

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

FEBRUARY 27, 2019
FRANKLIN, LOUISIANA

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

The Invocation was pronounced by Rev. Allen Randle and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Fryou.

Mr. Naquin moved that the reading of the minutes of the First Regular Meeting, February 12, 2019, be dispensed with and that the same be approved. Mr. Fryou seconded the motion, which carried.

South Central Louisiana Human Services Authority Representative, Sienna Armond, 500 Roderick Street, Morgan City, Louisiana appeared before the Council to request the adoption of a Proclamation for Problem Gambling Awareness Month.

Mr. Rogers requested to move up Item 13A, "Proclamation proclaiming March 2019 as Problem Gambling Awareness Month in St. Mary Parish."

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mr. Beadle

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, problem gambling is a significant public health concern affecting millions of Americans of all ages, races, and ethnic backgrounds in all communities causing a significant societal and economic cost; and

WHEREAS, promoting awareness provides individuals in the problem gambling community an opportunity to educate the public and policymakers about the social and financial effectiveness of services available for problem gambling; and

WHEREAS, problem gambling is treatable and treatment is effective in minimizing the harm to both individuals and society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the state offers a myriad of services aimed at treating problem gambling, including; educational prevention programs, residential treatment, outpatient counseling, and aftercare programs throughout the state, a toll-free Louisiana Problem Gamblers Helpline 1-877-770-STOP that answers calls from people seeking help with gambling problems and a website aimed at the prevention of problem gambling; www.helpforgambling.org; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana was one of the first states to have numerous state funded programs such as residential treatment facility, Center of Recovery-CORE in Shreveport, for problem gamblers; and

WHEREAS, numerous organizations, such as the Louisiana Association on Compulsive Gambling, the Louisiana Lottery, the Louisiana Casino Association, the Louisiana Gaming Industry, the office of the Attorney General, the State Police Gaming Division, and the Gaming Control Board all work together with the Louisiana Department of Health to address problem gambling; and

WHEREAS, numerous individuals, professionals, and organizations have dedicated their efforts to the education of the public about problem gambling, prevention about problem gambling along with the availability and effectiveness of treatment and services; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Mary Parish Council and the Parish President, on behalf of the entire St. Mary Parish Government, do hereby proclaim March, 2019 as:

“PROBLEM GAMBLING AWARENESS MONTH”

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the St. Mary Parish Council in regular session convened on this the 27th day of February 2019.

David Hanagriff, Parish President

Kevin Voisin, Vice-Chairman

Centerville High School Ag Instructor, Steve Nugent, 8982 Highway 182, Centerville, Louisiana appeared before the Council to discuss the Annual Cast Iron Cook-Off to be held on March 30, 2019 from 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Dawn Kaiser-Melancon informed that Fit, Fun & Fabulous will hold a Mini Health & Wellness Fair in partnership with the Cast Iron Cook-Off.

Rene’ Stansbury informed that St. Mary Parish students will be participating in the poster contest themed “Fun to be Fit” in partnership with the Cast Iron Cook-Off.

Several Councilmen thanked Mr. Nugent for supporting the youth of St. Mary Parish.

Rene’ Stansbury, LPHI Regional Manager, on behalf of students, appeared before the Council to request the adoption of a Proclamation for Kick Butts Day.

Mr. Hidalgo requested to move up Item 13B, “Proclamation proclaiming March 20, 2019 as “Kick Butts Day” to help educate the public about the need to protect Louisiana youth, its citizens, and the environment from further damage caused by tobacco use and secondhand smoke.”

Mr. Hidalgo moved that the following Proclamation be adopted. Mr. Singleton seconded the motion, which carried by the following 10-0-0-1 Roll Call vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mr. Beadle

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in December 2018, the Surgeon General declared e-cigarette use among youth an epidemic in the United States and issued an advisory about the dangers of vaping; and

WHEREAS, eliminating smoking in indoor spaces is the only way to fully protect nonsmokers from secondhand smoke exposure; and

WHEREAS, 12.3% of Louisiana's teens use tobacco and the national average is 8.1%; and

WHEREAS, between 2015 and 2017, the use of e-cigarettes increased by 48.2% among Louisiana High School students and 65.4% among Louisiana Middle School students; and

WHEREAS, 2000 youth in Louisiana become new daily smokers each year; and

WHEREAS, more than 1.6 billion pounds of cigarette butts are discarded in the United States each year; and

WHEREAS, a single cigarette filter can take 5-10 years to decompose, and in the meantime it is releasing toxins into the soil and water; and

WHEREAS, tobacco-free public places model healthy behavior for our children; research has shown that prohibiting smoking in public places decrease the chances that kids will use tobacco products because the policies reinforce smoking to be an unhealthy behavior; and

WHEREAS, Kick Butts Day is a national day of activism that empowers youth to stand out, speak up, and seize control against Big Tobacco.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Mary Parish Council recognize March 20, 2019 as:

"KICK BUTTS DAY"

to help educated the public about the need to protect Louisiana youth, its citizens, and the environment from further damage caused by tobacco use and secondhand smoke.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the St. Mary Parish Council in regular session convened on this the 27th day of February 2019.

APPROVED:

**KEVIN VOISIN, VICE-CHAIRMAN
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

ATTEST:

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

Ms. Stansbury requested that the students be present to receive the proclamation at the March 13, 2019 Parish Council Meeting.

In absence of Parish President, David Hanagriff, Chief Administrative Officer, Henry "Bo" LaGrange reported on the projected eight (8) foot crest of the Atchafalaya River expected to take place on March 20, 2019. He informed that Colonial Clancy from the New Orleans District and possibly General Kaiser from Vicksburg will be at the Emergency Operations Center at the Port of Morgan City Building on March 1, 2019 at 8:45 a.m. to give an update on the projected river crest.

Mr. LaGrange also informed of the annual Special Olympics to be held March 1, 2019 at Franklin High School at 10:00 a.m.

Chief Administrative Officer, Henry "Bo" LaGrange, presented his report for a two (2) week period ending February 27, 2019.

Item 1 in Mr. LaGrange's report stated, "Mr. Bruce W. Maytubby, Sr., Acting Regional Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, U. S. Dept. of the Interior, has written to advise that it has made its determination whether or not to acquire property in trust on behalf of the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana. For various reasons, it is its decision to approve the proposed fee-to-trust land acquisition request. This totals 65.73 acres, more or less, to be added to the existing approximately 443 acres of trust land. The acquisition is also supportive of tribal efforts to consolidate tribal landholdings under a single jurisdictional authority, strengthen tribal government and promote tribal self-determination. Based on an analysis of information provided with the request, it is determined that the Tribe has sufficiently justified the need for additional land. The Tribe is not proposing to change the current use of the properties which include housing, convenience store and gas station, bank (First National Bank of Jeanerette) and grocery store (Raintree Market). This decision may be appealed to the Interior Board of Indian Appeals within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice. If no appeal is timely filed, this decision will become final for the Dept. of Interior at the expiration of the appeal period."

Item 3 in Mr. LaGrange's report stated, "Bids have been received for the Patterson/ Bayou Vista Road Project. A total of three bids were received with a low bid in the amount of \$1,222,333.00 being submitted by Barriere Construction. Engineer's estimate was \$1,892,975.00."

In response to several Councilmen inquiries, Mr. LaGrange expounded on the status of road projects for Amelia, Four Corners, Centerville, Irish Bend, Charenton/Baldwin, Grey Eagle Road, and Flattown Road.

In response to Rev. Mathews' inquiry, Mr. LaGrange stated that ground breaking for the St. Peter Street Sewer Project is anticipated for August 1, 2019.

In response to Mr. Hebert's inquiry, Mr. LaGrange stated that once a project is completed, all cost will be accounted for in order to determine a total amount and a decision will be made on how to move forward on any remaining funds.

Mr. Rogers informed that construction signs have been installed on Irish Bend Road and that asphalt overlay for Centerville/Verdunville Road Projects are expected to begin next week.

In response to Rev. Mathews' inquiry, Mr. LaGrange explained that it is parish policy not to install speed bumps on parish roads because roads are posted with speed limits by parish ordinance, it would require additional maintenance and possible liability issues.

In response to Mr. Rogers' inquiry, Mr. LaGrange stated that there was concern with the Kemper Road railroad crossing due to the recent raising of the railroad track and that the issue has been corrected.

Mr. Naquin moved that the Public Hearing Report, February 12, 2019-5:45 p.m. and the Public Hearing Report, February 12, 2019-5:50 p.m. be approved. Mr. Fryou seconded the motion, which carried.

Mr. Naquin reported on the 2019 Police Jury Association of Louisiana conference that he and several Councilmen recently attended and reminded Councilmen of the required annual ethics training. He also reminded them to contact Mr. LaGrange to receive the required sexual harassment training schedule.

Mr. Naquin informed that the State Legislature is proposing to pass a bill to implement centralized sales tax collection statewide. A resolution was passed by the Police Jury Association opposing this

Mr. Naquin also informed that he and Lieutenant Governor Billy Nungesser discussed construction of the new Recreational (RV) Park at Cypremort Point.

Mr. Naquin further informed that the Fishing Pier at Burns Point will be completed soon.

Mr. Hidalgo requested to withdraw Item 12A, “FOR INTRODUCTION – An Ordinance amending Ordinance 727 adopted August 14, 1968 resulting in the return of Hospital Service District No. 2 of St. Mary Parish to its original boundaries.”

Mr. Naquin introduced the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO.

An Ordinance providing for naming the new Burns Point Fishing Pier the “Albert J. Foulcard Memorial Fishing Pier”.

BE IT ORDAINED by the St. Mary Parish Council:

SECTION 1. The new Burns Point Fishing Pier owned by the Parish of St. Mary located at Burns Point Campground shall be named the “Albert J. Foulcard Memorial Fishing Pier”.

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

This ordinance shall become effective and be in full force upon publication in the official journal of the Parish.

This ordinance having been offered and read on this the 27th day of February, 2019; having been published in accordance with law.

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mr. Beadle

RESOLUTION

A resolution authorizing David Hanagriff, the President of St. Mary Parish to execute a contract with Barriere Construction Co., LLC relative to the 2019 Patterson and Bayou Vista 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 Barriere Construction Co., LLC, P.O. Box 1576, Boutte, Louisiana 70039, relative to the 2019 Patterson and Bayou Vista Road Improvements Project, with said contract to contain such terms, conditions and stipulations as he may best fit, he being fully authorized in the premises.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the St. Mary Parish Council in regular session convened on this the 27th day of February 2019.

APPROVED:

**KEVIN VOISIN, VICE-CHAIRMAN
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

ATTEST:

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

RESOLUTION

A resolution authorizing David Hanagriff, the President of St. Mary Parish to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the five municipalities relative to the exemption of tipping fees for demolition and cleanup of derelict properties.

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 Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the five municipalities relative to the exemption of tipping fees for demolition and cleanup of derelict properties, 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 27th day of February 2019.

APPROVED:

**KEVIN VOISIN, VICE-CHAIRMAN
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

ATTEST:

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

RESOLUTION

A Resolution providing for the approval and authorization for Change Order No. 1 relative to the Yokely Levee Improvements.

WHEREAS, a certain contract has been entered into between the St. Mary Parish Council and Patriot Construction & Industrial, LLC, 1026 Toby Mouton Road, Duson, Louisiana 70529, relative to the Yokely Levee Improvements, and

WHEREAS, the items as shown on Change Order No. 1 will result in an increase of \$268,318.00 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 an increase of \$268,318.00 in the contract price the Yokely Levee Improvements.

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 27th day of February 2019.

APPROVED:

**KEVIN VOISIN, VICE-CHAIRMAN
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

ATTEST:

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

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Referred from the February 12, 2019 Regular Meeting - Appointment to the following Boards and Commissions:

Board of Adjustments for the Parish of St. Mary – 1 Vacancy

Scott Berry – Present Member

Mr. Naquin moved to reappoint Scott Berry to the Board of Adjustments for the Parish of St. Mary. Mr. Singleton seconded the motion, which carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Ruston Legendre, Sr. Manager, Government Affairs, Charter Communications, has written following an internal corporate reorganization, Spectrum Gulf Coast, LLC now holds the state-issued authority to operate the cable system in your community. Spectrum Gulf Coast, LLC is an indirect, wholly owned subsidiary of Charter Communications, Inc. (“Charter”). There was no change in control of the cable franchisee. There will be no change in the service your community received from Charter; we look forward to continuing to serve your community.
- B. Mr. Hidalgo to request an allocation of \$11,000 from Wards 5 & 8 3/10% Sales Tax Fund for the purpose of installing sidewalks along Southeast Boulevard in Bayou Vista, Louisiana.

Mr. Hidalgo moved that funds in the amount of \$11,000 be allocated from Wards 5 & 8 3/10% Sales Tax Fund for the purpose of installing sidewalks along Southeast Boulevard in Bayou Vista, Louisiana. Mr. Hebert seconded the motion, which carried. Mr. Rogers abstained.

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

Lisa C. Morgan, Clerk

Kevin Voisin, Vice-Chairman