

MINUTES
Of the Regular Meeting, of
The Claiborne Parish Police Jury
10:00 a.m.
April 8, 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 8th of April 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 seventeen (17) others in attendance which included Secretary-Treasurer Dwayne R. Woodard, Parish Road Superintendents Mr. Chad Verdin and Mr. Brant Cupp, Claiborne Parish Coroner Dr. Mark Haynes, Claiborne Parish Tax Assessor Katie B. Coburn, Claiborne Parish Director of Libraries Pam Suggs, Claiborne Parish Library Historian Wesley Harris, LSU AgCenter Parish Chair Mrs. Destiny Hightower, CPPJ-OOCS Executive Director April Childress, Ronald Day CPFD #4, Claiborne Parish Tourism Board Member Jack Hightower, Mrs. Wesley Johnson of E & P Consulting, CMMC CEO Tina Haynes, Town of Homer Mayor Xanthe Seals, Town of Homer Street Superintendent Bubba Moffet, and 2nd Judicial DA Jim Colvin and his wife Laura.

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

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

1. Request from the Town of Homer, in a letter received April 7, 2026, requesting that the Town be allowed to use a portion of its ad valorem tax credit up to \$9,500 to help relocate a residential water line as part of the Edgewood Bridge Project relief culvert installation. The PJ will make sure the funds will be paid directly to the contractor (David Lowler Construct, Inc. of Shreveport, Louisiana).

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

Consent

1. Approval of March 4, 2026, regular meeting minutes as published in the Official Journal.
2. Payment of the March 2026 bills as approved by the Claims Committee.
3. In a letter received on March 6, 2026, from the Sparta Ground Water Commission, requesting the Parish's annual support in the amount of \$3,000 and requesting to be included in the 2027 budget for the same amount.

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

Upon motion by Rev. Willie Young, duly seconded by Kevin Gray, the Jury unanimously approved the request from Town of Homer to use a portion of the town's ad valorem tax credit to assist in the relocation of a residential water line on the LA DOTD Bridge replacement located on Edgewood Drive below the CPL and CMMC. This work will be performed by David Lowler Construction, Inc. of Shreveport at a cost of \$9,500.

Regular Agenda

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

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

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 that the ROV Employees' Retirement System employer rate for the fiscal year July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027, **will be reduced** to 15.00% and the employee rate will remain at 7.00%. (Currently at 18.00%)

At this time, President Scott Davidson introduced current ADA Jim Colvin of Homer, LA, who is a candidate for District Attorney of the 2nd Judicial District. ADA Jim Colvin gave those in attendance a brief synopsis of his personal life, his qualifications and his history of successfully prosecuting criminals. Mr. Colvin asked those in attendance to weigh each candidate's qualifications and asked for their support as they chose a candidate for 2nd Judicial District Attorney at the polls.

Upon motion by Kevin Gray, duly seconded by Mark Furlow, the Jury unanimously approved and accepted the CPPJ Hwy Dept. Three Year Capital Improvement Program for 2027 through 2029.

Parish Wide Capital Improvement Program 2027-2029

2027- Hebron Rd. continue the spreading of hot mix in various locations from Friendship Rd to La-Alt 2 due to Hwy 9 bridges being shut down and the amount of traffic being diverted to Hebron Rd = \$75,000

Chip Seal Program Roads to be named later = \$450,000

2028-Old Town Road - zippervarious locations with soil stabilizers where the roadway is rutting and chip seal cut-outs due to the amount of traffic from Hwy 534 bridges being out = \$90,000

Chip Seal Program Roads to be named later = \$ 400,000

2029- Flat Lick Rd. spreading of hot mix in various locations along Flat Lick Rd due to heavy traffic over the last few years = \$65,000

Chip Seal Program Roads to be named later = \$450,000

Presentation of the LA DOTD Compliance Review Matrix FY 2025 which had no deficiencies regarding bridges and roads. (No action necessary)

President Scott Davidson announced there will be a Public Meeting – Notice is hereby given that at it's meeting to be held on Wednesday, May 6, 2026, at 10:00 am at its regular meeting place, The Jury Chambers of the Police Jury Complex, 507 West Main Street, Homer, Louisiana, the Police Jury of Parish of Claiborne, State of Louisiana, plans to consider adopting a resolution ordering and calling an election to be held in the Parish of Claiborne, State of Louisiana to authorize the levy of a sales and use tax therein.

President Scott Davidson read aloud a notice from Foley & Judell, LLP highlighting the tentative schedule of events for the November 3, 2026, election regarding garbage pick-up for the Parish (excluding the incorporated limits of the Towns of Homer and Haynesville).

Upon motion by Gil Dowies, duly seconded by Paul Cook, the Jury unanimously adopted Resolution 2026-008 – A Resolution Approving the Holding of an Election in CP Fire Protection District #6 on Saturday, June 27, 2026, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein.

The following resolution was offered by Gil Dowies and seconded by Kevin Gray:

RESOLUTION 2026-008

A resolution approving the holding of an election in Claiborne Parish Fire Protection District No. 6 of the Parish of Claiborne, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, June 27, 2026, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Claiborne Parish Fire Protection District No. 6 of the Parish of Claiborne, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Claiborne Parish Fire Protection District No. 6 of the Parish of Claiborne, State of Louisiana (the "District"), adopted a resolution on March 9, 2026, calling a special election in the District on Saturday, June 27, 2026, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein; and

WHEREAS, the governing authority of the District has requested that this Police Jury, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Claiborne, State of Louisiana, give its consent and authority for the District to hold the aforesaid election, and in the event that the election carries to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein; and

WHEREAS, as required by Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, it is now the desire of this Police Jury to approve the holding of said election and in the event that the election carries, to authorize the District to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Claiborne, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of said Parish, that:

SECTION 1. In compliance with the provisions of Article VI, Section 15 of the constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, and in accordance with the request of the Board of Commissioners of Claiborne Parish Fire Protection District No. 6 of the Parish of Claiborne, State of Louisiana, this Police Jury hereby approves the holding of an election in the District, on Saturday, June 27, 2026, at which election there will be submitted the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION
(IN-LIEU MILLAGE)

Shall Claiborne Parish Fire Protection District No. 6 of the Parish of Claiborne, State of Louisiana (the "District"), levy a special tax of 15 mills (the "Tax") on all the property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated \$539,300 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the Tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2026 and ending with the year 2035, for the purpose of maintaining and operating the District's fire protection facilities and equipment, for purchasing and acquiring fire trucks and other fire fighting equipment and facilities and for paying the cost of obtaining water for fire protection purposes, including charges for fire hydrant rentals and services, provided that a portion of the Tax proceeds is required to be contributed to state and statewide retirement systems as provided in R.S. 11:82, said tax to be in lieu of and replace an ad valorem tax of 11.31 mills authorized to be levied in the District through the year 2027 at an election held in said District on November 18, 2017?

SECTION 2. In the event the election carries, this Police Jury does hereby further consent to and authorize the District to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

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

NAYS: (0) None

ABSENT: (0) None

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 8th day of April, 2026.

/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, do hereby certify that the foregoing pages constitute a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by said Police Jury on April 8, 2026, approving the holding of an election in Claiborne Parish Fire Protection District No. 6 of the Parish of Claiborne, State of Louisiana, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature at Homer, Louisiana, on this, the 8th day of April, 2026.

/s/Dwayne R. Woodard
Secretary-Treasurer

Upon motion by Willie Young, duly seconded by Paul Cook, the Jury unanimously tabled the Census Tract Recommendation for the LED OZ 2.0 due to NLEP by May 1, 2026, for submission to the Governor's Office – the Parish is allowed the selection of one tract. (The Jury is expected to call a special meeting later in the month.)

The were no Road Committee items this month.

At this time Claiborne Parish Coroner Dr. Mark Haynes gave the February 2026 report for the Coroner's Office. There were twelve (12) total deaths: eight (8) hospice/ER related, (0) other facilities, one (1) on scene with autopsy required, three (3) on scene no autopsy required, (0) at CMMC and there were three (3) CECs in the parish for the month.

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

ITEM #30 – April 24, 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 February 2026 – net of \$60,146 from gross collections of \$66,688

Net sales tax collections for January 2026 – \$60,359 – decrease \$-213 (-0.35%)
Net sales tax collections for February 2025 - \$49,233 – increase \$10,913 (22.17%)

4. Cash position on March 31, 2026 - \$12,432,286

Cash position on February 28, 2026 - \$12,738,177 (decrease of \$-305,891)
Cash position on March 31, 2025 - \$11,312,676 (increase of \$1,119,610)

See Deposit Balances by Institution for breakdown on March 31, 2026 –

5. Total Receipts for the month of March 2026 – \$257,233

6. Upcoming important dates and meetings –

4/13-17 – Auditors here for field work
4/23 – CPHSD #3 Board Meeting
4/29 – Agenda items due
5/6 – May meeting
5/15 – Personal financial disclosure statements due

Public Comments:

Mrs. Destiny Hightower of the LSU Ag Center announced that a lot of great things are happening in our Claiborne Parish 4-H program. She stated that she has taken over the Livestock Program in addition to adjusting to being named the new Parish Chair. She thanked the Jury for always supporting their program.

Upon motion by Joe Merritt, duly seconded by Mary McDaniel, the meeting was adjourned.

Dwayne R. Woodard
Secretary–Treasurer

Scott Davidson
President