

MINUTES
Of the Regular Meeting of
The Claiborne Parish Police Jury
September 14, 2016
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 Fourteenth day of September, 2016. On being called to order by President, Scott Davidson, the following jurors were present:

Patricia Stevens, Kevin Gray, Joe Sturges, Paul Cook, Joseph Merritt, Jr., Tommy Sanders, Gill Dowies, and Rev. Willie Young, Sr.

District Two Juror Mark Furlow was absent due to the death of his mother.

There were 15 others in attendance which included, Secretary-Treasurer Dwayne R. Woodard, Sheriff Ken Bailey, Tax Assessor Bob Robinson, Mr. Tim Cain of OOCS, Mrs. Pam Suggs of the Claiborne Parish Library, Town of Homer Mayor Roy Lewis, Mr. Lee Faulk of the Claiborne Parish 4-H, Ms. Jackie Roberts of the Haynesville News, Claiborne Parish Coroner Dr. Mark Haynes, South Road Foreman Joe Buggs, North Road Foreman Chad Verdin, Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy White and Ms. Brandi White.

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

Upon motion by Joseph Merritt, Jr., duly seconded by Kevin Gray, the Jury unanimously voted to adopt the Regular agenda as presented.

Upon motion by Joe Sturges, duly seconded by Patricia Stevens, the Jury unanimously voted to amend the agenda and add the following:

1. Notice – The 93rd Annual PJAL Convention and Meeting will be held on February 15, 16 & 17 at the Golden Nugget Hotel in Lake Charles, LA – Registration Deadline is January 27, 2017.
2. Notice – The 2017-2018 LGAP Program Grant Application Deadline is October 4, 2016.
3. Notice – The Bid Opening for the Emergency Generator for the Hwy Department Public Works Building (LGAP 2014-2015) is Thursday, October 13, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.
4. Request from Road Superintendent Tommy Durrett for a Merit Increase for Truck Driver Mike Ellis from \$11.00 per hour to \$12.00 per hour Effective September 21, 2016.
5. Reminder Ethics Training is due by December 31, 2016.

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

1. Approval of the August 10, 2016 regular meeting minutes.
2. Payment of the August 2016 bills as approved by the Claims Committee.
3. Request form the Village of Athens, in a letter received August 10, 2016, requesting bush hogging and use of the side-cutter on certain village streets – Baker Lane, College Street, Horseshoe Lane, Mill Street, Pike Street and Pine Street.

4. Request from the Boys & Girls Club of the Timber Ridge, in a letter received August 16, 2016, requesting use of the Police Jury Administrative Building parking lot on Saturday, October 15, 2016 for staging and registration for its 1st Annual 5K Run.

Regular Agenda

At this time, President Scott Davidson recognized the retirement of Operator I Jimmy White for his 30+ years of service to the Claiborne Parish Highway Department.

Upon motion by Paul Cook duly seconded by Joseph Merritt, Jr., the Jury unanimously voted to leave the Regular Police Jury meeting and enter into the Public Hearing for the 2016 Board of Review.

President Scott Davidson presented the 2016 millage totals for the Parish which was \$143,740,253 in assessed value which was a slight decrease from the \$144,656,404 from 2015 but it should project to be about a 1% increase in Ad Valorem Tax collected for the 2016 year.

President Scott Davidson asked twice if there were any Public Comments of request to appeal to the Board of Review. Secretary-Treasurer informed the Board that no formal comments had been received whether written or oral.

Upon motion by Joe Sturges, duly seconded by Mrs. Patricia Stevens, the Jury unanimously approved the assessment of property values for the 2016 Property Rolls.

President Davidson called for any additional public comments concerning the Assessed Values of the 2016 property roll. There were none.

Upon motion by Kevin Gray, duly seconded by Joe Sturges, the Jury voted to leave the Public Hearing for the 2016 Board of Review and return to the regular meeting for the Police Jury.

Upon motion by Tommy Sanders, duly seconded by Kevin Gray, by roll call vote, with (9) being for, (0) being against, and (1) being absent, the Jury approved Resolution 2016 – 013 – A Resolution Levying Millages for the 2016 Tax Roll for the Claiborne Parish Police Jury.

RESOLUTION 2016-013

A RESOLUTION LEVYING MILLAGE FOR 2016 TAX ROLL FOR THE CLAIBORNE PARISH POLICE JURY

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following millages are levied on the 2016 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>1.910</u> Mills
MAINTENANCE FUND	PARISH WIDE	
1. Claiborne Parish Library		<u>6.100</u> Mills
2. Building Maintenance		<u>2.730</u> Mills
PARISH ROAD FUND	PARISH WIDE	
1. Parish Road Fund		<u>7.220</u> Mills
EQUIPMENT FUND	PARISH WIDE	
1. Equipment Fund		<u>2.060</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 2016, 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 Tommy Sanders and duly seconded by Kevin Gray this motion was carried and officially adopted by the Claiborne Parish Police Jury meeting in regular session convened on Wednesday, September 14, 2016.

Yeas – (9) Stevens, Gray, Sturges, Cook, Davidson, Merritt, Sanders, Dowies and Young

Nays – (0) None

Abstain – N/A

Absent – (1) Furlow

/s/Dwayne R. Woodard
Secretary-Treasurer

/s/Scott Davidson
President

Upon motion by Gil Dowies, duly seconded by Pat Steven, the Jury unanimously approved the request from Secretary-Treasurer Dwayne Woodard to move the December 2016 regular meeting of the Police Jury to Wednesday, December 14, 2016 for the purpose of canvassing the election returns of the December 10, 2016 elections.

Upon motion by Gil Dowies, duly seconded by Pat Stevens, the Jury unanimously approved the request from Secretary-Treasurer Dwayne Woodard to move the January 11, 2017, due to the New Year’s holiday.

Upon motion by Joe Sturges, duly seconded by Kevin Gray, the Jury unanimously approved Resolution 2016-014 – A Resolution Ordering and Calling a Special Election to be Held in Claiborne Parish Sales Tax District, to Authorize the Levy of Special Taxes Therein (1% Sales Tax for Waste Collection/Disposal and Roads)

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Joe A. Sturges and seconded by Mr. Kevin Gray:

RESOLUTION 2016-014

A resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in Claiborne Parish Sales Tax District, to authorize the levy of a sales and use tax therein; making application to the State Bond Commission in connection therewith; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Claiborne, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Claiborne Parish Sales Tax District (the "District"), that:

SECTION 1. Election Call. Subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission, and under the authority conferred by Article VI, Section 29 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, the applicable provisions of Chapter 5, Chapter 6-A and Chapter 6-B of the Louisiana Election Code, and other constitutional and statutory authority, a special election is hereby called and ordered to be held in the District on **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2016**, between the hours of seven o'clock (7:00) a.m., and eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, and at the said election there shall be submitted to all registered voters qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and laws of this State and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION
(SALES TAX)

Shall Claiborne Parish Sales Tax District (consisting of the entire Parish of Claiborne except those portions of the Parish contained within the corporate boundaries of the municipalities of Homer or Haynesville) (the "District"), under the provisions of Louisiana law, be authorized to levy and collect a tax of one percent (1%) (the "Tax") (an estimated \$630,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the Tax for an entire year) upon the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption, and the storage for use or consumption, of tangible personal property and on sales of services in the District, all as defined by law, for a period of ten (10) years from January 1, 2017, with the proceeds of the Tax (after paying the expenses of collecting and administering the Tax) to be dedicated and used for the purposes of paying the costs of (i) providing for solid waste collection and disposal in the District, including acquiring, improving, maintaining and/or operating the necessary land, facilities and equipment required in connection therewith, and (ii) materials required for surfacing and maintaining public roads within the boundaries of the District?

SECTION 2. Publication of Notice of Election. A Notice of Special Election shall be published in the *Haynesville News*, a newspaper of general circulation within the District, published in Homer, Louisiana, and being the official journal of the District, once a week for four consecutive weeks, with the first publication to be made not less than forty-five (45) days nor more than ninety (90) days prior to the date of the election, which Notice shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as "Exhibit A" and incorporated herein by reference the same as if it were set forth herein in full.

SECTION 3. Canvass. This Governing Authority shall meet at its regular meeting place, the Jury Chambers of the Police Jury Complex, 507 West Main Street, Homer, Louisiana, on **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2016, 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 result of the said special election.

SECTION 4. Polling Places. The polling places set forth in the aforesaid Notice of Special Election are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, will be the same persons as those designated in accordance with law.

SECTION 5. Election Commissioners; Voting Machines. The officers designated to serve as Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners pursuant to Section 4 hereof, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, shall hold the said special election as herein provided, and shall make due returns of said election for the meeting of the Governing Authority to be held on Wednesday, December 14, 2016, as provided in Section 3 hereof. All registered voters in the District will be entitled to vote at the special election, and voting machines shall be used.

SECTION 6. Authorization of Officers. The Secretary-Treasurer of the Governing Authority is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to arrange for and to furnish to said election officers in ample time for the holding of said election, the necessary equipment, forms and other paraphernalia essential to the proper holding of said election and the President and/or Secretary-Treasurer of the Governing Authority are further authorized, empowered and directed to take any and all further action required by State and/or Federal law to arrange for the election.

SECTION 7. Furnishing Election Call to Election Officials. Certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, the Clerk of Court and *Ex-Officio* Parish Custodian of Voting Machines of Claiborne Parish and the Registrar of Voters of Claiborne Parish, as notification of the special election, in order that each may prepare for said election and perform their respective functions as required by law.

SECTION 8. Application to State Bond Commission. Application is made to the State Bond Commission for consent and authority to hold the special election as herein provided, and in the event said election carries for further consent and authority to levy and collect the sales and use tax provided for therein. A certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the State Bond Commission on behalf of this Governing Authority, together with a letter requesting the prompt consideration and approval of this application.

SECTION 9. Additional Notice Requirement. This Governing Authority made the announcement with respect to the adoption of this resolution required by La. R.S. 42:19.1, at its public meeting on Wednesday, August 10, 2016 and published said announcement in the Official Journal on Thursday, August 11, 2016.

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>
Patricia Stevens	X			
Mark Furlow			X	
Kevin Gray	X			
Joe A. Sturges	X			
Paul R. Cook	X			
Scott Davidson	X			
Joseph Merritt, Jr.	X			
Tommy Sanders	X			
Gil Dowies	X			
Willie J. Young, Sr.	X			

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 14th day of September, 2016.

<u>/s/ Dwayne R. Woodard</u> Secretary-Treasurer	<u>/s/ Scott Davidson</u> President
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EXHIBIT "A"

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 Claiborne Parish Sales Tax District (the "District"), on September 14, 2016, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held within the District on **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2016**, and that at the said election there will be submitted to all registered voters in the District 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
(SALES TAX)**

Shall Claiborne Parish Sales Tax District (consisting of the entire Parish of Claiborne except those portions of the Parish contained within the corporate boundaries of the municipalities of Homer or Haynesville) (the "District"), under the provisions of Louisiana law, be authorized to levy and collect a tax of one percent (1%) (the "Tax") (an estimated \$630,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the Tax for an entire year) upon the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption, and the storage for use or consumption, of tangible personal property and on sales of services in the District, all as defined by law, for a period of ten (10) years from January 1, 2017, with the proceeds of the Tax (after paying the expenses of collecting and administering the Tax) to be dedicated and used for the purposes of paying the costs of (i) providing for solid waste collection and disposal in the District, including acquiring, improving, maintaining and/or operating the necessary land, facilities and equipment required in connection therewith, and (ii) materials required for surfacing and maintaining public roads within the boundaries of the District?

The said special election will be held at the following polling places situated within the District, 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, to-wit:

POLLING PLACES	
Precinct	Location

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1	Fire District 6 - Summerfield Station, 12125 Hwy. 2 Alt., Bernice
3	(IN PART) Claiborne Parish Fair Building, 1563 Fairgrounds Drive, Haynesville
5	Athens Village Hall, 15329 Hwy. 9, Athens
7	Crossroads Community Center, 3494 Hwy. 519, Athens
8	(IN PART) Homer City Hall, 400 East Main Street, Homer
10	Lisbon Community Center, 131 Hebron Road, Lisbon
11	Lisbon Community Center, 131 Hebron Road, Lisbon
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37	(IN PART) Claiborne Parish Fair Building, 1563 Fairgrounds Drive, Haynesville
41	Harris Community Center, 2800 Harris Road, Minden
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51	Athens Village Hall, 15329 Hwy. 9, Athens
81	Lisbon Community Center, 131 Hebron Road, Lisbon
84	(IN PART) Homer City Hall, 400 East Main Street, Homer
87	(IN PART) Homer City Hall, 400 East Main Street, Homer
88	(IN PART) Homer City Hall, 400 East Main Street, Homer
91	Junction City Mayor's Office, 106 West Third Street, Junction City
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The polling places set forth above 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 said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5, Chapter 6-A and Chapter 6-B 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, DECEMBER 14, 2016**, 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 result of the said special election. All registered voters of the District are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Homer, Louisiana, on this, the 14th day of September, 2016.

ATTEST:

/s/ Scott Davidson
President

/s/ Dwayne R. Woodard
Secretary-Treasurer

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"), the governing authority of Claiborne Parish Sales Tax District (the "District"), do hereby certify that the foregoing pages constitute a true and correct copy of the proceedings taken by the Governing Authority on September 14, 2016, ordering and calling a special election to be held in Claiborne Parish Sales Tax District, to authorize the levy of a sales and use tax therein; making application to the State Bond Commission in connection therewith; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature at Homer, Louisiana, on this, the 14th day of September, 2016.

/s/Dwayne R. Woodard
Secretary-Treasurer

Upon motion by Gil Dowies, duly seconded by Joe Sturges, the Jury unanimously approved Resolution 2016-015 – A Resolution Ordering and Calling a Special Election to be held in the Parish of Claiborne, State of Louisiana, to Authorize the Levy of Special Taxes Therein (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Road Equipment)

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Gil Dowies and seconded by Mr. Joe A. Sturges:

RESOLUTION 2016-015

A resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in the Parish of Claiborne, State of Louisiana, to authorize the levy of special taxes therein; making application to the State Bond Commission in connection therewith; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

BE IT RESOLVED 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"), that:

SECTION 1. Election Call. Subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission, and under the authority conferred by Article VI, Sections 26, 30 and 32 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of the Louisiana Election Code, and other constitutional and statutory authority, a special election is hereby called and ordered to be held in the Parish on **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2016**, between the hours of seven o'clock (7:00) a.m., and eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, and at the said election there shall be submitted to all registered voters qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and laws of this State and the Constitution of the United States, the following propositions, to-wit:

PROPOSITION NO. 1

(MILLAGE CONTINUATION)

Shall the Parish of Claiborne, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), levy a seven and fifty hundredths (7.50) mills tax on all the property subject to taxation within the Parish (an estimated \$1,016,250 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2018 and ending with the year 2027, for the purpose of constructing, improving and/or maintaining Parish roads, streets and bridges, including acquiring, maintaining and/or operating equipment used in connection therewith, said millage to represent a fifty hundredths of a mill (.50) increase over the 7 mills tax authorized to be levied through the year 2017 pursuant to an election held on October 20, 2007?

PROPOSITION NO. 2
(MILLAGE CONTINUATION)

Shall the Parish of Claiborne, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), levy a two and fifty hundredths (2.50) mills tax on all the property subject to taxation within the Parish (an estimated \$338,750 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2018 and ending with the year 2027, for the purpose of acquiring, maintaining and/or operating equipment for constructing, improving and/or maintaining Parish roads, streets and bridges, said millage to represent a fifty hundredths of a mill (.50) increase over the 2 mills tax authorized to be levied through the year 2017 pursuant to an election held on October 20, 2007?

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event said election carries for further consent and authority to continue to levy and collect the special taxes provided for therein. A certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the State Bond Commission on behalf of this Governing Authority, together with a letter requesting the prompt consideration and approval of this application.

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Scott Davidson	X			
Joseph Merritt, Jr.	X			
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Gil Dowies	X			
Willie J. Young, Sr.	X			

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 14th day of September, 2016.

/s/ Dwayne R. Woodard
Secretary-Treasurer

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The polling places set forth above 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.

Notice is further given that a portion of the monies collected from the taxes described in the Propositions 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

Upon motion by Tommy Sanders, duly seconded by Paul Cook, the Jury unanimously approved to apply for the following projects under 2017-2018 LGAP Grant which is due October 4, 2016. The projects are as follows - for \$30,000 for Summerfield W.S. meter upgrades, \$35,000 for 3-inch line extension for Central Claiborne W.S. on Maritzky Road and \$35,000 for backup generator w/ATS switch on Adolf Road for the MiddleFork W.S. in the Friendship Community.

RESOLUTION 2016-016

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE FY 2017-2018 LGAP GRANT APPLICATION DUE OCTOBER 4, 2016

WHEREAS, the FY 2017-2018 Local Government Assistance Program provides financial assistance to the local units of government in rural areas for the sole purpose of improving or rehabilitating certain qualified projects;

WHEREAS, the FY 2017-2018 LGAP Grant will be administered by the Office of Community Development (OCD); and

WHEREAS, the grant application and guidelines require a resolution of support from the local governing authority; and

WHEREAS, the Claiborne Parish Police Jury is applying for up to \$100,000 of FY 2017-2018 LGAP grant monies at the parish level; and

WHEREAS, the Claiborne Parish Police Jury intends to use these grant monies on up to possibly (3) three projects for the Claiborne Parish Police Jury (1) \$30,000 for the Summerfield Water System for the upgrade and installation of new water meters (2) \$35,000 for the Central Water System for a 3 inch line along Maritzky Road and (3) \$35,000 for the purchase and installation of an emergency generator with ATS for the Middle Fork Water System for the well located on Adolf Road; and

WHEREAS, the Claiborne Parish Police Jury will be providing local funds up to \$10,000 to ensure completion of the awarded projects;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Claiborne Parish Police Jury does hereby approve and support this grant application and its purpose.

Upon a motion by Joseph Merritt, Jr. and duly seconded by Joe Sturges this motion was carried and officially adopted by the Claiborne Parish Police Jury meeting in regular scheduled session on Wednesday, September 14, 2016.

Yeas – (9) Stevens, Gray, Sturges, Davidson, Cook, Merritt, Sanders, Dowies and Young

Nays – (0)

Abstain – N/A

Absent – (1) Furlow

/s/Dwayne R. Woodard
Secretary-Treasurer

/s/Scott Davidson
President

Parish Coroner, Dr. Mark Haynes gave his update on the coroner’s office for August 2016. Dr. Mark informed the Jury that there were 17 deaths, 7 which involved Hospice or the ER and 4 which required an autopsy to be performed.

ITEM #25 – September 14, 2016 – AGENDA

SECRETARY-TREASURER – UPDATE ON GRANTS AND OTHER ITEMS

1. LGAP Projects –

CPPJ – Gas Line Extension on Hwy 2 to Parish Owned Property
Contract #1415-CLB-0001 Amount - \$25,000
Project – extension of natural gas line to the Police Jury owned property on Hwy 2
Status – construction should commence within 45 days by CenterPoint

CPPJ – Emergency Generator for CPPJ Public Works Building on Hwy 2
Contract #1415-CLB-0002 Amount - \$14,167
Project – standby emergency generator for the CPPJ Public Works Building on Hwy 2
Status – Bids are due Thursday, October 13

2. CWEF Projects

Leatherman Creek Water System
Contract #1415-CWEF-CLB-0001 Amount - \$25,000
Project – Repair and rehab of ground storage tank
Status – Construction should start within the next 30 days

South Claiborne Water System
Contract #1415-CWEF-CLB-0003 Amount - \$25,000
Project – Waterline extension between Barnes Road and Frazier Road
Status – Bid will be award September 14, 2016

Gilgal Water System
Contract #1415-CWEF-CLB-0004 Amount - \$5,317
Project – Installation of automated water leveling equipment
Status – Construction is complete

3. Sales Tax Collections for July 2016 – net of \$46,380 from gross collections of \$50,064 on taxable sales of \$4,470,744.
Net sales tax collections for June 2016 – \$45,071 – increase \$1,309 (2.90%)
Net sales tax collections for July 2015 - \$46,809 – decrease \$-429 (-0.92%)

4. Cash position at August 31, 2016 - \$7,957,766
Cash position at August 31, 2015 - \$7,612,038 (increase of \$345,728)
Cash position at July 31, 2016 - \$8,449,355 (decrease of \$-491,589)

See Deposit Balances by Institution for breakdown at August 31, 2016 –

5. Total Receipts for the month of August 2016 – \$134,736

6. Upcoming important dates and meetings I plan to attend –

9/15 – OCCS Board Meeting
9/22 – CPHSD#3 Finance Meeting
9/22 – CPHSD#3 Board Meeting
9/22 – Claiborne Parish Watershed
9/26 – Committee Meetings
10/13 – Economic Development Board

President Davidson informed the Jury that the 93rd Annual PJAL Convention is February 15, 16 & 17 and will be hosted at the Golden Nugget Hotel in Lake Charles, LA - Registration Deadline is January 27, 2017 and that if you plan to go, please inform Leigh Ann.

President Scott Davidson announced the bid opening for the Emergency Generator for the Hwy Department Public Works Building (LGAP 2014-2015) is Thursday, October 13, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

Upon motion by Gil Dowies, duly seconded by Joe Sturges, the Jury unanimously approved the request from Road Superintendent, Tommy Durrett, for a merit increase for Truck Driver Mike Ellis from \$11.00 per hour, effective September 21, 2016.

President Scott Davidson reminded everyone that the ethics training is due by December 31, 2016.

Public Comments:

Road Superintendent, Tommy Durrett, expressed his gratitude and appreciation for the work and service given by Mr. Jimmy White while employed with Claiborne Parish.

Rev. Willie Young, Sr. asked if the Jury has ever considered looking into handling the trash pick-up tin house for the Parish, instead of using a private company that costs over \$600,000 per year. Secretary-Treasurer Woodard told him, yes, the Parish did look into it on numerous occasions, but that it would not be cost effective for the Parish to handle trash collection in house due to initial equipment (3 trucks @ \$250,000 each) & container costs (1,500 cans), residual cost of hauling/tipping fees on a monthly basis, and the increase in man-power costs including retirement, benefits and workers' compensation associated with the employees (6-10 additional employees) of a solid waste department.

Upon motion by Kevin Gray, duly seconded by Joe Sturges, the meeting was adjourned.

Dwayne R. Woodard
Secretary-Treasurer

Scott Davidson
President