

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

MAY 8, 2018
FRANKLIN, LOUISIANA

The St. Mary Parish Council met in Special Session on this date with 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 was Gabriel Beadle.

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

Chief Administrative Officer, Henry “Bo” LaGrange expounded on the handouts regarding the Proposed Bond Allocation on the 2018 Road Improvement Bonds and the Recommended Road Improvement List for 2018 Road Improvement Bonds.

Mr. LaGrange explained that the Proposed \$2,500,000 Bond Allocation to the five municipalities is based on the population percentage of each municipality, it is recommended that Morgan City would receive \$900,000; Franklin \$575,000; Patterson \$450,000; Berwick \$375,000, and Baldwin \$200,000.

Mr. LaGrange explained that the Recommended Parish Road Improvement List is a list of roads in poor to fair condition as per the road study.

Mr. Voisin acknowledged City of Franklin Mayor Raymond Harris Jr., City of Franklin Mayor Elect Eugene Foulcard, City of Franklin Mayor Pro tempore Lester Levine, Town of Baldwin Mayor Donna Lancelin, City of Morgan City Mayor Frank “Boo” Grizzaffi III, and Morgan City Councilman Lou Tamporella, Jr.

The purpose of the Special Session is to discuss the Parish Road Improvements Program.

Mr. Rogers moved to approve the recommendations for the Proposed \$2,500,000 Bond Allocation to the municipalities and the Recommended Parish Road Improvement List for the 2018 Road Improvement Bonds. Mr. Hidalgo seconded the motion.

Mr. Hebert moved to amend the motion to allocate \$3,000,000 to the municipalities and recommend that Morgan City would receive \$700,000; Franklin \$600,000; Patterson \$600,000; Berwick \$600,000, and Baldwin \$500,000. Due to the lack of a second, Mr. Hebert withdrew his motion.

In response to Rev. Mathews’ inquiry, Mr. LaGrange stated that if Mr. Hebert’s proposal is granted, roads in the unincorporated area will be affected. However, these roads cannot be identified at this time.

Mr. LaGrange explained that the proposal is an estimate and that the cost is unknown until bid proposals are received.

In response to Mr. Hebert’s inquiry, Mr. LaGrange stated that if the bids are more than \$7,500,000, projects will need to be reassessed at that time.

In response to Mr. Ina’s inquiry, Mr. Hebert stated that he used the same formula to propose his allocation to hopefully balance the Parish.

Mayor Grizzaffi stated that research shows that the Parish Council does not have to give any funds to the municipalities. Mr. Grizzaffi is in favor of an additional allocation of funds for Baldwin and Berwick. However, he does not agree with the \$2,500,000 allocation.

Parish President, David Hanagriff, stated that the allocations are estimates and that adjustments can be made in the Parish's proposed Phase II Bond Issue in 2019.

In response to Mayor Harris' inquiry, Mr. Hanagriff explained that the formula and percentage from the year 2000 was used to calculate the proposed allocations.

Mayor Harris stated that the municipalities make up 58% of St. Mary Parish's population. Yet, the allocation is only 25% of the funds.

Mr. Hanagriff and Mr. LaGrange informed that the Parish is paying 100% of the annual debt.

After lengthy discussion, Mr. Rogers called for the question.

Mr. Rogers' original motion to approve the recommendations for the Proposed \$2,500,000 Bond Allocation to the five municipalities for the 2018 Road Improvement Bonds and the Recommended Road Improvement List for the 2018 Road Improvement Bonds 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

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

Lisa C. Morgan, Clerk

Kevin Voisin, Chairman