

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

NOVEMBER 8, 2017  
FRANKLIN, LOUISIANA

The St. Mary Parish Council met on this date in Regular Session with Gabriel Beadle, Chairman presiding and the following members present: Rev. Craig Mathews, J Ina, Dale Rogers, Glen Hidalgo, Ken Singleton, Patrick Hebert, James Bennett, Sterling Fryou, Paul P. Naquin, Jr. and Kevin Voisin.

The Invocation was pronounced by Mr. Voisin and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Naquin.

Mr. Voisin moved that the reading of the minutes of the Second Regular Meeting, October 25, 2017, be dispensed with and that the same be approved. Mr. Fryou seconded the motion, which carried.

Mr. Voisin requested to move up Item 13A, "Resolution of Respect in memory of Mr. James "Jimmy" Diaz."

Mr. Bennett moved that the following Resolution be adopted. The Council seconded the motion, which carried by the following 11-0-0-0 Roll Call vote:

YEAS: Rev. Mathews, Messrs. Ina, Rogers, Hidalgo, Singleton, Hebert, Bennett, Fryou, Naquin, Voisin and Beadle

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

**RESOLUTION OF RESPECT**

**WHEREAS**, the Lord Almighty in His Infinite mercy and goodness has seen fit to remove from our midst, Mr. James "Jimmy" Diaz, and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Diaz loved his family and always put his family first above anything, and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Diaz was a dedicated member of the Morgan City Police Department for over 14 years, and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Diaz was the life of every party and will be dearly missed by all his family and friends, and

**WHEREAS**, the members of the St. Mary Parish Council wish to acknowledge publicly their sorrow and sympathy to the family of Mr. Diaz, and

**WHEREAS**, the St. Mary Parish Council hopes that his family will find comfort in the thought that their grief and sorrow are shared by their friends.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the St. Mary Parish Council through the unanimous adoption of this resolution that they solemnly deliberate with sincere condolences, sympathy, and understanding during this time of grief.

**ADOPTED AND APPROVED** by the St. Mary Parish Council in regular session convened on this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of November 2017.

**APPROVED:**

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**GABRIEL BEADLE, CHAIRMAN  
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

**ATTEST:**

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

Mr. Beadle requested to move up Item 13B, "Resolution congratulating Morgan City Junior High School Football team on the St. Mary Parish Championship."

Several Coaches and team members from the Morgan City Junior High School Football team appeared before the Council to be recognized for its 2017 undefeated season and they thanked the Council for their support and presented Parish President Hanagriff with a football signed by the team.

Mr. Bennett moved that the following Resolution be adopted. Mr. Naquin seconded the motion, which carried by the following 11-0-0-0 Roll Call vote:

YEAS: Messrs. Ina, Rogers, Hidalgo, Singleton, Hebert, Bennett, Fryou, Naquin, Voisin, Beadle and Rev. Mathews

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

### **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Morgan City Junior High School Football Team ended the 2017 Season undefeated with a 7-0 record, and

**WHEREAS**, the Morgan City Junior High School Football Team reached this goal by defeating Patterson twice, Pierre Part, Centerville, Berwick, B.E. Boudreaux and Franklin, and

**WHEREAS**, the Morgan City Junior High School Football Team represented St. Mary Parish by capturing the 2017 Championship, and

**WHEREAS**, the Morgan City Junior High School Football Championship was the result of hard work and determination by the Coaches and Team Members.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the St. Mary Parish Council does hereby congratulate the Morgan City Junior High School Football Team and Coaches on their Championship.

**ADOPTED AND APPROVED** by the St. Mary Parish Council in regular session convened on this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of November 2017.

**APPROVED:**

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**GABRIEL BEADLE, CHAIRMAN  
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

**ATTEST:**

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

Mr. Beadle requested to move up Item 13C, “Resolution congratulating Bayou Vista Elementary School on being named the “2017 National Blue Ribbon School.”

Mr. Hidalgo moved that the following Resolution be adopted. The Council seconded the motion, which carried by the following 11-0-0-0 Roll Call vote:

YEAS: Messrs. Rogers, Hidalgo, Singleton, Hebert, Bennett, Fryou, Naquin, Voisin, Beadle, Rev. Mathews and Mr. Ina

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Bayou Vista Elementary School has been honored as a “2017 National Blue Ribbon School”, and

**WHEREAS**, the Bayou Vista Elementary School has excelled and has been recognized as the 2017 Exemplary High Performing School, and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Education has honored the Bayou Vista Elementary School for their unwavering commitment to the well-being of every child and their thoughtful innovations in teaching and learning, and

**WHEREAS**, the Bayou Vista Elementary School will be honored at the 2017 National Blue Ribbon School Awards Ceremony to be held on November 6-7, 2017 in Washington, D.C.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the St. Mary Parish Council does hereby congratulate the Bayou Vista Elementary School on its award of “2017 National Blue Ribbon School”.

**ADOPTED AND APPROVED** by the St. Mary Parish Council in regular session convened on this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of November 2017.

**APPROVED:**

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**GABRIEL BEADLE, CHAIRMAN  
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

**ATTEST:**

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

Mr. Beadle requested to move up Item 15A, “Mr. Hidalgo to request an allocation of \$2,100 from Wards 5 & 8 3/10% Sales Tax Fund to St. Mary Parish School Board for Bayou Vista Elementary School to assist the school with their “Blue Ribbon Celebration Year”.

Mr. Hidalgo moved that funds in the amount of \$2,100.00 be allocated from Wards 5 & 8 3/10% Sales Tax Fund to St. Mary Parish School Board for Bayou Vista Elementary School to assist the school with their “Blue Ribbon Celebration Year”. Mr. Singleton seconded the motion, which carried.

Mr. Ina commended Bayou Vista Elementary and stated that St. Mary Parish is the highest rated B District School in the State of Louisiana.

Representative Beryl A. Amedee, State Representative District 51, 302 School Street, Houma, Louisiana appeared before the Council to discuss the legislative review and update.

Representative Amedee handed out a form highlighting St. Mary Parish and projects that are included in House Bill 2 (HB2) and reported on the 2017 legislative sessions.

Representative Amedee expounded on the budget, K-12 education, Department of Health, Higher Education, Gas Tax increase, Opioid Drug Crisis, Driver’s Education, Fiscal Reform, Tax Deduction, TOPS funding, Coastal Protection Comprehensive Master Plan Renewal, Floods of 2016, Capital Outlay Bill, 18 Projects in St. Mary Parish, Medicaid, and the Work Out Now Initiative.

Representative Amedee explained that the Port of Morgan City hired a lobbyist to investigate the dredging of the Atchafalaya and offered to meet with the Council regarding this matter.

Parish President Hanagriff and several of the Councilmen thanked Representative Amedee on her help with the recent sessions.

Dr. Gary Wiltz, 1115 Weber Street, Franklin, Louisiana, Jeannie Solas, Chamber of Health Initiative, Karla Vappie, Director of Mental and Behavioral Health, Teche Action Clinic and Renee Stansbury, Tobacco Free Living Campaign appeared before the Council to discuss Teche Action Clinic’s Tobacco-free initiative.

Dr. Wiltz informed of the Chambers of Health which is a partnership of all medical communities in the Parish and the Chamber of Commerce to help improve our community.

Dr. Wiltz handed out a packet that compares St. Mary Parish to neighboring parishes and informed of funds available from the tobacco settlement. The Attorney General sued the tobacco companies resulting in the creation of a Trust Fund in the State of Louisiana.

Ms. Stansbury explained that the Tobacco Settlement Fund went into the State's General Fund. These funds can only be used on participants that meet the qualifications relative to smoking cessation.

Dr. Wiltz further explained that if the money in the trust fund is not completely used by year 2022, the funds will revert back to the tobacco companies.

Ms. Solas expounded on obtaining a national coach to help advance health culture in our area.

Dr. Wiltz informed about the "Well Ahead Program" that assists businesses in helping their employees attempt to live a better life and also expounded on the continued effort to enforce smoke free areas.

Nickolas Lejeune, 10945 Hwy. 87, Jeanerette appeared before the Council to discuss the current water and sewer millage in his district.

Mr. Lejeune questioned the millage usage for Water & Sewer Commission No. 4.

Mr. Hanagriff and Mr. LaGrange suggested that Mr. Lejeune attend Water & Sewer Commission No. 4 board meeting to obtain detailed information and also informed that the audit report can be reviewed in effort to explain the millage.

Mr. LaGrange explained that the millage is to pay for the operation and maintenance cost for the water and sewer systems. However, there are areas in Water & Sewer Commission No. 4 that do not have community sewer but are paying a millage for water and sewer.

Mr. Hanagriff informed that the annual Veteran's luncheon will be held on November 9, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at Franklin Recreation Center. The VFW of Morgan City will have a function on November 11, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at Cypress Park and other functions will be held at several schools in St. Mary Parish.

Mr. Ina informed that there will be a Veteran's breakfast at Franklin Junior High School on November 10, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

Mr. Hidalgo moved that the Public Hearing Report October 25, 2017 be approved. Mr. Naquin seconded the motion, which carried. Mr. Voisin was absent.

Mr. Fryou introduced the following ordinance:

#### **ORDINANCE NO.**

An ordinance authorizing the President of St. Mary Parish to convey, transfer, and set over that certain tract of land to Argus Health Products, LLC as per the lease agreement dated May 12, 2004.

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the St. Mary Parish Council, in regular session convened:

**SECTION 1.** The St. Mary Parish Council does hereby authorize the President to convey, transfer, and set over that certain tract of land as described in the attached "Exhibit A", as per the terms and conditions of that certain lease agreement between St. Mary Parish Government and Argus Health Products, LLC.

**SECTION 2.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

This ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

This ordinance having been offered and read on this 8th day of November 2017; having been published in accordance with law.

“Exhibit A”

A tract or lot of land lying and being situated in Section 2, T14S-R9E, St. Mary Parish, Louisiana, and being more particularly shown, designated and described as “TRACT ABCDEFA” on the attached Plan of Land showing property conveyed to MILDRED STOEHR CHRISTIAN as per C.O.B. 42-M, Entry No. 283,964 to be acquired by ST. MARY PARISH GOVERNMENT BEING TRACT “ABCDEFA”, made by Lamon G. Miller, P.L.S., dated April 30, 2004, bearing Drawing No. 11081, and being more fully described as: BEGINNING at a point on the southerly boundary of Willow Street, which point is indicated by the letter “A” on said PLAN, and from thence proceeding S.14°52'07"E., a distance of 80.00 feet, to a point indicated by the letter “B” on said PLAN; then turning and proceeding S.72°23'45"W., a distance of 71.57 feet to a point indicated by the letter “C” on said PLAN; and from thence turning and proceeding S.15°16'26"E., a distance of 61.00 feet to a point indicated by the letter “D” on said PLAN; and from thence turning and proceeding S.68°56'15"W., a distance of 63.22 feet to a point indicated by the letter “E” on said PLAN; and from thence turning and proceeding N.17°50'36"W., a distance of 143.89 feet to a point indicated by the letter “F” on said PLAN, which point is also on the southerly boundary of Willow Street; and from thence turning and proceeding N.72°04'48"E., along the southerly boundary of Willow Street, a distance of 141.58 feet to a point indicated by the letter “A”, which is the POINT OF BEGINNING. The property is more fully designated as “TRACT ‘ABCEDFA’, Area = 15,140 sq. ft.” on said PLAN OF LAND, to which reference is made for a more full description of the same.

This property bears Municipal No. 521 Main Street, Franklin, Louisiana 70538.

BEING the same property acquired by Mildred Stoehr Christian by act of sale from Hibernia National Bank recorded in St. Mary Parish Conveyance Book 46-M, Page 473, Entry 283,964 on February 9, 2004.

Subject to:

1. Party Wall Agreement between Commercial Bank & Trust Company and Myrtle Palfrey Brumby, et al, recorded November 14, 1968, in Book 15-N, Page 26, under Entry No. 138,589 of the Conveyance Records of St. Mary Parish, Louisiana.

Being the same property acquired by St. Mary Parish Government by Act of Sale from Mildred Stoehr Christian recorded May 14, 2004, in St. Mary Parish Conveyance Book 58, Page 556, Entry No. 285,696.

Rev. Mathews moved that the following Resolution be adopted. Mr. Ina seconded the motion, which carried by the following 10-0-0-1 Roll Call vote:

YEAS: Messrs. Hidalgo, Singleton, Hebert, Bennett, Fryou, Naquin, Beadle, Rev. Mathews, Messrs. Ina and Rogers

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mr. Voisin

## RESOLUTION

A resolution authorizing David Hanagriff, the President of St. Mary Parish to execute a Cooperative Endeavor/Lease Agreement between the Parish of St. Mary and Save Our Children Mentoring Program, Inc. for use of the Bunche Branch Library.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that David Hanagriff, President of the Parish of St. Mary be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute a Cooperative Endeavor/Lease Agreement between the Parish of St. Mary and Save Our Children Mentoring Program, Inc. for use of the Bunche Branch Library, with said Agreement 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of November 2017.

### APPROVED:

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**GABRIEL BEADLE, CHAIRMAN  
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

### ATTEST:

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

Mr. Rogers moved that the following Resolutions be adopted. Mr. Ina seconded the motion, which carried by the following 10-0-0-1 Roll Call vote:

YEAS: Messrs. Singleton, Hebert, Bennett, Fryou, Naquin, Beadle, Rev. Mathews, Messrs. Ina, Rogers and Hidalgo

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mr. Voisin

## RESOLUTION

A resolution authorizing David Hanagriff, the President of St. Mary to execute an Agreement with QCHC of Louisiana, Inc. for providing physician and related healthcare services to the inmates of the St. Mary Parish Law Enforcement Center.

**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 an Agreement with QCHC of Louisiana, Inc. for providing physician and related healthcare services to the inmates of the St. Mary Parish Law Enforcement Center, with said Agreement 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of November 2017.

**APPROVED:**

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**GABRIEL BEADLE, CHAIRMAN  
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

**ATTEST:**

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

In response to Mr. Singleton's inquiry, Mr. LaGrange explained that through the Sheriff's recommendation regarding cost savings and maintaining the level of service, there will be a different company handling the medical needs of the prisoners.

**RESOLUTION**

A Resolution providing for the approval and authorization for Change Order No. 1 for the St. Mary Parish Boudreaux to Gilmore Drainage Improvements Project – HMGP# 1786-101-0003.

**WHEREAS**, a certain contract has been entered into between the St. Mary Parish Council and Hawkmoon Construction Services, LLC, 68361-5 Commercial Way S, Mandeville, Louisiana 70471, relative to St. Mary Parish Boudreaux to Gilmore Drainage Improvements Project – HMGP# 1786-101-0003, and

**WHEREAS**, the items as shown on Change Order No. 1 will result in a decrease of \$90,000.00 in the contract price.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the St. Mary Parish Council does hereby approve the issuance of Change Order No. 1 covering a decrease of \$90,000.00 in the contract price for the St. Mary Parish Boudreaux to Gilmore Drainage Improvements Project – HMGP# 1786-101-0003.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the President of St. Mary Parish, David Hanagriff, be and he is hereby authorized to execute Change Order No. 1 on behalf of the St. Mary Parish Council.

**ADOPTED AND APPROVED** by the St. Mary Parish Council in regular session convened on this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of November 2017.

**APPROVED:**

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**GABRIEL BEADLE, 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. 1 for the South Willow Street Storm Water Pump Station.

**WHEREAS**, a certain contract has been entered into between the St. Mary Parish Council and Blanchard Contractors, Inc., 15444 Highway 3235, Cut Off, LA 70345, relative to South Willow Street Storm Water Pump Station, and

**WHEREAS**, the items as shown on Change Order No. 1 will result in an increase of \$48,626.90 in the contract price and an increase of seventy (70) working days in the contract time.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the St. Mary Parish Council does hereby approve the issuance of Change Order No. 1 covering an increase of \$48,626.90 in the contract price and an increase of seventy (70) working days in the contract time for the South Willow Street Storm Water Pump Station.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the President of St. Mary Parish, David Hanagriff, be and he is hereby authorized to execute Change Order No. 1 on behalf of the St. Mary Parish Council.

**ADOPTED AND APPROVED** by the St. Mary Parish Council in regular session convened on this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of November 2017.

**APPROVED:**

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**GABRIEL BEADLE, CHAIRMAN  
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

**ATTEST:**

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

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

A. As per RS 38:291; Nominations to the St. Mary Levee District Board of Commissioners:

- District I – 3 nominations required (Current Member: Wilson Terry)
- District II – 3 nominations required (Current Member: Luther Smith)
- District III – 3 nominations required (Current Member: Junius Hebert, Jr.)
- District V – 3 nominations required (Current Member: James B. Vidos)
- District VI – 3 nominations required (Current Member: Barry Broussard)

No action was taken.

B. Request from Lisa Schilling, Executive Director, South Central Louisiana Human Services Authority to appoint a Board Member to represent St. Mary Parish. The Board Member shall be someone from the medical field, judicial system or law enforcement.

No action was taken.

**15 – NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Mr. Hidalgo to request an allocation of \$2,100 from Wards 5 & 8 3/10% Sales Tax Fund to St. Mary Parish School Board for Bayou Vista Elementary School to assist the school with their “Blue Ribbon Celebration Year”.

This item was discussed earlier in the meeting.

- B. Appointments to the following Boards and Commissions:

**FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 7 (BAYOU VISTA AREA) – 1 VACANCY**

No applications received.

Mrs. Lisa C. Morgan, Clerk stated that a late application was received from Galen Guillot.

Mr. Hidalgo requested to place this item on the next Parish Council’s Meeting Agenda on November 29, 2017.

**ATCHAFALAYA GOLF COURSE COMMISSION – 1 VACANCY**

Gary Stansbury, Sr.

Ken Conrad

Mr. Bennett moved that Ken Conrad be appointed to the Atchafalaya Golf Course Board of Commission. Mr. Fryou seconded the motion, which carried.

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

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Lisa C. Morgan, Clerk

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Gabriel Beadle, Chairman