

MINUTES
Of the Regular Meeting of
The Claiborne Parish Police Jury
10:00 a.m.
November 15, 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 15th of November 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, Gil Dowies, Willie Young, Sr.

There were 24 others in attendance which included Secretary-Treasurer Dwayne R. Woodard, Co-Road Superintendents Brant Cupp and Chad Verdin, Claiborne Parish Sheriff Sam Dowies, CPSO Chief Deputy Brian Driscoll, Claiborne Parish Director of Libraries Mrs. Pam Suggs, CP Library Historian Mr. Wesley Harris, Claiborne Parish Coroner Dr. Mark Haynes, Claiborne Parish Digital Liaison Mr. Jerry Hillege, Mr. Mark and Mrs. Wesley Johnson of E & P Consulting, CPPJ-OOCS Executive Director Mrs. April Childress, LSU AgCenter Parish Chair Mr. Lee Faulk, 4-H Agent Mr. John Monzingo, Mr. Greg Bowman of The HR Department, Mr. David Greene of Republic Services, Mrs. Crystal Owen and Mrs. EmaLee Tingle of Claiborne Electric, Claiborne Parish Fire District #4 Board member Mr. Ronald Day, Mr. Van Austin of the South Claiborne Water System, District #8 Schoolboard Member Mr. Roy Mardis, Rev. Banks of Homer, Bro. Steve Fowler of Homer, and Mr. Carter Lewis of Haynesville.

There was a Public Hearing for Proposed Ordinance No. 801 at 9:00 am in the Conference Room.

There was a Road Committee Meeting held at 9:10 a.m. in the Police Jury Conference Room.

President Scott Davidson called the meeting to order.

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

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

Upon on Motion of Tommy Sanders, duly seconded by Paul Cook the Jury voted unanimously to amend the agenda and add the following items to the agenda:

1. Notice – 2023-2024 CWF/LGAP Application Portal is open from November 1, 2023, until February 29, 2024.
2. Request from Northwest La Human Services District, in a letter received on November 10, 2023, requesting that the Police Jury appoint someone to replace Don Pledger who resigned on November 8, 2023.

Upon motion by Paul Cook, duly seconded by Kevin Gray, the Jury unanimously approved the consent agenda as follows:

1. Approval of the October 4, 2023, regular meeting minutes.
2. Payment of the October 2023 bills as approved by the Claims Committee.
3. Setting of the 2023 buy-back date – December 15, 2023 – request form will go out with the 12/1/2023 payroll checks and are due back on Wednesday 11/29/2023.

4. Request to advertise for bid – sealed bids are hereby invited by the Claiborne Parish Police Jury for the purchase of CRS-2, CRS-P2, and CSS-1H asphalt cement necessary for the maintenance of the Claiborne Parish roads for the year 2024.
5. Request to advertise for bid – sealed bids are hereby invited by the Claiborne Parish Police Jury for the purchase of Hot Mix and Colay (Cold Mix) necessary for the maintenance of the Claiborne Parish roads for the year 2024.
6. Request to advertise for bid – sealed bids are hereby invited by the Claiborne Parish Police Jury for the purchase of pit run, sand clay gravel and maintenance rock necessary for the maintenance of the Claiborne Parish roads for the year 2024.
7. Request to advertise for bid – sealed bids are hereby invited by the Claiborne Parish Police Jury for the purchase of sizes LA C-1 “modified”, LA C-2 and LA C-3 granite crushed stone necessary for the maintenance of the Claiborne Parish roads for the year 2024.
8. Request to advertise for bid – sealed bids are hereby invited by the Claiborne Parish Police Jury for the purchase of 87 Octane Unleaded Gasoline and Diesel Fuel (off road & highway use) for use in Claiborne Parish Police Jury owned vehicles and equipment for the year 2024.
9. Request to advertise for bid – sealed bids are hereby invited by the Claiborne Parish Police Jury for the purchase of various culvert types and sizes (Galvanized and HDPE type) for the maintenance of the Claiborne Parish roads for the year 2024.
10. Request to advertise for bid – sealed bids are hereby invited by the Claiborne Parish Police Jury for the purchase of iron ore (road materials) for the maintenance of the Claiborne Parish roads for the year 2024.
11. Request from the Coordinating & Development President & CEP Jack “Bump” Skaggs, in a letter received October 23, 2023, requesting that CDC be included in the Parish’s 2023 budget for membership contribution in the amount of \$8,725. (Same as prior year)
12. Request from the Claiborne Parish CASA Community Coordinator Denna Curtis, in a letter received October 24, 2023, requesting their budgeted amount of \$1,000 for support of the Claiborne CASA Office and to be included in the Parish’s 2024 budget for the same amount. (Same as prior years)
13. Request from the Claiborne Parish School Board, in a letter received October 24, 2023, requesting assistance for repairs with the parking lot located behind the Homer High School Cafeteria. The work will be done on a reimbursement basis.
14. Request from the Village of Junction City, in a letter received November 1, 2023, requesting the delivery of four (4) loads of pit run to be delivered to their City Hall. Work will be done under their ad valorem tax credit.
15. Request from the Homer Golf Course, in a letter dated October 27, 2023, requesting assistance with the replacement of a culvert at the golf course. The work will be done on a reimbursement basis.
16. Request from the Town of Haynesville, in a letter received November 2, 2023, requesting their 2023 budgeted amount of \$500 for the Christmas Festival/Lights and to be included in 2024 budget for the same amount.

At this time, President Scott Davidson asked the Jury if they would act up the two (2) amendments to the agenda.

President Scott Davidson read aloud a notice that the 2023-2024 CWF/LGAP application portal is open from November 1, 2023, until February 29, 2024.

Upon motion be Mark Furlow, duly seconded by Kevin Gray, the request from Northwest La. Human Services District, in a letter received on November 10, 2023, requesting that the Police Jury appoint someone to replace Don Pledger who resigned on November 8, 2023, was tabled for

the present time. The Jury will seek a recommendation from CMMC CEO Tina Haynes one who she feels can fill that role.

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, 2023.

President Scott Davidson 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 reminder - 2023 Thanksgiving Holiday – lunch Tuesday, November 21st at the Road Barn on Hwy 2, off Wednesday November 22nd through Friday the 24th – return to work on Monday, November 27th, 2023.

President Scott Davidson read aloud a reminder - 2023 Christmas Holiday – lunch Thursday, December 21st at the Road Barn on Hwy 2, off Friday the 22nd through Monday, January 1st, return to work on Tuesday January 2nd, 2024.

President Scott Davidson read aloud a notice of award, per a letter received from the Governor’s Office on October 26, 2023, the Police Jury has been awarded a 2022-2023 CWEF Grant in the amount of \$100,000 for the South Claiborne Water System Owens Booster Station Project.

Upon motion by Kevin Gray, duly seconded by Gil Dowies, the Jury unanimously adopted Resolution 2023 – 022 – A Resolution Providing for the Canvassing the Returns and Declaring the Results of the Special Election held in Parish of Claiborne on Saturday, October 14, 2023 (Building Maintenance Renewal)

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

RESOLUTION 2023-022

A resolution providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the special election held in the Parish of Claiborne, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, October 14, 2023, to authorize the continuation of a special tax therein.

BE IT RESOLVED by 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"), that:

SECTION 1. Canvass. This Governing Authority does now proceed in open and public session to examine the official tabulations of votes cast at the special election held in the Parish of Claiborne, State of Louisiana, on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2023 (the "Election"), to authorize the continuation of a special tax therein pursuant to the following proposition (the "Proposition"):

**PROPOSITION
(MILLAGE CONTINUATION)**

Shall the Parish of Claiborne, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), continue to levy a tax of 2.77 mills on all the property subject to taxation in the Parish (an estimated \$326,400 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 2025 and ending with the year 2034, for the purpose of operating, repairing, maintaining and equipping the Parish Courthouse, the Parish Jail and other Parish Buildings, including paying the cost of utilities therefore, said millage to represent a .06

increase (due to reappraisal) over the 2.71 mills tax authorized to be levied through the year 2024 pursuant to an election held on October 19, 2013?

This Governing Authority does further proceed to examine and canvass the returns of the Election thereof.

SECTION 2. Election Results. According to the official certified tabulation of votes cast at said Election, there was a total of **2,599** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** Proposition and a total of **1,339** votes cast **AGAINST** Proposition, resulting in a majority of **1,260** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** Proposition. The Proposition was therefore duly **CARRIED** by a majority of the votes cast by the qualified electors voting at the Election.

SECTION 3. Promulgation of Election Result. The results of said election shall be promulgated by publication in the manner provided by law, after receipt from the Secretary of State's office of the actual costs of the election, as required by §18:1292 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended.

SECTION 4. Declaration. The foregoing results of the Election are hereby declared by this Governing Authority and shall be published as required by law.

SECTION 5. Procès Verbal. A *Procès Verbal* of the canvass of the returns of the Election shall be made and a certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who shall record the same in his office; another certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Clerk of Court and *Ex-Officio* Recorder of Mortgages in and for the Parish of Claiborne, who shall record the same in the Mortgage Records of said Parish; and another copy thereof shall be retained in the archives of this Governing Authority.

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

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

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 15th day of November 2023.

 /s/ Dwayne R. Woodard
Secretary-Treasurer

 /s/ Scott Davidson
President

PROCÈS VERBAL OF THE CANVASS OF THE VOTES CAST AT THE SPECIAL ELECTION HELD IN THE PARISH OF CLAIBORNE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2023.

BE IT KNOWN AND REMEMBERED that on Wednesday, November 15, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., at its regular meeting place, the Jury Chambers of the Police Jury Complex, 507 West Main Street, Homer, Louisiana, 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"), and being the authority ordering the special election held therein on Saturday, October 14, 2023, with a quorum of the Governing Authority present and did, in open and public session, examine the official certified tabulations of votes cast at the said election, and did examine and canvass the returns of the said election, there having been submitted at said election the following proposition, to wit:

PROPOSITION
(MILLAGE CONTINUATION)

Shall the Parish of Claiborne, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), continue to levy a tax of 2.77 mills on all the property subject to taxation in the Parish (an estimated \$326,400 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 2025 and ending with the year 2034, for the purpose of operating, repairing, maintaining and equipping the Parish Courthouse, the Parish Jail and other Parish Buildings, including paying the cost of utilities therefore, said millage to represent a .06 increase (due to reappraisal) over the 2.71 mills tax authorized to be levied through the year 2024 pursuant to an election held on October 19, 2013?

There was found by said count and canvass that there was a total of **2,599** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** Proposition and a total of **1,339** votes cast **AGAINST** Proposition, as hereinabove set forth, and it was further found and determined that there was a majority of **1,260** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** Proposition as hereinabove set forth.

Therefore, the Governing Authority did declare and proclaim and does hereby declare and proclaim in open and public session that the Proposition as hereinabove set forth was duly **CARRIED** by a majority of the votes cast by the qualified electors voting at the said special election held in the Parish on Saturday, October 14, 2023.

Results by precinct are available from the Secretary-Treasurer of this Governing Authority during regular business hours or via the Louisiana Secretary of State's website (voterportal.sos.la.gov).

Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part of this *Procès Verbal* is a copy of the Notice of Special Election and proof of publication thereof.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Homer, Louisiana, on this, the 15th day of November, 2023.

ATTEST:

/s/ Dwayne R. Woodard
Secretary-Treasurer

/s/ Scott Davidson
President

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted 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"), on May 10, 2023, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held within the Parish on **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2023**, and that at the said election there will be submitted to all registered voters in the Parish qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

**PROPOSITION
(MILLAGE CONTINUATION)**

Shall the Parish of Claiborne, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), continue to levy a tax of 2.77 mills on all the property subject to taxation in the Parish (an estimated \$326,400 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 2025 and ending with the year 2034, for the purpose of operating, repairing, maintaining and equipping the Parish Courthouse, the Parish Jail and other Parish Buildings, including paying the cost of utilities therefore, said millage to represent a .06 increase (due to reappraisal) over the 2.71 mills tax authorized to be levied through the year 2024 pursuant to an election held on October 19, 2013?

Said special election will be held at each and every polling place in the Parish of Claiborne, which polls will open at seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541.

The polling places at the precincts in the Parish are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law.

The estimated cost of this election as determined by the Secretary of State based upon the provisions of Chapter 8-A of Title 18 and actual costs of similar elections is \$3,800.

Notice is further given that a portion of the monies collected from the tax described in the Proposition shall be remitted to certain state and statewide retirement systems in the manner required by law.

The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, as provided in this Notice of Special Election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, will make due returns thereof to said Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, the Jury Chambers of the Police Jury Complex, 507 West Main Street, Homer, Louisiana, on **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2023**, at **TEN O'CLOCK (10:00) A.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the results of the said special election. All registered voters of the Parish are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used.

PROCLAMATION

I, the undersigned President of the Police Jury of the Parish of Claiborne, State of Louisiana, the governing authority of the Parish of Claiborne, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), do hereby declare, proclaim and announce that the proposition submitted at the special election held in the Parish on Saturday, October 14, 2023, was CARRIED by a majority of the votes cast at the said special election, all as described and set out in the above *Procès Verbal*.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Homer, Louisiana, on this, the 15th day of November, 2023.

/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"), acting as 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 the proceedings and *Procès Verbal* made by said Governing Authority on November 15, 2023, providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the special election held in the Parish on Saturday, October 14, 2023, to authorize the continuation of a special tax therein.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature at Homer, Louisiana, on this, the 15th day of November, 2023.

/s/Dwayne R. Woodard
Secretary-Treasurer

Upon motion by Kevin Gray, duly seconded by Mark Furlow, the Jury unanimously approved Ordinance No. 801, Declaring the Enumerated Adjudicated Properties as Surplus and No Needed for Public Use and Authorizing the Parish President to DO All Things Necessary to Sell Said Properties in Conformity with Ordinance No. 796.

ORDINANCE NO. 801

The following Ordinance was offered by Kevin Gray, who moved for its adoption:

An Ordinance declaring the enumerated adjudicated properties as surplus and not needed for public use and authorizing the Parish President to do all things necessary to sell said properties in conformity with Ordinance No. 796, the Claiborne Parish Adjudicated Property Program; and otherwise, to provide with respect thereto.

DIGEST: This Ordinance will declare surplus and not needed for public purposes properties that have been adjudicated to the Parish for nonpayment of ad valorem taxes, which will then become eligible for sale through the Claiborne Parish Adjudicated Property Program. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

WHEREAS, the enumerated parcels of property, numbered by the Claiborne Parish Assessor have been adjudicated to Claiborne Parish Government for the nonpayment of ad valorem taxes; and

WHEREAS Claiborne Parish Government adopted an Adjudicated Property Program in order to put adjudicated properties back into commerce.

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CLAIBORNE PARISH POLICE JURY THAT

SECTION 1

The following properties are hereby declared surplus and no longer needed for public purposes, and the Parish President is empowered to do all things necessary to sell the same in conformity with Ordinance No., the Claiborne Parish Adjudicated Property Program:

Ward 1

Parcel Nos. 9100044950 and 9100056200

Ward 2

Parcel Nos. 9200053933

Ward 3

Parcel Nos. 9300003700, 9300026450 and 9300070300

03 Haynesville

Parcel Nos.

9320000500, 9320001000, 9320001500, 9320001705, 9320001805, 9320008945, 9320013850, 9320017800, 9320024000, 9320024300, 9320027900, 9320036223, 9320036225, 9320036243, 9320036248, 9320037100, 9320044400, 9320045200, 9320047100, 9320058325, 9320058700, 9320059590, 9320068700, 9320075900, 9320076039, 9320078900, 9320093600, 9320100100, 9320112600, 9320113400A, 9320122250

Ward 4

Parcel Nos. 9400000050

Ward 5

Parcel Nos. 9500004610 and 9500024311

05 Athens

Parcel Nos. 9510000110 and 9510002500

Ward 7

Parcel Nos. 9700142650 and 9700144300

07 Homer

Parcel Nos.

9730000100A, 9730002510, 9730005050, 9730005051, 9730005500, 9730009800A, 9730028700, 9730030500, 9730031560, 9730033400, 9730036000, 9730056200A, 9730056800, 9730057000, 9730060823, 9730063200, 9730075100, 9730079180, 9730099650, 9730107400, 9730113500, 9730117200, 9730126340, 9730139900, 9730147800

Ward 8

Parcel Nos. 9800007000 and 9800039180A

Ward 9

Parcel Nos. 9900001900 and 9900009000.

SECTION 2

The Secretary of this Police Jury is hereby authorized and directed to immediately certify and release this Ordinance and that Parish employees and officials are authorized to carry out the purposes of this Ordinance, both without further reading and approval by the Claiborne Parish Police Jury.

Jury Member Mark Furlow seconded the motion to adopt the Ordinance.

The foregoing Ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote resulted as follows:

YEAS: (10)

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: None

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: N/A

And the Ordinance was adopted on this the 15th day of November, 2023.

I hereby certify the above and foregoing to be a true and correct copy of an Ordinance which was adopted at a meeting held by the Claiborne Parish Police Jury

/s/Dwayne R. Woodard

Secretary-Treasurer

Upon motion by Paul Cook, duly seconded by Mary McDaniel, the Jury unanimously voted to begin the process of adding Lee Circle located in Sec 1 & Sec 12 of T23N R6W totaling approximately 0.26 miles of unimproved dirt road off Bailey Town Road to the Parish Road System. President Scott Davidson recommended that each of the 5 homeowners receive a letter of intension to place road back into the system.

Upon motion by Kevin Gray, duly seconded by Joseph Merritt, in an email received November 1, 2023, to issue a letter recognizing Claiborne Men in Action, as an organization which is based out of Claiborne Parish with the intentions of serving the Parish in a variety of charitable ways.

At this time President Scott Davidson presented the recommendations from the Road Committee.

Upon motion by Kevin Gray, duly seconded by Paul Cook, the Jury unanimously approved, the recommendation from the Road Committee for the installation of suspended heaters in the shop at the Road Barn. The estimated cost is \$9,600.

Upon motion by Gil Dowies, duly seconded by Tommy Sanders, the Jury unanimously approved the recommendation from the Road Committee to advertise thru ManPower for the position of a Mechanic Helper. This open was created when Mr. Kaden Williams accepted the position of Operator II.

Upon motion by Kevin Gray, duly seconded by Mark Furlow, the Jury unanimously approved the recommendation from the Road Committee for the purchase of a tire mount machine for the shop. The estimated cost is \$8,500.

At this time Claiborne Parish Coroner Dr. Mark Haynes gave his monthly report. There were a total of (20) deaths in the month of October: (11) ER/Hospice, (2) on scene with no autopsy, (3) requiring autopsy, (2) hospital, (2) in other facilities and (3) CEC's.

ITEM #34 – November 15, 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 approved by 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 the State.

South Claiborne Water System
FY2022-2023 CWEF Grant
Amount - \$100,000
Project – Owens Booster Station Project (Hwy 146)
Status – Contract received and signed for submission to the 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 Sep 2023 – net of \$108,596 from gross collections of \$123,780
Net sales tax collections for Aug 2023 – \$60,778 – increase \$47,818 (78.68%)
Net sales tax collections for September 2022 - \$74,594 – increase \$34,002 (45.58%)

5. Cash position on October 31, 2023 - \$9,693,714
Cash position on September 30, 2023 - \$10,110,093 (decrease of \$-416,379)
Cash position on October 31, 2022 - \$10,250,251 (decrease of -\$556,537)

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

6. Total Receipts for the month of October 2023 – \$197,373

7. Upcoming important dates and meetings –

11/17 – LRPIC Meeting – Monroe
11/22-24 – Thanksgiving Holiday
11/27 – Library Board Meeting
11/30 - CPHSD #3 Board
12/4 – Tentative date for committee meetings (if needed)
12/6 – Regular Meeting

Additional Public Comments:

Mr. John Monzingo of the Claiborne Parish 4H thanked the Jurors for their support of the Parish Fair. Mr. Monzingo congratulated two of the Claiborne Parish Livestock Club members for qualifying on the National Level - Luke Padgett and Wesley Johnson.

Upon motion by Mark Furlow, duly seconded by Mary McDaniel, the meeting was adjourned.

Dwayne R. Woodard
Secretary-Treasurer

Scott Davidson
President