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Bossier residents cast their votes on Saturday March 29

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Bossier City and Bossier Parish residents went to the polls to cast their votes on Saturday March 29. In the Bossier City municipal primary elections, several city council races and three propositions were on the ballot. In Bossier Parish, there were two property tax millage renewals on the ballot (one for the Town of Benton and one for Northeast Bossier Parish Fire Protection District No.5). Also, the Town of Plain Dealing filled a seat on the town council, as former mayor Sharonda Gay was unopposed for the District 1 Alderman seat.

Statewide, four constitutional amendments were on the ballot. Polls were open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on election day with early voting taking place March 15 through March 22. Residents were urged to participate in shaping the future of Bossier City and the state of Louisiana by casting their votes on the city council races, the three propositions and the four statewide constitutional amendments.

Bossier City Council Races

In Bossier City, voters decided on representatives for Districts 2, 3, and 5, along with two at-large council positions. In District 1, incumbent Brian Hammons was re-elected unopposed. Newcomer Joel Girouard will succeed Jeff Free in District 4, as Free opted not to seek re-election and Girouard was unopposed. Bossier City Mayor Tommy Chandler, elected in the 2021 Bossier City municipal elections, was also re-elected unopposed.

City Propositions

In addition to electing council members, Bossier City residents also voted on three propositions concerning local governance and city operations. Proposition 1 dealt with changes to the Bossier City Charter, Proposition 2 addressed city council terms limits and Proposition 3 dealt with mayoral term limits.

Statewide Constitutional Amendments

Louisiana voters also voted on four proposed amendments to the state constitution:

Amendment 1: Proposed granting the Louisiana Supreme Court jurisdiction to discipline out-of-state lawyers for unethical practices and allows the legislature to establish trial courts with specialized jurisdictions.

Amendment 2: Sought to implement comprehensive changes to the state's fiscal policies, including tax structures and government spending regulations.

Amendment 3: Aimed to modify the process by which minors aged 14 to 16 can be charged as adults for certain crimes, potentially expanding the list of offenses eligible for adult prosecution.

Amendment 4: Proposed adjusting the timeline for filling judicial vacancies, requiring special elections to be scheduled at the earliest available date to reduce the need for prolonged interim appointments.

Saturday's unofficial election results are as follows:

Bossier City Council District 2 -
Debra W. Ross (D) - 69%
Jeff Darby (I) - 31%
Unofficial Turnout: 13.4%



DEBRA W. ROSS



CLIFF SMITH



VINCE MAGGIO



CHRIS SMITH



CRATON COCHRAN

Bossier City Council District 3 -

Cliff Smith (R) - 62%
Donzell Hughes (D) - 38%
Unofficial Turnout: 18.9%

Bossier City Council District 5 -

Vince Maggio (R) - 51%
Ruth Pope Johnston (R) - 49%
Unofficial Turnout: 23.1%

Bossier City Council At-Large -

Chris Smith (R) - 37%
Craton Cochran (R) - 34%
Lee A. "Gunny" Jeter (D) - 28%
Unofficial Turnout: 13.7%

The new term for Bossier City elected officials will begin on July 1, 2025.

Bossier City Proposition #1 (Charter Changes)

No - 55%
Yes - 45%
Unofficial Turnout: 19.1%

Bossier City Proposition #2 (City Council Term Limits)

Yes - 53%
No - 47%
Unofficial Turnout: 19.8%

Bossier City Proposition #3 (Mayor Term Limits)

Yes - 57%
No - 43%
Unofficial Turnout: 19.9%

Town of Benton - 4.90 Mills Renewal -

M&BOA - 10 Years
No - 51%
Yes - 49%
Unofficial Turnout: 14.8%

Northeast Bossier Parish Fire Protection District No. 5 -

27.50 Mills - BOC - 10 Years
Yes - 56%
No - 44%
Unofficial Turnout: 18.6%

Louisiana Constitutional Amendment 1 -

To provide for disciplinary proceedings over attorneys and to create courts of limited jurisdiction:
Bossier Parish Statewide
Yes - 54% No - 65%
No - 46% Yes - 35%

Louisiana Constitutional Amendment 2 -

To provide with respect to the power of taxation including limitations thereon:
Bossier Parish Statewide
Yes - 56% No - 65%
No - 44% Yes - 35%

Louisiana Constitutional Amendment #3 -

To provide relative to crimes committed by juveniles and to special juvenile proceedings:
Bossier Parish Statewide
Yes - 50% No - 66%
No - 50% Yes - 34%

Louisiana Constitutional Amendment #4 -

To provide for election dates for newly-created judgeships or vacancies in office of judge:
Bossier Parish Statewide
Yes - 55% No - 64%
No - 45% Yes - 36%



Photo courtesy Louis Clark

Thousands of aviation enthusiasts gathered at Barksdale Air Force Base in Bossier City on March 29-30, 2025, for the highly anticipated Defenders of Liberty Air Show.

Defenders of Liberty Air Show Thrills Crowds at Barksdale AFB

BY STACEY TINSLEY

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Even the rain couldn't keep thousands of aviation enthusiasts away from Barksdale Air Force Base on March 29-30 for the highly anticipated Defenders of Liberty Air Show, a tradition dating back to 1933. The biennial family-friendly event featured military and civilian air acts, static aircraft displays, and interactive STEM exhibits, drawing spectators from across the region and across the nation to witness the power and precision of U.S. airpower.

The event aims to enhance public awareness of the U.S. Air Force's mission and the vital role of Barksdale AFB, home to the legendary B-52 Strato-fortress. Beyond the spectacle, the air show also highlights the service and sacrifice of military personnel, strengthens community ties, and supports Air Force recruitment efforts. Gates opened both days

at 9 a.m., with the main show beginning at 11 a.m., featuring heart-pounding aerial performances and historic aircraft flyovers. A highlight of the weekend was the tri-bomber flight, featuring the B-52, B-1, and B-2 bombers, demonstrating their unmatched reach, firepower, and strategic importance in modern air warfare. Spectators also had the rare opportunity to see these aircraft up close in the static display area.

The event reached its grand finale with the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds, whose breathtaking aerobatics and synchronized precision captivated the crowd.

As one of the premier air shows in the nation, the Defenders of Liberty Air Show once again proved to be an awe-inspiring tribute to America's airpower, honoring the legacy of past and present service members while inspiring future generations.

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Stacey Tinsley, Bossier Press-Tribune

The Bossier Chamber of Commerce hosted its first Women's Leadership Conference at Live! Casino & Hotel in Bossier City on Thursday March 27. Above: Lisa Johnson, president and CEO of the Bossier Chamber of Commerce, led one of the interactive breakout sessions during the inaugural Women's Leadership Conference.

Bossier Chamber Hosts Inaugural Women's Leadership Conference

BY STACEY TINSLEY

Bossier Press-Tribune

BOSSIER CITY, La. — The Bossier Chamber of Commerce made history on March 27 by hosting its first Women's Leadership Conference at Live! Casino & Hotel, presented by CHRISTUS Health. The half-day event, held in honor of Women's History Month, featured dynamic keynote speakers, interactive workshops, and vendor opportunities aimed at

inspiring and equipping women in business.

With the theme Bloom Where You Are Planted, the conference emphasized resilience, personal growth, and professional perseverance, encouraging attendees to thrive despite life's challenges.

Two keynote speakers shared their personal journeys of perseverance and success. Sara McDaniel, founder of Simply South-

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Arc of Acadiana Expands in Bossier City With New Residential Facility

BOSSIER CITY, La. — Arc of Acadiana is expanding its presence in Bossier City, breaking ground on a new residential facility designed to enhance care for individuals with developmental disabilities. The organization, a cornerstone of support in northwest Louisi-

siana for nearly 13 years, celebrated this milestone with a groundbreaking ceremony on March 26, 2025, at 4708 Barksdale Blvd.

City officials, including Mayor Tommy Chandler, joined Arc of Acadiana leaders and community members to mark the next

phase of the organization's commitment to empowering individuals, supporting families, and enhancing lives in the region.

Arc of Acadiana first established its presence in Bossier City by privatizing

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Courtesy photo

On Wednesday March 26, 2025, The Arc of Acadiana broke ground on a new residential facility at 4708 Barksdale Blvd. in South Bossier City.



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the former Northwest Supports and Services Center on Shed Road. Now, with the construction of this new residential facility, the organization is taking a major step forward in ensuring individuals with developmental disabilities have access to high-quality resources and care.

“This expansion is not just about growth—it’s about deepening our roots in Bossier City and reinforcing our mission,” an Arc of Acadiana spokesperson said. “We are committed to serving more individuals, supporting families, and creating a community

where everyone has the opportunity to thrive.”

The groundbreaking event brought together local leaders, advocates, and supporters, all celebrating the positive impact this facility will have on the community. The new residential space will provide individuals with greater access to care, independence, and an environment where they can flourish.

As construction begins, Arc of Acadiana encourages the community to stay engaged and follow updates as this vision comes to life.

For more information on Arc of Acadiana’s mission and services, visit its website at: arcofacadiana.org or follow its social media pages.

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ern Cottage, captivated the audience with her remarkable story of rebuilding both a historic Louisiana cottage and her life following personal hardships. She spoke candidly about overcoming divorce, career setbacks, and financial struggles, encouraging women to embrace change, trust their journey, and create intentional plans for success.

“I hope women attending this conference realize that you can truly make lemonade out of lemons,” McDaniel said. “Life gets tough, but my story is a testimony that redemption is possible.”

Jinny Hinson, a Shreveport-based, nationally touring comedian and Christian and corporate speaker, brought her unique blend of humor and wisdom, offering a refreshing perspective on navigating life’s obstacles with grace and confidence. Her presentation resonated with attendees, reinforcing the importance of resilience, self-belief, and finding joy even in difficult moments.

of having a strong support system when pursuing dreams.

“It is incredibly important for women to have a support system,” she said. “Keep your circle tight with trusted advisors who can speak life and truth into you while encouraging you to take calculated risks.”

She also shared her journey of reinvention, explaining how she meticulously planned a five-year transition from a traditional job to full-time entrepreneurship, reinforcing the need for strategic decision-making and perseverance.

Despite challenges—including unexpected financial setbacks in restoring her historic properties—McDaniel said she found motivation in faith, community support, and personal determination.

“I constantly seek wisdom and discernment, and it has never failed me,” she said.

The conference provided a space for networking, mentorship, and inspiration, leaving attendees motivated to take action in their careers and personal lives. Many walked away feeling empowered to push through setbacks and embrace new opportunities.

The conference also featured interactive breakout sessions designed to provide attendees with practical strategies for success:

Work-Life Harmony: Addressing the unique challenges women face in balancing personal and professional responsibilities.

Finding Your People: Highlighting the power of mentorship and how building a strong network can empower women in their careers.

In addition, Table Talks provided an open forum for candid discussions on crucial topics:

Invest in Yourself: Navigating women’s health struggles while managing career goals.

Women Supporting Women: Creating a culture of mutual encouragement in the workplace.

Talk Like a Boss: A session led by McDaniel focused on building confidence and communicating with authority.

McDaniel, who built her Simply Southern Cottage brand from the ground up, emphasized the importance

With the success of its debut event, the Bossier Chamber of Commerce has set the stage for an annual tradition aimed at supporting and celebrating women in leadership.

As for McDaniel and Simply Southern Cottage, she hinted at upcoming projects and encouraged women to stay persistent in pursuing their dreams.

“The Lord has placed a dream on your heart for a reason,” she said. “Press on, surround yourself with the right people, and watch that dream become reality.”

The overwhelming success of the inaugural Women’s Leadership Conference paves the way for future events dedicated to empowering women, fostering mentorship, and driving professional growth in the Bossier community.

For more updates, visit the Bossier Chamber of Commerce website at: bossierchamber.com or follow Simply Southern Cottage on Facebook for insights into McDaniel’s latest ventures.

DEFENDERS OF LIBERTY AIR SHOW



Photo courtesy Louis Clark



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Louisiana Governor Jeff Landry addressed the Rotary Club of Shreveport on Tuesday, March 25, 2025, at the Shreveport Convention Center. During his remarks, Governor Landry emphasized the critical importance of the upcoming March 29 election and its potential to shape Louisiana’s future.

Governor Jeff Landry Speaks at Shreveport Rotary Club, Urges Support for Constitutional Amendments

BY STACEY TINSLEY
Bossier Press-Tribune

SHREVEPORT, La. — Louisiana Gov. Jeff Landry addressed the Rotary Club of Shreveport on Tuesday, March 25, 2025, at the Shreveport Convention Center, emphasizing the critical importance of the upcoming March 29 election and its potential to shape Louisiana’s future.

During his speech, Landry told attendees the election would mark a turning point for the state, placing Louisiana’s future firmly in the hands of its citizens.

“You will look back and you will say that is the day that Louisiana got it right,” Landry said. “That is the day where we entrusted our Legislature and our governor with the tools necessary to not only compete in a new industrial South but to lead it.”

Landry pointed to \$50 billion worth of construction projects planned by this summer as evidence of Louisiana’s forward momentum but stressed that voter support is essential to maintaining and expanding economic growth.

Amendment 2 and Budget Stability

A key focus of Landry’s address was Louisiana Constitutional Amendment 2, which he argued is necessary to avoid financial instability in the state’s budget. He warned that if the amendment fails, Louisiana could be forced to cut funding for education and health care, leading to major disruptions.

“If you really want us to work on things like insurance reform and infrastructure programs, then we need the bandwidth to be able to do that,” Landry said. “If

that amendment fails, it’s going to really cause a lot of turmoil inside of our budget.”

Economic Development and Insurance Reform

The governor also highlighted economic development efforts, including Meta’s AI data center in northeast Louisiana, which he called a game-changer for the state’s economy. He stressed the importance of insurance reform, saying the Legislature is working to give the insurance commissioner more power to lower rates for Louisiana residents.

“We keep making changes that the insurance companies say save them money... but yet none of that is being driven down to the policyholder,” Landry said. “I mean, those are the facts.”

Urging Voter Support

Gov. Landry urged Louisianans to vote in favor of the constitutional amendments on March 29, particularly Amendment 2, warning that failing to pass the amendments could halt progress on key issues such as teacher pay raises, tax reductions, and government spending limits.

“These companies that have invested in Louisiana have hedged a bet that the people of Louisiana are smart enough to recognize that change,” Landry said. “We’ll see on Saturday if they are.”

Statewide Tour

The Shreveport Rotary Club address was Landry’s third stop of the day. Earlier in the day, he spoke at Louisiana Christian University in Pineville and later attended a juvenile center announcement in Alexandria.

First Bossier Hosts Adoption Seminar

BY STACEY TINSLEY
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BOSSIER CITY, La. — On Wednesday, March 26, First Bossier hosted a powerful adoption seminar featuring guest speaker Amy Barton, founder of House of Grace NWLA. The event served as a faith-driven call to action, urging the church to reclaim its biblical role in foster care and adoption.

The seminar highlighted the urgent need for Christian families to step up in caring for the fatherless, as commanded in James 1:27: “Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction.”

A Personal Call to Action

Barton, a longtime foster and adoptive mother, shared her testimony of answering God’s call. Twenty years ago, she was pursuing private adoption when a social worker asked her to take in a 5-week-old baby who had nowhere to go. With no prior experience and no idea what lay ahead, she stepped out in faith.

“It was love at first sight,” Barton said. “That moment changed my life. I realized that adoption wasn’t just something I wanted to do—it was something God was calling me to do.”

Over the years, Barton and her husband continued fostering, but one case deeply affected them. A 14-year-old girl they had cared for was sent back to an unstable home, leading her into a cycle of brokenness that ended with her aging out of the system in jail.

“That was when the Lord broke my heart for these children,” Barton said. “I asked myself, ‘Where was the church? Why were we leaving this to the government?’”

House of Grace: A Mission of Redemption

In response, Barton and her husband prayed about

how they could help. After three years of fundraising, they opened House of Grace NWLA, a faith-based home for young women ages 18-24 who have aged out of foster care. Since its launch in November 2022, it has provided a safe, Christ-centered environment for 20 young women, helping them break generational cycles and experience the redeeming love of Jesus.

Pastor Brad Jurkovich of First Bossier echoed Barton’s message, sharing his own adoption story and how it shaped his understanding of the importance of family.

“I was adopted. I grew up with three different dads, and my stepdad in Southern California adopted me and my younger brother when I was in seventh grade,” he said. “I know the emotional and physical reality of moving and becoming part of a new family. Your name changing. It’s powerful.”

Jurkovich emphasized that many families in the church have a heart for fostering and adoption but simply need more information and support to take that step.

The Urgent Need for Foster Families

Barton challenged the congregation with a sobering truth.

“In Louisiana alone, there are 4,215 children in foster care, but only 1,923 certified foster homes,” she said. “That means thousands of children have nowhere to go.”

She emphasized that God’s heart for the orphan is evident throughout Scripture:

Psalm 68:5-6 — “A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling. God sets the lonely in families.”

Isaiah 1:17 — “Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless.”



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Amy Barton, founder of House of Grace NWLA, was the featured guest speaker at an adoption seminar hosted by First Bossier Church in Bossier City on Wednesday, March 26. The event served as a faith-driven call to action, urging the church to reclaim its biblical role in foster care and adoption.

Proverbs 31:8-9 — “Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves... defend the rights of the poor and needy.”

“The church must rise up and take back its biblical responsibility,” Barton said. “Foster care and adoption were always meant to be the church’s mission. We have been entrusted with the Gospel—we must live it out.”

How the Church Can Step Up

Barton outlined practical ways churches can support foster and adoptive families:

- Encourage more families to foster and adopt — Pastors should preach on God’s call to care for orphans and actively encourage church members to consider fostering or adoption.
- Offer training and resources — Churches should provide trauma-informed training to better support foster and adoptive families.
- Provide financial support — Many families hesitate due to financial barriers. Churches can offer scholarships for childcare or assist with adoption fees, which can exceed \$30,000.
- Create a support network — Churches should rally around foster and adoptive families by of-

fering mentorship, meals, respite care, and emotional support.

“This is not optional for the body of Christ,” Barton said. “We are commanded to care for the orphan. If the church refuses to act, we are failing in our mission.”

‘We Must Be the Hands and Feet of Jesus’

Barton reminded the audience that not everyone is called to foster or adopt, but everyone is called to do something.

“Our girls at House of Grace ask us all the time, ‘Why do you care? Why do you still love us after all we’ve been through?’” she said. “And we always tell them the same thing: Because Jesus first loved us.”

As the night closed, Barton expressed her gratitude to Pastor Brad, First Bossier, and everyone in attendance.

“This church has been an incredible blessing to my family and to House of Grace,” she said. “If God is stirring your heart tonight, don’t ignore it. If you feel called to foster, adopt, or support these children in any way, act now. The need is great, but our God is greater.”

For more information on House of Grace NWLA and how to get involved, visit houseofgracenwla.com.

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OPINION

LIVING AND DYING
IN LOUISIANA

It’s been a number of years since the death penalty was carried out in Louisiana. A vicious rapist and killer, a fellow named Jesse Hoffman, was put to death at Angola State prison just two weeks ago. I can look back 21 years ago, as I witnessed the highs and lows of life and death here in the Bayou State.

It was a cool Tuesday evening, and I was leaving a reception for former congressman Billy Tauzin at the Old State capital in downtown Baton Rouge. Billy and I had fought many battles together when we both served in the Louisiana legislature back in the 1970s. He had fought and won a separate confrontation with cancer, and a number of Billy’s friends turned out to celebrate a full life he had led.

I headed to my parked car about a block away across the street from the East Baton Rouge Courthouse. It was 8 o’clock in the evening, and as I approach my car, I could see numerous television lights and a large crowd on the front steps of the courthouse.

“What’s going on?” I ask one of the reporters I knew. “The jury’s still deliberating whether Derrick Todd Lee lives or dies,” he told me. “Will they come up with the verdict tonight?” I asked. “It’s getting late.” He nodded and said: “That’s what we hear. They’re supposed to push on till they make a decision. They’ll want to go home,” he answered.

I walked into the courthouse and took the elevator up to the sixth floor to the courtroom of the presiding judge, Richard Anderson. Sheriff’s deputies were everywhere and security was tight. I went through the metal detector and walked into a packed court room.

Col. Greg Phares was in charge of the numerous deputies surrounding the walls in the court room. Angola prison warden Burl Cain and I talked for a while. “Whatever happens, I’ve got a full night ahead of me. He will go to Angola tonight for the rest of his life, however long that is,” the warden mused.

About then, the bailiff quieted the court room and the jury filed in. The process was short. A signed verdict sent to the clerk, who read out the decision. Derrick Todd Lee should be put to death. Then tears and sobs from the victims’ families, from Lee’s relatives, even the district attorney’s wife wiped away a few tears now that the ordeal was over.

So, should Derrick Todd Lee die? There was an overwhelming community feeling that, yes, he should. The guy is charged with killing seven women. And there may be more. If you were looking for the right poster face for the death penalty, you can’t do better than Lee.

Putting aside the arguments for opposing the taking of anyone’s life, what possible reason would there be not to execute him? One is money. It costs on average 4 to 5 times more to invoke capital punishment than it does to put him away for life. The costs of appeal, including attorney’s fees that are almost always paid for the state, often run several million dollars. It’s much cheaper to stick him in a cell and spend a few dollars a day to feed him.

And you can make a pretty good argument that if you want to put someone through hell, stick them in a maximum-security prison where he will either be brutalized by the prison population, or confined in solitary where he lives almost like an animal in total boredom. Some would argue this punishment is worse than the death penalty.

But we demand an eye for an eye. Oh, it may take a decade or more. But the odds are, one day Lee will die. John McKeithen, Edwin Edwards and Buddy Roemer each told me the toughest decision they ever faced as governor was whether to let a condemned man die. It was the first decision Roemer had to make the day he was sworn in. But they always let it happen.

Two different people that night at two different events. One a celebration of a full and continuing life. The other, just a block away, a decision to take away a life.

The challenge, of course, is to live a life of dignity. To see your own existence as a heightened example of universal experience a life that is fulfilling in a way that is somehow larger-than-life. On that night twenty-one years ago, I was a witness to the obvious. That one had succeeded and one failed.

Peace and Justice,
Jim Brown

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JIM BROWN

OTHER

Louisiana voters overwhelmingly
reject all four constitutional amendments

By Nolan McKendry|
The Center Square

Louisiana voters overwhelmingly rejected four proposed constitutional amendments which aimed to reshape the state’s approach to justice, juvenile crime, taxation, and judicial elections. Each amendment was rejected by more than 60% of voters.

“This was a “primal scream” kind of vote, driven by robust Democratic EV turnout that I’m not seeing being offset by a strong GOP Election Day vote,” John Couvillon, an award-winning pollster, said in a post on X.

“Although we are disappointed in tonight’s results, we do not see this as a failure. We realize how hard positive change can be to implement in a state

that is conditioned for failure,” Gov. Jeff Landry said in a statement. “We will continue working to give our citizens more opportunities to keep more of their hard-earned money and provide a better future for Louisianians. This is not the end for us, and we will continue to fight to make the generational changes for Louisiana to succeed.”

Amendment 1: Expanded Court Powers and Specialty Courts

Voters rejected a measure expanding the Louisiana Supreme Court’s disciplinary authority over out-of-state attorneys and allowing lawmakers to establish specialized trial courts that cross district lines. The amendment followed controversy over mass hurricane lawsuits filed by an out-of-state law firm and was challenged

in court earlier this month. Amendment 1 was rejected by over 170,000 votes.

Amendment 2: Sweep-ing Fiscal Overhaul

Amendment 2, which would have rewrote Article VII of the Louisiana Constitution, was rejected by over 150,000 votes. The 100+ page overhaul includes capping state spending growth, consolidating reserve funds, shifting nearly \$2 billion from education savings accounts to pay down retirement debt, and phasing out business inventory taxes. It has been a cornerstone of Landry’s tax reform agenda.

Amendment 3: Adult Prosecution for Juveniles

This amendment would allow lawmakers to expand the list of crimes for which minors can be tried

as adults without another constitutional vote. Authored by Sen. Heather Cloud, R-Turkey Creek and opposed by youth justice advocates who argue the current list is already broad enough, Amendment 3 saw the most resounding rejection—a margin of over 180,000.

Amendment 4: Judicial Election Timing Fix

A technical amendment to align special judicial election timing with Louisiana’s soon-to-be closed-party primary system was rejected by over 120,000. Supporters say it prevents logistical issues when filling judicial vacancies; opponents said the change was minor and could have been handled by statute. It was the only measure not subject to a legal challenge.

OPINION

For Deterrence and Self-Defense,
Trump DOJ Rules to Restore Gun Rights

Royal Alexander

President Trump hammered many campaign promises during his 2024 presidential campaign and protecting 2nd Amendment rights was prominent among them. To that end, this past week the Trump Administration took a major step in the area of gun rights.

Attorney General Pam Bondi announced this past week that the Department of Justice has issued an interim final rule that will assume and take back from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) the responsibility to decide whether to restore gun ownership rights to individuals whose 2nd Amendment rights were taken from them.

For many years, Americans whose gun rights have been revoked could petition the U.S. Attorney General to have their rights restored under federal law 18 U.S.C. 925 (c). However, the power to make that determination was eventually delegated to the ATF.

I note that I was working in D.C. in the Congress for the late U.S. Congressman and Public Service Commissioner, Clyde C. Holloway, when, as noted by The Epoch Times, “in October 1992 then-



ROYAL ALEXANDER

Rep. Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.)—now the Senate Minority Leader—amended an ATF funding bill to prohibit the agency from using federal funds to process applications for the restoration of gun rights. Congressional leaders justified the Schumer amendment by saying the applications distracted ATF personnel from their primary task of enforcing gun laws. As a result, no applications to restore Second Amendment rights were processed for more than 30 years.” (Michael Clements, The Epoch Times, 3-26-2025).

The new rule will effectively “bypass decades of congressional funding restrictions that prevented the ATF from processing applications” by shifting those responsibilities to the DOJ. “Some states violate citizens’ Second Amendment rights [with state gun laws]. Did they rob a bank? Were they domestic abusers? No,” Luis Valdes, a former police officer and a spokesman for Gun Owners of America (GOA), told The Epoch Times, “now, they’re able to have their rights fully restored.”

Many citizens had previously been restricted by a lifetime gun ban for “nothing more than violating the ATF’s zero-tolerance policy or were convicted of a non-violent gun crime” under what were arguably unconstitutional gun laws in various

states throughout the country.

Critics of this rule change argue that it will “put guns back in the hands of domestic abusers and violent criminals.” However, the interim rule states that the DOJ will individually review each application to ensure people who should not have guns can’t obtain them. “The Department simultaneously recognizes that no constitutional right is limitless; consequently, it also supports existing laws that ensure, for example, that violent and dangerous persons remain disabled from lawfully acquiring firearms.”

I returned to the 2nd Amendment this week because I always find it curious to see the lengths that government at every level is willing to go to limit the full reach of the Second Amendment, and how uninformed many state and federal officials are concerning the purpose of the 2nd Amendment: to allow citizens the ability to individually and personally protect themselves from the government, and to allow citizens the opportunity to protect themselves from others when the government fails to protect them.

As Thomas Jefferson said, “What country can preserve its liberties if their rulers are not warned from time to time that their people preserve the spirit of resistance. Let them take

arms.” (Thomas Jefferson, letter to William S. Smith, 1787). Let’s recall that with the tyranny of King George III fresh and in the forefront of their minds, the Framers intended the 2nd Amendment to limit the government’s power to restrict weapons, not the citizen’s right to possess weapons, weapons which may be necessary to protect themselves from the government.

Let’s also recall that the 2008 Supreme Court Heller decision held that the right to keep and bear arms was both a collective (military and law enforcement) right as well as an individual right. Again, the Second Amendment is a limitation on the government’s power to regulate weapons, not on the citizen’s right to possess weapons.

If there is a compelling safety or security issue that justifies depriving an unstable individual from owning and possessing a firearm, that is one thing. However, the idea that a less-than-compelling determination has stripped an American citizen of their constitutional right to keep and bear arms is simply unacceptable. It is the right to keep and bear arms that makes all other human rights defensible.

It is encouraging to see this proposed new rule.

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LIBRARY

LET’S TALK ABOUT SOME LESSER-KNOWN DATABASES

For this week’s library column, I’m taking the opportunity to tell readers about some of our (possibly) lesser-known databases. It seems like I often talk about databases that would be helpful to students, but we also have a wealth of helpful and fun resources for our over 18 patrons.

For example, the database that inspired this topic because April is National Car Care Month, is Chilton Library. Many of you may be familiar with the Chilton name from their print auto repair manuals, and their database is much the same just consolidated into one place. There are multiple ways to search for information, depending on whether you’re seeking general information or specific information about your vehicle. Check out their step-by-step guides for repairs, labor estimating tools, ASE (Automotive Service Excellence) test prep quizzes, and much more.

Next up, I have digitallearn.org. DigitalLearn contains instructional videos and PDFs on computer learning to help you “tackle technology.” Each of their instructional videos is broken down into short, easy to follow lessons to help guide you through gaining confidence in navigating how to do a basic internet search, how to set up and use email, how to use a PC (Microsoft) or Mac (Apple) operating system. They even

have tutorials on how to use Telehealth and other video conferencing services; they also cover internet security and how to avoid common scams and fraud. You can find even more of these free, helpful lessons when you visit DigitalLearn yourself.

And finally, there’s Home Improvement Source to help you with any DIY projects you have been considering. With easy to explore suggested topics or a handy search bar on their homepage, you can immediately begin researching how to get going on your project. Are you percolating on a painting or plumbing project? Or maybe you’re considering a flooring change or garden update. Whatever

your project, you’ll likely find some helpful tips and tricks to help you do it right, and then they even have some decorating suggestions for when the dust has settled.

There are more databases that would also be of interest to our over 18 patrons, but my column inches grow short, so I’ll have to save them for a future article.

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HISTORY

ROUTINE TASK FOR BOSSIER DEPUTY TAKES TRAGIC TURN

The March, 1954 issue of Louisiana Peace Officer, the journal of the Louisiana Peace Officers Association, contains an article paying tribute to two local lawmen killed in the line of duty only a month earlier. The author of the article writes, “... Louisiana law enforcement has suffered its worst blow in the memory of its oldest officers.” That “worst blow” left the Bossier Parish Sheriff’s Department and the Shreveport Police

Department each asking, “why?” It also underscored how, for those of the thin blue line, even a routine assignment can turn deadly.

On the afternoon of February 27, no one could have foreseen the tragedy that was about to unfold. Bossier Deputy Maurice Miller, a 42-year-old World War II veteran, went to serve a warrant, which was a task that he had performed thousands of times during his career, according to the journal article. And he was serving

it on someone he knew, a farmhand named Ed “Man” West. The Bossier City Planter’s Press newspaper stated in its March 4, 1954 issue that Miller “had reportedly befriended Man West. ... West had been in trouble with the law on a number of occasions and each time he came to Miller for advice and help.” The paper quotes Bossier officers as saying Miller “had no reason to believe that West would try to harm him.”

At approximately 2 p.m.,

Deputy Miller arrived at the home of Hattie London, West’s mother, on the plantation of Leonard Woodruff just south of Taylortown on Highway 71. The 36-year-old West was staying with her and being served for non-support of his family. After Miller stepped inside, the apparent friendly relations between he and West suddenly turned violent. According to the March 4 edition of the Bossier Banner Progress, West shot Miller and then struck him

in the head with an ax. Miller was mortally wounded. The newspaper states that Ms. London ran from the house screaming. Woodruff, hearing her cries and seeing Miller’s patrol unit parked in front of the house, immediately called police.

An estimated 50 officers arrived on scene, including members of the state police. Attempts to talk West into surrendering were ineffective. He fired on officers who initially were hesitant to return fire for fear of hitting Miller who they thought might still be alive. West refused to come out. An article in the 1994 winter issue of the North Louisiana Historical Association Journal details what happened next: “Officers attempted to drive West out with tear gas bombs. ... the effort was unsuccessful because a strong west wind dispersed the tear gas...” Another approach was then tried. The article states that Ms. London entered the house at the request of police to convince her son to give himself up, but that too failed. She was able to bring out two rifles and a pistol, although West was still armed with a shotgun. And she told police she believed Miller was dead.

With a large crowd of onlookers gathered near the house, Shreveport Police Chief Edward G. Huckabay arrived with a fresh supply of tear gas. At 47, he had been with the Shreveport Police Department for 17 years, signing on as a patrolman and then becoming chief in 1946, according to the Louisiana Peace Officer journal. The additional tear gas was fired into the house, but still West remained inside. It was then that Chief Huckabay made a fateful decision.

Trying to put an end to the confrontation, Huckabay decided to enter the house. The Shreveport Times of February 28, 1954 states that Bossier Parish Sheriff Willie Waggoner said the decision to go in was made because officers thought West



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was either dead, or if alive, incapacitated. Followed by several other officers, Huckabay cautiously stepped inside. The Shreveport Times article states that the remaining tear gas and dark interior coupled with smoke from a fire ignited in a bedroom by a tear gas canister made spotting West very difficult. Still in possession of his shotgun, West fired at Huckabay, hitting him in the neck and chest. The other officers returned fire, striking and killing West. The bodies of Miller and West were removed from the house, while Huckabay was rushed to the hospital. He died en route. The fire in the bedroom quickly spread, engulfing the house. Approximately three hours had passed since Deputy Miller had arrived to serve the warrant. And the question of why a routine assignment turned deadly is still being asked today.

If you have any photos or other information 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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Bossier Sheriff’s Deputy Maurice Miller



House erupts in flames/photo by J. Frank McAneny



Shreveport Police Chief E.G. Huckabay



Shreveport Police Chief E.G. Huckabay, in front, enters house followed by other officers/photo by J. Frank McAneny

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OBITUARY



ROSALYN ARLENE KENNEDY "ROSE"

Rosalyn Arlene Kennedy "Rose" went to be with her Lord and Savior at the age of 90, on Sunday, March 23, 2025, just one day short of her 91st birthday, at her home.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Rose-Neath Funeral Home, 2201 Airline Dr., Bossier City, Louisiana. Visitation will begin at 11:00 a.m. on

Wednesday, March 26, 2025, with the funeral service at noon and a graveside service at Rose-Neath Cemetery, 5185 Swan Lake Rd., Bossier City, Louisiana. Officiating the services will be Dr. John Bodine and Reverend Tommy Patton of Cypress Baptist Church.

Rose was born March 24, 1934, at Barksdale Air Force Base to William and Audrey Lofley. Her father was a master sergeant stationed at Barksdale at the time of her birth. She grew up as your typical military kid, living in the Philippines until age nine, upon the death of her father. She and her mother moved back to Shreveport, where she later attended Fair Park High School. Rose met her high school sweetheart, Don. They were married for 67 years until Don died in 2018. Rose worked for AT&T, where she retired after 25 years as a supervisor in 1987. She cherished the later years with family and devoted her life to be a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother,

and great-grandmother.

Rose was preceded in death by her husband, Donald W. Kennedy; parents, William and Audrey Lofley, and brother, William Lofley, Jr. She is survived by her daughter, Debra McGaha; son, Doug Kennedy; granddaughters, Natalie Bomar, and husband, Jeff of Shreveport, LA and her great-grandchildren, Madelyn, Grayson and Sutton, Hannah and Taylor Kennedy and Madison of Alabama.

Honoring Rose as pallbearers will be Jeff Bomar, Grayson Bomar, Kevin Jones, Ken Bazzell, Beau Claborn, and Joel Evans.

The family would like to give special thanks to Bristol Hospice of Northwest Louisiana, Helping Hands Caregivers, and Benton-Bossier Rescue for their tireless efforts.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials may be made to the American Dementia/Alzheimer Organizations, www.donorservices.alz.org, or a charity of your choosing.

GARDENING

Azaleas, a staple of Southern gardens, named 2025 Louisiana Super Plant

Every year, LSU AgCenter horticulturists select four plants to add to the Louisiana Super Plant program. Plants don't come by this designation easily. They must prove they can be beautiful and tough in the face of Louisiana's challenging growing conditions.

If ever there was a plant that has shown itself to be a reliable performer in Louisiana landscapes, it's the Southern Indica azalea — one of the AgCenter's 2025 Super Plant picks. This general group of plants is sometimes referred to as Southern Indian hybrids.

—This species of azalea (*Rhododendron indicum*) has been a staple of Southern gardens since the 1800s, when it was introduced to the United States from its native Japan. They also can be found growing as understory plants in the woods, especially beneath pine trees.

These large evergreen shrubs are vigorous and heat tolerant. They are reliable spring bloomers with a wide range of flower colors.

You're sure to have seen three of the most common cultivars: Lavender Formosa, which is ubiquitous in Louisiana and has vibrant purple-to-magenta blooms; George L. Taber, which dis-

plays soft pink blooms; and Mrs. G.G. Gerbing, whose pure white flowers stand out especially well in shadier areas.

Like many good things, azaleas' stunning spring show of flowers doesn't last long. Blooms usually begin to appear in mid-March in south Louisiana and a week or two later in the northern part of the state. Bloom times can vary depending on the cultivar and site-specific conditions, but most shrubs will spend only two weeks in full bloom.

Fortunately, there's more to azaleas than just flowers. With their dense, evergreen foliage, azaleas provide visual interest in the garden year-round. They can reach 6 to 8 feet tall and 4 to 6 feet wide, making them a great choice for foundation plantings that give structure to the landscape. Some cultivars in the Southern Indica azalea group are a bit smaller. All sizes of azaleas are attractive in masses or used individually as specimen plantings.

Azaleas also are tough, often living for many decades, especially if they're given all the right conditions. They'll have the most flower power in full sun, but you can still enjoy plenty of blooms in part

sun and even part shade.

While these shrubs prefer acidic soils, they're quite adaptable and will tolerate neutral pH soils, too — as long as the area has decent drainage. Mulching with pine straw or composted pine bark will help with soil pH, and in locations with alkaline soils, adding elemental sulfur may be required every few years.

Fertilize azaleas late winter or very early spring each year before you see blooms start to emerge.

Pruning is fairly easy and doesn't need to be done every year. When it is time to prune, however, make sure to do it as soon as the bloom cycle is over. Azaleas set the next year's blooms in summer, so pruning too late will eliminate most flower production for the following spring.

Shearing or hedging is not recommended, as it takes away from the azalea's natural woodland appearance.

If you're interested in adding azaleas to your landscape this spring, try to plant them soon. While it's best to plant shrubs in the cooler temperatures of fall and winter, you can successfully establish azaleas in the spring, too. Just don't wait till the heat of summer, which will put too much stress on newly planted shrubs.

To learn more about Louisiana Super Plants, visit www.LSUAgCenter.com/SuperPlants.



Photo by Olivia McClure/LSU AgCenter
George L. Taber azaleas are found in abundance in the Quad on LSU's campus in Baton Rouge.



HEATHER KIRK-BALLARD



Photo by Olivia McClure/LSU AgCenter
Lavender Formosa is a popular Southern Indica azalea cultivar.



Photo by Olivia McClure/LSU AgCenter
The white blooms of Mrs. G.G. Gerbing azaleas stand out in shady areas.



Photo by Olivia McClure/LSU AgCenter
Azaleas have dense, evergreen foliage that provides year-round visual interest in the landscape.



Photo by Olivia McClure/LSU AgCenter
A bee visits an azalea bloom.

Bossier Students Shine in Optimist Club Oratorical Competition

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The very idea of public speaking affects approximately 40-percent of the U.S. population and is the most common phobia ahead of death, spiders, or heights. That was not the case for four Bossier Parish students, whose oratory skills helped build self-confidence and scored them a fistful of cash.

As part of the Bossier Schools i3 Art Expo, the Bossier Optimist Club held its annual Oratorical Contest. Centered around the theme, "How Optimism Has Guided Me Through Trying Times," students delivered motivational speeches that showcased their talents as young speakers and left the judges highly impressed.

Nicholas Duck, a 10th grader at Benton High School, won first place and received a \$300 cash prize, a medal, and the opportunity to compete in the District Contest for a chance at a \$1,500 scholarship.

Muyeng Heng, a 9th grader at Bossier High School, secured second place and earned a \$200 cash award and a medal, with a potential opportunity to participate in the District Contest. Third place was awarded to Om Ganapathy, a 7th grader at Benton Middle School, who received a \$100 cash prize and a medal; and Katerin Macias, an 8th grader at Rusheon Middle School, finished in fourth place.

Optimist International is one of the largest service club organizations in the world, with over 80,000 adult and youth members across nearly 3,000 clubs in the United States, Canada, the Caribbean, Mexico, and beyond. The Optimist Oratorical Contest is among the organization's most popular programs, with more than 2,000 clubs participating annually. The mission statement of Optimist International is, "By providing hope and positive vision, Optimists bring out the best in youth, our communities, and ourselves." Each year, Optimists conduct positive service projects that reach over six million young people.



HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL



Thomas Allen pitched all eight innings in Benton's 4-3 District 1-5A victory over Haughton last week at Haughton.

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Benton continues to set pace in District 1-5A

Haughton, Airline, Parkway, Bossier win

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The Benton Tigers continued to set the pace in District 1-5A last week. (Records are through March 30.)

In one of the top games of the season, Benton (24-1, 10-0) completed a two-game sweep of Haughton with a 4-3 victory on March 25.

The Tigers also swept Evangel Christian 15-2 and 11-1.

Benton entered this week with a two-game lead over Haughton (19-5, 8-2) and Airline (15-8, 8-2). Natchitoches Central (18-6, 9-3) was fourth.

Haughton bounced back from its loss to Benton with a 13-0 victory over Doyline. The Bucs then swept Captain Shreve 4-2 and 10-0.

Airline completed a sweep against Byrd 9-1 in its only district game. The Vikings also defeated Zwolle 15-0.

Parkway (9-12, 4-6) completed a sweep of Evangel 14-2 then defeated Huntington 15-0 and 17-0.

Bossier (6-3, 3-0) defeated Woodlawn 15-0 in a District 1-4A game.

The Benton-Haughton game went into extra innings tied at 3.

Benton's Griffin Sibley singled with one out in the top of the eighth. Colton Birdsong drew a walk. Brody Turnipseed then



Christian Turner (10) and his teammates celebrate after Turner's home run tied last week's game against Benton.

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brought home courtesy runner Kannon Greer with a single. The Bucs ended the inning with a double play on a popout.

Thomas Allen, who went the distance, then struck out the side in the bottom of the inning.

Benton scored two runs in the top of the first. Hayden Millen walked and reached third on an error. Two runs scored on an error on a hard ground ball by Jackson Jones.

Haughton answered with a run in the bottom of the inning. Christian Turner walked with one out and scored on a line drive by Seth Jorstad.

With a runner at third, Allen induced a flyout and got a strikeout.

The Tigers went up 3-1 in the third. Kade Bryant and Jones led off with back-to-back singles. Bry-

ant scored on a sacrifice fly by Birdsong.

The Bucs cut the lead to one in the fourth. Turner tripled with one out and scored on a single by Jorstad.

Haughton tied it in the fifth on a Turner home run with two outs.

The Bucs loaded the bases in the bottom of the seventh. Seth Breen singled with one out and Turner was intentionally walked. Justin Adkison, running for Breen, advanced to third on a wild pitch. After a flyout, JP Cormier was intentionally walked. But shortstop Case Jorden caught a line drive to end the threat.

Allen scattered six hits, struck out 11 and walked three. Sibley went 3-for-4. Jorden went 2-for-3.

Haughton starter Seth Jorstad went 7 1/3 innings. He gave up only one earned

run, struck out three and walked three. He also went 3-for-4 with two RBI.

Turner went 2-for-2 and drew two walks.

Benton's Turnipseed had two triples and four RBI in the first game against Evangel. Case Jorden had two doubles.

Cole Snell went 2-for-2 in the second game. Turnipseed had two triples. Sibley had four RBI.

Haughton's Seth Breen had two hits and three RBI in the first game against Shreve. Cormier went 2-for-3. Jorstad went 2-for-4.

Ashton Neighbors went five innings for the win. Adkison got the save.

Turner went 3-for-4 in the second game. Cormier had two hits and three RBI.

Airline's Ayden Hawn pitched a complete game against Byrd. He struck out six and didn't issue a walk. Jack Henry Smith went 3-for-4 with two RBI. Smith didn't allow a hit in the three-inning game against Zwolle.

Parkway's Maddox Cockerham hit a three-run home run against Evangel.

Abel Thetford went 2-for-4 with a pair of doubles. Dallas Loche went 2-for-2 with a double and four RBI. Trent Howard went 2-for-2 with two RBI.

Bossier's Conner Tugwell pitched a perfect three innings with eight strikeouts against Woodlawn.

HIGH SCHOOL TRACK AND FIELD

Parkway boys, girls runner-up in Bossier meet

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Parkway finished runner-up in the boys and girls divisions in the Don Millen Bearkat Relays last week at Tiger Stadium.

Parkway scored 111 points in the boys division and 94.5 in the girls. Alexandria swept the titles with 157 points in the boys division and 178 in the girls.

Haughton finished third in the boys division with 81. North DeSoto was third in the girls division with 84. Haughton was fourth with 58.5.

Boys

Haughton's John Hudson Brown and Joseph Encinas were double winners.

Brown won the 100 and 200.

He took the 100 in 11.24 seconds, .24 seconds faster than runner-up Jordan Johnson of Alexandria. Brown ran a 21.90 in the 200. Calvary Baptist's Kolby Thomas was second in 22.31.

Encinas swept the hurdles. He ran a 16.07 in the 110 and 39.90 in the 300. Alexandria's Demarion Robinson was second in the 110 in 16.68. Northwood's Keyiun Taylor was second in the 300 in 40.28.

Parkway's Brennan Robin and Raymond Gomez finished 1-2 in the 800. Robin ran a 1:57.70 and Gomez a 2:01.26.

Parkway's Aiden O'Nishea and Andrew Kent finished 1-2 in the 3,200. O'Nishea ran a 9:55.67 and Kent a 9:57.46.

Parkway's Jeremiah Robinson won the 400 in 51.20. Calvary Baptist's Tsehaye Knight was second in 52.88.

Airline's Austin Bonney took the 1,600 in 4:49.16. Caddo Magnet's Jack Pattillo finished second in 4:49.58.

The Haughton foursome of Encinas, Devin Chaney, Giovanni Musgrove and Michael Loller

won the 4X400 relay in 3:31.78. Alexandria was second in 3:32.09.

The Haughton foursome of Kyrion Turner, Jay'Lon Abney, Loller and Londell Higan was second in the 4X200 in 1:32.22. Northwood won in 1:30.17.

Parkway won the 4X800 relay in 8:18. Alexandria finished second in 8:24.

Airline's Eli Dollar won the javelin with a throw of 133 feet, 9 inches.

Parkway's Devon Oliver finished second in the shot put and discus. He threw 47-9.5 in the shot put and 168-1 in the discus. Alexandria freshman Joseph Carter Rivet won the shot put with a 57-11 and the discus with a 182-0.

Haughton's Kyrion Turner and North DeSoto's Javonte Taylor both cleared 6-6 in the high jump. Taylor took first on fewer misses.

Haughton's Ryan Lewis was second in the pole vault with a 10-6. North DeSoto's Landon Foust won with an 11-0.

Girls

Parkway's Ember Pierce won the 1,600 and 3,200. She ran a 5:54.59 in the 1,600 and a 12:37.09 in the 3,200. North DeSoto's Katelyn Allen finished second in the 1,600 in 5:46.81 and 3,200 in 12:51.84.

Bossier's Zamarion Carter won the 300 hurdles in 48.76. Haughton's Kinsley Brotherton was second in 49.41. Carter also finished third in the 100 hurdles.

Parkway's Lauren Taylor finished second in the 800 in 2:30.62. Alexandria's Addyson Riley won in 2:29.72.

Haughton's Julianna Boyett took the pole vault with an 9-0. North Desotti's Macy Wiley was second with a 7-6.

Parkway's Zaniyah Carter won the shot put with a 39-1. Alexandria's Alyssa Skipper was second with a 37-5. Carter also finished third in the discus.



Haughton's John Hudson Brown won the 100 and 200 in the Don Millen Bearkat Relays last week.

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HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Benton grabs 1-5A lead

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The Benton Lady Tigers took sole possession of the District 1-5A lead with a 6-1 victory over the Airline Lady Vikings last week.

(Records are through Sunday, March 30.)

Benton (17-4, 5-0) entered this week with a one-game lead over Haughton (12-12, 4-1) and Airline (13-8, 3-1) in the loss column. The Lady Tigers have already defeated Haughton and defending district champion Natchitoches Central (8-13, 4-2).

In its only other game last week, Benton fell to 2024 non-select Division II runner-up North DeSoto 8-5.

Airline picked up one district win, defeating Captain Shreve 9-1. The Lady Vikings also lost to West Monroe 6-2, Sterlington 4-2 and St. Frederick 5-3.

Haughton went 3-0 with victories over Huntington 21-0, Simsboro 15-0 and West Monroe 13-11.

Parkway (7-8, 1-4) split district games, defeating Byrd 10-6 and losing to Captain Shreve 9-7.

Plain Dealing (6-8) won three games. The Lady Lions defeated Green Oaks 15-0 then swept a double-header against Woodlawn 14-1 and 15-0.

Benton's Dylan Defee had a home run, triple and two RBI against Airline. Lainey Lafitte went 3-for-4.

Maggie Landman went 2-for-3 with a two-out double in the top of the sixth that gave Benton a 4-1 lead. Emersyn Disotell hit a two-run home run to give the Lady Tigers the 6-1 lead in the top of the seventh.

Benton starter Bayleigh Moniz went five innings. She allowed four hits, struck out five and walked one. Karlea Tasby gave up one hit in the final two innings.

Airline's Kemora Guidry went 2-for-3. Ryan Hutchinson went 2-for-4. Taylor Smith struck out eight.

Smith pitched a three-hitter with 12 strikeouts and only one walk in the Lady Vikings' victory

over Captain Shreve. Haley Whiteside went 4-for-4 with a home run, double and three RBI against Huntington.

Haughton's Presley Yerby had a home run, double and four RBI against Huntington. Saylor White hit a three-run home run. Reese Mayfield had a triple, double and two RBI.

Carsyn Kizzia hit two home runs and had four RBI against West Monroe. Clara Shaffer went 4-for-4. Brianna Benecke, Yerby and Dixie Williams all hit home runs.

Parkway's Shelby Vaughn went 3-for-4 with three RBI against Byrd. Dakota Howard went 3-for-5 with a double and three RBI.

Benton athletes post high finishes in Ruston meet

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Several Benton athletes posted high finishes in the Hoss Garrett Relays hosted by Ruston last week.

Case Austin finished second in the boys 400 in 50.96. Ruston's Ke'Mondrick Hunter won in 49.93.

Ryder Dixon was second in boys discus with a throw of 148-9. West Ouachita's Caden Waffer won with a 156-6.

Kyla Daux was second in the 100 hurdles in 15.96. Jonesboro-Hodge's Ciara Gray won in 15.57. Daux also finished third in the 800 in 2:25.3. St. Frederick's Bradie Eppinnette won in 2:23.8.

Dominique Coore took second in the girls 400. Huntington's Livvy West won in 58.44.

Claire Allen was second in the 1,600 in 5:36.14. St. Frederick's Bradie Eppinnette won in 5:24.06.

Aakyla Pruitt was third in the 100 in 12.91. Ruston's Taniyah Johnson won in 12.89.

Tameara Player took second in the shot put with a 32-2.5. Hamburg's Anescia Martin won with a 40-1.75.

Benton was third in the 4X200 relay in 1:48.72. Ruston won in 1:43.15.

Benton finished third in the girls division with 58 points. Ruston with 145.5. Huntington was runner-up with 82.

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SHERIFF'S SALE
SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Suit No. (08) 174957-
Date: Thursday, March 20, 2025
CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC
VS
AMOS GIVAN (AK/A AMOS GIVAN JR.)

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, WITH 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, MAY 21, 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 1, BEN THERE SUBDIVISION, A SUBDIVISION OF BENTON, BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA, AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN CONVEYANCE BOOK 1364, PAGE, 762 OF THE RECORDS OF BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA, TOGETHER WITH ALL BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS LOCATED THEREON, WHICH HAS THE ADDRESS OF 1330 PALMETTO ROAD, BENTON, LA 71006

And from the proceeds of said sale to pay petitioners claims of: ONE HUNDRED THIRTEEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED NINETY-SIX AND 51 / 100 (\$113,296.51) DOLLARS, along with interest, attorney's fees and all other costs of suit.

PUBLISH ON: April 02, 2025
May 14, 2025

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

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF:
EMILY A MUELLER
3610 N. CAUSEWAY BLVD, STE 600
METAIRIE, LA 70002

April 2nd, 2025
May 14th, 2025
Bossier Press Tribune

SHERIFF'S SALE
SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Suit No. (08) 175046-
Date: Friday, March 21, 2025
ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN
LOANS, LLC
VS
THE UNOPENED SUCCESSION OF AND
UNKNOWN HEIRS OF WILLIAM JACK LONG
AK/A WILLIAM JACK LONG AK/A WILLIAM J.
LONG AK/A WILLIAM LONG

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, MAY 21, 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 PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE ACT OF MORTGAGE IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
LOT 11, ISLAND PARK TOWNHOMES, UNIT #2, A SUBDIVISION IN CADDO AND BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA, AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN BOOK 7050, PAGE 86-87, OF THE CONVEYANCE RECORDS OF CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA AND BOOK 1601, PAGE 177 OF THE CONVEYANCE RECORDS OF BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA, TOGETHER WITH ALL BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS LOCATED THEREON.

And from the proceeds of said sale to pay petitioners claims of: ONE HUNDRED SEVEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-ONE AND 18 / 100 (\$107,121.18) DOLLARS, along with interest, attorney's fees and all other costs of suit.

PUBLISH ON: April 02, 2025
May 14, 2025

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

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF:
COREY J GIROIR
13541 TIGER BEND ROAD
BATON ROUGE, LA 70817
225-756-0373

April 2nd, 2025
May 14th, 2025
Bossier Press Tribune

SHERIFF'S SALE
SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Suit No. (08) 174349-
Date: Friday, March 21, 2025
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.
VS
JENNIFER SHANN DAVIS GUTIERREZ A/K/A
JENNIFER SHANN DAVIS A/K/A JENNIFER S.
DAVIS A/K/A JENNIFER DAVIS A/K/A JENNIFER
SHANN GUTIERREZ A/K/A JENNIFER S.
GUTIERREZ A/K/A JENNIFER GUTIERREZ A/K/A
JENNIFER DAVIS GUTIERREZ A/K/A JENNIFER
D. GUTIERREZ, HEIR OF JUDY K. VAUGHN A/K/A
JUDY VAUGHN

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 AMENDED SEIZURE AND SELL 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, WITH 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, MAY 21, 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 ONE HUNDRED SEVEN (107) TIMBER COVE TOWNHOMES, A SUBDIVISION IN BOSSIER CITY, BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA, A PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN BOOK 583, PAGE 526-527 OF THE CONVEYANCE RECORDS OF BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA, TOGETHER WITH ALL BUILDING AND IMPROVEMENTS LOCATED THEREON.

And from the proceeds of said sale to pay petitioners claims of: SIXTY THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY AND 39 / 100 (\$60,460.39) DOLLARS, along with interest, attorney's fees and all other costs of suit.

PUBLISH ON: April 02, 2025
May 14, 2025

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

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF:
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BATON ROUGE, LA 70817
225-756-0373

April 2nd, 2025
May 14th, 2025
Bossier Press Tribune

SHERIFF'S SALE
SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Suit No. (08) 174368-
Date: Wednesday, February 19, 2025
WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB,
NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY
IN ITS CAPACITY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR
OCWEN LOAN ACQUISITION TRUST 2023-HB1
VS
RAY DU BOC ALI A/K/A RAY D. ALI A/K/A RAY ALI
A/K/A RAY CHESTER RUGLEY A/K/A RAY C.
RUGLEY A/K/A RAY RUGLEY

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 9, 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 PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE ACT OF MORTGAGE IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
LOT TWO (2) OF A SUBDIVISION OF TRACT 43 OF A SUBDIVISION OF LOT FIFTEEN (15) DILLARD PLACE, A SUBDIVISION OF THE CITY OF BOSSIER CITY, LOUISIANA.

And from the proceeds of said sale to pay petitioners claims of: SIXTY-EIGHT THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-TWO AND 20 / 100 (\$68,132.20) DOLLARS, along with interest, attorney's fees and all other costs of suit.

PUBLISH ON: February 26, 2025
April 02, 2025

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

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF:
COREY J GIROIR
13541 TIGER BEND ROAD
BATON ROUGE, LA 70817
225-756-0373

February 26th, 2025
April 2nd, 2025
Bossier Press Tribune

SHERIFF'S SALE
SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Suit No. (08) 168306-
Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2025
SAPPHIRE LAND COMPANY, L.L.C.
VS
MECO ROBERTS, ET AL

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 COMMISSION TO SELL 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 9, 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 SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW¼ OF NE¼ OF SW¼), SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 17 NORTH, RANGE 11 WEST, BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA (HEREAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE "PROPERTY") BEING ALSO THE SAME LAND AS BOSSIER TAX ASSESSOR GEO: 118681.

And from the proceeds of said sale to pay petitioners claims of: () DOLLARS, along with interest, attorney's fees and all other costs of suit.

PUBLISH ON: February 19, 2025
April 02, 2025

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

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF:
Clerk of Court, Bossier Parish
P.O. Box 369
Benton, LA 71006
318-965-2336

February 19th, 2025
April 2nd, 2025
Bossier Press Tribune

SHERIFF'S SALE
SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Suit No. (08) 174813-
Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2025
21ST MORTGAGE CORPORATION
VS
HOLLY FRANCES STEPHENS ADAMS A/K/A
HOLLY FRANCES ADAMS A/K/A HOLLY
FRANCES STEPHENS A/K/A HOLLY STEPHENS
ADAMS A/K/A HOLLY STEPHENS A/K/A HOLLY
ADAMS AND THOMAS CLAYTON ADAMS A/K/A
THOMAS C. ADAMS A/K/A THOMAS ADAMS

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, WITH 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 9, 2025, between the hours of 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM the following described property, situated in parish of BOSSIER, Louisiana, to-wit: 2022 HAMILTON 15 X 78 MOBILE HOME, BEARING SERIAL NUMBER HH22AL12158 AND LOT 2, WEAVER SUBDIVISION, A SUBDIVISION OF BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA, AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN BOOK 1601, PAGE 824 OF THE CONVEYANCE RECORDS OF BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA, TOGETHER WITH ALL BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS LOCATED THEREON.

And from the proceeds of said sale to pay petitioners claims of: ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED NINETY-SIX AND 66 / 100 (\$18,696.66) DOLLARS, along with interest, attorney's fees and all other costs of suit.

PUBLISH ON: February 19, 2025
April 02, 2025

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

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF:
ALLISON N BEASLEY
8235 YMCA PLAZA DRIVE SUITE 400
BATON ROUGE, LA 70810
225-334-9222

February 19th, 2025
April 2nd, 2025
Bossier Press Tribune

SHERIFF'S SALE
SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Suit No. (08) 174709-
Date: Thursday, February 6, 2025
FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE
CORPORATION AS TRUSTEE FOR FREDDIE
MAC SEASONED CREDIT RISK TRANSFER
TRUST, SERIES 2019-1
VS
THE UNOPENED SUCCESSION OF AND
UNKNOWN HEIRS OF CATHERINE GALE JONES
WILSON A/K/A CATHERINE JONES WILSON
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CATHERINE J. WILSON

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 AMENDED SEIZURE AND SELL 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, WITH 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 9, 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 PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE ACT OF MORTGAGE IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
LOT 6 OF PECAN PARK SUBDIVISION, UNIT NUMBER 3, A SUBDIVISION OF BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA, AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 275 PAGE 289 OF THE CONVEYANCE RECORDS OF BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA, TOGETHER WITH ALL BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON AND ALL RIGHTS THERETO BELONGING.

And from the proceeds of said sale to pay petitioners claims of: SIXTY-FOUR THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY-NINE AND 88 / 100 (\$64,859.88) DOLLARS, along with interest, attorney's fees and all other costs of suit.

PUBLISH ON: February 19, 2025
April 02, 2025

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

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF:
COREY J GIROIR
13541 TIGER BEND ROAD
BATON ROUGE, LA 70817
225-756-0373

February 19th, 2025
April 2nd, 2025
Bossier Press Tribune

SHERIFF'S SALE
SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Suit No. (08) 174513-
Date: Thursday, February 6, 2025
CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES LLC
VS
THE UNOPENED SUCCESSION OF AND
UNKNOWN HEIRS OF ROBERT LAWRENCE
BROWN A/K/A ROBERT LAWRENCE BROWN,
A/K/A ROBERT L. BROWN A/K/A ROBERT
BROWN AND KIMIE KACZYNSKI

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 AMENDED SEIZURE AND SELL 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 9, 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 PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE ACT OF MORTGAGE IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
LOT 236, GREENACRES SUBDIVISION, UNIT NO. 3, A SUBDIVISION OF BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA, AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN BOOK 141, PAGE 571 OF THE CONVEYANCE RECORDS OF BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA, TOGETHER WITH ALL BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS LOCATED THEREON.

And from the proceeds of said sale to pay petitioners claims of: ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-SIX THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED NINETY-SEVEN AND 09 / 100 (\$136,197.09) DOLLARS, along with interest, attorney's fees and all other costs of suit.

PUBLISH ON: February 19, 2025
April 02, 2025

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

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF:
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PROJECT NAME: Elm Grove Elementary School Bus Loop

PROJECT NUMBER: 25-23

Original complete bidding documents must be obtained at no charge from www.BidExpress.com, which has been designated as the only method and service of distribution of the bidding documents and plans.

Contractors may elect to submit bids electronically at www.BidExpress.com. Contractors that wish to submit electronic bids online may be charged a fee by BidExpress. In addition, contractors shall be required to obtain a digital signature certificate prior to submitting bids online. The bid security required by this solicitation may also be submitted online.

Questions about the bidding documents or request for approvals shall be directed to the Engineer at:

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Attn: Gary M. Clark, P.E.
1125 Hawn Avenue
Shreveport, LA 71107
Telephone: 318.674.9616
Email: gclark@cdg-apec.com

Any person requiring special accommodations shall notify the Engineer of the type(s) of accommodation required not less than seven (7) days before the bid opening.

NOTE: BIDS SHALL ONLY BE ACCEPTED FROM CONTRACTORS WHO ARE LICENSED UNDER LOUISIANA CONTRACTORS LICENSING LAW FOR THE MAJOR CLASSIFICATION OF BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

All bids must be accompanied by bid security equal to five percent (5%) of the sum of the base bid and all alternates and must be in the form of a certified check, cashier's check or bid bond written in conformance with state law. Written evidence of the authority of the person signing the bid form should be included with the bid form. See La. R.S. 38:2212 B. (2) and (5).

The successful bidder shall be required to furnish Performance, Maintenance and Payment Bonds on the forms provided by the School Board and written in accordance with state law.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

A MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE will be held on April 3, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at the Elm Grove Elementary School, 1541 Old Hwy. 71, Elm Grove, LA 71051. Attendance at the Pre-Bid Conference by an Officer or Estimator directly involved with this Project is MANDATORY and is a Pre-Condition for bidder eligibility. Sign-in for the Conference will be between 9:45 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. The Conference will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. No one will be allowed to sign in after that time and to be eligible to bid it is necessary to attend the entire conference.

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March 19th, 2025
March 26th, 2025
April 2nd, 2025
Bossier Press Tribune

NOTICE

Pursuant to LA R.S. § 33:4761 et seq., the Bossier City Council has scheduled a public hearing to be held at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 8, 2025, in the Bossier City Council Chambers, which is located in the Bossier City Municipal Complex at 620 Benton Road in Bossier City, Louisiana, to consider approval of the condemnation and demolition of the following residential property:

1115 Traffic Street, Bossier City, LA 71111

Anyone who believes that he or she is the owner of the aforementioned dilapidated property is urged to attend the Bossier City Council meeting with proof of ownership.

March 19th, 2025
March 26th, 2025
April 2nd, 2025
April 9th, 2025
Bossier Press Tribune

PROCEEDINGS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF HAUGHTON STATE OF LOUISIANA
TAKEN AT THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

March 11th, 2025

The Town Council of the Town of Haughton, State of Louisiana, met in regular session in council chambers, 118 W. McKinley Ave, Haughton, Louisiana, March 11th, 2025, at 6:00 P.M.

The invocation was given by council member Matt Kinney

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by council member Buck McGee

Roll call us as follows: Roll call is as follows: Doug Adams, Matt Kinney, Buck McGee, Jordan Chreene, and Mike Rains. Also present: Mayor Hunter Timms, MPC Director Shelly Horton, Assistant Fire Chief Nick Palmer, Police Chief Todd Gibson, Town Attorney Neil Erwin, Town Clerk Misty Pee, and Deputy Clerk Lane Brown

APPROVE MINUTES
By Mr. Chreene, Motion to approve the minutes from February 11th, 2025 regular council meeting.
Seconded by Mr. McGee
No Comment
Vote in favor of motion is unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS
By Mr. Kinney Motion to accept the budgeted financial report from January 2025.
Seconded by Mr. Adams
No comment
Vote in favor of motion is unanimously approved.

By Mr. McGee Motion to accept Ordinance 2 of 2025 – an ordinance establishing a new section 14-2, titled “the burning of trash and other materials, establishing penalties for violations, and providing exceptions.”
Seconded by Mr. Chreene
Comment from Citizen Mr. Smitley
Vote in favor of motion is unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS
The council was presented with budgeted financials for February 2025.

The council was presented with a company resolution for Bonvenu Bank updating bank accounts after recent changes in employment for AR/AP.

By Mr. McGee Motion to accept Resolution 4 of 2025 – a resolution authorizing the engagement of GOVPilot software services for Public Works and Town Hall administration.
Seconded by Mr. Kinney
No comment
Vote in favor of motion is unanimously approved.

By Mr. Chreene Motion to accept Resolution 5 of 2025 – a resolution adopting a citizen participation plan for the CDBG program.
Seconded by Mr. McGee
No comment
Vote in favor of motion is unanimously approved.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS
Town Administrator Tyler Gillis presented his monthly department report.

Police Chief Todd Gibson presented his monthly department report.

Fire Chief Jimmy Holland presented his monthly department report.

Town Administrator Tyler Gillis presented the Public Works department report in the absence of Jacky Hicks.

MPC Director Shelly Horton, presented his monthly department report. The MPC meeting will be held Monday. A hearing will also be held for North Caddo Medical Center.

Jeremy Hebron from MML&H approached the council stating that Foxskin was in flood plain review.

Tarrah Dobbins from Christmas in Haughton approached the council stating that the annual Christmas in Haughton Festival will take place at Haughton Middle School following the parade on December 13th, 2025.

There being no further business to come before this council, motion to adjourn at 6:38 P.M.

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April 2nd, 2025
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TOWN OF HAUGHTON ORDINANCE 2 of 2025

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF HAUGHTON, LOUISIANA, ESTABLISHING A NEW SECTION 14-2, TITLED “THE BURNING OF TRASH AND OTHER MATERIALS, ESTABLISHING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS, AND PROVIDING FOR EXCEPTIONS.”

WHEREAS, the Town of Haughton finds it necessary to regulate the burning of trash and other materials to protect public health, safety, and welfare; and WHEREAS, the unregulated burning of trash can cause hazardous air pollution, fire hazards, and nuisances to residents; and WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Town of Haughton to establish clear and enforceable regulations regarding the burning of materials while allowing certain exceptions for permissible burning activities; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Haughton, Louisiana, that a new Section 14-2 is hereby enacted as follows:

SECTION 14-2: THE BURNING OF TRASH AND OTHER MATERIALS, ESTABLISHING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS, AND PROVIDING FOR EXCEPTIONS DEFINITIONS
For the purposes of this Section, the following definitions shall apply:
Trash Fire – The open burning of household garbage, plastics, treated wood, furniture, tires, rubber, synthetic materials, or any other non-organic waste.
Organic Yard Waste – Leaves, grass clippings, tree limbs, brush, or other naturally occurring plant materials.
Open Burning – The combustion of any material in an open area where smoke is released directly into the air without passing through a chimney or stack.
Fire Chief – The Fire Chief of the Town of Haughton or his designated representative.
Nuisance Fire – A fire that creates excessive smoke, noxious odors, or a hazard to surrounding properties or persons.

PROHIBITIONS
No person shall ignite, cause to be ignited, or permit to burn any trash, waste, or debris within the Town of Haughton unless specifically permitted under this Section.
The following materials shall not be burned under any circumstances:
Plastics, rubber, and synthetic materials
Tires
Treated wood, furniture, and construction debris
Household garbage, food waste, and paper products
Hazardous or toxic materials
No fire shall be left smoldering or unattended.
No fire shall be ignited or maintained in a reckless or negligent manner that creates a substantial risk of harm to life or property of another. This includes but is not limited to: Burning during high winds or other hazardous conditions.
Failing to properly contain or monitor a fire.
Burning in close proximity to combustible materials or structures.
EXCEPTIONS
The following types of burning shall be permitted, provided they are conducted in a safe and controlled manner:
Fires Authorized by the Fire Chief – Open burning may be conducted for land management, firefighter training, or other official purposes, as authorized by the Fire Chief or his designee.
Organic Yard Waste – Residents may burn leaves, tree limbs, and brush, provided: The fire is located at least 50 feet from any structure or combustible material.
The fire is constantly attended by a competent adult with a means to extinguish it (such as a hose or extinguisher).
The fire does not create excessive smoke or become a nuisance to neighboring properties.
Recreational and Cooking Fires – Campfires, fire pits, and outdoor cooking fires are permitted if:
The fire is contained in a pit, barrel, or similar enclosure.
The fire is at least 25 feet from any structure.
The fire does not create excessive smoke or nuisance conditions.
BBQ Grills and Fixed Outdoor Fireplaces – The use of BBQ grills and permanently installed outdoor fireplaces is permitted for cooking and recreational purposes, provided: The unit is properly maintained and used in accordance with manufacturer specifications.
The fire is contained within the grill or fireplace structure.
The fire does not create excessive smoke or become a nuisance to neighbors.

ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES
The Fire Chief, or his designee, shall have the authority to notify the Haughton Police Department or applicable investigative agency to enforce this Ordinance.
Any person found in violation of this Section shall be subject to the following penalties:
First Offense – A fine not exceeding \$150.
Second Offense – A fine not exceeding \$350 and/or imprisonment in the parish jail for a period not to exceed 10 days.
Third and Subsequent Offenses – A fine not exceeding \$500 and/or imprisonment in the parish jail for a period not to exceed 30 days.
In addition to fines and penalties, violators may be required to extinguish the fire immediately. Failure to comply may result in additional penalties and legal action.
SEVERABILITY
If any provision of this Section is found to be invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.
EFFECTIVE DATE
This Ordinance shall become effective upon adoption and publication in accordance with applicable law.

The above and foregoing Ordinance was read in full at an open and legal session convened, was on motion of BUCK MCGEE, and seconded by JORDAN CHREENE, and adopted on the 11TH day of MARCH, 2025, by the following vote:

AYES: 5 NAYS: ABSENT: ABSTAIN:

Misty Pee, Town Clerk Hunter Timms, Mayor

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ADVERTISING LEGAL – HP-2-25

Notice is hereby given that the Haughton Metropolitan Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 14th, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers at Haughton Town Hall, 118 W. McKinley Avenue, Haughton, LA for the purpose of considering the following request:
A public hearing for the following case:
HP-2-2025 The application of Ryan Estess, Raley and Associates requesting a zoning amendment to change the zoning classification of an approximately 11.072-acre tract of land from B-3 General Business to R-E Residential Estates; being a tract of land located in the southeast quarter of section 18, township 18 north range 11 west of the Louisiana prime meridian, northwestern land district, Bossier Parish, Louisiana for a residential development. Located on Southeast corner Frank Staton Rd. and Highway 614.

April 2nd, 2025
Bossier Press Tribune

ADVERTISING LEGAL – H-3-25

Notice is hereby given that the Haughton Metropolitan Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 14th, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers at Haughton Town Hall, 118 W. McKinley Avenue, Haughton, LA for the purpose of considering the following request:
H-3-25 The application of Ryan Estess, Raley and Associates requesting a zoning amendment to change the zoning classification of an approximately 3.4-acre tract of land from R-A Residence Agriculture to B-3 General Business for a Medical Facility and Pharmacy. Located on Highway 157 (North Elm) West Side. Section 20, Township 18 North, Range 11 West Bossier Parish Louisiana

April 2nd 2025
Bossier Press Tribune

Minutes
March 10, 2025

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

Chairman Rogers called the meeting to order.

Opening Prayer: Mr. McAnn

Mrs. Jill Sessions, Clerk of Court, was in attendance and administered the Oath of Office to Mr. O'Neal and Mr. Barattini. Chairman Rogers welcomed Mr. O'Neal and Mr. Barattini and introduced fellow board members.

Mrs. Durbin called the roll with members present as follows:
Chairman Rogers, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Holley, Mr. Jordan, Mr. Allen, Mr. Barattini, and Mr. O'Neal.

Absent: None.

Chairman Rogers introduced the February 10, 2025, meeting minutes for approval. Mr. Allen made the motion, seconded by Mr. Jordan, 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. Holley made a motion, seconded by Mr. Allen, to approve the financial report. Upon unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Director Report:

Mr. McAnn informed the board that all requested audit information had been submitted to Cook and Morehart. Mr. McAnn stated the 2025 insurance renewal was complete, and the premium for the year was \$37,546.00. Mr. McAnn updated the board on the statewide ESInet project meeting he attended in Monroe on February 11th. Mr. McAnn briefed the board on a meeting hosted by the Bossier City Police Department that demonstrated a CAD-to-CAD interface. The interface allows for interoperability among different CAD systems and is being considered for possible implementation by the city. Also, on February 27th, the district hosted a 988 workshop for public safety agencies. Mr. McAnn updated the board on the State APCO/NENA meeting he attended in Baton Rouge on March 6th. Mr. McAnn provided an update on the ongoing discussions on a collocated communications center. Mr. McAnn briefed the board on the upcoming Barksdale Air Force Base airshow and the district's involvement; the airshow will take place on March 29th and 30th. Mr. McAnn asked the board to let him know if they would like to attend the state APCO/NENA symposium in Lake Charles, April 21st through April 23rd, and the National APCO conference in Baltimore, Maryland, July 27th through July 31st. Mr. McAnn reported that Communication Manager Elani Woods received a Public Servant award from the Gandy-Brown VFW Post 4588 on February 20th and would receive a state award in June. McAnn updated the board on the AT&T call handling equipment lease. He is still working with AT&T to complete the lease and documents for review. Mr. McAnn briefed the board on the Radio Projects. Both projects are in the final phases and should be completed soon. Training and testing have begun on the new radio consoles. He also stated he had signed off on the second certificate of completion for the tower project, and we would have an upcoming \$99,999.00 payment. Lastly, Mr. McAnn informed the board that our firewalls had been ordered and should ship within the next few weeks.

Old: None.

New: None.

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

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

Doug Rogers
Chairman

Andy Holley
Secretary

April 2nd, 2025
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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOSSIER CITY COUNCIL WILL BE IN REGULAR SESSION, TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2025, AT 3:00 P.M. IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 620 BENTON ROAD, BOSSIER CITY, LOUISIANA, TO CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES:

Ordinance amending the 2025 Streets and Drainage Fund Budget by seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000.00) to increase expenditures for unplanned streets and drainage projects.

Ordinance appropriating \$42,558.00 from the sewer capital and contingency fund to perform SciCorp BioLog Sludge Reduction, Energy Saving, Improved Treatment Performance and Odor Control pilot at NE WWTP

Ordinance to approve Report of Change Order 1 for the Brownlee Road Rehabilitation Project, with an increase of \$212,903.00, for a total contract price of \$1,327,577.75.

Ordinance to amend the 2025 Water Fund Budget

Ordinance to declare certain movable equipment owned by the City of Bossier City as surplus to the City's needs and provide for disposal according to law.

Ordinance to Amend the 2025 Sewer Fund Budget

Ordinance to amend the 2024 State and Federal Grants Fund, Diversion Program Fund and Riverboat Gaming Trust Fund budgets in accordance with the Local Government Budget Act.

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

April 2nd, 2025
Bossier Press Tribune

Small Ads Work

Sex Offender Notification

I, Trevor M. Griffin have been convicted of Pornography Involving Juveniles (Attempted).

My address is: 57 Southgate Dr.
Bossier City La 71112.
Race: Black
Sex: Male
Age: 25
Height: 5.09
Weight: 200
Hair: Black
Eyes: Brown

If you have any comments or wish to communicate with the Bossier Sheriff's Department., P.O. Box 850, Benton, La, 71006, 318-9654-2203.

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Sex Offender Notification

I, Dominick Edward Vermilyea, have been convicted of Sexual Exploitation/ Child-Induce

My address is: 147 Juli Rd Benton La 71006
Race: White
Sex: Male
Age: 29
Height: 5.09
Weight: 225
Hair: Brown
Eyes: Hazel

If you have any comments or wish to communicate with the Bossier Sheriff's Department., P.O. Box 850, Benton, La, 71006, 318-9654-2203.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids will be received by the Receptionist in the Bossier Parish Police Jury Office, 204 Burt Boulevard, Benton, LA, until the hour of 2:00 P.M., April 29, 2025, at which time bids will be opened and read aloud by the Purchasing Agent or his designated representative in the Bossier Parish Police Jury Meeting Room.

BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY
2025 PARISH ROAD IMPROVEMENTS
PROJECT NO. 2025-121

In accordance with Act No. 590 of the 2008 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, bids may be submitted electronically at https://www.bidexpress.com. Vendors/ Contractors who decide to submit electronic bids will also have to pay an annual fee for digital signatures as required by state law. Prime bidders shall obtain an original set of electronic or paper bidding documents from the public entity who prepared such documents. Bidding documents will be available at the address shown below on March 26, 2025.

All inquiries shall be directed to:
ERIC HUDSON, P.E.
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY
P.O. BOX 70
BENTON, LA 71006
ehudson@bossierparishla.gov

An acceptable Bid Bond, cashier's check, or certified check payable to Bossier Parish Police Jury in an amount not less than five-percent (5%) of the bid must accompany the bid. The successful bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond and Payment Bond equal to One Hundred Percent (100%) of the contract amount. Any surety bond written for a public works project shall be written by a surety or insurance company on the U.S. Department of the Treasury Financial Management Service list of approved bonding companies which is published annually in the Federal Register, or by a Louisiana domiciled insurance company with at least an A-rating in the latest printing of the A.M. Best's Key Rating Guide to write individual bonds up to ten percent of policy holders' surplus as shown in the A.M. Best's Key Rating Guide or by an insurance company that is either domiciled in Louisiana or owned by Louisiana residents and is Licensed to write surety bonds.

BID GUARANTEE: No bid may be withdrawn for a period of forty-five (45) days after receipt of bids. All applicable local, state, federal laws and regulations shall apply. Bids shall be submitted on the Louisiana Uniform Public Works Bid Form furnished by the Engineers with the bid package. Those submitted otherwise may not be considered or accepted. Bid shall be submitted in a sealed envelope and shall be plainly marked as "BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY – 2025 PARISH ROAD IMPROVEMENTS – PROJECT NO. 2025-121". Contractor's License Number shall also be clearly shown on the outside of the bid envelope. The successful Bidder must submit executed copies of the Non-Collusion Declaration, Felony Conviction / E-Verify Affidavit within ten (10) days of the bid opening. These items may be submitted with the bid. A non-mandatory pre-bid conference will be held on April 17, 2025, at 10:00 AM. Pre-bid will be located at the following Location: Bossier Parish Police Jury Office 204 Burt Blvd. Benton, Louisiana 71006 The Bossier Parish Police Jury reserves the right to reject any or all bids, as provided for in LA R.S. 38:2214(B). Any person with disabilities requiring special accommodations must contact the Bossier Police Jury no later than seven (7) days prior to the bid opening.

MEGAN RAMOS, INTERIM PARISH SECRETARY
GLENN BENTON, PRESIDENT

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NOTICE TO VENDORS REQUEST FOR BIDS

SEALED BIDS are hereby requested by the Bossier Parish School Board (BPSB) for:

Bid # 25-61: CNP Summer Meal Boxes

Original, complete solicitation documents may be obtained for free by visiting bidexpress.com. Sealed bids will be received no later than 2:00 p.m., Friday, April 11, 2025, at the Bossier Parish School Board Purchasing Dept located in The Ole Gym at Central Office, 110 Kelly Street, Benton, LA 71006. Sealed bids submitted via hand delivery, US mail, or a courier service shall be in a sealed envelope addressed to the Purchasing Dept and clearly marked on the outside with the following: Vendor's name Bid due date/time Bid number/name In lieu of paper bids, bids may be submitted electronically through bidexpress.com; a fee may be associated with the use of this Bid Express service. Any bid received after the due date and time will not be considered and will be returned unopened. Award will not be made at the time of the bid opening but will be awarded by the School Board at a later meeting. Bossier Parish School Board reserves the right to reject, in whole or in part, any and all bids and to waive any and all technicalities and informalities in accordance with state law. Bossier Parish School Board is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Kerry Douglas
Chief Procurement Officer
purchasing@bossierschools.org
(318) 549-5022

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NOTICE

The Bossier Parish Police Jury has scheduled a public hearing to be held at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 8, 2025, in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana to consider approval of the application of Dean B. Smith, dba DBS Ventures, LLC, for a zoning amendment to change the zoning classification of a certain tract of land being 3.75 acres, more or less, located in Section 6, Township 19 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA, from R-A, Residential Agriculture District, to B-3, Community and Central Business District, for a proposed office/retail building with boat and RV storage, located at 2175 South Parks Road (northwestern intersection of Crouch Road and South Parks Road), Police Jury District 3. (Benton MPC Case No. BP-1-25)

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

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NOTICE

The Bossier Parish Police Jury has scheduled a public hearing to be held at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 16, 2025, in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana, to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Lake's End Subdivision, Unit No. 5, located on a certain tract of land being 10.116 acres, more or less, being a re-subdivision of Lake's End Subdivision, Unit No. 4, in Section 6, Township 19 North, Range 12 West, Northwestern Land District, Bossier Parish, LA, Police Jury District 3. (Benton MPC Case No. BP-4-25(SC))

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

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INVITATION FOR PROPOSALS

Sealed proposals are hereby requested by the Bossier Parish School Child Nutrition Department for each of the following:

RFP 26-01A: Food – 25-26 SY
RFP 26-01B: Milk – 25-26 SY
RFP 26-01C: Bread – 25-26 SY
RFP 26-01D: Paper & Plastics – 25-26 SY
RFP 26-01E: Chemicals & Cleaning – 25-26 SY
RFP 26-01F: Shelf Stable Meals – 25-26 SY

Paper copy proposals for the above referenced RFPs will be received no later than 11:00 A.M., C.S.T., Tuesday, April 29, 2025, at the Bossier Parish School Board Purchasing Department located in The Ole Gym at Central Office, 110 Kelly Street, Benton, LA 71006.

Paper copy proposals shall be: a) submitted in a sealed envelope/box, b) addressed to The Purchasing Dept, and c) clearly marked on the outer most envelope/box with the following proposal information: proposer's name proposal due date/time proposal number/name

In lieu of paper copy proposals, vendors may elect to submit proposals electronically through bidexpress.com; a fee may be associated with the use of this service. Further, vendors shall be required to obtain a digital signature certificate prior to submitting proposals online.

No proposals, whether paper or electronic, will be accepted after the due date and time listed above.

Deadline to submit questions will be April 15, 2025, 4:00 P.M. C.S.T. Responses to questions timely received will be issued no later than April 17, 2025, 4:00 P.M. Any addenda will be issued no later than 72 working hours prior to the close of the RFP solicitation.

Awards will not be made at the time of the RFP opening but will be awarded by the School Board at a later meeting.

Bossier Parish School Board reserves the right to reject, in whole or in part, any and all proposals and to waive any and all technicalities and informalities in accordance with state law.

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Bossier Parish School Board
Purchasing Dept
Kerry Douglas, Chief Procurement Officer
(318) 549-5022
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PUBLIC HEARING
MINUTES
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN
TOWN OF BENTON
105 SIBLEY STREET, BENTON, BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA
MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2025, 6:30 PM

The Town of Benton Council met in a regular legal session on the 10th day of March 2025, at 6:30 p.m. in the Benton Council Chambers, Benton Town Hall, 105 Sibley Street, Benton, Louisiana. Mayor James Friday called the Public Hearing to order. Stephanie Collier called the roll with all members as follows:

Alderman Jackie Carr	ABSENT
Alderman Tiffany Manning	PRESENT
Alderman Tammy Brunson	PRESENT
Alderman Arshundae Perry	PRESENT
Alderman Terry Lawrence	PRESENT

Alderman Perry gave the invocation, and Alderman Lawrence led the pledge. Attorney Erwin, Stephanie Collier, Debbie Rios, Officers Mora and Weaver, and several members of the public were also present.

LOST RIVER ESTATES – SPEED BUMPS

Mayor Friday stated that we have several members from Lost River to speak. Mr. Jim Broughton at 419 North Lost River Estates spoke about the problem with underage children exceeding the speed limit on four-wheelers and golf carts. He mentioned that Jeff Foshie installed speed bumps. Chase Crow 423 North Lost River. He is in favor of the speed bumps and feels they help when the children are at the bus stop. He feels that Mr. Foshie acted to protect the children, and someone has removed them and doesn't feel they have the right to remove them. Mayor Friday stated that the streets belong to the Town, and the first issue we have is that the speed bumps were installed on town-owned streets without notifying the town. The second issue is someone has removed a few of them which have left holes in the street. I am all for kids playing in the streets, but when it becomes a safety issue, it needs to be addressed. Also, in many situations, the people who do most of the speeding are the people who live in the neighborhood. I spoke with other municipalities who have similar issues, and they placed motorcycle officers where it is hard to see them, which allows them to catch the speeders. The State has a law that prohibits unlicensed drivers from operating golf carts and four-wheelers on the streets. Mr. Foshie, developer and President of the Homeowner Association, requested to speak. Mr. Foshie stated that he apologized for installing the speed bumps and that he spontaneously acted on the increasing concerns for the safety of the children in the neighborhood. He stated that a resident of Lost River put out a survey and that 61% of people who responded agreed that there is a speeding problem. He asked that if we can prove to you that people agree, will the town agree to accept those speed bumps. I can't enforce anything on the person who removed two of them, but the town can. Mayor Friday agreed that if the majority of residents agree, then we will make a move forward accordingly. Alderman Manning asked for clarity on Mr. Foshie's consensus, and 61% were in favor. Mr. Foshie stated that yes according to the information we have gathered so far. Alderman Manning, is this part of their covenants, or is this something we make a Resolution for? Mayor Friday stated that the final decision would come to the town. A member of the public asked if there is something the town or Parish can do about the unlicensed drivers on golf carts and four-wheelers. Mayor Friday stated that we can work with the HOA on putting something together, such as possibly posting signs prohibiting unlicensed drivers from operating on the streets. Attorney Erwin recited the state law. Alderman Manning asked about the consensus, and Mayor Friday stated that it would need to provide the name and address of each person who participated.

Mayor Friday called for any other questions: None were made

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

ORDINANCE 600 of 2025 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 130, ARTICLE 7, SECTION 130-182 OF THE TOWN OF BENTON CODE OF ORDINANCES

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the Town of Benton, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, convened in regular session that Chapter 130-Zoning, Article 7-Zoning Amendments, Section 130-182 be amended to reflect the Zoning Classification of a tract of land being 1.306 acres more or less, from R-2 (Multiple Family Residence District) to a B-3 (Community Business and Central Business District) for a proposed storage, office facility, and restaurant, to be located at 210 Fifth Street, Benton. (Town Council District 2) (Police Jury District 4) on the following described property:

BEING A RESUBDIVISION OF LOTS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, AND 6 OF BLOCK 28 IN THE TOWN OF BENTON, BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA; AND THE SOUTH HALF OF THE ABANDONED RIGHT OF WAY OF FOURTH STREET BY TOWN OF BENTON ORDINANCE #262 OF 1994; AND THE WESTERN 20' OF THE ABANDONED RIGHT OF WAY OF BOSSIER STREET; AND THE EAST HALF OF THE ABANDONED ALLEY BY TOWN OF BENTON ORDINANCE #144 OF 1983. ALSO LOCATED IN SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 20 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST, TOWN OF BENTON, BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA. SAID TRACT BEING MORE FULLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT A FOUND SQUARE TUBING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 1 OF T.L. CHANCE COMMERCIAL SUBDIVISION UNIT NO. 1, AS RECORDED UNDER INSTRUMENT NUMBER 1325477 OF THE RECORDS OF BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA; RUN THENCE SOUTH 74°34'21" EAST A DISTANCE OF 170.00 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 019°23' EAST A DISTANCE OF 335.00 FEET TO THE NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF FIFTH STREET, THENCE RUN ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY NORTH 74°34'21" WEST A DISTANCE OF 170.00 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 15°25'03" EAST A DISTANCE OF 200.00 FEET TO A FOUND 2" IRON PIPE; THENCE RUN NORTH 15°10'59"

EAST A DISTANCE OF 135.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID TRACT CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 1.306 ACRES.

Alderman Manning asked if there were any issues from the MPC meeting regarding moving forward with this project. Mayor Friday stated that there were none. No Other comments were made.

Ordinance 601 of 2025 (T-1-25)

An Ordinance amending chapter 130, article 7, section 130-182 of the town of benton code of Ordinances

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the Town of Benton, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, convened in regular session that Chapter 130-Zoning, Article 7-Zoning Amendments, Section 130-182 be amended to reflect the Zoning Classification of a tract of land being 1.681 acres more or less, from R-1 (One Family Residence District) to a B-3 (Community Business and Central Business District) for a proposed cheer and tumbling gymnasium, located at 608 Fifth Street, Benton on the following described property:

COMMENCE AT A Found ½" Iron Pipe Marking The Southeasterly Corner Of Lot No. 1 Neill Acres, On The Northerly Existing Apparent Right-Of-Way Line Of Louisiana Highway No. 162 (Fifth Street) Bossier Parish Assessment # 103944 Lying North Of Fifth Street Located In The Northwest ¼ Of Section 29, Township 20 North, Range 13 West Of The Louisiana Meridian, Northwestern Land District, Parish Of Bossier, State Of Louisiana; Thence Run South 75°52'16" East Along Said Apparent Right-Of-Way Line, A Distance Of 513.87' To A Found 1" Iron Rod For A POINT OF BEGINNING; Thence North 09°46'15" East Departing Said Apparent Right-Of-Way Line, A Distance Of 309.22' To A Set ½" Rebar With Yellow Cap On The Northerly Line Of Lot 5, Block "C"; Thence South 89°46'04" East, Continuing Along Said Northerly Line, A Distance Of 190.00' To A Set ½" Rebar With Yellow Cap; Thence South 00°00'00" West Departing Said Northerly Line Of Lot 5, A Distance Of 365.00' To A Set ½" Rebar With Yellow Cap On The Northerly Apparent Right-Of-Way Line Of Said Highway No. 162; Thence North 75°52'16" West Along Said Right-Of-Way Line, A Distance Of 250.04' Back To The POINT OF BEGINNING, Containing 1.681 Acres, More Or Less And Subject To Any And All Servitudes, Rights Of Use, And/Or Right Of Way Of Record Or Use. Public Comments: NONE

Ordinance 602 of 2025

An Ordinance amending chapter 130, article 7, section 130(g)(2)-182 of the town of benton code of Ordinances

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the Town of Benton, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, convened in regular session, does hereby amend Chapter 130-Zoning, Article 7-Zoning Amendments, Section 130 (g) Legislation Disposition, (2) Reconsideration, to read as follows:

(2) In all cases where the property is rezoned and is not used for the purpose for which it was rezoned within a period of two years from the date of rezoning, the planning commission shall, upon its own notice, call a public hearing for the purpose of considering changing the zoning classification to that which existed at the time of the original application.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance was introduced by Alderman _____ and seconded by Alderman _____ on the _____ day of ----- 2025 and adopted by the following votes:

Public Comments: NONE

Motion by Alderman Manning / Second by Alderman Perry to adjourn the Public Hearing In favor: 4 Opposed:0

REGULAR SESSION
AGENDA
TOWN OF BENTON
MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2025, 6:30 PM

The Town of Benton Council met in a regular legal session on the 10th day of March 2025, immediately following the Public Hearing, opened the Regular Session Meeting, in the Benton Council Chambers, Benton Town Hall, 105 Sibley Street, Benton, Louisiana. Mayor James Friday called the Meeting to order. Stephanie Collier called the roll with all members as follows:

Alderman Jackie Carr	ABSENT
Alderman Tiffany Manning	PRESENT
Alderman Tammy Brunson	PRESENT
Alderman Arshundae Perry	PRESENT
Alderman Terry Lawrence	PRESENT

Mayor Friday called for a motion to approve the Regular Session agenda. Alderman Manning stated that before we approve, she had one question concerning the minutes of the February meeting line item number 2. Ordinance 607 of 2025. The minutes reflect there were no public comments when there were comments, and I don't see them in the minutes. Stephanie Collier asked for clarification on the Ordinance number and if she was referring to Ordinance 602. Mayor Friday stated that the clerk doesn't have to write everything that was said in the meeting, only things that are said that pertain to the substance of the matter. Alderman Manning stated that she understands that, but it says no comments from the public when there were. Mayor Friday instructed Stephanie Collier to look into it after the meeting.

Motion by Alderman Perry, seconded by Alderman Lawrence to approve the Regular Session agenda. Mayor James Friday called for public comments. There being none, the following votes were recorded: In favor: Alderman Manning, Alderman Brunson, Alderman Perry, and Alderman Lawrence. None were opposed

Motion by Alderman Manning, seconded by Alderman Perry to approve the February Meeting Minutes contingent on Stephanie looking into the comments on Ordinance 602. Mayor James Friday called for public comments. There being none, the following votes were recorded: In favor: Alderman Manning, Alderman Brunson, Alderman Perry, and Alderman Lawrence. None were opposed

OLD BUSINESS:
ORDINANCE 600 of 2025 (T-4-25) Final Vote
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 130, ARTICLE 7, SECTION 130-182 OF THE TOWN OF BENTON CODE OF ORDINANCES

Motion by Alderman Lawrence, Seconded by Alderman Manning to approve. Public Comments: None Ayes: Alderman Manning, Alderman Brunson, Alderman Perry, Alderman Lawrence Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Alderman Carr

ORDINANCE No. 601 of 2025 (T-1-25) Final Vote
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 130, ARTICLE 7, SECTION 130-182 OF THE TOWN OF BENTON CODE OF ORDINANCES

Motion by Alderman Lawrence and seconded by Alderman to approve Public Comments: None Ayes: Alderman Manning, Alderman Brunson, Alderman Perry, Alderman Lawrence Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Alderman Carr

ORDINANCE No. 602 of 2025 (T-9-25) Final Vote
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 130, ARTICLE 7, SECTION 130(G)(2)-182 OF THE TOWN OF BENTON CODE OF ORDINANCES

Motion by Alderman Perry and seconded by Alderman Manning to approve Public Comments: None Ayes: Alderman Manning, Alderman Brunson, Alderman Perry, Alderman Lawrence Neys: None Abstain: None Absent: Alderman Carr

Mayor Friday stated that we need to do more research on this so he asked for a motion to withdraw Ordinance 597 of 2025 Setting the Clerks Salary For 2025

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 575 OF 2022 OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF BENTON ESTABLISHING THE SALARY OF THE TOWN CLERK FOR THE YEAR 2025

Motion by Alderman Manning and seconded by Alderman Perry to withdraw Public Comments: None Ayes: Alderman Manning, Alderman Brunson, Alderman Perry, Alderman Lawrence Neys: None Abstain: None Absent: Alderman Carr

Resolution 3 of 2025: Donation of movable to Town of Plain Dealing
RESOLUTION 3 of 2025
WHEREAS Article VII, Section 14(C) of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana provides that § For a public purpose, the state and its political subdivisions or political corporations may engage in cooperative endeavors with each other, with the United States or its agencies, or with any public or private association, corporation, or individual; and WHEREAS BENTON desires to enter into this agreement for the purpose of assisting the TOWN OF PLAIN DEALING to provide quality services to their citizens

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Alderman of the Town of Benton, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, does hereby authorize the mayor to sign a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Town of Plain Dealing for the donation of a 2006 Chevrolet Work Truck VIN# 3GCEC14Z46G205904, with light bar and flashers. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this donation of surplus property is being made pursuant to Louisiana R.S. 38:2319.2.

Motion by Alderman Manning and seconded by Alderman Brunson to adopt Public Comments: None Ayes: Alderman Manning, Alderman, Brunson, Alderman, Perry, Alderman Lawrence Neys: None Abstain: None Absent: Alderman Carr

Resolution 4 of 2025: Citizen Participation LCDBG

WHEREAS, The Town of Benton desires to obtain Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to benefit Low and Moderate Income persons; and WHEREAS, the Louisiana Division of Administration requires that certain citizen participation requirements be met; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following Citizen Participation Plan is adopted for use by the Town of Benton with respect to planning, implementation, and assessment of its CDBG program: This plan describes how the Town of Benton intends to involve citizens in the planning, implementation, and assessment of the local Community Development Block Grant Program. Federal and State regulations give ultimate responsibility for the design and implementation of the program to local elected officials and also require that citizens be given an opportunity to serve in a key advisory role to the elected officials. All aspects of citizen participation will be conducted in an open manner with freedom of access to information for all interested persons. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN

The Town of Benton has adopted the following Citizen Participation Plan to meet the citizen participation requirements of Section 508 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. The Town of Benton is committed through adoption of this plan to full and total involvement of all residents of the community in the composition, implementation and assessment of its Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) Program. Attempts will be made to reach all citizens, with particular emphasis on participation by persons of low and moderate income, residents of slum and blighted areas and of areas in which funds are proposed to be used. A copy of this plan will be made available to the public upon request. As part of the citizen participation requirements and to maximize citizen interaction, the Town of Benton shall:

Provide citizens with reasonable and timely access to local meetings, information and records relating to the state's proposed method of distribution, as required by the Secretary, and relating to the actual use of funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended;

Provide for public hearings to obtain views and respond to proposals and questions at all stages of the community development program. These hearings will consist of the development of needs and proposed activities and review of program performance. These hearings will be held after adequate notice, a minimum of five calendar days, at times and locations convenient to potential or actual beneficiaries with accommodations for persons with disabilities;

Provide for and encourage citizen participation with particular emphasis on participation by persons of low and moderate income who are residents of slum and blighted areas and of areas in which funds are proposed to be used;

Provide for technical assistance to groups representative of persons of low and moderate income that request such assistance in developing proposals;

Where applicable, identify how the needs of non-English speaking residents will be met in the case of public hearings; and

Provide for a formal written procedure which will accommodate a timely written response, within fifteen days where practicable, to written complaints and grievances.

Written minutes of the hearings and an attendance roster will be maintained by the Town of Benton.

PUBLIC HEARINGS
Notices informing citizens of any public hearings will appear in the official journal of the Town of Benton a minimum of five calendar days prior to the hearing. In addition, notices will also be posted in town hall. Hearings will be held at times and locations convenient to potential or actual beneficiaries with accommodations for individuals with disabilities and non-English speaking persons. Whenever possible these hearings will be held within or near the target areas, at times affording participation by the most affected residents.

APPLICATION

First Notice/Public Hearing

The public hearing to address LCDBG application submittal will be held well before the deadline for submission of the application for the current funding cycle. The Citizen Participation Plan will be available at the hearing. The public notice for this hearing will state that the following will be discussed:

The amount of funds available for proposed community development;

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The range of activities that may be undertaken, including the estimated amount proposed to be used for activities that will benefit persons of low and moderate income;

The plans of the Town of Benton for minimizing displacement of persons as a result of activities assisted with such funds and the benefits to be provided by the Town of Benton to persons actually displaced as a result of such activities; and

The Town of Benton prior performance of LCDBG programs funded by the State of Louisiana. In addition, the notice shall state that all citizens, particularly low and moderate income residents of slum and blighted areas, are encouraged to submit their views and proposals regarding community development and housing needs. Those citizens unable to attend this hearing may submit their views and proposals to:
Town of Benton
105 Sibley St
Benton, LA 71006

The notice will also state that accommodations will be made for disabled and non-English speaking individuals provided a 3 day notice is received by the Town of Benton.

Second Notice
Seven calendar days, at a minimum, prior to the deadline for submittal of the application, a second notice shall appear in the official journal informing the citizens of the following:
a) Proposed submittal date of the application;
b) Proposed objectives;
c) Proposed activities;
d) Location of proposed activities;
e) Dollar amount of proposed activities; and
f) Location and hours available for application review.
In addition, the notice shall state "all citizens, particularly those affected by the proposed project, are encouraged to review the proposed application and submit any written comments on the application to:

Town of Benton
105 Sibley St
Benton, LA 71006

Negative comments received will be forwarded to the state's Office of Community Development, Division of Administration, or the application will be withdrawn if necessary.

AMENDMENTS

Program amendments, which substantially alter the LCDBG project from that approved in the original application, shall not be submitted to the state without holding one public hearing in accordance with the procedures outlined within this Citizen Participation Plan. Minutes of the hearing will be submitted with the request for the amendment. All interested citizens, particularly the low and moderate income, elderly, handicapped, and residents of the project area, shall be made aware and have the opportunity to comment on proposed amendments and/or submit alternative measures.

GRANTEE PERFORMANCE

The Town of Benton will hold one performance hearing to solicit the public's opinion of the effectiveness of the LCDBG Program. The manner of notification will be the same as previously described for all public hearings. Notification will be made in the official journal approximately five to fifteen calendar days prior to the anticipated submittal of close-out documents to the state, and will indicate the date, time, and place of the performance hearing, and invite comments and opinions on the LCDBG activities implemented under the Town of Benton LCDBG Program being closed out. The notice will also state that accommodations will be made for disabled and non-English speaking persons provided a 3 day notice is received by the Town of Benton.

This notice shall invite all interested parties, particularly those low to moderate income residents in the target area to attend.

The hearing will be held no sooner than five calendar days from the publication date of said notice.

CONSIDERATION OF OBJECTION TO APPLICATION

Persons wishing to object to approval of an application by the state may make such objection known to:

Office of Community Development
Division of Administration
Post Office Box 94095
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-90958

The state will consider objections made only on the following grounds:

- i. The application description of needs and objectives is plainly inconsistent with available facts and data;
- ii. The activities to be undertaken are plainly inappropriate to meeting the needs and objectives identified by the applicant; and
- iii. The application does not comply with the requirements set forth in the state's Annual Action Plan or other applicable laws.

Such objections should include both an identification of the requirements not met and, in the case of objections relative to (1) above, the complainant must supply the data upon which he/she relied upon to support his/her objection.

BILINGUAL

Whenever a significant number of persons and/or residents of blighted neighborhoods communicate with a primary language other than English attend public hearings, the Town of Benton will provide an interpreter for dissemination of information to them providing the Town of Benton is given sufficient notification of three day(s).

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Technical assistance may be provided directly by the Town of Benton to any citizen, particularly to low and moderate income persons, residents of blighted neighborhoods and minorities, who request assistance in the development of proposals and statement of views concerning the LCDBG Program. The local officials, administrator and engineer will conduct informational meetings with the residents of the low to moderate income areas if a written request is received by the Town of Benton with at least a one-week notification. The person who conducts the technical assistance meetings will disseminate information on the program and answer all pertinent questions.

TIMELY ACCESS AND ADEQUATE INFORMATION

The Town of Benton shall provide timely disclosure of records, information and documents related to the LCDBG program activities. Documents will be made available for copying upon request at the Town of Benton, Monday thru Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Such documents may include the following:

- 1) All meetings and promotional materials.
- 2) Records of hearings and meetings.
- 3) All key documents, including prior applications, letters, grant agreements, citizen participation plans, and proposed applications.
- 4) Copies of the regulations (final statements) concerning the program.
- 5) Documents regarding other important requirements, such as Procurement Procedures, Fair Housing, Equal Employment Opportunity, Uniform Act, Labor Provisions and Environmental Procedures.

CITIZEN COMPLAINT PROCEDURE

SECTION 1

It is the policy of the Town of Benton to review all complaints received by the Town of Benton.

SECTION 2

The following procedures will be followed on all complaints received by the Town of Benton:

- 1) The complainant shall notify the Town Clerk of the complaint. The initial complaint may be expressed orally or by written correspondence.
- 2) The Town Clerk will notify the Mayor or designated representative of the complaint within two working days.
- 3) The Mayor or designated representative will investigate the complaint and will report the findings to the Town Clerk within five working days.
- 4) The Town Clerk will notify the complainant of the findings of the Mayor or designated representative in writing or by telephone within two working days.
- 5) If the complainant is aggrieved by the decision, he must forward the complaint in writing (if previously submitted orally) to the Town Clerk who will forward the complaint and all actions taken by the Mayor or designated representative to the appropriate council committee for their review. This will be accomplished within two working days of receipt of the written complaint.
- 6) The reviewing council committee will have five working days to review the complaint and forward their decision to the complainant in writing.
- 7) If the complainant is aggrieved with the decision of the Committee, he must notify the Town Clerk in writing that he desires to be afforded a hearing by the Town of Benton Council. The complainant will be placed on the next regularly scheduled council meeting agenda. The Town Clerk will notify the complainant in writing of the date of the hearing.
- 8) The complainant must bring all relevant data, witnesses, etc., to the hearing. The Town of Benton Council, at the hearing, will review the complaint and forward within five days a certified copy of the minutes of the meeting at which the hearing was conducted and a decision was rendered to the complainant. If a decision is not reached at the hearing, the Town of Benton Council will inform complainant of an appropriate date to expect a response. Within two working days of reaching a decision, the complainant will be notified in writing of the decision.

Complaints concerning the general administration of the LCDBG Program may be submitted in writing directly to the:
Division of Administration
Office of Community Development
Post Office Box 94095
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9095
SECTION 3
All citizen complaints relative to Fair Housing/Equal Opportunity violations alleging discrimination shall be forwarded for disposition to the:

Louisiana Department of Justice
Public Protection Division
Post Office Box 94005
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

The complainant will be notified in writing within 10 days that, due to the nature of the complaint, it has been forwarded to the Louisiana Department of Justice.
or

Complainant may contact the Louisiana Department of Justice Public Protection Division directly at the Toll Free Telephone number 1-800-273-5718 or 225-342-5521.

SECTION 4

The Town Clerk will maintain a file for the purpose of keeping reports of complaints.

SECTION 5

This policy does not invalidate nor supersede the personnel or other policies of the Town of Benton which are currently adopted but is intended to serve as a guide for complaints.

SECTION 6

This policy may be amended by a majority vote at any of the Town of Benton regularly scheduled meetings.

ADOPTION

This Citizen Participation Plan is hereby adopted by Town of Benton in regular session on this day of 2025.

Motion by Alderman Lawrence and seconded by Alderman Manning to adopt
Public Comments: None
Ayes: Alderman Manning, Alderman, Brunson, Alderman Pery, Alderman Lawrence
Neys: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Alderman Carr

Approval of Cook and Morehart audit engagement letter for the 2024 annual audit.

Motion by Alderman Manning and seconded by Alderman Perry to approve
Public Comments: None
Ayes: Alderman Manning, Alderman Brunson, Alderman Perry, Alderman Lawrence
Neys: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Alderman Carr

Beer Permit Renewals

Benton Dixie Mart – Break time (New Ownership)

Motion by Alderman Perry and seconded Alderman Brunson to approve
Public Comments: None
In Favor: 4 / Opposed: 0

Brookshires Grocery

Motion by Alderman Lawrence and seconded by Alderman Manning
Public Comments: None
In Favor: 4 / Opposed: 0

Trejo's

Motion by Alderman Perry and seconded by Alderman Lawrence to approve
Public Comments: None
In Favor: 4 / Opposed: 0

Consider approval of month-to-date budgets and financials:
Alderman Manning asked about why the financials started at number 40? Stephanie Collier stated that it was a mistake when making the copies. She also asked about a retirement refund, and Stephanie Collier responded. She also asked about the amount of fuel purchases. Stephanie explained that the codes next to the dollar amounts show what departments those purchases belong to. She also asked why the bill from 2024 to January 2025 was being paid so late. Stephanie stated it could be just how their billing cycle falls. She asked about Digital Ally and whether it is monthly or annual. Cesar Mora stated he wasn't sure. Stephanie stated it is an annual subscription.

Motion by Alderman Lawrence and seconded by Alderman Perry to approve
Public Comments: None
In Favor: 4 / Opposed: 0

Motion by Alderman Lawrence and seconded by Alderman Perry to Adjourn
In favor: 4 / Opposed: 0

April 2nd, 2025
Bossier Press Tribune

BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY
ANIMAL CONTROL COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
Mr. John Ed Jordan, Chairman
Mr. Doug Rimmer, Co-Chairman
March 5, 2025

The Animal Control Committee of the Bossier Parish Police Jury met on this 5th day of March, 2025, immediately following the Policy and Procedures Committee Meeting, in the Police Jury Conference Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana. Mr. John Ed Jordan, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 11:44 a.m., with the following members present: Mr. Kim Gaspard, Mr. John Ed Jordan, Mr. Chris Marsiglia, and Mr. Philip Rodgers.
Others present for the meeting:

Mr. Glenn Benton
Mr. Jimmy Cochran
Mr. Julian Darby
Ms. Ashley Ezell
Mr. Jim Firth
Mr. Kim Gaspard
Ms. Julie Gill
Ms. Pam Glorioso
Mr. Patrick Jackson
Ms. Julianna Parks
Ms. Megan Ramos
Mr. Doug Rimmer
Mr. Keith Sutton
Dr. Ken Ward
Mr. Rod White
Ms. Lisa Wilson

Dr. Ken Ward, Parish Administrator, presented the proposed amendments to the Bossier Parish Code of Ordinances, Chapter 14, Article II, to add Section 50, regarding aggressive dogs. He stated that following discussions in the last committee meeting and consultations with the Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office, this proposal aligns with the concerns presented by the committee. He further stated that the Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office concurs that the amendment fits within the existing ordinance framework and enhances the approach to addressing aggressive dog issues. Dr. Ward stated that the documents presented today also include the proposed ordinance in its finalized form, if the committee recommends placing this matter on the agenda for consideration during the regular meeting today. Mr. Philip Rodgers inquired about the applicability of the ordinance in subdivisions with current leash law provisions. Dr. Ward stated that if a subdivision does not have a leash law, this proposed ordinance controls. Mr. Rodgers asked for subdivisions with an existing leash law, if the proposed ordinance is applicable. Dr. Ward clarified that the ordinance is intended to address aggressive dogs in rural areas and does not modify existing leash laws in subdivisions, which are covered in Chapter 14, Article I. Mr. John Ed Jordan asked whether the ordinance applies to a neighborhood on Crouch Road. Dr. Ward stated that if the neighborhood is included in the list of Restrictions in certain subdivisions in Article I, Section 14-3, the provisions apply accordingly.

Mr. Rodgers stated that he recently received a request from residents of Turtle Creek Subdivision seeking to add their subdivision to the list of those covered by a leash law. He stated that this request requires approval and signatures from 50% of the subdivision residents. Mr. Rodgers asked if a subdivision does not obtain the required majority approval if the proposed ordinance applies in its place. Dr. Ward confirmed this, stating that if Turtle Creek Subdivision does not have a leash law, the proposed ordinance will apply, if adopted by a vote of the full police jury.

Mr. Doug Rimmer stated that the ordinance defines aggressive dogs under four categories, being A, B, C, and D. He stated that the first category pertains to incidents occurring on the owner's property and advised that the second involves attacks on domestic animals. He further stated that the ordinance covers instances where a dog causes fear or interferes with movement, whether on the owner's property or in a public right-of-way. Mr. Patrick Jackson, Parish Attorney, stated that state law also addresses aggressive dogs but uses different terminology. Mr. Rodgers stated that he believes the proposed ordinance will help resolve the issues the committee faces. Dr. Ward stated that the Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office agrees with this assessment. Mr. Jordan inquired whether Captain Mike Gibson and Assistant Chief Tony Staton, Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office, have reviewed and approved the proposed changes. Dr. Ward stated that Captain Gibson has examined the ordinance and confirmed that it will assist the Sheriff's Office in handling aggressive dog situations.

Mr. Jordan stated that he supports moving forward unless additional time is needed for review. Dr. Ward stated that the ordinance is already drafted in final form and ready for a vote, if recommended by the Animal Control Committee. He stated that if the committee is comfortable with the proposed ordinance, the next step is to bring it before the full body for consideration.

Mr. Glenn Benton asked whether a public hearing is required for the ordinance. Mr. Jackson stated that a public hearing is not necessary. Mr. Kim Gaspard asked whether a motion is required to add the ordinance to the agenda. Mr. Rimmer stated that if it is presented as a recommendation of the committee during the committee report, a motion to amend the agenda is not needed.

Ms. Pam Glorioso inquired about Section 14-43, which provides for actions that may be taken by any citizen. She inquired whether this provision imposes liability on individuals and if such language needs revision. Mr. Jackson stated that similar language appears throughout the Bossier Parish Code of Ordinances and advised that many provisions were originally drafted in the 1970's. He stated that to his knowledge, no citizen has been held liable under this provision and advised that individuals are legally entitled to defend themselves against an aggressive dog. He further stated that while the language can be updated, it requires a broader review of the entire Code of Ordinances for other such language.

Ms. Glorioso stated that certain fees listed in Section 14-43, such as an impound fee of one dollar, appear outdated. Dr. Ward clarified that these fees apply when a dog is seized by a citizen rather than by the parish and advised that the parish does not collect such fees.

Ms. Julianna Parks stated that the proposed ordinance contains a provision prohibiting aggressive dogs from running at large unless leashed. She stated that another section states that dogs found at large by the Sheriff's Department may be seized and impounded. She further stated that the language is unclear regarding whether the second provision applies to all dogs or only aggressive dogs. Mr. Jackson stated that the wording can be clarified to specify "Aggressive dogs found by the Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office" to avoid ambiguity. Ms. Parks stated that she believes this revision is necessary. Dr. Ward stated that since the ordinance specifically addresses aggressive dogs, the language will be adjusted accordingly.

Mr. Rodgers asked if the committee is prepared to move forward. Mr. Jackson stated that aside from the minor revision proposed by Ms. Parks, the ordinance is ready for a vote. He stated that its implementation will help address the concerns previously raised by Mr. Jordan.

Mr. Jordan inquired about the implications of the ordinance for dogs that are secured on their owner's property but display aggressive behavior toward passersby. Mr. Jackson stated that the ordinance is not intended to regulate dogs confined within a fenced area. He stated that enforcement will focus on aggressive dogs roaming freely in public spaces.

Mr. Benton described a recent incident in which a delivery driver encountered an aggressive dog on private property. Mr. Jackson said that such situations will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

Dr. Ward stated that once the proposed ordinance is approved and adopted, the parish will also implement a policy to ensure proper enforcement.

Mr. Rimmer asked about a provision contained in Section 14-43 stating that any citizen may seize a dog found at large. Mr. Jackson stated that historically speaking, this language is used to place responsibility on law enforcement. He stated that while officers retain discretion in enforcement, this provision provides law enforcement with legal authority to act. Mr. Jordan stated that Captain Gibson previously confirmed that any decision to seize a dog is made by a supervisor rather than an individual deputy. Mr. Jackson stated that the proposed ordinance will initially be tested to assess its effectiveness. He stated that if enforcement results in the seizure of an excessive number of dogs, the committee may need to revise the ordinance to make necessary adjustments.

Mr. Chris Marsiglia inquired about the status of hiring personnel for the Animal Control Department. Dr. Ward stated that the position has been advertised and that applications are being reviewed but advised that no candidate has been hired at this time.

Mr. Rodgers stated that if the committee agrees with the proposed ordinance, a recommendation can be provided in today's committee report during the regular meeting. Mr. Jordan asked if the committee is in favor of recommending the proposed ordinance to add Chapter 14, Article II, Section 50, regarding aggressive dogs, to the Bossier Parish Code of Ordinances. There was no opposition. Mr. Jordan stated that he will present the recommendation during the Animal Control Committee report at the regular meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:57 a.m. by the Chairman.

MEGAN C. RAMOS
JOHN ED JORDEN, CHAIRMAN
INTERIM PARISH SECRETARY
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

April 2nd, 2025
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BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY
POLICY AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
Ms. Julianna Parks, Chairman
Mr. Doug Rimmer, Co-Chairman
March 5, 2025

The Policy and Procedures Committee of the Bossier Parish Police Jury met on this 5th day of March, 2025, at 11:30 a.m., in the Police Jury Conference Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana. Ms. Julianna Parks, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 11:34 a.m., with the following members present: Ms. Julianna Parks, Chairman, Mr. Doug Rimmer, Co-Chairman, Mr. Glenn Benton, Mr. Jimmy Cochran, Mr. Julian Darby, Mr. Kim Gaspard, Ms. Pam Glorioso, Mr. John Ed Jordan, Mr. Chris Marsiglia, Mr. Philip Rodgers, Mr. Tom Salzer, and Mr. Keith Sutton.

Others present for the meeting:

Ms. Ashley Ezell
Mr. Jim Firth
Mr. Patrick Jackson
Ms. Sandy Long

Ms. Megan Ramos
Dr. Ken Ward
Ms. Lisa Wilson
Mr. Rod White

Dr. Ken Ward, Parish Administrator, stated that during annual employee evaluations, he requested all directors review job descriptions as part of the merit process to determine necessary changes or updates. He stated that several job descriptions require modifications and advised that the proposed revisions are presented today for review and consideration.

Mr. Philip Rodgers stated that some job descriptions remain unchanged while others are revised. He further stated that all descriptions contain proposed revisions. Dr. Ward stated that the Maintenance Director positions for Corrections and the Bossier Parish Courthouse are newly formalized job descriptions and advised that the individuals in these roles already perform these duties. He further stated that the updated job descriptions are intended to better reflect role responsibilities, while salary ranges remain unchanged.

Mr. Chris Marsiglia asked whether any salary increases are included in the updates. Dr. Ward stated that slight adjustments at the higher salary ranges are necessary.

In response to Mr. Rodgers' statement, Dr. Ward confirmed that the Assistant Treasurer role has undergone the most substantial changes. Dr. Ward stated that the Maintenance Director positions are adjusted downward and advised that some responsibilities were removed and the salary grade reduced from 23 to 21.

Mr. Rodgers asked who currently serves as the maintenance supervisor. Dr. Ward stated that Mr. Steve Wilkins is responsible for maintenance at the courthouse. He stated that the Risk Manager position was discussed previously and advised that after a year of researching the role, he proposes increasing the pay grade to 31 to attract suitable candidates. He further stated that with over half a billion dollars in assets, it is essential to have the right individual managing risk for all parish properties. Mr. Marsiglia asked if any applications have been received. Dr. Ward stated that while a few candidates have been interviewed, the salary previously set is not competitive. He stated that the adjustments are necessary to restart the hiring process with a more attractive salary range.

Mr. Marsiglia asked for clarification on the salary scale for the Risk Manager position. Dr. Ward stated that pay grade 31 starts at \$68,000, with a maximum salary of \$119,000, and advised that competitive salaries in the private sector range from \$80,000 to \$90,000. He stated that while the parish has budgeted \$100,000.00 for the position, the current pay scale places the annual salary at approximately \$75,000. Mr. Rodgers stated that managing significant assets for a salary near \$50,000 is insufficient. Dr. Ward stated that the position also involves overseeing safety programs. He stated that he and Mr. Jim Firth, Facilities Director, currently handle insurance-related matters and advised that transitioning these responsibilities to a dedicated Risk Manager allows for more effective management. He further stated that as the parish has grown significantly and now employs over 300 individuals, the need for comprehensive risk management is greater than ever. Mr. Marsiglia asked for confirmation on the number of parish employees. Dr. Ward stated that the parish employs over 300 people and advised that he will provide the actual number of parish employees to Mr. Marsiglia.

Mr. Glenn Benton inquired about the last salary study completed for the parish. Dr. Ward stated that the study was completed three years ago. Mr. Benton stated that while the study provided an accurate reflection of salaries at the time, salaries have increased significantly over the last three years. He stated that a position listed at \$68,000 three years ago may now likely be closer to an \$88,000 annual salary. Dr. Ward said that he is unsure whether the Risk Manager position was included in the previous salary study. Mr. Firth stated that the Risk Manager position was not considered in the previous salary study.

Mr. Rodgers asked whether a motion is needed to approve the updated job descriptions. Dr. Ward stated that a motion is necessary and requested that Ms. Julianna Parks include the recommended updates in her committee report during the regular meeting. Mr. Marsiglia inquired whether if only one Risk Manager is needed to manage parish assets. Dr. Ward confirmed that only one new hire is sought and advised that the other job descriptions presented today are adjustments to existing positions.

Ms. Parks asked if there is any additional business to be considered by the Policy and Procedures Committee. Mr. Doug Rimmer stated that Risk Management involves extensive quantitative analysis. He stated that he recalls working on a school board Risk Management project in graduate school, where data analysis indicated the need for increased stop-loss coverage. He further stated that the prediction proved accurate when the school board experienced two major claims the following year. Mr. Rimmer stated that data-driven decision-making is a critical component of risk management. Mr. Rodgers stated that he appreciates the effort in updating job descriptions, as there has previously been uncertainty about specific responsibilities. Dr. Ward stated that the annual merit review process now includes regular evaluations of job descriptions to ensure they remain accurate and competitive. He stated that ongoing reviews help ensure that salaries remain aligned with market conditions and employee advancement.

Ms. Parks asked whether a formal vote is needed. Mr. Tom Salzer stated that a favorable recommendation from the committee is required before a full vote at the regular meeting.

Mr. Rimmer made a motion to approve the updated job descriptions. Ms. Parks called for a vote. All members present voted in favor.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:42 a.m. by the Chairman.

MEGAN C. RAMOS
JULIANNA PARKS, CHAIRMAN
INTERIM PARISH SECRETARY
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

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

The Bossier Parish Police Jury met in regular and legal session on the 5th day of March, 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. Jimmy Cochran, and the pledge of allegiance was led by Mr. Doug Rimmer. Ms. Megan Ramos, Interim Parish Secretary, called the roll at 2:01 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, Doug Rimmer, Philip Rodgers, Tom Salzer, Keith Sutton
Absent: None

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. Sandy Long, Assistant Treasurer.

Motion was made by Mr. Salzer, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to adopt the minutes of the January 15, 2025 Regular Meeting, Finance Committee Meeting, Road/Subdivision Regulations Committee Meeting, Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting, and January 15, 2025 Consolidated Wastewater/Sewerage District No. 1 Board of Supervisors.

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: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Motion was made by Mr. Marsiglia, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to schedule a public hearing on April 2, 2025, to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Cane's Landing, Unit No. 5, located on a certain tract of land being 18.017 acres, more or less, a gated subdivision being a re-subdivision of a portion of Lot 3 of Big Bee Bend Plantation, in Section 34, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA, Police Jury District 6.

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: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Motion was made by Ms. Parks, seconded by Mr. Darby, to schedule a public hearing on April 2, 2025, to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Edgewater Pass Unit No. 1, Phase 3, located on a certain tract of land being 5.543 acres, more or less, being a subdivision located in Section 22, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Northwestern Land District, Bossier Parish, LA, Police Jury District 5. 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: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Ms. Julianna Parks, Chairman of the Policy and Procedures Committee, provided a report on a meeting of that committee held today at 11:30 a.m. She stated that the committee considered both new job descriptions and amendments to existing police jury job descriptions to better reflect the responsibilities of the positions.

Motion was made by Mr. Salzer, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to approve the following new/ revised police jury job descriptions to better reflect the responsibilities of the positions as recommended by the Policy and Procedures Committee:

Assistant Treasurer
Maintenance Director (Corrections) - new
Maintenance Director (Courthouse) - new
Maintenance Superintendent
Payroll Specialist
Risk Manager- new
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: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Mr. John Ed Jordan, Chairman of the Animal Control Committee, provided a report on a meeting of that committee held today immediately following the Policy and Procedures Committee Meeting. He stated that the committee discussed amending Chapter 14, Article II, of the Bossier Parish Code of Ordinances to add and/or amend certain sections to include provisions for aggressive dogs.

Motion was made by Mr. Jordan, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to amend Chapter 14, Article II, of the Bossier Parish Code of Ordinances, "Dogs" to add/and/or amend certain sections or subsections to include provisions for aggressive dogs as recommended by the Animal Control Committee.

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: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

ORDINANCE NO. 5059
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 14, ARTICLE II, OF THE BOSSIER PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES "DOGS" TO ADD AND/OR AMEND CERTAIN SECTIONS OR SUBSECTIONS.
BE IT ORDAINED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 5th day of March, 2025, that Chapter 14, Article II, be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 14-50 is hereby added as follows:
Sec. 14-50 Aggressive Dogs
Aggressive dog means a dog that meets one of the following conditions:
(a) Bites, assaults, or otherwise attacks a person without provocation on the property of the owner and causes serious bodily injury to the person, provided that the person is on the property of the owner with the owner's consent or invitation;
(b) Attacks and does bodily injury to domestic animals;

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(c) Has committed acts that cause a person of normal sensibilities to fear the dog will attack that person or a domesticated animal without provocation while inside an enclosure, and such enclosure is not sufficient to ensure the safety of persons or domesticated animals on adjoining property or the public at large; or

(d) Has otherwise interfered with the freedom of movement of persons in a public right-of-way, regardless of whether the dog was on the property of its owner. No aggressive dog shall be allowed to run or be upon any street unless such dog is under the immediate control of a competent person and restrained by a substantial chain or leash not exceeding six feet in length. Aggressive dogs found by the parish sheriff's department or rabies control unit to be at large may be seized and impounded. All dogs found in violation of this section shall be picked up and impounded, and the owner of such dog shall be required to pay any fines, pickup fees, and maintenance costs. If no person claims an interest in such dog, the dog may be humanely disposed of by sale, adoption, or euthanasia.

Secs. 14-51 — 14-80. - Reserved.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all ordinances or parts of ordinance in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

The ordinance was offered by Mr. Jorden, seconded by Mr. Cochran. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 5th day of March, 2025.

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

Mr. Philip Rodgers, Chairman of the Road/Subdivision Regulations Committee, provided a report on a meeting of that committee held today at 12:30 p.m. Mr. Rodgers stated that the committee discussed repairs to Crouch Road and agreed to removal of the High Volume Traffic (HVT) designation route for Crouch Road. He stated that a representative from Cottonwood Subdivision, Mr. David Wodke, addressed concerns regarding the proposed route of the Red River Express toll bridge project. He further stated that Mr. Kevin Martello raised concerns with the committee regarding the permitting process for structures within HOA-governed subdivisions.

Motion was made by Mr. Jorden, seconded by Mr. Sutton, to remove the High Volume Traffic (HVT) permit designation for Crouch Road.

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 Jorden, Chris Marsiglia, Julianna Parks, Philip Rodgers, Doug Rimmer, Tom Salzer, Keith Sutton

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Ms. Ramos announced the public hearing to consider approval of the application of Dana Cherry, to the Benton MPC, for a zoning amendment to change the zoning classification of a certain tract of land being 3.027 acres, more or less, located in Section 17, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA, (immediately east of Sandblasting Services and north of Sheppard's Countertops), from R-A, Residential Agriculture District, to B-1, Transition Business District, for a proposed commercial development, Police Jury District 3. (tabled on January 15, 2025 and February 19, 2025) (Benton MPC Case No. BP-22-24)

Motion was made by Mr. Rodgers, seconded by Mr. Jorden, to approve the application of Dana Cherry, to the Benton MPC, for a zoning amendment to change the zoning classification of a certain tract of land being 3.027 acres, more or less, located in Section 17, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA, (immediately east of Sandblasting Services and north of Sheppard's Countertops), from R-A, Residential Agriculture District, to B-1, Transition Business District, for a proposed commercial development, Police Jury District 3. (tabled on January 15, 2025 and February 19, 2025) (Benton MPC Case No. BP-22-24)

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 Jorden, Chris Marsiglia, Julianna Parks, Philip Rodgers, Doug Rimmer, Tom Salzer, Keith Sutton

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

ORDINANCE NO. 5060

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 922 OF 1981, THE BENTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION ZONING REGULATIONS BY CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF A TRACT OF LAND BEING 3.027 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, LOCATED IN SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST, ALSO LOCATED AT 269 KINGSTON ROAD, BOSSIER PARISH, LA, FROM R-A, RESIDENTIAL AGRICULTURE DISTRICT, TO B-1, TRANSITION BUSINESS DISTRICT, FOR A PROPOSED COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT. (Benton MPC Case BP-22-24)

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on this 5th day of March, 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 3.027 total acres, more or less, located in Section 17, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, also located at 269 Kingston Road, Bossier Parish, LA, from R-A, Residential Agricultural District, to B-1, Transition Business District, for a proposed commercial development. (Benton MPC Case No. BP-22-24), being more particularly described as follows:

A CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND CONTAINING 3.027 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, LOCATED IN SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST OF THE LOUISIANA PRIME MERIDIAN, NORTHWESTERN LAND DISTRICT, BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT A FOUND STONE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 17 AND PROCEED NORTH 00° 35' 57" WEST A DISTANCE OF 3.15 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTH RIGHT OF WAY OF KINGSTON ROAD; THENCE PROCEED SOUTH 89° 19' 07" EAST ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY A DISTANCE OF 209.53 FEET; THENCE PROCEED NORTH 00° 40' 53" EAST ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY A DISTANCE OF 5.00 FEET; THENCE PROCEED SOUTH 89° 19' 07" EAST ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY A DISTANCE OF 80.00 FEET TO A FOUND 5/8" IRON ROD AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF A TRACT OF LAND BELONGING TO SAMMIE HALSELL DESCRIBED IN CONVEYANCE BOOK 1576, PAGE 12 OF THE RECORDS OF BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE LEAVING SAID NORTH RIGHT OF WAY OF KINGSTON ROAD PROCEED NORTH 00° 54' 22" EAST ALONG THE EAST SIDE OF SAID HALSELL TRACT A DISTANCE OF 397.27 FEET TO A FOUND 4" IRON PIPE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID TRACT, SAID POINT LYING ON THE NORTH LINE OF A 3.72 ACRE TRACT DESCRIBED IN CONVEYANCE BOOK 539, PAGE 739 OF THE RECORDS OF BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA; THENCE LEAVING SAID HALSELL TRACT PROCEED SOUTH 87° 08' 06" EAST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID 3.72 ACRE TRACT A DISTANCE OF 337.85 FEET TO A FOUND 1/2" IRON PIPE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID 3.72 ACRE TRACT; THENCE PROCEED SOUTH 01° 00' 13" WEST ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID 3.72 ACRE TRACT AND THE EAST LINE OF A 1.26 ACRE TRACT AS DESCRIBED IN CONVEYANCE BOOK 539, PAGE 741 OF THE RECORDS OF BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA A DISTANCE OF 384.40 FEET TO A FOUND ½" IRON PIPE AT THE INTERSECTION OF SAID EAST LINE WITH THE NORTH RIGHT OF WAY OF KINGSTON ROAD; THENCE LEAVING SAID EAST LINE PROCEED NORTH 89° 19' 07" WEST ALONG SAID NORTH RIGHT OF WAY A DISTANCE OF 337.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, ALL AS FURTHER SHOWN HEREON, BEING SUBJECT TO THE SERVITUDES, EASEMENTS AND/OR RIGHTS OF WAY SHOWN HEREON AND ANY AND ALL OTHERS OF RECORD OR OF USE. SAID TRACT CONTAINING 3.027 ACRES

Applicant: Dana Cherry

Purpose: Commercial Development

The ordinance was offered by Mr. Rodgers, seconded by Mr. Jorden. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 5th day of March, 2025.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Rodgers, seconded by Mr. Jorden, to adopt a resolution of acknowledgement of the City of Bossier City Ordinance No. 12 of 2025 dated January 14, 2025, in accordance with LA. R.S. 33-180.

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 Jorden, Chris Marsiglia, Julianna Parks, Philip Rodgers, Doug Rimmer, Tom Salzer, Keith Sutton

No: None

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 March, 2025, that Ordinance No. 12 of 2025 adopted by the City of Bossier City dated January 14, 2025, is hereby acknowledged in accordance with LA. R.S. 33-180.

This resolution was offered by Mr. Rodgers, seconded by Mr. Jorden. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 5th day of March, 2025.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Rimmer, seconded by Mr. Marsiglia, to adopt a resolution on behalf of the Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier, stating that the annual Municipal Water Pollution Prevention (MWPP) Environmental Audit Report to maintain permit requirements contained in the Louisiana Pollution Discharge Elimination System, Permit No. LA0126152, for the yearly period of 2024 is complete and that no actions were necessary; a copy of the annual MWPP, along with a Certified copy of the resolution will be on file for examination by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality at their pleasure.

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 Jorden, Chris Marsiglia, Julianna Parks, Philip Rodgers, Doug Rimmer, Tom Salzer, Keith Sutton

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier informs the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality that the following actions were taken by the Bossier Parish Police Jury: Resolved the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Environmental Audit Report which is attached to this resolution.

Set forth the following actions necessary to maintain permit requirements contained in the Louisiana Pollution Discharge Elimination Systems (LPDES) permit number LA0126152.

No actions are required at this time

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

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

Motion was made by Mr. Gaspard, seconded by Mr. Darby, to adopt a Citizen Participation Plan/Complaint Procedure, and approve the appointment of the Parish Administrator as Citizen Complaint Officer in connection with the FY2026-2027 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program.

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 Jorden, Chris Marsiglia, Julianna Parks, Philip Rodgers, Doug Rimmer, Tom Salzer, Keith Sutton

No: None

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 March, 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, for Water Sector Program (WSP) – Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier-Subrecipient LA WSP10905 for the Bossier Parish Police Jury for Project No. 2023-129, Contract III, Booster Station Improvements, and authorize the execution of documents, Police Jury District 2.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Gaspard, seconded by Mr. Salzer. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 5th day of March, 2025.

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

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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 Jorden, Chris Marsiglia, Julianna Parks, Philip Rodgers, Doug Rimmer, Tom Salzer, Keith Sutton

No: None

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 March, 2025, that it does hereby authorize the

citizens be given an opportunity to serve in a key advisory role to the elected officials. All aspects of citizen participation will be conducted in an open manner with freedom of access to information for all interested persons.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN

The Bossier Parish Police Jury has adopted the following Citizen Participation Plan to meet the citizen participation requirements of Section 508 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. The Bossier Parish Police Jury is committed through adoption of this plan to full and total involvement of all residents of the community in the composition, implementation and assessment of its Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) Program. Attempts will be made to reach all citizens, with particular emphasis on participation by persons of low and moderate income, residents of slum and blighted areas and of areas in which funds are proposed to be used. A copy of this plan will be made available to the public upon request.

As part of the citizen participation requirements and to maximize citizen interaction, the Bossier Parish Police Jury shall:

- 1) Provide citizens with reasonable and timely access to local meetings, information and records relating to the state's proposed method of distribution, as required by the Secretary, and relating to the actual use of funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended;
- 2) Provide for public hearings to obtain views and respond to proposals and questions at all stages of the community development program. These hearings will consist of the development of needs and proposed activities and review of program performance. These hearings will be held after adequate notice, a minimum of five calendar days, at times and locations convenient to potential or actual beneficiaries with accommodations for persons with disabilities;
- 3) Provide for and encourage citizen participation with particular emphasis on participation by persons of low and moderate income who are residents of slum and blighted areas and of areas in which funds are proposed to be used;
- 4) Provide for technical assistance to groups representative of persons of low and moderate income that request such assistance in developing proposals;
- 5) Where applicable, identify how the needs of non-English speaking residents will be met in the case of public hearings; and
- 6) Provide for a formal written procedure which will accommodate a timely written response, within fifteen days where practicable, to written complaints and grievances.

Written minutes of the hearings and an attendance roster will be maintained by the Bossier Parish Police Jury.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Notices informing citizens of any public hearings will appear in the official journal of the Bossier Parish Police Jury a minimum of five calendar days prior to the hearing. In addition, notices will also be posted at the police jury office and the hearing will be publicized through local community organizations, i.e., churches, clubs, etc., and/or dissemination of leaflets in the target area. Hearings will be held at times and locations convenient to potential or actual beneficiaries with accommodations for individuals with disabilities and non-English speaking persons. Whenever possible these hearings will be held within or near the target areas, at times affording participation by the most affected residents.

I. APPLICATION

First Notice/Public Hearing

The public hearing to address LCDBG application submittal will be held well in advance of the deadline for submission of the application for the current funding cycle. The Citizen Participation Plan will be available at the hearing. The public notice for this hearing will state that the following will be discussed:

- a) The amount of funds available for proposed community development;
- b) The range of activities that may be undertaken, including the estimated amount proposed to be used for activities that will benefit persons of low and moderate income;
- c) The plans of the Bossier Parish Police Jury for minimizing displacement of persons as a result of activities assisted with such funds and the benefits to be provided by the Bossier Parish Police Jury to persons actually displaced as a result of such activities; and
- d) The Bossier Parish Police Jury's prior performance of LCDBG programs funded by the State of Louisiana. In addition, the notice shall state that all citizens, particularly low and moderate income residents of slum and blighted areas, are encouraged to submit their views and proposals regarding community development and housing needs. Those citizens unable to attend this hearing may submit their views and proposals to: Bossier Parish Police Jury P.O. Box 70 Benton, LA 71006

The notice will also state that accommodations will be made for disabled and non-English speaking individuals provided a 3 day notice is received by the Bossier Parish Police Jury.

Second Notice

Seven calendar days, at a minimum, prior to the deadline for submittal of the application, a second notice shall appear in the official journal informing the citizens of the following:

- a) Proposed submittal date of the application;
- b) Proposed objectives;
- c) Proposed activities;
- d) Location of proposed activities;
- e) Dollar amount of proposed activities; and
- f) Location and hours available for application review.

In addition, the notice shall state "all citizens, particularly those affected by the proposed project, are encouraged to review the proposed application and submit any written comments on the application to: Bossier Parish Police Jury P.O. Box 70 Benton, LA 71006

Negative comments received will be forwarded to the state's Office of Community Development. Division of Administration or the application will be withdrawn if necessary.

II. AMENDMENTS

Program amendments, which substantially alter the LCDBG project from that approved in the original application, shall not be submitted to the state without holding one public hearing in accordance with the procedures outlined within this Citizen Participation Plan. Minutes of the hearing will be submitted with the request for the amendment. All interested citizens, particularly the low and moderate income, elderly, handicapped, and residents of the project area, shall be made aware and have the opportunity to comment on proposed amendments and/or submit alternative measures.

III. GRANTEE PERFORMANCE

The Bossier Parish Police Jury will hold one performance hearing to solicit the public's opinion of the effectiveness of the LCDBG Program. The manner of notification will be the same as previously described for all public hearings. Notification will be made in the official journal approximately five to fifteen calendar days prior to the anticipated submittal of close-out documents to the state, and will indicate the date, time, and place of the performance hearing, and invite comments and opinions on the LCDBG activities implemented under the Bossier Parish Police Jury LCDBG Program being closed out. The notice will also state that accommodations will be made for disabled and non-English speaking persons provided a three day notice is received by the Bossier Parish Police Jury.

This notice shall invite all interested parties, particularly those low to moderate income residents in the target area to attend.

The hearing will be held no sooner than five calendar days from the publication date of said notice.

CONSIDERATION OF OBJECTION TO APPLICATION

Persons wishing to object to approval of an application by the state may make such objection known to: Office of Community Development Division of Administration Post Office Box 94095 Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9095

The state will consider objections made only on the following grounds: The application description of needs and objectives is plainly inconsistent with available facts and data; The activities to be undertaken are plainly inappropriate to meeting the needs and objectives identified by the applicant; and The application does not comply with the requirements set forth in the state's Annual Action Plan or other applicable laws.

Such objections should include both an identification of the requirements not met and, in the case of objections relative to (1) above, the complainant must supply the data upon which he/she relied upon to support his/her objection.

BILINGUAL

Whenever a significant number of persons and/or residents of blighted neighborhoods communicate with a primary language other than English attend public hearings, the Bossier Parish Police Jury will provide an interpreter for dissemination of information to them providing the Bossier Parish Police Jury is given sufficient notification of three day(s).

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Technical assistance may be provided directly by the Bossier Parish Police Jury to any citizen, particularly to low and moderate income persons, residents of blighted neighborhoods and minorities, who request assistance in the development of proposals and statement of views concerning the LCDBG Program. The local officials, administrator and engineer will conduct informational meetings with the residents of the low to moderate income areas if a written request is received by the Bossier Parish Police Jury with at least a one week notification. The person who conducts the technical assistance meetings will disseminate information on the program and answer all pertinent questions.

TIMELY ACCESS AND ADEQUATE INFORMATION

The Bossier Parish Police Jury shall provide timely disclosure of records, information and documents related to the LCDBG program activities. Documents will be made available for copying upon request at Bossier Parish Police Jury, Monday thru Friday, 8:00a.m. to 3:00p.m. Such documents may include the following:

- 1) All meetings and promotional materials.
- 2) Records of hearings and meetings.
- 3) All key documents, including prior applications, letters, grant agreements, citizen participation plans, and proposed applications.
- 4) Copies of the regulations (final statements) concerning the program.
- 5) Documents regarding other important requirements, such as Procurement Procedures, Fair Housing, Equal Employment Opportunity, Uniform Act, Labor Provisions and Environmental Procedures.

CITIZEN COMPLAINT PROCEDURE

SECTION 1

It is the policy of Bossier Parish to review all complaints received by the Parish.

SECTION 2

The following procedures will be followed on all complaints received by the Bossier Parish Police Jury:

- 1) The complainant shall notify the Interim Parish Secretary of the complaint. The initial complaint may be expressed orally or by written correspondence.
- 2) The Interim Parish Secretary will notify the President or designated representative of the complaint within two working days.
- 3) The President or designated representative will investigate the complaint and will report the findings to the Interim Parish Secretary within five working days.
- 4) The Interim Parish Secretary will notify the complainant of the findings of the President or designated representative in writing or by telephone within two working days.
- 5) If the complainant is aggrieved by the decision, he must forward the complaint in writing (if previously submitted orally) to the Interim Parish Secretary who will forward the complaint and all actions taken by the President or designated representative to the appropriate Bossier Parish Police Jury committee for their review. This will be accomplished within two working days of receipt of the written complaint.
- 6) The reviewing Police Jury committee will have five working days to review the complaint and forward their decision to the complainant in writing.
- 7) If the complainant is aggrieved with the decision of the Police Jury Committee, he must notify the Interim Parish Secretary in writing that he/she desires to be afforded a hearing by the Police Jury. The complainant will be placed on the next regularly scheduled police jury meeting agenda. The Parish Secretary will notify the complainant in writing of the date of the hearing.
- 8) The complainant must bring all relevant data, witnesses, etc., to the hearing. The Bossier Parish Police Jury, at the hearing, will review the complaint and forward within five days a certified copy of the minutes of the meeting at which the hearing was conducted and a decision was rendered to the complainant. If a decision is not reached at the hearing, the Bossier Parish Police Jury will inform complainant of an appropriate date to expect a response. Within two working days of reaching a decision, the complainant will be notified in writing of the decision.

Complaints concerning the general administration of the LCDBG Program may be submitted in writing directly to the: Division of Administration Office of Community Development Post Office Box 94095 Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9095

SECTION 3

All citizen complaints relative to Fair Housing/Equal Opportunity violations alleging discrimination shall be forwarded for disposition to the: Louisiana Department of Justice Public Protection Division Post Office Box 94005 Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

The complainant will be notified in writing within 10 days that, due to the nature of the complaint, it has been forwarded to the Louisiana Department of Justice.

or

Complainant may contact the Louisiana Department of Justice Public Protection Division directly at the Toll Free Telephone number 1-800-273-5718 or 225-342-5521.

SECTION 4

The Interim Parish Secretary will maintain a file for the purpose of keeping reports of complaints.

SECTION 5

This policy does not invalidate nor supersede the personnel or other policies of the Bossier Parish Police Jury which are currently adopted, but is intended to serve as a guide for complaints.

SECTION 6

This policy may be amended by a majority vote at any of the Bossier Parish Police Jury's regularly scheduled meetings.

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Megan Ramos, Interim Secretary for Bossier Parish Police Jury, hereby certify that the attached constitutes a true and accurate copy of a Resolution, which UPON MOTION of Mr. Gaspard, seconded by Mr. Darby. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 5th day of March, 2025.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Jorden, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to approve an acquisition of a 0.77 acre tract or parcel of land, being located in Section 31, Township 19 North, Range 11 West, and authorize the execution of Cash Sale Deed and closing 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 Jorden, Chris Marsiglia, Julianna Parks, Philip Rodgers, Doug Rimmer, Tom Salzer, Keith Sutton

No: None

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 March, 2025, that it does hereby authorize the Parish President and/or Parish Administrator to execute the Cash Sale Deed and closing documents, in connection with the acquisition of a 0.77 acre tract or parcel of land, being located in Section 31, Township 19 North, Range 11 West.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Jorden, seconded by Mr. Cochran. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 5th day of March, 2025.

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

Mr. Nguyen Kha, Public Utilities Director, stated that Change Order No. 1, for Water Sector Program (WSP) – Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier-Subrecipient LA WSP10905 for the Bossier Parish Police Jury for Project No. 2023-130, Contract IV, Hilltop Ground Storage Tank Rehabilitation, results in an increase of \$15,675.00 in the total contract cost, and an additional 30 days to the total contracted time. Mr. Kha stated that additional damage was discovered on a ladder inside the tank and to the roof of the tank. He stated that cold weather delays required extra time to complete the project. He further stated that these repairs are covered under Water Sector Program (WSP) funds.

Motion was made by Mr. Gaspard, seconded by Mr. Darby, to approve Change Order No. 1, for Water Sector Program (WSP) – Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier-Subrecipient LA WSP10905 for the Bossier Parish Police Jury for Project No. 2023-130, Contract IV, Hilltop Ground Storage Tank Rehabilitation, 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 Jorden, Chris Marsiglia, Julianna Parks, Philip Rodgers, Doug Rimmer, Tom Salzer, Keith Sutton

No: None

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 March, 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, for Water Sector Program (WSP) – Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier-Subrecipient LA WSP10905 for the Bossier Parish Police Jury for Project No. 2023-130, Contract IV, Hilltop Ground Storage Tank Rehabilitation, said Change Order No. 1 resulting in an increase of \$15,675.00 in the total contract cost and an additional 30 calendar days to the total contracted time.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Gaspard, seconded by Mr. Darby. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 5th day of March, 2025.

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

Mr. Nguyen Kha, Public Utilities Director, stated that Project No. 2024-117, LGAP FY 2021-2022 – Scada Controls for Sewer Lift Stations, Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1, has been completed. He stated that this project provides for continuous monitoring of the system and alerts when the water level is high to prevent the system from overflowing.

Motion was made by Mr. Gaspard, seconded by Mr. Salzer, to accept the Certificate of Substantial Completion of 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 Jorden, Chris Marsiglia, Julianna Parks, Philip Rodgers, Doug Rimmer, Tom Salzer, Keith Sutton

No: None

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 March, 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 Certificate of Substantial Completion of Project No. 2024-117, LGAP FY 2021-2022 – Scada Controls for Sewer Lift Stations, Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Gaspard, seconded by Mr. Salzer. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 5th day of March, 2025.

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

Mr. Nguyen Kha, Public Utilities Director, stated that Project No. 2023-129, Water Sector Program (WSP) - Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier-Subrecipient LA WSP10905 for the Bossier Parish Police Jury for Project No. 2023-129, Contract III, Booster Station Improvements, is complete. He stated that this project regulates the water system to maintain consistent pressure.

Motion was made by Mr. Gaspard, seconded by Mr. Marsiglia, to accept the Certificate of Substantial Completion of Project No. 2023-129, Water Sector Program (WSP) - Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier-Subrecipient LA WSP10905 for the Bossier Parish Police Jury for Project No. 2023-129, Contract III, Booster Station Improvements, 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 Jorden, Chris Marsiglia, Julianna Parks, Philip Rodgers, Doug Rimmer, Tom Salzer, Keith Sutton

No: None

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 March, 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 Certificate of Substantial Completion of Project No. 2023-129, Water Sector Program (WSP) - Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier-Subrecipient LA WSP10905 for the Bossier Parish Police Jury for Project No. 2023-129, Contract III, Booster Station Improvements.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Gaspard, seconded by Mr. Marsiglia. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 5th day of March, 2025.

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

Motion was made by Ms. Glorioso, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to accept a proposal from David W. Volentine, MAI, for appraisal services for the Palmetto Road Widening – Phase II, and authorize the execution of 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 Jorden, Chris Marsiglia, Julianna Parks, Philip Rodgers, Doug Rimmer, Tom Salzer, Keith Sutton

No: None

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 March, 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 proposal from David W. Volentine, MAI, for appraisal services for the Palmetto Road Widening – Phase II.

The resolution was offered by Ms. Glorioso, seconded by Mr. Cochran. Upon unanimous vote it was duly adopted on this 5th day of March, 2025.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Rodgers, seconded by Mr. Salzer, to accept a proposal from Robert L. Russell, MAI, for appraisal services for the Palmetto Road Widening – Phase II, and authorize the execution of documents.

Mr. Rodgers asked Mr. Hudson if all the necessary right-of-way has been acquired, noting that Ms. Monica Grappe, Right-of-Way Agent, sent letters in previous years. Mr. Hudson stated that the acquisition was put on hold while the Arthur Ray Teague Parkway right-of-way and sewer plant acquisitions were completed. He further stated that the process has now resumed, and Ms. Grappe is continuing her efforts for Palmetto Road.

Mr. Rodgers asked if the widening project extends from the 911 Center to the town of Benton. Mr. Hudson stated that this phase of the project extends only to Vance Road, covering the section from Vance Road to Old Palmetto Road and advised that right-of-way acquisition is needed near the 911 Center.

In response to Mr. Rodgers' question, Mr. Hudson stated that this phase is the section from Vance Road to Old Palmetto Road but advised that widening Palmetto Road to the limits of the Town of Benton may be considered in the future. Mr. Rodgers asked if the project results in a three-lane road from the 911 Center onward. Mr. Hudson stated that the current plan is to extend the three-lane road to the Town of Benton limits, once sufficient funding is available.

Mr. Rimmer asked for clarification on the next steps. Mr. Hudson stated that appraisals were conducted previously but require updates. Mr. Rimmer further stated that once the appraisal updates are complete, the process will move toward acquisition.

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 Jorden, Chris Marsiglia, Julianna Parks, Philip Rodgers, Doug Rimmer, Tom Salzer, Keith Sutton

No: None

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 March, 2025, that it does hereby authorize the

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Parish Administrator and/or Parish President to execute on its behalf, any and all documents in connection with the proposal from Robert L. Russell, MAI, for appraisal services for the Palmetto Road Widening – Phase II.

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

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

Motion was made by Mr. Salzer, seconded by Mr. Darby, to accept the recommendations of a Water Rate Study conducted by EAG Public Sector, LLP, (EisnerAmper), and agreement to implement the recommendations as part of the requirements of a Water Sector Grant, on behalf of Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier.

Mr. Nguyen Kha, Public Utilities Director, stated that the police jury is required to complete a rate study and implement the recommendations of the study as a condition of the Water Sector Program (WSP) grant. Mr. Kha stated that as a condition of the water sector grant, a rate study must be conducted and its recommendations implemented. Mr. Rodgers asked if there is an amount for the proposed rate increase. Mr. Kha stated that the study spans 10 years and requires maintaining a 1.15 sustainability factor and advised that revenues must exceed expenses by 15%. He stated that the annual inflation adjustment typically results in a 3.6 percent increase per year.

Mr. Rodgers inquired about the current water rates. Mr. Kha stated that the base rate is \$31.00, with an additional \$4.00 per 1,000 gallons beyond the base usage. He stated that there are two possible approaches for a three-year rate adjustment: Combination approach – An annual \$2.00 base rate increase with a \$1.00 increase per 1,000 gallons over the 2,000 gallons base amount. Usage-only approach – No base rate increase, but a \$1.75 increase per 1,000 gallons used.

Dr. Ward stated that a vote for this agenda item indicates acceptance of the rate study and agreement to possible future rate adjustments. Mr. Benton stated that the figures presented are preliminary and may change.

Mr. Rodgers stated that he was trying to understand the potential impact of a future rate increase, and Mr. Kha further stated that while adjustments are likely, the exact figures remain uncertain.

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 March, 2025, that it does hereby accept the recommendations of a Water Rate Study conducted by EAG Public Sector, LLP, (EisnerAmper), and agreement to implement the recommendations as part of the requirements of a Water Sector Grant, on behalf of Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Salzer, seconded by Mr. Darby. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 5th day of March, 2025.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Sutton, seconded by Mr. Rodgers, to adopt an ordinance authorizing the Parish Administrator or Parish President to execute an Amended Cooperative Endeavor Agreement pursuant to La. R.S. 48:2037 between Tim James, Inc., and the Parish of Bossier authorizing Tim James, Inc., to construct, maintain and operate, at its expense, a toll bridge and necessary feeder roadways across privately owned lands.

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. Sutton, to adopt a resolution to authorize the Bossier Parish Police Jury to consent to the Assignment Agreement by Tim James, Inc. ("Assignor") to Red River Express, LLC ("Assignee") of any and all contractual rights, duties, privileges, obligations under the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement entered into by and between the Parish of Bossier and Tim James, Inc. on or about September 19, 2022, and any and all revisions and/or subsequent Cooperative Endeavor Agreements entered into by and between the Parish of Bossier and Tim James, Inc., and to authorize the execution of 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

Motion was made by Mr. Salzer, seconded by Mr. Sutton, to adopt a resolution to authorize the Bossier Parish Police Jury to consent to the Assignment Agreement by Tim James, Inc. ("Assignor") to Red River Express, LLC ("Assignee") of any and all contractual rights, duties, privileges, obligations under the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement entered into by and between the Parish of Bossier and Tim James, Inc. on or about September 19, 2022, and any and all revisions and/or subsequent Cooperative Endeavor Agreements entered into by and between the Parish of Bossier and Tim James, Inc.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Salzer, seconded by Mr. Sutton. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 5th day of March, 2025.

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

Dr. Ken Ward, Parish Administrator, stated that the Bossier Parish Police Jury was awarded the Safest 70 Award from the Louisiana Workers' Compensation Corporation (LWCC) for the third consecutive year. He expressed his congratulations to the staff for their commitment to safety and efficiency.

Mr. Eric Hudson, Parish Engineer, stated that active projects include the Smith Road Bridge and Caplis Sligo Road Bridge. He stated that all piles are driven for Caplis Sligo Road Bridge and advised that high waters have slowed progress on other tasks and work is ongoing with the pouring of caps. He further stated that the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LaDOTD) anticipates the bridge will open in the summer of 2025, prior to the beginning of the 2025-2026 school year. Mr. Hudson stated that work on the Smith Road Bridge is beginning and advised that mobilization to the site has not yet occurred.

Mr. Sutton asked for confirmation that the Caplis Sligo Bridge is expected to be open by summer. Mr. Hudson stated that he has urged the state to complete the project prior to the start of the school year but advised that LaDOTD has control over the timeline.

Mr. Salzer requested that Mr. Hudson formally contact Mr. David North, District Engineer with LaDOTD, regarding drainage issues in South Bossier Parish. He stated that should-ers along Highway 71 in South Bossier require cutting, as they are retaining water. Mr. Hudson asked if the concern applies to all of Highway 71 or the section from Parkway High School to the Red River Parish Line. Mr. Salzer stated that the drainage issue begins just south of the main gate of Barksdale Air Force Base and continues down Highway 71. Mr. Hudson stated that he will contact Mr. North to relay the concern.

Mr. Kevin Gay, Public Works Director, presented an update on activities of the highway department and on several road projects within the parish.

Mr. Jorden stated that a resident on Demoss Road expressed appreciation for the ditch work completed. He stated that the recent work on Whittington Road was well done and advised that the road is in need of additional gravel on each side of the road.

Mr. Rimmer asked regarding the locations where trees were down and uprooted during the recent severe weather. Mr. Gay stated that the damage was scattered across different areas. He stated that he initially expected more impact in the Bossier City area, but advised that fallen trees were reported on Crouch Road and in Dogwood Subdivision, as well as in the northern part of Bossier Parish. He further stated that the impact was widespread rather than concentrated in one specific area.

Mr. Sutton stated that he looks forward to traveling to Hammond, LA, to watch Parkway High School and Houghton High School teams compete in the girls' state championship semifinal basketball game. He stated that it is special to have two Bossier Parish schools facing each other in the semifinals and noted that Mr. Gaspard believes this is the first time it has happened. He expressed his excitement and extended his support to the Parkway High School Lady Panthers basketball team.

Mr. Gaspard asked for a report from Mr. Shelly Horton, Houghton Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) Director, or outgoing Houghton MPC Director, Mr. Sam Marsiglia, regarding the most recent Houghton MPC meeting. He stated that he wants to ensure everyone is informed about the meeting and what actions are under consideration for the future.

Mr. Horton stated that the meeting agenda included a request for a variance of current regulations to allow utility lines in front yards. He stated that a developer submitted the request for a variance of current regulations and advised that a special meeting was called regarding the request. He further stated that the developer sought approval for all utilities to be placed in the front yard of the development.

Mr. Horton stated that after discussion, the board voted to allow only electrical utilities in the front yard for this development. He stated that following this case, a moratorium was issued preventing future variance requests for front yard utilities until policies and procedures for this matter are reviewed for possible updates.

Mr. Horton stated that the MPC intends to gather input from electrical, gas, and telecommunications providers, as well as the police jury and other MPCs, to develop a clear and consistent approach moving forward. He stated that due to the increasing frequency of such variance requests, the Houghton MPC has temporarily placed a moratorium for these types of variance requests until a long-term solution is determined.

Mr. Gaspard stated that a Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) meeting was held in December, during which SWEPCO formally requested that municipalities and government agencies consider allowing utilities in front yards. He stated that SWEPCO made this request due to the small lot sizes, which make it difficult to place utilities in the rear yards as currently required.

Mr. Gaspard stated that in response to the request of SWEPCO, the Houghton Board of Adjustments voted to allow electrical utilities only in the front yard until a more comprehensive approach is developed. He stated that the goal is to bring all relevant parties, including developers, together at a meeting to establish best practices. He further stated that this issue requires input from police jury personnel as well as industry experts to determine whether right-of-way adjustments or expansions are needed to prevent disruption to other utilities.

Mr. Salzer expressed support for Parkway High School Lady Panthers basketball team.

Mr. Benton stated that he and Dr. Ward attended the National Association of Counties (NaCO) Legislative Day, where they met with the congressional delegation. He stated that discussions were somewhat delayed as officials were awaiting President Trump's address to the joint session of Congress before making commitments. He further stated that while no definitive answers were given, we also did not receive rejections regarding our current projects awaiting approval and funding.

Mr. Benton stated that he feels more optimistic after the meetings regarding securing transportation funding for the East-West Corridor. He stated that he also serves on the NaCO Transportation Committee, where discussions are focused on permit processes within the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). He further stated that the ongoing challenges with federal permitting and FEMA remain a key issue and advised that efforts continue in Washington, D.C., to streamline these processes. Mr. Benton stated that the conference was productive and well attended.

There being no further business to come before the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 5th day of March, 2025, the meeting was adjourned by the President at 2:39 p.m.

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

Notice to the Public

LEGAL NOTICE: Anyone with information regarding the whereabouts of BRIAN ANTHONY MALLOY is asked to contact Attorney Taunton Melville at (318) 200-0897.

April 2nd, 2025
April 9th, 2025
Bossier Press Tribune

Notice to the Public.

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of a certain Promissory Note payable to **AMERICAN BROKERS CONDUIT, executed by MARQUIS WELLS AND SHANIKIA LASTER WELLS**, and dated March 2, 2006, from dated until paid, and providing reasonable attorney fees, and all charges associated with the collection of same. Please contact Herschel C. Adcock, Jr., Attorney at Law, at P.O. Box 87379, Baton Rouge, LA 70879-8379, (225) 756-0373.

April 2nd, 2025
April 9th, 2025
April 16th, 2025
Bossier Press Tribune



HUNTER J. TIMMS
Mayor

Office **Mayor**
HAUGHTON, LOUISIANA

118 W. McKinley Ave.
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Haughton, La 71037
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Haughton is auctioning four automobiles deemed to be surplus online through GOVDeals.com. To be auctioned are:

- 2015 Chevrolet Tahoe VIN:1GNLC2C2F2R257465 Milage: 127813mi
- 2016 Ford XPL VIN: 1FMSK8AR1GGB81697 Milage: 115149mi
- 2016 FORD XPL VIN: 1FMSK8AR3GGC35856 Milage: 92386.5mi
- 2016 FORD XPL VIN: 1FMSK8AR8GG65979 Milage: 95868mi

The auction will be exclusively online and 14 days in length beginning April 11th, 2025 at 7:00 Hours CT. The web address is <https://www.GovDeals.com/haughtonla>. Viewing of the surplus vehicles may be done Monday-Friday prior to auction end at the Haughton Town Hall, 118 W. McKinley Ave., Haughton, LA 71037 via appointment only. You may contact 318-949-9401 for questions.

Hunter Timms

Hunter Timms - Mayor

April 2nd, 2025
April 9th, 2025
Bossier Press Tribune

NOTICE TO PROPOSERS RFP#01-25

Sealed proposals will be received in the Purchasing Department of the City of Bossier City, Municipal Complex, 620 Benton Road, Bossier City, Louisiana, until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 6, 2025 for Ambulance Remount.

In accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid R.S. 2212.1(B)(4) bidders shall be provided the option to submit bids through either a secure electronic interactive system or by submitting a paper bid. Use www.bidnetdirect.com to submit an electronic bid. Specifications, Plans, and Contract Documents may be obtained from the City of Bossier City Purchasing Department at No Cost.

Bids must be submitted on the official bid form furnished with the specifications and those submitted otherwise will not be considered.

Each proposal must be accompanied by a bid surety, which may be a certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond, for an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid, made payable to the City of Bossier City.

An acceptable performance/payment bond equal to 100% of the contract price will be required of the successful bidders.

The City of Bossier City reserves the right to reject any/all bids.

Denna Beauchemin
Purchasing Agent
City of Bossier City, Louisiana

April 2nd, 2025
Bossier Press Tribune

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BOSSIER CITY STATE OF LOUISIANA TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING MARCH 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, March 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 Don Williams

Roll Call as follows:

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

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.

Ceremonial Matters/Recognition of Guests

By: Mr. Montgomery, Jr.
Motion to approve the agenda
Seconded by Mr. Smith
No comment
Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

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

Public Hearings/Actions on Unfinished Business:

The following Ordinance offered and adopted:
Ordinance No. 37 Of 2025
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 107 OF 2023 TO TRANSFER THE SURPLUS FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR FINAL DESIGN AND COMPLETION OF LDEQ FUNDING APPLICATION FOR SOUTH BOSSIER SEWER IMPROVMENTS

WHEREAS, the Public Utilities Department has experienced significant operation disruptions in South Bossier, specifically along Shady Grove Dr. and Norman Ave. from dilapidated and undersized infrastructure that have caused sanitary sewer overflows; and

WHEREAS, the Public Utilities Department proposes to construct a new lift station and force main to pump directly to the RRWWTP; and
WHEREAS, Ordinance 179 of 2022 & 107 of 2023 appropriated \$305,000 from the Sewer Capital Contingency Fund; and
WHEREAS, the total cost for the Northside Sewer LS Project was \$257,737.50, leaving surplus of funding available; and

WHEREAS, the surplus of \$47,262.50 shall be appropriated from the Sewer Capital Contingency Fund for the final design and completion of the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (CWSRF) Funding application.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in regular session convened that the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, does hereby authorize the Mayor to appropriate the available surplus funding from the Sewer Capital and Contingency fund to be used for the purpose of final design and completion of LDEQ Funding application for South Bossier Sewer Improvements; and authorizes the City to enter into any necessary contracts for completion of the work.
BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Mayor is authorized to sign any and all documents in connection with the furtherance of this Ordinance.
BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the 2025 Sewer Capital and Contingency Budget is hereby amended to increase expenditures for required repairs by \$47,262.50 and decrease Fund Balance by \$47,262.50.
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. Vince Maggio, and adopted on this 25th, day of March 2025, with the votes listed below. Further this Ordinance will publish on April 2, 2025 and will become legal 10 days following publication.

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

Don Williams, President Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

The following Ordinance offered and adopted:
Ordinance No. 38 Of 2025
AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$400,000 FROM THE SEWER CAPITAL AND CONTINGENCY FUND FOR THE RIVERVIEW SEWER LIFT STATION GENERATOR PROJECT.

WHEREAS The City owns and operates a sewer lift station in the parking lot of the newly renovated LIVE Casino; and
WHEREAS the sewer lift station experiences power disruptions from weather related events that can cause sanitary sewer overflows; and
WHEREAS the anticipated sewer demands of the newly renovated Casino are expected to exceed current capabilities of the existing station appurtanances; and
WHEREAS the installation of a 72-hour generator and 4th self-priming pump will eliminate the potential of the overflow hazards; and

WHEREAS the City of Bossier City is committed to providing the assets and redundancy required to mitigate potential public health and safety measures; and
WHEREAS the Riverview Sewer Lift Station Generator Project will require \$400,000 to complete; and
WHEREAS there are funds available in the Sewer Capital and Contingency Fund to complete the project; and
WHEREAS Cordish expressed the possibility of contributing to this project, those funds will be reimbursed to the Sewer Capital and Contingency Fund if they become available; and
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened that \$400,000 is hereby appropriated from the Sewer Capital and Contingency Fund to provide the required funding to be used for the Riverview Sewer Lift Station Generator Project.
BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Mayor is authorized to sign any and all documents, including permits, professional services agreements, and other related materials as may be needed to complete this project 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 March 2025, with the votes listed below. Further this Ordinance will publish on April 2, 2025 and will become legal 10 days following publication.

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

Don Williams, President Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

The following Ordinance offered and adopted:
ORDINANCE NO. 39 OF 2025

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR THOMAS H. CHANDLER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BOSSIER CITY AND LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES GROUP TO UPGRADE EXISTING CIRCUITS AND INCREASE BANDWIDTH TO MEET THE OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS AT THE PUBLIC WORKS COMPLEX.

WHEREAS, Lumen Technologies has provided internet service to the Public Works complex since 2015; and
WHEREAS, this upgrade is essential to ensure uninterrupted operations of the multiple departments within and around the Public Works Complex; and
WHEREAS, an executed agreement is required to allow for these services to be upgraded; and
WHEREAS, the term of the proposed agreement is for three years which will start the date service is provisioned, with an option to continue month-to-month at the end of the term; and
WHEREAS, the cost in the proposed agreement is estimated based on the City's current and projected future needs and is not to exceed \$2,159.20 per month which is priced at or below current state contract pricing and does is not expected to exceed the amount budgeted for internet and telephone services in total for 2025; and
WHEREAS, the terms and conditions of the proposed agreement have been reviewed and approved by both Bossier City Information Services as well as the I.T. Steering Committee;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Bossier City Council, in regular session convened that Mayor Thomas H. Chandler is hereby authorized to execute the proposed three-year agreement with Lumen Technologies Group and said agreement 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. David Montgomery, Jr. and seconded Mr. Chris Smith, and adopted on this the 25th, day of March 2025, with the votes listed below. Further this Ordinance will publish on April 2, 2025 and will become legal 10 days following publication.

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

Don Williams, President Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

The following Ordinance offered and adopted:
Ordinance No. 40 Of 2025

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR THOMAS H. CHANDLER TO EXECUTE THE ATTACHED COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF BOSSIER CITY AND LSU AGCENTER.

WHEREAS, in order to support the 4-H program with LSU AgCenter, the City of Bossier City would like to enter into the attached Cooperative Endeavor Agreement;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, that Mayor Thomas H. Chandler is hereby authorized to execute the attached Joint Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the City of Bossier City and LSU AgCenter.
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. Jeffery Darby, and adopted on this the 25th, day of March 2025, with the votes listed below. Further this Ordinance will publish on April 2, 2025 and will become legal 10 days following publication.

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

Don Williams, President Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

The following Ordinance offered and adopted:
ORDINANCE NO. 41 OF 2025

AN ORDINANCE TO CONTRACT WITH WAGGONER ENGINEERING TO PROVIDE DESIGN SERVICES FOR STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS ON NORTHGATE ROAD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE LADOTD TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM GRANT.

WHEREAS; Ordinance 142 of 2024 appropriated \$1,500,000 for the 2024 Citywide Street Improvements; and
WHEREAS; additionally, the City is in receipt of \$1,708,000 in grant funding from the State specifically targeted for providing transportation alternatives along and near Northgate Road in the form of new sidewalks and related pedestrian improvements; and
WHEREAS; Implementation of this work requires timely and detailed design drawings and associated administrative efforts to comply with the grant process and public procurement regulations; and
WHEREAS; Waggoner Engineering has provided a proposal in the amount of \$167,000.00 for providing design services for the project; and
WHEREAS; Additional services will be required for Geotechnical Investigations, Topographic Surveys, Materials Testing, Construction Administration, Materials Testing, and DOTD Certified Inspection once construction commences; and
WHEREAS; the fees associated with Construction Administration are \$55,000, DOTD Certified Inspection are \$110,000, and Geotechnical, Testing, Survey, and related additional services are \$58,000 and will be appropriated using the referenced funding.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, in regular session convened that the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, authorizes to enter into an agreement with Waggoner Engineering for the purposes of providing design and related services including Geotechnical Investigations, Topographic Surveys, Materials Testing, Construction Administration, Materials Testing, and DOTD Certified Inspection for the transportation alternatives along and near Northgate Road in the form of new sidewalks and related pedestrian improvements.
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. Jeffery Darby and seconded Mr. David Montgomery, Jr., and adopted on this the 25th, day of March 2025, with the votes listed below. Further this Ordinance will publish on April 2, 2025 and will become legal 10 days following publication.

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

Don Williams, President Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

The following Ordinance offered and adopted:
ORDINANCE NO. 42 OF 2025
AN ORDINANCE TO RENOVATE THE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

WHEREAS; the Bossier City Council Chambers are 40 years old and have served the community well for decades; and
WHEREAS; there is a need to update the Chambers with modern amenities and finishes; and
WHEREAS; the 2025 Jail and Municipal Building Fund has available funding that can be used for the proposed updates; and
WHEREAS; the anticipated cost of the proposed improvements is \$600,000 and will include seating replacement, updating all finishes, expansion of the dais for two additional seats, replacement of acoustic wall panels and acoustic ceiling tiles, I.T. infrastructure under slab, and additional A/V projectors and screens; and
WHEREAS; Kevin Bryan Architect has provided a proposal in the amount of \$63,000.00 for providing design services for the project; and
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, in regular session convened that the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, authorizes the Mayor to use the 2025 Jail and Municipal Building Fund to complete the proposed renovation of the City Hall Council Chambers and to enter into an agreement with Kevin Bryan Architect, LLC for the purposes of providing design services for the Project.
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. Jeffery Darby and seconded Mr. Vince Maggio, and adopted on this the 25th, day of March 2025, with the votes listed below. Further this Ordinance will publish on April 2, 2025 and will become legal 10 days following publication.

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

Don Williams, President Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

New Business –

Agenda item called - Adopt an Ordinance approving a Conditional Use Approval for the retail sale of high and low content alcohol for off premise consumption at a proposed liquor store, Lucky Liquor and Wine, located at 4970 Barksdale Blvd, Suite 500 and 600, Bossier City, Louisiana.

Mr. Hammons and MPC Director, Carlotta Askew-Brown discussed this item, the location of the store and neighboring stores, citizen participation in the MPC meeting and the stipulation that the MPC Board placed on the store. Audience member Stephanie Rogers spoke in opposition to the liquor store and concerns about neighborhood safety.

The following ordinance offered and adopted:
ORDINANCE NO. 43 OF 2025
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE FOR THE SALE OF HIGH

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AND LOW CONTENT ALCOHOL FOR OFF PREMISE CONSUMPTION AT A LIQUOR STORE, LUCKY LIQUOR AND WINE, LOCATED AT 4970 BARKSDALE BOULEVARD, SUITE 500 AND 600, BOSSIER CITY, LOUISIANA.

WHEREAS; Laith Almadrahi, has applied to the Bossier City-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission for Conditional Use Approval for the sale of high and low content alcohol, for off premise consumption at a liquor store, Lucky Liquor and Wine, located at 4970 Barksdale Boulevard, Suite 500 and 600, Bossier City, Louisiana.

WHEREAS; a public hearing for the Conditional Use application was held on March 10, 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 being:

Favorable recommendation by the Bossier Metropolitan Planning Commission with the following condition:

The establishment be open only between the hours of 9am to 9pm daily.

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 off premise consumption at 4970 Barksdale Boulevard, Suite 500 and 600, 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 and seconded , and adopted on this the 25th, day of March 2025, with the votes listed below. Further this Ordinance will publish on April 2, 2025 and will become legal 10 days following publication.

AYES: Mr. Montgomery, Jr., Mr. Hammons, Mr. Darby, Mr. Williams, and Mr. Maggio

NAYS: Mr. Smith and Mr. Free

ABSENT: none

ABSTAIN: none

Don Williams, President C-ALC-000199-2024	Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk
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By: Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

Motion to introduce an Ordinance amending the 2025 Streets and Drainage Fund Budget by seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000.00) to increase expenditures for unplanned streets and drainage projects.

Seconded by: Mr. Darby

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

Motion to introduce an Ordinance appropriating \$42,558.00 from the sewer capital and contingency fund to perform SciCorp BioLog Sludge Reduction, Energy Saving, Improved Treatment Performance and Odor Control pilot at NE WWTP

Seconded by: Mr. Smith

Mr. Smith had City Engineer, Ben Rauschenbach explain what this project entailed

No further comments

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

Motion to introduce an Ordinance to approve Report of Change Order 1 for the Brownlee Road Rehabilitation Project, with an increase of \$212,903.00, for a total contract price of \$1,327,577.75.

Seconded by: Mr. Maggio

Mr. Hammons and Mr. Rauschenbach discussed the increase when the project has just started. City will cost share with the Police Jury to make repairs to Wemple Road. Mr. Hammons, Mr. Rauschenbach and City Attorney, Charles Jacobs discussed parking lots that are being replaced on Benton Road.

No further comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

Motion to introduce an Ordinance to amend the 2025 Water Fund Budget

Seconded by: Mr. Williams

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

Motion to introduce an Ordinance to declare certain movable equipment owned by the City of Bossier City as surplus to the City's needs and provide for disposal according to law.

Seconded by: Mr. Smith

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

Motion to introduce an Ordinance to Amend the 2025 Sewer Fund Budget

Seconded by: Mr. Smith

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

Motion to introduce an Ordinance to amend the 2024 State and Federal Grants Fund, Diversion Program Fund and Riverboat Gaming Trust Fund budgets in accordance with the Local Government Budget Act.

Seconded by: Mr. Smith

No comments

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

RESOLUTION NO. 16 of 2025

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF DENISE SUTTON TO THE BOSSIER PARISH INDUSTRIAL AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION COMMITTEE (BP ITEP) TO REPRESENT THE CITY OF BOSSIER CITY

WHEREAS, Louisiana Economic Development (LED) recently announced its plan to proceed with rule-making by finalizing the Industrial Ad Valorem Tax Exemption Program Rules; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Title 13 Section 549(A), a local ITEP Committee will be established for Bossier Parish; and

WHEREAS, each local governmental entity shall elect a representative to the local ITEP Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Bossier City, State of Louisiana, in regular session convened, that Denise Sutton be appointed to the Bossier Parish Industrial Ad Valorem Tax Exemption Committee (BP ITEP).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this appointment is effective immediately and expires on December 31, 2025.

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

AYES: Mr. Montgomery, Jr., Mr. Smith, Mr. Hammons, Mr. Darby, Mr. Williams, Mr. Free, and Mr. Maggio

NAYS: none

ABSENT: none

ABSTAIN: none

Don Williams, President	Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk
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A The following Resolution offered and adopted:

Resolution No. 17 Of 2025

A RESOLUTION FOR PUBLIC WORKS TO FILL A LABORER I POSITION IN THE SOLID WASTE DIVISION AND BACKFILL ANY VACANT POSITION THIS CREATES.

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 receiving wages, compensation, or remuneration for labor including temporary or contractual employment; and

WHEREAS, a Laborer I position is vacant due to termination, creating the need to fulfill by hiring or promoting from within and backfill any position this creates; and

WHEREAS, the administration and department assure that the current budget has been verified and that funding available in the total budgeted salaries is not exceeded; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened, that the Department of Public Works is hereby authorized to replace a position due to openings and backfill any position this creates by hiring or promoting within the Department of Public Works with no impact to the existing budget.

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

AYES: Mr. Montgomery, Jr., Mr. Smith, Mr. Hammons, Mr. Darby, Mr. Williams, Mr. Free, and Mr. Maggio

NAYS: none

ABSENT: none

ABSTAIN: none

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By: Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

Motion to appoint Brian Hammons as a representative for the Shreveport-Bossier Sports Commission to fill the unexpired term of Jeff Free which expires on August 30, 2025.

Seconded by Mr. Williams

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

Agenda item called – Adopt a Resolution to acknowledge and congratulate the 2025 Rusheon Rams sixth and seventh grade student-athletes and their Coaches for their recent Basketball Championship Victory.

Council members discussed the reason why the Rusheon Rams were not present. Audience member Cassie Rogers objected to the explanation.

The following Resolution offered and adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 18 OF 2025

A RESOLUTION TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND CONGRATULATE THE 2025 RUSHEON RAMS SIXTH AND SEVENTH GRADE STUDENT-ATHLETES AND THEIR COACHES FOR THEIR RECENT BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP VICTORY

WHEREAS, the 2025 Rusheon Rams seventh-grade basketball team, comprised of ten dedicated sixth and seventh-grade student-athletes, became the 2025 7th Grade Basketball Champions of Bossier Parish, and;

WHEREAS, being coached by a passionate staff, this team showcased remarkable toughness and resilience, overcoming numerous obstacles throughout the season, and;

WHEREAS, the Rams attribute their success to the unwavering support of their teammates, parents, and the entire Rusheon community, expressing gratitude for their dedication and encouragement during their championship run, and;

WHEREAS , the 2025 Rusheon Rams seventh-grade basketball team is comprised of the following students and their Coaches:

Christian Baylor	Jarvon Carley
Kamron Gousha	Jeremiah Johnson
Mark Johnson	Justin Joseph
Trumantae Powell	Ja' Terrien Scott
Jason Wallace	Kenneth West

Coaches : Head Coach : D'Ramus Davis

Asst, Damien Washington, Anthony Simoneaux

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened, offer our sincere congratulations to the 2025 7th Grade Basketball Champions of Bossier Parish, the Rusheon Rams & their Coaches.

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

AYES: Mr. Montgomery, Jr., Mr. Smith, Mr. Hammons, Mr. Darby, Mr. Williams, Mr. Free, and Mr. Maggio

NAYS: none

ABSENT: none

ABSTAIN: none

Don Williams, President	Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk
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Reports –

Finance Director, Angela Williamson went over the Monthly Finance Report for February 2025. She noted that Sales Taxes were up 2.9%, revenues are up 22% over budget and expenses are under budget by 4%.

Ben Rauschenbach went over Monthly Project Report noting that Brownlee Road is 30% complete and that the much-needed Lateral B-1 Ditch Construction should start around the end of April when the Brownlee Road repairs are complete.

Mayor reminded everyone that the Election was coming up on March 29th and urged citizens to go out and vote. He also reminded everyone that the Defenders of Liberty Air Show was this weekend as well and noted that the LSU girls with Parkway star, Makayla Williams has continued winning in the series.

There being no further business to come before this Council, Council President Williams adjourned the meeting at 3:40PM

Respectfully submitted:

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

April 2nd, 2025
Bossier Press Tribune

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

NOTICE is hereby given that the Bossier City-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 14, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. 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 Kurt Nixon, Nixon Engineering for CCB Construction LLC requesting a Preliminary Plat, Parkway Place Subdivision Unit No.2, being 4.25 acres more or less, located at 1941 Rossie Lee Drive, Bossier City, Louisiana. (Located north or Rossie Lee Drive and west of Longstreet Place) (City Council District 1) (Police Jury District 11)

The application of Andrew Craig, Mohr and Associates for Joe E. Ford, Salley Townes Ford, S. Bruce Easterly, and Mary Sysak Easterly, requesting a Zoning Amendment to change the zoning classification from B-1 (Business Commercial Office) to B-3 (General Business), for a proposed convenience store/gas station, on a certain tract of land being 1.768 acres more or less, located in Section 21, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, Louisiana. (Police Jury District 8) more fully described as follows:

A tract of land lying south of and adjacent to Deen Point Road, east of and adjacent to Airline Drive, west of and adjacent to Willow Chute Bayou, being located in the northeast quarter of Section 21, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, being more particularly described as follows:

Begin at the southeast intersection of Airline Drive and Deen Point Road, thence South 89°10'26" East a distance of 217.24 feet along the south line of said Deen Point Road to a point on the top bank of said Willow Chute Bayou; Thence run the following eight calls along the top bank of said Willow Chute Bayou: S16°30'50"W-210.12'S26°31'59"W-91.12'S29°44'38"W-72.07'S26°14'39"W-23.86'S08°35'19"W-127.37'S010 00°35"W-71.56'S25°21'07"W-85.57'S42°29'26"W-45.53' to a point on the east right of way of said Airline Drive; Thence run the following two calls along said right of way:N01 01°248'E-269.14'N01°36'32"e-409.56' to the Point of Beginning. Said tract herein described containing 1.768 acre, more or less.

The application of Sam Gassiot, Pan American Engineering LLC for Murphy Oil USA, requesting a Conditional Use Approval for the retail sale of low content alcohol for off premise consumption at a convenience store with fuel sales, Murphy Oil USA, located at 100 Benton Spur Road, Bossier City, Louisiana. (Located on the northeast corner of Benton Spur Rd and Old Minden Rd.) (City Council District 3) (Police Jury District 9)

The application of Jacob Malone, Raley and Associates, for James M. Brown Builder Inc., requesting a Preliminary Plat, Golden Meadows Subdivision Unit 28, being 5.425 acres more or less, located in Section 19, Township 17 North, Range 12 West, Bossier City, Louisiana. (Located at the intersection of Sligo Road and Bayou Drive)(City Council District 1) (Police Jury District 12)

The application of Michael Kelsch, Raley and Associates, for Jeff Lowe, requesting a Planned Unit Development, Lowe Marlana Phase 5, being 2.904 acres more or less, located in Section 14, Township 18 North, Range 13 West, Bossier City, Louisiana. (City Council District 5) (Police Jury District 7)

The application of Jacob Malone, Raley and Associates, for Justin Sevier, Willow Brook Town Homes LLC, requesting a Preliminary Plat being a Planned Unit Development, Vanceville Town Homes, being 6.349 acres more or less, located in Section 28, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, Louisiana. (Located at the intersection of Perfect Place and Vanceville Rd.) (Police Jury District 5)

The application of Ryan Estess, Raley & Associates, for a Master Development Plan Approval, Brownlee Cove Subdivision, being 10.802 acres, more or less, located in Sections 4 and 5, Township 18 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, Louisiana. (Located east of Old Brownlee Road, immediately south of The Crossing at Wemple Subdivision) (Police Jury District 6)

The application of Ryan Estess, Raley and Associates for Sheldon McCraine, requesting a Preliminary Plat being a Planned Unit Development for Brownlee Cove, being 10.802 acres more or less, located in Sections 4 and 5, Township 18 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, Louisiana. (Located east of Old Brownlee Road, immediately south of The Crossing at Wemple Subdivision) (Police Jury District 6)

The application of Mark Benzin, Parking Systems of America, requesting a Conditional Use Approval for on premise sign review for paid parking signage, located in the East Bank District, Bossier City, Louisiana. (City Council District 5) (Police Jury District 9)

Michelle Wallace, Chairperson
Bossier City-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission

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BOYS MVP



**Wilson Alvarado
Bossier, Jr.**

The All-District 1, Division III Offensive MVP, Alvarado scored 22 goals and had 14 assists. He helped the Bearkats reach the Division III semifinals for the fourth year in a row.

GIRLS MVP



**Eden Whiteman
Benton, So.**

Whiteman led the Lady Tigers with 25 goals and was second in assists with 11. She helped Benton go 20-4-3 and reach the quarterfinals of the Division I playoffs

FIRST TEAM

- Forward — Wilson Alvarado, Bossier, Jr.
- Forward — Oscar Pacheco, Airline, Jr.
- Forward — Dylan Johnson, Airline, Fr.
- Forward — Josh Johanning, Benton, So.
- Forward — Junior Funez, Airline, Jr.
- Forward — Austin Romero, Parkway, Sr.
- Midfielder — Jonathan Billue, Benton, Sr.
- Midfielder — Alan Breton, Airline, Sr.
- Midfielder — Zian Toves, Benton, Sr.
- Midfielder — Bryan Tuyizere, Bossier, Jr.
- Midfielder — Josue Enamarado, Bossier, Sr.
- Midfielder — Joe Aboufaycal, Benton, Jr.
- Midfielder — Owen Maranto, Parkway, Sr.
- Midfielder — Aidan Bamburg, Bossier, Sr.
- Defender — Danny Rayo, Airline, Sr.
- Defender — Ty Wroten, Benton, Sr.
- Defender — Shawn Jackson II, Parkway, Jr.
- Defender — Homero Villareal, Bossier, Jr.
- Defender — Brady Reed, Benton, So.
- Goalkeeper — Matthew Posey, Airline, Sr.
- Goalkeeper — Logan Bamburg, Bossier, Sr.

HONORABLE MENTION

- Forward — Luciano Monge, Bossier, Fr.
- Midfielder — Fernando Acuna, Bossier, So.
- Midfielder — Ethan Osbon, Haughton, So.
- Defender — Mateo Guerrero, Bossier, Sr.
- Defender — Jacob Wood, Haughton, Sr.
- Goalkeeper — Austin Hickman, Haughton, Sr.

FIRST TEAM

- Forward — Emma Albarado, Parkway, Jr.
- Forward — Eden Whiteman, Benton, So.
- Forward — Payton Beloso, Benton, So.
- Forward — Evey Bambrug, Bossier, Sr.
- Midfielder — Emma Hawn, Airline, So.
- Midfielder — Eryn Flowers, Benton, So.
- Midfielder — Emerie Tanner, Benton, So.
- Midfield — Maggie Schoenborn, Parkway, Jr.
- Midfield — Sofia Bright, Parkway, So.
- Defender — Kennedi Lee, Parkway, Sr.
- Defender — Sarah-Beth McDade, Parkway, Fr.
- Defender — Meghan Burns, Airline, So.
- Defender — Emerson Stewart, Benton, So.
- Defender — Karsyn Best, Benton, Jr.
- Goalkeeper — Ava Moore, Benton, Sr.

HONORABLE MENTION

- Forward — Bella Schoenborn, Parkway, Fr.
- Forward — Baleigh Ware, Benton, So.
- Midfielder — Jaicee McEntyre, Airline, Sr.
- Midfielder — Elyssa Moore, Airline, Sr.
- Midfielder — Lana Whiteman, Benton, Sr.
- Midfielder — Lanndry Culver, Haughton, Sr.
- Defender — Makynzie Franklin, Parkway, Sr.
- Defender — Kaiya Brooks, Airline, Jr.
- Defender — Annabelle Kosik, Benton, Jr.
- Defender — Chloe Smeckert, Benton, Jr.

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