

MINUTES
Of the Regular Meeting, of
The Claiborne Parish Police Jury
10:00 a.m.
February 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 February 2026, on being called to order by President Scott Davidson, the following Jurors were present:

Larry Ford, Mark Furlow, Mary McDaniel, Paul Cook, Malcolm Cooper, and Rev. Willie Young, Sr.

The following Jurors were absent: District Three Keving Gray (sick), District Seven Joseph Merritt (sick), and District Nine Gil Dowies (surgery).

There were 23 others in attendance which included Secretary-Treasurer Dwayne R. Woodard, Parish Road Superintendents Mr. Chad Verdin and Mr. Brant Cupp, District Attorney Danny Newell, Director of Libraries Mrs. Pam Suggs, Claiborne Registrar Tracy Starkey, Deputy Registrar Callie Legendre, Assessor Mrs. Katie Coburn, Claiborne Parish Coroner Dr. Mark Haynes, OPCS Executive Director April Childress, Mr. David Greene of Republic Services, E-911 and OEP/Homeland Security Director Dennis Butcher, CMMC CEO Tina Haynes, Mr. John Monzingo with the LSU AgCenter Extension Service, CP DART Representative Mrs. Rosalind Penegar, CPFD#4 Board Member Ronald Day, Haynesville High School LHSAA Division IV Non-Select State Champions HC David Franklin and DC Tony Gantt, Kitty (Mae) Williams of Haynesville, Diane Allen of Haynesville, Mrs. Barbara Morris of Homer, and Mr. Mark Crenshaw of Homer.

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

Upon motion by Mary McDaniel, duly seconded by Paul Cook, the Jury unanimously voted to adopt the agenda as presented.

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

6. Approval of January 7, 2026, regular meeting minutes as published in the Official Journal.
7. Payment of the January 2026 bills as approved by the Claims Committee.
8. Request from the Village of Athens, in a letter dated January 6, 2026, requesting help with certain street repairs on Mill Street. The work will be done under the Village's ad valorem tax credit with any balance due being paid by the Village.

REGULAR AGENDA:

President Scott Davidson read aloud a 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> 10.

President Scott Davidson read aloud a 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

President Scott Davidson read aloud a 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

President Scott Davidson announced that Sealed bids will be received by the Claiborne Parish Library Board of Control, for the Haynesville Branch Project until 2:00 pm on Thursday, February 12, 2026, at the Claiborne Parish Library located at 909 Edgewood Drive in Homer, LA.

President Scott Davidson read aloud a notice – The Chamber of Commerce's 60th Annual Banquet will be held on Monday, February 23, 2026, at 6:30 pm at the Fair Barn in Haynesville.

At this time, President Scott Davidson recognized the Haynesville Golden Tornado Football Team, declaring February 4, 2026, "Golden Tornado Day" in honor of their EIGHTEENTH State Football Championship – the LHSAA 2025 Class IV Non-Select Division. Haynesville Head Coach David Franklin and Defensive Coordinator Tony Gantt thanked the Jury for the honor and their support.

Upon motion by Mary McDaniel, duly seconded by Mark Furlow, the Jury unanimously adopted Resolution 2026-005 – A Special Resolution Declaring February 4, 2026, "GOLDEN TORNADO DAY"

RESOLUTION 2026-005

A Special Resolution Declaring February 4, 2026, Golden Tornado Day in Claiborne Parish in Honor of Haynesville Golden Tornado Winning the Louisiana Division IV Non-Select State Championship in Football on Thursday, December 11, 2025.

WHEREAS, the Claiborne Parish Police Jury declares this day, February 4, 2026, Golden Tornado Day in honor of the Haynesville High School Golden Tornado Football Team winning the 2025 Division IV Non-Select State Championship at the Superdome in New Orleans against the Mangham High School Dragons by a score of 39-37, which capped a perfect 14-0 season; and

WHEREAS, this was the Golden Tornado's 18th Louisiana High School State Football Championship Title; and

WHEREAS, Haynesville High School has previously won the Louisiana Football State Championship in 1924, 1929, 1936, 1970, 1971, 1984, 1987, 1990, 1991, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 2000, 2009, 2013 and 2014; and

WHEREAS, this achievement has brought great honor and recognition to Haynesville High School, to the Town of Haynesville, 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 the Town of Haynesville and Claiborne Parish; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Claiborne Parish Police Jury does hereby officially recognize and congratulate the players of the Haynesville High Golden Tornado Football Team, Head Coach David Franklin and his Coaching Staff, the Trainers and Support Staff, HHS Principal Lee Simms and the Haynesville High School Faculty and Student Body.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a framed copy of this resolution be given to Haynesville High School for future display.

Upon motion by Mary McDaniel, duly seconded by Mark Furlow & Kevin Gray, the motion unanimously carried and was officially adopted by the Claiborne Parish Police Jury meeting in a regular scheduled session on Wednesday February 4, 2026.

/s/Dwayne R. Woodard
Secretary-Treasurer

/s/Scott Davidson
President

Upon motion by Mary McDaniel, duly seconded by Paul Cook, the Jury unanimously approved the request received from DOTD on January 7, 2026, for approval and issuance of the Parish's Assurance Letter to the DOTD's Right of Way Section.

At this time, President Scott Davidson informed those in attendance that the Jury was supposed to recognize Mrs. Stephanie Mott for her retirement from the Registrar of Voters' Office after 18 years of service. President Davidson told the Jury and the public she was unable to attend today due to her health and her continued battle with cancer. He asked everyone to continue to remember her and her family in their prayers.

At this time, President Scott Davidson presented the one item from the Road Committee item.

Upon motion by Mark Furlow, duly seconded by Malcolm Cooper, the Jury unanimously approved, upon recommendation from the Road Committee, to discontinue the SparkLight phone and internet service at the Parish Road Barn located at 24579 Hwy 2, Homer, LA. The Jury has switched to Starlink for a more reliable service provider and it has been deemed that the phone and fax line are no longer need there since all communication is currently done by cellphone and email. This will save the Jury approximately \$3,600 annually.

At this time Claiborne Parish Coroner Dr. Mark Haynes gave the month's report for the Coroner's Office.

There were eleven (11) total deaths— four (4) hospice/ER related, one (1) on scene requiring an autopsy, four (4) were on scene with no autopsy required, one (1) at other facilities, and one (1) CEC was issued in the parish for January.

Dr. Mark gave an update on the clinics and hospital. He stated the flu was rampant with little or no covid being seen.

CMMC CEO Tina Haynes gave an update on the hospital, along with the recent weather that hit Homer over the past weeks. Mrs. Haynes thanked the Sheriff, along with the CPPJ Hwy Dept and especially, her employees who stayed over and kept things open during the ice storm. Mrs. Haynes stated that we have all learned to work as a team and prepare when threatened with severe weather, and it showed while other hospitals had certain services closed, CMMC was able to remain operational.

ITEM #18 – February 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 December 2025 – net of \$68,983 from gross collections of \$70,752

Net sales tax collections for November 2025 – \$60,956 – increase \$8,027 (13.16%)

Net sales tax collections for December 2024 - \$70,733 – decrease \$-1,750 (-2.47%)

4. Cash position on January 31, 2026 - \$12,173,669

Cash position on December 31, 2025 - \$11,131,222 (increase of \$1,042,447)

Cash position on January 31, 2025 - \$11,652,519 (increase of \$521,150)

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

5. Total Receipts for the month of January 2026 – \$1,767,039

6. Upcoming important dates and meetings –

2/12 – Bid openings for Library 2:00 pm CPL

2/17 – Mardi Gras Holiday – offices closed

2/25 – March agenda items due

2/26 – CPHSD #3 Board meeting

3/4 – March regular meeting
3/26 – CPWSD Meeting

Public Comments:

President Scott Davidson stressed the importance of the November 2026 2% Sales Tax Election for our Parish Garbage Pickup. He stated that if this tax does not pass, there will be no formal weekly trash pickup in unincorporated areas of the Parish (including Athens, Junction City and Lisbon). Household garbage pickup will then become a private matter, and the cost will have to be absorbed by the individual household through a private vendor of their own choice which will cost between \$85 - \$125 per month. Also, the Police Jury will not continue to fund the dumpsters located at our old road barn on Hwy 79 for large items which is also paid for through the Parish's current sales tax revenue. He stressed the importance of passing this so that we can continue a service that has been in existence since 1992 and is provided and paid for by a sales tax in the areas of Claiborne Parish excluding the incorporated areas of Homer and Haynesville. He encouraged everyone to help spread the word and to get out and vote for this sales tax in November 2026.

Rev. Willie Young also stressed the importance of the passage of the 2% Sales Tax for continued Garbage Service in the areas of the Parish outside of towns of Homer and Haynesville. He stated that it is essential to our Parish to continue supporting a sales tax for funding this service to our citizens.

Claiborne Registrar Mrs. Tracey Starkey introduced Mrs. Callie Legendre, as her new Deputy Registrar who replaced Mrs. Stephanie Mott, who retired on December 31, 2025. Mrs. Starkey told the Jury that she has worked with Mrs. Mott over the past three years and she will be greatly missed in her office.

Mr. John Monzingo of the LSU Ag Center gave a brief update on the events of the LSU AgCenter. He stated that there is a 4-H Challenge Camp coming up at Camp Grant Walker, a Livestock Show, and that everyone is getting ready for Summer Camp. Mr. Monzingo also told the Jury that he had two upcoming seminars, which are Gather and Grow, and a Master Gardeners Buds and Blooms program.

President Scott Davidson recognized DA Danny Newell, Tax Assessor Katie Coburn and Coroner Dr. Mark Haynes for their attendance today.

Upon motion by Willie Young, duly seconded by Larry Ford, the meeting was adjourned.

Dwayne R. Woodard
Secretary–Treasurer

Scott Davidson
President