



**FINAL AGENDA**  
**AD HOC ELECTION SUBCOMMITTEE**  
**STATE BOND COMMISSION**  
**October 14, 2024**  
**11:00 AM - SENATE COMMITTEE ROOM A-B**  
**State Capitol Building**

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- 1 **Call to Order and Roll Call**
- 2 **Approval of the minutes of the June 17, 2024 Ad Hoc Election Subcommittee meeting.**

**Local Government Units - Elections (December 7, 2024)**

3. **L24-323 - Bossier Parish, City of Bossier City**  
(1) Amend and restate the City Charter, in entirety, as set forth in the revisions prepared and submitted by the Citizens Charter Review Commission as advertised in the Bossier Press Tribune on October 16, October 23, and October 30, 2024; (2) Amend Section 3.01(b) of the existing City Charter or the amended and restated City Charter set forth in Proposition No. 1, if approved, relative to term limits for City Council members; (3) Amend Section 4.01 of the existing City Charter or the amended and restated City Charter set forth in Proposition No. 1, if approved, relative to term limits for the Mayor.
4. **L24-308 - Concordia Parish, Town of Ferriday**  
(1) Not exceeding \$775,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, not exceeding 8%, not exceeding 15 years, refunding all or a portion of outstanding General Obligation Bonds; (2) 12.0 mills tax, 15 years, 2025-2039, general municipal purposes, including the payment of debt service, to be reduced each year by the millage rate levied that year by the Town's general obligation bonds, so that the total millage levied for the Tax and the payment of general obligation bonds does not exceed 12.0 mills.
5. **L24-320- Jefferson Parish School Board, School District No. 1**  
10.89 mills tax, 10 years, 2025-2034, additional support to the public elementary and secondary schools by providing funds for the payment of salaries and benefits of teachers and other school employees.
6. **L24-307- St. Mary Parish, Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1**  
7.81 mills tax, 10 years, 2027-2036, acquiring, constructing, maintaining and operating gravity drainage works.
7. **L24-309 - Tangipahoa Parish Law Enforcement District**  
1% sales tax, to be levied in perpetuity, beginning April 1, 2025, (1) funding school resource officer positions at all elementary and secondary schools and (2) any lawful purpose.

**Other Business**

8. Monthly Reports
9. Adjourn

**Notice is hereby further provided that the Commission may vote to hold an Executive Session on any agenda or other duly approved item that is exempted from discussion at an open meeting pursuant to La.R.S. 42:17.**

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**MINUTES**  
**AD HOC ELECTION SUBCOMMITTEE**  
**STATE BOND COMMISSION**  
**June 17, 2024**  
**2:00 PM - ROOM 173**  
**State Capitol Building**  
**1051 North 3rd Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802**

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**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

The items listed on the Agenda are incorporated and considered to be a part of the minutes herein.

Ms. Lela M. Folsie called the meeting to order. Ms. Snell called the roll.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mr. Brett Robinson, representing Attorney General Liz Murrill  
Ms. Catherine Newsome, representing Secretary of State Nancy Landry  
Ms. Lela M. Folsie, representing State Treasurer John Fleming, MD

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Senator J. Cameron Henry, Jr., President of the Senate  
Representative Phillip R. DeVillier, Speaker of the House

**2. Approval of the minutes of the March 4, 2024 Ad Hoc Election Subcommittee meeting.**

Mr. Brett Robinson, representing Attorney General Liz Murrill moved approval, seconded by Ms. Catherine Newsome, representing Secretary of State Nancy Landry and without objection, the minutes were approved.

**Local Government Units - Elections (November 5, 2024)**

Ms. Folsie provided a synopsis on Items 3 through 11.

**3. L24-194 - Evangeline Parish Police Jury**

1.0 mill tax, 10 years, 2025-2034, construct, improve, maintain and operate an animal control facility.

Mr. Brett Robinson, representing Attorney General Liz Murrill moved approval, seconded by Ms. Catherine Newsome, representing Secretary of State Nancy Landry and without objection, the item was approved.

**4. L24-181 - Grant Parish, Fire District No. 6**

13.83 mills tax, 10 years, 2026-2035, acquiring, constructing, improving, operating and maintaining the fire protection facilities, including all necessary equipment.

Mr. Brett Robinson, representing Attorney General Liz Murrill moved approval, seconded by Ms. Catherine Newsome, representing Secretary of State Nancy Landry and without objection, the item was approved.

**5. L24-180 - Grant Parish, Fire Protection District No. 3**

15.0 mills tax, 10 years, 2026-2035, acquiring, constructing, improving, operating and maintaining fire protection facilities, equipment and rescue and emergency medical services.

**Mr. Brett Robinson, representing Attorney General Liz Murrill moved approval, seconded by Ms. Catherine Newsome, representing Secretary of State Nancy Landry and without objection, the item was approved.**

**6. L24-164 - Iberville Parish Council**

Amend Article II, Section 2-01(E) and Article III, Section 3-02(B) of the Home Rule Charter relative to term limits for council members and the parish president.

**Mr. Brett Robinson, representing Attorney General Liz Murrill moved approval, seconded by Ms. Catherine Newsome, representing Secretary of State Nancy Landry and without objection, the item was approved.**

**7. L24-192 - Orleans Parish, City of New Orleans, Mid-City Security District**

Not to exceed \$195 parcel fee per residential parcel which is unimproved, single-family, two-family, three-family, four-family, townhouse or condominium, \$600 parcel fee per residential parcel with five to nine rental units, \$1,000 parcel fee per residential parcel with 10-19 rental units, \$2,000 parcel fee per residential parcel with 20-39 rental units, \$4,000 parcel fee per residential parcel with 40 or more rental units, \$150 parcel fee subject to Louisiana Constitution Article VII, Section 18, or \$500 parcel fee per commercial parcel, 8 years, 2025-2032, promoting and encouraging security.

**Mr. Brett Robinson, representing Attorney General Liz Murrill moved approval, seconded by Ms. Catherine Newsome, representing Secretary of State Nancy Landry and without objection, the item was approved.**

**8. L24-171 - Rapides Parish Police Jury, Road District No. 5A**

2% sales tax, to be levied in perpetuity, beginning January 1, 2025, constructing, improving, maintaining, and keeping in repair the public roads, highways, bridges, and related drainage facilities.

**Mr. Brett Robinson, representing Attorney General Liz Murrill moved approval, seconded by Ms. Catherine Newsome, representing Secretary of State Nancy Landry and without objection, the item was approved.**

**9. L24-160 - Sabine Parish Police Jury, Road District No. 4, Ward 7**

13.88 mills tax, 10 years, 2025-2034, constructing, improving, maintaining, and/or repairing public roads and bridges, including ditching and drainage, and purchasing equipment.

**Mr. Brett Robinson, representing Attorney General Liz Murrill moved approval, seconded by Ms. Catherine Newsome, representing Secretary of State Nancy Landry and without objection, the item was approved.**

**10. L24-165 - St. Mary Parish, Recreation District No. 1**

3.0 mills tax, 10 years, 2024-2033, maintaining, operating and improving recreational facilities.

**Mr. Brett Robinson, representing Attorney General Liz Murrill moved approval, seconded by Ms. Catherine Newsome, representing Secretary of State Nancy Landry and without objection, the item was approved.**

**11. L24-191 - Vermilion Parish Police Jury**

(1) 3.26 mills tax, 10 years, 2025-2034, maintaining and keeping in repair public roads and highways; (2) **Road District No 2, Sub-Road District No. 1** - 5.06 mills tax, 10 years, 2025-2034, maintaining roads.

**Mr. Brett Robinson, representing Attorney General Liz Murrill moved approval, seconded by Ms. Catherine Newsome, representing Secretary of State Nancy Landry and without objection, the item was approved.**

**12. Adjourn**

**On the motion of Mr. Brett Robinson, representing Attorney General Liz Murrill, seconded by Ms. Catherine Newsome, representing Secretary of State Nancy Landry and without objection, the meeting was adjourned.**

(A verbatim transcript in specific order items were considered is available with the Bond Commission.)

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**AD HOC ELECTION SUBCOMMITTEE**

October 14, 2024

Local Government Units - Elections (December 7, 2024)

SYNOPSIS

**APPLICATION NO:** L24-323

**ENTITY:** Bossier Parish, City of Bossier City

**TYPE OF REQUEST:** Amend Plan of Government Propositions

**ANALYST:** Conner Berthelot

**SUBMITTED BY:**

Brennan K. Black, Foley & Judell, LLP

**PARAMETERS:**

(1) Amend and restate the City Charter, in entirety, as set forth in the revisions prepared and submitted by the Citizens Charter Review Commission as advertised in the Bossier Press Tribune on October 16, October 23, and October 30, 2024; (2) Amend Section 3.01(b) of the existing City Charter or the amended and restated City Charter set forth in Proposition No. 1, if approved, relative to term limits for City Council members; (3) Amend Section 4.01 of the existing City Charter or the amended and restated City Charter set forth in Proposition No. 1, if approved, relative to term limits for the Mayor.

**LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY:**

Article VI, Sections 5 & 22

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The application meets the technical requirements therefore staff recommends the propositions be presented to the voters.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- ☐ **Analysis Summary**
- ☐ **Approval Parameter Form**
- ☐ **Additional Supporting Documentation**
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# STATE BOND COMMISSION

October 14, 2024

Local Governmental Units - Elections (December 7, 2024)

## ANALYSIS SUMMARY

**APPLICATION NO:** L24-323  
**ENTITY:** Bossier Parish, City of Bossier City  
**TYPE OF REQUEST:** Amend Plan of Government Propositions  
**ANALYST:** Conner Berthelot

### **PROPOSITION PARAMETERS:**

#### **Proposition No. 1**

Amend and restate the City Charter, in entirety, as set forth in the revisions prepared and submitted by the Citizens Charter Review Commission as advertised in the Bossier Press Tribune on October 16, October 23, and October 30, 2024.

The proposed proposition has never been presented to the voters

#### **Proposition No. 2**

Amend Section 3.01(b) of the existing City Charter or the amended and restated City Charter set forth in Proposition No. 1, if approved, relative to term limits for City Council members.

Section 3.01(b) is being amended to read as follows:

Members of the City Council shall be eligible for re-election except that no person who has been elected to serve as a member of the City Council for more than two and one-half terms in three consecutive terms, that service being during a term of office that began on or after January 1, 2025, shall be elected to the City Council for the succeeding term.

The proposed proposition has never been presented to the voters.

#### **Proposition No. 3**

Amend Section 4.01 of the existing City Charter or the amended and restated City Charter set forth in Proposition No. 1, if approved, relative to term limits for the Mayor.

Section 4.01 is being amended to read as follows:

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

(b) No person who has been elected to serve as the Mayor for more than two and one-half terms in three consecutive terms, that service being during a term of office that began on or after January 1, 2025, shall be elected to Mayor for the succeeding term.

The proposed proposition has never been presented to the voters

The Notice of Election reflects the estimated cost of the election is \$14,400.



LOUISIANA STATE BOND COMMISSION  
APPROVAL PARAMETERS - ELECTIONS

SBC Tracking # L24-323  
Agenda Item # 3

Government Unit: \* City of Bossier City, State of Louisiana

Authority to Hold a Special Election \*

City of Bossier City, State of Louisiana (the "City") on Saturday, December 7, 2024, to submit to the electors of the City the following propositions:

Proposition Language \*

CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSITION NO. 1 OF 3

Shall the City Charter of the City of Bossier City, Louisiana, be amended and restated, in its entirety, pursuant to Article VI, Section 5 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana as set forth in the revisions prepared and submitted by the Citizens Charter Review Commission as advertised in the Bossier Press Tribune on October 16, 23, and 30, 2024?

CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSITION NO. 2 OF 3

Shall Section 3.01(b) of the existing City Charter for Bossier City or the amended and restated City Charter set forth in Proposition No. 1, if approved, be amended to read as follows:

Members of the City Council shall be eligible for re-election except that no person who has been elected to serve as a member of the City Council for more than two and one-half terms in three consecutive terms, that service being during a term of office that began on or after January 1, 2025, shall be elected to the City Council for the succeeding term?

CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSITION NO. 3 OF 3

Shall Section 4.01 of the existing City Charter for Bossier City or the amended and restated City Charter set forth in Proposition No. 1, if approved, be amended to read as follows:

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

(b) No person who has been elected to serve as the Mayor for more than two and one-half terms in three consecutive terms, that service being during a term of office that began on or after January 1, 2025, shall be elected to Mayor for the succeeding term?

Citation(s): \* Art. VI, Sections 5 and 22 of Louisiana Constitution of 1974

As Set Forth By: \* resolution adopted on October 10, 2024, by the Bossier City Council, acting as the governing authority of the City

Subject To:

It is the policy of the State Bond Commission that all attorneys' fees involved in this matter must be approved by the Office of the State Attorney General prior to payment. Although this is not a conditional approval of this application, failure to obtain such approval may result in conditional approval of such application by the State Bond Commission in the future.

The approval does not constitute a recommendation, approval, or sanction by the Louisiana State Bond Commission or the State of Louisiana of the investment quality of the credit represented by the application. Further, the approval does not constitute any guaranty of repayment of the debt by the State Bond Commission or the State of Louisiana. The approval of the application by the Louisiana State Bond Commission should not be relied upon as advice by any current or potential holders or purchasers of any debt instruments subject to the application, including, but not limited to bonds, notes, and certificates of indebtedness. Nor shall the State Bond Commission or the State of Louisiana have any liability or legal responsibility to third party purchasers or investors arising out of, related to, or connected with the approval.



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**Attention: State Bond Commission****Reference: Agenda Item: L24-323 – Bossier Parish City of Bossier City**

Dear Honorable Commission Members,

At the heart of American governance is a respect for the rule of law and the constitutionally enshrined rights of the people to hold their government accountable. The Bossier Term Limits Coalition stands in defense of these principles. We believe that local government must uphold the highest standards of transparency, accountability, and adherence to its own laws, as set forth in the Bossier City Charter and Louisiana's Constitution.

The attempt by the Bossier City Council to circumvent these values through procedural shortcuts undermines the very foundation of conservative legal principles: limited government, respect for the Constitution, and fiscal responsibility.

The Bossier Term Limits Coalition thanks the State Bond Commission for the opportunity to comment, and we respectfully ask the Bond Commission to reject the flawed resolution before you, not only because it violates the rule of law, but because it threatens to impose unnecessary financial burdens on the taxpayers of Bossier City. Protecting the integrity of our legal processes is a matter of upholding constitutional values, safeguarding citizen rights, and preserving the fiscal discipline that is at the core of conservative governance.

## **1. Violation of City Charter's Legal Requirements**

The current Bossier City Charter requires an ordinance, not a resolution, to be passed for charter amendments. Section 3.20 of the charter explicitly mandates that any proposal to amend the charter must be enacted by ordinance, which requires two readings:





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*“In addition to other acts required by law or by specific provision of the Charter to be done by ordinance, those actions of the City Council listed below shall be by ordinance.*

*(q) Propose any amendments to this Charter.”*

This process is critical, as it provides citizens their First Amendment right to speak for or against such measures and influence their elected representatives. Bossier City, in violation of this charter provision, has forwarded the resolution to the Bond Commission without the required ordinance.

This requirement to create an ordinance is repeated in Chapter 21 of the current Home Rule Charter, in section 21.01:

*“Amendments to the charter may be proposed as follows: (a) By the City Council in the form of an ordinance, except that it shall not be subject to veto, embodying the proposed amendment and providing for the submission to a Charter Review Commission as established in Section 13.02, and then subject to a special election as herein provided;”*

Bossier City passed the resolution which was forwarded to the Bond Commission on Oct 10, 2024, however Bossier City has violated its city charter by not complying with the controlling provision requiring an ordinance before sending this resolution to the Louisiana Bond Commission consideration.

Assistant Bossier City Attorney Richard Ray acknowledged to the City Council he was unsure of the legal consequences if the resolution authorizing the proposed charter amendment was approved by the Bond Commission, but the required ordinance failed to pass - a situation which unfortunately is a possibility in that only the first reading of the ordinance has occurred.



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The final reading of the ordinance necessary to forward this resolution is scheduled for October 21, 2024, after the Bond Commission's consideration. This means that Bossier City has prematurely submitted the resolution, infringing upon the procedural rights of its citizens and violating its own laws.

The Supreme Court case *City of Baton Rouge v. Williams*, 661 So. 2d 445 (La. 1995) infers that municipalities must comply with their charter provisions and statutory requirements when regulating local matters, even when similarly constructed state laws provide conflicting guidance. Bossier City's failure to follow their own requirements should be just cause to reject the entirety of this Item and return it to Bossier City until the ordinance is passed.

## 2. Contradiction in Charter Amendment Process

The ordinance establishing the Charter Commission, Ordinance 154 of 2023, authorizes amendments to the existing charter. However, the resolution before the Bond Commission proposes a complete "amended and restated" charter, a far more drastic measure than simple amendments. This "amended and restated" Charter violates the current Bossier City Charter, which requires any amendment to address a single subject and be clearly expressed in its title (Section 21.03):

*"Each amendment, however proposed, may include more than one section of the Charter, provided that it relates to a single subject that must be clearly expressed in title."*

Assistant Bossier City Attorney Richard Ray ignores the violation, and in comments to the Council, simply states this was how the current Bossier City Charter was amended, alluding to the fact that a previous violation of the Home Rule Charter from the Bossier City Government excuses this current violation. It's noteworthy that the current Bossier City Charter was not challenged, and the prescription period to challenge it has long elapsed.



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As explained by Dr. Jeffrey Sadow, Ph.D., a noted, tenured political science professor at LSU-S, the current effort exceeds the scope authorized by both the City Charter and the Louisiana Constitution. The rushed and improper process by the Charter Commission violates both the intent and letter of the law.

An independent review of the new “amended and restated” proposed Charter in proposition #1 contains over 160 individual edits covering scores of topics, and a plain reading of the Bossier City Charter would require that Bossier City submit each topic as an amendment.

This is a wise measure that is echoed in our State Constitution, in Article III, Section 15(A):

*“Every bill shall be confined to one subject. A bill shall contain a brief title indicative of its object.”*

We respectfully request the State Bond Commission return and reject proposition number one for violating the Bossier City Charter, and the spirit of the Louisiana Constitution.

### **3. Burden on Taxpayers Due to Legal Mismanagement**

Bossier City has already incurred approximately \$500,000 in legal expenses contesting two term limits petitions. Allowing this flawed resolution to proceed would not only violate procedural laws but also invite further litigation, increasing costs that will ultimately fall upon Bossier City taxpayers. This financial mismanagement, driven by the city’s obsession with subverting a lawful citizen initiative, represents an abuse of public resources.



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## Conclusion

In recognizing the important ministerial duty of the Louisiana Bond Commission, we also acknowledge your legal obligation to ensure that only lawful ballot measures are placed before the voters. While the Bond Commission plays a crucial role in approving applications, strictly adhering to this procedural role without any scrutiny of the content risks an absurdity of outcome. Imagine if a rogue government, knowing there would be no inspection of the legality or fairness of ballot propositions, sent illegal or unjust measures for approval. The Commission, bound by a purely ministerial view, could unknowingly facilitate placing harmful, unlawful measures before the public, undermining both the law and public trust.

It is clear that Bossier City has failed to meet the statutory requirements outlined in its own charter and ordinance, and as such, the proposed resolution cannot be considered legally sound. However, there is no urgency that compels this rush; Bossier City retains ample time to correct these errors and present a lawful measure before the expiration of the Home Rule Charter Commission's term in June 2025. By rushing this process, Bossier City has disregarded its own legal framework, and an objective review must conclude that the city has erred in violating its own charter and ordinances in calling for this election.



Therefore, we respectfully request that the Bond Commission return the city’s proposal as unsatisfactory for the reasons stated above. Upholding the rule of law and ensuring that only lawful measures are placed before voters is essential for maintaining public trust and government accountability.

Very Sincerely,

***Bossier Term Limits Coalition Supporters***

Horatio	Brookins	2129 Robert E Lee Blvd		Bossier City	Louisiana	71112
Edward	Burnett	2049 Pepper Ridge Dr		Shreveport	Louisiana	71115
Barry	Butler	1988 Swan Lake Road		Bossier City	Louisiana	71111
Cynthia	Carroll	2004 Bedford Place		Bossier City	Louisiana	71111
Patte	Cotner	3636 Greenacres Pl	111	Bossier City	Louisiana	71111
David	Crockett	653 Dumaine Drive		Bossier City	Louisiana	71111
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Penni	Davis	139 Woodvale Creek		Bossier City	Louisiana	71111
Julie	Farris	2503 Caplis Sligo Rd		Bossier City	Louisiana	71112
Michael	Farris	2503 Caplis Sligo Rd		Bossier City	Louisiana	71112
Michael W	Farris	4513 Gen Ewell Dr		Bossier City	Louisiana	71112
Michael	Ferrell	5713 Bayou Drive		Bossier City	Louisiana	71112
Preston	Friedley	5004 Oak Alley Cir.		Bossier	Louisiana	71112
Jeremy	Gallman	1005 Eli Conner Dr		Bossier City	Louisiana	71112
Donna	Grimaldi	210 Antietam Drive		Bossier City	Louisiana	71112
Joshua	Harville	2499 Caplis Sligo Rd		Bossier City	Louisiana	71112
Christopher	Haygood	2136 Airline Dr.		Bossier City	Louisiana	71111
Patricia	High	1403 Preston Court		Bossier City	Louisiana	71111
David	Johnson	4609 General Ewell Drive		Bossier City	Louisiana	71112




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Ruth	Johnston	2414 tilman		Bossier	Louisiana	71111
John	Kelly	4308 Parkway Drive		Bossier City	Louisiana	71112
Kara	Lowrie	1835 Glen Cove Dr		Benton	Louisiana	71006
Micheal	Lowrie	1835 Glen Cove Dr		Benton	Louisiana	71006
Jessica	Maddox	3504 Holiday Pl		Bossier City	Louisiana	71112
Johnny	Maddox	3504 Holiday Place		Bossier City	Louisiana	71112
Brent	Martwick	2103 General Jackson Place		Bossier City	Louisiana	71112
Brent	McCarty	150 Crow Lake Road		Sarepta	Louisiana	71071
Jaqualine	McGee	2090 Jean Street		Bossier City	Louisiana	71111
Justin	Mcvey	5584 point rd		Doyline	Louisiana	71023
Weston	Merriott	211 Shadow Ridge Drive		Bossier City	Louisiana	71112
Adam	Mesloh	3515 Sherian Ave		Bossier City	Louisiana	71112
Shelley	Mesloh	3515 Sherian Ave		Bossier City	Louisiana	71112
Rex	Moncrief	2208 Hickory Ridge Drive		Bossier City	Louisiana	71111
Genia	Moncrief	2208 Hickory Ridge Drive		Bossier City	Louisiana	71111
John	Morton	4636 Sligo Rd		Haughton	Louisiana	71037
Jennifer	O'Nishea	1725 Dahlstrom Rd		Alvin	Texas	77511
Lance	O'Nishea	1725 Dahlstrom Rd		Alvin	Texas	77511
Steph	Peters	1959 Wild Iris		Bossier City	Louisiana	71112
Melinda	Price	104 Cambridge Circle		Bossier City	Louisiana	71111
Chris	Redford	520 Lee St		Benton	Louisiana	71006
Cassie	Rogers	4914 General Sterling Price Pl,		Bossier City	Louisiana	71112
D.J.	Roman	413 Heritage Dr		Bossier City	Louisiana	71112
Jeffrey	Sadow	1 University Place	Department of History/Social Sciences	Shreveport	Louisiana	71115
Kyle	Schuldt	2005 Normand Ave		Bossier City	Louisiana	71112
Paige	Schuldt	2005 Normand Ave		Bossier City	Louisiana	71112
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Sarah	Sinkule	2503 Caplis Sligo Rd	Bossier City	Louisiana	71112
Terrence	Smith	6303 Tioga Court	Bossier City	Louisiana	71112
Tyler	Tippen	10316 Los Altos Dr	Shreveport	Louisiana	71115
Parker	Ward	6201 Bert Kouns Industrial Loop # 849	Shreveport	Louisiana	71129
Matt	Watson	4726 Akard Ave	Shreveport	Louisiana	71105
Jacob	Zaffater	214 Bruce Avenue	Shreveport	Louisiana	71105

**Cassie Berthelot**

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**From:** Bossier TermLimits <bossiertermlimits@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 13, 2024 4:00 PM  
**To:** SBC-Application  
**Cc:** SOBO Live; dvdcrockett@gmail.com; duke1970.ml@gmail.com; rex@smartergeek.com  
**Subject:** Letter in Opposition to Agenda Item: L24-323 – Bossier Parish City of Bossier City  
**Attachments:** Bond Commission Letter in Opposition on Letterhead.pdf

Dear Sirs:

Time of Submission to email address: 4:00pm Sunday Oct 13, 2024

Attached is a PDF letter in OPPOSITION to Agenda Item: L24-323 – Bossier Parish City of Bossier City.

We respectfully request that this letter be read into the record at your AD HOC ELECTION SUBCOMMITTEE Meeting Scheduled for October 14, 2024.

This letter has also been signed electronically by the listed citizens of the state of Louisiana and military stationed abroad.

Thank you,  
Rex Moncrief  
Duke Lowrie  
David Crockett  
Weston Merriott

And all other listed individuals on the attached letter

NOTE: This link contains ALL digitally signed copies.

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1MSNcJz5XmhpvZkkyOgKYI5Kot1CJ2ZKa?usp=sharing>



RUTH ANN JOHNSTON : NUMBER:  
VERSUS : 26TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT  
CITY OF BOSSIER CITY and  
BOSSIER CITY COUNCIL : BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA Agenda Item # 3

**PETITION FOR TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER**  
**PRELIMINARY AND PERMANENT INJUNCTION**

NOW INTO COURT comes RUTH ANN JOHNSTON, pro se litigant, hereinafter referred to as "Petitioner," a registered elector of Bossier Parish, Bossier City, Louisiana who, with respect, represents as follows:

1.

Made defendants herein are:

1. CITY OF BOSSIER CITY;
2. THE BOSSIER CITY COUNCIL

2.

Petitioner shows that Defendants, CITY OF BOSSIER a home rule charter city and THE BOSSIER CITY COUNCIL, seek to hold an election for the purpose of amending the Bossier City Charter

[https://www.bossiercity.org/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/\\_10102024-668](https://www.bossiercity.org/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/_10102024-668)

3.

Petitioner shows the Defendants, CITY OF BOSSIER and THE BOSSIER CITY COUNCIL, on December 5, 2023 @ 3:00 P.M. at a regularly called council meeting passed ordinance 154-2023 as referenced and published at the following link:

[https://www.bossiercity.org/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Minutes/\\_12052023-583](https://www.bossiercity.org/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Minutes/_12052023-583)

4.

Petitioner shows ordinance 154-2023 states that no election shall be called, "no earlier than sixty (60) days following publication of the recommendations." as attached hereto as Exhibit A and referenced in the following link ..

[https://www.bossiercity.org/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Minutes/\\_12052023-583](https://www.bossiercity.org/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Minutes/_12052023-583)

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5.

Petitioner shows Defendants, CITY OF BOSSIER and THE BOSSIER CITY COUNCIL, did not receive the submitted recommendations of the Charter Review Commission, appointed in ordinance 154-2023, until October 8, 2024 after a regular council meeting of the City of Bossier City.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xAZkkHk-Lus> at the 15:37 mark.

6.

Petitioner shows Defendants, CITY OF BOSSIER and THE BOSSIER CITY COUNCIL, on October 8, 2024 at the regular Council meeting, Council President Don "Bubba" Williams asks Charter Commission Chairman Vicki Whitman, "when will we get to see those?" referring to the proposed revisions to be submitted.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xAZkkHk-Lus> at the 15:37 mark.

7.

Petitioner shows Charter Commission Chairman Vicki Whitman, at the October 8, 2024 regular council meeting, acknowledging that they would receive them, "in a few minutes." referring to the proposed revisions to be submitted by the charter review commission.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xAZkkHk-Lus> at the 15:37 mark.

8.

Petitioner shows Defendants, CITY OF BOSSIER and THE BOSSIER CITY COUNCIL, did not publicize the proposed charter revisions in the Agenda of October 8, 2024 as published at the following:

[https://www.bossiercity.org/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/\\_10082024-666](https://www.bossiercity.org/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/_10082024-666)

9.

Petitioner shows Defendants, CITY OF BOSSIER and THE BOSSIER CITY COUNCIL, has to date not publicize the proposed charter revisions on its website nor the Minutes of October 8, 2024 meeting as seen absent at the following link:

<https://www.bossiercity.org/AgendaCenter>

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10.

Petitioner shows Defendants, CITY OF BOSSIER and THE BOSSIER CITY COUNCIL, did not publicize the proposed charter revisions in the Agenda of the October 10, 2024 Special Meeting as referenced at the following link:

[https://www.bossiercity.org/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/\\_10102024-668](https://www.bossiercity.org/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/_10102024-668)

11.

Petitioner shows Defendants, CITY OF BOSSIER and THE BOSSIER CITY COUNCIL, did not publicize the proposed charter revisions in the Minutes of the October 10, 2024 Special Meeting. The minutes are still absent from the City of Bossier website at the following link.

<https://www.bossiercity.org/AgendaCenter>

12.

Petitioner shows that Defendants, CITY OF BOSSIER and THE BOSSIER CITY COUNCIL, have not publicized the revisions in the official Journal of Record the Bossier Press-Tribune.

<https://bossierpress.com/>

13.

Petitioner shows that the Defendants, CITY OF BOSSIER and THE BOSSIER CITY COUNCIL, seek to violate ordinance 154-2023 by holding an election earlier than sixty (60) days following publication of the charter commission recommendations. See ordinance 154 of 2023. See Bossier City Ordinance 154-2023 attached as Exhibit A.

14.

Petitioner shows that the Defendants, CITY OF BOSSIER and THE BOSSIER CITY COUNCIL, through legal counsel knew that it must be publicized in the Journal of record. See statement or City Attorney Richard Ray contained at the following link.

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[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bn9c\\_4F2cGw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bn9c_4F2cGw) 1:00:15

15.

Petitioner avers that the Defendants, CITY OF BOSSIER and THE BOSSIER CITY COUNCIL, have violated ordinance 154-2023 by not publicizing the recommendations presented to the council in the official journal The Bossier Press-Tribune and have called for an election earlier than 60 days with the Louisiana Bond Commission denying the Citizens of Bossier City an opportunity to review the submitted revisions.

16.

Petitioner avers that immediate and irreparable injury will occur before a hearing can be held, as the Defendants, proceed with actions that would cause harm to the citizens of Bossier City and petitioner, among other things holding a costly election that is legally flawed in its origination.

17.

Petitioner respectfully requests that this Honorable Court issue a Temporary Restraining Order, without the necessity of a bond, enjoining all Defendants, CITY OF BOSSIER CITY, THE BOSSIER CITY COUNCIL from proceeding with the election until a hearing can be held.

18.

Petitioner further requests this Honorable Court issue an injunction, prohibiting the CITY OF BOSSIER and THE BOSSIER CITY COUNCIL, its agents or assigns, from holding a special election on December 7, 2024, violating ordinance 154-2023.

Petitioner seeks and is entitled to the issuance of a rule nisi herein, directed unto the Defendants, ordering the defendants to show cause, if any they can, on a date and at a time to be set by this Court, why a preliminary injunction, and in due course a permanent injunction, should not be issued in the same form and substance of said temporary restraining orders sought immediately herein above should not issue herein, without bond. Agenda Item # 3

**WHEREFORE RUTH ANN JOHNSTON PRAYS:**

- I. For issuance of service, with citation, directed unto Defendants, CITY OF BOSSIER CITY, THE BOSSIER CITY COUNCIL, as set forth hereinbelow;
- II. A temporary restraining order issue herein without bond or prior notice enjoining the Defendants, CITY OF BOSSIER CITY, THE BOSSIER CITY COUNCIL, from taking any action in calling a special election on December 7, 2024 without complying with publication requirements in ordinance 154-2023, pending a hearing herein;
- III. For the issuance of a rule nisi herein, directed unto defendants, CITY OF BOSSIER CITY, THE BOSSIER CITY COUNCIL ordering the defendants, CITY OF BOSSIER CITY, THE BOSSIER CITY COUNCIL to appear and show cause, if any they can, at the 26<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Courthouse, in and for the Parish of Bossier, Louisiana, why a preliminary and permanent injunction in the form and substance of the temporary restraining order sought herein above should not issue immediately herein, without bond;
- IV. For all orders and decrees necessary in the premises and for full, general and equitable relief.

Respectfully submitted,

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**RUTH ANN JOHNSTON** : **NUMBER:**  
**VERSUS** : **26TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT**  
**CITY OF BOSSIER CITY**  
**AND**  
**BOSSIER CITY COUNCIL** : **BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA**

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**ORDER**

CONSIDERING THE FOREGOING:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a temporary restraining order be issued herein directed unto the Defendants, restraining, enjoining and prohibiting the defendants, or any other persons, entities, firms, corporations or partnerships acting or claiming to act in its behalf from in any manner whatsoever from causing a election or special election to be held on the December 7, 2024, ballot or any future ballot until ordinance 154-2023 publication notice requirements are met, pending a hearing herein, without bond.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a rule nisi issue herein directed unto the Defendants, ordering the defendants to show cause, if any they can, on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024, at 9:30 a.m., why:

- a) A preliminary injunction, and in due course a permanent injunction, in the form and substance of the temporary restraining order sought herein above should not be issued immediately herein, without bond.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED in Benton, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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District Judge

**PLEASE SERVE:**

**CITY OF BOSSIER CITY AND BOSSIER CITY COUNCIL**

**through Mayor Thomas H. Chandler**

**620 Benton Rd.**

**Bossier City, Louisiana 71111**

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**ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOSSIER CITY COUNCIL only in there official capacity**

**through Council President Bubba Don Williamsr**

**620 Benton Rd.**

**Bossier City, Louisiana 71111**

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BOSSIER CITY  
STATE OF LOUISIANA TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING  
DECEMBER 5, 2023**

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, December 5, 2023, at 3:00 PM

Invocation was given by Council Member Jeffery Darby

Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Member Chris Smith

Roll Call as follows:

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

Also Present: Mayor, Thomas Chandler, Assistant City Attorney Richard Ray, Deputy City Clerk, Amyanna Germany and City Clerk, Phyllis McGraw

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

**Ceremonial Matters/Recognition of Guests –**

Mr. Free recognized the Bossier Youth Leadership members in the audience and had them to introduce themselves.

Brittainy Pope with Bossier Arts Council went over the Annual Eastbank District Report with the Council.

By: Mr. Smith

Motion to add to Agenda New Business #8 – Adopt a Resolution to change the name of “Diamond Jack Boulevard” to “Live Casino Boulevard”. This item is being requested to be added to the Agenda due to time restraints.

Seconded by Mr. Williams

Mr. Montgomery asked about time restraints. Ms. Nottingham, CAO, reported that they were trying to get the name changed prior to the ground breaking next week and that all businesses affected were notified and that there weren't any objections.

No further comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Smith

Motion to approve agenda as amended.

Seconded by Mr. Maggio

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Williams

Motion to approve minutes of the November 21, 2023, Regular Council and dispense with the reading.

Seconded by Mr. Hammons

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

**Bids:**

Agenda item called - Witness Opening of Sealed Bids: P23-18 Bossier City Municipal Complex Security Upgrades

	Bid	Alternate #1	Alternate #2	Alternate #3
ELA Group, Inc.	\$960,000.00	\$351,000.00	\$46,300.00	\$12,000.00

EXA



Integrity, Inc.	\$969,000.00	\$224,000.00	\$35,800.00	\$15,700.00
Precision Builders, Inc	\$818,000.00	\$220,000.00	\$5,250.00	\$7,420.00

By: Mr. Williams

Motion to take bids under advisement.

Seconded by Mr. Hammons

Council members discussed the bids coming in almost double over the estimate with Ms. Beauchemin, Purchasing and Mr. Rauschenbach, Engineering.

No further comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

**Public Hearing/Actions on Unfinished Business –**

**The following Ordinance offered and adopted:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 153 OF 2023**

**AN ORDINANCE TO TRANSFER \$1,900,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE LIABILITY INSURANCE FUND**

**WHEREAS**, a transfer of \$1,900,000 from the General Fund to the Liability Insurance Fund is needed to fund claims, administrative fees, and legal fees associated with departments within the General Fund; and

**WHEREAS**, a budget amendment is required to transfer appropriations between funds.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the City Council of Bossier City, in regular session convened, that the Council approves a transfer of \$1,900,000 from the General Fund to the Liability Insurance Fund to fund claims, administrative fees, and legal fees.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that the 2023 General Fund Budget is hereby amended to increase Transfers Out by \$1,900,000 and decrease Fund Balance by \$1,900,000.

The above and foregoing Ordinance 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. Chris Smith and adopted on this the 5th of December, 2023. Further this Ordinance will publish on December 13, 2023 and will not become legal until 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

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Jeff Free, President

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Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

Agenda item called – Adopt an Ordinance to establish a Citizens Charter Review Commission for the purpose of revising Bossier City’s Home Rule Charter.

Audience Member, Mr. David Crockett spoke on Ordinance and asking Council to continue it.

**The following Ordinance offered and adopted:**

**Ordinance No. 154 Of 2023**

**AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A CITIZENS CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVISING BOSSIER CITY’S HOME RULE CHARTER.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bossier City’s home rule Charter was adopted by the electorate on November 2, 1976, with an effective date of July 1, 1977, and has served the city well as its initial charter under the current “Strong Mayor-Council” form of government; and

**WHEREAS**, on two prior occasions, Charter Review Commissions have been empaneled to consider the need for revisions to the Charter; and

**WHEREAS**, proposed revisions to the Charter were last presented to the citizens of Bossier City by way of referendum on October 15, 2005, and the proposed changes were ratified by a majority of the citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the growth and changes to the population of the city since that time have necessitated changes in order to meet the needs of the citizens. Therefore, in order to service this vibrant and growing community, there is a need to review the Charter for possible changes or updates; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council concur that the Charter should be reviewed for possible changes pursuant to the amendment provisions in the Charter. Additionally, the Louisiana Constitution of 1974 as well as statutory provisions including Louisiana Revised Statute 33:1395 et seq. provide guidance regarding charter revisions by way of a Charter Review Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 29, 2023, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 69 of 2023 announcing the intention of the City Council to start the process of selecting a Charter Review Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, the Charter Review Commission shall be comprised of nine (9) Commissioners, one nominated by each member of the City Council and two nominated by the Mayor in accordance with Chapter 21.02 of the Charter. The Charter Review Commission shall be comprised of citizens who reside in the city limits of the City of Bossier City and who are registered to vote in the City of Bossier City; and

**WHEREAS**, once nominated, all Commissioners shall be confirmed by the City Council. Additionally, the Chief Administrative Officer and the City Attorney shall serve as ex-officio, non-voting members of the Charter Review Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, the following persons have provided bios attached as Exhibit "A" and have been nominated by the Mayor and City Council to serve as Commissioners: Shane Cheatham, Preston Friedley, Lee A. Jeter, Sr., David Johnson, Sandra Morehart, Julianna Parks, Panderina Soumas, Vicky Whitman, and Lisa Wilhite.

**WHEREAS**, the herein named Commissioners shall take office immediately after confirmation by the City Council and shall hold this office until revisions to the Charter are approved or disapproved in a referendum of the voters. The Charter Review Commission shall propose and submit recommended Charter revisions to the City Council as soon as practicable but no later than eighteen (18) months after taking office. The City Council shall not alter or change the recommendations of the Charter Review Commission and shall call for an election for the citizens to adopt or reject any recommended revisions at the next election allowed by Louisiana law, but no earlier than sixty (60) days following publication of the recommendations. If the Charter Review Commission does not present proposed revisions within eighteen (18) months after appointment, the terms of the Commissioners shall automatically expire.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened does hereby authorize appointment of a Charter Review Commission for the purpose of proposing changes to the Charter. The Charter Review Commission is to be comprised of the following citizens: Shane Cheatham, Preston Friedley, Lee A. Jeter, Sr., David Johnson, Sandra Morehart, Julianna Parks, Panderina Soumas, Vicky Whitman and Lisa Wilhite with the Chief Administrative Officer and the City Attorney serving as ex-officio, non-voting members of the Charter Review Commission.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that Commissioners shall take office immediately after confirmation by the City Council and shall hold this office until any Charter revisions are approved or disapproved in a referendum of the voters. The Charter Review Commission shall propose and submit recommended Charter revisions to the City Council as soon as practicable but no later than eighteen (18) months after taking office. The City Council shall not alter or change the recommendations of the Charter Review Commission and shall call for an election for the citizens to adopt or reject the recommended revisions at the next election allowed by Louisiana law, but no earlier than sixty (60) days following publication of the recommendations. If the Charter Review Commission does not present proposed revisions within eighteen (18) months after appointment, the terms of the Commissioners shall automatically expire.

The above and foregoing Ordinance was discussed and opened for public input at open and legal session convened, was on motion of Mr. Jeffery Darby and seconded by Mr. David Montgomery, Jr. and adopted on this the 5th of December, 2023. Further this Ordinance will publish on December 13, 2023 and will not become legal until 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

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Jeff Free, President

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Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

**The following Ordinance offered and adopted:  
Ordinance No. 155 Of 2023**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2023 WATER FUND BUDGET**

**WHEREAS**, the Bossier City Charter Section 6.06 Additional appropriations and budget amendments requires that additional appropriations be made by amending the respective budgets by ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, the water treatment facility has seen an increase in water production in 2023 due to warmer temperatures and supplying water to Barksdale Airforce Base; and

**WHEREAS**, the price of chemicals required to treat City water have increased and;

**WHEREAS**, equipment and Water Main Repair and Maintenance costs have increased this year due to higher water demands; and

**WHEREAS**, it is estimated that an additional appropriation of \$740,000 from the Water Fund is needed to cover operational costs for the remainder of the fiscal year; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2023 Water Fund operating budget needs to be amended to appropriate additional funding to ensure sufficient funds are available to cover anticipated expenses for the remainder of the fiscal year.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** that the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened, does hereby amend the 2023 Water Fund operating budget to increase the appropriations in division 63 Water Treatment Plant for Chemicals by \$566,000 and Equipment Maintenance by \$39,000 and increase the appropriations in division 64 Transmissions & Distributions for Water Main Repair and Maintenance by \$135,000 and decrease net fund position by \$740,000.

The above and foregoing Ordinance 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. Chris Smith and adopted on this the 5th of December, 2023. Further this Ordinance will publish on December 13, 2023 and will not become legal until 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

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Jeff Free, President

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Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

Agenda item called – Adopt an Ordinance to establish a minimum reserve balance for the Health Insurance Fund.

Mr. Montgomery and Ms. Williamson, Finance Director discussed amounts on Ordinance.

**The following Ordinance offered and adopted:  
ORDINANCE NO. 156 OF 2023**

**AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A MINIMUM RESERVE BALANCE FOR THE HEALTH INSURANCE FUND**

**WHEREAS**, the Health Insurance Fund, an internal service fund, has been established to collect insurance contributions and pay claims, administrative fees and other costs necessary to administer and operate the City’s health insurance plan; and

**WHEREAS**, a minimum reserve balance shall be established to ensure sufficient funds are available to pay plan expenses; and

**WHEREAS**, funds shall not be transferred out of the Health Insurance Fund or used for any purposes not directly related to administering and operating the health insurance plan until such time as the minimum reserve balance has been accumulated; and

**WHEREAS**, should the reserve balance exceed the minimum reserve, the excess cash reserve shall only be used for reduction in contributions made by the City and employees to the plan, to add additional benefits, or be maintained in the reserve if deemed appropriate.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the City Council of Bossier City, in regular session convened, that a minimum reserve balance of \$2,500,000 be established for the Health Insurance Fund.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that there shall be no expenditures paid from the Fund other than those necessary to administer and operate the health insurance plan until the minimum reserve balance is accumulated.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that cash reserves in excess of the established minimum reserve balance shall only be expended for reduction of City and employee contributions or to add additional benefits, and may be maintained in the reserve if deemed appropriate.

The above and foregoing Ordinance 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 5th of December, 2023. Further this Ordinance will publish on December 13, 2023 and will not become legal until 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

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Jeff Free, President

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Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

*The following Ordinance offered and adopted:*

**ORDINANCE NO. 157 OF 2023**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE INCURRING OF DEBT AND ISSUANCE OF A TAXABLE EXCESS REVENUE BOND, SERIES 2024, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$550,000, BY THE CITY OF BOSSIER CITY, STATE OF LOUISIANA; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of Bossier City, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the City of Bossier City, State of Louisiana, that:

**SECTION 1. Authorization and Sale of Bond.** Pursuant to R.S. 39:526 and the other applicable provisions of Part II of Chapter 4 of Subtitle II of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority (collectively, the "Act"), and subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission, the City of Bossier City, State of Louisiana (the "Issuer") is hereby authorized to incur debt for the purpose of paying a portion of the costs of constructing and acquiring improvements, extensions, renovations and replacements to the drinking water system of the Issuer (the "System"), including costs of studies, planning and design and equipment, fixtures and accessories therefor, both personal and real, a work of public improvement for the Issuer, and paying costs of issuance, and to represent said indebtedness, the Issuer shall issue its Taxable Excess Revenue Bond, Series 2024, in an amount not exceeding Five Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$550,000) (the "Bond"). The Bond shall be issued in the form of a single fully registered bond, dated the date of delivery thereof and numbered R-1. The Bond shall be non-interest bearing and shall mature not later than ten (10) years from date thereof. The principal of the Bond will be subject to forgiveness as provided in Section 3 below. The Mayor may approve a different series designation if the Bond is delivered after the end of calendar year 2024.

Pursuant to the Act and La. R.S. 39:505(B), the Issuer has determined to sell the Bond at a private sale without the necessity of publishing any notice of sale. Accordingly, the Bond is hereby sold to the Louisiana Department of Health Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund (the "Department"). The purchase price of the Bond shall be paid to the Issuer by the Department in installments on an "as-needed" basis, and the date and amount of each installment of the purchase price shall be noted on the Bond and the obligation of the Issuer to repay the principal of the Bond shall only accrue to the extent of the purchase price of the Bond theretofore paid by the Department.

SECTION 2. Form and Execution of Bond. The Bond shall be in substantially the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, and the Mayor and City Clerk of the Issuer and President of the Governing Authority (collectively, the "Executive Officers") are each authorized and directed on behalf of the Issuer to execute, seal and deliver the Bond to the Department.

SECTION 3. Security for Bond; Principal Forgiveness. As provided by the Act, the Bond will be secured by and payable from the revenues of the Issuer of subsequent years, after the payment from such revenues of (1) all charges required by law or regulation, (2) all contractual obligations, (3) all necessary and usual charges provided for by ordinance or resolution, excluding depreciation and (4) all payments in respect of bonds for which a pledge or dedication of specified taxes or revenues has been provided by law or in proceedings authorizing such bonds, regardless of the date of issue of such bonds, all in accordance with the provisions of the Act. The Governing Authority shall budget and set aside from time to time as necessary sufficient revenues, subject to the foregoing, to pay the principal of the Bond when due.

However, it is understood that the terms of the purchase of the Bond by the Department provide that the Issuer's obligation to repay the principal of the Bond will be forgiven simultaneously with the payment by the Department of each installment of the purchase price of the Bond. Accordingly, it is anticipated that no payments of principal, interest or administrative fees to the Department will ever be due and payable on the Bond. Notwithstanding any law or contractual provision to the contrary, the forgiveness at any time of any or all of the principal of the Bond theretofore advanced by the Department shall in no way extinguish the Bond or the obligation thereof with respect to the yet-to-be advanced portion of the principal thereof.

SECTION 4. Recital of Regularity. This Governing Authority, having investigated the regularity of the proceedings had in connection with the Bond, and having determined the same to be regular, the Bond shall contain the following recital authorized by and having the effect set forth in R.S. 39:507, to wit:

"It is certified that this indebtedness is authorized by and is issued in conformity with the requirements of the Constitution and statutes of Louisiana."

SECTION 5. Loan Documents. The Commitment Agreement and the Loan and Pledge Agreement, in substantially the forms on file in the records of the Issuer, are hereby approved. The Executive Officers are authorized to execute and deliver the Commitment Agreement and the Loan and Pledge Agreement on behalf of the Issuer, with such changes as may be deemed necessary, upon the advice of bond counsel, in connection with the Bond.

SECTION 6. Authorization of Officers. The Executive Officers are hereby further authorized and directed, for and on behalf of the Issuer, to accept, receive, execute, seal, attest and deliver all such additional documents, certificates and other instruments as are required in connection with the authorization, issuance, sale and delivery of the Bond and to take such further action as may be appropriate or required by law or advised by bond counsel in connection with the authorization, issuance, sale and delivery of the Bond.

SECTION 7. Publication; Peremption. A copy of this ordinance shall be published immediately after its adoption in one issue of the official journal of the Issuer, provided that as provided by La. R.S. 39:509, exhibits to this ordinance need not be published but will instead be available for public inspection at the office of the Governing Authority during regular business hours.

For thirty (30) days after the date of such publication any person in interest may contest the legality of this ordinance and of any provision herein made for the security and payment of the Bond. After that time, no one shall have any cause of action to test the regularity, formality, legality, or effectiveness of this ordinance, and provisions thereof for any cause whatsoever. Thereafter, it shall be conclusively presumed that every legal requirement for the issuance of the Bond, has been complied with. No court shall have authority to inquire into any of these matters after the thirty days.

SECTION 8. No Recourse on the Bond. No recourse shall be had for the payment of the Bond or for any claim based thereon or on this ordinance against any member of the Governing Authority or officer of the Issuer or any person executing the Bond.

SECTION 9. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect ten (10) days from the date of its publication.

The above and foregoing Ordinance, was discussed and opened for public input at open and legal session convened, was on motion of Mr. David Montgomery and seconded by Mr. Don Williams, and adopted on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023, by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

And the Ordinance was declared adopted on this, the 5<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023.

/s/ Phyllis McGraw  
City Clerk

/s/ Jeff Free  
President

The following Ordinance offered and adopted:

**ORDINANCE NO. 158 OF 2023**

**ADOPT AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE REPORT OF CHANGE ORDER 1 FOR THE HWY 71 STREET LIGHTING PROJECT PHASE II WITH AN INCREASE IN PROJECT COST OF \$6,667.50 AND ADDING AN ADDITIONAL ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-THREE DAYS.**

**WHEREAS;** Ordinance No. 92 of 2020, Ordinance 31 of 31 of 2022, and Ordinance 64 of 2022 appropriated \$1,356,782.00 from the Parkway Capital Projects fund to add street lighting along Hwy 71. and

**WHEREAS;** Wilhite Electric Company was awarded a Contract for the proposed improvements for \$1,285,491.00; and

**WHEREAS;** Change Order #1 includes a reconciliation of construction items for a total increase of \$6,667.50.00 and an additional 153 days; and

**WHEREAS;** no additional funding is needed to close out the project.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED,** in regular session convened that the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, approves Change Order #1 for the Hwy 71 Street Lighting Project Phase II; and

**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 of Mr. Brian Hammons and seconded by Mr. Vince Maggio and adopted on this the 5<sup>th</sup> of December, 2023. Further this Ordinance will publish on December 13, 2023 and will not become legal until 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

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Jeff Free, President

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Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

The following Ordinance offered and adopted:

**ORDINANCE NO. 159 OF 2023**

**ADOPT AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE REPORT OF CHANGE ORDER 1 FOR THE ELM GROVE DITCH PROJECT WITH AN INCREASE IN PROJECT COST OF \$22,279.07 AND ADDING AN ADDITIONAL NINETY-THREE DAYS.**

**WHEREAS;** Ordinance No. 87 of 2021 and Ordinance 5 of 2022 appropriated \$184,300.00 from the River Boat Capital Projects fund to make improvements to the Elm Grove Ditch; and

**WHEREAS;** Wicker Construction, Inc., was awarded a Contract for the proposed improvements for \$176,096.00 and Nixon Engineering was awarded a contract for services in the amount of \$9,300; and

**WHEREAS;** Change Order #1 includes a reconciliation of construction items for a total increase of \$4,220.00 and an additional 93 days; and

**WHEREAS;** there were additional project costs including easement acquisition and related expenses totaling \$16,963.07 that need to be captured within this project for closeout; and

**WHEREAS;** an additional \$22,279.07 is needed from the 2023 Riverboat Capital Project Fund for these expenses.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED,** in regular session convened that the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, approves Change Order #1 for the Elm Grove Ditch Project and appropriates an additional \$22,279.07 from the 2023 Riverboat Capital Project Fund for these expenses; and

**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 of Mr. Brian Hammons and seconded by Mr. Don Williams and adopted on this the 5th of December, 2023. Further this Ordinance will publish on December 13, 2023 and will not become legal until 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

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Jeff Free, President

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Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

**New Business –**

The following Ordinance offered and adopted:

**Ordinance No. 160 Of 2023**

**AN ORDINANCE TO DECLARE THAT AN EMERGENCY DID EXIST IN THE CITY OF BOSSIER CITY WHICH AFFECTED PROPERTY, PUBLIC HEALTH, AND SAFETY DUE TO THE REQUIREMENT TO REPAIR STORM DAMAGE TO THE RESERVOIR PUMP STATION FOR BOSSIER’S WATER TREATMENT FACILITY AT A COST OF \$12,099.71 TO COME FROM THE WATER CAPITAL AND CONTINGENCY FUND.**

**WHEREAS,** the reservoir pump station is a critical system in supplying water to Bossier’s water treatment facility and was badly damaged from what is believed to be a lightning strike putting the water treatment facility at risk of disruption; and

**WHEREAS,** the Public Utilities Department needs emergency support to purchase and install replacement components; and

**WHEREAS**, the scope of work involved is beyond the expertise of the water treatment operational staff; and

**WHEREAS**, it will cost of \$12,099.71 in labor, equipment, and material to complete the repair efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, \$12,099.71 shall be appropriated from the Water Capital and Contingency Fund.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, in regular session convened that the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, does hereby declare that an emergency exists and authorizes the Mayor to appropriate \$12,099.71 to come from the Water Capital and Contingency Fund to be used for the purpose of restoring the reservoir pump station; 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 2023 Water Capital and Contingency Budget is hereby amended to increase expenditures for required repairs by \$12,099.71 and decrease Fund Balance by \$12,099.71.

The above and foregoing Ordinance 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. Chris Smith and adopted on this the 5th of December, 2023. Further this Ordinance becomes legal immediately.

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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Jeff Free, President

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Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

By: Mr. Williams

Motion to introduce an Ordinance to appropriate \$640,000 from the Disaster Reserve Fund for June and July 2023 Storms.

Seconded by Mr. Maggio

Mr. Hammons asked about reimbursements from FEMA. Ms. Nottingham reported that City is eligible for 75% from State.

No further comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Darby

Motion to introduce an Ordinance to appropriate \$10,000 from the Disaster Reserve Fund to purchase equipment for winter weather preparedness efforts.

Seconded by Mr. Smith

No comments

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

Agenda Item called – Adopt a Resolution authorizing the hiring of two Deputy Marshals to fulfill two positions for the enhanced security measures to the Municipal Complex as approved in the 2024 Budget.

Mr. Hammons asked if should be continued since bids for project came in so far over budget. Mr. Montgomery asked about the change to the 2024 budget. Marshal Whitman reported that it had already been budgeted for 2024 and that these positions wouldn't be added unless the building project moves forward.

**The following Resolution offered and adopted:**

**Resolution No. 95 Of 2023**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF TWO DEPUTY MARSHALS TO FULFILL TWO POSITIONS FOR THE ENHANCED SECURITY MEASURES TO THE MUNICIPAL COMPLEX AS APPROVED IN THE 2024 BUDGET.**



**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**, the two Deputy Marshal positions were approved in the 2024 budget to fulfill the two positions that are required for the enhanced security measures to the Municipal Complex; 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.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened, that the Bossier City Marshal’s Office is hereby authorized to hire two Deputy Marshals to fulfill two positions for the enhanced security measures to the Municipal Complex as approved in the 2024 budget.

The above and foregoing Resolution was discussed and opened for public input at open and legal session convened, was on motion of Mr. Jeffery Darby and seconded by Mr. Vince Maggio and adopted on this the 5th day of December, 2023.

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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Jeff Free, President

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Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

**The following Resolution offered and adopted:  
Resolution No. 96 Of 2023**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PROMOTION OF (1) LIEUTENANT TO CAPTAIN AND (1) SERGEANT TO LIEUTENANT FOR THE BOSSIER CITY MARSHAL’S OFFICE**

**WHEREAS**, Ordinance No. 76 of 2019 implemented a requirement assuring that the City department budgets not be exceeded by any hiring of personnel; and

**WHEREAS**, the promotions of (1) Lieutenant to Captain and (1) Sergeant to Lieutenant due to realignment of personnel due to the new security measures of the Municipal Complex. **WHEREAS**, the administration and department assures that current budgets have been verified and that no authorized salary has been exceeded;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened, that the Bossier City Marshal’s Office is hereby authorized to promote one (1) Lieutenant to Captain and one (1) Sergeant to Lieutenant.

The above and foregoing Resolution was discussed and opened for public input at open and legal session convened, was on motion of Mr. Don Williams and seconded by Mr. David Montgomery, Jr. and adopted on this the 5th day of December, 2023.

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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Jeff Free, President

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Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

**The following Resolution offered and adopted:  
Resolution No. 97 Of 2023**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REPLACEMENT OF TWO POSITIONS DUE TO TWO RETIREMENTS AND TO BACK FILL ANY POSITIONS THIS CREATES BY HIRING OR PROMOTING WITHIN THE BOSSIER CITY MARSHAL’S OFFICE.**

**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**, two positions are vacant due to retirements creating the need to fulfill by hiring or promoting from within and backfill any positions 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.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened, that the Bossier City Marshal’s Office is hereby authorized to replace two positions due to retirement and backfill any positions this creates by hiring or promoting within the Bossier City Marshal’s Office.

The above and foregoing Resolution was discussed and opened for public input at open and legal session convened, was on motion of Mr. Jeffery Darby and seconded by Mr. Vince Maggio and adopted on this the 5th day of December, 2023.

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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Jeff Free, President

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Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

Agenda item called –

Hearing of appeal for Rickey Evans, Bossier City, LA. for violation of City Ordinance Section 14- Vicious and Dangerous Dog.

Ms. Stanford, Animal Control, reported events that led up to declaration of Dangerous Dogs. Ms. Jeanie Mathers, victim, spoke about attack and injuries her and her dog sustained. Dog owner, Mr. Rickey Evans apologized for attack but asked Council to over turn Dangerous Dog declaration. Council members and Mr. Ray, Assistant City Attorney, spoke on the law, discussed attack and other problem animals in the area. Mr. Evans understands all rules.

By: Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

Motion to uphold Animal Controls designation as Dangerous Dogs.

Seconded by Mr. Williams

No comments

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous.

The following Resolution offered and adopted:

RESOLUTION NO 98 of 2023

**A RESOLUTION TO CHANGE THE NAME OF “DIAMOND JACKS BOULEVARD” TO “LIVE CASINO BOULEVARD”**

**WHEREAS**, the Cordish Companies purchased the casino property that previously operated as Diamond Jacks Casino and Resort; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cordish Companies is making a significant investment in the property to create the first land-based casino in Northwest Louisiana; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cordish Companies desire to rename “Diamond Jacks Boulevard” to “Live Casino Boulevard” to reflect the name the casino will operate under; and

**WHEREAS**, the businesses with addresses on said street were notified of the pending name change and have not registered any objections.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened, endorses and approves the renaming of Diamond Jacks Boulevard to Live Casino Boulevard.  
or promoting within the Bossier City Marshal's Office.

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 5th day of December, 2023.

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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Jeff Free, President

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Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

**Reports –**

**Announcements-**

Mayor announced Kellie Bell from the Utilities Department was selected as the first Employee of the Month. Council and Mayor sent her congratulations.

**There being no further business to come before this Council, Council President Free adjourned the meeting at 3:51PM**

**Respectfully submitted:**

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**Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk**

Publish December 13, 2023



**REVISED**  
**Change in Location and Item 3 added**  
**NOTICE AND AGENDA**  
**AD HOC ELECTION SUBCOMMITTEE**  
**STATE BOND COMMISSION**  
**October 14, 2024**  
**11:00 AM - SENATE COMMITTEE ROOM A-B**  
**State Capitol Building**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Approval of the minutes of the June 17, 2024 Ad Hoc Election Subcommittee meeting.

**Local Government Units - Elections (December 7, 2024)**

**3. L24-323 - Bossier Parish, City of Bossier City**

(1) Amend and restate the City Charter, in entirety, as set forth in the revisions prepared and submitted by the Citizens Charter Review Commission as advertised in the Bossier Press Tribune on October 16, October 23, and October 30, 2024; (2) Amend Section 3.01(b) of the existing City Charter or the amended and restated City Charter set forth in Proposition No. 1, if approved, relative to term limits for City Council members; (3) Amend Section 4.01 of the existing City Charter or the amended and restated City Charter set forth in Proposition No. 1, if approved, relative to term limits for the Mayor.

**(Item added to Agenda)**

**4. L24-308 - Concordia Parish, Town of Ferriday**

(1) Not exceeding \$775,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, not exceeding 8%, not exceeding 15 years, refunding all or a portion of outstanding General Obligation Bonds; (2) 12.0 mills tax, 15 years, 2025-2039, general municipal purposes, including the payment of debt service, to be reduced each year by the millage rate levied that year by the Town's general obligation bonds, so that the total millage levied for the Tax and the payment of general obligation bonds does not exceed 12.0 mills.

**5. L24-320- Jefferson Parish School Board, School District No. 1**

10.89 mills tax, 10 years, 2025-2034, additional support to the public elementary and secondary schools by providing funds for the payment of salaries and benefits of teachers and other school employees.

**6. L24-307- St. Mary Parish, Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1**

7.81 mills tax, 10 years, 2027-2036, acquiring, constructing, maintaining and operating gravity drainage works.

**7. L24-309 - Tangipahoa Parish Law Enforcement District**

1% sales tax, to be levied in perpetuity, beginning April 1, 2025, (1) funding school resource officer positions at all elementary and secondary schools and (2) any lawful purpose.

**Other Business**

**8. Monthly Reports**

**9. Adjourn**

***If you have a disability and require a reasonable accommodation to fully participate in this meeting, please contact Kayla Kirby before Monday, October 14, 2024, via email at [kkirby@treasury.la.gov](mailto:kkirby@treasury.la.gov) or by telephone at (225) 342-0030 to discuss your accessibility needs.***

*The public may submit comments electronically prior to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 13, 2024. All emails must be submitted to [SBC-Application@treasury.la.gov](mailto:SBC-Application@treasury.la.gov) and shall include the individual's name, entity/company represented (if applicable), title/position (if applicable), agenda item(s) and any comments on such item(s). All public comment will be included in the record for this meeting.*

*Notice is hereby further provided that the Commission may vote to hold an Executive Session on any agenda or other duly approved item that is exempted from discussion at an open meeting pursuant to La. R.S. 42:17.*

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**AD HOC ELECTION SUBCOMMITTEE**

October 14, 2024

Local Government Units - Elections (December 7, 2024)

SYNOPSIS

**APPLICATION NO:** L24-308

**ENTITY:** Concordia Parish, Town of Ferriday

**TYPE OF REQUEST:** \$775,000 General Obligation Bond Proposition & 12.0 Mills Ad Valorem Tax Proposition

**ANALYST:** Conner Berthelot

**SUBMITTED BY:**

J. Hardy Andrews, Foley & Judell, LLP

**PARAMETERS:**

(1) Not exceeding \$775,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, not exceeding 8%, not exceeding 15 years, refunding all or a portion of outstanding General Obligation Bonds; (2) 12.0 mills tax, 15 years, 2025-2039, general municipal purposes, including the payment of debt service, to be reduced each year by the millage rate levied that year by the Town's general obligation bonds, so that the total millage levied for the Tax and the payment of general obligation bonds does not exceed 12.0 mills.

**LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY:**

Article VI, Sections 27 and 33

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The application meets the technical requirements therefore staff recommends the propositions be presented to the voters.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- ☐ **Analysis Summary**
- ☐ **Approval Parameter Form**
- ☐ **Fee Comparison Worksheet**
- ☐ **Additional Supporting Documentation**



## STATE BOND COMMISSION

October 14, 2024

Local Political Subdivisions - Elections (December 7, 2024)

### ANALYSIS SUMMARY

**APPLICATION NO:** L24-308  
**ENTITY:** Concordia Parish, Town of Ferriday  
**TYPE OF REQUEST:** \$775,000 General Obligation Bond Proposition  
 12.0 Mills Ad Valorem Tax Proposition  
**ANALYST:** Conner Berthelot

#### Summary

The Town of Ferriday is facing financial struggles that include a large amount of unknown outstanding payables, expiration of the public safety tax that provided approximately \$120,000 and operating shortfalls. Additionally, the Town has been on the Legislative Auditor's Non-Compliance List because they have not had a completed audit since June 30, 2021. Further, the Town has been under Administrative Orders with LDH on their water system for over a decade and penalties are accruing. The value of the penalties owed to LDH is approximately \$1.3M. Compliance Orders are also being drafted on the Town's sewer system.

To get to a more financially sustainable situation, the new administration of the Town has developed the following plan which is dependent upon voter approval on December 7<sup>th</sup>:

1. 10.0 mills public safety tax, (L24-283 approved at the September 26<sup>th</sup> SBC meeting), to be levied from 2025-2034.
2. Restructuring of the outstanding \$720,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2016.
3. A new 12.0 mills tax to be levied from 2025-2039.

Proposition 1 will restructure the General Obligation Bonds, Series 2016 to extend the maturity approximately 8 years. This will lower the annual debt service payments, and the millage rate assessed to pay for the debt service from 12.0 mills to 5.0-7.0 mills. Although this extension will increase the overall amount paid on the bonds, it will lower average annual debt service by approximately \$69,000 over the next several years. In conjunction with the restructuring, Proposition 2 is a new 12.0 mills tax to be levied in 2025-2039. The tax is structured so that the reduced millage rate for the GO Bonds will be assessed by the Town. Both propositions are contingent upon one another passing and the rate of this tax will be reduced by the rate needed for the GO bonds each year so that between the GO Bonds and the Tax, the Town will not exceed 12.0 mills levied.

#### **PARAMETERS:**

##### Proposition 1

Not exceeding \$775,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, not exceeding 8%, not exceeding 15 years, refunding all or a portion of outstanding General Obligation Bonds.

This current refunding will be a Non-Economic Refunding that will provide debt service relief by readjusting, restructuring, refinancing and extending the debt. Staff has been informed the Town is extending the debt associated with the refunding to provide lower debt service payments in order to increase revenues that can be used for operations.

The Series 2016 bonds being refunded were originally issued for constructing, paving and improving streets and roads, including attendant drainage.



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**Original Asset Life:**

The final maturity date of the bonds being refunded is March 1, 2031. The issuance of refunding bonds will result in the extension of maturity by 8 years. Staff has been informed the useful life of the underlying assets is greater than the proposed refunding bond’s length of maturity.

**Estimated Interest Cost and Debt Service:**

Interest rate on outstanding Bonds	2.54%
Estimated interest rate on Refunding Bonds	6.00%
Estimated Maximum Debt Service	\$122,570

**Refunding Effects:**

Average Difference in Annual Debt Service	(\$ 32,757)
Estimated Total Difference in Debt Service	(\$491,358)
Estimated Present Value Difference in Debt Service	(\$114,059)

The redemption provisions reflect the bonds being refunded were callable on March 1, 2024. The refunding results presented above projects an executed call date of March 1, 2025.

This refunding will result in savings of approximately \$485,552 from years 2025 through 2031, with average annual savings over that term of approximately \$69,000.

**Calculation of Debt Limit:**

	<u>%</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Outstanding G.O. Bonds Prior to Proposed Refunding		\$ 720,000
Proposed G.O. Bonds		\$ 775,000
Outstanding G.O. Bonds Not Being Refunded		\$ -
Assessed Valuation		\$ 12,029,960
Legal Debt Limit	35%	\$ 4,210,486
Proposed & Outstanding Bonds	6%	\$ 775,000

Outstanding Debt Secured by Same Pledge of Revenue Includes:  
General Obligation Bonds, Series 2016 (To be Refunded)

Pursuant to Section C(1) of R.S. 39:521, the Town may incur debt and issue bonds, but such debt shall not exceed thirty-five percent of the assessed valuation.

**Estimated Millage Requirement:**

Current Millage	12.00
Projected Millage Reduction	<u>(7.00)</u>
Total Millage After Refunding	5.00

The proposed proposition has never been presented to the voters.

Selection Method:	TBD
Purchaser:	TBD
Terms:	
Interest Rate	Not exceeding 8%
Maturity	Not exceeding 15 years
Security:	Unlimited Ad Valorem Taxes

In a letter dated September 25, 2024, Government Consultants, Inc., serving as the Municipal Advisor, anticipates a competitive process through a request for proposals. Further, they expressed that the proposed plan of finance is viewed as acceptable and marketable, and they are confident the proposed Bonds will be well received by investors.



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### **Proposition 2**

12.0 mills tax, 15 years, 2025-2039, general municipal purposes, including the payment of debt service, to be reduced each year by the millage rate levied that year by the Town's general obligation bonds, so that the total millage levied for the Tax and the payment of general obligation bonds does not exceed 12.0 mills.

Based on the current taxable assessed valuation of the Town, a 12.0 mills tax will generate an estimated \$140,000 annually.

The proposed proposition has never been presented to the voters.

The proposition is considered a new tax.

The Notice of Election reflects the estimated cost of the elections is \$700.

Pursuant to the Community Drinking Water Infrastructure Sustainability Act, the Town received a final F grade published May 1, 2024. Attached is the report card outlining the grade.

Community water systems or local governing authorities that operate a community water system with a "D" or "F" grade may be prohibited from incurring any additional debt for anything not directly related to the improvement and sustainability of the drinking water system pursuant to a plan approved by LDH and will no longer be allowed to use water revenues for anything other than the water system.

Staff has been informed the Town has been under an administrative order for over a decade for compliance violations and there is no plan in place to address the water system issues.





LOUISIANA STATE BOND COMMISSION
APPROVAL PARAMETERS - ELECTIONS

Government Unit: \* Town of Ferriday, State of Louisiana

Authority to Hold a Special Election \*

Town of Ferriday, State of Louisiana (the "Town"), on Saturday, December 7, 2024, to submit to the electors of the Town the following propositions:

Proposition Language \*

PROPOSITION 1
(BOND)

Shall the Town of Ferriday, State of Louisiana (the "Town") be authorized to issue general obligation bonds (the "Bonds") in the maximum amount of \$775,000, to mature not later than 15 years from the date thereof, with interest at a rate not exceeding 8% per annum, to be payable from ad valorem taxes as provided by Article VI, Section 33 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974 and statutory authority supplemental thereto, an estimated 5 mills to be levied in the first year of issue, which amount is 7 mills less than the 12 mills levied for such purpose in the current year, for the purpose of refunding all or a portion of the Town's currently outstanding general obligation bonds?

\*Bonds to be sold either at a public or private sale

and in the event said special election carries, for further consent and authority to issue, sell and deliver the bonds provided for therein, as set forth by resolution adopted September 25, 2024, by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Ferriday, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of the Town.

PROPOSITION 2
(MILLAGE)

Shall the Town of Ferriday, State of Louisiana (the "Town"), levy a special tax of 12 mills (the "Tax") on all the property subject to taxation in the Town (an estimated \$140,000 expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the Tax for an entire year), for a period of 15 years beginning with the year 2025 and ending with the year 2039, with the proceeds of the Tax to be used for general municipal purposes, including the payment of debt service, with said millage levied each year to be reduced by the millage rate levied that year for the Town's general obligation bonds, such authorization to be contingent upon voter approval of the general obligation bond proposition of the Town presented contemporaneously herewith?

Citation(s): \* (1) Article VI, Section 33; (2) Article VI, Section 27

As Set Forth By: \* Resolution adopted on September 25, 2024, by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Ferriday, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of the Town.

Subject To:

It is the policy of the State Bond Commission that all attorneys' fees involved in this matter must be approved by the Office of the State Attorney General prior to payment. Although this is not a conditional approval of this application, failure to obtain such approval may result in conditional approval of such application by the State Bond Commission in the future.

The approval does not constitute a recommendation, approval, or sanction by the Louisiana State Bond Commission or the State of Louisiana of the investment quality of the credit represented by the application. Further, the approval does not constitute any guaranty of repayment of the debt by the State Bond Commission or the State of Louisiana. The approval of the application by the Louisiana State Bond Commission should not be relied upon as advice by any current or potential holders or purchasers of any debt instruments subject to the application, including, but not limited to bonds, notes, and certificates of indebtedness. Nor shall the State Bond Commission or the State of Louisiana have any liability or legal responsibility to third party purchasers or investors arising out of, related to, or connected with the approval.

**STATE BOND COMMISSION  
FEE COMPARISON WORKSHEET**

Agenda Item # 4









	Firm/Vendor	Paid From Proceeds Y / N	\$775,000 L24-308 Concordia Parish, Town of Ferriday GO Bond Proposition October 14, 2024		\$1,000,000 L24-169 Allen Parish, Fire Protection District No. 3 GO Bond Proposition May 16, 2024	
			\$ Amount	\$ Per Bond	\$ Amount	\$ Per Bond
<b>ISSUANCE COSTS</b>						
<b>Legal</b>						
Bond Counsel	Foley & Judell, LLP	Y	13,625	17.58	17,000	17.00
Co-Bond Counsel				0.00		0.00
Issuer Counsel				0.00		0.00
Underwriter Counsel				0.00		0.00
Underwriter Co-Counsel				0.00		0.00
Preparation of Blue Sky Memo				0.00		0.00
Preparation of Official Statements				0.00		0.00
Purchaser Counsel	TBD	Y	7,500	9.68		0.00
Trustee Counsel	TBD	Y	5,000	6.45		0.00
<b>Total Legal</b>			<b>26,125</b>	<b>33.71</b>	<b>17,000</b>	<b>17.00</b>
<b>Other</b>						
Publishing/Advertising	Concordia Sentinel	Y	2,500	3.23	3,000	3.00
Rating Agency(s)				0.00		0.00
Insurance				0.00		0.00
Bond Commission	SBC	Y	490	0.63	625	0.63
Issuer Financing				0.00		0.00
Municipal Advisor	Government Consultants	Y	10,000	12.90	5,000	5.00
Trustee/Paying Agent	TBD	Y	5,000	6.45	2,500	2.50
Escrow Agent				0.00		0.00
Paying Agent				0.00		0.00
Feasibility Consultants				0.00		0.00
POS/OS Printing				0.00		0.00
Accounting				0.00		0.00
Account Verification				0.00		0.00
Escrow Verification				0.00		0.00
Miscellaneous	TBD	Y	1,000	1.29		0.00
<b>Total Other</b>			<b>18,990</b>	<b>24.50</b>	<b>11,125</b>	<b>11.13</b>
<b>TOTAL ISSUANCE COSTS</b>			<b>45,115</b>	<b>58.21</b>	<b>28,125</b>	<b>28.13</b>

**TOWN OF FERRIDAY WATER SYSTEM**

**Parish: CONCORDIA**

**PWSID: LA1029005**

**2023 Water Grade**

 <b>Federal Water Quality</b>	<p>Points deducted for federal violations, which include Treatment Technique and Maximum Contaminant Level Violations, may pose a public health risk over an extended period of time.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Max of 30 points</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>-30</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Agenda Item # 4</p>
 <b>State Water Quality</b>	<p>Points deducted for state violations, which include no water operator, inadequate water disinfection, and boil notices and water outages, may lead to other issues of concern if not resolved.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Max of 10 points</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>-7</b></p>
 <b>Financial Sustainability</b>	<p>Points deducted for lack of financial sustainability which can affect operations and maintenance of the water system. An effective water rate can provide for the repair, maintenance, and future replacement of infrastructure.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Max of 10 points</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>-5</b></p>
 <b>Operations &amp; Maintenance</b>	<p>Points deducted for operation and maintenance deficiencies noted during water system inspections, which may affect the water quality being distributed to consumers.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Max of 15 points</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>-6</b></p>
 <b>Infrastructure</b>	<p>Points deducted for infrastructure deficiencies noted during water system inspections, which may lead to unsafe drinking water and/or water service disruption.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Max of 20 points</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>-0</b></p>
 <b>Customer Satisfaction</b>	<p>Points deducted for customer complaints received by the water system and/or the Louisiana Department of Health, which are confirmed to be a water quality or quantity issue in the water system.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Max of 10 points</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>-10</b></p>
 <b>Secondary Contaminants</b>	<p>Points deducted for levels of iron and/or manganese greater than the secondary maximum contaminant levels. These levels do not pose a health risk but may cause undesirable water quality issues.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Max of 5 points</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>-5</b></p>
 <b>BONUS</b>	<p>Points granted for having an asset management plan; a storage assessment and maintenance program; well assessment &amp; maintenance program; participation in management training; or participation in a capacity development program.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Max of 10 points</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>+0</b></p>

Standard	Standard Maximum	Point Deductions	Detailed Assessment of Standards		System Deductions
Federal Water Quality	-30	5 each	Maximum contaminant level violations	4	- 30
		5 each	Treatment technique violations for Lead and Copper Rule	0	
		10	Is the system non-compliant with an administrative order?	Yes	
State Water Quality	-10	1 each	Chlorine violations	2	- 7
		5	Does the water system have an operator?	Yes	
		5 each	Water outages and/or boil notices	1	
Financial Sustainability	-10	5	Did the system submit an acceptable rate study or implement an adequate rate?	Yes	- 5
		5	Did the water system submit an acceptable audit?	No	
		10	Is the system under a fiscal administrator for poor financial management practices?	No	
		5	Are there other negative circumstances that affect fiscal control of the water system?	No	
Operations & Maintenance	-15	3 each	Unresolved significant deficiencies	2	- 6
Infrastructure	-20	5 each	Unresolved significant deficiencies	0	- 0
Customer Satisfaction	-10	1 each	Valid water complaints reported	10	- 10
		10	Did the system submit a water complaint log?	Yes	
Secondary Contaminants	-5	5	Manganese and/or Iron level(s) over the secondary maximum contaminant level(s)	Yes	- 5
Bonus	+10	5 each	Asset management plan, storage or well assessment & maintenance plan, participation in capacity development or management training	0	+ 0
				<b>Total Deductions + Bonus</b>	-63
				<b>Score</b>	37 / 100 = 37%



**AD HOC ELECTION SUBCOMMITTEE**

October 14, 2024

Local Government Units - Elections (December 7, 2024)

SYNOPSIS

**APPLICATION NO:** L24-320

**ENTITY:** Jefferson Parish School Board, School District No. 1

**TYPE OF REQUEST:** 10.89 Mills Ad Valorem Tax Proposition

**ANALYST:** Blaine Perrilloux

**SUBMITTED BY:**

C. Grant Schlueter, Foley & Judell, LLP

**PARAMETERS:**

10.89 mills tax, 10 years, 2025-2034, additional support to the public elementary and secondary schools by providing funds for the payment of salaries and benefits of teachers and other school employees.

**LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY:**

Article VIII, Section 13(C) Third  
R.S. 39:811

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The application meets the technical requirements therefore staff recommends the proposition be presented to the voters.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- ☐ **Analysis Summary**
- ☐ **Approval Parameter Form**



## STATE BOND COMMISSION

October 14, 2024

Local Governmental Units - Elections (December 7, 2024)

### ANALYSIS SUMMARY

**APPLICATION NO:** L24-320  
**ENTITY:** Jefferson Parish School Board, School District No. 1  
**TYPE OF REQUEST:** 10.89 Mills Ad Valorem Tax Propositions  
**ANALYST:** Blaine Perrilloux

**PROPOSITION PARAMETERS:**

10.89 mills tax, 10 years, 2025-2034, additional support to the public elementary and secondary schools by providing funds for the payment of salaries and benefits of teachers and other school employees.

Based on the current taxable assessed valuation of the District, a 10.89 mills tax will generate an estimated \$45,800,000 annually.

The proposed proposition has never been presented to the voters.

The proposition is considered a new tax.

The Notice of Election reflects the estimated cost of the election is \$52,200.



LOUISIANA STATE BOND COMMISSION  
APPROVAL PARAMETERS - ELECTIONS

Government Unit: \* School District No. 1 of the Parish of Jefferson, State of Louisiana

Authority to Hold a Special Election \*

School District No. 1 of the Parish of Jefferson, State of Louisiana (the "District"), on Saturday, December 7, 2024, to submit to the electors of the District the following proposition:

Proposition Language \*

PROPOSITION  
(MILLAGE)

Shall School District No. 1 of the Parish of Jefferson, State of Louisiana (the "District"), levy a 10.89 mills tax on all property subject to taxation within the District (an estimated \$45,800,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2025 and ending with the year 2034, for the purpose of giving additional support to the public elementary and secondary schools in the District by providing funds for the payment of salaries and benefits of teachers and other school employees?

Citation(s): \* Article VIII, Section 13(C) Third and R.S. 39:811

As Set Forth By: \* resolution adopted on October 2, 2024, by the Parish School Board of the Parish of Jefferson, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of the District

Subject To:

It is the policy of the State Bond Commission that all attorneys' fees involved in this matter must be approved by the Office of the State Attorney General prior to payment. Although this is not a conditional approval of this application, failure to obtain such approval may result in conditional approval of such application by the State Bond Commission in the future.

The approval does not constitute a recommendation, approval, or sanction by the Louisiana State Bond Commission or the State of Louisiana of the investment quality of the credit represented by the application. Further, the approval does not constitute any guaranty of repayment of the debt by the State Bond Commission or the State of Louisiana. The approval of the application by the Louisiana State Bond Commission should not be relied upon as advice by any current or potential holders or purchasers of any debt instruments subject to the application, including, but not limited to bonds, notes, and certificates of indebtedness. Nor shall the State Bond Commission or the State of Louisiana have any liability or legal responsibility to third party purchasers or investors arising out of, related to, or connected with the approval.



**AD HOC ELECTION SUBCOMMITTEE**

October 14, 2024

Local Government Units - Elections (December 7, 2024)

SYNOPSIS

**APPLICATION NO:** L24-307

**ENTITY:** St. Mary Parish, Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1

**TYPE OF REQUEST:** 7.81 Mills Ad Valorem Tax Proposition

**ANALYST:** Blaine Perrilloux

**SUBMITTED BY:**

M. Jason Akers, Foley & Judell, LLP

**PARAMETERS:**

7.81 mills tax, 10 years, 2027-2036, acquiring, constructing, maintaining and operating gravity drainage works.

**LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY:**

Article VI, Section 32

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The application meets the technical requirements therefore staff recommends the proposition be presented to the voters.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- ☐ **Analysis Summary**
- ☐ **Approval Parameter Form**





## STATE BOND COMMISSION

October 14, 2024

Local Governmental Units - Elections (December 7, 2024)

### ANALYSIS SUMMARY

**APPLICATION NO:** L24-307  
**ENTITY:** St. Mary Parish, Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1  
**TYPE OF REQUEST:** 7.81 Mills Ad Valorem Tax Proposition  
**ANALYST:** Blaine Perrilloux

**PROPOSITION PARAMETERS:**

7.81 mills tax, 10 years, 2027-2036, acquiring, constructing, maintaining and operating gravity drainage works.

Based on the current taxable assessed valuation of the District, a 7.81 mills tax will generate an estimated \$1,833,000 annually.

The proposed proposition was last presented to the voters at the December 10, 2016, election for which it passed.

The proposition is considered a renewal tax.

The Notice of Election reflects the estimated cost of the election is \$4,400.



LOUISIANA STATE BOND COMMISSION  
APPROVAL PARAMETERS - ELECTIONS

Government Unit: \* Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana

Authority to Hold a Special Election \*

Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana (the "District"), on Saturday, December 7, 2024, to submit to the electors of the District the following proposition:

Proposition Language \*

PROPOSITION  
(TAX RENEWAL)

Shall Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana (the "District"), continue to levy a special tax of 7.81 mills on all the property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated \$1,833,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2027 and ending with the year 2036, for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, maintaining and operating gravity drainage works within and for the District?

Citation(s): \* Article VI, Section 32

As Set Forth By: \* resolution adopted on September 9, 2024, by the Board of Commissioners of Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of the District

Subject To:

It is the policy of the State Bond Commission that all attorneys' fees involved in this matter must be approved by the Office of the State Attorney General prior to payment. Although this is not a conditional approval of this application, failure to obtain such approval may result in conditional approval of such application by the State Bond Commission in the future.

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**AD HOC ELECTION SUBCOMMITTEE**

October 14, 2024

Local Government Units - Elections (December 7, 2024)

SYNOPSIS

**APPLICATION NO:** L24-309

**ENTITY:** Tangipahoa Parish Law Enforcement District

**TYPE OF REQUEST:** 1% Sales Tax Proposition

**ANALYST:** Brandon Rinaudo

**SUBMITTED BY:**

William R. Boles, Jr., Boles Shafto, LLC

**PARAMETERS:**

1% sales tax, to be levied in perpetuity, beginning April 1, 2025, **(1)** funding school resource officer positions at all elementary and secondary schools and **(2)** any lawful purpose.

**LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY:**

Article VI, Section 30  
R.S. 13:5901, et seq.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The application meets the technical requirements therefore staff recommends the proposition be presented to the voters.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- ☐ **Analysis Summary**
- ☐ **Approval Parameter Form**



**STATE BOND COMMISSION**

October 14, 2024

Local Governmental Units - Elections (December 7, 2024)

ANALYSIS SUMMARY

**APPLICATION NO:** L24-309  
**ENTITY:** Tangipahoa Parish Law Enforcement District  
**TYPE OF REQUEST:** 1% Sales Tax Proposition  
**ANALYST:** Brandon Rinaudo

**PROPOSITION PARAMETERS:**

1% sales tax, to be levied in perpetuity, beginning April 1, 2025, **(1)** funding school resource officer positions at all elementary and secondary schools and **(2)** any lawful purpose.

This 1% sales tax is expected to yield approximately \$11,000,000 annually.

The proposed proposition has never been presented to the voters.

The proposition is considered a new tax.

Pursuant to R.S. 47:338.54, the Law Enforcement District is excluded from the 5% Parish limitation. The District is not currently levying a sales tax. The proposed tax would result in the District levying 1%.

Total sales tax within this jurisdiction is:

Law Enforcement District	1.0% (Includes Proposed)
School Board	2.0%
Parish Council	1.0%
Town of Amite City	2.0%
Fire District	0.5%
<u>Education Improvement</u>	<u>0.5%</u>
Total	7.0%

The Notice of Election reflects the estimated cost of the election is \$14,000.



**LOUISIANA STATE BOND COMMISSION  
APPROVAL PARAMETERS - ELECTIONS**

SBC Tracking #L24-309

Agenda Item # 7

Government Unit: \* Law Enforcement District of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana

Authority to Hold a Special Election \*

Law Enforcement District of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana (the "District"), on Saturday, December 7, 2024, to submit to the electors of the District the following proposition:

Proposition Language \*

Shall the Law Enforcement District of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana (the "District"), be authorized to levy and collect a tax of one percent (1%) (the "Tax") upon the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption, and the storage for use or consumption, of tangible personal property and on sales and services in the District, all as defined by law (an estimated \$11,000,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year) in perpetuity, commencing April 1, 2025 with the proceeds of the Tax (after paying the reasonable and necessary costs and expenses of collecting and administering the Tax) to be dedicated and used for the purposes of funding school resource officer positions at all elementary and secondary schools within the Parish of Tangipahoa, and providing additional funding for the District to be used for any lawful purpose?

Citation(s): \* La Const. Art VI, Sec. 30; La. R.S. 13:5901 et seq.

As Set Forth By: \* Resolution adopted by the District on October 14, 2024.

Subject To:

It is the policy of the State Bond Commission that all attorneys' fees involved in this matter must be approved by the Office of the State Attorney General prior to payment. Although this is not a conditional approval of this application, failure to obtain such approval may result in conditional approval of such application by the State Bond Commission in the future.

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**10-14-2024 AD HOC ELECTION SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING  
APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED BUT NOT HEARD**

Agenda Item # 8

<b>Type</b>	<b>App #</b>	<b>Entity</b>	<b>Attorney / Official</b>	<b>Reason</b>
Election	L24-290	St. Mary Parish Council	Jason Akers Foley & Judell, LLP	Resolution calling the election was not adopted and the application was terminated.
Election	L24-311	Orleans Parish, Lake Vista Crime Prevention District	Charles Blanchard, District President	Proposition not eligible for the December 7, 2024 election date; therefore, the application was terminated.