

MINUTES
Of the Regular Meeting, of
The Claiborne Parish Police Jury
10:00 a.m.
February 5, 2020
Police Jury Chambers
507 West Main Street
Homer, LA 71040

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 5th of February 2020. On being called to order by President, Scott Davidson, the following Jurors were present:

James Laird, Mark Furlow, Kevin Gray, Mary McDaniel, Paul Cook, Joseph Merritt, Jr., Tommy Sanders, Gill Dowies, and Rev. Willie Young, Sr.

There were 16 others in attendance which included, Secretary-Treasurer Dwayne R. Woodard, Parish Road Superintendent Tommy Durrett, Sheriff Ken Bailey, Executive Director of the CPPJ OOCs Tim Cain, Director of Libraries Mrs. Pam Suggs, Mr. John Monzingo of LSU AgCenter, Parish Coroner Dr. Mark Haynes, Mr. David Greene of Republic Services, CMMC CEO Mrs. Tina Haynes, Ms. Angela Costakis of CMMC, Mrs. Amy Legendre of CMMC, Mr. Jimmy Hand of Homer Main Street, Mr. Stephen Dowies of GBT, Mr. Jerry Whitton of Homer, Mrs. Cindy Gordon of Entergy, and Ms. Amanda Coleman of the Haynesville Independent.

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

Upon motion by Kevin Gray, duly seconded by Mary McDaniel, the Jury unanimously voted to adopt the Regular Agenda as presented.

Upon motion by Gil Dowies, duly seconded by Rev. Willie Young, the Jury unanimously approved the following amendments to the Regular Agenda:

1. Resolution 2020-006 – A Resolution of Approval for RTA#2019-0288 for Renovation to the Colvin and Smith APLC Building Located at 522 and 524 East Main Street, Homer LA.
2. Request from the Town of Homer, in a letter received February 3, 2020, requesting the following – (1) one load of crushed concrete and (1) one load of cold mix. The cost of the reimbursement will come out of the Town’s 2020 ad valorem tax credit.

Upon motion by Joseph Merritt, duly seconded by Paul Cook, the Jury unanimously approved the following consent agenda:

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the January 15, 2020 regular meeting minutes.
2. Payment of the January 2020 bills as approved by the Claims Committee.

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

Upon motion by Paul Cook, duly seconded by Kevin Gray, the Jury unanimously approved Resolution 2020-006 – A Resolution of Approval for RTA#2019-0288 for Renovation to the Colvin and Smith APLC Building Located at 522 and 524 East Main Street, Homer, LA.

RESOLUTION 2020-006

A RESOLUTION OF APPROVAL FOR RTA #2019-0288 FOR RENOVATIONS TO THE COLVIN AND SMITH APLC BUILDING LOCATED AT 522 AND 524 EAST MAIN STREET IN HOMER, LA

WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 21(H) of the State Constitution and Act 445 of 1983 provides for payment of ad valorem taxes on certain basis for property owners performing certain improvements in Historic, Economic Development and Downtown Development Districts; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the procedures established by the State of Louisiana and the LED Restoration Tax Abatement Program and Main Street Homer, the following property has been submitted to the Police Jury for review, said property being described as municipal address **522 and 524 East Main Street, Homer LA** owned by **Colvin and Smith APLC**; and

WHEREAS, Main Street Homer recommends approval with regard to participation in the aforementioned tax program; and

WHEREAS, the Colvin and Smith, APLC has invested \$320,000 in the rehabilitation of the said property; and

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Claiborne Parish Police Jury, that the Jury after consideration of the recommendation of the Main Street Homer Program, hereby approves participation of municipal addresses **522 and 524 East Main Street, Homer LA** owned by **Colvin and Smith, APLC** and further identified by the State Board of Commerce and Industry as application number **RTA #2019-0288** the Property Tax Abatement Program authorized by Act 445 of 1983 and Article VII Section 2(H) of the Constitution, effective February 5, 2020; therefore

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Claiborne Parish Police Jury, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the State Board of Commerce and Industry.

Upon a motion by Paul Cook and duly seconded by Kevin Gray this motion was carried and officially adopted by the Claiborne Parish Police Jury meeting in regular scheduled session on Wednesday, February 5, 2020.

Yeas – (10) Laird, Furlow, Gray, McDaniel, Cook, Davidson, Merritt, Sanders, Dowies and Young

Nays – (0) None

Abstain – N/A

Absent – (0) None

/s/Dwayne R. Woodard
Secretary-Treasurer

/s/Scott Davidson
President

Upon motion by Gil Dowies, duly seconded by Kevin Gray, the Jury unanimously approved the request from the Town of Homer, in a letter received February 3, 2020, requesting the following – (1) one load of crushed concrete and (1) one load of cold mix. The cost of the reimbursement will come out of the Town’s 2020 ad valorem tax credit.

Regular Agenda

President Scott Davidson read aloud a notice that all Parish Employees are required to complete one (1) hour of Ethics training by December 31, 2020.

President Scott Davidson reminded everyone that one (1) hour of Preventing Sexual Harassment Training is required to be completed by December 31, 2020 by all Parish Employees – Department Heads and Jury Members have a two (2) hour training requirement.

President Scott Davidson read aloud a letter that as of July 1, 2019 population estimate submitted to the Secretary of State’s Office by the LSU AgCenter, Department of Agricultural Economics and Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness the estimate of Claiborne Parish 2020 Population is 15,685.

Upon motion by Paul Cook, duly seconded by Tommy Sanders, the Jury unanimously accepted and awarded the following qualified bids en masse for the 2020 purchase of culverts for use by the Claiborne Parish Hwy Department.

FOR CULVERT BIDS AWARDED FOR 2020

N-12 – HDPE TYPE - CORRUGATED DUAL WALL CULVERTS

DIAMETER	Southwest –AR
12”	4.90
15”	6.65
18”	8.75
24”	14.70
36”	28.00
42”	40.25
48”	47.60
54”	N/A
60”	80.50

2½x1 or 3x1 or 5x1 – CORRUGATION – 10GA CORRUGATED METAL CULVERTS

DIAMETER	Southwest - AR
12”	N/A
15”	N/A
18”	N/A
24”	N/A
30”	N/A
36”	54.88
48”	69.86
60”	87.60
72”	105.83

2½x1 or 3x1 or 5x1 – CORRUGATION – 12GA CORRUGATED METAL CULVERTS

DIAMETER	Southwest - AR
12”	N/A
15”	N/A
18”	21.94
24”	29.04
30”	36.14
36”	43.25
48”	55.06
60”	69.63
72”	83.06

2½x1 or 3x1 or 5x1 – CORRUGATION – 14GA CORRUGATED METAL CULVERTS

DIAMETER	Southwest – AR
12”	10.74

15"	12.96
18"	15.47
24"	20.47
30"	25.49
36"	30.50
48"	38.84
60"	49.01
72"	58.48

Upon motion by Kevin Gray, duly seconded by Mary McDaniel, the Jury unanimously approved the Parish's Assurance Letter to DOTD's Right of Way Section, as requested in a letter received on January 10, 2020 from the LADOTD.

Upon motion by Gil Dowies, duly seconded by Tommy Sanders, the Jury unanimously approved Ordinance No. 787 – Adoption of An Ordinance Adopting and Enacting a New Code for Claiborne Parish, State of Louisiana.

ORDINANCE NO. 787

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND ENACTING A NEW CODE FOR CLAIBORNE PARISH, LOUISIANA; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES NOT INCLUDED THEREIN; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR THE MANNER OF AMENDING SUCH CODE; AND PROVIDING WHEN SUCH CODE AND THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CLAIBORNE PARISH POLICE JURY:

Section 1. The Code entitled "Code of Ordinances, Claiborne Parish, Louisiana," published by Municipal Code Corporation, consisting of chapters 1 through 102, each inclusive, is adopted.

Section 2. All ordinances of a general and permanent nature enacted on or before January 11, 2017, and not included in the Code or recognized and continued in force by reference therein, are repealed.

Section 3. The repeal provided for in section 2 hereof shall not be construed to revive any ordinance or part thereof that has been repealed by a subsequent ordinance that is repealed by this ordinance.

Section 4. Unless another penalty is expressly provided, every person convicted of a violation of any provision of the Code or any ordinance, rule or regulation adopted or issued in pursuance thereof shall be punished by a term of imprisonment of up to thirty (30) days in the parish jail or a fine of not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or both. Each act of violation and each day upon which any such violation shall continue or occur shall constitute a separate offense. The penalty provided by this section, unless another penalty is expressly provided, shall apply to the amendment of any Code section, whether or not such penalty is reenacted in the amendatory ordinance. In addition to the penalty prescribed above, the Parish may pursue other remedies such as abatement of nuisances, injunctive relief and revocation of licenses or permits.

Section 5. Additions or amendments to the Code when passed in such form as to indicate the intention of the parish to make the same a part of the Code shall be deemed to be incorporated in the Code, so that reference to the Code includes the additions and amendments.

Section 6. Ordinances adopted after January 11, 2017, that amend or refer to ordinances that have been codified in the Code shall be construed as if they amend or refer to like provisions of the Code.

Section 7. This ordinance shall become effective March 1, 2020.

Passed and adopted by the Claiborne Parish Police Jury this 5th day of February, 2020.

/s/Scott Davidson
President

ATTEST:

/s/Dwayne R. Woodard
Secretary-Treasurer

Upon motion by Kevin Gray, duly seconded by Paul Cook, the Jury unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote, Ordinance No. 788 – Adoption of An Ordinance Providing for the Levy Within the Parish of Claiborne, Effective January 1, 2021 of a One-eighth of One Percent Sales and Use Tax for Seven Years (CPWSD).

The following ordinance was offered for adoption by Kevin Gray and seconded by Paul

Cook:

ORDINANCE No. 788

An ordinance providing for the levy within the Parish of Claiborne, State of Louisiana, effective January 1, 2021, of a one-eighth of one percent (1/8%) sales and use tax upon the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption, and the storage for use or consumption, of tangible personal property and upon the sale of services in said Parish, providing for the assessment, collection, payment thereof and the dedication of the proceeds of said tax and the purpose for which the proceeds of the tax may be expended, such tax having been authorized at a special election held in said Parish on November 16, 2019.

WHEREAS, under the provisions of Article VI, Section 29 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, and other constitutional and statutory authority and an election held on November 16, 2019, the Parish of Claiborne, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), acting through the Police Jury of the Parish of Claiborne, State of Louisiana, as its governing authority (the "Governing Authority"), is authorized to levy and collect within the Parish from and after January 1, 2021, a one-eighth of one percent (1/8%) sales and use tax (the "Tax"), upon the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption, and the storage for use or consumption, of tangible personal property and upon the sale of services as defined in applicable statutory authority, pursuant to the following proposition which was approved at said election held on Saturday, November 16, 2019:

**PROPOSITION
(SALES & USE TAX RENEWAL)**

Shall the Parish of Claiborne, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), under the provisions of law, be authorized to levy and collect a tax of one-eighth of one percent (1/8%) (the "Tax") (an estimated \$156,000 reasonably expected to be collected annually from levy of the Tax) upon the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption, and the storage for use or consumption, of tangible personal property and on sales of services in the Parish for a period of seven (7) years, commencing January 1, 2021, with the avails or proceeds of the Tax (after paying reasonable and necessary costs of collecting and administering the Tax), to be dedicated to the conservation and development of natural resources for agricultural, commercial, residential or other purposes, including surface and ground water, promoting safety on lakes and waterways, both within and without the Parish, and including equipment and improvements necessary for the above

purposes, to be administered by the Claiborne Parish Watershed District pursuant to an intergovernmental agreement with the Parish?

WHEREAS, in compliance with the aforesaid constitutional and statutory authority and said special election of November 16, 2019, it is the desire of this Governing Authority to provide for the levy and collection of the Tax and to provide for distribution of the proceeds thereof and other matters in connection therewith as hereinafter provided in this ordinance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Claiborne, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Claiborne, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), thereof, that:

SECTION 1. Imposition. Pursuant to the authority of a special election held in the Parish, on November 16, 2019, the Tax is hereby levied upon the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption, and the storage for use or consumption, of tangible personal property, and upon the lease or rental of tangible personal property and on the sales of services in the Parish, as defined by law. The Uniform Local Sales Tax Code, as enacted by Act 73 of the 2003 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature and as it may be amended, shall apply in the assessment, collection, administration and enforcement of the Tax, the provisions of which are hereby incorporated by reference.

SECTION 2. Rate of Tax. The Tax is levied at the rate of one-eighth of one percent (1/8%) of the sales price of each item or article of tangible personal property when sold at retail in the Parish, the Tax to be computed on gross sales for the purpose of remitting the amount of tax due to the Parish, and to include each and every retail sale. The Tax is levied at the rate of one-eighth of one percent (1/8%) of the cost price of each item or article of tangible personal property when the same is not sold but is used, consumed, distributed, or stored for use or consumption in the Parish, provided there shall be no duplication of the Tax. The Tax is levied at the rate of one-eighth of one percent (1/8%) of the gross proceeds derived from the lease or rental of tangible personal property, as defined by law, where the lease or rental of such property is an established business, or part of an established business, or the same is incidental or germane to the said business, or of the monthly lease or rental price paid by lessee or rentee, or contracted or agreed to be paid by lessee or rentee to the owner of the tangible personal property. The Tax is levied at the rate of one-eighth of one percent (1/8%) of the amount paid or charged for taxable services, as defined by law, performed in the Parish.

SECTION 3. Effective Date. The Tax shall be effective on January 1, 2021.

SECTION 4. Term. The Tax shall remain in effect for seven (7) years (January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2027).

SECTION 5. Purposes. The proceeds of the Tax shall be used for the purposes set forth in the proposition approved by the voters in the special election held in the Parish on November 16, 2019, authorizing the Tax, which proposition is set forth in the preamble hereto.

SECTION 6. Vendor's Compensation. For the purpose of compensating the dealer in accounting for and remitting the Tax levied by this ordinance, each dealer shall be allowed two percent (2%) of the amount of Tax due and accounted for and remitted to the Parish's collector in the form of a deduction in submitting its report and paying the amount due by the dealer, provided the amount due was not delinquent at the time of payment, and provided the amount of any credit claimed for taxes already paid to a wholesaler shall not be deducted in computing the commission allowed the dealer hereunder.

SECTION 7. Exclusions and Exemptions. This Governing Authority adopts none of the optional exclusions or exemptions allowed by State sales and use tax law, nor does this Governing Authority adopt any exclusions or exemptions authorized by legislation enacted under Article VI, Section 29 (D)(1) of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974. Included within the base of the Tax is every transaction, whether sales, use, lease or rental, consumption, storage or service, with no exclusions or exemptions except for those mandated upon political subdivisions by the Constitution or statutes of the State of Louisiana, including the Act.

SECTION 8. Interest on Unpaid Amount of Tax Due. As authorized by La. R.S. 47:337.69, the interest on unpaid amounts of the Tax which are due shall be at the rate of one and one-fourth percent (1-1/4%) per month.

SECTION 9. Delinquency Penalty. The delinquency penalty, as provided by La. R.S. 47:337.70, shall be five percent (5%) per month on the unpaid amount of the Tax due for each thirty-day period, not to exceed five thirty-day periods.

SECTION 10. Penalty for False, Fraudulent or Grossly Incorrect Return. The penalty as authorized by La. R.S. 47:337.72 shall be fifty percent (50%) of the amount of the Tax found to be due.

SECTION 11. Negligence Penalty. The penalty as authorized by La. R.S. 47:337.73 shall be five percent (5%) of the unpaid amount of the Tax found to be due, or ten dollars (\$10.00), whichever is greater.

SECTION 12. Penalty for Insufficient Funds Check. The penalty as authorized by La. R.S. 47:337.74 shall be an amount equal to the greater of one percent (1%) of the check or twenty dollars (\$20.00).

SECTION 13. Attorney Fees. The collector is authorized to employ private counsel to assist in the collection of any taxes, penalties or interest due under this ordinance, or to represent him in any proceeding under this ordinance. If any taxes, penalties or interest due under this ordinance are referred to an attorney at law for collection, an additional charge of attorney fees, in the amount of ten per centum (10%) of the taxes, penalties and interest due, shall be paid by the tax debtor.

SECTION 14. Penalty for Costs Incurred. As provided by R.S. 47:337.75, and under the circumstances set forth therein, a penalty shall be added to the amount of Tax due in an amount as itemized by the Collector to compensate for all costs incurred in making an examination of books, records or documents, or an audit thereof, or in the holding of hearings or the subpoenaing and compensating of witnesses.

SECTION 15. Distraint Penalty. The penalty as provided by R.S. 47:337.76 in cases where the distraint procedure is used in the collection of the Tax shall be ten dollars (\$10.00).

SECTION 16. Limits on Interest, Penalty and Attorney Fees. Should the interest, penalties or attorney fees herein, or the combined interest, penalties and attorney fees, be declared to be in excess of limits provided by other law, including relevant jurisprudence, then the maximum interest, penalties and attorney fees allowed by such other law shall apply.

SECTION 17. Collector. The Tax levied by this ordinance is authorized to be collected by a "Collector" which term shall mean the Parish School Board of the Parish of Claiborne, State of Louisiana.

SECTION 18. Powers of Collector. The Collector is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to carry into effect the provisions of this ordinance, to appoint deputies, assistants or agents to assist it in the performance of its duties, and in pursuance thereof to make and enforce such rules as it may deem necessary.

SECTION 19. Agreement to Collect Tax on Vehicles. With regard to the collection of the Tax on any motor vehicle, automobile, truck, truck-trailer, trailer, semi-trailer, motor bus, home trailer, or any other vehicle subject to the vehicle registration license Tax, this Governing Authority, acting through the President of the Governing Authority, and on behalf of the Parish, is authorized to enter into an agreement or agreements with the Vehicle Commissioner, Department of Public Safety and Corrections, for the collection of the Tax on such vehicles, as provided by R.S.47:303(B).

SECTION 20. Revenues of Tax. All taxes, revenues, funds, assessments, moneys, penalties, fees or other income which may be collected or come into the possession of the Collector under any provision or provisions of this ordinance relating to the Tax shall be promptly deposited by the Collector for the account of the Parish in the special fund established and maintained for the deposit of such proceeds, which fund will be a separate bank account maintained with the regularly designated fiscal agent of the Parish; provided, however, any amount which is paid under protest or which is subject to litigation may be transferred to a separate account established by the Collector with said fiscal agent pending the final determination of the protest or litigation.

In compliance with the said special election of November 16, 2019, authorizing the Tax, after all reasonable and necessary costs and expenses of collecting and administration of the Tax have been paid as provided for above, the remaining balance in said special fund shall be available for appropriation and expenditures by the Governing Authority solely for the purposes designated in the applicable proposition authorizing the levy of the Tax.

SECTION 21. Severability. If any or more of the provisions of this ordinance shall for any reason be held to be illegal or invalid, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect any other provision of this ordinance, but this ordinance shall be construed and enforced as if such illegal or invalid provisions had not been contained herein. Any constitutional or statutory provision enacted after the date of this ordinance which validates or makes legal any provision of this ordinance which would not otherwise be valid or legal, shall be deemed to apply to this ordinance.

SECTION 22. Effective Date of Ordinance. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption, being an ordinance affecting the public peace, health and safety.

SECTION 23. Publication and Recordation. This ordinance shall be published in one issue of the official journal of this Governing Authority as soon as is reasonably possible. A certified copy of this ordinance shall be recorded in the mortgage records of the Parish of Claiborne, State of Louisiana.

The final adoption of the foregoing ordinance having been duly moved and seconded, the roll was called and the following vote was taken and recorded:

<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>YEAS</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>	<u>ABSTAINING</u>
James Laird	<u>X</u>			
Mark Furlow	<u>X</u>			
Kevin Gray	<u>X</u>			
Mary McDaniel	<u>X</u>			
Paul R. Cook	<u>X</u>			
Scott Davidson	<u>X</u>			
Joseph Merritt, Jr.	<u>X</u>			
Tommy Sanders	<u>X</u>			
Gil Dowies	<u>X</u>			
Willie J. Young, Sr.	<u>X</u>			

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 5th day of February, 2020.

/s/ Dwayne R. Woodard
Secretary-Treasurer

/s/ Scott Davidson
President

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF CLAIBORNE

I, the undersigned Secretary-Treasurer of the Police Jury of the Parish of Claiborne, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), the governing authority of the Parish of Claiborne, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), do hereby certify that the foregoing pages constitute a true and correct copy of an ordinance adopted by the Governing Authority on February 5, 2020, providing for the levy within the Parish of Claiborne, State of Louisiana, effective January 1, 2021, of a one-eighth of one percent (1/8%) sales and use tax upon the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption, and the storage for use or consumption, of tangible personal property and upon the sale of services in said Parish, providing for the assessment, collection, payment

thereof and the dedication of the proceeds of said tax and the purpose for which the proceeds of the tax may be expended, such tax having been authorized at a special election held in said Parish on November 16, 2019.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature at Homer, Louisiana, on this, the 5th day of February, 2020.

Dwayne R. Woodard
Secretary-Treasurer

Upon motion by Mark Furlow, duly seconded by Mary McDaniel, the Jury unanimously approved Resolution 2020-004 – Approval of the 2019 Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for the Police Jury’s 2020 Audit. (President Scott Davidson read aloud FY 2019 Questionnaire)

RESOLUTION 2020-004

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE LOUISIANA COMPLIANCE QUESTIONNAIRE FOR THE 2019 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire is to be completed and must be presented to and adopted by the governing body by means of a formal resolution; and

WHEREAS, the completed questionnaire and a copy of the adoption instrument, must be given to the auditor at the beginning of the audit; and

WHEREAS, the auditor will, during the course of the regular audit, test the accuracy of the responses in the questionnaire;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Claiborne Parish Police Jury APPROVES the completed Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire relating to the Parish’s 2019 audited financial statements.

Upon a motion by Mark Furlow 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, February 5, 2020.

Yeas – (10) Laird, Furlow, Gray, McDaniel, Cook, Davidson, Merritt, Sanders, Dowies and Young

Nays – (0) None

Abstain – N/A

Absent – (0) None

/s/Dwayne R. Woodard
Secretary-Treasurer

/s/Scott Davidson
President

Upon motion by Rev. Willie Young, duly seconded by Gil Dowies, the Jury unanimously approved Resolution 2020-005 – A Resolution of Support for the FY 2020 LAPSC Energy Efficiency Grant Application Due March 1, 2020 (re-submission of LED portion of the 2019 grant).

RESOLUTION 2020-005

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE FY 2019 LAPSC ENERGY EFFICIENCY GRANT APPLICATION DUE MARCH 1, 2020

WHEREAS, the FY 2020 LAPSC Energy Efficiency Grant provides financial assistance to the local units of government for the sole purpose of improving energy efficiency in public buildings operated by schools and local governments;

WHEREAS, the FY 2020 Energy Efficiency Grant will be administered by the Louisiana Public Service Commission (LAPSC); and

WHEREAS, the grant application and guidelines require a resolution of support from the local governing authority; and

WHEREAS, the Claiborne Parish Police Jury is applying for the maximum amount available under the 2020 LAPSC Energy Efficiency Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the Claiborne Parish Police Jury intends to use these grant monies on energy efficiency projects on Parish owned buildings that are serviced by Entergy – the 2020 project is to the installation LED lighting; and

WHEREAS, the Claiborne Parish Police Jury will be providing local funds up to \$5,000 to ensure completion of the awarded projects;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Claiborne Parish Police Jury does hereby approve and support this grant application and its purpose.

Upon a motion by Rev. Willie Young and duly seconded by Gil Dowies this motion was carried and officially adopted by the Claiborne Parish Police Jury meeting in regular scheduled session on Wednesday, February 5, 2020.

Yeas – (10) Laird, Furlow, Gray, McDaniel, Cook, Davidson, Merritt, Sanders, Dowies and Young

Nays – (0) None

Abstain – N/A

Absent – (0) None

/s/Dwayne R. Woodard
Secretary-Treasurer

/s/Scott Davidson
President

At this time President Scott Davidson gave a report from the Road Committee.

Upon motion by Tommy Sanders, duly seconded by Kevin Gray, the Jury unanimously approved the request from Road Superintendent Tommy Durrett, the hiring (through Manpower) the positions of Side-Cutter Operator and Mechanic-Helper.

Upon motion by Gil Dowies, duly seconded by Mary McDaniel, the Jury unanimously approved the request from Road Superintendent Tommy Durrett, purchasing rain gear/safety clothing for parish employees who work storms and disasters.

President Scott Davidson reminded everyone of the PJAL Annual Convention being held in Shreveport on February 12-14, 2020 at the Shreveport Convention Center in Shreveport.

At this time, Claiborne Parish Coroner Dr. Mark Haynes, gave his monthly Coroner's report. There were 15 deaths. (4) Hospice/ER related, (3) sent for autopsy, (2) on scene and (4) CEC's for the month of January.

ITEM #21 – February 5, 2020 – AGENDA

SECRETARY-TREASURER – UPDATE ON GRANTS AND OTHER ITEMS

1. LGAP Projects –

CPPJ – South Claiborne Water System
Contract #1516-CLB-0002
Amount - \$21,500
Project – install ATS on emergency generators at well sites
Status – Construction complete, applying for reimbursement

CPPJ – Middlefork Water System
Contract #1819-CLB-0001
Amount - \$17,000
Project – installation of automatic transfer switch and transfer controls
Status – construction complete, applying for reimbursement

2. CWEF Projects

South Claiborne Water System
Contract #1516-CWEF-CLB-0001
Amount - \$31,000
Project – Replacement of water lines
Status – Construction complete, applying for reimbursement

South Claiborne Water System
Contract #1516-CWEF-CLB-0002
Amount - \$32,174
Project – Improvements to Liles Booster Station
Status – Construction complete, applying for reimbursement

Summerfield Water System
Contract #1819-CWEF-CLB-0001
Amount - \$16,200
Project – Repairs at central pump station and installation of master meter
Status – Contracts signed and approved

3. Sales Tax Collections for December 2019 – net of \$55,418 from gross collections of \$56,947
Net sales tax collections for November 2019 – \$35,070 – increase \$20,348 (58.02%)
Net sales tax collections for December 2018 - \$77,719 – decrease \$-12,658 (-28.69%)

4. Cash position at December 31, 2020 - \$9,243,655
Cash position at January 31, 2019 - \$9,405,176 (decrease of \$-161,521)
Cash position at December 31, 2019 - \$7,554,431 (increase of \$1,689,224)

See Deposit Balances by Institution for breakdown at January 31, 2020 –

5. Total Receipts for the month of January 2020 – \$2,381,890

6. Upcoming important dates and meetings –

2/12 – 2/14 – PJAL Convention Shreveport
2/13 – Economic Development Board
2/24 – Committee Meetings (tentative)
2/27 - CPHSD#3 Board Meeting
3/4 – Regular Meeting

Additional Public Comments:

CMMC Interim CEO, Mrs. Tina Haynes invited everyone to the North Louisiana Rural Opioid Summit on February 18, 2020 from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm. She also announced CMMC has added a ministerial program thru the hospital, which will involve some of our local ministers.

Ms. Amanda Coleman of the Haynesville Independent introduced herself and told everyone about her newly formed newspaper the “Haynesville Independent”.

Road Superintendent Tommy Durrett informed everyone that the Hwy Dept. has a long list of potholes to repair due to all the heavy rains. Repairs will be attempted as soon as the weather clears.

Mr. Jimmy Hand of Main Street thanked the Jury for approving the tax-abatement for the Colvin Building and wanted everyone to know that they were saving around \$150,000 in federal, state, and local taxes over the next 5 years.

Upon motion by Tommy Sanders, duly seconded by Mark Furlow the meeting was adjourned.

Dwayne R. Woodard
Secretary–Treasurer

Scott Davidson
President