in adding the materials to its research collection by donation or by scanning them and returning the originals. Call or visit us to learn more. We are open M-Th 9-8, Fri 9-6, and Sat 9-5. Our phone number is (318) 746-7717 and our email is history-center@bossierlibrary.org. We can also be found online at <https://www.facebook.com/BPLHistoryCenter/> and <http://bpl-hc.blogspot.com/>

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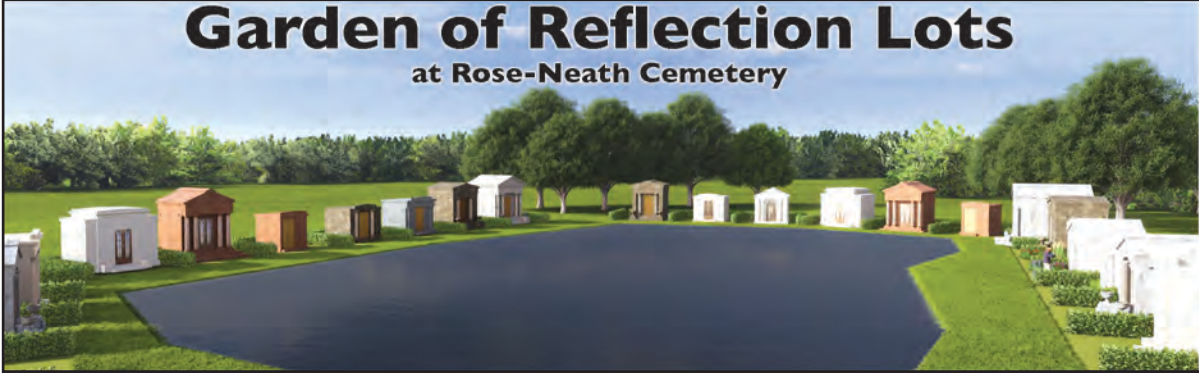
2025 Barksdale Defenders of Liberty Air Show poster/courtesy Shreveport-Bossier Military Affairs Council

Thousands Witness Thrilling Feats of Barksdale Aviators

Headline from The Shreveport Times, November 5, 1934/courtesy newspapers.com



Crowds attending Barksdale dedication and first air show, February 2, 1933/courtesy Bill Grabill, History Center collection



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OBITUARIES



SCOTT LEE OLIPHINT

A funeral service for Scott Lee Oliphint, 78, will be held on Wednesday, March 5, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at Rose-Neath Funeral Home, 2201 Airline Dr., Bossier City, Louisiana. Burial will follow at Camp Zion Cemetery in Haughton, Louisiana. A visitation will be held Tuesday, March 4, 2025, from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Bossier. Officiating the service will be Pastor Gevan Spinney.

Scott Lee Oliphint, born on September 28, 1946, in Shreveport, Louisiana, passed away on Wednesday, February 26, 2025, leaving behind a legacy of hard work, devotion, and countless cherished memories. Scott's remarkable journey was defined by his commitment to family, his entrepreneur

neurial spirit, and his love for life's simple joys.

A proud graduate of Fair Park High School's Class of 1965, Scott began forging his path with further studies at Louisiana Tech University. He spent two years laying the groundwork for a career that would be marked by dedication and innovation. His early days as an ironworker showcased his determination and skill, a period of five years that laid the foundation for the future.

In 1972, Scott embarked on an entrepreneurial journey by co-founding Mitchell Construction alongside his stepfather, Robert Mitchell, Sr., and stepbrother, Robert Mitchell, Jr. For nearly four decades, Scott dedicated himself to the construction of Wal-Mart Distribution Centers, leaving an indelible mark on the industry. His ambition and vision continued to flourish when, in 2009, he founded Oliphint Investments. As owner and president, Scott proudly led multiple ventures, including Oliphint & Sons, Scott Oliphint Investments, and Oliphint Tree Farm. His strong ties to the Iron Workers Union and Operator's Union reflected his dedication to his trade, while his involvement with the Shriners and Scottish Rite Masons highlighted his commitment to community service.

Scott's life wasn't only defined by his professional achievements. He was a

man of deep passions and simple pleasures. Hunting and fishing brought him peace and connection with the beauty of nature. Traveling with his late wife, Jerri Gwen filled his heart with treasured memories of shared adventures. Time spent with friends was a source of joy, and his laughter, stories, and camaraderie left lasting impressions on all who knew him.

As we remember Scott, we celebrate a life lived with purpose, passion, and love. His legacy is carried forward by the lives he touched and the memories he created, serving as a reminder of a man who truly made the world a better place.

Scott was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Earl Oliphint. He is survived by his sons, Troy Oliphint and wife, Shannon, Corey Oliphint and wife, Laurie; granddaughters, Olivia Jane, Ava Gweneth, Lucy Nan; and grandson, Carson.

Honoring Scott as pallbearers will be Keith Cosby, Buddy Fletcher, Rick Brown, Tarriel Poston, Chris Loy, Matt Loy, Adam Mitchell, John Paul Ellis, George McGovern, and Pat McConthly.

The family would like to give special thanks to Scott's sitter and caregiver, Sarah "Tiny" Jackson, and his close and special friend Tina Davidson for all of their care and compassion during the last two years.



CAROL ANN BREMER

In Loving Memory of an Extraordinary Mother, Nurse, and Friend:

Carol Ann Bremer, forever remembered as a radiant light and gentle soul, passed peacefully into the arms of her Savior on Saturday, February 15, 2025, at the age of 78.

Carol was a coal miner's daughter, born in the rugged hills of Lake, West Virginia, in 1946. She grew up in a remote "holler" without electricity or indoor plumbing—the poorest of the poor in Appalachia. This early chapter of her life—marked by grit, resilience, and a deep commitment to family—laid the groundwork for her enduring legacy of love and service.

After graduating from high school in 1964, she turned down a scholarship to Berea College, choosing instead to enlist in the Air Force to pursue nursing. Shortly thereafter, she met and married the love of her life, Louis F. Bremer, and they had three children: Tamara, Louis W., and Steven. Together, they instilled in their family timeless values and a love of God and country.

Following her separation from the Air Force in 1968, Carol continued her nursing career, caring for countless patients over a remarkable 50-year span. She was beloved by everyone—a selfless servant with boundless generosity who would gladly give her last dollar to anyone in need. A devoted wife, mother, and the ultimate neighbor, Carol would drop everything to help someone in a pinch.

Though Carol's early years were marked by poverty, her adult life overflowed with joyful dedication to creating a warm and inviting home. Her eyes lit

up whenever she browsed Ellis Pottery for bargains on holiday décor or seized a chance to refresh her furnishings. Especially during Christmastime, her home was a magical wonderland for her children and grandchildren: a fridge brimming with homemade chocolate treats, a growing collection of whimsical snowman and Santa figurines, a Christmas tree peeking out from behind lovingly wrapped gifts, and her trademark "Grandma hug" that could melt away any worry.

A woman of unwavering strength, Carol never complained—even as her health waned after several falls and hospital stays. She was a fighter to the very end, astonishing her doctor by surpassing anything he had witnessed in his 35-year career. Six days after being given 24 hours to live, she transitioned peacefully with her devoted family at her side.

Carol's memory lives

on through her brothers, Jerry Baldwin, Les Dials, and Andy Dials; her husband, Lou; her children, Tamara Larck, Louis W. Bremer (Brooke), and Steven Bremer (Carmen); and her grandchildren, Matthew Larck, Joshua Larck, Johnathan Roberts, Zachary Hoevet, Claire Bremer, Simon Bremer, and Louis W. Bremer III.

A service celebrating Carol's life will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, March 7, 2025, at Bellaire Baptist Church in Bossier City, LA. Following the service, she will be laid to rest with military honors at 12:30 p.m. at the Northwest Louisiana Veterans Cemetery in Keithville, LA. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Carol's name to the Fisher House Foundation, www.fisherhouse.org, a fitting tribute to a woman who spent her life caring for others.

Chimp Haven Welcomes First of Alamogordo Primate Facility Chimps

Ten chimps have arrived safely following NIH's decision to transfer to sanctuary; Alamogordo retirees and peers will enjoy new home on expanded site set to debut later this year

KEITHVILLE, La. – Chimp Haven, the world's largest chimpanzee sanctuary, has welcomed ten chimpanzees from the Alamogordo Primate Facility (APF) in New Mexico, following the National Institutes of Health's decision in late 2024 to retire the remaining chimps from its site at APF to sanctuary. Their arrival marks the beginning of a new chapter as they transition to a sanctuary retirement designed specifically for former research chimps, complete with expert care and novel experiences, including new living spaces and large social groups.

Paylene, Nickel, Olivia, Al, Kamaka, BC, JD, Sherril, Tillina, and Pearl, aged 38 to 54, were carefully transported by a veterinarian team, traveling with fleece-lined blankets and other comforts to ease their transition. They were warmly welcomed at Chimp Haven, where they've begun settling in. The sanctuary, located on 200 acres in Keithville, Louisiana, is specially designed to provide many of the experiences the chimps would have in the wild while also meeting their unique physical, social, and psychological needs.

As Chimp Haven welcomes the ten new arrivals and prepares for the remaining APF chimps to join them this year, work is underway to expand the sanctuary's capacity to accommodate the arriving chimps. More than \$5.6 million has been donated by generous supporters, including an incredible \$4 million lead gift established in 2024 from Wallis Annenberg and the Annenberg Foundation and generous support from Grace Charitable Foundation, the American Anti-Vivisection Society (AAVS), and others, which will fund new indoor and outdoor living spaces for the Alamogordo chimps long-term.

"Ensuring these Chimps live their remaining years in the most humane environment possible is the right thing to do for the captive chimpanzee population," said Wallis Annenberg, President, Chairman and CEO of the Annenberg Foundation. "We have long supported the extraordinary work at Chimp Haven, a proven partner that provides a peaceful sanctuary for so many animals who have endured on our behalf and we look forward to this new chapter."

"This milestone marks the beginning of a long-anticipated journey as the Alamogordo chimpanzees transition to Chimp Haven and a life filled with care, companionship, and the freedom to explore expansive, naturalistic habitats," said Rana Smith, President and CEO of Chimp Haven. "Our team is honored to provide these incredible individuals with what we call the Chimp Life – where every day is designed for them to thrive."

The new arrivals bring a lively mix of personalities. Paylene wasted no time making herself comfortable with new groupmates Nickel and Olivia. While Nickel carries a gentle, grandmotherly presence and prefers grooming over play, Olivia surprises with her playful energy despite her serious expression. Paylene enjoys attention, but on her own terms—she quickly made it clear that grooming was a top priority. Al seeks interaction at every opportunity, while Kamaka, more reserved, prefers to wait for a good meal before warming up to new faces. Their fellow retirees, BC, JD, Sherril, Tillina, and Pearl arrived soon after and are doing well. Their early days at the sanctuary have been filled with curiosity, stomping, and playing as they begin to form bonds in their new home.

Chimp Haven will welcome more retirees from Alamogordo Primate Facility later this spring. Throughout 2025, the sanctuary will also mark its 30th anniversary by highlighting significant milestones over the last 30 years through special events, stories, and reflections.

To learn more about Chimp Haven's legacy and mission, visit www.chimphaven.org.

ABOUT CHIMP HAVEN

Chimp Haven, the national chimpanzee sanctuary, is an independent, nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that serves as a refuge for chimpanzees, most of whom were retired from biomedical research. Located on 200 acres of rich forested land near Shreveport, Louisiana, the sanctuary is home to nearly 300 chimpanzees who are able to live out the rest of their lives in comfortable retirement. The sanctuary is dedicated to meeting the needs of its chimps. It is made up of a wide range of dynamic habitats for the chimpanzees, including multiple acres of natural forests for them to explore. More information can be found at chimphaven.org.



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HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL



ROBERT SUMMERLIN/PRESS-TRIBUNE
Dakota Howard scored 15 points in Parkway's 36-22 victory over Denham Springs in the non-select Division I quarterfinals.



ROBERT SUMMERLIN/PRESS-TRIBUNE
Shaniya Perkins scored 29 points in Haughton's 66-41 victory over Barbe in the non-select Division I quarterfinals.

Parkway, Haughton face off in semifinals

Parish foes meet Thursday at state tournament in Hammond

By Russell Hedges
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The Parkway Lady Panthers and Haughton Lady Bucs face off Thursday night with a spot in the non-select Division I state championship game on the line.

Tip off is 6:15 at the University Center on the campus of Southeastern Louisiana in Hammond, site of the LHSA's state tournament also known as Marsh Madness.

The winner will play the winner between No. 2 Walker (32-2) and No. 4 Zachary (24-5) for the championship Saturday at 8 p.m.

Parkway (28-4) is looking for its fourth straight berth in the championship game. The Lady Panthers have won back-to-back state championships.

Regardless of the outcome Thursday night, this has been an historic season for Haughton (28-5). It's the first time in school his-

tory a Lady Bucs team has reached the state tournament.

The game is a rematch of a District 1-5A game between the teams on Jan. 4 at Haughton.

It was close for a quarter with the Lady Panthers leading 14-13. Parkway began to pull away in the second quarter then turned the game into a rout in the second half, winning 69-42.

The Lady Bucs have only lost once since then to Huntington 56-46 in the regular-season finale. Huntington is in the select Division I semifinals.

The Lady Panthers will take a 14-game winning streak into the game.

Both teams won two playoff games last week.

Parkway, the No. 1 seed, defeated No. 17 Thibodaux 57-17 in the second round and Denham Springs 36-22 in the quarterfinals. Haughton, the No. 4 seed, defeated No. 13 Destrehan 58-54 in the second round and No. 5 Barbe 66-41 in the

quarterfinals.

Senior Dakota Howard led the Panthers in both games, scoring 30 against Thibodaux and 15 against Denham Springs.

After blowing out Thibodaux, the Lady Panthers had a bit of a tougher time against Denham Springs in a rematch of last year's state championship game. Parkway led 22-18 early in the fourth quarter then sealed the deal with a 13-0 run.

While Howard has been Parkway's unquestioned leader, she has a strong supporting cast. Those include senior forward Savannah Wilson, junior guard Khia Thomas, junior forward/guard Zara Baker, junior guard Jasmyne Hendrix and junior guard Kenadie Loche. Loche scored nine against Thibodaux.

Haughton's game against Destrehan was a nailbiter. The Lady Bucs tallied from a 36-30 deficit late in the third quarter to tie it at 39 going into the fourth,

A 9-0 run put Haughton on top 50-41. But Destrehan answered with a 9-0 run of its own to tie.

Haughton junior guard/forward Bella Hammond made four big free throws down the stretch. Freshman guard Leigh Williamson sank two 3-pointers in the second half.

Junior post player Shaniya Perkins led the team with 27 points. Hammond and junior guard Skylar Branch scored 12 each.

The game against Barbe was tied at 24 at the half. It remained close until the Lady Bucs began to pull away late in the third quarter with an 11-2 run. They turned the game into a rout in the fourth, outscoring the Lady Wildcats 42-17 in the second half.

Perkins scored 29 points and had another outstanding all-around game. Branch had 21 points and Hammond 15. Senior forward Kamyra Turner also contributed with her play.

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Tigers, Bucs, Vikings get multiple wins

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The Benton Tigers, Haughton Bucs and Airline Vikings combined for 13 victories last week.

Benton defeated Cedar Creek 12-2 and Glenbrook 12-1 early in the week. The Tigers opened a three-game series against St. Louis Catholic in Lake Charles with an 18-0 victory.

Benton suffered its first loss in the first game of a Saturday doubleheader 4-2 then bounced back with a 5-0 victory in the second.

(Note: Records are through Sunday, March 2).

Benton (12-1) was scheduled to start District 1-5A play Tuesday against Byrd. However, storms were in the forecast.

Airline won three games in the Bistineau Classic hosted by Lakeside. The Vikings defeated Pine Tree of Longview, Texas, 10-0, Minden 5-0 and Lakeside 4-2. Airline fell to Ruston 12-2 early in the week.

The Vikings (6-5) were scheduled to start 1-5A play against Evangel Christian Tuesday.

Haughton played three games in the Northwood tournament at home and won them all. The Bucs defeated Erath 3-2, St. Frederick 3-2 and Mangham 13-7. Haughton lost to Loyola 6-4 early in the week.

Haughton (8-3) was scheduled to open 1-5A play against Natchitoches

Central Tuesday:

Parkway had a tough week. The Panthers started with a 9-1 loss to Sterlington. They followed that with losses to Southside 7-1, Rayne 5-2 and Brusly 6-0 in the Eunice tournament.

Parkway (3-6) opens 1-5A play Saturday at home against defending champion Captain Shreve.

Plain Dealing (1-2) picked up one win last week, defeating Ringgold 10-9.

Benton's Hayden Milen went 3-for-4 against Cedar Creek. Brody Turnipseed and Case Jordan had two doubles each. Cole Snell and Colton Birdsong also had two hits.

Bryson Gates got the win.

Snell had two doubles against Glenbrook. Kade Bryant also had two hits. Winning pitcher Jax Prewitt struck out six in three innings.

Milen went 3-for-3 in the 18-0, three-inning win against St. Louis Catholic. Snell, Bryant and Griffin Sibley had two hits apiece. Thomas Allen pitched a perfect three innings.

Sibley had the Tigers' only two hits in the loss.

Bryant pitched a two-hitter with three strikeouts and no walks in the final game.

Haughton's Landon Rolland had two hits against Erath. Seth Jorstad went 3-for-4 and had the game-winning hit against St. Frederick. Christian Turner had two hits.



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Haughton's JP Cormier tags out a Mangham runner during a victory last week at Haughton.

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Parish teams enjoy success

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The Benton Lady Tigers picked up three victories last week.

Benton defeated Minden 17-5, Many 14-4 and Logansport 7-2. The lady Tigers also lost to 2024 non-select Division II runner-up North DeSoto 4-1.

Airline, Haughton and Parkway all won twice.

The Lady Vikings defeated Minden 15-0 and Texas High 13-9.

The Lady Bucs defeated Many 1-0 and Logansport 15-1. The also lost to Lakeside 9-5 and North DeSoto 13-3.

The Lady Panthers defeated Minden 6-4 and Simsboro 7-6. They also lost to Calvary Baptist 12-0 and St. Mary's 21-5.

Bossier opened District 1-4A play last week with a 45-17 victory over Woodlawn.

Benton's Ashley Promes went 3-for-3 with a triple against Minden. Callie Turner also went 3-for-3. Dylan Defee went 3-for-4. Bayleigh Moniz got the win.

Defee and Olivia Livers had two hits each against North DeSoto. Emersyn Disotell had a triple.

Disotell went 4-for-4 against Many. Defee went 3-for-5 with a triple. Moniz hit a home run. Audrey Stark, Maggie Landman

and Turner all had two hits. Livers had a triple.

Landman went 3-for-4 with two doubles against Logansport. Winning pitcher Moniz and Disotell also had two hits.

Benton entered this week 4-1.

Airline's Emily Rachal went 2-for-2 with a home run and double against Minden. Madalynn Shortridge had two hits. Taylor Smith got the win.

Ryan Hutchinson went 2-for-4 with four RBI against Texas High. Lindsey Marcinkus went 2-for-3. Rachal hit a home run.

Airline entered this week 5-1.

Haughton's Charlee Prothro pitched a one-hitter against Many. Brianna Benecke went 2-for-3.

Benecke and Clara Shaffer had three hits each against Logansport. Carsyn Kizzia had two, including a triple. Brooklyn Ezernack had a triple. Benecke smacked a home run against North DeSoto.

Haughton entered this week 2-5.

Parkway's Zoey Horn hit a home run against St. Mary's. Macee Thompson pitched a four-hitter with eight strikeouts against Minden.

Thompson had two hits against Simsboro. Katie Giovengo got the win.

Parkway entered this week 4-3.

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL

Airline pulls upset in first round of playoffs; Parkway, Bossier win

By Russell Hedges
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Three parish teams won first-round playoff games last week and one pulled off a big upset.

At No. 28 in the final non-select Division I power rankings, Airline was the lowest ranked team to make playoffs. The Vikings proved they belonged with a major upset.

Airline knocked off No. 5 seed and District 7-5A champion Northshore 49-45 in Slidell.

Airline (12-20) was scheduled to visit No. 12 Covington (20-10) Tuesday in the second round next week. The Lions defeated No. 21 Slidell 54-50 in the first round.

In another non-select Division I game, No. 15 Parkway rolled past No. 18 Fontainebleau 73-52 at Parkway. The Panthers (20-11) were scheduled to play No. 2 Central (22-4) Tuesday in Baton Rouge. The Wildcats had a bye in the first round.

In a non-select Division II game, District 1-4A champion and No. 6 seed Bossier defeated No. 27 St. Martinville 72-52. The Bearkats (19-11) were scheduled to host No. 11

Plaquemine in the second round. The Green Devils defeated No. 22 Pearl River in the first round.

Haughton, the No. 24 seed in non-select Division I, saw its season end with a 58-28 loss to No. 9 Ouachita Parish in Monroe. The Bucs finished one of their best seasons in years 17-13.

At Northshore, Kevin White Jr. and Jaydan Gladney led Airline with 15 and 13 points, respectively.

Rylon Bailey added nine and Eli Washington eight.

"Big energy and team effort," Airline Head Coach Cedric Washington said. "We did the little things tonight and pulled together. The entire roster."

At Parkway, Jake Gaskins and Caleb Evans scored 22 and 20 points, respectively, to lead the Panthers.

KB Williams added 13. Antonio Gladney, Dallas Loche and Tristan Sedberry all scored.

Evans hit two 3-pointers and scored 10 points as Parkway raced to a 12-5 lead.

Williams scored all 11 of the Panthers' second-quarter points.

Fontainebleau (18-12) fared better offensively in the second quarter, but



ROBERT SUMMERLIN/PRESS-TRIBUNE
David Thomas hit six 3-pointers and scored 20 points in Bossier's 72-52 victory over St. Martinville in the first round of the playoffs.

Parkwa led 23-17 at the half.

The third quarter was Gaskins' time to shine. He sank two 3-pointers and scored 14 points. Parkway extended the lead to 47-37.

The Panthers continued to pull away in the fourth. Evans and Loche both made two from behind the arc. Gaskins added six more points to raise his second half total to 20.

Parkway finished with eight 3-pointers.

At Bossier, David Thomas led eight Bearkats who scored with 20 points. He hit four of his six 3-pointers in the first quarter.

Kam Davenport, who scored 13 points, also knocked down two 3s in the first as the Bearkats rolled to a 24-4 lead.

St. Martinville (15-19) got going offensively in the second quarter, scoring 19 points. But Bossier still had a comfortable 36-23 lead.

Kerel Dean, the Bearkats' leading scorer on the season, had a quiet first half with two points. But he stepped up in the second with 12. The Bearkats limited the Tigers to six points in the third and extended the lead to 50-29.

Jatrevion Bunnery scored eight of his 15 points in the fourth quarter.

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SHERIFF'S SALE
SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Suit No: (08) 174745--
Date: Tuesday, February 18, 2025
VANDERBILT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE, INC.
VS
LEROY DAMARIO HOOVER AND JOSAUUNA C.
BLACKSHIRE

JULIAN C. WHITTINGTON, SHERIFF
P.O.Box 850
BENTON, LA 71006

Parish of Bossier
26th Judicial District Court
State of Louisiana

By virtue of a Writ of SEIZURE AND SALE issued in the above numbered and entitled cause and to me directed, I have seized and will proceed to sell at public auction, to the last and highest bidder, for cash, WITHOUT the benefit of appraisalment, and according to law, at the principal front door of the court house, in the town of Benton, LA, on WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 2025, between the hours of 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM the following described property, situated in parish of BOSSIER, Louisiana, to-wit::

ONE (1) CERTAIN 2019 CLAYTON MANUFACTURED HOME, MODEL 38SSP28764BH19, BEARING SERIAL NUMBERS CSS020645TXA AND CSS020645TXB

And from the proceeds of said sale to pay petitioners claims of: EIGHTY-FIVE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY-ONE AND 36 / 100 (\$85,851.36) DOLLARS, along with interest, attorney's fees and all other costs of suit.

PUBLISH ON: March 05, 2025

JULIAN C. WHITTINGTON, SHERIFF &
EX-OFFICIO AUCTIONEER
BOSSIER Parish

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF:
Mary Catharine Gail
629 St. Louis Street
Baton Rouge, LA 70821
225-346-1481

BPSC CIV-2018-0402

March 5th, 2025
Bossier Press Tribune

Notice to the Public

Lost Promissory note: Anyone knowing the whereabouts or having possession of one

(1) certain promissory note executed by **Momed Jamhour**; dated 05/16/2019, in the principal sum of \$261,000.00; please contact Dean Morris, L.L.C., Attorneys at Law,

1505 North 19 th Street, P.O. Box 2867, Monroe, Louisiana 71207-2867, Telephone No.
(318) 388-1440.

March 5th, 2025
Bossier Press Tribune

Notice to the Public

Anyone with any knowledge of the whereabouts of **Christopher Allen Shinn**, please contact **Walter Gerhardt at 318-869-1221**. A suit for divorce is pending in Bossier Parish, Louisiana, against him. A hearing date is set on May 13, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.

March 5th, 2025
Bossier Press Tribune

Notice to the Public

I, Ben Gibson, #7876804 have applied for clemency for my conviction of schedule III. If you have any comments, contact the Board of Pardons (225)-342-5421.

February 26th, 2025
March 5th, 2025
March 12th, 2025
Bossier Press Tribune

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that, in accordance with L.R.S. 3:1609 and LAC 7:XV.314 (A), the Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry, Louisiana Boll Weevil Eradication Commission, has established a boll weevil eradication zone, the Louisiana Eradication Zone, consisting of all the territory within the state of Louisiana.

Notice is further given that all producers of commercial cotton in Louisiana are required to participate in the boll weevil eradication program, including cost sharing, in accordance with the Boll Weevil Eradication Law and regulations. This includes, but is not limited to, reporting of cotton acreage and destruction of cotton plants and stalks by December 31 of each crop year. A copy of the law and rules and regulations may be obtained from the Boll Weevil Eradication Commission, 5825 Florida Blvd. Ste. 3002, Baton Rouge, La. 70806, telephone number (225) 922-1338.

Notice is also given that the planting of noncommercial cotton is PROHIBITED in Louisiana unless a written waiver is obtained from the Commissioner of Agriculture & Forestry in accordance with LAC 7:XV.319(C). To request a waiver, submit a written application to the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, at the address provided in this notice, stating the conditions under which such written waiver is requested.

February 19th, 2025
February 26th, 2025
March 5th, 2025
Bossier Press Tribune

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS

The Bossier Parish Police Jury is presently seeking requests for qualifications to provide **ENGINEERING AND RELATED SERVICES** associated with Improvements to Highway 157, LA Highway 3227 to U.S. Highway 80. Applicants shall have Engineering experience and shall submit with their proposal a list of successfully completed related Engineering Projects. Proposal will be selected based on the following criteria: Qualifications of the firm (25 points) Proposed staff qualifications and experience (25 points) Familiarity with similar projects (25 points) Project approach and methodology (25 points) Statements should be submitted to the Bossier Parish Police Jury until the hour of 2:00 p.m., Thursday, March 20, 2025, in the Bossier Parish Police Jury Office, Bossier Parish Courthouse, 204 Burt Boulevard, Benton, Louisiana.

Megan Ramos, Parish Secretary
Glenn Benton, President
Bossier Parish Police Jury

February 19th, 2025
February 26th, 2025
March 5th, 2025
Bossier Press Tribune

SMALL
ADS WORK

SHERIFF'S SALE
SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Suit No. (08) 174108--
Date: Wednesday, February 19, 2025
CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC
VS
OMMIE E. HEFLIN AND STACY M. HEFLIN

JULIAN C. WHITTINGTON, SHERIFF
P.O.Box 850
BENTON, LA 71006

Parish of Bossier
26th Judicial District Court
State of Louisiana

By virtue of a Writ of SEIZURE AND SALE issued in the above numbered and entitled cause and to me directed, I have seized and will proceed to sell at public auction, to the last and highest bidder, for cash, WITHOUT the benefit of appraisalment, and according to law, at the principal front door of the court house, in the town of Benton, LA, on WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 2025, between the hours of 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM the following described property, situated in parish of BOSSIER, Louisiana, to-wit: THE LAND REFERRED TO HEREIN BELOW IS SITUATED IN THE PARISH OF BOSSIER, STATE OF LA AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: LOT 7 AND THE EAST ¼ OF LOT 6, SEVEN PINES ROAD ESTATES, A SUBDIVISION OF BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA, AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN BOOK 1207, PAGES 934-935 OF THE CONVEYANCE RECORDS OF BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA. TOGETHER WITH ALL BUILDING AND IMPROVEMENTS LOCATED THEREON. AND A 2007 SOUTHERN HOMES, SS9805, 32' X 76' MANUFACTURED/MODULAR HOME, BEARING SERIAL #DSDAL48214A/B, HUD NUMBERS: NTA 1408621 AND NTA 1408622. SAID UNIT IS ATTACHED TO LAND IN A PERMANENT MANNER SO AS TO BE RENDERED AS IMMOVABLE FIXTURE AND AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY. WHICH HAS THE ADDRESS OF 109 SEVEN PINES ROAD, BENTON, LA 71006

And from the proceeds of said sale to pay petitioners claims of: ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEEN THOUSAND SEVENTY-SEVEN AND 65 / 100 (\$18,077.65) DOLLARS, along with interest, attorney's fees and all other costs of suit.

PUBLISH ON: March 05, 2025
April 16, 2025

JULIAN C. WHITTINGTON, SHERIFF &
EX-OFFICIO AUCTIONEER
BOSSIER Parish

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF:
Amy R Ortiz
3510 N. CAUSEWAY BLVD., STE. 600
METAIRIE, LA 70002

March 5th, 2025
April 16th, 2025
Bossier Press Tribune

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Bossier City, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the City of Bossier City, State of Louisiana (the "City"), on January 28, 2025, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held within the City on SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2025, and that at the said election there will be submitted to all registered voters in the City qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following propositions, to-wit:

CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSITION NO. 1 OF 2

Shall Section 3.01(b) of the City Charter for Bossier City be amended to read as follows:

Members of the City Council shall be eligible for re-election. No person who has been elected or appointed to serve as at-large and/or district Councilman/woman for three (3) terms shall be eligible to be appointed or elected to an additional term or portion thereof. For the purposes of this Section, all terms, or portions thereof, to which a person has been elected or appointed prior to January 1, 2024, will be counted toward the limitation provided for herein?

CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSITION NO. 2 OF 2

Shall Section 4.01 of the City Charter for Bossier City be amended to read as follows:

(a) The Mayor shall be elected according to the laws of the state and serve a term of four (4) years. The term of office shall begin on July 1 of the year in which he/she was elected.

(b) The Mayor shall be eligible for re-election. No person who has been elected to serve as Mayor for three (3) terms shall be eligible to be appointed or elected to an additional term or portion thereof. For the purposes of this Section, all terms, or portions thereof, to which a person has been elected or appointed prior to January 1, 2024, will be counted toward the limitation provided for herein?

The said special election shall be held at the polling places for the following precincts, which polls will open at seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, to wit:

PRECINCTS

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01-03A
01-03B(PART)
01-04(PART)
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02-05A(PART)
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02-21C-2(PART)
02-21D-1(PART)
02-21D-2(PART)
02-21E(PART)
04-08A(PART)
04-08B-1(PART)
04-08B-2(PART)
04-08C(PART)
04-08D
04-08G(PART)
04-10-1(PART)
04-10-2(PART)
04-11C(PART)

The polling places for the precincts set forth above are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law.

The estimated cost of this election as determined by the Secretary of State based upon the provisions of Chapter 8-A of Title 18 and actual costs of similar elections is \$81,000.

The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, as provided in this Notice of Special Election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, will make due returns thereof to said Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, City Hall, 620 Benton Road, Bossier City, Louisiana, on TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2025, at THREE O'CLOCK (3:00) P.M., and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election. All registered voters of the City are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used.

February 26th, 2025
March 5th, 2025
March 12th, 2025
March 19th, 2025
Bossier Press Tribune

NOTICE

The Bossier Parish Police Jury has scheduled a public hearing to be held at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 19, 2025, in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana, to consider approval of the application of Steve and Vivette Middlebrooks, to the Benton MPC, for Minor Plat approval for Middlebrooks Subdivision, located on a certain tract of land being 7.076 acres, more or less, in Section 16, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, also being generally located at 390 Linton Road, Bossier Parish, LA, Police Jury District 8. (Benton Case No. BP-3-25)

Megan C. Ramos, Interim Parish Secretary
Glenn Benton, President
Bossier Parish Police Jury

February 26th, 2025
March 5th, 2025
March 12th, 2025
Bossier Press Tribune

NOTICE

THE PROPOSED AMENDED BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF PLAIN DEALING FOR THE YEAR OF 2024 IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION. A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON ORDINANCE 13 OF 2024 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 3 OF 2024 - THE OPERATING BUDGET OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2024 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024. THERE WILL BE A PUBLIC HEARING PRIOR TO THE ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO.13 OF 2024, AT THE TOWN OF PLAIN DEALING'S REGULAR SCHEDULE MEETING TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2025 AT 6:00 P.M. LOCATED AT THE TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM, 205 WEST PALMETTO AVENUE, PLAIN DEALING, LOUISIANA. ANYONE WISHING TO VIEW THE PROPOSED AMENDED BUDGET SHALL CONTACT THE TOWN CLERK, ROLANDRIA MCCAULEY AT 205 WEST PALMETTO, PLAIN DEALING, LOUISIANA 71064. TELEPHONE NUMBER 318-326-4234.

NOTICE - THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF PLAIN DEALING FOR THE YEAR OF 2025 IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION. A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON ORDINANCE 2 OF 2025 - AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN OPERATING BUDGET OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2025 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025. THERE WILL BE A PUBLIC HEARING PRIOR TO THE ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO.2 OF 2025, AT THE TOWN OF PLAIN DEALING'S REGULAR SCHEDULE MEETING TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2025 AT 6:00 P.M. LOCATED AT THE TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM, 205 WEST PALMETTO AVENUE, PLAIN DEALING, LOUISIANA. ANYONE WISHING TO VIEW THE PROPOSED BUDGET SHALL CONTACT THE TOWN CLERK, ROLANDRIA MCCAULEY AT 205 WEST PALMETTO, PLAIN DEALING, LOUISIANA 71064. TELEPHONE NUMBER 318-326-4234.

March 5th, 2025
Bossier Press Tribune

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Public Notice is hereby given that a Certificate of Assumed Name was filed in Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State Steve Simon setting forth names and post office addresses of all persons owning, conducting and transacting business know as: **TERESA MARIE MARTIGNETTI**, principle place of business: 1114 Antietam Circle, Bossier City, Louisiana, 00000, APPLICANTS: Teresa Marie Martignetti, Martignetti Teresa Marie, Teresa Marie Preston, Preston, Teresa Marie, teresa-marie :martignetti, Statutory Agent. DATED: 02/24/2025.

March 5th, 2025
March 12th, 2025
Bossier Press Tribune

BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS/BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES

Mr. Tom Salzer, Chairman
Mr. Keith Sutton, Co-Chairman
February 5, 2025
The Road/Subdivision Regulations Committee of the Bossier Parish Police Jury met on this 5th day of February, 2025, at 11:30 a.m., in the Police Jury Conference Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana. Mr. Tom Salzer, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m., with the following members present: Mr. Tom Salzer, Chairman, Mr. Keith Sutton, Co-Chairman, Mr. Julian Darby, Mr. Kim Gaspard, Mr. Chris Marsiglia, Mr. Doug Rimmer, and Mr. Philip Rodgers.
Others present for the meeting:
Ms. Ashley Ezell
Mr. Jim Firth
Ms. Julie Gill
Ms. Monica Grappe
Ms. Rachael Graves
Mr. Shelly Horton
Mr. Patrick Jackson
Ms. Julianna Parks
Ms. Megan Ramos
Mr. Ken Ward

Mr. Salzer introduced the first agenda item regarding the Bossier Parish Library administrative building on Shed Road. Mr. Jim Firth, Facilities Director, stated that the building's appraised value is \$1.375 million. He noted that two parties expressed interest in purchasing the property: The Coordinating and Development Corporation (CDC) bid \$1,480,001 and DOC Energy Services, Inc. bid \$1,400,000. He further stated that both bidders included a leaseback option with a fair market value of \$7,812.50 per month, allowing the library to continue use of the facility for approximately one year after the sale. Mr. Firth stated that he hoped for additional bidders, but advised that these were the only two parties that submitted bids.
Mr. Salzer asked if one year is sufficient to renovate the old central library to accommodate the library administration department. Mr. Firth stated that he does not anticipate it taking longer than a year, but advised that Mr. Butch Ford, former Parish Engineer and Parish Administrator, recommended allowing extra time as a precaution.
Mr. Salzer asked whether the leaseback agreement is on a month-to-month basis. Mr. Firth stated that the next step involves drafting a contract, with Parish Attorney, Mr. Patrick Jackson, overseeing all legal details.
In response to Mr. Marsiglia's question, Mr. Firth stated that the sales represent a strong return on investment. Mr. Rodgers stated that the proceeds from the sale of the administrative building are funding renovations at the old central library.
In response to Mr. Rodgers' question, Mr. Jackson advised that the sale and closing process will take approximately 60 days to complete. Mr. Marsiglia asked for clarification that the lease agreement allows the parish to vacate the building prior to the full year without penalty. Mr. Jackson stated that the contract will be structured accordingly to protect the interests of the parish.

Mr. Salzer introduced the next discussion item regarding the donation of proceeds from the new cardboard compactor located behind the Bossier Parish Courthouse. Mr. Jim Firth, Facilities Director, stated that the compactor was donated to the parish and has an estimated value of \$20,000. He stated that Keep Bossier Beautiful has requested to receive the proceeds from the recycled cardboard. He further explained that the police jury previously approved donating the proceeds from a similar compactor at the Bossier Parish Maximum Jail to Keep Bossier Beautiful. Mr. Firth stated that Keep Bossier Beautiful requested the same arrangement for the new courthouse compactor.
Mr. Salzer asked if the committee is in favor of donating the proceeds from the new cardboard compactor site at the Bossier Parish Courthouse to Keep Bossier Beautiful. There was no opposition.

Dr. Ken Ward, Parish Administrator, stated that Bridges for Recovery, LLC, expressed interest in leasing the Johnny Gray Jones Youth Facility, and will attend the committee meeting on February 19, 2025, to address any questions from the jurors regarding their operations. He stated that the organization is a for-profit business that provides stabilization services for juveniles, housing them for three to five days.
In response to Mr. Salzer's question, Dr. Ward stated that funding for the organization is derived from both state allocations and private insurance. Dr. Ward stated that he does not have full details on the financial structure, but advised that the organization's representatives will provide further clarification during the February 19, 2025, committee meeting.
Dr. Ward stated that the organization currently operates a facility on North Market Street, near Blanchard in Caddo Parish, and has an established website with detailed information about their services. He advised that he will provide the organization's name and website to the jurors before the next meeting to give everyone an opportunity to review its operations in advance.

This concluded the meeting of the Capital Improvements/Building and Grounds Committee Meeting. The meeting was adjourned by the Chairman at 11:37 a.m.
MEGAN C. RAMOS
TOM SALZER, CHAIRMAN
INTERIM PARISH SECRETARY
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

March 5th, 2025
Bossier Press Tribune

Notice to the Public

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of **Jonathan Brewer**, please notify **D. Michael Hayes at 318-357-8400 or P.O. Box 953, Natchitoches, LA 71457**

March 5th, 2025
Bossier Press Tribune

PUBLIC HEARING
Haughton, LA

The Town of Haughton will hold a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on March 13, 2025 at Town Hall. The purpose of the meeting is to obtain views on the housing and community development needs of the Town and to discuss the submission of an application for funding under the State of Louisiana's FY 2026/2027 Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) Program.
Information regarding the amount of funds available for proposed community development and housing activities; the range of activities available that may be undertaken, including the estimated amount of funds proposed to be used for activities that will benefit persons of low and moderate incomes; the plans of the Town for minimizing displaced persons as a result of activities assisted with such funds and the benefits to be provided by the Town to persons actually displaced as a result of such activities; and the Town's past performance on LCDBG projects funded by the State of Louisiana will be presented.
All residents, particularly low and moderate income persons and residents of slum and blighted areas of the Town of Haughton are encouraged to attend this meeting. Accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities and non-English speaking individuals provided that a three-day notice is received by the Town.
Those citizens unable to attend this hearing may submit their views and proposals until March 12th, 2023 in writing to Misty Pee at the following address: Town of Haughton, 118 W McKinley Ave, Haughton, LA 71037.

March 5th, 2025
Bossier Press Tribune

NOTICE is hereby given that the Bossier City-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission will hold a Special Call Hearing on Monday, March 17, 2025 at 10:00 am. in the City Council Chambers of Bossier City Hall, 620 Benton Road, Bossier City, Louisiana, for the purpose of considering the following amendments to Ordinance 133 of 2018 of the City of Bossier City and Ordinance 4705 of 2018 of the Parish Code of Bossier Parish:

A Public Hearing for the following:

The application of Chasing Aces Sports Entertainment, LLC requesting a Conditional Use Approval for the sale of high and low content alcohol for on premise consumption at a Sports Entertainment Center, Chasing Aces, located at 1111 West 2nd Street Bossier City, Louisiana. (City Council District 1) (Police Jury District 12)

Michelle Wallace, Chairperson

Bossier City-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission

March 5th, 2025
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SHERIFF'S SALE
SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Suit No. (08) 170608-

Date: Friday, January 10, 2025

PRIMARY RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE, INC.
VS
TINA MITCHELL

JULIAN C. WHITTINGTON, SHERIFF
P O Box 860
BENTON, LA 71006

Parish of Bossier
28th Judicial District Court
State of Louisiana

By virtue of a Writ of SEIZURE AND SALE issued in the above numbered and entitled cause and to me directed, I have seized and will proceed to sell at public auction, to the last and highest bidder, for cash, WITHOUT the benefit of appraisalment, and according to law, at the principal front door of the court house, in the town of Benton, LA, on WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2025, between the hours of 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM the following described property, situated in parish of BOSSIER, Louisiana, to-wit: **PLAINTIFF'S MORTGAGE AND/OR PRIVILEGE AFFECTS THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY, TO-WIT: LOT 17, LAFAYETTE PARK, AREA 5 IN STOCKWELL PLACE, CITY OF BOSSIER CITY, BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA, AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN BOOK 608, PAGE 539 IN THE CONVEYANCE RECORDS OF BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA, TOGETHER WITH ALL BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON; SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS, SERVITUDES, RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND OUTSTANDING MINERAL RIGHTS OF RECORD AFFECTING THE PROPERTY.**

And from the proceeds of said sale to pay petitioners claims of: TWO HUNDRED NINE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED SIX AND 16 / 100 (\$209,505.16) DOLLARS, along with interest, attorney's fees and all other costs of suit.

PUBLISH ON: January 22, 2025
March 05, 2025

JULIAN C. WHITTINGTON, SHERIFF
& EX-OFFICIO AUCTIONEER
BOSSIER Parish

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF:
Candace A. Courteau
1505 North 19th Street
Monroe, LA 71201

January 22nd, 2025
March 5th, 2025
Bossier Press Tribune

SHERIFF'S SALE
SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Suit No. (08) 174288-

Date: Wednesday, January 22, 2025

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.
VS
MICHAEL DUANE BARNHILL AND RHONDA SUE BARNHILL

JULIAN C. WHITTINGTON, SHERIFF
P O Box 860
BENTON, LA 71006

Parish of Bossier
28th Judicial District Court
State of Louisiana

By virtue of a Writ of SEIZURE AND SALE issued in the above numbered and entitled cause and to me directed, I have seized and will proceed to sell at public auction, to the last and highest bidder, for cash, WITHOUT the benefit of appraisalment, and according to law, at the principal front door of the court house, in the town of Benton, LA, on WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2025, between the hours of 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM the following described property, situated in parish of BOSSIER, Louisiana, to-wit: **LOT 7, EIGHTY ACRES, UNIT 4, BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA, AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN BOOK 1207, PAGE 44-45 IN THE CONVEYANCE RECORDS OF BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA, TOGETHER WITH ALL BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON. IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDE A 2002 HOMES OF LEGEND MOBILE HOME, MODEL NAME FIVESTAR, BEARING SERIAL #HL14330ABAL, WHICH SAID MANUFACTURED HOME/MOBILE HOME WAS IMMOBILIZED PURSUANT TO AFFIDAVIT TO IMMOBILIZE MOBILE HOME DATED DECEMBER 11, 2001 AND FILED FOR RECORD IN BOOK 1247, PAGE 515 AT INSTRUMENT NUMBER 737545 OF THE RECORDS OF BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA. WHICH HAS THE ADDRESS OF 7805 HIGHWAY 80, PRINCETON, LA 71067**

And from the proceeds of said sale to pay petitioners claims of: ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-TWO THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FIFTY-ONE AND 92 / 100 (\$122,251.92) DOLLARS, along with interest, attorney's fees and all other costs of suit.

PUBLISH ON: January 23, 2025
March 05, 2025

JULIAN C. WHITTINGTON, SHERIFF
& EX-OFFICIO AUCTIONEER
BOSSIER Parish

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF:
Amy R Ortiz
3510 N. CAUSEWAY BLVD., STE. 600
METAIRIE, LA 70002

January 29th, 2025
March 5th, 2025
Bossier Press Tribune

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOSSIER CITY COUNCIL WILL BE IN REGU-LAR SESSION, TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2025, AT 3:00 P.M. IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 620 BENTON ROAD, BOSSIER CITY, LOUISIANA, TO CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES:

Ordinance appropriating the sum of two million five hundred thousand from the 2025 Emergency Medical Services Capital Fund to build a vehicle maintenance building/ garage for the Bossier City Fire Department

Ordinance authorizing Mayor Thomas H. Chandler to execute the attached agreement with Beast Engineering to provide design services for improvements to Benton Road (LA 3)

Ordinance authorizing Mayor Thomas H. Chandler to execute the attached agreement with Beast Engineering to provide design services for the 2025 Citywide Street Improve-ments Project.

Ordinance whereby the Bossier City Council authorizes the Mayor to renew the cooper-ative endeavor agreement with the Shreveport-Bossier Convention and Tourist Bureau to dedicate and use the proceeds from the hotel/motel occupancy tax exclusively for the operation and maintenance of Bossier City's Civic Center, a multipurpose arena, and for riverfront and downtown development.

Ordinance appropriating the sum of Five hundred ninety-five thousand eight hundred and sixteen (\$595,816.00) from the 2018 LCDA Bond Fund to construct a shoot house and other improvements at the shooting range

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

March 5th, 2025
Bossier Press Tribune

PUBLIC NOTICE

(NOTICE OF INTENTION TO INTRODUCE LOCAL BILL -- HLS 25RS-422)

Public notice is hereby given, as provided by Section 13, Article III of the Constitution of Louisiana, that there will be introduced at the forthcoming session of the Legislature of Louisiana, to be convened on April 14, 2025, a bill relative to the Caddo-Bossier Parishes Port Commission; to require certain enumerated political divisions in Bossier Parish to approve a P.I.L.O.T. program; and to provide for related matters.

March 5th, 2025
March 12th, 2025
Bossier Press Tribune

Notice
February 10, 2025

The Bossier Parish Communications District One Board convened in a regular and legal session on February 10, 2025, at 5:30 pm at the Bossier Parish Communications District One Board Room, located at 4601 Palmetto Road Benton, Louisiana.

Chairman Varnell called the meeting to order.

Opening Prayer: Mr. McAnn

Mrs. Durbin called the roll with members present as follows:
Chairman Varnell, Mr. Holley, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Allen, and Mr. Rogers.

Absent: Mr. Ward and Mr. Jordan

Chairman Varnell introduced the December 9, 2024, meeting minutes for approval. Mr. Rogers made the motion, seconded by Mr. Allen, to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes as presented. Upon unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Mr. McAnn presented the Board with financial reports reflecting year-to-date balances and up-to-date income and expense reports for review. Mr. Allen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Holley, to approve the financial report. Upon unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Director Report:

Mr. McAnn advised the Board that Ms. Jessica Haakenson started on January 1st as a probationary Communications Officer. Mr. McAnn informed the board that audit prep work has begun and staff is working to complete the audit package quickly. Mr. McAnn briefed the board on the upcoming Barksdale Air Force Base airshow and the districts involvement, the airshow will take place on March 29th and 30th. Mr. McAnn stated he was working on the 2025 insurance renewals and the increase to annual premiums will be approximately six percent from 2024. Mr. McAnn updated the board of a recent meeting on January 28th concerning utilization of the old central library for a collocated communications center. Mr. McAnn informed the board of the upcoming statewide ESlnet project meeting he would be attending in Monroe on February 11th. Mr. McAnn invited board members to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4588 for their 2025 VFW Public Servant Awards banquet on February 20th at 6:30 pm. Operations Manager Elani Woods will be recognized for placing second in the state for communications officers. Mr. McAnn informed the board that he accepted Motorola proposal for additional equipment for issues with installation of the radio consoles and he also noted testing was beginning on the consoles. Lastly, Mr. McAnn updated the board on the AT&T call handling equipment lease. He is still working with AT&T to get the lease completed and documents ready for review. Mr. McAnn stated he was informed AT&T would be considering our current lease paid after the March 1st payment and only service payments would be required until the new equipment is installed and accepted.

Old: None.

New:

Mr. McAnn advised the board of the need to amend the 2025 budget to reflect the following changes: beginning fund balance amend the to reflect the true beginning balance on January 1, 2025, of \$250,000. An adjustment was also needed to increase Dedicated Investments by \$82,387.37 for a new total of \$5,222,387.37 and Equipment- Operational Upgrade line item to be increased by \$132,387.37 for a new total of \$2,782,387.37, allowing for a balanced budget. Upon review, a motion was made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Holley, to amend the 2025 budget. Upon unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Mr. McAnn reported that the district had received the annual Engagement Letters from Cook and Morehart CPA Firm for the 2024 audit. Mr. McAnn presented the letters to the board. A motion was made by Mr. Robertson, seconded by Mr. Holley, to accept as presented. Upon unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Mr. McAnn presented the Board with the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire that is required each year by the State Legislative Auditors. Mr. Holley made a motion, seconded by Mr. Robertson, to approve the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire and approve Chairman Varnell and Secretary Holley to sign the questionnaire. Upon unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Mr. McAnn presented to the board the quote and asked for consideration of replacing our existing Palo Alto firewalls. Mr. McAnn stated our current firewalls are 6 years old and current software services ends in May. Mr. McAnn stated the new proposed firewalls and services were on state contract. He presented a quote from NWN Carousel for four new firewalls that includes five years of maintenance and services. The quote was for \$40,205.00. He stated ATG consultants had given an estimate of \$6,000.00 for programing and installation. Mr. McAnn asked for approval of the quote and installation services. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Allen to accept as presented. Upon unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Mr. McAnn requested approval for the board to adjourn into executive session to discuss personnel matters. Mr. Robertson made the motion, seconded by Mr. Allen. Upon unanimous vote, the motion carried. The board entered into executive session at 6:11 pm and returned to the regular session at 6:19 pm. The motion to re-enter into regular sessions was made by Mr. Rogers and seconded by Mr. Allen. Upon unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Mr. McAnn stated that Mr. Varnell and Mr. Ward have decided not to request reappointment to the board and allow their terms to expire. Mr. McAnn extended his gratitude for Mr. Varnell and Mr. Wards service, mentorship, and dedication to the board.

Mr. McAnn informed the board of the need for election of officers for the board for 2025. A nomination and motion were made by Mr. Holley to elect Mr. Rogers as Chairman, seconded by Mr. Allen. Upon unanimous vote, the motion carried. A nomination and motion were made by Mr. Rogers for Mr. Robertson to serve as Vice-Chairman, seconded by Mr. Allen. Upon unanimous vote, the motion carried. Lastly, Mr. Holley was asked to continue in his position as Secretary /Treasurer. A motion was made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Robertson. Upon unanimous vote, the motion carried.

With no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Holley. Upon unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Minutes are subject to approval at the next stated Board Meeting.

Charles Varnell Secretary Andy Holley
Chairman

March 5th, 2025
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BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY
BENTON, LOUISIANA
MINUTES, REGULAR MEETING
February 5, 2025
www.bossierparishla.gov

The Bossier Parish Police Jury met in regular and legal session on the 5th day of February, 2025, at 2:00 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana. The President, Mr. Glenn Benton, called the meeting to order. The invocation was given by Mr. Philip Rodgers, and the pledge of allegiance was led by Ms. Pam Glorioso. Ms. Megan Ramos, Interim Parish Secretary, called the roll at 2:02 pm, with the following members present:

Quorum Present (12 Present)
Present: Glenn Benton, Jimmy Cochran, Julian Darby, Kim Gaspard, Pam Glorioso, John Ed Jordan, Chris Marsiglia, Julianna Parks, Philip Rodgers, Doug Rimmer, Tom Salzer, Keith Sutton
No: _____
Abstain: None
Absent: None
Bid results are as follows:
Bidders:
Bid Amount
Lease Amount
The Coordinating and Development Corporation
\$1,480,001.00
\$7,812.50
DOC Energy Services, Inc.
\$1,400,000.00
\$7,812.50

Others present were Dr. Ken Ward, Parish Administrator; Mr. Patrick Jackson, Parish Attorney; Mr. Eric Hudson, Parish Engineer; Ms. Megan Ramos, Interim Parish Secretary; Ms. Stacie Fernandez, Parish Treasurer.

Motion was made by Mr. Rimmer, seconded by Mr. Rodgers, to accept the bid of The Coordinating & Development Corporation in the total amount of \$1,480,001.00 for Project No. 2024-4915, purchase of property with leaseback provision located at 4915 Shed Road, Bossier City, LA, in accordance with bids received on January 29, 2025.

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

Yes: Glenn Benton, Jimmy Cochran, Julian Darby, Kim Gaspard, Pam Glorioso, John Ed Jordan, Chris Marsiglia, Julianna Parks, Philip Rodgers, Doug Rimmer, Tom Salzer, Keith Sutton
No: _____
Abstain: None
Absent: None

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\$1,480,001.00
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RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on this 5th day of February, 2025, that it does hereby authorize the Parish Administrator and/or Parish President to execute on its behalf, any and all documents in connection with the bid of The Coordinating & Development Corporation in the total amount of \$1,480,001.00, for Project No. 2024-4915, purchase of property with leaseback provision located at 4915 Shed Road, Bossier City, LA, in accordance with bids received on January 29, 2025.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Rimmer, seconded by Mr. Rodgers. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 5th day of February, 2025.

MEGAN C. RAMOS
GLENN BENTON, PRESIDENT
INTERIM PARISH SECRETARY BOSS-
IER PARISH POLICE JURY

Ms. Ramos announced the public hearing to consider approval of the application of Michael Kelsch, Raley and Associates, Inc., to the Benton MPC, for a zoning amendment to change the zoning classification of a certain tract of land being 127.871 acres, more or less, located in Section 16, Township 19 North, Range 13 West of the Louisiana Prime Meridian, Northwestern Land District, Bossier Parish, LA, from R-A, Residential Agriculture District, to R-1, One Family Residence District, for a proposed residential subdivision, Police Jury District 3. (Benton MPC Case No. BP-24-24)

Mr. Michael Kelsch, Raley and Associates, Inc., was present on behalf of the developer. He stated that the master plan was adjusted to 129.632 acres for this zoning request, and advised that the southern property line of the residential subdivision was shifted to accommodate an existing gas line on the property. In response to Mr. Marsiglia's question, Mr. Kelsch stated that there are 407 homes on the master plan. Motion was made by Mr. Rodgers, seconded by Mr. Darby, to approve the application of Michael Kelsch, Raley and Associates, Inc., to the Benton MPC, for a zoning amendment to change the zoning classification of a certain tract of land being 129.632 acres, more or less, located in Section 16, Township 19 North, Range 13 West of the Louisiana Prime Meridian, Northwestern Land District, Bossier Parish, LA, from R-A, Residential Agriculture District, to R-1, One Family Residence District, for a proposed residential subdivision, Police Jury District 3. (Benton MPC Case No. BP-24-24)

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

Yes: Glenn Benton, Jimmy Cochran, Julian Darby, Kim Gaspard, Pam Glorioso, John Ed Jordan, Chris Marsiglia, Julianna Parks, Philip Rodgers, Doug Rimmer, Tom Salzer, Keith Sutton
No: _____
Abstain: None
Absent: None

ORDINANCE NO. 5055
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 922 OF 1981, THE BENTON METRO-POLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION ZONING REGULATIONS BY CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF A TRACT OF LAND BEING 129.632 ACRES, MORE

OR LESS, LOCATED IN SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST OF THE LOUISIANA PRIME MERIDIAN, NORTHWESTERN LAND DISTRICT, BOSSIER PARISH, LA, FROM R-A, RESIDENTIAL AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT, TO R-1, ONE FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT, FOR A PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION. (BENTON MPC CASE NO. BP-24-24)

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on this 5th day of February, 2025, that Ordinance No. 922 of 1981 of the Police Jury of Bossier Parish, Louisiana, is hereby amended to change the zoning classification of a tract of land being 129.632 acres, more or less, located in Section 16, Township 19 North, Range 13 West of the Louisiana Prime Meridian, Northwestern Land District, Bossier Parish, LA, from R-A, Residential Agricultural District, to R-1, One Family Residence District, for a proposed residential subdivision, being more particularly described as follows:

BEING A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST OF THE LOUISIANA PRIME MERIDIAN, NORTHWESTERN LAND DISTRICT, BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA. SAID TRACT BEING MORE FULLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 16, RUN THENCE SOUTH 89° 43' 08" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 1567.87 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 02° 53' 35" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 640.00 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 89° 43' 30" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 1362.70 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 03° 05' 26" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 100.12 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 89° 43' 30" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 52.39 FEET, THENCE RUN ALONG A CURVE TO THE LEFT AN ARC DISTANCE OF 267.10 FEET (SAID CURVE HAVING A RADIUS OF 360.00 FEET AND A LONG CHORD BEARING SOUTH 69° 01' 11" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 261.02), THENCE RUN SOUTH 00° 26' 31" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 215.11 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 08° 12' 44" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 304.64 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 00° 24' 22" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 1160.50 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 89° 09' 22" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 1394.17 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 49° 28' 36" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 100.20 FEET, THENCE RUN ALONG A CURVE TO THE LEFT AN ARC DISTANCE OF 650.11 FEET (SAID CURVE HAVING A RADIUS OF 865.00 FEET AND A LONG CHORD BEARING NORTH 71° 00' 28" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 634.92 FEET), THENCE RUN SOUTH 87° 27' 40" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 490.97 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 00° 26' 31" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 2294.30 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

SAID TRACT CONTAINING 129.632 ACRES.

Applicant: Michael Kelsch, Raley and Associates, Inc.
Purpose: Residential Subdivision

The ordinance was offered by Mr. Rodgers, seconded by Mr. Darby. Upon unanimous vote it was duly adopted in this 5th day of February, 2025.

MEGAN C. RAMOS
GLENN BENTON, PRESIDENT
INTERIM PARISH SECRETARY
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Ms. Ramos announced the public hearing to consider approval of the application of Michael Kelsch, Raley and Associates, Inc., to the Benton MPC, for a zoning amendment to change the zoning classification of a certain tract of land being 25.509 acres, more or less, located in Section 16, Township 19 North, Range 13 West of the Louisiana Prime Meridian, Northwestern Land District, Bossier Parish, LA, for a proposed commercial development in Police Jury District 3, more specifically as follows: 2.636 acres, more or less, located north of the proposed boulevard, from R-A, Residential Agriculture District, to B-1, Transition Business District; The remaining 22.873 acres, more or less, located south of the proposed boulevard and north of West Linton Road, from R-A, Residential Agriculture District, to B-2, Neighborhood Business District. (Benton MPC Case No. BP-25-24)

Mr. Michael Kelsch, Raley and Associates, Inc., was present on behalf of the developer. Mr. Kelsch stated that the total acreage was adjusted to shift property lines to accommodate an existing gas line. He stated that with this shift of property lines, the B-1 zoning request is amended to 2.779 acres and the B-2 zoning request is amended to 20.97 acres.

Motion was made by Mr. Rodgers, seconded by Ms. Glorioso, to approve the application of Michael Kelsch, Raley and Associates, Inc., to the Benton MPC, for a zoning amendment to change the zoning classification of a certain tract of land being 23.749 acres, more or less, located in Section 16, Township 19 North, Range 13 West of the Louisiana Prime Meridian, Northwestern Land District, Bossier Parish, LA, for a proposed commercial development in Police Jury District 3, more specifically as follows: 2.779 acres, more or less, located north of the proposed boulevard, from R-A, Residential Agriculture District, to B-1, Transition Business District; The remaining 20.97 acres, more or less, located south of the proposed boulevard and north of West Linton Road, from R-A, Residential Agriculture District, to B-2, Neighborhood Business District. (Benton MPC Case No. BP-25-24)

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

Yes: Glenn Benton, Jimmy Cochran, Julian Darby, Kim Gaspard, Pam Glorioso, John Ed Jordan, Chris Marsiglia, Julianna Parks, Philip Rodgers, Doug Rimmer, Tom Salzer, Keith Sutton
No: _____
Abstain: None
Absent: None

ORDINANCE NO. 5056
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 922 OF 1981, THE BENTON METRO-POLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION ZONING REGULATIONS BY CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF A TRACT OF LAND BEING 23.749 ACRES, MORE

OR LESS, LOCATED IN SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST OF THE LOUISIANA PRIME MERIDIAN, NORTHWESTERN LAND DISTRICT, BOSSIER PARISH, LA, MORE SPECIFICALLY AS FOLLOWS: 2.779 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, LOCATED NORTH OF THE PROPOSED BOULEVARD, FROM R-A, RESIDENTIAL AGRICULTURE DISTRICT, TO B-1, TRANSITION BUSINESS DISTRICT; THE REMAINING 20.97 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, LOCATED SOUTH OF THE PROPOSED BOULEVARD AND NORTH OF WEST LINTON ROAD, FROM R-A, RESIDENTIAL AGRICULTURE DISTRICT, TO B-2, NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS DISTRICT, FOR A PROPOSED COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT. (BENTON MPC CASE NO. BP-25-24)

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on this 5th day of February, 2025, that Ordinance No. 922 of 1981 of the Police Jury of Bossier Parish, Louisiana, is hereby amended to change the zoning classification of a tract of land being 23.749 total acres, more or less, located in Section 16, Township 19 North, Range 13 West of the Louisiana Prime Meridian, Northwestern Land District, Bossier Parish, LA, said zoning amendments more specifically designated as follows:

(1) R-A, Residential Agriculture District, to B-1, Transition Business District: 2.779 acres, more or less, located north of the proposed boulevard, from R-A, Residential Agriculture District, to B-1, Transition Business District; being more specifically described as follows:

BEING A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST OF THE LOUISIANA PRIME MERIDIAN, NORTHWESTERN LAND DISTRICT, BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA. SAID TRACT BEING MORE FULLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 16, RUN THENCE SOUTH 89° 43' 08" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 1567.87 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 02° 53' 35" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 640.00 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 89° 43' 30" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 1362.70 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 03° 05' 26" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 100.12 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED. FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING, RUN THENCE SOUTH 03° 05' 26" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 439.56 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 85° 26' 02" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 189.63 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 56° 54' 46" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 21.84 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 87° 27' 08" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 85.58 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 08° 12' 44" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 131.33 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 00° 26' 31" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 215.11 FEET, THENCE RUN ALONG A CURVE TO THE RIGHT AN ARC DISTANCE OF 267.10 FEET, (SAID CURVE HAVING A RADIUS OF 360.00 FEET AND A LONG CHORD BEARING NORTH 69° 01' 11" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 261.02 FEET), THENCE RUN SOUTH 89° 43' 30" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 52.39 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID TRACT CONTAINING 2.779 ACRES.

(2) R-A, Residential Agriculture District, to B-2, Neighborhood Business District:

The remaining 20.97 acres, more or less, located south of the proposed boulevard and north of West Linton Road, from R-A, Residential Agriculture district, to B-2, Neighborhood Business District, for a proposed commercial development, being more particularly described as follows:

Tract 1: BEING A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST OF THE LOUISIANA PRIME MERIDIAN, NORTHWESTERN LAND DISTRICT, BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA. BEING MORE FULLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 16, RUN THENCE SOUTH 89° 43' 08" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 1567.87 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 02° 53' 35" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 640.00 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 89° 43' 30" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 1362.70 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 03° 05' 26" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 1159.78 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 86° 57' 33" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 15.00 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 03° 02' 27" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 630.93 FEET, THENCE RUN ALONG A CURVE TO THE RIGHT AN ARC DISTANCE OF 79.79 FEET, (SAID CURVE HAVING A RADIUS OF 1187.36 FEET AND A LONG CHORD BEARING SOUTH 05° 15' 41" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 79.78 FEET) TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED. FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING, RUN THENCE ALONG A CURVE TO THE RIGHT AN ARC DISTANCE OF 261.14 FEET, (SAID CURVE HAVING A RADIUS OF 1187.36 FEET AND A LONG CHORD BEARING SOUTH 13° 29' 14" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 260.62 FEET), THENCE RUN SOUTH 19° 29' 33" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 106.59 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 87° 57' 03" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 282.66 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 02° 00' 25" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 219.99 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 88° 00' 11" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 382.36 FEET, THENCE RUN ALONG A CURVE TO THE RIGHT AN ARC DISTANCE OF 494.22 FEET, (SAID CURVE HAVING A RADIUS OF 735.00 FEET AND A LONG CHORD BEARING NORTH 68° 44' 23" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 484.96 FEET), THENCE RUN NORTH 49° 28' 36" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 539.38 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 89° 09' 22" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 1630.80 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

LESS AND EXCEPT THAT PORTION LYING IN THE STATE CLAIMED WATER BOTTOMS OF WILLOW CHUTE BAYOU, SAID PORTION BEING MORE FULLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 16, RUN THENCE SOUTH 89° 43' 08" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 1567.87 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 02° 53' 35" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 640.00 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 89° 43' 30" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 1362.70 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 03° 05' 26" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 1159.78 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 86° 57' 33" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 15.00 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 03° 02' 27" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 630.93 FEET, THENCE RUN ALONG A CURVE TO THE RIGHT AN ARC DISTANCE OF 340.93 FEET, (SAID CURVE HAVING A RADIUS OF 1187.36 FEET AND A LONG CHORD BEARING SOUTH 11° 33' 43" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 339.76 FEET) TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED.

FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING, RUN THENCE SOUTH 19° 29' 33" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 77.89 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 83° 40' 17" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 253.13 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 88° 25' 00" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 190.48 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 66° 17' 13" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 164.67 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 87° 56' 17" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 142.63 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 74° 18' 46" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 172.79 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 87° 17' 50" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 102.85 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 82° 47' 30" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 115.96 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 77° 16' 00" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 164.72 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 89° 31' 49" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 118.76 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 49° 28' 36" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 47.86 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 79° 35' 17" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 139.48 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 81° 27' 41" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 152.51 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 86° 40' 31" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 232.20 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 78° 37' 52" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 180.47 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 81° 58' 21" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 203.59 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 75° 40' 49" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 169.24 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 89° 31' 18" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 161.63 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 86° 59' 36" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 147.40 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID TRACT CONTAINING 12.592 ACRES.

Tract 2: BEING A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST OF THE LOUISIANA PRIME MERIDIAN, NORTHWESTERN LAND DISTRICT, BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA. SAID TRACT BEING MORE FULLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

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SAID TRACT CONTAINING 8.378 ACRES. SAID TRACT 1 AND TRACT 2 DESCRIBED ABOVE CONTAINING 20.97 TOTAL ACRES, MORE OR LESS. Applicant: Michael Kelsch, Raley and Associates, Inc. Purpose: Commercial Development The ordinance was offered by Mr. Rodgers, seconded by Ms. Glorioso. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 5th day of February, 2025. MEGAN C. RAMOS GLENN BENTON, PRESIDENT INTERIM PARISH SECRETARY BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Ms. Ramos announced the public hearing to consider approval of the application of Ryan Estess, Raley and Associates, Inc., to the Bossier City - Parish MPC, for a zoning amendment to change the zoning classification of a certain tract of land being 10.802 acres, more or less, located south of Wemple Road and west of Old Brownlee Road, Bossier Parish, LA, from R-A, Residential Agriculture District, to R-LD, Residential-Low Density District, for a proposed residential subdivision, Police Jury District 6. (Bossier City – Parish MPC Case No. P-ZON-000183-2024) Mr. Jeff Raley, Raley and Associates, Inc., was present on behalf of the developer. He stated that this development is located south of The Crossing at Wemple Subdivision.

Motion was made by Ms. Glorioso, seconded by Mr. Marsiglia, to approve the application of Ryan Estess, Raley and Associates, Inc., to the Bossier City - Parish MPC, for a zoning amendment to change the zoning classification of a certain tract of land being 10.802 acres, more or less, located south of Wemple Road and west of Old Brownlee Road, Bossier Parish, LA, from R-A, Residential Agriculture District, to R-LD, Residential-Low Density District, for a proposed residential subdivision, Police Jury District 6. (Bossier City – Parish MPC Case No. P-ZON-000183-2024) The President called for public comment. There being none, motion carried, with the following votes recorded: Yes: Glenn Benton, Jimmy Cochran, Julian Darby, Kim Gaspard, Pam Glorioso, John Ed Jordan, Chris Marsiglia, Julianna Parks, Philip Rodgers, Doug Rimmer, Tom Salzer, Keith Sutton No: Abstain: None Absent: None

ORDINANCE NO. 5057 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND BOSSIER PARISH ORDINANCE NO. 4705 OF 2018, WHICH ADOPTED AN AMENDED UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE FOR THE BOSSIER CITY PARISH METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION AND THE PARISH OF BOSSIER, LOUISIANA, BY CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF A CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND BEING 10.802 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, LOCATED IN LOT 1 T.K. VIOLA MC CRANIE PARTITION AS RECORDED IN BOOK 141, PAGE 397, OF THE CONVEYANCE RECORDS OF BOSSIER PARISH, LA, FROM R-A, RESIDENTIAL AGRICULTURE DISTRICT, TO R-LD, RESIDENTIAL-LOW DENSITY DISTRICT, FOR A PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION. (BOSSIER CITY - PARISH MPC CASE P-ZON-000183-2024) BE IT ORDAINED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on this 5th day of February, 2025, that Ordinance No. 4705 of 2018 (Amended Unified Development Code) of the Police Jury of Bossier Parish, is hereby amended to change the zoning classification of a certain tract of land being 10.802 acres, more or less, located Lot 1 T.K. & Viola McCranie Partition as Recorded in Book 141, Page 397, of the Conveyance Records of Bossier Parish, LA, from R-A, Residential Agriculture District, to R-LD, Residential-Low Density District, for a proposed residential subdivision. (Bossier City - Parish MPC Case P-ZON-0000183-2024), being more particularly described as follows: LOT 1 T.K. & VIOLA MC CRANIE PARTITION AS RECORDED IN BOOK 141, PAGE 397, OF THE CONVEYANCE RECORDS OF BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA.

BEGINNING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 1, THENCE RUN SOUTH 89° 10' 32" EAST A DISTANCE OF 2317.66 FEET, THENCE RUN ALONG THE CURVE TO THE RIGHT A DISTANCE OF 198.28 FEET (SAID CURVE HAVING A RADIUS OF 961.71 FEET AND A LONG CORD OF SOUTH 0° 26' 59" EAST A DISTANCE OF 197.93 FEET), THENCE RUN NORTH 89° 16' 40" WEST A DISTANCE OF 2322.19 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 0° 46' 16" EAST A DISTANCE OF 204.59 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID TRACT CONTAINING 10.802 ACRES Applicant: Ryan Estess, Raley and Associates, Inc. Purpose: Residential Subdivision The ordinance was offered by Ms. Glorioso, seconded by Mr. Marsiglia. It was duly adopted on this 5th day of February, 2025, with the following votes recorded: Yes: Glenn Benton, Jimmy Cochran, Julian Darby, Kim Gaspard, Pam Glorioso, John Ed Jordan, Chris Marsiglia, Julianna Parks, Philip Rodgers, Doug Rimmer, Tom Salzer, Keith Sutton No: Abstain: None Absent: None MEGAN C. RAMOS GLENN BENTON, PRESIDENT INTERIM PARISH SECRETARY BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Ms. Ramos announced the public hearing to consider approval of the application of Michael Kelsch, Raley and Associates, Inc., to the Bossier City - Parish MPC, for a zoning amendment to change the zoning classification of a certain tract of land being 116.185 acres, more or less, located in Section 17 and 18, Township 18 North, Range 13 West, and a portion in Section 13, Township 18 North, Range 14 West, immediately south of West Viking Drive and I-220 East Bound, Bossier Parish, LA, from I-2, Heavy Industrial District, to B-3, General Business District, for a proposed shooting range, Red River Range, Police Jury District 7. (Bossier City – Parish MPC Case No. P-ZON-0000200-2024 (SC) Mr. Jeff Raley, Raley and Associates, Inc., was present on behalf of the developer. Motion was made by Mr. Cochran, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to approve the application of Michael Kelsch, Raley and Associates, Inc., to the Bossier City - Parish MPC, for a zoning amendment to change the zoning classification of a certain tract of land being 116.185 acres, more or less, located in Section 17 and 18, Township 18 North, Range 13 West, and a portion in Section 13, Township 18 North, Range 14 West, immediately south of West Viking Drive and I-220 East Bound, Bossier Parish, LA, from I-2, Heavy Industrial District, to B-3, General Business District, for a proposed shooting range, Red River Range, Police Jury District 7. (Bossier City – Parish MPC Case No. P-ZON-0000200-2024 (SC) The President called for public comment. There being none, motion carried, with the following votes recorded:

Yes: Glenn Benton, Jimmy Cochran, Julian Darby, Kim Gaspard, Pam Glorioso, John Ed Jordan, Chris Marsiglia, Julianna Parks, Philip Rodgers, Doug Rimmer, Tom Salzer, Keith Sutton No: Abstain: None Absent: None

ORDINANCE NO. 5058 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND BOSSIER PARISH ORDINANCE NO. 4705 OF 2018, WHICH ADOPTED AN AMENDED UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE FOR THE BOSSIER CITY PARISH METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION AND THE PARISH OF BOSSIER, LOUISIANA, BY CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF A CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND BEING 116.185 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, LOCATED IN SECTION 17 AND 18, TOWNSHIP 18 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST, AND A PORTION IN SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 18 NORTH, RANGE 14 WEST, BOSSIER PARISH, LA, FROM I-2, HEAVY INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT, TO B-3, GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT, FOR A PROPOSED SHOOTING RANGE, RED RIVER RANGE. (BOSSIER CITY - PARISH MPC CASE P-ZON-0000200-2024 (SC) BE IT ORDAINED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on this 5th day of February, 2025, that Ordinance No. 4705 of 2018 (Amended Unified Development Code) of the Police Jury of Bossier Parish, is hereby amended to change the zoning classification of a certain tract of land being 116.185 acres, more or less, located in Section 17 and 18, Township 18 North, Range 13 West, and a portion in Section 13, Township 18 North, Range 14 West, immediately south of West Viking Drive and I-220 East Bound, Bossier Parish, LA, from I-2, Heavy Industrial District, to B-3, General Business District, for a proposed shooting range, Red River Range. (Bossier City - Parish MPC Case P-ZON-0000200-2024 (SC), being more particularly described as follows:

BEING A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN SECTIONS 17 AND 18, TOWNSHIP 18 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST, AND IN FRACTIONAL SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 18 NORTH, RANGE 14 WEST, OF THE LOUISIANA PRIME MERIDIAN, NORTHWESTERN LAND DISTRICT, BOSSIER AND CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA. SAID TRACT BEING MORE FULLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 17, RUN THENCE SOUTH 280.76 FEET, THENCE RUN WEST 3639.19 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED. FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING, RUN THENCE SOUTH 31° 25' 30" EAST A DISTANCE OF 295.49 FEET, THENCE RUN ALONG A CURVE TO THE LEFT AN ARC DISTANCE OF 500.75 FEET (SAID CURVE HAVING A RADIUS OF 1086.85 FEET, AND WHOSE LONG CHORD BEARS SOUTH 44° 37' 27" EAST A DISTANCE OF 496.33 FEET), THENCE RUN SOUTH 39° 42' 55" WEST A DISTANCE OF 476.19 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 82° 46' 06" EAST A DISTANCE OF 415.83 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 06° 36' 35" WEST A DISTANCE OF 312.87 FEET, THENCE RUN ALONG A CURVE TO THE LEFT AN ARC DISTANCE OF 805.88 FEET (SAID CURVE HAVING A RADIUS OF 3000.58 FEET, AND WHOSE LONG CHORD BEARS NORTH 83° 55' 49" WEST A DISTANCE OF 803.46 FEET), THENCE RUN ALONG A CURVE TO THE LEFT AN ARC DISTANCE OF 902.61 FEET (SAID CURVE HAVING A RADIUS OF 11771.51 FEET, AND WHOSE LONG CHORD BEARS SOUTH 82° 04' 53" WEST A DISTANCE OF 902.39 FEET), THENCE RUN ALONG A CURVE TO THE RIGHT AN ARC DISTANCE OF 1353.75 FEET (SAID CURVE HAVING A RADIUS OF 112611.38 FEET, AND WHOSE LONG CHORD BEARS SOUTH 80° 13' 45" WEST A DISTANCE OF 1353.74 FEET), THENCE RUN ALONG A CURVE TO THE LEFT AN ARC DISTANCE OF 2066.12 FEET (SAID CURVE HAVING A RADIUS OF 17465.98 FEET, AND WHOSE LONG CHORD BEARS SOUTH 77° 11' 05" WEST A DISTANCE OF 2064.91 FEET), THENCE RUN SOUTH 73° 47' 45" WEST A DISTANCE OF 1918.30 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 14° 46' 55" WEST A DISTANCE OF 320.99 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 75° 05' 52" EAST A DISTANCE OF 1845.42 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 68° 33' 41" EAST A DISTANCE OF 2276.03 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 37° 52' 56" EAST A DISTANCE OF 867.22 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 63° 43' 20" EAST A DISTANCE OF 910.36 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 82° 39' 12" EAST A DISTANCE OF 258.12 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 85° 26' 44" EAST A DISTANCE OF 149.54 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 85° 04' 03" EAST A DISTANCE OF 414.68 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 83° 07' 32" EAST A DISTANCE OF 309.90 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 85° 56' 11" EAST A DISTANCE OF 94.36 FEET, THENCE NORTH 88° 58' 40" EAST A DISTANCE OF 193.75 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID TRACT CONTAINING 116.185 ACRES Applicant: Michael Kelsch, Raley and Associates, Inc. Purpose: Shooting Range The ordinance was offered by Mr. Cochran, seconded by Mr. Rimmer. It was duly adopted on this 5th day of February, 2025, with the following votes recorded: Yes: Glenn Benton, Jimmy Cochran, Julian Darby, Kim Gaspard, Pam Glorioso, John Ed Jordan, Chris Marsiglia, Julianna Parks, Philip Rodgers, Doug Rimmer, Tom Salzer, Keith Sutton No: Abstain: None Absent: None

MEGAN C. RAMOS GLENN BENTON, PRESIDENT INTERIM PARISH SECRETARY BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Rodgers, seconded by Ms. Glorioso, to schedule a public hearing on March 19, 2025, to consider approval of the application of Gary Clark, Civil Design Group, LLC, for a zoning amendment to change the zoning class-

sification of a certain tract of land being 104.75 acres, more or less, located in Sections 9 and 16, Township 18 North, Range 11 West of the Louisiana Prime Meridian, Northwestern Land District, Bossier Parish, LA, from R-A, Residential Agriculture District, to B-3, General Business District, for a proposed automobile Travel Center and future commercial development, Police Jury District 1. (Houghton MPC Case HP-12-24) Mr. Shelly Horton, Executive Director of the Houghton MPC, stated that this application was initially submitted as a zoning amendment for an automobile travel center. He stated that during the MPC hearing, the zoning amendment request was revised to an automobile and truck travel center, and advised that the same traffic study is required for the automobile and truck travel center. The President called for public comment. There being none, motion carried, with the following votes recorded: Yes: Glenn Benton, Jimmy Cochran, Julian Darby, Kim Gaspard, Pam Glorioso, John Ed Jordan, Chris Marsiglia, Julianna Parks, Philip Rodgers, Doug Rimmer, Tom Salzer, Keith Sutton No: Abstain: None Absent: None

Mr. Tom Salzer, Chairman of the Capital Improvements/Building and Grounds Committee, provided a report on a meeting of that committee held today at 11:30 a.m. He stated that the committee reviewed bids for the purchase of the library administrative building, noting that two companies submitted bids, with The Coordinating Development Corporation offering the highest bid. Mr. Salzer reported that the committee discussed donating the proceeds from the new cardboard compactor located at the Bossier Parish Courthouse to Keep Bossier Beautiful. Motion was made by Mr. Salzer, seconded by Mr. Sutton, to authorize Keep Bossier Beautiful to receive all proceeds collected from recycling cardboard at the Bossier Parish Courthouse. The President called for public comment. There being none, motion carried, with the following votes recorded: Yes: Glenn Benton, Jimmy Cochran, Julian Darby, Kim Gaspard, Pam Glorioso, John Ed Jordan, Chris Marsiglia, Julianna Parks, Philip Rodgers, Doug Rimmer, Tom Salzer, Keith Sutton No: Abstain: None Absent: None

Mr. Salzer stated that, the committee discussed scheduling a meeting with the party interested in leasing the Johnny Gray Jones Youth Facility during the next committee meeting on February 19, 2025. Mr. Philip Rodgers, Chairman of the Road/Subdivision Regulations Committee, reported on a meeting of that committee held today at 12:30 p.m. Mr. Rodgers reported that the committee discussed spraying for mosquitoes at Camp Minden in preparation for the upcoming Archery Shooters Association (ASA) Easton/Hoyt Pro/Am Tour archery tournament. He stated that the jury will consider this matter at its next regular meeting on February 19, 2025. Mr. Rodgers stated that the committee reviewed the enforcement of the parish ordinance regarding mailboxes. He stated that mailboxes located in parish rights-of-way that do not comply with the parish ordinance will be removed from parish roads with speed limits of 35 mph or higher. Mr. Rodgers stated that a temporary hold has been placed on permits for Willow Creek at Benton Subdivision. He stated that efforts are underway to coordinate with the developers to transfer designated green space to Willow Creek at Benton Homeowners Association, Inc., which is required before permits are released. Mr. Rodgers stated that the committee discussed Crouch Road, which is experiencing significant deterioration due to heavy truck traffic traveling to and from the dirt pit used for the I-20 construction project. He stated that the committee agreed to designate the Crouch Road as a High Volume Traffic (HVT) route until the next scheduled committee meeting. He further stated that the parish will contact the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) for assistance as this is a state project. Mr. Rodgers stated that the committee reviewed a preliminary capacity assessment report regarding the impact of future residential development on the roadway infrastructure in northern Bossier Parish. He stated that the preliminary findings are that seven roadways require widening to accommodate the anticipated increase in residential traffic. He further stated that public meetings will be scheduled to discuss the future of residential development in northern Bossier Parish and to gather input from the community.

Mr. Matt Redmon, Assistant Parish Engineer, reported that the advertisement for Grant Administrative Services for Project Disaster Recovery Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) - Espanita Drainage Improvements (Louisiana Watershed Initiative Round 2), was advertised in accordance with the required guidelines, resulting in the submission of one proposal. He stated that the state recommended re-advertising to attract additional proposals.

In response to Mr. Benton's question, Mr. Redmon stated that many firms are no longer engaged in grant work, and advised that one company was unable to submit a proposal due to existing contractual obligations. Mr. Redmon stated that additional information is included in a new advertisement, and advised that the re-advertisement period is 28 days. He stated that he expects a recommendation for acceptance of a proposal to be presented to the jury at its regular meeting on March 19, 2025.

Motion was made by Mr. Rimmer, seconded by Mr. Darby, to reject the proposal for Grant Administrative Services for Project Disaster Recovery Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) - Espanita Drainage Improvements (Louisiana Watershed Initiative Round 2), and to authorize re-advertisement for Grant Administrative Services for Project Disaster Recovery Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) - Espanita Drainage Improvements (Louisiana Watershed Initiative Round 2), bid date to be determined.

The President called for public comment. There being none, motion carried, with the following votes recorded: Yes: Glenn Benton, Jimmy Cochran, Julian Darby, Kim Gaspard, Pam Glorioso, John Ed Jordan, Chris Marsiglia, Julianna Parks, Philip Rodgers, Doug Rimmer, Tom Salzer, Keith Sutton No: Abstain: None Absent: None

Motion was made by Mr. Salzer, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to table Agenda Item No. 15, consider approval of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Bossier Parish Police Jury and the Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs, and authorize the execution of documents, to be considered at the February 19, 2025, regular meeting.

Dr. Ken Ward, Parish Administrator, requested that this item be tabled until the February 19, 2025, meeting to allow review of the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement due to conflicting appropriation amounts.

The President called for public comment. There being none, motion carried, with the following votes recorded: Yes: Glenn Benton, Jimmy Cochran, Julian Darby, Kim Gaspard, Pam Glorioso, John Ed Jordan, Chris Marsiglia, Julianna Parks, Philip Rodgers, Doug Rimmer, Tom Salzer, Keith Sutton No: Abstain: None Absent: None

Motion was made by Mr. Rodgers, seconded by Mr. Salzer, to authorize renewal of the Cooperative Agreement with the Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service for support and administration of the LSU Cooperative Extension Program, and authorize the President to execute the agreement. Mr. Jim Firth, Facilities Director, stated that this is a recurring request from the LSU AgCenter for office space in the Bossier Parish Courthouse. The President called for public comment. There being none, motion carried, with the following votes recorded: Yes: Glenn Benton, Jimmy Cochran, Julian Darby, Kim Gaspard, Pam Glorioso, John Ed Jordan, Chris Marsiglia, Julianna Parks, Philip Rodgers, Doug Rimmer, Tom Salzer, Keith Sutton No: Abstain: None Absent: None

RESOLUTION BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on this 5th day of February, 2025, that it does hereby authorize the Parish President to execute on its behalf, any and all documents in connection with the renewal of the Cooperative Agreement with the Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service for support and administration of the LSU Cooperative Extension Program. The resolution was offered by Mr. Rodgers, seconded by Mr. Salzer. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 5th day of February, 2025. MEGAN C. RAMOS GLENN BENTON, PRESIDENT INTERIM PARISH SECRETARY BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Sutton, seconded by Mr. Salzer, to approve the request of GR Rupan, for a letter of no objection, to allow extended serving hours on Superbowl Sunday at Red River Casino, February 9, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 a.m., Police Jury District 12. The President called for public comment. There being none, motion carried, with the following votes recorded: Yes: Jimmy Cochran, Julian Darby, Kim Gaspard, Pam Glorioso, John Ed Jordan, Chris Marsiglia, Julianna Parks, Philip Rodgers, Doug Rimmer, Tom Salzer, Keith Sutton No: Abstain: None Absent: None

Motion was made by Ms. Parks, seconded by Mr. Marsiglia, to approve the application of Jennifer Hill for a 2025 Bossier Parish beer/liquor license at XO Coffee, 5450 Airline Drive, Bossier City, LA, Police Jury District 5. (approved by the Sheriff's Department and Health Department) The President called for public comment. There being none, motion carried, with the following votes recorded: Yes: Glenn Benton, Jimmy Cochran, Julian Darby, Kim Gaspard, Pam Glorioso, John Ed Jordan, Chris Marsiglia, Julianna Parks, Philip Rodgers, Doug Rimmer, Tom Salzer, Keith Sutton No: Abstain: None Absent: None

Motion was made by Mr. Salzer, seconded by Mr. Marsiglia, to approve the applications for renewal of Bossier Parish beer/liquor licenses for 2025. (approved by the Sheriff's Department and Health Department) The President called for public comment. There being none, motion carried, with the following votes recorded: Yes: Glenn Benton, Jimmy Cochran, Julian Darby, Kim Gaspard, Pam Glorioso, John Ed Jordan, Chris Marsiglia, Julianna Parks, Philip Rodgers, Doug Rimmer, Tom Salzer, Keith Sutton No: Abstain: None Absent: None

Motion was made by Mr. Salzer, seconded by Ms. Glorioso, to approve Change Order No. 3, Project No. 2023-123, Rehabilitation of Wastewater Collection System Manholes, results in an increase of \$13,254.00 in the total contract cost, and an additional 127 days to the total contracted time. Mr. Hudson stated that this ongoing project has been repeatedly extended due to additional work, including the installation of new manholes. He stated that the expanded scope of the project has resulted in delays, primarily due to the need for coordination of lift station shutdowns. He further stated that additional work was required at the Mimosa Gardens Sewer Treatment Pond, contributing to the overall extension of the project timeline. Motion was made by Mr. Salzer, seconded by Ms. Glorioso, to approve Change Order No. 3, Project No. 2023-123, Rehabilitation of Wastewater Collection System Manholes, and authorize the execution of documents, Police Jury Districts 1, 2 and 8. The President called for public comment. There being none, motion carried, with the following votes recorded: Yes: Glenn Benton, Jimmy Cochran, Julian Darby, Kim Gaspard, Pam Glorioso, John Ed Jordan, Chris Marsiglia, Julianna Parks, Philip Rodgers, Doug Rimmer, Tom Salzer, Keith Sutton No: Abstain: None Absent: None

Circle K Store #8161 – beer/liquor Mr. Eric Hudson, Parish Engineer, stated that Change Order No. 3, Project No. 2023-123, Rehabilitation of Wastewater Collection System Manholes, results in an increase of \$13,254.00 in the total contract cost, and an additional 127 days to the total contracted time. Mr. Hudson stated that this ongoing project has been repeatedly extended due to additional work, including the installation of new manholes. He stated that the expanded scope of the project has resulted in delays, primarily due to the need for coordination of lift station shutdowns. He further stated that additional work was required at the Mimosa Gardens Sewer Treatment Pond, contributing to the overall extension of the project timeline. Motion was made by Mr. Salzer, seconded by Ms. Glorioso, to approve Change Order No. 3, Project No. 2023-123, Rehabilitation of Wastewater Collection System Manholes, and authorize the execution of documents, Police Jury Districts 1, 2 and 8. The President called for public comment. There being none, motion carried, with the following votes recorded: Yes: Glenn Benton, Jimmy Cochran, Julian Darby, Kim Gaspard, Pam Glorioso, John Ed Jordan, Chris Marsiglia, Julianna Parks, Philip Rodgers, Doug Rimmer, Tom Salzer, Keith Sutton No: Abstain: None Absent: None

RESOLUTION BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on this 5th day of February, 2025, that it does hereby authorize the Parish Administrator and/or Parish President to execute on its behalf, any and all documents in connection with Change Order No. 3, Project No. 2023-123, Rehabilitation of Wastewater Collection System Manholes, said Change Order No. 3 resulting in an increase

of \$13,254.00 in the total contract cost and an additional 127 calendar days to the total contracted time. The resolution was offered by Mr. Salzer, seconded by Ms. Glorioso. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 5th day of February, 2025. MEGAN C. RAMOS GLENN BENTON, PRESIDENT INTERIM PARISH SECRETARY BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Mr. Eric Hudson, Parish Engineer, stated that Change Order No. 1, Project No. 2023-136, Bossier Parish Prison Sewer Improvements, results in an increase of \$11,000.00 in the total contract cost, and no additional calendar days to the total contracted time. Mr. Hudson stated that the cost increase is due to installing additional collars to protect equipment installed in close proximity to the roadway. Motion was made by Mr. Jorden, seconded by Mr. Marsiglia, to approve Change Order No. 1, Project No. 2023-136, Bossier Parish Prison Sewer Improvements, and authorize the execution of documents, Police Jury District 4. The President called for public comment. There being none, motion carried, with the following votes recorded: Yes: Glenn Benton, Jimmy Cochran, Julian Darby, Kim Gaspard, Pam Glorioso, John Ed Jordan, Chris Marsiglia, Julianna Parks, Philip Rodgers, Doug Rimmer, Tom Salzer, Keith Sutton No: Abstain: None Absent: None

RESOLUTION BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on this 5th day of February, 2025, that it does hereby authorize the Parish Administrator and/or Parish President to execute on its behalf, any and all documents in connection with Change Order No. 1, Project No. 2023-136, Bossier Parish Prison Sewer Improvements, said Change Order No. 1 resulting in an increase of \$11,000.00 in the total contract cost and no additional calendar days to the total contracted time. The resolution was offered by Mr. Jorden, seconded by Mr. Marsiglia. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 5th day of February, 2025. MEGAN C. RAMOS GLENN BENTON, PRESIDENT INTERIM PARISH SECRETARY BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Mr. Eric Hudson, Parish Engineer, stated that Change Order No. 1, Project No. 2024-117, LGAP FY 2021-2022 – Scada Controls for Sewer Lift Stations, Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1, results in no increase in the total contract cost, and 129 additional calendar days to the total contracted time. Mr. Hudson stated that the increase in contract time is a result of significant delays in equipment delivery. Motion was made by Mr. Rimmer, seconded by Ms. Glorioso, to approve Change Order No. 1, Project No. 2024-117, LGAP FY 2021-2022 – Scada Controls for Sewer Lift Stations, Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1, and authorize the execution of documents, Police Jury District 2. The President called for public comment. There being none, motion carried, with the following votes recorded: Yes: Glenn Benton, Jimmy Cochran, Julian Darby, Kim Gaspard, Pam Glorioso, John Ed Jordan, Chris Marsiglia, Julianna Parks, Philip Rodgers, Doug Rimmer, Tom Salzer, Keith Sutton No: Abstain: None Absent: None

RESOLUTION BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on this 5th day of February, 2025, that it does hereby authorize the Parish Administrator and/or Parish President to execute on its behalf, any and all documents in connection with Change Order No. 1, Project No. 2024-117, LGAP FY 2021-2022 – Scada Controls for Sewer Lift Stations, Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1, said Change Order No. 1 resulting in no increase in the total contract cost and 129 additional calendar days to the total contracted time. The resolution was offered by Mr. Rimmer, seconded by Ms. Glorioso. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 5th day of February, 2025. MEGAN C. RAMOS GLENN BENTON, PRESIDENT INTERIM PARISH SECRETARY BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Rimmer, seconded by Mr. Marsiglia, to approve the Professional Services Agreement with Bold Strategies, LLC, for governmental relations, for the year 2025, and authorize the Parish Administrator to execute documents. The President called for public comment. There being none, motion carried, with the following votes recorded: Yes: Glenn Benton, Jimmy Cochran, Julian Darby, Kim Gaspard, Pam Glorioso, John Ed Jordan, Chris Marsiglia, Julianna Parks, Philip Rodgers, Doug Rimmer, Tom Salzer, Keith Sutton No: Abstain: None Absent: None

RESOLUTION BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on this 5th day of February, 2025, that it does hereby authorize the Parish Administrator to execute on its behalf, any and all documents in connection with the Professional Services Agreement with Bold Strategies, LLC, for governmental relations, for the year 2025. The resolution was offered by Mr. Rimmer, seconded by Mr. Marsiglia. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 5th day of February, 2025. MEGAN C. RAMOS GLENN BENTON, PRESIDENT INTERIM PARISH SECRETARY BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Rodgers, seconded by Mr. Darby, to approve the Professional Services Agreement with Louisiana Lobbying Solutions, LLC, for governmental relations, for the year 2025, and authorize the Parish Administrator to execute documents. The President called for public comment. There being none, motion carried, with the following votes recorded: Yes: Glenn Benton, Jimmy Cochran, Julian Darby, Kim Gaspard, Pam Glorioso, John Ed Jordan, Chris Marsiglia, Julianna Parks, Philip Rodgers, Doug Rimmer, Tom Salzer, Keith Sutton No: Abstain: None Absent: None

RESOLUTION BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on this 5th day of February, 2025, that it does hereby authorize the Parish Administrator to execute on its behalf, any and all documents in connection with the Professional Services Agreement with Louisiana Lobbying Solutions, LLC, for governmental relations, for the year 2025. The resolution was offered by Mr. Rodgers, seconded by Mr. Darby. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 5th day of February, 2025. MEGAN C. RAMOS GLENN BENTON, PRESIDENT INTERIM PARISH SECRETARY BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Rimmer, seconded by Mr. Salzer, to approve a Short Form of Agreement between Owner and Engineer for Professional Services from Cothren, Graff, Smoak Engineering, Inc., for Project No. 2025-114, CWEF – Dogwood Gate Valve Replacement, for Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier, FY 2022-2023 Community Water Enrichment Fund, CWF File No. 2223-CWEF-BSR-0001, and authorize the execution of documents, Police Jury District 8. The President called for public comment. There being none, motion carried, with the following votes recorded: Yes: Glenn Benton, Jimmy Cochran, Julian Darby, Kim Gaspard, Pam Glorioso, John Ed Jordan, Chris Marsiglia, Julianna Parks, Philip Rodgers, Doug Rimmer, Tom Salzer, Keith Sutton No: Abstain: None Absent: None

RESOLUTION BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on this 5th day of February, 2025, that it does hereby authorize the Parish Administrator to execute on its behalf, any and all documents in connection with a Short Form of Agreement between Owner and Engineer for Professional Services from Cothren, Graff, Smoak Engineering, Inc., for Project No. 2025-114, CWF – Dogwood Gate Valve Replacement, for Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier, FY 2022-2023 Community Water Enrichment Fund, CWF File No. 2223-CWEF-BSR-0001. The resolution was offered by Mr. Rimmer, seconded by Mr. Salzer. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 5th day of February, 2025. MEGAN C. RAMOS GLENN BENTON, PRESIDENT INTERIM PARISH SECRETARY BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Rimmer, seconded by Mr. Darby, to nominate Mr. Keith Sutton to the Shreveport-Bossier Sports Commission Advisory Board, to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Bob Brotherton, term to expire December 31, 2028. The President called for public comment. There being none, motion carried, with the following votes recorded: Yes: Glenn Benton, Jimmy Cochran, Julian Darby, Kim Gaspard, Pam Glorioso, John Ed Jordan, Chris Marsiglia, Julianna Parks, Philip Rodgers, Doug Rimmer, Tom Salzer, Keith Sutton No: Abstain: None Absent: None

Dr. Ken Ward, Parish Administrator, reported that the jurors attending the Police Jury Association of Louisiana State Convention on February 12-14, 2025, received their travel packets at today's meeting. Dr. Ward reported that he, along with three jury members, recently met with the Bossier Chamber of Commerce to discuss their ongoing efforts to facilitate and support the growth of Bossier Parish. Dr. Ward reported that the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant application for the East-West Corridor Project, requesting \$25 million in funding for the \$86 million project, has been submitted. He stated that our local legislative delegation was involved with the submission, and advised that an update on the status of the grant is expected within the next few months.

Mr. Eric Hudson, Parish Engineer, presented drone videos of the Caplis Sligo Road bridge replacement project and the rebuilding of Deen Point Road, from Wyché Road to Veterans Parkway. Mr. Hudson stated that the East-West Corridor Project has been submitted to the state, and he is currently working to have the engineering services managed internally. Mr. Kevin Gay, Public Works Director, presented an update on activities of the highway department and on several road projects within the parish. Mr. Gay stated that Keep Bossier Beautiful has requested the use of the highway department's grapple truck to assist with Operation Clean Sweep on March 22, 2025. Mr. Gay reported that 400 yards of millings were transported to Camp Minden. In response to Mr. Sutton's question, Mr. Gay stated that he has not yet visited Rye Circle, but advised that he will report back on this matter. Mr. Rodgers stated that there are several loads of trash from the ditch cutting on the side of Dalrymple Road. In response to Mr. Rodgers question, Mr. Gay explained that the Bossier Parish Sheriff's Department typically notifies the highway department when bags of trash are ready for pick up on parish roads. Mr. Gay stated that there are instances when the highway department does not receive such notifications. Mr. Rodgers requested pick up of the bags of trash on Linton Road to prevent the trash spreading to the roadway.

Mr. Sutton congratulated Mr. Sutton on his appointment to the Shreveport-Bossier Sports Commission Advisory Board. Mr. Sutton thanked the jurors for his appointment to the Shreveport-Bossier Sports Commission Advisory Board. Mr. Jackson stated that the police jury held a productive meeting earlier today to discuss the ongoing growth challenges facing the parish. He said that during the meeting, the committee proposed scheduling a gathering of citizens and other interested parties on February 18, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. in the Police Jury Meeting Room.

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He further stated that additional meetings will be scheduled as needed. Mr. Jackson stated that this initial meeting will serve as a kickoff to engage developers, citizens and other stakeholders, and every effort will be made to alert the public about the meetings. He stated that if the proposed date and time is suitable for all parties, the police jury will proceed with the meeting as planned on February 18, 2025, at 3:00 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 5th day of February, 2025, the meeting was adjourned by the President at 2:43 p.m.

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INTERIM PARISH SECRETARY
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BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY
ROAD/SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES

Mr. Philip Rodgers, Chairman
Mr. Doug Rimmer, Co-Chairman
February 5, 2025

The Road/Subdivision Regulations Committee of the Bossier Parish Police Jury met on this 5th day of February, 2025, at 12:30 p.m., in the Police Jury Conference Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana. Mr. Philip Rodgers, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m., with the following members present: Mr. Philip Rodgers, Mr. Doug Rimmer, Co-Chairman, Mr. Julian Darby, Mr. Kim Gaspard, Ms. Pam Glorioso, Mr. John Ed Jordan, Mr. Chris Marsiglia, Ms. Julianna Parks, and Mr. Keith Sutton. Others present for the meeting:

Ms. Carlotta Askew-Brown
Mr. Glen Barnhill
Mr. Glenn Benton
Ms. Carolina Blunck
Mr. John Cloud
Mr. Jimmy Cochran
Ms. Ashley Ezell
Ms. Stacie Fernandez
Mr. Kevin Gay
Ms. Julie Gill
Ms. Monica Grappe
Ms. Rachael Graves
Mr. Shelly Horton
Mr. Eric Hudson
Mr. Patrick Jackson
Mr. JJ Keith
Mr. Brian Kendrick
Mr. Sam Marsiglia
Ms. Megan Ramos
Mr. Matt Redmon
Mr. Tom Salzer
Dr. Ken Ward
Mr. Rod White
Mr. Charlie Yokem

Mr. Eric Hudson, Parish Engineer, stated that Camp Minden has requested assistance with mosquito spraying in preparation for the upcoming Archery Shooters Association (ASA) Easton/Hoyt Pro/Am Archery Tournament. He stated that the police jury has previously provided assistance to the National Guard at Camp Minden, and advised that similar requests have been made by the archery tournament organizers in recent years, as the event provides economic benefits to both Bossier Parish and Webster Parish. Mr. Salzer stated that the mosquito spraying ensures the success of the event, citing the area's low-lying nature and high potential as a mosquito breeding ground. In response to Mr. Hudson's question, Mr. Patrick Jackson, Parish Attorney, asked if there is a pre-approved contract price for the service. Mr. Hudson stated that no approved amount has been established. Mr. Jackson advised that the committee needs to approve a day rate for the service, and set a not-to-exceed amount. Mr. Rodgers asked if a day rate has already been determined to allow for a vote during the committee report at today's regular meeting. Mr. Hudson stated that a set day rate has not yet been established but will be provided for the committee's consideration. Further discussion followed, and Mr. Glenn Benton asked if Webster Parish can assist with mosquito spraying. Mr. Jackson stated that he does not believe Webster Parish has a mosquito control department. In response to Mr. Hudson's inquiry, Mr. Kevin Gay, Public Works Director, stated that the spraying can be completed within one to two days.

Mr. Jackson recommended adding the item to the agenda for the February 19, 2025, regular meeting, to allow time for cost determination. He stated that as the event is scheduled for April, there is sufficient time to finalize the details. In response to Mr. Salzer's inquiry, Mr. Hudson confirmed that a proposed day rate will be presented to the police jury for approval. Mr. Marsiglia asked if Camp Minden reimburses the parish for the mosquito spraying. Mr. Hudson clarified that Camp Minden does not reimburse the parish for spraying, but advised that Bossier Parish receives economic benefits from the archery tournament.

Mr. Eric Hudson, Parish Engineer, stated that Ordinance No. 4974 was enacted to establish standards for mailbox construction in parish rights-of-way on parish roads with a speed limit of 35 miles per hour or greater. He stated that when the parish reconstructs a road, noncompliant mailboxes are addressed, but advised that during recent road overlay projects, noncompliant mailboxes have not been removed. He further stated that funding is allocated in the 2025 budget to address noncompliant mailboxes. Mr. Hudson cited an example on Swan Lake Road involving a large, brick mailbox that is not in compliance with the ordinance. He stated that such noncompliant mailboxes should be addressed during road overlay projects. Mr. Hudson stated that he has discussed with Mr. Patrick Jackson, Parish Attorney, a process wherein the parish will notify homeowners by letter that road work is scheduled in the area within the next 30 days and that their mailbox is in violation of the parish ordinance. He stated that the letter will inform the homeowner that they may move the mailbox within the given timeframe, or the parish will remove it and install a breakaway mailbox during the road overlay work.

Mr. Jackson stated that three years ago, the police jury enacted Ordinance No. 4974 requiring homeowners to remove large structures from the parish right-of-way due to their classification as roadway hazards. He stated that the parish initially took an aggressive approach to enforcement, but advised that due to significant public opposition, the committee chose to address violations as they arose. He stated that now that the parish is encountering these violations, guidance is needed regarding how to proceed. He further stated that the most efficient approach is to notify homeowners that roadwork is scheduled, allow a two-month window to relocate or remove their mailbox, and that if the mailbox remains in parish right-of-way, the parish will remove it and install a breakaway mailbox.

Mr. Rodgers inquired whether the mailbox ordinance applies only for road widening projects or all road overlay projects. Mr. Jackson stated that the parish only addresses the issue if necessary. Mr. Salzer stated that he believes that the ordinance is based on road speed and safety rather than road width. Mr. Hudson clarified that if a mailbox is located within the parish right-of-way and road work is underway, it constitutes a violation of the ordinance. He stated that addressing noncompliant mailboxes during road construction projects is the most effective way to ensure compliance with the ordinance. Mr. Rodgers confirmed that all roads included in the three-year overlay program, or undergoing construction this year, will have noncompliant mailboxes located in parish rights-of-way removed and replaced with breakaway mailboxes.

Mr. John Ed Jordan inquired about liability if a vehicle collides with a noncompliant mailbox located within the parish right-of-way. Mr. Jackson stated that according to law, the property owner who installed the mailbox is liable. He stated that the parish may also bear some liability, as speed limits are set based on road conditions. He further stated that if obstructions exist in the right-of-way, the parish may consider significantly lowering speed limits. Mr. Jackson stated that noncompliant mailboxes present a serious safety hazard, and advised that accidents occur approximately once a month. Mr. Jordan stated that if the noncompliant mailboxes pose a liability to the parish, they should be removed.

Mr. Doug Rimmer stated that property owners have the option to place their mailbox outside of the roadway and beyond the parish right-of-way, but advised homeowners may risk non-delivery of mail by the postal service. Mr. Benton suggested an alternative approach of reducing speed limits to 25–30 mph.

In response to Ms. Pam Glorioso's question, Mr. Jackson stated that notification letters will be sent 60 days prior to road construction to provide homeowners sufficient time to relocate their mailboxes.

Mr. Jackson stated that enforcing the ordinance may present challenges but advised that it is a necessary safety measure. He stated that the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development follows a similar approach in addressing noncompliant mailboxes, and advised that the parish intends to proceed accordingly unless directed otherwise by the police jury. He further stated that the jury has already voted on this issue, and any proposed changes to the ordinance require a formal vote.

Mr. Chris Marsiglia inquired about roads with wider parish right-of-way than the actual roadway width, noting that mailboxes placed outside the right-of-way may be inaccessible to mail carriers. Mr. Jackson stated that the parish typically maintains right-of-way wider than the road to accommodate drainage and utilities. He stated that property owners may be reluctant to place mailboxes significantly off the roadway due to concerns about mail delivery. He further stated that many property owners install brick mailboxes in response to previous damage to standard mailboxes, inadvertently creating a significant safety hazard for the traveling public.

Mr. Jackson stated that the parish will proceed with enforcing the mailbox ordinance as adopted, and requested that jurors contact him if any issues arise.

Mr. Eric Hudson, Parish Engineer, stated that a drainage issue was brought to his attention this morning by Mr. Chris Marsiglia. He stated that the area in question is located near Lafitte Lane and Dauphine Lane, just off LA Highway 3, by the water tower. He further stated that the property owner, Ms. Friday, contacted Mr. Marsiglia regarding significant flooding in her front yard and backyard.

Mr. Hudson stated that he previously visited the property to assess this issue with former Bossier Parish Engineer and Parish Administrator, Mr. Butch Ford. He stated that, at that time, Ms. Friday reported that water was flowing into her yard from the field behind her house. He further stated that Mr. Ford determined that the ditches within the Bossier Parish right-of-way were functioning properly and advised Ms. Friday to coordinate with the landowner behind her property to divert water away from her yard. Mr. Hudson stated that the current flooding appears to be more severe than in the past, and advised that conditions may have changed. He stated that he recommends conducting a survey of the area to confirm whether parish drainage ditches are contributing to the problem, and requested the committee's approval to allocate funds for the survey. In response to Ms. Glorioso's inquiry, Mr. Hudson stated that the flooding issue is affecting only Ms. Friday's property. He stated that the area is relatively flat and drains slowly, but advised that he has not previously observed flooding severe enough to threaten a home. In response to Mr. Rimmer's question, Mr. Hudson confirmed that there is no drainage ditch located behind the houses in the area. He stated that it is important to complete a survey before determining whether the flooding issue is related to parish drainage infrastructure.

Ms. Glorioso inquired if the parish has the authority to survey private property. Mr. Hudson stated that with the property owner's permission, the parish can conduct a survey on private property in conjunction with the survey of parish right-of-way.

Mr. Hudson stated that the objective is to determine how water reaches the parish right-of-way. Mr. Salzer stated that similar cases have arisen over the years, and in such instances, property owners were informed that flooding on private property is not within the parish's jurisdiction.

Mr. Hudson stated that he is seeking approval to allocate funds for the survey to determine whether the parish has the ability to address the issue. In response to Mr. Rodgers' question, Mr. Hudson stated that further investigation is required beyond a simple visual inspection of the ditches. Mr. Rodgers stated that this is the same area where the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development recently installed culvert replacements. Mr. Patrick Jackson, Parish Attorney, stated that it is possible that Ms. Friday's home is located in the natural drainage path of the area. Mr. Hudson stated that he intends to conduct due diligence to provide Ms. Friday with potential solutions and determine whether the parish has any responsibility in the drainage issue. In response to Mr. Jackson's question, Mr. Hudson stated that, without completing a survey, he cannot determine if the drainage in parish right-of-way is compromised. Mr. Hudson stated that he will present a proposal for survey services at the February 19, 2025, regular meeting.

Mr. Eric Hudson, Parish Engineer, stated that Mr. Rodgers contacted him regarding the deterioration of the old section of Crouch Road due to heavy commercial traffic. He stated that while the highway department can patch the roadway, a full overlay of Crouch Road is necessary. He further stated that designating the road as a No Truck Route or a High-Volume Traffic (HVT) route may be necessary. Mr. Hudson stated that he requested that Mr. Kevin Gay, Public Works Director, inspect the roadway. He stated that Mr. Gay advised that deterioration has accelerated since the opening of the new section of the roadway. He further stated that he consulted with

Mr. Brian Kendrick, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit Commander, who advised that the issue is not only the volume of trucks, but also that some are operating over the current weight limits.

Mr. Rodgers stated that the majority of the overweight trucks are hauling dirt to the I-20 construction project. He stated that a comprehensive discussion of all contributing factors is necessary before determining a solution.

Mr. Kendrick stated that commercial vehicle traffic on Crouch Road has increased dramatically, with most truck traffic going to the I-20 project and some cut-through traffic traveling to a project on LA Highway 3. He suggested the following options to address the issue:

Designate Crouch Road as a High-Volume Traffic (HVT) route.

Impose a weight limit on the roadway.

Establish a No Through Truck policy, which allows trucks making deliveries or servicing businesses on the road, but prohibits trucks using Crouch Road as a cut-through.

Mr. Rodgers stated that a No Through Truck policy impacts trucks traveling from Builder Supply, Inc., to LA Highway 162, and those hauling dirt from the pit on La Highway 162 to Turtle Creek Subdivision. He stated that over 200 trucks use Crouch Road daily for access to the I-20 construction project.

Mr. Kendrick stated that designating Crouch Road a HVT route requires disclosure of the destination along the road when drivers to apply for the permit.

Mr. Patrick Jackson, Parish Attorney, stated that Crouch Road is similar to the Haynesville Shale activity, advising that the parish is currently subsidizing the conduct of these commercial operations by allowing road damage caused by operation of overweight commercial vehicles. He stated that the parish has several options:

Allow truck traffic to continue, acknowledging that taxpayers will bear the cost of infrastructure damage.

Implement enforcement measures, such as weight limits or truck route restrictions, to protect the roadway.

Require the contractors to post a bond for road repairs, similar to requirements for oil and gas companies.

Mr. Jackson stated that enforcement involves setting up a weigh station near the parish road, similar to previous measures taken in Elm Grove. In response to Mr. Kendrick, Mr. Jackson clarified that the weigh station must be positioned where the parish road begins. There was discussion among the committee members regarding options for commercial vehicle travel if the actions suggested are implemented.

Dr. Ken Ward, Parish Administrator, suggested contacting JB James Construction, LLC to identify the project manager and initiate discussions for potential solutions. Mr. Jackson stated that the parish can concurrently reach out to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development regarding the situation. Mr. Rodgers agreed that state involvement is necessary.

Mr. Jordan recommended contacting state representatives regarding this issue. Mr. Jackson acknowledged that discussions may be necessary with our local delegation, but advised that ultimately, the key issue is to determine who will bear the financial responsibility for road repairs.

Mr. Hudson stated that before Veterans Parkway opened, commercial vehicle traffic was not an issue on Crouch Road, advising that alternative routes exist. He stated that local dirt pit owner, Mr. Matthew McGrath, mentioned an alternative solution but acknowledged that commercial truck traffic is difficult to control.

Mr. Keith Sutton summarized the discussion, by stating that the decision ultimately comes down to whether the financial burden falls on private companies or the citizens of Bossier Parish. Mr. Jackson agreed, advising that no other entity is likely to assume responsibility.

Mr. Jackson stated that the parish will contact both the I-20 construction contractor and the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development. He asked the committee for recommendations regarding an interim plan. Mr. Hudson recommended designating Crouch Road as a High Volume Traffic (HVT) route and revisiting the issue with an update at the February 19, 2025, committee meeting.

Mr. Hudson presented a preliminary capacity assessment report on infrastructure demands if the parish continues to experience rapid growth. He stated that the report indicates that the current infrastructure cannot support the addition of 4,200 homes, including even moderate growth. He further stated that the findings highlight the necessity of widening and adding lanes to Palmetto Road, Kingston Road, Deen Point Road, and Swan Lake Road, to accommodate increased traffic. Mr. Hudson stated that the traffic count data reveals a significant rise from 1,700 vehicles per hour in 2017, to 2,300 vehicles per hour in 2023, indicating substantial growth over six years.

Mr. Hudson stated that the report further outlines the projected impact of increased traffic and development. He stated that infrastructure delays are expected to significantly worsen if improvements are not made. He further stated that the preliminary report provides a grading system based on delay times at intersections and advised that estimations are provided extending through the year 2034, to account for future development. Mr. Patrick Jackson, Parish Attorney, stated that while these are preliminary findings, it is important to review the recommended roadway improvements, which are estimated to exceed \$100 million in cost.

Mr. Salzer inquired about estimated costs associated with the recommendations. Mr. Hudson stated that the financial report is forthcoming and that the 45-day report aims to identify key challenges requiring financial solutions. He stated that the jury will explore potential funding mechanisms to address the infrastructure requirements.

Mr. Hudson stated that additional topics remain for discussion, including lot sizes and direction from the jury regarding how to proceed. Mr. Jackson stated that he proposes scheduling smaller public meetings to discuss potential zoning changes, by inviting developers, landowners, and other affected parties for comment. He stated that these meetings serve as a platform to introduce the findings to the public and explore funding solutions, such as tax proposals, pay-as-you-go models, and public-private partnerships. He further stated that the objective is to facilitate growth within the parish while maintaining at least a "C" level of service at intersections. Mr. Rodgers stated that developers have suggested raising taxes to fund infrastructure improvements. Mr. Hudson clarified that the current moratorium is not parish-wide but applies to the corridor from Red River to the West, Highway 162 to the North, Highway 157 to the East, I-220 and I-20 to the South. Mr. Benton inquired about the duration of the moratorium for developers along Highway 80, stating that development is stalled due to the limitations of state-managed routes, namely Highway 80 and Interstate 20. He stated that he requests his district be removed from the moratorium as there is no alternative route for development available.

Mr. Hudson asked if Mr. Benton supports asphalt roads and specific lot sizes within developments. Mr. Benton stated that his concern is solely with the ability of developers to proceed rather than road conditions or lot sizes. Mr. Jackson stated that an updated corridor description for the moratorium will be presented for consideration in two weeks, at the February 19, 2025, regular meeting.

Mr. Kim Gaspard asked if developers are responsible for addressing infrastructure deficiencies. Mr. Jackson stated that funding models vary nationwide, and advised that some communities use pre-existing infrastructure to attract development without additional costs to residents. He stated that other communities require developers to contribute to infrastructure expansion. He further stated that Bossier Parish has previously followed the former approach until infrastructure limitations, such as water availability, necessitated reconsideration. Mr. Jackson stated that Bossier Parish primarily relies on sales tax for funding the highway department, as ad valorem taxes predominantly support schools. He stated that essential services, such as fire districts and general operations, receive marginal funding from ad valorem taxes, leaving infrastructure projects dependent on sales tax revenue. He further stated that given this funding structure, there are challenges to securing the \$7 million needed for a recent road project, as there are no reserve funds for such needs.

Mr. Jackson stated that some communities implement impact fees, but they tend to be slow in generating revenue and often fail to capture the full cost of development. Mr. Rodgers stated that he believes lots will sell even if impact fees are implemented. Mr. Salzer stated that past trends in Bossier Parish indicate that development continues regardless of fluctuations in interest rates or building material costs. Mr. Jackson suggested an incremental financing approach, wherein developers pay a set fee upfront or through a structured payment plan. He stated that the scale of necessary improvements complicates this approach, and advised that it requires further discussion. Ms. Glorioso asked if tax increment financing (TIF) has been considered. Mr. Jackson stated that TIF is an option, but advised that Bossier Parish encompasses a vast residential area, limiting its feasibility. He stated that under a TIF structure, designated areas become non-taxable, requiring alternative funding sources. He further stated that one potential model involves assessing property owners along affected roads based on linear frontage, but advised that past experience indicates this approach is often unfair, as property owners on former farmland are disproportionately burdened.

Ms. Glorioso clarified that she views TIF as a temporary sales tax mechanism within a defined area. Mr. Rodgers stated that if an area lacks businesses, there are no sales tax revenues to support such a model.

Mr. Benton stated that he understands today's meeting is intended to address lot sizes and concrete streets. He stated that if these topics are discussed and resolved, it allows his district to reopen development. Mr. Hudson stated that once decisions are made, developers must adhere to the new requirements. Mr. Benton stated that discussing these issues today enables the scheduling of a public hearing within two weeks. Mr. Jackson stated that the primary topics for discussion are concrete streets and larger lot sizes in subdivisions. He stated that additional considerations comprised of approximately forty questions, will influence various aspects of these policies. He further stated that from an engineering perspective, both concrete streets and larger lot sizes appear to be a straightforward solution, advising that the exact minimum lot size for classification as a "larger lot" is not yet defined.

In response to Mr. Marsiglia's question, Mr. Glen Barnhill, a local developer, estimated that concrete streets cost approximately 35–40% more than asphalt streets. Mr. Charlie Yokem, a local developer, stated that if a blacktop street costs \$1 million, a concrete street costs approximately \$1.3 million.

Mr. Barnhill stated that it is important to evaluate long-term durability, stating that a well-designed concrete street lasts up to nine times longer than an asphalt street. He stated that current standards require two inches of asphalt over ten inches of rock. He further stated that an alternative design of six inches of concrete over four to six inches of rock, will not significantly increase costs, but offers substantially greater longevity. Mr. Barnhill stated there is need for balanced criteria that benefit both the parish and developers, and advised against excessively stringent requirements, such as eight inches of concrete over sixteen inches of rock. He stated that local engineering expertise has not been adequately utilized in setting these standards.

Mr. Marsiglia requested that local engineers be invited to the upcoming public meeting to contribute their expertise. Mr. Jackson stated that local engineering firms are always invited and included in such planning discussions.

Mr. Barnhill stated that local engineering firms have previously presented alternative street designs to the parish, but they have not been formally adopted. He stated that the current parish standards require two inches of asphalt over ten inches of rock for side streets and 3.5 inches of asphalt over ten inches of rock for boulevards. He further stated that an alternative approach of 3.5 inches of asphalt over ten inches of rock, or six inches of concrete over four to six inches of rock, is cost-neutral in the long run. Mr. Hudson stated that while the parish has established standards, developers have not proposed alternatives that align with those criteria.

Mr. Yokem asked if developers build roads to a higher standard using concrete, are they required to pay impact fees. He asked if taxpayers ultimately bear the cost through increased taxes or reallocation of existing tax revenues, such as funds from the library, further stating that the library receives three times more millage revenue than roads and bridges. In response to Mr. Marsiglia's question, Mr. Jackson responded that tax re-apportionment has been discussed multiple times.

Mr. Barnhill stated that developers already pay impact fees for water and sewer infrastructure, in addition to covering the full cost of constructing these systems. He stated that developers bear the cost upfront and then must turn over the infrastructure to the parish, or municipality, at no expense to the parish. Mr. Rodgers asked who is responsible for extending water and sewer systems to new subdivisions. Mr. Barnhill asked if the parish has extended sewer services to his development. Mr. Rodgers stated that if 4,000 new homes are built, water and sewer systems will be expanded accordingly. Mr. Barnhill stated that such development will take 20 years to complete, and advised that expecting developers to cover the majority of parish-wide infrastructure costs is unreasonable.

Mr. Rodgers stated that long-term planning is necessary to prepare for future infrastructure demands. He stated that no final decisions have been made, but advised that the police jury must consider long-term solutions to prevent future infrastructure challenges. Mr. Yokem asked how larger municipalities, such as Dallas, manage infrastructure costs. He stated that he understands that Bossier Parish is not comparable in size but advised that rapid growth requires strategic planning. Mr. Rodgers stated that he agrees with Mr. Yokem, advising that the police jury is actively working to address these issues now to prevent a more severe problem in the future.

Mr. Jackson stated that current parish standards state the last developer to build in an area bears the full cost of upgrading infrastructure. He stated that if a three-inch water line initially serves 100 homes, and an additional 200 homes connect, the system remains functional. He further stated that a third development may necessitate a larger four-inch water line, and advised that this developer is often forced to cover the full cost, which is unfair and unsustainable.

Mr. Jackson stated that the parish is pursuing all available state and federal infrastructure grants but advised that a local funding solution will be necessary in the future. He stated that longtime Bossier Parish property owners and developers, such as Dr. John Miciotto, have seen their land value significantly impacted by increasing infrastructure costs and regulatory policies.

Mr. Barnhill stated that if impact fees continue to rise, developers may be forced to pass those costs on to homeowners, potentially pricing middle-income families out of the market. He stated that if housing costs increase by \$10,000–\$20,000, per home, Bossier Parish may become unaffordable for many residents by excluding those who cannot afford \$500,000 homes.

Mr. Jackson stated that Bossier Parish's growth has slowed due to restrictive policies, while Desoto Parish has experienced a development boom. He stated that if current trends continue, Red River Parish may become the next area to attract growth. He fur-

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ther stated that affordable housing is a growing concern and advised that collaboration with developers is essential to find viable solutions.

Mr. Barnhill stated that if the parish implements impact fees per lot, fees from water and sewer infrastructure, which developers currently install at their own expense, should be reallocated. He stated that impact fees must be reasonable and balanced to avoid placing excessive financial burdens on developers and builders.

Mr. Jackson invited developers to participate in the development meeting on Tuesday, February 18, 2025, at 3:00 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room, where these issues will be discussed.

Mr. Eric Hudson, Parish Engineer, stated that he will have more to report on Lucky Lane at the February 19, 2025, committee meeting. He stated that the environmental study has been approved and there are obstructions to be removed, and advised that he needs committee approval before it is completed.

Mr. Jackson stated that the Willow Creek at Benton subdivision was developed by Mr. J.D. Gill. He stated that Mr. Gill did not transfer ownership of the green spaces to the Homeowners Association (HOA) but instead retained ownership himself. He further stated that maintenance issues have arisen, leading the parish to place a moratorium on further development until the issue is resolved.

Mr. Jackson stated that progress has been made and advised that the residents have established an HOA and retained an attorney, Mr. Luke Thaxton, to complete the process. He stated that Mr. Gill must donate his ownership interest in the pond and all common areas to the HOA. He further stated that once Mr. Gill executes a Quitclaim Deed transferring these interests to the HOA, the permit restrictions can be lifted, allowing development to proceed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:52 p.m. by the Chairman.

MEGAN C. RAMOS
PHILIP RODGERS, CHAIRMAN
INTERIM PARISH SECRETARY
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

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Notice to the Public.

Be advised that application for confirmation as Dative Tutor and appointment of Under-tutor has been made for minor children of Rocky Canaday, Jr., who died on October 21, 2024.

Any opposition to Bambi Lee Canaday, being confirmed as Dative Tutor and Rocky Canaday, Sr., being appointed as Undertutor, must be filed within ten (10) days from the date of this publication, in the matter styled, "In Re.: Dative Tutorship of the Minor Children, James Lee, Canaday and Robbie Joe Canaday," filed in the 26th Judicial District Court, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, under docket number 24706.

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WELLS FARGO NA	\$	SUIT NO.: 166,818
VERSUS	\$	26 th JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
LAWRENCE FLEMING FINKLEA and SYLVIA DIAN FINKLEA	\$	BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA

NOTICE

Please take notice that **LAWRENCE FLEMING FINKLEA** has been named Defendant

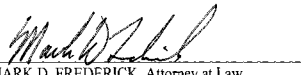
in the above-styled cause of action.

LAWRENCE FLEMING FINKLEA, is deceased. Any heirs, or anyone knowing the whereabouts of same, must contact the LAW OFFICE OF MARK D. FREDERICK at 2800 Youree

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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF LOUISIANA, OFFICE OF CONSERVATION, BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA. In accordance with the laws of the State of Louisiana, and with particular reference to the provisions of Title 30 of Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, a public hearing will be held in the Hearing Room, 1st Floor, LaSalle Building, 617 North 3rd Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at 9:00 a.m. on TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2025, upon the application of BFX OPERATING COMPANY.

At such hearing the Commissioner of Conservation will consider evidence relative to the issuance of Orders pertaining to the following matters relating to the Haynesville Zone, Reservoirs A and B, in the Elm Grove and Caspiana Fields, Bossier and Caddo Parishes, Louisiana.

- To permit the applicant to drill, designate and utilize three cross unit horizontal wells as alternate unit wells: one for HA RA SU118 and HA RA SU70, in the Elm Grove Field, (as a "u-turn" well); one for HA RA SUV and HA RA SU70, in the Elm Grove Field, and HA RB SUQ, in the Caspiana Field; and one for HA RA SUV and HA RA SU70, in the Elm Grove Field, at the locations and in the general manner shown on the plat submitted with the application, and made a part hereof, in exception to the spacing provisions of the 361-L and 191-H Series of Orders, and to provide that no portion of the perforated length of lateral in the cross unit wells should be located closer than 330' to any unit boundary except for the common unit boundaries between said units.
- To permit the applicant to drill, designate and utilize one cross unit horizontal well as an alternate unit well for HA RA SUV, HA RA SU118 and HA RA SU70 in the Elm Grove Field, and HA RB SUQ, in the Caspiana Field, at the location and in the general manner shown on the plat submitted with the application, and made a part hereof, in exception to the spacing provisions of the 361-L and 191-H Series of Orders, and to provide that no portion of the perforated length of lateral in the cross unit well should be located closer than 330' to any unit boundary except for the common unit boundaries between said units.
- To find that the proposed wells are necessary to efficiently and economically drain a portion of the reservoirs covered by each unit which cannot be so drained by any existing well within such units.
- To permit the operator to produce the unit allowable from each unit from the respective unit wells and/or the alternate unit wells, in any combination, at its discretion.
- To find that unit production from the cross unit horizontal alternate unit wells serving: (1) HA RA SU118 and HA RA SU70; (2) HA RA SUV, HA RA SU70 and HA RB SUQ; and (3) HA RA SUV and HA RA SU70 shall be allocated to each unit in the same proportion as the perforated length of the lateral in each unit bears to the total length of the perforated lateral as determined by an "as drilled" survey performed after the cross unit horizontal well is drilled and completed.
- To find that unit production from the cross unit horizontal alternate unit well serving HA RA SUV, HA RA SU118, HA RA SU70 and HA RB SUQ shall be allocated to each unit in the same proportion as the perforated length of the lateral in each unit bears to the total length of the perforated lateral as determined by an "as drilled" survey performed after the cross unit horizontal well is drilled and completed, except that the proportion of unit production associated with the perforated length of lateral located within 330' of the common unit boundary between HA RA SU118 and HA RA SUV shall be allocated equally between HA RA SU118 and HA RA SUV.
- To provide that production from each cross unit horizontal well shall be separated and metered individually and this information shall be reported in the manner prescribed by the Office of Conservation.
- To find that, with respect to wells drilled to the Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, within or to serve HA RA SU118, HA RA SU70 and HA RA SUV, in the Elm Grove Field, and the Haynesville Zone, Reservoir B, within or to serve HA RB SUQ, in the Caspiana Field, where the horizontal portion of the well is cased and cemented back above the top of the Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, in the Elm Grove Field and Haynesville Zone, Reservoir B, in the Caspiana Field, the distance to any unit boundary and offset well(s) should be calculated based on the distance to the nearest perforation in the well, and not based on the penetration point or terminus.
- Except insofar as set forth above, to confirm and continue in effect the provisions of the 361-L and 191-H Series of Orders, respectively, the units created thereby and applicable Statewide Orders.
- To consider such other matters as may be pertinent.

The Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, in the Elm Grove Field, was defined in Order No. 361-L, effective July 29, 2008, and was redefined INSO FAR AND ONLY INSO FAR as HA RA SU118 is concerned, in Order No. 361-L-81, effective May 4, 2010, as to HA RA SU70, in Order No. 361-L-41, effective June 23, 2009, as to HA RA SUV, in Order No. 361-L-11, effective November 13, 2008.

The Haynesville Zone, Reservoir B, in the Caspiana Field, was defined in Order No. 191-H-6, effective May 28, 2009, and was redefined INSO FAR AND ONLY INSO FAR as HA RB SUQ is concerned, in Order No. 191-H-53, effective July 14, 2009.

A plat is available for inspection in the Office of Conservation in Baton Rouge and Shreveport, Louisiana. <http://dnr.louisiana.gov/conshearings>
All parties having interest therein shall take notice thereof.

BY ORDER OF:

STEVEN M. GIAMBRONE

OFFICE OF CONSERVATION

Baton Rouge, LA 2/20/25;2/25/25 Slick

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE AT THE HEARING, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE OF CONSERVATION-ENGINEERING DIVISION AT P.O. BOX 94275, BATON ROUGE, LA 70804-9275 IN WRITING WITHIN TEN (10) WORKING DAYS OF THE HEARING DATE.

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PUBLIC HEARING
Benton, LA

The Town of Benton will hold a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on March 12, 2025 at Town Hall. The purpose of the meeting is to obtain views on the housing and community development needs of the Town and to discuss the submission of an application for funding under the State of Louisiana's FY 2026/2027 Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) Program. Information regarding the amount of funds available for proposed community development and housing activities; the range of activities available that may be undertaken, including the estimated amount of funds proposed to be used for activities that will benefit persons of low and moderate incomes; the plans of the Town for minimizing displaced persons as a result of activities assisted with such funds and the benefits to be provided by the Town to persons actually displaced as a result of such activities; and the Town's past performance on LCDBG projects funded by the State of Louisiana will be presented. All residents, particularly low and moderate income persons and residents of slum and blighted areas of the Town of Benton are encouraged to attend this meeting. Accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities and non-English speaking individuals provided that a three-day notice is received by the Town. Those citizens unable to attend this hearing may submit their views and proposals until March 11th, 2025 in writing to Stephanie Collier at the following address: Town of Benton, 105 Sibley Street, Benton, LA 71006.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

SEALED BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED AT THE Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office, 204 Burt Boulevard, Benton, Louisiana, 71006 (Sheriff's Conference Room) until 2:00 p.m. (CST) April 3, 2025, for:

BOSSIER PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE
HVAC Renovation at the Bossier Parish Sheriff Substation
2510 Viking Drive, Bossier City, LA 71111

Bid Documents are available in electronic form free of charge. Contact Brandon Smoak at Total Arc Flash Safety, LLC, (318-464-3056) or Brandon@totalarcflashsafety.com to obtain these files.

All additional inquiries shall be directed to:

Brandon Smoak
Total Arc Flash Safety, LLC
207 Fairburn Avenue, Suite B
Benton, Louisiana 71006
Brandon@TotalArcFlashSafety.com

Work on this Project includes all work as indicated in the Construction Documents (Bid Documents), which include Drawings, Project Manual, and Addenda (if any)

A NON-MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE will be held at 10 am (CST) March 19, 2025 at the project site at 2510 Viking Drive, Bossier City, LA 71111.

NOTE: BIDS SHALL ONLY BE ACCEPTED FROM CONTRACTORS WHO ARE LICENSED UNDER LOUISIANA CONTRACTORS LICENSING LAW. CONTRACTORS REQUIRED FOR THIS PROJECT SHALL HOLD THE CLASSIFICATION OF MECHANICAL CONTRACTOR.

Bids must be accompanied by a bid security equal to five percent (5%) of the Total Bid (including any Alternatives). Bid Security must be in the form of a cashier's check, certified check or a satisfactory bid bond written by a company with a current A. M. Best Rating of 'A' - (Excellent), Financial Size Category "VIII" with a 'Stable' Outlook licensed in the State of Louisiana.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish the following bonds written by a company with a current A.M. Best Rating of 'A' - (Excellent), Financial Size Category 'VII' with a 'Stable' Outlook and licensed in the State of Louisiana; Performance Bond in an amount equal to one-hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount; Payment Bond in an amount equal to one-hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount; and Maintenance Bond in an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the contract amount.

The Contract time shall be one-hundred and twenty (120) calendar days. Liquidated Damages shall be One-Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) for each consecutive calendar day that the Work is not completed beyond the Contract Time as may be made according to the terms of the Contract Documents. Said sums shall in no event be construed to be a penalty; but only as damages fixed and agreed upon in advance.

No bid may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days after actual date of the opening thereof.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids with just cause. Bids which deviate from the Construction Documents will not be considered. Electronic responses may be submitted online via BidNet at www.bidnetdirect.com/bossierparishsheriffsoffice. Once logged into the system and viewing this notice, use the "Place a Bid" button at the top of the page. Follow the instructions to the end and ensure you receive a confirmation page that shows your response was successfully submitted. If you need assistance please contact BidNet Direct's Vendor Support Department at 800-835-4603, Option 2. Do not wait until the last minute in case you encounter questions or technical issues. No proposals will be accepted after the time specified."

Minority, women, and veteran owned businesses, vendors, and contractors are encouraged to participate.

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Notice to the Public

Lost Promissory note: Anyone knowing the whereabouts or having possession of one (1) certain promissory note executed by Tabatha Krystie Boyd aka Tabatha Krystie Boyd Cooper and Phillip Nathan Cooper; dated 03/23/2012, in the principal sum of \$67,507.20; please contact Dean Morris, L.L.C., Attorneys at Law, 1505 North 19 th Street, P.O. Box 2867, Monroe, Louisiana 71207-2867, Telephone No. (318) 388-1440.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BOSSIER CITY
STATE OF LOUISIANA TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 25, 2025

The City Council of the City of Bossier City, State of Louisiana, met in Regular session in Council Chambers, 620 Benton Road, Bossier City, Louisiana, February 25, 2025 at 3:00 PM

Council President, Don Williams called the meeting to order.

Invocation was given by Council Member Chris Smith

Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Member Vince Maggio

Roll Call as follows:

Present: Honorable Councilor, President Don Williams, Honorable Councilors, David Montgomery, Jr., Chris Smith, Brian Hammons, Jeff Free and Vince Maggio

Absent: Honorable Councilor Jeffery Darby

Also Present: Mayor, Thomas Chandler, City Attorney, Charles Jacobs, and City Clerk, Phyllis McGraw

City Clerk, Phyllis McGraw read the statement about decorum during the meeting and public participation in the meeting.

Add on request – New Business #12 – Adopt a Resolution authorizing the hiring of one Building Maintenance employee due to vacancy from retirement. (First and Final Reading) (Zagone) (This item is being requested due to need to fill position)
By: Mr. Montgomery, Jr.
Motion to approve add on.
Seconded by Mr. Hammons
Not Comment
Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Montgomery, Jr.
Motion to approve the agenda as amended
Seconded by Mr. Hammons
Audience member David Crockett furiously addressed his concerns about items he feels should be on the agenda
No further comment
Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Montgomery, Jr.
Motion to approve minutes of February 11, 2025, and dispense with reading.
Seconded by Mr. Smith
No further comment
Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

Public Hearings/Actions on Unfinished Business:

The following Ordinance offered and adopted:

ORDINANCE NO. 24 OF 2025

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE ENGAGEMENT OF HEARD, MCELROY, & VESTAL, LLC TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO AUDIT THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE FIREMEN'S PENSION AND RELIEF FUND AND POLICEMEN'S PENSION AND RELIEF FUND

WHEREAS, Heard, McElroy, & Vestal, LLC, has conducted audits of the finances of the referenced entities in previous years; and
WHEREAS, the referenced entities are required to have annual audits and prepare audited financial statements and schedules for the year ended December 31, 2024; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, that the City Council of Bossier City, in regular session convened, that Mr. Don Williams, is hereby authorized to execute letters of engagement with Heard, McElroy, & Vestal, LLC and said letters of engagement are hereby approved.
The above and foregoing Ordinance was discussed and opened for public input at open and legal session convened, was on motion by Mr. David Montgomery, Jr. and seconded Mr. Chris Smith, and adopted on this the 25th, day of February 2025, with the votes listed below. Further this Ordinance will publish on March 5, 2025, and will not become legal until 10 days following publication.

AYES: Mr. Montgomery, Jr. Mr. Smith, Mr. Hammons, Mr. Williams, Mr. Free and Mr. Maggio
NAYS: none
ABSENT: Mr. Darby
ABSTAIN: none

Don Williams, President
Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

The following Ordinance offered and adopted:
ORDINANCE NO. 25 OF 2025
AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE INSTALLATION OF A 4-WAY STOP SIGN AT THE INTERSECTION OF GREENACRES BOULEVARD AND FAIRMONT DRIVE WITHIN THE GREENACRES SUBDIVISION

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bossier City desires to install a 4-way stop sign at the intersection of Greenacres Boulevard and Fairmont Drive to be able to control speeding and other unsafe driving.

NOW , THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that the City Council of the City of Bossier City, Louisiana, in Regular Session convened, does hereby authorize the installation of a 4-way stop sign at the intersection of Greenacres Boulevard and Fairmont Drive in the Greenacres Neighborhood.

The above and foregoing Ordinance was discussed and opened for public input at open and legal session convened, was on motion by Mr. David Montgomery, Jr. and seconded Mr. Vince Maggio, and adopted on this the 25th, day of February 2025, with the votes listed below. Further this Ordinance will publish on March 5, 2025, and will not become legal until 10 days following publication.

AYES: Mr. Montgomery, Jr. Mr. Smith, Mr. Hammons, Mr. Williams, Mr. Free and Mr. Maggio
NAYS: none
ABSENT: Mr. Darby
ABSTAIN: none

Don Williams, President
Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

The following Ordinance offered and adopted:

ORDINANCE NO. 26 OF 2025

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CONTRACT WITH TYLER TECHNOLOGIES TO ADD PLANNED ANNUAL CONTINUING EDUCATION (PACE) AND STRATEGIC ACCOUNT MANAGEMENT SERVICES

WHEREAS, the City has the opportunity to add Planned Annual Continuing Education (PACE) and Strategic Account Management services to the Tyler Technologies Software Contract for one year at no cost; and
WHEREAS, these services are expected to enhance knowledge and usability of the software, improve processes within the system allowing for greater efficiency, and provide dedicated assistance as needed; and
WHEREAS, these services will be evaluated after one year to determine if they should be purchased after expiration of the initial period.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened, approves the addition of Planned Annual Continuing Education (PACE) and Strategic Account Management services to the Tyler Technologies Software contract at no cost to the City;
BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Mayor is authorized to sign any and all documents in connection with the furtherance of this ordinance.
The above and foregoing Ordinance was discussed and opened for public input at open and legal session convened, was on motion by Mr. David Montgomery, Jr. and seconded Mr. Chris Smith, and adopted on this the 25th, day of February 2025, with the votes listed below. Further this Ordinance will publish on March 5, 2025, and will not become legal until 10 days following publication.

AYES: Mr. Montgomery, Jr. Mr. Smith, Mr. Hammons, Mr. Williams, Mr. Free and Mr. Maggio
NAYS: none
ABSENT: Mr. Darby
ABSTAIN: none

Don Williams, President
Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

The following Ordinance offered and adopted:
ORDINANCE NO. 27 OF 2025
AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE MAYOR THOMAS H. CHANDLER TO SIGN A SUBSCRIPTION AGREEMENT WITH MUNICODE-CIVICPLUS FOR THE ANNUAL CODIFICATION OF CODE OF ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTS

WHEREAS, each year all Ordinances are sent to Municode-Civicplus to update the City's Code of Ordinance books (City Laws); and

WHEREAS, with the cost of goods and services increasing, Municode-Civicplus plans to implement an increase in the City's per page rate by 30%; and

WHEREAS, Municode-Civicplus has offered the city a subscription service that will reduce the page rate increase to only a 20% increase; and

WHEREAS, this subscription service will be a flat rate of \$2,137 per year as long as the page count stays within the average; and

WHEREAS, this subscription can be cancelled at any time; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of Bossier City, in regular session convened, that Mayor Thomas H. Chandler does hereby have permission to sign any and all necessary documents to enact the subscription service with Municode-Civicplus

The above and foregoing Ordinance was discussed and opened for public input at open and legal session convened, was on motion by Mr. David Montgomery, Jr. and seconded Mr. Chris Smith, and adopted on this the 25th, day of February 2025, with the votes listed below. Further this Ordinance will publish on March 5, 2025, and will not become legal until 10 days following publication.

AYES: Mr. Montgomery, Jr. Mr. Smith, Mr. Hammons, Mr. Williams, Mr. Free and Mr. Maggio
NAYS: none
ABSENT: Mr. Darby
ABSTAIN: none

Don Williams, President
Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

The following ordinance offered and adopted:

ORDINANCE NO. 28 OF 2025

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE FOR THE SALE OF HIGH AND LOW CONTENT ALCOHOL FOR ON PREMISE CONSUMPTION AT A BILLARDS ARENA, RED RIVER BILLIARDS LLC, LOCATED AT 2090 BROOKSHIRE ARENA DRIVE SUITE 100, BOSSIER CITY, LOUISIANA.

WHEREAS; Josh Morvant, Red River Billiards, has applied to the Bossier City-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission for Conditional Use Approval for the sale of high and low content alcohol, for on premise consumption at a billiards arena, Red River Billiards LLC, located at 2090 Brookshire Arena Drive Suite 100, Bossier City, Louisiana.

WHEREAS; a public hearing for the Conditional Use application was held on January 21, 2025; and

WHEREAS; The Planning Department has submitted the results of said public hearing to the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Bossier City.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BOSSIER CITY HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. That the Conditional Use for the sale of high and low content alcohol for on premise consumption at 2090 Brookshire Arena Drive Suite 100, Bossier City, Louisiana is hereby approved.

The above and foregoing Ordinance was discussed and opened for public input at open and legal session convened, was on motion by Mr. Brian Hammons. and seconded Mr. David Montgomery, Jr., and adopted on this the 25th, day of February 2025, with the votes listed below. Further this Ordinance will publish on March 5, 2025, and will not become legal until 10 days following publication.

AYES: Mr. Montgomery, Jr. Mr. Smith, Mr. Hammons, Mr. Williams, Mr. Free and Mr. Maggio
NAYS: none
ABSENT: Mr. Darby
ABSTAIN: none

Don Williams, President
Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

C-ALC-000227-2024

New Business –

Agenda item called - Adopt an Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 133 of 2018, by changing the zoning classification of a certain tract of land being 1.227 acres, more or less, from R-LD (Residential Low Density) and B-2 (Limited Business) to B-3 (General Business) located at 1819 Airline Drive, Bossier City, Louisiana, for a proposed Murphy Oil USA convenience store with fuel sales.

Mr. Hammons and Ms. Askew-Brown discussed project. Applicant Matt Peterson discussed his companies plan and the efforts to help neighbors such as extending sidewalks.
The following ordinance offered and adopted:
ORDINANCE NO. 29 OF 2025

A ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 133 OF 2018, BY CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF A CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND FROM R-LD (RESIDENTIAL LOW DENSITY) AND B-2 (GENERAL BUSINESS) TO B-3 (GENERAL BUSINESS) BEING 1.227 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, FOR AN PROPOSED MURPHY OIL USA CONVENIENCE STORE WITH FUEL SALES, LOCATED AT 1819 AIRLINE DRIVE, BOSSIER CITY, LOUISIANA.

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened, that Ordinance No. 133 of 2018 of the City Council of the City of Bossier City, Louisiana, is hereby amended to provide that the zoning classification is hereby changed from R-LD (Residential Low Density) and B-2 (Limited Business) to B-3 (General Business) for the following:

A certain piece, parcel or tract of land including all improvements, rights, ways, and privileges located in Section 27, Township 18 North, Range 13 West, Northwestern Land District, Bossier City, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, being more particularly described as follows, to-wit:
Commencing at the intersection of the southern right of way of Old Minden Road (LA Hwy 72) and the eastern right of way of Jacquelyn Street, being marked by a found LDDOT aluminum cap, being the POINT OF COMMENCEMENT;
From the POINT OF COMMENCEMENT, proceed along the southern right of way line of Old Minden Road, North 73 degrees 07 minutes 00 seconds East a distance of 478.02 feet to a set 1/2" iron rod, and also being the POINT OF BEGINNING;
From the POINT OF BEGINNING, continue along the southern right of way line of Old Minden Road, North 73 degrees 07 minutes 00 seconds East a distance of 78.19 feet to a found 5/8" iron rod;
Thence continue along the southern right of way line of Old Minden Road, North 73 degrees 07 minutes 00 seconds East a distance of 197.97 feet to a found "X" in concrete located on the western right of way of Airline Drive (LA Hwy 3105);
Thence proceed along the western right of way line of Airline Drive along an arc of a curve having a radius of 25.00 feet, arc length of 16.11 feet, bearing a chord of South 33 degrees 06 minutes 43 seconds East, 15.83 feet to a found "X" in concrete;
Thence proceed along the western right of way line of Airline Drive, South 15 degrees 19 minutes 45 seconds East a distance of 177.03 feet to a found "Punch Hole" in concrete;
Thence proceed South 73 degrees 07 minutes 26 seconds West a distance of 275.53 feet along the northern line of Coleman Park Subdivision to a point being monumented by a set 1/2" iron rod located North 16 degrees 57 minutes 36 seconds West a distance of 5.00 feet from said point;
Thence proceed North 16 degrees 57 minutes 36 seconds West a distance of 192.13 feet back to the POINT OF BEGINNING;
The above described tract contains 1.227 acres more or less.

The above and foregoing Ordinance was discussed and opened for public input at open and legal session convened, was on motion by Mr. David Montgomery, Jr. and seconded Mr. Vince Maggio, and adopted on this the 25th, day of February 2025, with the votes listed below. Further this Ordinance will publish on March 5, 2025, and will not become legal until 10 days following publication.

AYES: Mr. Montgomery, Jr. Mr. Smith, Mr. Hammons, Mr. Williams, Mr. Free and Mr. Maggio
NAYS: none
ABSENT: Mr. Darby
ABSTAIN: none

Don Williams, President
Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

C-ZON-000235-2024

By: Mr. Montgomery, Jr.
Motion to introduce an Ordinance appropriating the sum of two million five hundred thousand from the 2025 Emergency Medical Services Capital Fund to build a vehicle maintenance building/garage for the Bossier City Fire Department.
Seconded by Mr. Hammons
No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Montgomery, Jr.
Motion to introduce an Ordinance authorizing Mayor Thomas H. Chandler to execute the attached agreement with Beast Engineering to provide design services for improvements to Benton Road (LA 3)
Seconded by Mr. Maggio
No Comment
Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Montgomery, Jr.
Motion to introduce an Ordinance authorizing Mayor Thomas H. Chandler to execute the attached agreement with Beast Engineering to provide design services for the 2025 Citywide Street Improvements Project
Seconded by Mr. Maggio
No Comment
Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Montgomery, Jr.
Motion to introduce an Ordinance whereby the Bossier City Council authorizes the Mayor to renew the cooperative endeavor agreement with the Shreveport-Bossier Convention and Tourist Bureau to dedicate and use the proceeds from the hotel/motel occupancy tax exclusively for the operation and maintenance of Bossier City's Civic Center, a multipurpose arena, and for riverfront and downtown development
Seconded by Mr. Smith
Audience member David Crockett asked if anything was changing and was informed it would be the same as it has been.
No further comment
Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Montgomery, Jr.
Motion to introduce an Ordinance appropriating the sum of two million five hundred thousand from the 2025 Emergency Medical Services Capital Fund to build a vehicle maintenance building/garage for the Bossier City Fire Department
Seconded by Mr. Maggio
Mr. Hammons and Finance Director, Angela Williamson discussed that this was the last of the unappropriated amount for the 2018 LCDA Bond Fund
No further comment
Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

The following Resolution offered and adopted:
RESOLUTION NO. 11 OF 2025
A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE LOUISIANA COMPLIANCE QUESTIONNAIRE FOR AUDIT ENGAGEMENTS OF GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND THE CITY'S ANSWERS THERETO

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire is a required part of a financial audit of Louisiana state and local government agencies; and
WHEREAS, the completed and signed questionnaire must be presented to and adopted by the governing body, of the organization by means of a formal resolution in an open meeting; and
WHEREAS, the completed and signed questionnaire and a copy of the adoption instrument must be given to the auditor at the beginning of the audit.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened, that the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire covering the period of 1-1-2024 through 12-31-2024, and the City's answers thereto, all of which are on file with the City Clerk, are hereby adopted. A copy of the questionnaire and answers will be furnished to the City's auditors, Heard, McElroy & Vestal, LLC.
The above and foregoing Resolution was discussed and opened for public input at open and legal session convened, was on motion by Mr. David Montgomery, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Chris Smith and adopted on this the 25th day of February, 2025, by the following vote:
AYES: Mr. Montgomery, Jr., Mr. Smith, Mr. Hammons, Mr. Williams, Mr. Free and Mr. Maggio
NAYS: none
ABSENT: Mr. Darby
ABSTAIN: none

Don Williams, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

Agenda item called - Adopt a Resolution to adopt the Five Year Capital Projects Plan
Audience member David Crockett wants to see a strategic plan and to see more money for road improvements. Council on Aging Director Tamara Crane discussed plans for new Council on Aging facility. Council members would like to see a commitment from Police Jury to help with the project. Mr. Rauschenbach spoke about the list of projects and possible other options the administration is looking at for a new Council on Aging facility. Council and Mr. Rauschenbach continued to discuss possible ways to get the most out of existing funds. Mr. Smith noted that this plan is not actually appropriating funds.

The following Ordinance offered and adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 12 OF 2025

A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE FIVE YEAR CAPITAL PROJECTS PLAN

WHEREAS, Section 6.09 of the Bossier City Charter requires adoption of a five-year capital improvement projects program; and
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened, that the attached Five Year Capital Projects Plan for 2025-2029 is hereby adopted.
The above and foregoing Resolution was discussed and opened for public input at open and legal session convened, was on motion by Mr. David Montgomery, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Don Williams and adopted on this the 25th day of February, 2025, by the following vote:
AYES: Mr. Montgomery, Jr., Mr. Smith, Mr. Hammons, Mr. Williams, Mr. Free and Mr. Maggio
NAYS: none
ABSENT: Mr. Darby
ABSTAIN: none

Don Williams, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

The following Resolution offered and adopted:
Resolution No. 13 Of 2025

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT AND APPAREL SURPLUS TO THE NEEDS OT THE BOSSIER CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT AND DONATING SAME TO THE SIMPLE CHURCH.

WHEREAS, the Bossier City Fire Department is in possession of certain firefighting equipment and apparel i.e. "bunker gear" that can be no longer be certified for current or future use pursuant to Louisiana State and Federal standards, rules, and regulations; and

WHEREAS, "The Simple Church" is a designated 501 3(c) religious organization located in the City of Bossier City and possesses relationships with firefighting organizations located in the country of Honduras; and
WHEREAS, "The Simple Church" has the logistical capability to transport said equipment to said Honduran organizations at its sole expense and costs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened, that Bossier City Fire Department shall be allowed to donate the above described equipment to "The Simple Church" so that "The Simple Church" may transport and donate said non-certified equipment to firefighting organizations located in the country of Honduras.

The above and foregoing Resolution was discussed and opened for public input at open and legal session convened, was on motion by Mr. Jeff Free and seconded by Mr. Vince Maggio and adopted on this the 25th day of February, 2025, by the following vote:

AYES: Mr. Montgomery, Jr., Mr. Smith, Mr. Hammons, Mr. Williams, Mr. Free and Mr. Maggio
NAYS: none
ABSENT: Mr. Darby
ABSTAIN: none

Don Williams, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

By: Mr. Free
Motion to approve placement in the Official Minutes the reappointment of Steve Moran as the Governing Authority Board Member of the Bossier City Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Board. This appointment will be effective March 6, 2025, and expires on March 6, 2028.
Seconded by Mr. Maggio
No comment
Vote in favor motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Smith
Motion to approve Parade Permit Fee Waiver for Fat Tuesday Children's Parade, March 4, 2025
Seconded by Mr. Williams
No comment
Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

The following Resolution offered and adopted:
RESOLUTION NO. 14 OF 2025
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF ONE BUILDING MAINTENANCE EMPLOYEE DUE TO VACANCY FROM RETIREMENT:

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 76 of 2019 implemented a budgetary control requiring a resolution to be approved by the Bossier City Council prior to hiring or employment of any individual; and
WHEREAS, one vacancy exist in the Building Maintenance Division due to Retirement and filling this position will allow operations to continue;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular and legal session convened, that the administration is authorized to replace one Building Maintenance position.
The above and foregoing Resolution was discussed and opened for public input at open and legal session convened, was on motion by Mr. David Montgomery, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Chris Smith and adopted on this the 25th day of February, 2025, by the following vote:

AYES: Mr. Montgomery, Jr., Mr. Smith, Mr. Hammons, Mr. Williams, Mr. Free and Mr. Maggio
NAYS: none
ABSENT: Mr. Darby
ABSTAIN: none

Don Williams, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

Reports –

Finance Director, Angela Williamson, went over the monthly project report and noted that sales tax numbers are higher this month.

Ben Rauschenbach, Engineering Department went over the monthly project report. CAO, Amanda Nottingham and Mr. Rauschenbach discussed the possible locations for the EV Charging Stations. Mr. Rauschenbach also discussed the amount that the City has applied for and received in Grant funds.

There being no further business to come before this Council, Council President Williams adjourned the meeting at 3:54PM

Respectfully submitted:

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

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Bossier Schools Showcase Student Creativity at 6th Annual i3 Art Expo

BY STACEY TINSLEY
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The 6th Annual i3 Art Expo brought an explosion of creativity and innovation to the Bossier Civic Center from Feb. 27 to March 1, celebrating this year's expo theme, Louisiana Lagniappe. The three-day, free event, hosted by Bossier Schools, showcased student talent through a dynamic blend of art, science and technology with an emphasis on STEAM—science, technology, engineering, the arts and math.

From stunning visual art displays to theater and film competitions, the i3 Art Expo captivated attendees with its diverse lineup of events. One of the biggest highlights was the iCANstruction competition, where students used canned goods to build impressive structures, merging creativity with community service.

A major crowd-pleaser was the Mic Drop lip-sync competition, which once again packed the house with high-energy performances. Cyber Night, an interactive showcase of the latest in cybersecurity and digital innovation, drew in tech enthusiasts, while hands-on exhibits by Sci-Port, STARBASE and Bossier Parish Libraries provided engaging learning experiences for visitors of all ages.

New to this year's expo, the Talented Arts Program debuted its performance of Louisiana Saturday Night, celebrating the state's vibrant culture through music and dance. Another fresh addition was the Trashion Show, a fashion show where students turned recyclable materials into cutting-edge fashion, proving that sustainability and creativity go hand in hand.

i3 Art Expo attendees also enjoyed an interactive book fair, along with numerous hands-on activities designed to spark curiosity and imagination in young minds.

With yet another successful year in the books, the i3 Art Expo continues to shine as a premier event during the Bossier Parish school year highlighting the incredible talent, creativity and ingenuity of Bossier Parish public school students.



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