

## BOARD OF REVIEW

SEPTEMBER 23, 2020  
FRANKLIN, LOUISIANA

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

The purpose of the Board of Review was to receive protests and complaints on values of property for assessment purposes in St. Mary Parish fixed by the Assessor of the Parish.

A letter was received from St. Mary Parish Assessor Jarrod Longman, certifying that the total assessment of the Parish of St. Mary for the year 2020 is \$506,220,988 excluding the amount of Public Service.

This is to certify that the total taxable assessment of the Parish of St. Mary for 2020 is 506,220,988 (five hundred and six million, two hundred and twenty thousand, nine hundred eighty-eight) excluding the amount of Public Service.

In addition, the Assessor would like to inform the Parish Council that one appeal has been received, and it will be put before the Board of Review for a motion to uphold the Assessor’s valuation and send the appeal to the Louisiana Tax Commission for a future hearing.

In consultation with KPMG, tax representative for Transocean and Resource Rig Supply, our office has agreed to allow a formal appeal to be placed on the September 23, 2020, agenda of the St. Mary Parish Board of Review for parcel numbers 7210016, 7210017, 7210018, and 7210019.

Negotiations with KPMG have been taking place for several weeks regarding the above-mentioned companies’ business personal property assets located in the parish. After numerous attempts to reach a compromise regarding the valuation of these assets, both parties have agreed to end discussions at the local level in favor of a hearing in front of the Louisiana Tax Commission (LTC) in order to address these differences.

Bringing these appeals before the Board of Review is a procedural step that must take place before the LTC can formally hear these types of matters. Both parties agree with the LTC hearing these issues and both look forward to presenting their cases when these items are placed on the LTC’s agenda in the future.

It is respectfully requested that the Board of Review adopt a motion upholding the Assessor’s valuation. This denial of Transocean/Resource Rig’s appeal will put these matters in the proper posture for review and consideration by the LTC.

Attorney Brian Eddington, representing St. Mary Parish Assessor, appeared before the Council to discuss the appeal received from Transocean and Resource Rig Supply.

Attorney Kyle Polozola, representing Transocean and Resource Rig Supply, appeared before the Council to discuss the appeal and stated that both parties are in favor of a hearing in front of the Louisiana Tax Commission to address differences.

Rev. Mathews moved to forward the appeal to the Louisiana Tax Commission. Mr. Rulf seconded the motion, which carried.

There being no further business, Rev. Mathews moved for adjournment. Dr. Rink seconded the motion, which carried.

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Lisa C. Morgan, Clerk

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Dean S. Adams, Chairman