

MINUTES
Of the Special Called Meeting, of
The Claiborne Parish Police Jury
3:00 p.m.
August 18, 2021
Police Jury Chambers
507 West Main Street
Homer, LA 71040

The Claiborne Parish Police Jury met in Special session in the Jury Chambers of the Claiborne Parish Police Jury Complex, located at 507 West Main Street in Homer, LA at 3:00 pm. on the 18th of August 2021. On being called to order by President Scott Davidson, the following Jurors were present:

James Laird, Mark Furlow, Kevin Gray (late), Mary McDaniel, Paul Cook, Tommy Sanders and Gil Dowies were present.

The following Jurors were absent: District Seven Joseph Merritt and District Ten Rev. Willie Young.

There were 4 others in attendance which included Secretary-Treasurer Dwayne R. Woodard, Claiborne Parish Director of Libraries Mrs. Pam Suggs, Parish Library Historian Mr. Wesley Harris and Mrs. Kathi Hightower of the Guardian Journal Newspaper.

President Scott Davidson called the meeting to order.

The meeting was opened with a word of prayer led by Mary McDaniel, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Paul Cook.

Upon motion by Paul Cook, duly seconded by Mark Furlow, the Jury unanimously voted to adopt the Regular Agenda as presented.

Upon motion by Gil Dowies, duly seconded by Mary McDaniel, the Jury unanimously approved the following amendments to the agenda:

1. Resolution 2021-016 - 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 BEGINNING AUGUST 19, 2021.

Regular Agenda

Upon motion by Mark Furlow, duly seconded by James Laird, the Jury unanimously approved, upon recommendation from the Personnel Committee, the hiring of Mrs. April Childress as Executive Director of Office of Community Services beginning August 19, 2021, with a probationary period of six (6) months. Her starting salary will be \$35,000 per year plus benefits and will be re-evaluated after her 6-month probationary period is over.

At this time, President Scott Davidson moved to handle the amendment to the agenda.

Upon motion by James Laird, duly seconded by Mark Furlow, the Jury unanimously adopted Resolution 2021-016.

RESOLUTION 2021-016

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 BEGINNING AUGUST 19, 2021

WHEREAS, the Claiborne Parish Police Jury has hired Mrs. April Childress as of August 18, 2021, to fill the title of 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 and signature authority on bank accounts for the remainder of the Calendar Year of 2021.

Upon a motion by James Laird and duly seconded by Mark Furlow this motion was carried and officially adopted by the Claiborne Parish Police Jury meeting in regular session convened on Wednesday, August 18, 2021.

Yeas - (8) Laird, Furlow, Gray, McDaniel, Cook, Davidson, Sanders and Dowies

Nays - (0) None

Absent - (2) Merritt and Young

Abstain - N/A

/s/Dwayne R. Woodard
Secretary-Treasurer

/s/Scott Davidson
President

Additional Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

Upon motion by Mark Furlow, duly seconded by James Laird, the meeting was adjourned.

Dwayne R. Woodard
Secretary-Treasurer

Scott Davidson
President