

MINUTES  
Of the Regular Meeting, of  
The Claiborne Parish Police Jury  
10:00 a.m.  
March 4, 2026  
Police Jury Chambers  
507 West Main Street  
Homer, LA 71040

The Road Committee met in the Conference Room of the CPPJ at 9:00 a.m.

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 4th of March 2026, on being called to order by 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 over seventeen (17) others in attendance which included Secretary-Treasurer Dwayne R. Woodard, Parish Road Superintendents Mr. Chad Verdin and Mr. Brant Cupp, Claiborne Parish Sheriff Sam Dowies, Claiborne Parish District Attorney Danny Newell, Claiborne Parish Coroner Dr. Mark Haynes, David Greene of Republic Services, LSU AgCenter Extension Agent John Monzingo, Debra Woodard FNP/NLHSD Board Member, DART Director Mrs. Rosalind Penigar, Parish Digital Liaison Jerry Hillidge, OOCS Executive Director April Childress, Town of Haynesville Mayor Roderick Hampton, Ronald Day CPFD #2 /Ford Museum Board Member, Coach Zach Buckner, James Harris, Sr., along with the CA Boys Basketball Team Members, and Brother Steve Fowler of Homer.

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

President Scott Davidson welcomed everyone.

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

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

1. Approval of the 2026 Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the CPPJ and the LA Department of Veteran Affairs for the location of the Va Office in the CPPJ Admin. Bldg. (Monthly support of \$1,400.60 which is an increase of \$128.60 per month over last year 10.11%)

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

**Consent**

1. Approval of February 4, 2026, regular meeting minutes as published in the Official Journal.
2. Payment of the February 2026 bills as approved by the Claims Committee.
3. Request from the Caney Ranger District, in a letter received on February 19, 2026, requesting assistance from the CPPJ Hwy Department with the repair of potholes on the Corney Lake Main Boat Launch. Work will be done under the cooperative endeavor agreement between the Police Jury and the District.

4. Request from the Village of Junction City Louisiana, in an email received on February 26, 2026, requesting assistance with repairs on Myrtle Street. Work will be done under the Village's ad valorem tax credit.

At this time President Scott Davidson requested that the Jury handle the amendment to the agenda.

Upon motion by motion by Mary McDaniel, duly seconded by Willie Young, the Jury unanimously approved the 2026 Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the CPPJ and the LA Department of Veteran Affairs for the location of the VA Office in the CPPJ Admin Bldg. This office serves 772 Veterans and their families along with bringing over \$6,119,969 in Compensation and Pension benefits from the US Department of Veteran Affairs to our Parish. The new annual support for 2026 will be \$1,400.60 per month.

**Regular Agenda**

At this time, President Scott Davidson recognized the Claiborne Academy Rebel Basketball Team 2025-2026 MAIS Division 1A State Champions declaring March 4, 2026, CA Rebels Day in Claiborne Parish.

Upon motion by Mark Furlow, duly seconded by Gil Dowies, the Jury unanimously adopted Resolution 2026-006 – A Special Resolution Declaring March 4, 2026, Claiborne Academy Rebels Day in Claiborne Parish in Honor of the CA Basketball Team Winning their First MAIS 1-A Sate Basketball State Championship.

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RESOLUTION 2026-006

A Special Resolution Declaring March 4, 2026, Claiborne Academy Rebels Day in Claiborne Parish in Honor of CA Basketball Winning the MAIS 1-A State Championship in Basketball on Saturday, February 14, 2026.

WHEREAS, the Claiborne Parish Police Jury declares this day, March 4, 2026, CA Rebel Day in honor of the Claiborne Academy Rebels Basketball Team winning the 2025-2026 MAIS 1-A in Columbus, Mississippi against Humphreys Academy by a score of 44-41; and

WHEREAS, this was the Rebel's FIRST State Basketball Championship Title; and

WHEREAS, Claiborne Academy had previously finished as runners-up in 1971, 1996, 2010, and 2025; and

WHEREAS, this achievement has brought great honor and recognition to Claiborne Academy and to the citizens of Claiborne Parish; and

WHEREAS, this accomplishment was largely due to the team sportsmanship of the players, coaches, school administration, faculty, student body, and the support from their great fans of Claiborne Parish; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Claiborne Parish Police Jury does hereby officially recognize and congratulate the players of the Claiborne Academy Rebels Basketball Team, Head Coach Todd Spurlock and his Coaching Staff, the Trainers and Support Staff, CA Headmistress Sue Barfield and the Claiborne Academy Faculty and Student Body.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a framed copy of this resolution be given to Claiborne Academy for future display.

Upon motion by Mark Furlow, duly seconded by Gil Dowies, the motion unanimously carried and was officially adopted by the Claiborne Parish Police Jury meeting in a regular scheduled session on Wednesday March 4, 2026.

/s/Dwayne R. Woodard  
Secretary-Treasurer

/s/Scott Davidson  
President

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Reminder – one (1) hour of ethics training is required to be completed by December 31, 2026, for all Jurors and Parish Employees. - <https://laethics.net/EthicsTraining/login.aspx>

Reminder – one (1) hour of Sexual Harassment Training is required to be completed by December 31, 2026, by all Parish Employees – Department Heads and Jury Officers have a two (2) hour training requirement. - [https://www.lma.org/LMA/LMA/Programs/Online\\_Training.aspx](https://www.lma.org/LMA/LMA/Programs/Online_Training.aspx)

Reminder – one (1) hour of Cybersecurity Training is required for all employees who have access to the Police Jury’s computer network system. - [https://www.lma.org/LMA/LMA/Programs/Online\\_Training.aspx](https://www.lma.org/LMA/LMA/Programs/Online_Training.aspx)

Reminder – Jurors’ personal financial disclosure statements for 2025 are due by May 15, 2026.

President Scott Davidson announced that our Auditors, Bosch & Statham CPA’s will be here during the week of April 13-17 to do fieldwork and testing for the preparation of our 2025 Financial Statements & AUP Report.

President Scott Davidson read aloud a notice by CPF#6 that a Notice is hereby given that at its regular meeting to be held on Monday, March 9, 2026, at 6:00 pm at its regular meeting place, the Claiborne Parish Fire District 6 Summerfield Fire Station located at 12125 Hwy 2 Alt., Summerfield, Louisiana, the district plant to consider adopting a resolution ordering and calling an election to be held in Claiborne Parish Fire Protection District No. 6 of the Parish of Claiborne, State of Louisiana to authorize the levy of an ad valorem tax therein. The current millage rate is 11.33 mills; the new rate will be 15.00 mills if the proposition is successful.

President Scott Davidson read aloud a notice that the 2026-2027 Claiborne Parish Population Estimate as submitted by the LSU AgCenter Department of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness is 13,382. (The prior year estimate was 13,502 which is a decrease of 120 individuals or -0.89%)

Upon motion by Rev. Willie Young, Sr., duly seconded by Gil Dowies, the Jury unanimously voted to renew the annual lease with DART for use of office space in the CPPJ-OOCs Building located at 621 South Main Street, Homer, LA in the amount of \$350.00 per month, which is the same as in 2025.

President Scott Davidson read aloud a notice that a 30-day Municipal Letter from AMG Technology Investments dba Nextlink, will begin construction on broadband infrastructure in project LA-Athens-EA-1 on 1/18/2027 as part of FUMBO 2.0 project funded by ConnectLA.

President Scott Davidson read aloud a notice that a 20-day Municipal letter from AMG Technology Investments dba Nextlink, will begin construction on broadband infrastructure in project LA-Summerfield-SN-1 on 2/22/2027 as part of GUMBO 2.0 project funded by ConnectLA.

Upon motion by Kevin Gray, duly seconded by Joseph Merritt, the Jury unanimously approved the renewal of the Cooperative Agreement between the LSU AgCenter (4-H Extension Service Office) and the Claiborne Parish Police Jury for the five-year period February 2026 through February 2031.

Upon motion by Kevin Gray, duly seconded by Larry Ford, the Jury unanimously accepted and awarded, pending final recommendation from Mr. Wayne Coco, AIA, the lowest qualified, duly advertised bid to Benchmark Construction Group of Louisiana, LLC, Sterlington, Louisiana in the amount of \$1,201,000. (This is a provisional approval pending Mr. Coco’s final approval)

Upon motion by Mary McDaniel, duly seconded by Mark Furlow, the Jury unanimously approved the request from the Claiborne Parish Library Board to declare the “old Capital

One/Planter's Bank Building" located at 1914 Main Street, Haynesville, LA, as surplus and available for sale/disposition.

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Upon motion by Mark Furlow, duly seconded by Paul Cook, the Jury unanimously approved the presentation of the proposed 2026 Chip and Seal Maintenance Program for Claiborne Parish Roads with 23.3 miles chip sealed in an estimated amount of \$500,000 FY 2026.

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2026 Proposed Chip Seal List

| 1-SHOT                           | 2-SHOT           | 3-SHOT                  |
|----------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| MADDOX RD 1.2 MILES              |                  |                         |
| KEEN RD 1.3 MILES                |                  |                         |
| MARSALIS RD 2.0 MILES            |                  |                         |
| LYONS HILL RD 1.4 MILES          |                  |                         |
| MACK FOSTER RD 0.7 TENTHS        |                  |                         |
| HARRIS RD 1.0 MILE               |                  |                         |
| PINE POINT RD 0.4 TENTHS         |                  |                         |
| BREEZE LN 0.2 TENTHS             |                  |                         |
| PITTMAN RD 1.2 MILES             |                  |                         |
| BELLA VISTA LOOP 0.3 TENTHS      |                  |                         |
| MURPHY BAILEY RD                 | 0.4 TENTHS       |                         |
| WARE CHAPEL RD 1.5 MILES         |                  |                         |
| COLEMAN RD 1.3 MILES             |                  |                         |
| HEBRON RD 1.1 MILES              |                  |                         |
| FORD RD 1.0 MILE                 |                  |                         |
| FELLOWSHIP RD 1.0 MILE           |                  |                         |
| SHERRILL RD 1.4 MILES            |                  |                         |
| OLD ATHENS RD 0.8 TENTHS         |                  |                         |
| OLD TOWN RD 2.5 MILES            |                  |                         |
| SUGGS RD                         |                  | 0.4 TENTHS              |
| WHITE OAK RD 1.0 MILE            |                  |                         |
| TOTAL MILES 1-SHOT 21.3          | MILES 2-SHOT 0.8 | TENTHS 3-SHOT 1.2 MILES |
| TOTAL COST ESTIMATE = \$ 500,000 |                  |                         |

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Upon motion by Mary McDaniel, duly seconded by Malcolm Cooper, the Jury unanimously approved the CPPJ Hardship Application from Wanda and Johnny Tucker of 103 Montrell Drive, Homer, LA for driveway repairs. All qualifications were met for this program.

Upon motion by Kevin Gray, duly seconded by Gil Dowies, the Jury unanimously adopted Resolution 2026-007 – A Resolution Approving the 2025 Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for the Police Jury’s 2025 Audited Financial Statements.

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RESOLUTION 2026-007

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE LOUISIANA COMPLIANCE QUESTIONNAIRE FOR THE 2025 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 2025 audited financial statements.

Upon a motion by Ken Gray and duly seconded by Gil Dowies this motion was carried and officially adopted by the Claiborne Parish Police Jury meeting in regular session convened on Wednesday, March 4, 2026.

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 recommendations for State Funding Requests which are due to Senator Cathey’s Office by March 6, 2026, deadline to be used toward repairs to the exteriors of the CPPJ Administrative Building and the Courthouse. The amount requested is \$300,000.

At this time, President Scott Davidson moved to handle the one Road Committee item.

Upon motion by Mary McDaniel, duly seconded by Mark Furlow, the Jury unanimously voted not to renew the upcoming contract with Hiperweb for the Road Department Work Order Program.

At this time Claiborne Parish Coroner Dr. Mark Haynes gave the February 2026 report for the Coroner’s Office. There were thirteen (13) total deaths: seven (7) hospice/ER related, (0) other facilities, (0) were on scene with autopsy required, four (4) on scene no autopsy required, (0) at CMMC and there were six (6) CECs in the parish for the month.

Dr. Mark Haynes gave a monthly update on the illnesses that they see in the clinics and the hospital. He stated that COVID cases are up slightly, however flu cases are down. The hospital census has been lower than normal.

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**ITEM #30 – March 04, 2026 – 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 – Bids received and accepted – Brazos Industries was awarded the bid.  
Construction is completed as of 11/4/2024. Certificate of completion filed and recorded.  
Preparing reimbursement for submittal to the State and working on close-out documents.

Claiborne Parish Police Jury  
FY2023-2024 LGAP Grant  
Amount \$62,500  
Project – Purchase of John Deere Tractor w/Loader  
Status – awarded on September 18, 2024.  
The tractor has been delivered. In the process of filing the reimbursement.

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. (Seeking additional funding)

South Claiborne Water System  
FT2022-2023 CWEF Grant  
Amount - \$100,000  
Project – Owens Booster Station Project (Hwy 146)  
Status – Contract received and approved by the State. Project construction is completed as of 10/31/2024. Certificate of completion filed and recorded. Preparing reimbursement for submittal to the State and working on close-out documents

3. Sales Tax Collections for January 2026 – net of \$60,359 from gross collections of \$61,907  
Net sales tax collections for December 2025 – \$68,983 – decrease \$-8,624 (-12.50%)  
Net sales tax collections for January 2025 - \$54,262 – increase \$6,097 (11.24%)

4. Cash position on February 28, 2026 - \$12,738,177  
Cash position on January 31, 2026 - \$12,173,669 (increase of \$564,508)  
Cash position on February 28, 2025 - \$11,647,347 (increase of \$1,090,830)

See Deposit Balances by Institution for breakdown on February 28, 2026 –

5. Total Receipts for the month of February 2026 – \$964,877

6. Upcoming important dates and meetings –

3/26 – CPHSD #3 Board meeting  
3/26 – CPWSD Meeting  
4/1 – April Agenda items due  
4/3 – Good Friday

4/8 – April Meeting  
4/13-17 - Auditors

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**Public Comments:**

LSU AgExtension Agent John Monzingo gave an update on the recent trip to Gonzales, Louisiana for the 4-H State Livestock Show.

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