

MINUTES  
Of the Regular Meeting, of  
The Claiborne Parish Police Jury  
10:00 a.m.  
September 13, 2023  
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 13<sup>th</sup> of September 2023. 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, and Gil Dowies.

District 10 Juror, Willie Young, Sr. was absent due to a conflict with a Mineral Board Meeting in Baton Rouge.

There were 19 others in attendance which included Secretary-Treasurer Dwayne R. Woodard, Parish Co-Road Superintendents Chad Verdin and Brant Cupp, District Attorney Danny Newell, OOCs Executive Director April Childress, Claiborne Parish Director of Libraries Pam Suggs, Claiborne Parish Library Historian Wesley Harris, Parish Coroner Dr. Mark Haynes, Claiborne Tax Assessor Bob Robinson, Mrs. Kris Barney of DART, CMMC CEO Tina Haynes, Director of Strategic Operations Chad Puckett, 4-H Parish Chair Lee Faulk of the LSU AgCenter, Mr. John Monzingo of the LSU Ag Center, Haynesville Mayor Roderick Hampton, Ms. Jackie Roberts of the Guardian Journal, Candidate for Claiborne Parish Tax Assessor Mrs. Katie Buckner Coburn, Mr. Zack Buckner of Athens, Mr. Robert Sanders of Homer, and Mr. Buzzy Buckner of Athens.

There was a Road Committee Meeting held at 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Room.

President Scott Davidson called the meeting to order.

The meeting was opened with a word of Prayer led Joseph Merritt, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Paul Cook.

Upon motion by Gil Dowies, duly seconded by Joseph Merritt, the Jury unanimously voted to adopt the Regular Agenda as presented.

Upon motion by Kevin Gray, duly seconded by Mary McDaniel, the Jury unanimously voted to amend the regular agenda and add the following items.

1. Notice - a proposed ordinance for the sale of certain adjudicated properties will be introduced at the October 4, 2023, meeting.
2. Special Events Permit – Morris Shelton – Homer High School Homecoming Event – September 22, 2023 – 1025 White Oak Rd, Homer, LA 71040.

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

**Consent Agenda**

1. Approval of the August 9, 2023, regular meeting minutes.
2. Payment of the August 2023 bills as approved by the Claims Committee.
3. Request from the Claiborne Parish School Board, in a letter received on August 23, 2023, requesting the Police Jury's assistance with a "bus turn around" located at 2684 Hwy 520, Homer LA. The work is to be done on a reimbursement basis.

4. Request from the USFS Caney Ranger District, in a letter received on Augst 23, 2023, requesting the Police Jury's assistance with rehabbing the boat launch north of Corney Bayou Bridge located off Hwy 9. The work is to be done under the existing CEA between the USFS and the CPPJ.

At this time, President Scott Davidson introduced Claiborne Parish Tax Assessor Candidates for the October 2023 Election: Mrs. Katie B. Coburn and Mr. Bob Robinson.

President Scott Davidson read aloud a notice that a proposed ordinance for the sale of certain adjudicated properties will be introduced at the October 4, 2023, meeting.

Upon motion by Tommy Sanders, duly seconded by Gil Dowies, the Jury unanimously approved a special event permit which had previously been approved by Sheriff Sam Dowies for Morris Shelton of 1025 White Oak Road, Homer, La to host a Homer High School Homecoming Alumni Event on his property.

### **Regular Agenda**

President Scott Davidson reminded everyone that all Parish Employees are required to complete one (1) hour of ethics training by December 31, 2023.

President Scott Davidson also reminded everyone that one (1) hour of Preventing Sexual Harassment training is required to be completed by December 31, 2023, by all parish employees – Department Heads and Jury Officers have a two (2) hour training requirement.

President Scott Davidson read aloud a notice that Caddo Parish is hosting the Region IV PJAL Meeting that will be held on Wednesday evening, September 27, 2023; at The Petroleum Club at 6:00 pm. Please see Leigh Ann Sanders to RSVP.

President Scott Davidson read aloud a notice that the CPPJ has called a hearing to request input from the public about its annual plan that discusses the Mission, Goal, and Objectives of the Section 8 Housing Assistance Programs administered by the CPPJ. The hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 19, 2023, at 1:00 pm at the Section 8 Office located at 621 South Main Street, Homer, LA 71040.

President Scott Davidson read to the Jury, the receipt of the annual notice of the Parish's current balance with the Federal Off-System Highway Bridge Program is \$-45,625 as per letter received from the LADOTD dated August 21, 2023.

President Scott Davidson read aloud letters received on August 28, 2023, Official Notice of Act 397 of the 2023 Regular Legislative Session concerning State Aid to Local Government Entities the Police Jury was notified of the following awards - \$100,000 new roof for the PJ Admin Bldg, \$40,000 for a waterline extension Pinehill Water System on E D White Road, \$50,000 for the Haynesville Branch of the Claiborne Parish Library, \$50,000 for road repairs of E D White Road, \$50,000 for road repairs or water and sewer repairs within Senate District 36 and \$10,000 for waterline extension on Ponderosa Road.

President Scott Davidson read aloud a letter received on August 28, 20203, the CPPJ has been awarded a 2022-2023 LGAP award of \$100,000 for the roof repairs at the CPPJ Admin Bldg located at 507 West Main St. in Homer, LA.

Upon motion by Gil Dowies, duly seconded by Paul Cook, the Jury unanimously voted to leave the regular meeting and enter the Public Hearing for the 2023 Board of Review.

At this time, the presentation of the assessment of property values for the 2023 property tax rolls was given. The total Assessed Value of property in Claiborne Parish for the tax year 2023 is \$139,396,763 of which \$20,115,139 is Homestead Exempted property.

Tax Assessor Bob Robinson stated there have been no formal objections to the assessments other than one communications tower company which has been resolved. He has received no formal appeals by phone, email, or in person reported to his office.

Secretary-Treasurer Dwayne Woodard stated there have been no objections reported to his office via email, telephone, mail, or in-person regarding the 2023 Tax Assessment figures.

Upon motion by Kevin Gray, duly seconded by James Laird, the Jury voted to leave the Public Hearing for the 2023 Board of Review and return to the regular meeting of the Claiborne Parish Police Jury.

Upon motion by Kevin Gray, duly seconded by Mark Furlow, the Jury unanimously accepted the assessment of property values for the 2023 property tax rolls.

Upon motion by Gil Dowies, duly seconded by Mary McDaniel, the Jury unanimously adopted Resolution 2023-017 – A Resolution Levying Millage for the 2023 Tax Roll for the Claiborne Parish Police Jury.

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RESOLUTION 2023-017

A RESOLUTION LEVYING MILLAGE FOR 2023 TAX ROLL FOR THE CLAIBORNE PARISH POLICE JURY

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following millages are levied on the 2023 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by the Claiborne Parish Police Jury:

GENERAL FUND	PARISH WIDE	MILLAGE LEVIED
1. Parish Tax	Outside Municipalities	<u>3.830</u> Mills
2. Parish Tax	Inside Municipalities	<u>1.940</u> Mills
MAINTENANCE FUND	PARISH WIDE	
1. Claiborne Parish Library		<u>6.190</u> Mills
2. Building Maintenance		<u>2.770</u> Mills
PARISH ROAD FUND	PARISH WIDE	
1. Parish Road Fund		<u>7.330</u> Mills
EQUIPMENT FUND	PARISH WIDE	
1. Equipment Fund		<u>2.090</u> Mills

BE IT RESOLVED that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of Claiborne, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2023, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all the property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the foregoing resolution was read in full and the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted.

Upon a motion by Gil Dowies 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, September 13, 2023.

Yeas – (9) Laird, Furlow, Gray, McDaniel, Cook, Davidson, Merritt, Sanders and Dowies

Nays – (0) None

Abstain – N/A

Absent – (1) Young

/s/Dwayne R. Woodard  
Secretary-Treasurer

/s/Scott Davidson  
President

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Upon motion by Paul Cook, duly seconded by Joseph Merritt, the Jury unanimously tabled the acceptance of the lowest qualified bid for the repair and rehab of the existing roofs at the CPPJ Admin Bldg and the CPPJ Hwy Dept Public Works Bldg and Shop.

Upon motion by Mary McDaniel, duly seconded by Tommy Sanders, the Jury unanimously approved the request, in a letter from Evergreen Volunteer Fire Department dated August 28, 2023, requesting the Police Jury re-appoint Mrs. Greta Beale of 1361 Mims Road, Minden, LA whose terms expires on December 31, 2023, for an additional two-year term that would expire on December 31, 2025.

Upon motion by Paul Cook, duly seconded by James Laird, the Jury unanimously adopted Resolution 2023-019 – Resolution Updating the CCEA Between CAFA TEFRA and Claiborne Parish Effective September 18, 2023. This is a request from Mrs. Kristin Delahoussaye with the Capital Area Finance Authority pertaining to the down payment assistance program for qualifying first time home buyers in the Parish.

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**RESOLUTION 2023-018**  
**CERTIFICATE OF CLAIBORNE**  
**EVIDENCING PUBLIC APPROVAL OF BONDS**  
**PURSUANT TO SECTION 147(f) OF THE**  
**INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED**

**WHEREAS**, the Capital Area Finance Authority (the “**Authority**”), a public trust created pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 2-A of Title 9 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (R.S. 9:2341-9:2347, inclusive) (the “**Act**”) has, by resolution dated September 19, 2023, in accordance with the requirements of the Act, and the Rules and Regulations of the Louisiana State Bond Commission (the “**Commission**”), duly authorized the issuance of not exceeding of Capital Area Finance Authority Revenue Bonds in one or more series (the “**Bonds**”) to finance loans to first-time homebuyers within the jurisdictional parishes of the Authority and such other governmental units (the “**Participating Jurisdictions**”) whose governing authority authorized and directed the execution of a cooperative endeavor agreement (a “**CEA**”) with the Authority under the provisions of the Act and other applicable constitutional and statutory authorities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission, on August 17, 2023, duly authorized the issuance and sale of the Bonds in accordance with law and the Commission's Rules and Regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bonds are classified as exempt facility bonds under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “**Code**”) and the provisions of Section 147(f)(2)(A), (B) and (E) of the Code require that issuance of the Bonds be approved by the “applicable elected representative” of the governmental unit which issues such bonds or on whose behalf such bonds are issued and by the “applicable elected representative” of such other Participating Jurisdictions that have executed a CEA with the Authority under the provisions of the Act; and

**WHEREAS**, (the “**Governmental Unit**”) has executed a CEA with the Authority to permit the financing of loans to first-time homebuyers within geographic area of the Governmental Unit; and

**WHEREAS**, the applicable elected representative (the “**Approving Representative**”) of the Governmental Unit for purposes of approving the Bonds is the H. Scott Davidson/Parish President and

**WHEREAS**, in compliance with the requirements of the Code, Notice of Public Hearing (attached as **Exhibit “A”** hereto), was published in (i) The Advocate, Baton Rouge, Louisiana on September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023, (ii) The Daily Advertiser, Lafayette, Louisiana on September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023, (iii) the Houma Courier, Houma, Louisiana on September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023, (iv) the Lake Charles American Press, Lake Charles, Louisiana on September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023, (v) The News Star, Monroe, Louisiana on September 8, 2023, (vi) the Times-Picayune, New Orleans, Louisiana on September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023, (vii) The Times, Shreveport, Louisiana on September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023, and (viii) The Town Talk, Alexandria, Louisiana on September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023, and

**WHEREAS**, in compliance with the requirements of the Code, the public hearing with respect to the issuance of said Bonds was held on September 18, 2023, at 1:00 p.m., Louisiana Time, at 601 St. Ferdinand Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, and simultaneously held by teleconference with a toll-free number 1-888-475-4499 and guest access code 994-030-3250 in accordance with Rev. Proc. 2022-20 after due notice thereof was published in the official journal of the Authority and in the aforementioned publications sufficient to inform the public within the geographic area of the Participating Jurisdictions of the subject, date and place of said public hearing; and

**WHEREAS**, no objections were raised by any person present at the said hearing or by any person participating by teleconference relative to the issuance of the Bonds; and

**WHEREAS**, the undersigned, Approving Representative of the Participating Jurisdiction, desires to approve the issuance of the Bonds for the purposes of the Code;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the undersigned does hereby certify that the Chief elected executive officer/governing authority Governing authority of the Participating Jurisdiction, hereby approves, and confirms the issuance of the Bonds. The Authority, and its officers, are authorized to cause this certificate to be filed of record in the transcript of proceedings for the Bonds and to file a copy thereof with any State or Federal agency, board or commission as may be required by any applicable State or Federal laws, rules, or regulations.

**WITNESS** my signature this 19th day of September, 2023, at Homer, Louisiana.

/s/Scott Davidson  
Parish President

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Upon motion by Gil Dowies, duly seconded by Joseph Merritt, the Jury unanimously approved the request from Co-Road Superintendents Brant Cupp and Chad Verdin to give Operator II Lee Wells an increase of \$.50 per hour in his base hourly rate effective with the payroll period beginning September 14, 2023. This would increase Mr. Wells’ hourly rate to \$15.00 per hour.

Upon motion by Kevin Gray, duly seconded by Paul Cook, the Jury unanimously approved the request from Co-Road Superintendents Brant Cupp and Chad Verdin to post in-house the open position of Operator II for the period September 14-29, 2023.

Upon motion by Mary McDaniel, duly seconded by Kevin Gray, the Jury unanimously approved the request from Co-Road Superintendents Brant Cupp and Chad Verdin, to return to the regular 5-day work week on Monday, September 18, 2023.

Upon motion by Kevin Gray, duly seconded by Paul Cook, the Jury unanimously approved the presentation of Proposed Ordinance No. 797 – An Ordinance Consolidating Precincts 10 and 11B for Claiborne Parish, Louisiana.

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The following ordinance was presented for review on this the 13th day of September 2023. Upon a motion by \_\_\_\_\_seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, the proposed ordinance began its period of review for public comment and consideration. A Public Hearing will be held on October 4, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. to hear comments concerning Claiborne Parish Ordinance No. 797.

The following ordinance was offered by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ upon a \_\_\_ vote, it was duly adopted on this 4th day of October 2023 by the following YEA and NAY VOTE:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

ORDINANCE No. 797

AN ORDINANCE CONSOLIDATING ELECTION PRECINCTS 10 AND 11B FOR CLAIBORNE PARISH, LOUISIANA

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Revised Statute 18:532.1(B)(2)(a) states that precincts may be consolidated with adjacent precincts for the purpose of satisfying the requirement regarding the minimum number of registered voters per precinct;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Claiborne Parish Police Jury, that the following polling places are hereby designated, and election precincts are hereby created through the consolidation of certain existing election precincts and shall become effective for all purposes on the first day of December 2023, or upon receiving preclearance of said consolidation from the United States Department of Justice, whichever shall occur later.

SECTION 1: CLAIBORNE PARISH ELECTION PRECINCT NUMBER 10 AND ELECTION PRECINCT NUMBER 11B ARE CONSOLIDATED INTO A SINGLE ELECTION PRECINCT NUMBER 10.

Polling Place shall be Lisbon Community Center at 131 Hebron Road in Lisbon, Louisiana.

{LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF NEW PRECINCT No.10} - Beginning at the junction of the center right-of-way of Louisiana State Highway 2 and the center flow channel of Middle Fork Bayou D'Arbonne, thence proceed northwesterly on said bayou to a point where the flow channel diverges into northern and southern flow ways in the Northwest quarter of Section 27, Township 22 North, Range 5 West, thence proceed easterly on the southern flow-way to its junction with the center flow channel of an unnamed creek on the eastern side of Section 18, Township 22 North, Range 5 West, thence proceed southwesterly on said creek to its junction with the center right-of-way of Richardson Loop; thence proceed southerly on said road to its junction with Louisiana State Highway 9 and Antioch Road; thence proceed southeasterly on the center right-of-way of Antioch Road to its junction with the center right-of-way of Greer Road; thence proceed southerly along said road to its junction with the center right-of-way of Louisiana State Highway 2, thence proceed westerly on said road to its junction with the center right-of-way of a road named Liberty Hill, then proceed southerly on said road until its junction with an unnamed road on the eastern side of Section 25, Township 21 North Range 6 West to its junction with the center-right of way of a pipeline, then proceed southeasterly on said pipeline to the northern shoreline of Lake Claiborne, thence proceed southeasterly on the northern shoreline of Lake Claiborne to its junction with the Lake Claiborne dam, thence proceed southeasterly on the dam to its junction with the center flow channel of Bayou D'Arbonne, then proceed easterly then northerly on said bayou to the boundary line between Claiborne Parish and Lincoln Parish, then proceed northerly then easterly on said boundary line until its junction with the center right-of-way of Tibbett Road, then proceed eastly along said road to its junction with the center right-of-way of Revis Fowler Road, hence proceed northeasterly on said road to its junction with the center right-of-way of Sharon Road, then proceed north on said road to its junction with the center right-of-way Louisiana State Highway 152, thence proceed northwesterly on Louisiana State Highway 152 to the junction of the center right-of-way of Louisiana State Highway 2, the point of beginning.

SECTION 2. POLLING PLACE OF PRECINCT 10

The Polling Place for Claiborne Parish Election Precinct 10 shall be the Lisbon Community Center at 131 Hebron in Lisbon, Louisiana.

SECTION 3. PUBLICATION

A copy of this ordinance shall be published in one issue of the official journal of this Police Jury, as required by law.

SECTION 4. CONFLICTING PROVISIONS

All Ordinances or Resolutions that conflict with this Ordinance are hereby expressly repealed. If any part of this ordinance is declared unconstitutional, then the balance of said ordinance shall be valid.

The foregoing Ordinance was adopted on the 4th day of October 2023.

ATTEST:

/s/Dwayne R. Woodard  
Secretary-Treasurer

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Upon motion by Gil Dowies, duly seconded by Kevin Gray, the Jury unanimously approved the presentation of Proposed Ordinance No. 798 – An Ordinance Consolidating Precincts 84b and 85b for Claiborne Parish, LA.

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The following ordinance was presented for review on this the 13th day of September 2023. Upon a motion by \_\_\_\_\_ seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, the proposed ordinance began its period of review for public comment and consideration. A Public Hearing will be held on October 4, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. to hear comments concerning Claiborne Parish Ordinance No. 798.

The following ordinance was offered by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ upon a \_\_\_ vote, it was duly adopted on this 4th day of October 2023 by the following YEA and NAY VOTE:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

ORDINANCE No. 798

AN ORDINANCE CONSOLIDATING ELECTION PRECINCTS 84B AND 85B FOR CLAIBORNE PARISH, LOUISIANA

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Revised Statute 18:532.1(B)(2)(a) states that precincts may be consolidated with adjacent precincts for the purpose of satisfying the requirement regarding the minimum number of registered voters per precinct;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Claiborne Parish Police Jury, that the following polling places are hereby designated, and election precincts are hereby created through the consolidation of certain existing election precincts and shall become effective for all purposes on the first day of December 2023, or upon receiving preclearance of said consolidation from the United States Department of Justice, whichever shall occur later.

SECTION 1: CLAIBORNE PARISH ELECTION PRECINCT NUMBER 84B AND ELECTION PRECINCT NUMBER 85B ARE CONSOLIDATED INTO A SINGLE ELECTION PRECINCT NUMBER 85.

Polling Place shall be Homer City Hall at 400 East Main Street in Homer, Louisiana.

{LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF NEW PRECINCT No. 85}

Beginning at the intersection of South Main Street and West 6th Street in the Town of Homer, thence proceed easterly on the center right-of-way of South Main Street to the intersection with the center right-of-way to the junction of the center right-of-way of West 4<sup>th</sup> Street and thence proceed

north to the junction of the center right-of-way of North Main Street and thence proceed westerly on Louisiana Hwy 3062 westerly on Louisiana Highway 3062 to the junction of the center right-of-way of West 4<sup>th</sup> Street thence proceed northwesterly on the center right-of-way of West 4<sup>th</sup> Street to the junction of the center right-of-way of Edgewood Drive, thence proceed easterly on the center right-of-way of Edgewood Drive to the center right-of-way of Cemetery Street, thence proceed southerly then easterly on said street to the center right-of-way of West 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, thence proceed southerly on said street to the intersection with the center right-of-way of Fulmer Street, thence proceed easterly on said street to the intersection with West Main Street (U.S. Highway 79), thence proceed southerly then southwesterly on said highway to the intersection with the center right-of-way of West 4th Street, thence proceed northerly on said street to the intersection with the center right-of-way of South 4th Street, thence proceed southwesterly on said street to the intersection with the center right-of-way of Washington Street, thence proceed northerly on said street to the intersection with the center right-of-way of Hudd Drive, thence proceed westerly, thence southerly on Hudd Drive to the center right-of-way of South 4th Street, thence proceed westerly on said street to the intersection with the center right-of-way of Scott Street, thence proceed southerly on said street to the intersection with the center right-of-way of Harris Street, thence proceed easterly on said street to the intersection with the center right-of-way of Washington Street, thence proceed southerly on said street to the intersection with the center flow channel of an unnamed creek crossing under Washington Street between Harris Street and Pearl Street; thence proceed northwesterly on said creek to its intersection with the center right-of-way of Dutchtown Road, thence proceed easterly on said road to its intersection with the center right-of-way of West 6th Street, thence proceed northerly on said street to the intersection with the center right-of-way of South Main Street, the point of beginning.

SECTION 2. POLLING PLACE OF PRECINCT 85

The Polling Place for Claiborne Parish Election Precinct 85 shall be the Homer City Hall at 400 East Main Street in Homer, Louisiana.

SECTION 3. PUBLICATION

A copy of this ordinance shall be published in one issue of the official journal of this Police Jury, as required by law.

SECTION 4. CONFLICTING PROVISIONS

All Ordinances or Resolutions that conflict with this Ordinance are hereby expressly repealed. If any part of this ordinance is declared unconstitutional, then the balance of said ordinance shall be valid.

The foregoing Ordinance was adopted on the 4th day of October 2023.

ATTEST:

/s/Dwayne R. Woodard  
Secretary-Treasurer

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Upon motion by Tommy Sanders, duly seconded by Paul Cook, the Jury unanimously approved the presentation of proposed Ordinance No. 799 – An Ordinance Consolidating Precincts 85A and 88 for Claiborne Parish, Louisiana.

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The following ordinance was presented for review on this the 13th day of September 2023. Upon a motion by \_\_\_\_\_ seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, the proposed ordinance began its period of review for public comment and consideration. A Public Hearing will be held on October 4, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. to hear comments concerning Claiborne Parish Ordinance No. 799.

The following ordinance was offered by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ upon a \_\_\_ vote, it was duly adopted on this 4th day of October 2023 by the following YEA and NAY VOTE:



YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

ORDINANCE No. 799

AN ORDINANCE CONSOLIDATING ELECTION PRECINCTS 85A AND 88 FOR CLAIBORNE PARISH, LOUISIANA

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Revised Statute 18:532.1(B)(2)(a) states that precincts may be consolidated with adjacent precincts for the purpose of satisfying the requirement regarding the minimum number of registered voters per precinct;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Claiborne Parish Police Jury, that the following polling places are hereby designated, and election precincts are hereby created through the consolidation of certain existing election precincts and shall become effective for all purposes on the first day of December 2023, or upon receiving preclearance of said consolidation from the United States Department of Justice, whichever shall occur later.

SECTION 1: CLAIBORNE PARISH ELECTION PRECINCT NUMBER 85A AND ELECTION PRECINCT NUMBER 88 ARE CONSOLIDATED INTO A SINGLE ELECTION PRECINCT NUMBER 88.

Polling Place shall be Homer City Hall at 400 East Main Street in Homer, Louisiana.

{LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF NEW PRECINCT No. 88}

Beginning at the junction of the center right-of-way of Louisiana State Highway 540 and the center flow channel of Beaver Branch, thence proceed southeasterly on said highway to its junction with the center right-of-way of West 4th Street, thence proceed southerly on said street to the intersection with the center right-of-way of North Main Street, thence proceed easterly to the intersection with the center right-of-way of West 4<sup>th</sup> Street, thence proceed southerly to the intersection with the center right-of-way of South Main Street, thence proceed westerly on said street to the intersection with the center right-of-way of West 6th Street, thence proceed southerly on said street to the center right-of-way of Dutchtown Road, thence proceed westerly on said road to its junction with the center right-of-way of Lewis Street, thence proceed southerly on said street to its junction with the center right-of-way of Monroe Avenue, thence proceed westerly on said avenue to its junction with the center right-of-way of Dutchtown Road, thence proceed southwesterly on said road to its intersection with the center flow channel of Beaver Branch, thence proceed northeasterly on said branch to its junction with the center right- of-way of Louisiana State Highway 540, the point of beginning.

SECTION 2. POLLING PLACE OF PRECINCT 88

The Polling Place for Claiborne Parish Election Precinct 88 shall be the Homer City Hall at 400 East Main Street in Homer, Louisiana.

SECTION 3. PUBLICATION

A copy of this ordinance shall be published in one issue of the official journal of this Police Jury, as required by law.

SECTION 4. CONFLICTING PROVISIONS

All Ordinances or Resolutions that conflict with this Ordinance are hereby expressly repealed. If any part of this ordinance is declared unconstitutional, then the balance of said ordinance shall be valid.

The foregoing Ordinance was adopted on the 4th day of October 2023.

ATTEST:

/s/Dwayne R. Woodard  
Secretary-Treasurer

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Upon motion by Gil Dowies, duly seconded by Mary McDaniel, the Jury unanimously approved the presentation of Proposed Ordinance No. 800 – An Ordinance Consolidating Renaming Election Precinct 84A to 84 for Claiborne Parish, Louisiana.

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The following ordinance was presented for review on this the 13th day of September 2023. Upon a motion by \_\_\_\_\_seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, the proposed ordinance began its period of review for public comment and consideration. A Public Hearing will be held on October 4, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. to hear comments concerning Claiborne Parish Ordinance No. 800.

The following ordinance was offered by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ upon a \_\_\_ vote, it was duly adopted on this 4th day of October 2023 by the following YEA and NAY VOTE:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

ORDINANCE No. 800

AN ORDINANCE RENAMING ELECTION PRECINCT 84A TO 84 FOR CLAIBORNE PARISH, LOUISIANA

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Revised Statute 18:532.1(A) states that the parish governing authority shall have authority to change the configuration, boundaries, or designation of an election precinct;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Claiborne Parish Police Jury, that the following polling place is hereby designated, and election precinct is hereby created through the renaming of a certain existing election precinct and shall become effective for all purposes on the first day of December 2023.

SECTION 1: THE RENAMING OF CLAIBORNE PARISH ELECTION PRECINCT NUMBER 84A TO BE KNOWN AS CLAIBORNE PARISH ELECTION PRECINCT NUMBER 84.

Polling Place shall be Homer City Hall at 400 East Main Street in Homer, Louisiana.

{LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF NEW PRECINCT No. 84}

Beginning at the junction of the center right-of-way of Cemetery Street and the center right-of-way of Edgewood Drive, thence proceed easterly on Edgewood Drive to the center right-of-way of U.S. Highway 79, thence proceed southerly on said highway to the center right-of-way of North Main Street, thence proceed easterly on North Main Street to the center right-of-way of East 4th Street, thence proceed northerly on said street to the center right-of-way of North 4th Street, thence proceed easterly on said street to the center right-of-way of East 5<sup>th</sup> Street, thence proceed southerly on said street to the center right-of-way of Louisiana State Highway 9, thence proceed northeasterly on said highway to the center flow channel of Bayou D'Arbonne, thence proceed southeasterly on said bayou to its junction with the electric power transmission line in Section 19 of Township 21 North, Range 6 West, thence proceed southerly, then southeasterly, then southeasterly, then southerly on said power transmission line to its junction with the center flow channel of Caney Creek, thence proceed westerly on said creek to the center right-of-way of Louisiana State Highway 146, thence proceed northerly on said highway to the

junction with the center right-of-way of South 4th Street, thence proceed westerly on said street to the junction of the center right-of-way of Owens Street, thence proceed northerly on said street to the center right-of-way of Beardsley Avenue, thence proceed westerly on said avenue to the center right-of-way of East Main Street, thence proceed southerly on said street to the center right-of-way of South 6th Street, thence proceed westerly on said street to the center right-of-way of U.S. Highway 79, thence proceed northerly on said highway to the junction of the center right-of-way of Fulmer Street, thence proceed westerly on said street to the center right-of-way of West 3rd Street, thence proceed northerly on said street to the junction of the center right-of-way of Cemetery Street, thence proceed westerly then northerly on said street to the junction of the center right-of-way of Edgewood Drive, the point of beginning.

SECTION 2. POLLING PLACE OF PRECINCT 84

The Polling Place for Claiborne Parish Election Precinct 84 shall be the Homer City Hall at 400 East Main Street in Homer, Louisiana.

SECTION 3. PUBLICATION

A copy of this ordinance shall be published in one issue of the official journal of this Police Jury, as required by law.

SECTION 4. CONFLICTING PROVISIONS

All Ordinances or Resolutions that conflict with this Ordinance are hereby expressly repealed. If any part of this ordinance is declared unconstitutional, then the balance of said ordinance shall be valid.

The foregoing Ordinance was adopted on the 4th day of October 2023.

ATTEST:

/s/Dwayne R. Woodard  
Secretary-Treasurer

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At this time, the date was set for the Proposed Ordinances No. 797, 798, 799, and 800 for Wednesday, October 4, 2023 at 9:00 am in the Conference Room of the Police Jury located at 507 West Main St, Homer, LA 71040.

At this time the recommendations from the Road Committee were presented.

Upon motion by Kevin Gray, duly seconded by Paul Cook, the Jury unanimously rescinded the purchase order issued to Car Giant of Homer for the purchase of the new truck for the Hwy Department. Car Giant was unable to order the vehicle they quoted.

Upon motion by Gil Dowies, duly seconded by Mark Furlow, the Jury unanimously approved the purchase of a new truck for the Hwy Department from Courtesy of Ruston in the amount of \$54,872.

Upon motion by Paul Cook, duly seconded by Kevin Gray, the Jury unanimously approved the purchase of a new utility trailer from Cowboy Trailers of Calhoun in the amount of \$10,500.

Upon motion by Kevin Gray, duly seconded by Gil Dowies, the Jury unanimously approved the request from the Homer Golf Course for the purchase of 225 yards of dirt. This will be done on a reimbursement basis.

Upon motion by Mark Furlow, duly seconded by Paul Cook, the Jury unanimously approved the repairs to the Tax Assessor’s entry way in the amount of \$2,500 plus the cost of tile (Jury will purchase the tile).

Upon motion by Mary McDaniel, duly seconded by Tommy Sanders, the Jury unanimously approved the use of the Court House Lawn for the display of the silhouettes during the week of October 30 - November 3 by Claiborne Parish DART.

Unon motion by Tommy Sanders, duly seconded by Kevin Gray, the Jury unanimously approved the open position for Truck Driver to hire Frankie Ford at \$15.00 per hour.

Parish Coroner Dr. Mark Haynes gave his monthly report. The Coroner's Office had a total of 14 deaths: (3) ER/Hospice, (2) Autopsy, (0) other, (5) On Scene, and (3) CEC.

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**ITEM #36 – September 13, 2023 – 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 submitted to 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 State.

3. LCDBG Grant

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

4. Sales Tax Collections for July 2023 – net of \$81,192 from gross collections of \$83,274  
Net sales tax collections for June 2023 – \$52,655 – increase \$28,537 (54.20%)  
Net sales tax collections for July 2022 - \$74,434 – increase \$6,758 (9.08%)

5. Cash position on August 31, 2023 - \$10,669,363  
Cash position on July 31, 2023 - \$11,063,970 (decrease of \$-394,607)  
Cash position on August 31, 2022 - \$11,095,953 (decrease of \$426,590)

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

6. Total Receipts for the month of August 2023 – \$198,776

7. Upcoming important dates and meetings –

9/14 – GOHSEP & La National Guard Meeting  
9/18 – Library Board Meeting  
9/25 – Tentative date for committee meetings if needed  
9/28 - CPHSD #3 Board  
9/28 – CPWSD Meeting  
10/4 – Regular Meeting

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Additional Public Comments:

Robert Sanders thanked the Jury and Sheriff Dowies for the updates on the Harris Polling Place that were recently done.

OOCs Director April Childress announced that there will be a job fair hosted on October 26, 2023 in Haynesville. The fair will concentrate on Claiborne Parish businesses first and then they will offer spaces to out of parish/state businesses that are looking for workers.

Haynesville Mayor Roderick Hampton invited everyone to the Haynesville Butterfly Festival this coming weekend.

Claiborne Parish Director of Libraries Pam Suggs thanked Tina Haynes for her kind words. Mrs. Suggs also invited everyone out to the upcoming events at the Claiborne Parish Library - the most anticipated one is Lyle Blackburn – Big Foot Expert.

Claiborne Parish 4-H Chair Lee Faulk thanked Mrs. Pam Suggs for everything that she does for the 4-H clubs and offering the meeting room for their use. He also told the Jury that Mrs. Desitny Hightower is busy enrolling students in 4-H and has a lot of programs in the works for the kids, this year.

Claiborne Parish 4-H Agent John Monzingo invited everyone out to the fair on October 9-14<sup>th</sup>.

Tax Assessor Bob Robinson announced that the photography for the Parish GIS mapping has been updated.

District Eight Juror Tommy Sanders announced that the Governor’s Statewide Burn Ban is still in effect and fines will be written if anyone is caught burning. He also stated Fire District 5 has applied for and received a grant for new equipment in the amount of \$310,00 for the purchase of new air cylinders and airpacks for our volunteer firefighters.

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

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Dwayne R. Woodard  
Secretary–Treasurer

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Scott Davidson  
President