

PUBLIC HEARING

JULY 13, 2016  
FRANKLIN, LOUISIANA

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The purpose of the Public Meeting was to receive written and/or oral comments and to adopt the following ordinances:

An Ordinance declaring an abandonment of a portion of the Right-of-Way on Michael Street in Centerville, Louisiana.

An Ordinance authorizing the President of St. Mary Parish to execute a Hangar Lease Agreement between St. Mary Parish and Stanley Don Abney.

There were no written or oral comments received regarding the proposed ordinances.

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

s/g Lisa C. Morgan

s/g Kevin Voisin

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Lisa C. Morgan, Clerk

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Kevin Voisin, Chairman

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

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The Invocation was pronounced by Mr. Singleton and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Beadle.

Mr. Naquin moved that the reading of the minutes of the Second Regular Meeting, June 22, 2016 be dispensed with and that the same be approved. Mr. Fryou seconded the motion, which carried.

Guy Pitts, C.P.A., Pitts & Matte, presented the St. Mary Parish Council Primary Government Financial Statements, Annual Financial Statements with Independent Auditors' Report and Independent Auditors' Reports on Internal Control and Compliance and other for the Year Ended December 31, 2015.

Mr. Pitts also presented for the Council's review a four (4) page Summary which included Financial Audit Highlights – 2015; Type of Opinion; Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A); Statement of Net Position – Summary for 2015; Statement of Activities; Governmental Fund – Summary 2015 with Prior Year Comparison of Revenue - Federal, State, Sales Tax, Advalorem Tax, Royalty Roads, Expenditures – Increase in Capital Outlay, Public Works and Sanitation (with page numbers where detailed information may be found).

Mr. Pitts reported that their opinion is an unmodified or clean auditor's opinion on this primary government only financial statement.

In regard to the Governmental Fund, Mr. Pitts stated that the Total Revenues are \$37.7 million; Total Expenditures are \$41.2 million and Total Other uses over sources are (\$2.1 million); Expenditures over Revenues were (\$5.6 million).

In regard to the Summary of Federal Awards-Internal Control & Compliance, Mr. Pitts highlighted the summary of information which includes 15 Federal Awards totaling \$12.1 million. (3 Major Programs are: Substance Abuse, CDBG and Coastal Impact Assistance.)

Mr. Pitts expounded relative to the Internal Control & Compliance Overall – Internal Control Deficiencies and the Items of noncompliance (Budget Monitoring #2015-001 and Fund deficits #2015-002); Internal Control & Compliance – Major Federal Programs – No findings, Prior Year Findings & Corrective Action and Management's Corrective Action Plan for 2015 Findings.

In regard to General Business Items, Fee Based Operations with Significant Earned Revenue Shortages, Mr. Pitts commented as follows: **Landfill, Sanitation & Sewer Construction – Reduction and Transfer-** There was significant improvement in the prior three years. However the current year costs increased by approximately \$600,000 over 2014 while revenue dropped by approximately \$100,000. Mr. Pitts suggested that the Council ensure the tipping fee is adequate to cover all intended costs. **Combined Sewer Construction Fund** – Management has a multi-year plan to cover impending deficits in Combined Sewer Construction Fund. **Sanitation** - Steps have been taken that should reduce operation cost in future years by approximately \$400,000 annually. However, 3/4 % Sales tax collections decreased by approximately \$570,000. It was suggested that fee increases in the Sanitation Fund need to be considered. **Small Animal** – Operating loss has increased over the last 4 years to approximately \$200,000 primarily due to a decrease in fees received. Five years ago fees covered 60 percent of operating costs now cover only 40 percent. **Jail Operating and Maintenance** – In 2010 jail operations and debt payments funded by the Council were approximately \$.5million. In 2015, the jail operating deficit plus debt payment costs has increased to approximately \$1.7 million annually. **Golf Course** – The Golf Course is the most effective of any Parish owned recreational facility at funding its operating costs through user fees. Operating subsidy has stabilized at approximately \$250,000 annually. Still might consider a fixed dedicated funding source.

Mr. Pitts suggested that the Parish Council consider combining a number of funds.

In regard to the audit report, Rev. Mathews suggested that the Parish Council become more engaged in the financial outlook of the Parish., i.e., a detailed budget workshop.

Following discussion regarding the St. Mary Parish Audit Report for the year ending December 31, 2015, Mr. Bierhorst moved that the report be accepted. Mr. Fryou seconded the motion, which carried.

Rev. Benjamin Grimm, 293 Eve St., Sorrell appeared before the Council to discuss the Sorrell Community.

Rev. Grimm expressed his sentiments and concerns regarding the deplorable condition of Eve and Inez Streets in the Sorrell community.

Rev. Grimm stated that approximately four (4) months prior to the present time, the streets have been graded to a rock road causing hardship to their cars, etc.

Rev. Grimm requested that the Parish consider overlaying the streets with asphalt.

Rev. Mathews expressed his concurrence with Rev. Grimm's complaints.

Rev. Mathews stated that in approximately 2009 a Capital Outlay request was made to include Eve, Inez and 2 other Streets in District 1 that were identified in the Capital Outlay Plan.

Rev. Mathews asked the Administration why the roads were not done at that time.

Rev. Mathews further stated that he requested that the Administration provide a detailed analysis (of the past five (5) years) of the road improvements that have been performed throughout St. Mary Parish utilizing any portion of Parish funds, Capital Outlay funds and/or any other sources that would have been compiled by the Parish Government.

Rev. Mathews questioned the process whereby the Administration is made aware of the condition of roads in need of repair and at what point does that information translate to some type of formal action.

Following an explanation of Rev. Mathew's request of the Administration to provide a detailed analysis (of the past five (5) years) of the road improvements that have been throughout St. Mary Parish, Mr. LaGrange provided an in-depth explanation of the information provided.

In regard to Eve and Inez Street, Mr. LaGrange explained that the roadways were graded in order to repair pot holes. (After grading the roads, they will be sealed coated.)

Mr. LaGrange gave an in-depth technical explanation of whether the roadways should be asphalted or hard surface.

Mr. LaGrange stated that the Administration is notified by the Road Department or calls from citizens of the Parish when roads are in deplorable conditions.

Rev. Mathews also commented relative to the heavily traveled roadway, Jones Road No. 1 in the Four Corners due to the construction at the interchange of La. 318 and 90 and the Frontage Road on the southwest side of the quadrant.

Mr. LaGrange stated that he had the Public Works Department go out to evaluate the roadway.

Mr. LaGrange stated that he is not aware of any work that was performed on the roadway.

Mr. LaGrange stated that he will send the crew out to reevaluate the matter and report at a later date their findings.

Rev. Mathews stated that Georgetown Road in Glencoe is also in need of repair.

Mr. Naquin commented that the residents of Eve and Inez Street may consider covering a portion of the total cost of the construction of street paving improvements.

Mr. Naquin informed Rev. Grimm the protocol followed for the levy of local or special assessments on certain lots or parcels of real estates.

Following lengthy detailed discussion, Mr. Hanagriff assured Rev. Grimm that every concerted effort will be made in the future to remedy several problems in St. Mary Parish.

It was noted that Judge Kim Stansbury will appear before the Council to discuss the Morgan City Indigent Defender Fund Board for Morgan City – City Court at the July 27, 2016 Regular Meeting.

Mr. Hanagriff, Parish President informed the Parish Council that Dr. Gail Hamilton will be a holding Public Forum focusing on teenage pregnancy and STDs, etc. Monday, July 18, 2016 from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

The forum is St. Mary Parish Adolescent and Young Adults – Project Reconnect: Youth Service Planning Meeting.

Mr. Hanagriff encouraged everyone to attend the forum.

Mr. Hanagriff reported that The Mississippi River Commission Motor Vessel MISSISSIPPI will be in Morgan City, on August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 9:00 a.m., All meetings are open to the public and will include a summary report on national and regional issues affecting the Corps and the Commission programs and projects on the Mississippi River and its tributaries; the District Commander's overview on current project issues in the New Orleans District; and presentations by local organizations and members of the public giving views and comments.

Henry "Bo" LaGrange, Chief Administrative Officer presented his report for a three (3) week period ending July 13, 2016. (All items in Mr. LaGrange's report are informational.)

Tammy Luke presented the following items as recommended by the Planning & Zoning Commission at their June 20, 2016 Regular Meeting:

**a. Preliminary & Final Subdivision Approval –**

Name: Barras Family LLC  
Address: 185 Vermillion Bay Ln., Cypremort Point, LA.  
Parcel Id# Sec. 20 T15S R6E;  
-1034364647.00-Lot Tract "DEFGHID" per Plat 73 287802 Acq. 268 315334 &  
-1034364131.00-Lot por No. 1 Carl Bauer prop per Plat 18P 159625 being Tract "ABCDIHA"  
per Plat 73 287802 Acq. 268 315334 Improvements  
Zoned: Single Family (SR) Zoned District  
PURPOSE: as shown on a plat titled "Plan of Land Showing a Portion of Property of Barras  
Family, LLC as per C.O.B. 268, Entry No. 315,334 to be Subdivided into Tract  
"ABCDEFHGIA" situated in: Section 30, T15S-R6E, St. Mary Parish, Louisiana; as prepared by  
Miller Engineers & Associates Inc., DWG. No.# 14021 dated June 1, 2016

**b. Preliminary & Final Subdivision Approval –**

Name: Rodriguez Brothers Farm Properties  
Address: 1100 Hwy 83, Franklin, LA.  
Parcel Id# Sec. 55 T14S R9E;-1994844063.00-17.972 AC Tract por No. 1 Alcendor Carlin Part.  
per Plat GG 23294 being Tract "ABCDEFGA" per Plat 13G 122311 BD Foster-Carlina-Lewis and  
State RT. 83-Washington Acq. 268 315321  
Zoned: Agricultural (AG) Zoned District  
Purpose: as shown on a plat titled "Plan of Land Showing a Portion of Property of Rodriguez  
Brothers Farm Partnership as per C.O.B. 268, Entry No. 315,321 being Tract "ABCDA" to be  
acquired Willie Lewis situated in: Section 55, T14S-R9E, St. Mary Parish, Louisiana; as  
prepared by Miller Engineers & Associates Inc., DWG. No.# 13852-1 dated May 26, 2016  
Mr. Bierhorst moved that Preliminary & Final Subdivision Approval be granted for:

Name: Rodriguez Brothers Farm Properties  
Address: 1100 Hwy 83, Franklin, LA.  
Parcel Id# Sec. 55 T14S R9E;-1994844063.00-17.972 AC Tract por No. 1 Alcendor Carlin Part.  
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acquired Willie Lewis situated in: Section 55, T14S-R9E, St. Mary Parish, Louisiana; as  
prepared by Miller Engineers & Associates Inc., DWG. No.# 13852-1 dated May 26, 2016 Mr.  
Beadle seconded the motion, which carried.

Item a. was withdrawn at this time.

Mr. Bierhorst moved that the Public Hearing Report - June 22, 2016 be approved. Mr. Bennett  
seconded the motion, which carried.

Rev. Mathews introduced the following ordinance:

**ORDINANCE NO.**

**AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO ESTABLISHING MINIMUM  
REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL BOARDS OF COMMISSIONERS AND  
ADVISORY COMMITTEES CREATED BY THE ST. MARY PARISH  
COUNCIL**

**THIS ORDINANCE IS AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW IN THE PARISH  
COUNCIL'S OFFICE**

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

**ORDINANCE NO. 2055**

An Ordinance declaring an abandonment of a portion of the Right-of-Way on  
Michael Street in Centerville, Louisiana.

**THIS ORDINANCE IS AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW IN THE PARISH  
COUNCIL'S OFFICE**

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 2056**

An Ordinance authorizing the President of St. Mary Parish to execute a Hangar Lease Agreement between St. Mary Parish and Stanley Don Abney.

#### **THIS ORDINANCE IS AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW IN THE PARISH COUNCIL'S OFFICE**

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

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

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, Ms. Sarah L. Thomas, mother of the Planning and Zoning Director, Tammy Luke, and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Thomas was a kind woman and was truly loved by her 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 Ms. Thomas, and

**WHEREAS**, the St. Mary Parish Council hopes that her 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of July 2016.

**APPROVED:**  
s/g Kevin Voisin

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

**ATTEST:**

s/g Lisa C. Morgan

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

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

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

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, Brigadier General (Retired) William R. Bigler, Sr., and

**WHEREAS**, Brigadier General (Retired) Bigler served in Germany, Korea and a tour in Vietnam in 1968 where he commanded the Quinn Yan Fuel Supply Depot, and

**WHEREAS**, Brigadier General (Retired) Bigler co-chaired the committee that helped change St. Mary Parish Government from a Police Jury to a Council Body ruled by a Home Rule Charter, and

**WHEREAS**, the members of the St. Mary Parish Council wish to acknowledge publicly their sorrow and sympathy to the family of Brigadier General (Retired) Bigler, 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of July 2016.

**APPROVED:**  
s/g Kevin Voisin

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

**ATTEST:**  
s/g Lisa C. Morgan

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

Mr. Rogers moved that the following resolutions be adopted. Rev. Mathews seconded the motion, which carried by the following 11-0-0-0 Roll Call vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

#### **RESOLUTION**

A Resolution providing for the approval and authorization for Change Order No. 1 for the Charenton Canal Industrial Park Project.

**WHEREAS**, a certain contract has been entered into between the St. Mary Parish Council and Southern Constructors, LLC, 6313 Hwy. 90 East, New Iberia, LA 70560, relative to the Charenton Canal Industrial Park Project, and

**WHEREAS**, the items as shown on Change Order No. 1 will result in a decrease of \$12,887.50 in the contract price and an increase of twenty (20) 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 a decrease of \$12,887.50 in the contract price and an increase of twenty (20) working days in the contract time for the Charenton Canal Industrial Park 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. 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of July 2016.

**APPROVED:**  
s/g Kevin Voisin

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

**ATTEST:**  
s/g Lisa C. Morgan

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

**RESOLUTION**

A Resolution regarding a Financing Agreement for the purpose of procuring “Excavator and Tractors”

**WHEREAS**, St. Mary Parish Council desires to enter into a certain Financing Agreement, by and between Government Capital Corporation and St. Mary Parish, for the purpose of procuring “Excavator and Tractors”. St. Mary Parish desires to designate this Agreement as a “qualified tax exempt obligation” of the Parish for the purposes of Section 265 (b) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. St. Mary Parish desires to designate David Hanagriff, whose title is Parish President, as an authorized signer of the Agreement.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Council of St. Mary Parish subject to approval of issuers legal counsel:

Section 1. That the St. Mary Parish enters into a Financing Agreement with Government Capital Corporation for the purpose of procuring “Excavator and Tractors” for the parish.

Section 2. That the Financing Agreement, by and between St. Mary Parish and Government Capital Corporation is designated by the Parish as a “qualified tax exempt obligation” for the purposes of Section 265 (b) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

Section 3. That St. Mary Parish designates David Hanagriff, whose title is Parish President, as an authorized signer of the Financing Agreement, by and between St. Mary Parish and Government Capital Corporation.

**ADOPTED AND APPROVED** by the St. Mary Parish Council in regular session convened on this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of July 2016.

**APPROVED:**  
s/g Kevin Voisin

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

**ATTEST:**  
s/g Lisa C. Morgan

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

**RESOLUTION**

A Resolution approving the assignment of the Professional Services Contract for solid waste engineering and consultant services with Fourier Consulting Engineers, LLC to Fourier & de Abreu Engineers, LLC.

**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 approve the assignment of the Professional Services Contract for solid waste engineering and consultant services with Fourier Consulting Engineers, LLC to Fourier & d Abreu Engineers, LLC, 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of July 2016.

**APPROVED:**  
s/g Kevin Voisin

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

**ATTEST:**  
s/g Lisa C. Morgan

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A. We received the following financial statements:

Fire Protection District No. 1 – year ended December 31, 2015

Mosquito Control District No. 1 – year ended December 31, 2015

B. Steven Guillory has written to inform of his resignation from his position on the board of St. Mary Parish Recreation District No. 1 due to change in residence.

A letter will be forwarded to Mr. Guillory thanking him for his service on the Board of Commissioners of Recreation District No. 1 and the vacancy will be advertised.

C. Mr. Singleton to request an allocation of \$2,000 from Wards 5 & 8 3/10% Sales Tax Fund to Recreation District No. 4 for the Patterson Girls Softball League.

Mr. Singleton moved that funds in the amount of \$2,000 be allocated from Wards 5 & 8 3/10% Sales Tax Fund to Recreation District No. 4 for the Patterson Girls Softball League. Mr. Bierhorst seconded the motion, which carried.

D. Mr. Ina to request an allocation of \$2,000 from Wards 1, 2, 3, 4, 7 & 3/10% Sales Tax Fund to Teche Action Clinic for “Back to School Community Health and Wellness Fair”.

Mr. Ina requested funds in the amount of \$2,000 from the Wards 1, 2, 3, 4, 7 & 3/10% Sales Tax Fund to Teche Action Clinic for “Back to School Community Health and Wellness Fair”. Mr. Rogers seconded the motion, which carried.

E. Appointment to the St. Mary Parish Substance Abuse & Mental Health Advisory Committee to replace former Councilman Albert Foulcard.

Mr. Naquin moved that Rev. Mathews be appointed to the St. Mary Parish Substance Abuse & Mental Health Advisory Committee. Mr. Ina seconded the motion, which carried.

F. Discussion and possible appointment of one (1) member to Morgan City Indigent Defender Fund Board for Morgan City – City Court.

Mr. Voisin stated that Item F will be discussed at the July 27, 2016 Regular Meeting.

G. Councilman Rev. Craig A. Mathews to address the St. Mary Parish Council and Administration regarding the lack of technology investment, access, and upgrades to accommodate unincorporated areas citizens' private use, business development and enhancements, and emergency personnel in their response to saving lives, property, livestock, agriculture, etc., among other basic 21st Century necessities of everyday life.

Rev. Mathews commented that District 1, rural unincorporated area is among the few residents in the Parish that does not access to Broadband Internet.

Rev. Mathews commented relative to the disadvantages of not having Broadband Internet.

Rev. Mathews commended Ed Meyer, Gulf Coast Broadband, LLC in his endeavors in attempting to provide Broadband to the rural areas of District 1.

Rev. Mathews commented relative to the Parish Council making concerted efforts to provide access to broadband service to consumers residing in unserved areas of the St. Mary Parish; to provide improved access to broadband service to consumers residing in underserved areas of the St. Mary Parish; to provide broadband education, awareness, training, access, equipment and support; to improve access to and use of broadband service by public safety agencies; and to stimulate the demand for broadband.

In previous years, Rev. Mathews stated that Cox Communications gave a verbal commitment to perform a feasibility study. (He has not seen the results of the feasibility study.)

Following lengthy detailed discussion relative to the matter, Rev. Mathews requested that a top executive of Cox Communications or any other company appear before the Parish Council to answer questions regarding providing broadband service to consumers residing in underserved areas of the St. Mary Parish.

Mr. Ina asked that any company that appears before the Council to discuss broadband service also bring documentation for the Parish Council's review.

Mr. Voisin requested that Messrs. Hanagriff and LaGrange schedule a meeting with Cox Communication to obtain further information regarding the matter.

Rev. Mathews also asked that the Administration research what Federal resources may be available in the interim in case that the Parish may be required to pursue the matter. (A study may be required to determine the cost for providing broadband internet access.)



