

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF  
THE ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL OF THE  
PARISH OF ST. MARY, STATE OF LOUISIANA

JANUARY 22, 2020  
FRANKLIN, LOUISIANA

The St. Mary Parish Council met on this date in Regular Session with Chairman Dean S. Adams presiding and the following members present: Rev. Craig A. Mathews, J Ina, Scott Ramsey, Leslie “Les” Rulf, Jr., James W. Bennett, Jr., Mark A. Duhon, Gwendolyn L. Hidalgo, and Kristi Prejeant Rink, M.D. Absent were Rodney Olander and Patrick J. Hebert.

The Invocation was pronounced by Rev. Mathews and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Ramsey.

Mr. Ramsey moved that the reading of the minutes of the First Regular Meeting, January 8, 2020, the Inauguration Proceedings, January 13, 2020, and Special Session Meeting, January 13, 2020 be dispensed with and that the same is approved. Mr. Bennett seconded the motion, which carried.

Jeffery Duhe, Partnership Specialist, Atlanta Regional Office, United States Census Bureau, appeared before the Council to announce preparations for the 2020 Census.

Morgan City Harbor & Terminal District Executive Director, Raymond “Mac” Wade appeared before the Council with an update and presentation on the Port. He expounded on the Rail Project on Youngs Road in Morgan City, the port dock, the maximum depth of the dredging, and the high water event.

Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 2 Chairman, Lee Dragna appeared before the Council with concerns regarding the St. Mary Levee District relative to flood protection for Lakeside Subdivision along Lake Palourde Drive.

In response to several Councilmen inquiries, St. Mary Levee District Board Member, Norris Crappell informed that St. Mary Levee District meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month and that he will have someone from the District contact Mr. Dragna.

Parish President, David Hanagriff informed that the St. Mary Parish Chamber of Commerce Annual Membership Banquet will be held on January 23, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at Cypress Bayou Casino Hotel Pavilion.

Mr. Hanagriff also informed that the St. Mary Levee District will have a groundbreaking ceremony of the Bayou Teche Flood Control Structure located at the end of Chauvin Lane, Franklin, Louisiana at 2:00 p.m. on January 29, 2020. He explained that this is a swing gate structure that will be placed on Bayou Teche to protect Franklin, Garden City, Centerville, Verdunville, and Ricohoc from hurricane surges and that the Yokely Levee Extension will be the last project to complete the protection from Wax Lake Outlet to the Charenton Drainage Canal.

Mr. Hanagriff gave an update on the status of several road projects funded with Road Bonds and GOMESA Bonds.

In response to Rev. Mathews’ inquiry, Mr. Hanagriff stated that he will contact Iberia Parish President, Larry Richard to discuss the overlay of St. Peter Street, Jeanerette, Louisiana.

Chief Administrative Officer, Henry “Bo” LaGrange, presented his report for a two (2) week period ending January 22, 2020. (all items are informational)

In response to Mr. Ina’s inquiry, Mr. LaGrange stated that several road projects will be advertised for bids in the near future.

As per Section 4-08 B of the St. Mary Parish Home Rule Charter, Chief Administrative Officer, “Henry “Bo” LaGrange requested the Council approve the appointment of Jillian Fisher as Director of Personnel.

Mr. Ina moved that St. Mary Parish Council approve the appointment of Jillian Fisher as Director of Personnel. Dr. Rink seconded the motion, which carried.

Rev. Mathews moved that the Public Hearing Report, January 8, 2020 – 5:45 and the Public Hearing Report, January 8, 2020 – 5:50 be approved. Mr. Ina seconded the motion, which carried.

Council Clerk, Lisa C. Morgan informed that Mr. Olander is absent due to a meeting in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Bennett introduced the following ordinance:

**ORDINANCE NO.**

An ordinance creating Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 2A of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana, describing the territory to compose the district and the boundaries thereof, and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

**WHEREAS**, the Home Rule Charter of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana, as well as the provisions of Chapter 22, Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, (La. R.S. 33:7702 *et seq.*) (the “Act”), and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto, permit the St. Mary Parish Council (the “Parish Council”) to create one or more consolidated gravity drainage districts in its jurisdiction; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to and in compliance with the provisions of the Act, the Parish Council, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana (the “Parish”), adopted a resolution on January 8, 2020, declaring the intent of the Parish Council to create Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 2A of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana (the “District”), describing the territory to compose the District and the proposed boundaries thereof, ordering and directing the publication of a notice of intention to create said District, and providing for the hearing of any and all objections to the creation thereof; and

**WHEREAS**, notice of the intent of the Parish Council to create the District was published one time pursuant to the Act in the *Franklin Banner-Tribune*, the official journal of the Parish, with said publication occurring on January 15, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parish Council, acting as the governing authority of the Parish, hereby determines that the creation of the District is in the best interests of the Parish and the inhabitants of the area affected;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Parish Council, acting as the governing authority of the Parish, that:

SECTION 1. In accordance with the provisions and authority conferred the Act, and other constitutional and statutory authority, there is hereby created Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 2A of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana (the “District”), which shall comprise and embrace all of that territory within the boundaries of Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 2 (“CGDD2”) and Gravity Drainage District No. 6 (“GDD6”) as those boundaries are presently constituted.

SECTION 2. Pursuant to the Act, the governing body of the District shall be the Parish

Council. The Parish Council shall appoint a Board of Commissioners (the “Board”) for the District to assist in the operation and administration of the affairs of the District pursuant to all powers and responsibilities provided for in the Act. The Board shall consist of five (5) members appointed by the Parish Council. Three (3) of the members shall be a resident of the City of Morgan City (the “Municipality”), and two (2) of the members shall be a resident of the unincorporated area of the District. Each member of the Board shall be a resident property taxpayer and registered voter of the District and shall serve a four (4) year term, or until a successor is appointed by the Parish Council. No member of the Board shall serve more than three (3) consecutive terms. If an individual serves any portion of a term, such time is to be considered one full term for the purposes of calculating the aforementioned term limitation. The individual shall be eligible for reappointment after one full four-year term has passed since the individual’s removal from office or the expiration of his or her third consecutive term. The initial terms of the newly appointed board members shall be staggered at the discretion of the Parish Council.

SECTION 3. The domicile of the District is hereby designated as the St. Mary Parish Council Office, St. Mary Parish Courthouse, 500 Main Street, Franklin, Louisiana. The Board shall meet once a month, at a date and time to be designated by the Parish Council, consistent with all state and parish laws and ordinances.

SECTION 4. The Board shall take any and all actions required by the Act, and any other constitutional and/or statutory authority, in order to secure, account for, and allocate all funds collected or otherwise received by the District, including but not limited to maintaining appropriate accounting records for the District.

SECTION 5. CGDD2 and GDD6 shall continue in existence. Any existing taxes and service charges in both CGDD2 and GDD6 will remain in effect and continue to be collected. Such taxes and service charges shall be paid to the District and administered by the Board; however the Board shall allocate all of the revenues from the existing taxes and service charges to the specific districts from which said revenues were derived.

SECTION 6. The entire proceeds of all funds collected or otherwise received by the District shall be used by the Board for gravity drainage purposes within the District as permitted pursuant to the Act.

All funds received shall be promptly deposited in bank account(s) established and maintained with the regularly designated fiscal agent of the District, provided, however, any amount which is paid under protest or which is subject to litigation may be transferred to a separate account established by the Board pending the final determination of the protest or litigation.

SECTION 7. Pursuant to applicable authority, the District will assume the rights and responsibilities surrounding any cooperative endeavor agreements entered into by CGDD2 and/or GDD6, to the extent they exist, and the Board shall have the power to act pursuant to said agreements on behalf of the District. In the event any cooperative endeavor agreement exists exclusively by and between the CGDD2 and GDD6, the Board shall have the ability to accept, amend, or abolish said agreement(s).

SECTION 8. The Chairman and Clerk of the Governing Authority are hereby authorized to do any and all things necessary and incidental to carry out the provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 9. All other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 10. If any provision of this ordinance shall be held to be illegal or invalid, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect any other provision of this ordinance, but this ordinance shall be construed and enforced as if such illegal or invalid provisions had not been contained herein. Any constitutional or statutory provision enacted after the date of this ordinance which validates or makes legal any provision of this ordinance which would not otherwise be valid or legal, shall be deemed to apply to this ordinance.

SECTION 11. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon execution by the Parish President.

This Ordinance having been offered and read on this the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2020; having been published in accordance with law.

Rev. Mathews moved that the following Resolutions be adopted. Mr. Ina seconded the motion, which carried by the following 9-0-0-2 Roll Call vote:

YEAS: Mathews, Ina, Ramsey, Rulf, Bennett, Duhon, Hidalgo, Rink, and Adams

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Olander and Hebert

**RESOLUTION**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the St. Mary Parish Council does hereby adopt and approve the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for St. Mary Parish as completed for year ending December 31, 2019.

**ADOPTED AND APPROVED** by the St. Mary Parish Council in regular session convened on this the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January 2020.

**APPROVED:**

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**DEAN S. ADAMS, CHAIRMAN  
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

**ATTEST:**

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**LISA C. MORGAN, CLERK  
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

**RESOLUTION**

A resolution approving the holding of an election in St. Mary Parish Water and Sewer Commission No. 1, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, May 9, 2020, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein.

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of St. Mary Parish Water and Sewer Commission No. 1, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of St. Mary Parish Water and Sewer Commission No. 1, State of Louisiana (the "Commission"), adopted a resolution on January 8, 2020, calling a special election in the Commission on Saturday, May 9, 2020, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein; and

**WHEREAS**, the governing authority of the Commission has requested that this Parish Council, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana, give its consent and authority for the Commission to hold the aforesaid election, and in the event that the election carries to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein; and

**WHEREAS**, as required by Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, it is now the desire of this Parish Council to approve the holding of said election and in the event that the election carries, to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Parish Council of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of said Parish, that:

SECTION 1. In compliance with the provisions of Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, and in accordance with the request of the Board of Commissioners of St. Mary Parish Water and Sewer Commission No. 1, State of Louisiana, this Parish Council hereby approves the holding of an election in the Commission, on Saturday, May 9, 2020, at which election there will be submitted the following proposition, to-wit:

**PROPOSITION  
(MILLAGE CONTINUATION)**

Shall St. Mary Parish Water and Sewer Commission No. 1, State of Louisiana (the "Commission"), be authorized to continue to levy a tax of nine and ninety-

nine hundredths (9.99) mills on all property subject to taxation within the jurisdiction and boundaries of the Commission (an estimated \$825,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2021 and ending with the year 2030, for the purpose of constructing and acquiring improvements and extensions to the waterworks systems and sewerage systems and related facilities of the Commission and operating and maintaining said systems, a work of public improvement for the Commission, said millage to represent a one hundredths of a mill (.01) increase (due to reappraisal) over the 9.98 mills tax authorized to be levied through the year 2020 pursuant to an election held on May 1, 2010?

SECTION 2. In the event the election carries, this Parish Council does hereby further consent to and authorize the Commission to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein.

**ADOPTED AND APPROVED** by the St. Mary Parish Council in regular session convened on this the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January 2020.

**APPROVED:**

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**DEAN S. ADAMS, CHAIRMAN  
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

**ATTEST:**

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**LISA C. MORGAN, CLERK  
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

In response to Mr. Bennett's inquiry, M. LaGrange stated that this is a renewal for an operations and maintenance millage for the Amelia area and that it is authorized for up to ten (10) years.

**RESOLUTION**

A Resolution authorizing David Hanagriff, the President of the Parish of St. Mary to execute a Contract with Huey P. Stockstill, LLC relative to the Degravelle Road Improvements Project.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that David Hanagriff, President of the Parish of St. Mary, be and he is hereby authorized and directed, for and on behalf of the Parish Council, to execute a Contract with Huey P. Stockstill, LLC, P.O. Box 758, Picayune, MS 39466 relative to the Degravelle Road Improvements Project, with said Contract to contain such terms, conditions and stipulations as he may best see fit, he being fully authorized in the premises.

**ADOPTED AND APPROVED** by the St. Mary Parish Council in regular session convened on this the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January 2020.

**APPROVED:**

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**DEAN S. ADAMS, CHAIRMAN  
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

**ATTEST:**

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**LISA C. MORGAN, CLERK  
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

**RESOLUTION**

A resolution authorizing David Hanagriff, the President to execute Task Order No. 1 with Quality Engineering & Surveying, LLC relative to St. Mary Parish 911 Center Wind Retrofit and Safe Room Project.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that David Hanagriff, President of the Parish of St. Mary, be and he is hereby authorized and directed, for and on behalf of the Parish Council, to execute Task Order No. 1 with Quality Engineering & Surveying, LLC, 18350 Hwy. 42, Port Vincent, Louisiana 70726 relative St. Mary Parish 911 Center Wind Retrofit and Safe Room Project, with said Contract to contain such terms, conditions and stipulations as he may best see fit, he being fully authorized in the premises.

**ADOPTED AND APPROVED** by the St. Mary Parish Council in regular session convened on this the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January 2020.

**APPROVED:**

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**DEAN S. ADAMS, CHAIRMAN  
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

**ATTEST:**

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**LISA C. MORGAN, CLERK  
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

**RESOLUTION**

A resolution providing for the approval and authorization for Change Order No. 2 relative Harry P. Williams Airport Rehabilitate Perimeter Fence Project.

**WHEREAS**, a certain contract has been entered into between the St. Mary Parish Council and Automatic Access Gates, LLC, 8468 Paris Avenue, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70814, relative to the Harry P. Williams Airport Rehabilitate Perimeter Fence Project, and

**WHEREAS**, the items as shown on Change Order No. 2 will result in an increase of \$15,771.00 in the contract price.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the St. Mary Parish Council does hereby approve the issuance of Change Order No. 2 covering an increase of \$15,771.00 in the contract for the Harry P. Williams Airport Rehabilitate Perimeter Fence Project.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the President of St. Mary Parish, David Hanagriff, be and he is hereby authorized to execute Change Order No. 2 on behalf of the St. Mary Parish Council.

**ADOPTED AND APPROVED** by the St. Mary Parish Council in regular session convened on this the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January 2020.

**APPROVED:**

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**DEAN S. ADAMS, CHAIRMAN  
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

**ATTEST:**

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**LISA C. MORGAN, CLERK  
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

**RESOLUTION**

A resolution authorizing David Hanagriff, President to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Aptim Environmental and Infrastructure, LLC relative to Disaster Assistance Services related to the Flood Fight of 2019 (DR4462) and Hurricane Barry (DR4458).

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that David Hanagriff, President of the Parish of St. Mary, be and he is hereby authorized and directed, for and on behalf of the Parish Council, to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Aptim Environmental and Infrastructure, LLC relative to Disaster Assistance Services related to the Flood Fight of 2019 (DR4462) and Hurricane Barry (DR4458), with said Contract to contain such terms, conditions, and stipulations as he may best see fit, he being fully authorized in the premises.

**ADOPTED AND APPROVED** by the St. Mary Parish Council in regular session convened on this the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January 2020.

**APPROVED:**

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**DEAN S. ADAMS, CHAIRMAN  
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

**ATTEST:**

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**LISA C. MORGAN, CLERK  
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. Referred from the December 18, 2019 Regular Meeting - Appointments to the following Boards and Commissions:

**Fire Protection District No. 1 (Cypremort Point) – 3 Vacancies**

Dawn Schouest – Present Member  
Kimberly Simon

Shirley B. Thibodaux – Present Member

Dr. Rink moved that Dawn Schouest and Shirley B. Thibodaux be reappointed and Kimberly Simon be appointed to Fire Protection District No. 1. Rev. Mathews seconded the motion, which carried.

**Mosquito Control District No. 1 (Cypremort Point) – 3 Vacancies**

Dickey Arnold – Present Member

Kimberly Simon

Dr. Rink moved that Dickey Arnold be reappointed and Kimberly Simon be appointed to Mosquito Control District No. 1. Mr. Ramsey seconded the motion, which carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Discussion and action relative to appointment of Advisory Budget/Finance Committee.

Nominations were opened for Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Advisory Budget/Finance Committee.

Mr. Ina nominated Rev. Mathews as Chairman and nominated James Bennett as Vice Chairman of the Advisory Budget/Finance Committee.

Nomination for Chairman of the Advisory Budget/Finance Committee was accepted by Rev. Mathews and nomination for Vice Chairman of the Advisory Budget/Finance Committee was accepted by Mr. Bennett.

There being no other nominations, Mr. Adams moved to close the nominations for Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Advisory Budget/Finance Committee.

Mr. Ina moved that Rev. Mathews be appointed as Chairman of the Advisory Budget/Finance Committee and James Bennett be appointed as Vice Chairman of the Advisory Budget/Finance Committee. Mr. Duhon seconded the motion, which carried.

B. Mark Duhon has written to resign from the St. Mary Parish Charter Advisory Committee effective immediately.

Mr. Duhon will be sent a letter thanking him for his service.

C. Rodney Olander has written to resign from his position on the St. Mary Parish Board of Adjustments effective immediately.

Mr. Olander will be sent a letter thanking him for his service and the vacancy will be advertised.

D. Brenda P. Bergeron, Clerk of the Council, Iberia Parish Council has sent a Resolution adopted by the Iberia Parish Council in Regular Session held on Wednesday, November 20, 2019 supporting the candidacy of Councilman Eugene A. Olivier, Sr. as a Member At Large of the Executive Board of the Police Jury Association of Louisiana.

E. Bob Brotherton, Bossier Parish Police Juror, District 1 has written to let you know he is running for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President at the State Convention.

He is asking for your support in the election for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of the Police Jury Association of Louisiana.

In response to Rev. Mathews' inquiry, Mrs. Morgan informed that these elections will take place on February 12, 2020 at the Police Jury Association Conference. Therefore, a Resolution of Support will have to be adopted at the February 11, 2020 Parish Council meeting.

F. Appointments to the following Boards and Commissions:

**Fire Protection District No. 11 (Four Corners) – 5 Vacancies**

Johnny Sutton  
Rickey Paul Bourque, II  
Eva D. Rollins

Shirley J. Purvey  
William “Paul” Frost  
Ronald J. Chillis

Mrs. Morgan stated that late applications were received from Roy P. Marks, Sr., Denise Teno, and Linda Lockett.

Rev. Mathews moved that Rickey Paul Bourque, II, Shirley J. Purvey, William “Paul” Frost, and Ronald J. Chillis be appointed to Fire Protection District No. 11. Mr. Ina seconded the motion, which carried.

Rev. Mathews requested to place the remaining vacancy on the February 11, 2020 Parish Council Meeting Agenda.

**Recreation District No. 6 (Baldwin, Jeanerette, and Charenton area) – 1 Vacancy**

No applications received.

**Water & Sewer Commission No. 2 (Bayou Vista) – 1 Vacancy**

N. A. “Tony” Hensgens, Jr. – Present Member

Mr. Ramsey moved that N. A. “Tony” Hensgens, Jr. be reappointed to Water & Sewer Commission No. 2. Mrs. Hidalgo seconded the motion, which carried.

**Water & Sewer Commission No. 4 (Chatsworth, St. Joseph, Irish Bend, Yokely, Sorrell, Websterville, Charenton, and St. Peter Street areas) – 3 Vacancies**

Thomas Ducote – Present Member  
Chad Gianfala

Willie Scott – Present Member

Mrs. Morgan informed that there was a typographical error regarding the number of vacancies and explained that there are only two (2) vacancies for Water & Sewer Commission No. 4. She explained that two (2) vacancies were advertised in the legal notice in the Banner Tribune.

Rev. Mathews moved that Thomas Ducote and Willie Scott be reappointed to Water & Sewer Commission No. 4. Mr. Ina seconded the motion, which carried.

Mrs. Morgan reminded Council members that pictures of the Council and Parish President Hanagriff will be taken at the February 11, 2020 Council Meeting.

There being no further business, Mr. Ina moved for adjournment. Mr. Bennett seconded the motion, which carried.