

MINUTES  
Of the Regular Meeting, of  
The Claiborne Parish Police Jury  
10:00 a.m.  
January 10, 2024  
Police Jury Chambers  
507 West Main Street  
Homer, LA 71040

Public Hearing #2 on the 2024 Proposed Budget was held at 9:00 am in the Conference Room of the Claiborne Parish Police Jury Administrative Building.

The Claiborne Parish Police Jury met in regular session in the Jury Chambers of the Claiborne Parish Police Jury Complex, located at 507 West Main Street in Homer, LA at 10:00 a.m. on the morning of the 10<sup>th</sup> of January 2024, on being called to order by 2023 President Scott Davidson, the following Jurors were present:

Larry Ford, Mark Furlow, Kevin Gray, Mary McDaniel, Paul Cook, Joseph Merritt, Malcolm Cooper, Gil Dowies, and Rev. Willie Young, Sr.

There were 33 others in attendance which included Secretary-Treasurer Dwayne R. Woodard, Parish Road Superintendents Mr. Chad Verdin and Mr. Brant Cupp, Sheriff Sam Dowies, along with CPSO Investigator Mr. Jay Perry, Director of Libraries Mrs. Pam Suggs and Librarian Historian Mr. Wesley Harris, Claiborne Parish District Attorney Danny Newell, Tax Assessor Bob Robinson, OOCS Director Mrs. April Childress, Claiborne Parish Coroner Dr. Mark Haynes, CMMC CEO Mrs. Tina Haynes, Mr. Lee Faulk and Mrs. Destiny Hightower of the Claiborne Parish 4-H and AgCenter, Warden Michelle Dautat of David Wade Correctional, Mr. David Greene of Republic Services, Town of Homer Council Member and Homer Main Street Mr. Jimmy Hand, Claiborne Unite Board President Mr. Jack Hightower, Claiborne Chamber of Commerce Director Mr. Pat Abshire, Claiborne Parish District #5 Fire Chief Tommy Sanders, Library Board, CFPD#4 Board member Mr. Ronald Day, CMMC Hospital Board Member Dr. Samuel Abshire, Mrs. Emlee Tingle and Ms. Crystal Owen of Claiborne Electric Co-Op, Town of Haynesville Mayor Roderick Hampton, Rev. Ron McDaniel of Haynesville, ROV Retiree Mrs. Patricia Sanders, Mr. Robert Glenn Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Sanders, Easton and Lainey, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Ware, Craten and Caroline, Dr.'s Ricky and Meghan Sanders, and boys.

The meeting was opened with a word of Prayer led by Rev. Willing Young, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Paul Cook.

At this time the Honorable Brian Flynn, Claiborne Parish Clerk of Court, administered the Oath of Office to the 2024-2027 members of the Claiborne Parish Police Jury.

Upon motion by Joseph Merritt, duly seconded by Kevin Gray, the Jury unanimously voted to adopt the agenda as presented.

At this time 2023 President Scott Davidson turned the meeting over to 2023 Vice-President Mark Furlow to start the process of electing the 2024 officers of the Claiborne Parish Police Jury.

2023 Vice-President Mark Furlow opened the floor for nominations for the 2024 President of the Police Jury.

District 3 Juror Kevin Gray by District Ten Juror Rev. Willie Young.

Upon motion by District Six Juror Paul Cook, duly seconded by District Four Juror Mary McDaniel, the Jury unanimously approved that the floor be closed to nominations for 2024 President.

By acclamation District Six Juror Scott Davidson was elected as the 2024 President of the Claiborne Parish Police Jury.

At this time 2023 Vice-President Mark Furlow turned the meeting back over to 2024 President Scott Davidson.

President Scott Davidson opened the floor for nominations for the 2024 Vice-President of the Police Jury.

District Ten Juror, Rev. Willie Young, nominated District Two Juror Mark Furlow for the position of Vice-President which was duly seconded by District Three Juror Kevin Gray.

Upon motion by District Nine Juror, Gil Dowies, duly seconded by District Four Juror Mary McDaniel, the Jury unanimously approved that the floor be closed to nominations for 2024 Vice-President.

By acclamation District Two Juror Mark Furlow was elected as the 2024 Vice-President of the Claiborne Parish Police Jury.

Upon motion by Mark Furlow, duly seconded by Gil Dowies, the Jury unanimously voted to reappoint current Secretary-Treasurer Dwayne R. Woodard as Secretary Treasurer for the Police Jury for another 2-year term expiring on December 31, 2025.

Upon motion by Kevin Gray, duly seconded by Gil Dowies, the Jury unanimously voted to amend the regular agenda and add the following:

1. Notice – In a letter received from Ms. Traci Watts, Director of the LCDBG Program, dated January 5, 2024, the Parish has been issued a Certificate of Completion for the Norton Shop Water System Project Contract #2000620373
2. Issuance and approval of the Parish’s Assurance Letter to DOTD’s Right of Way Section, as requested in a letter received on January 5, 2024.
3. Request from Mrs. Tina Haynes, CEO of CMMC, dated January 9, 2024, requesting certain reappointments and the of certain individuals to CPHSD #3 and requesting the appointment of Dr. Ray Spurlock to the Board.
4. Notice – Brownfield Cleanup Official Notice - received from the CMMC concerning the abatement and removal of asbestos at 9450 Hwy 79, Haynesville LA (the old Haynesville Hospital).

Upon motion by Mark Furlow, duly seconded by Mary McDaniel, the Jury unanimously approved the following consent agenda:

**Consent**

1. Approval of the December 6, 2023, regular meeting minutes.
2. Payment of the December 2023 bills as approved by the Claims Committee

President Scott Davidson requested that the Jury handle the additions to the agenda at this time.

President Scott Davidson read aloud a notice in a letter received from Ms. Traci Watts, Director of the LCDBG Program, dated January 5, 2024, the Parish has been issued a Certificate of Completion for the Norton Shop Water System Project Contract #2000620373.

Upon motion by Gil Dowies, duly seconded by Paul Cook, the Jury unanimously approved the Parish’s Assurance Letter to DOTD’s Right of Way Section, as requested in a letter received on January 5, 2024.

Upon motion by Paul Cook, duly seconded by Kevin Gray, the Jury unanimously approved the request from CMMC CEO Tina Haynes, in a letter dated January 9, 2024, requesting appointment of Dr. Ray Spurlock for a 4-year term on the CPHSD #3 Board.

Upon motion by Mark Furlow, duly seconded by Joseph Merritt, the Jury unanimously approved the request from CMMC CEO Tina Haynes, in a letter dated January 9, 2024, requesting appointment of District #3 Juror Kevin Gray for a 2-year term on the CPHSD #3 Board.

Upon motion by Kevin Gray, duly seconded by Paul Cook, the Jury unanimously approved the request from CMMC CEO Tina Haynes, in a letter dated January 9, 2024, requesting the appointment of Dr. Sam Abshire for a 2-year term on the CPHSD #3 Board.

Upon motion by Gil Dowies, duly seconded by Kevin Gray, the Jury unanimously approved the request from CMMC CEO Tina Haynes, in a letter dated January 9, 2024, requesting the appointment of Dr. Mark Haynes for a 2-year term on the CPHSD #3 Board.

President Scott Davidson read aloud the official notice of the Brownfield Cleanup Official Notice received from the CMMC Concerning the abatement and removal of asbestos at 9450 Hwy 79, Haynesville, LA (the old Haynesville Hospital)

**Regular Agenda**

President Scott Davidson read aloud a notice that all Jurors and Parish Employees are required to complete one (1) hour of required ethics training by December 31, 2024.

President Scott Davidson reminded everyone that one (1) hour of Preventing Sexual Harassment Training is required to be completed by December 31, 2024, by all Parish Employees and that Parish Department Heads and Police Jury Officers have a two (2) hour training requirement.

At this time, President Scott Davidson recognized retired Registrar of Voters Mrs. Patricia Sanders for her almost 39+ years of service to the citizens of Claiborne Parish, along with a small gift from the Jury. Mrs. Sanders had numerous friends and family in attendance.

Upon motion of Gil Dowies, duly seconded by Kevin Gray, the Jury unanimously approved the President’s appointments for the following 2024 Committees of the Claiborne Parish Police Jury.

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**CLAIBORNE PARISH POLICE JURY – 2024 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

Revised – January 2024

Scott Davidson, President – ex-officio all

**BUILDINGS & GROUNDS**

- Kevin Gray, Chair
- Paul Cook
- Malcolm Cooper
- Larry Ford
- Joe Merritt

**CLAIMS**

- Mary McDaniel, Chair – Library
- Paul Cook – Road & Equipment
- Larry Ford - General
- Kevin Gray – Buildings & Grounds
- Malcolm Cooper – alternate
- Gil Dowies - alternate

**FINANCE**

- Gil Dowies, Chair
- Mark Furlow
- Paul Cook
- Rev. Willie Young
- Kevin Gray

**GARAGE**

- Paul Cook, Chair

Malcolm Cooper  
Larry Ford  
Mark Furlow  
Kevin Gray

GRANTS

Rev. Willie Young, Chair  
Malcolm Cooper  
Gil Dowies  
Mary McDaniel  
Joe Merritt

HOUSING

Committee is comprised of the Jury as a whole.

PERSONNEL

Mark Furlow, Chair  
Paul Cook  
Gil Dowies  
Mary McDaniel  
Rev. Willie Young

ROAD

Committee is comprised of the Jury as a whole.

WATER

Paul Cook, Chair  
Gil Dowies  
Mark Furlow  
Mary McDaniel  
Rev. Willie Young

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Upon motion by Paul Cook, duly seconded by Joseph Merritt, the Jury unanimously approved the meeting dates for 2024 calendar year.

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2024 Meeting Dates

- February 7, 2024 – agenda closed at noon on January 31, 2024
- March 6, 2024 – agenda closed at noon on February 28, 2024
- April 10, 2024 – agenda closed at noon on April 3, 2024
- May 8, 2024 – agenda closed at noon on May 1, 2024
- June 5, 2024 – agenda closed at noon on May 29, 2024
- July 10, 2024 – agenda closed at noon on July 3, 2024
- August 7, 2024 – agenda closed at noon on July 31, 2024
- \*September 4, 2024 – agenda closed at noon on August 31, 2024
- October 9, 2024 – agenda closed at noon on October 2, 2024
- November 6, 2024 – agenda closed at noon on October 30, 2024
- December 4, 2024 – agenda closed at noon on November 27, 2024
- January 8, 2025 – agenda closed at noon on January 2, 2025

\*Subject to change based on the date needed for the Board of Review of the Tax Roll – September 11

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Upon motion by Mary McDaniel, duly seconded by Joseph Merritt, the Jury unanimously approved the following employee/office Holidays for the Claiborne Parish Police Jury for the 2024 calendar year.

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2024 Holiday Dates

\*Employee’s Birthday

2024 New Year’s Day – observed Monday, January 1, 2024

MLK Day – Monday, January 15, 2024

Mardi Gras – Tuesday, February 13, 2024

Good Friday – Friday, March 29, 2024

Memorial Day – Monday, May 27, 2024

Juneteenth – Wednesday, June 19, 2024

Independence Day – Thursday, July 4, 2024

Labor Day – Monday, September 2, 2024

Thanksgiving Holiday -Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup>

Christmas Holiday – Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>

2025 New Year’s Day – Wednesday, January 1, 2025

\*Regular Full-time Employees Only

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Secretary-Treasurer Dwayne R. Woodard stated that we have had (2) two duly published and advertised Public Hearings on the 2024 Operating Budget. There have been no questions or concerns via email, regular mail, or in-person on Proposed Ordinance No. 802.

Upon motion by Mark Furlow, duly seconded by Kevin Gray, the Jury unanimously approved Ordinance No. 802– Adoption of the 2024 Operating Budget for the Claiborne Parish Police Jury.

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THUS INTRODUCED by Juror Mark Furlow and duly seconded by Juror Kevin Gray at a regular meeting of the Police Jury of the Parish of Claiborne, Louisiana on January 10, 2024

For: (10) Ford, Furlow, Gray, McDaniel, Davidson, Cook, Merritt, Cooper, Dowies, and Young

Against: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

Abstain: N/A

ORDINANCE NO. 802

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN OPERATING BUDGET OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2024, AND ENDING ON DECEMBER 31, 2024

BE IT ORDAINED by the Police Jury of Claiborne Parish, Louisiana, in a regularly called session, the Ordinance adopting an Operating Budget for Revenues and Expenditures for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2024, and ending December 31, 2024.

Section I. The following detailed estimate of Revenues and Expenditures for the Fiscal Year beginning January 1, 2024, and ending December 31, 2024, be and the same is hereby adopted and known as an operating budget for the Claiborne Parish Police Jury during the same period is as follows:

Revenues

Taxes:

Ad valorem	\$2,528,700
Sales & use	849,100
Other	2,800
Licenses and permits	121,600
Intergovernmental revenues	2,117,000
State revenue sharing	93,300
Fines and forfeitures	318,500
Grants and awards	540,000
Other revenues	95,400

Use of property and money	263,000	
Total Revenues		\$6,929,400
Expenditures		
General government:		
Legislative	141,300	
Judicial	719,200	
Elections	36,900	
Finance and administrative	459,500	
Other general government	362,700	
Public safety	556,000	
Public works	2,612,700	
Sanitation	790,300	
Health and welfare	33,900	
Culture and recreation	568,500	
Economic development and assistance	84,600	
Debt service	74,300	
Grants and rewards	500,000	
Conservation	6,200	
Total Expenditures		<u>6,946,100</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures		(16,700)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)		
Proceeds from borrowing	-	
Operating transfers in	950,000	
Operating transfers out	<u>(950,000)</u>	
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)		<u>-</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Sources Over Expenditures and Other Uses)		(16,700)
Contingency		-
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year		<u>9,549,790</u>
Fund Balance at End of Year		<u><u>\$9,533,090</u></u>

Section 2. The adoption of this operating budget of expenditures be and the same is hereby declared to operate as an appropriation of the amount therein set forth within the terms of the budget classification.

Section 3. Amounts are available for expenditures to the extent that is included within the 2024 budget.

Section 4. The Police Jury will exercise control over expenditures at the functional level.

THUS ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Police Jury of the Parish of Claiborne, Louisiana on January 10, 2024.

*/s/Dwayne R. Woodard*  
SECRETARY-TREASURER

*/s/Scott Davidson*  
PRESIDENT

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Upon motion by Gil Dowies, duly seconded by Paul Cook, the Jury unanimously approved Resolution 2024-001 – A Resolution Authorizing Signature Authority on the Parish’s Demand Deposit Accounts Effective January 10, 2024.

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RESOLUTION 2024-001

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE  
CLAIBORNE PARISH POLICE JURY TO HAVE SIGNATURE AUTHORITY ON ALL OF  
THE PARISH'S BANK ACCOUNTS AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS EFFECTIVE  
JANUARY 10, 2024

WHEREAS, the Claiborne Parish Police Jury elected new officers as of January 10,  
2024;

WHEREAS, the Claiborne Parish Police Jury requires two signatures on all of the  
Parish's bank accounts (demand accounts and certificates of deposit);

WHEREAS, the signatures shall be one (1) of the Secretary-Treasurer or Assistant  
Secretary-Treasurer and either the Parish President or Vice-President or both executive officers;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Claiborne Parish Police Jury AUTHORIZES the  
President Scott Davidson, Vice-President Mark Furlow, Secretary-Treasurer Dwayne R.  
Woodard, and Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Shelia W. Washington to sign checks on the  
Parish's demand accounts on behalf of the Claiborne Parish Police Jury.

Upon a motion by Gil Dowies and duly seconded by Paul this motion was carried and officially  
adopted by the Claiborne Parish Police Jury meeting in regular session convened on Wednesday,  
January 10, 2024.

Yeas – (10) Ford, Furlow, Gray, McDaniel, Cook, Davidson, Merritt, Cooper, Dowies and  
Young

Nays – (0) None

Abstain – N/A

Absent – (0) None

/s/Dwayne R. Woodard  
Secretary-Treasurer

/s/Scott Davidson  
President

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Upon motion by Kevin Gray, duly seconded by Mary McDaniel, the Jury unanimously approved  
Resolution 2024 – 002 – A Resolution Authorizing the President, Vice-President, and Secretary-  
Treasurer of the Claiborne Parish Police Jury to Have Signature Authority on Any and All  
Resolutions and Documents Concerning the Operations of the Parish for the Calendar Year 2024.

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RESOLUTION 2024-002

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, AND  
SECRETARY-TREASURER OF THE CLAIBORNE PARISH POLICE JURY TO HAVE  
SIGNATURE AUTHORITY ON ANY AND ALL RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING THE  
OPERATION OF THE PARISH FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2024

WHEREAS, the Claiborne Parish Police Jury elected new officers as of January 10,  
2024;

WHEREAS, the Claiborne Parish Police Jury requires signatures on certain resolutions  
and formal documents during the year concerning the operation of the Parish and its activities;

WHEREAS, the signatures shall be one (1) of the Secretary-Treasurer, the Parish President or Vice-President or a combination of any two (2) executive officers;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Claiborne Parish Police Jury AUTHORIZES the President Scott Davidson, Vice-President Mark Furlow, and Secretary-Treasurer Dwayne R. Woodard to sign documents on behalf of the Claiborne Parish Police Jury.

Upon a motion by Kevin Gray and duly seconded by Mary McDaniel this motion was carried and officially adopted by the Claiborne Parish Police Jury meeting in regular session convened on Wednesday, January 10, 2024.

Yeas – (10) Ford, Furlow, Gray, McDaniel, Cook, Davidson, Merritt, Cooper, Dowies and Young

Nays – (0) None

Abstain – N/A

Absent – (0) None

/s/Dwayne R. Woodard  
Secretary-Treasurer

/s/Scott Davidson  
President

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Upon motion by Gil Dowies, duly seconded by Paul Cook, the Jury unanimously approved Resolution 2024 – 003 – A Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director of the Claiborne Parish Office of Community Services, Mrs. April Childress, to Sign and Execute Any Documents on Behalf of Claiborne Parish Concerning the Operation of Said Office for the Calendar Year 2024.

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RESOLUTION 2024-003

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APRIL CHILDRESS AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CLAIBORNE PARISH OFFICE OF COMMUNITY SRVICES TO SIGN AND EXECUTE ANY DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF CLAIBORNE PARISH CONCERNING THE OPERATIONS OF SAID OFFICE FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2024

WHEREAS, the Claiborne Parish Police Jury has hired Mrs. April Childress effective August 18, 2021, to fill the title of OPCS Executive Director;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Claiborne Parish Police Jury AUTHORIZES the Executive Director, Mrs. April Childress to sign and execute documents on behalf of the Claiborne Parish Police Jury relating to the day-to-day operations of the Office of Community Services; including any grants or grants related documents for the Calendar Year of 2024.

Upon a motion by Gil Dowies and duly seconded by Paul Cook this motion was carried and officially adopted by the Claiborne Parish Police Jury meeting in regular session convened on Wednesday, January 10, 2024.

Yeas – (10) Ford, Furlow, Gray, McDaniel, Cook, Davidson, Merritt, Cooper, Dowies and Young

Nays – (0) None

Abstain – N/A

Absent – (0) None



/s/Dwayne R. Woodard  
Secretary-Treasurer

/s/Scott Davidson  
President

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Upon motion by Kevin Gray, duly seconded by Mary McDaniel, the Jury unanimously approved Resolution 2024 – 004 – A Resolution to Grant Express Authority to Legal Representative to Sign Uninsured/Underinsured Motorist Bodily Injury Coverage Form for the CPPJ.

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**RESOLUTION 2024-004**

**TO GRANT EXPRESS AUTHORITY  
TO LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE TO SIGN  
UNINSURED/UNDERINSURED MOTORIST BODILY INJURY COVERAGE FORM**

WHEREAS the Claiborne Parish Police Jury (the “Police Jury”) desires to reject Uninsured/Underinsured Motorists Bodily Injury Coverage (“UMBI”) by completing the Uninsured/Underinsured Motorist Bodily Injury Coverage Form (the “UM Rejection Form”) issued by the Louisiana Department of Insurance;

WHEREAS, pursuant to La. R.S. 22:1295, a legal representative of the Police Jury is authorized to sign the UM Rejection Form;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Police Jury hereby expressly authorizes Dwayne R. Woodard (the “Legal Representative”), who serves as the Secretary/Treasurer for the Police Jury, to act as the legal representative for the Police Jury in completing and signing the UM Rejection Form.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legal Representative is hereby expressly authorized to reject UMBI on behalf of the Police Jury.

Said Resolution having been introduced and considered on the 10th day of January 2024 upon motion of Kevin Gray and duly seconded by Mary McDaniel; public hearing on said Resolution having been held; the title of said Resolution having been read; said Resolution having been considered, and a record vote having been taken, the results of which were:

YEAS: (10) Ford, Furlow, Gray, McDaniel, Cook, Davidson, Merritt, Cooper, Dowies and Young

NAYS: (0) None

ABSENT: (0) None

ABSTAIN: N/A

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED at regular meeting of the Claiborne Parish Police Jury, Claiborne Parish, Louisiana, on the 10th day of January 2024.

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Dwayne R. Woodard  
Secretary-Treasurer  
Claiborne Parish Police Jury

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Date

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Upon motion by Mary McDaniel, duly seconded by Gil Dowies, the Jury unanimously voted to enter into an engagement agreement with Bosch & Statham CPA’s for the Audit of the Police Jury’s 2023 Financial Statements and Agreed upon procedures Report. (same cost as previous year)

Upon motion by Keivn Gray duly seconded by Mark Furlow, the Jury unanimously approved the request from the North La Criminalistics Lab Commission, per letter received December 19, 2023, requesting that the Police jury consider for approval their 2023 Budget Amendments and their 2024 proposed budget as required by R.S. 40:2261-22678.4.

Upon motion by Gil Dowies, duly seconded by Kevin Gray, the Jury unanimously approved, the request from the Town of Haynesville, in a letter received January 2, 2024, requesting that the Jury re-appoint Mr. Scott Pratt to the Wards 2 & 3 Recreation District for a four (4) year term expiring on December 31, 2027.

Upon motion by Mark Furlow, duly seconded by Mary McDaniel, the Jury unanimously approved the date of Tuesday, January 30, 2024, as the date for a Personnel Committee Meeting for the review of the applications and interviews of the qualified candidates for the open position of Registrar of Voters for Claiborne Parish.

President Scott Davidson read aloud a notice – The annual CPI & Landfill letter for Republic services received December 9, 2023, will be increased by \$0.41 per household for pick up in the parish. The increase will be from \$16.26 to \$16.67 per household at a total cost of approximately \$785,500 per year for curbside trash pickup in the Parish (not including the incorporated areas of Homer and Haynesville).

At this time, President Scott Davidson presented the Road Committee Report.

Upon motion by Kevin Gray, duly seconded by Mark Furlow, the Jury unanimously approved, upon recommendation from the Road Committee, the posting for an open Truck Driver Position for the CPPJ Hwy Dept. This is due to the fact that Mike Ellis has informed the Jury that he will be retiring.

At this time Claiborne Parish Coroner Dr. Mark Haynes gave the January update for the Coroner’s Office. There were twelve (12) total deaths: six (6) Hospice/ER related, one (1) required autopsy, four (4) were on scene no autopsy required, (0) other facilities, one (1) CMMC and there were no (0) CECs in the parish for December.

Dr. Mark Haynes gave an update on CMMC and the clinics. Flu is rampant and COVID cases are on an upswing. They are seeing RSV cases, but mainly in younger patients. Dr. Mark Haynes recommended that if you haven’t had your flu shot that it’s not too late to get one.

President Scott Davidson told the Jury and those in attendance that if you go to the ER at CMMC to please, be patient if you must sit for a while. The staff is seeing a lot more patients right now than normal and they are doing the best they can.

CMMC CEO Tina Haynes thanked President Scott Davidson for his comment. The ER is seeing three times the normal patients count through the ER currently. The hospital has been full of sick patients, and they are doing everything they can see those sick individuals in a timely manner.

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**ITEM #30 – January 10, 2024 – AGENDA**

**SECRETARY-TREASURER – UPDATE ON GRANTS AND OTHER ITEMS**

1. LGAP Projects –

Claiborne Parish Police Jury  
FY2022-2023 LGAP Grant  
Amount \$100,000  
Project – Roof rehab/repair CPPJ Admin Building  
Status – Contract signed and approved by the State.

2. CWEF Projects -

Pinehill Water System  
FY2020-2021 CWEF Grant  
Amount - \$21,225  
Project – Water line extension E D White Road area  
Status – Contract signed and approved by the State.

South Claiborne Water System  
FY2022-2023 CWEF Grant  
Amount - \$100,000  
Project – Owens Booster Station Project (Hwy 146)  
Status – Contract received and signed for submission to the State.

3. LCDBG Grant

Norton Shop Water System  
FY2021 LCDBG  
Amount - \$455,480  
Project – New water well  
Status – Under construction (100% complete and final close-out complete).

4. Sales Tax Collections for Nov 2023 – net of \$65,689 from gross collections of \$67,373  
Net sales tax collections for Oct 2023 – \$63,035 – increase \$2,654 (4.21%)  
Net sales tax collections for November 2022 - \$47,599 – increase \$18,090 (38.00%)
5. Cash position on December 31, 2023 - \$9,925,781  
Cash position on November 30, 2023 - \$10,065,096 (decrease of \$-139,315)  
Cash position on December 31, 2022 - \$9,802,938 (increase of \$122,843)

See Deposit Balances by Institution for breakdown on December 31, 2023 –

6. Total Receipts for the month of December 2023 – \$326,542
7. Upcoming important dates and meetings –

1/15 – MLK Day  
1/18 – Conexon meeting  
1/25 - CPHSD #3 Board  
1/29 – Tentative date for committee meetings (if needed)  
1/31 – Agenda items due  
2/5 – Library Board Meeting  
2/7 – Regular Meeting

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**Public Comments:**

President Scott Davidson told the Jury that he believes that consolidation of the water systems within the parish is inevitable and that failing to do so with other neighboring systems could possibly cause the failure of both of those systems. The cost of presently drilling a new potable water well for residential consumption by a system is well over \$400,000 and rising and with grant monies drying up at the state level, the ability to fund these repairs is becoming a losing battle.

Mrs. Destiny Hightower of the Claiborne Parish 4-H gave an update on the 2023-2024 Club enrollment increased from 192 Members and Volunteers to this year 343 Volunteers and members throughout our schools.

Claiborne Parish Director of Libraries Pam Suggs who is a resident of Lisbon, echoed President Davidson’s comments and stated that she was proud of the fact that her water system Lisbon and

the Middle Fork Water System were the first to consolidate in the parish and that they were able to drill a new well and the water is wonderful. Mrs. Suggs also stated that there will be a Microsoft workshop on the 26<sup>th</sup> at the library if anyone needs assistance on working their cellphones or tablets.

President Scott Davidson introduced the 2 new jurors - District #1 Larry Ford and District #8 Malcolm Cooper.

Vice-President Mark Furlow introduced Warden Michelle Dauzat from David Wade Correctional.

Upon motion by Mark Furlow, duly seconded by Paul Cook, the meeting was adjourned.

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Dwayne R. Woodard  
Secretary-Treasurer

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Scott Davidson  
President