

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF
THE ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL OF THE
PARISH OF ST. MARY, STATE OF LOUISIANA

JUNE 11, 2025
FRANKLIN, LOUISIANA
6:00 P.M.

The St. Mary Parish Council met on this date in Regular Session with Chairperson Gwendolyn L. Hidalgo presiding and the following members present: Rev. Craig Mathews, J Ina, Rodney Olander, David W. Hill, Leslie “Les” Rulf, Jr., James “Jimmy” Davis, Jr., Mark Duhon, Dean Adams, and Kristi Prejeant Rink, M.D. Absent was Patrick Hebert.

The Invocation was pronounced by Mr. Ina and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rev. Mathews.

Mr. Olander moved that the reading of the second regular meeting, May 28, 2025 be dispensed with and that the same be approved. Dr. Rink seconded the motion, which carried.

Lee Price appeared before the Council to discuss Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 2A. He submitted a handout of pictures showing the pipes going through the levee, the Corps of Engineer statement, and a copy of his presentation on his findings. He expounded on the pump capacity, ways to increase the outflow of flood water, water discharge, retention canal, construction of a dam, design error, and suggested a solution to correct issues.

Parish President, Sam Jones suggested Mr. Price talk with the engineer to share his suggestions.

Mr. Duhon stated that the Levee Board installed the levee on LA 70 before Hurricane Francine and that his opinion is if the levee was not installed, there would have been more flooding. He also stated that the board decided to dismantle some pumps at Pump Station No. 4 because they thought they weren’t needed and planned to run them under LA 70 and through the box culvert on Flamingo Road. He stated they are removing those box culverts and will redo the waterline with the CPRA funding. He stated that he saw them build the walls on LA 70 and water could not be held back. He informed that an engineer has been hired and bids are out, the first Pump Station to be repaired is Station No. 4, then Station No. 9, and removal of the box culverts so the water can get to the retention ponds.

In response to Mr. Duhon’s inquiry relative to whether we can get extra pumps from GOSEP for Station No. 9, President Jones stated that we just received another million dollars for Station No. 9. He suggested Mr. Price speak to the engineers with his ideas but feels confident that he can obtain additional funding if needed. Mr. Duhon stated that he gave Mr. Price Oneil Marlboro’s phone number so he can explain everything to him.

Kemyana Jones-Bey and Anne Johnson-Bey (engineer), representatives of Dream Builders Construction, appeared before the Council to discuss the ordinances for adoption regarding abandoned structures/condemnations. Ms. Jones-Bey stated that they are constructing tiny homes in the St. Joseph area and invited everyone to attend the Tour/Ribbon Cutting Celebration of the first approved Tiny Home in St. Mary Parish located at 1180 Irish Bend Road on June 14, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. She stated that they plan to construct/develop a Tiny Home Community in the St. Joseph area that will offer affordable, connected, community based living for 20 elderly residents.

In response to several Council Members’ inquiries, Ms. Johnson-Bey stated that she is an engineer and that these are portable buildings that are either purchased brand new or constructed from scratch to meet the required codes, wind standards, and permit requirements. She informed that they are responsible for maintaining the homes.

She stated that the St. Joseph Community Homes are focused on the elderly community but can be offered to residents that own individual property. President Jones discussed possibly amending the Unified Development Code (UDC) to make the permit process easier for residents.

President Jones stated that he will announce new businesses opening in the Parish that will create 60-100 new jobs. He also expounded on the need for housing, the budget, and possible budget cuts. He stated that it will take \$500,000 to upgrade the Harold J. “Babe” Landry Landfill in Berwick to meet all requirements. Discussion was had relative to the budget.

Chief Administrative Officer, Paul J. Governale read a report into the record from Tim Matte, St. Mary Parish Levee District Director, relative to Pump Station No. 9, Pump Station No. 4, TE-168, GIS, waterline relocation project on Veterans Boulevard, and that Pump Station No. 8 and Pump Station No. 6 improvements are next in line.

Mr. Governale submitted his report for a two (2) week period, ending June 11, 2025. He informed that Item 14D, “Resolution approving and authorizing the Parish President to enter into an agreement relative to the St. Mary Parish Employee Classification and Compensation Study,” is no longer necessary. It was placed on the agenda pending a legal opinion from Legal Counsel, Morgan Guillory Bodin, who stated that he, as the Chief Administrative Officer, could execute the agreement, given that the Council is aware of the project, has requested this action be taken in the past, and there are no additional funds needed for the Council to approve (will use 100% grant funds).

Dr. Rink informed that a Legislative Update with Senator Robert Allain, Representative Vincent “Vinney” St. Blanc, III, and Representative Beryl Amedee will be held on June 18, 2025 at the Bayou Bend Wellness Center in Franklin from 8:00 to 9:30. Breakfast will be served and you must register to attend(info@stmarychamber.com).

Mr. Ina introduced the following ordinances:

ORDINANCE NO.

An Ordinance of the St. Mary Parish Council condemning the improvements consisting of an abandoned structure, situated at 140 Bray Dr., Franklin, Louisiana, Parcel ID No. 2324741045.00, as a result of same being in an abandoned, derelict structure condition which endangers the public welfare and ordering the demolition and removal of said improvements by the owner thereof in not less than sixty days from the effective date of this Ordinance.

SECTION I.

WHEREAS, Louisiana law, and in particular LSA-R.S. 33:4761 et seq. authorizes the governing authority of any Parish to condemn and cause to be demolished or removed any building or structure within the Parish when it is in a dilapidated and dangerous condition which endangers the public welfare;

WHEREAS, there has been submitted to the Parish a written report recommending the demolition and removal of certain structures, consisting of an abandoned structure, situated at 140 Bray Dr., Franklin, Louisiana, Parcel ID No. 2324741045.00, as a result of same being in a dilapidated and dangerous condition which endangers the public welfare;

WHEREAS, the Parish President has heretofore served upon the owner of the structures a notice requiring the owner to show cause at a meeting of this council why the structures should not be condemned, which notice provided the owner with the notice of the St. Mary Parish Council meeting to be held on July 9, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

WHEREAS, after hearing the evidence presented at the aforementioned Parish Council meeting, the Parish Council has determined that the structures in question are in fact in a dilapidated and dangerous condition which endangers the public welfare;

WHEREAS, it is the decision of this Council that the structures in question be condemned as a result of same being in a dilapidated and dangerous condition which endangers the public welfare.

SECTION II.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the St. Mary Parish Council, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana that:

- A. The improvements, consisting of an abandoned structure, situated at 140 Bray Dr., Franklin, Louisiana, Parcel ID No. 2324741045.00 are hereby condemned as a result of the finding of this Council that same are in a dilapidated and dangerous condition which endangers the public welfare.
- B. Edwin Collins Sr., Keith Navy, Iris Goodly, Janice Navy, Alvin Navy Jr., Debbie Colvin, Cheryl Bertrand, Ruth Crockett, Beulah Dixon, Rose Harris, Claude Collins, Delores Thomas, Geraldine Trice, Loyce Jones, Mary Monette, the owners of said property, is hereby ordered to demolish and remove said improvements not less than sixty (60) days from the effective date of this Ordinance.
- C. In default of the owner complying with the order to demolish and remove the improvements, the Parish President may proceed with the demolition or removal of the condemned structures after giving notice to the owner and/or owner’s agent and/or the attorney at law appointed to represent the owner giving the time when the work will begin upon the demolition and removal of the structures.
- D. In the event the Parish does perform the demolition and removal of the structures or engages a third party or third parties to perform such demolition and removal, the Parish President is directed to file a lien and privilege upon the immovable and its improvements pursuant to the provisions of LSA-R.S. 33:4766.

SECTION III.

This Ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

SECTION IV.

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION V.

Should any provisions of this Ordinance be declared in violation of state law, the remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect.

This ordinance having been offered and read on this the 11th day of June 2025; having been published in accordance with law.

ORDINANCE NO.

An Ordinance of the St. Mary Parish Council condemning the improvements consisting of an abandoned structure, situated at 139 Bray Dr., Franklin, Louisiana, Parcel ID No. 2324741055.00, as a result of same being in an abandoned, derelict structure condition which endangers the public welfare and ordering the demolition and removal of said improvements by the owner thereof in not less than sixty days from the effective date of this Ordinance.

SECTION I.

WHEREAS, Louisiana law, and in particular LSA-R.S. 33:4761 et seq. authorizes the governing authority of any Parish to condemn and cause to be demolished or removed any building or structure within the Parish when it is in a dilapidated and dangerous condition which endangers the public welfare;

WHEREAS, there has been submitted to the Parish a written report recommending the demolition and removal of certain structures, consisting of an abandoned structure, situated at 139 Bray Drive, Franklin, Louisiana, Parcel ID No. 2324741055.00, as a result of same being in a dilapidated and dangerous condition which endangers the public welfare;

WHEREAS, the Parish President has heretofore served upon the owner of the structures a notice requiring the owner to show cause at a meeting of this council why the structures should not be condemned, which notice provided the owner with the notice of the St. Mary Parish Council meeting to be held on July 9, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

WHEREAS, after hearing the evidence presented at the aforementioned Parish Council meeting, the Parish Council has determined that the structures in question are in fact in a dilapidated and dangerous condition which endangers the public welfare;

WHEREAS, it is the decision of this Council that the structures in question be condemned as a result of same being in a dilapidated and dangerous condition which endangers the public welfare.

SECTION II.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the St. Mary Parish Council, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana that:

- E. The improvements, consisting of an abandoned structure, situated at 139 Bray Drive, Franklin, Louisiana, Parcel ID No. 2324741055.00 are hereby condemned as a result of the finding of this Council that same are in a dilapidated and dangerous condition which endangers the public welfare.
- F. Bernita Augustine, Twanna Porter, David Augustine Jr., April Augustine, Jeffery Porter, Bobby Bolden, the owners of said property, is hereby ordered to demolish and remove said improvements not less than sixty (60) days from the effective date of this Ordinance.
- G. In default of the owner complying with the order to demolish and remove the improvements, the Parish President may proceed with the demolition or removal of the condemned structures after giving notice to the owner and/or owner's agent and/or the attorney at law appointed to represent the owner giving the time when the work will begin upon the demolition and removal of the structures.
- H. In the event the Parish does perform the demolition and removal of the structures or engages a third party or third parties to perform such demolition and removal, the Parish President is directed to file a lien and privilege upon the immovable and its improvements pursuant to the provisions of LSA-R.S. 33:4766.

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SECTION V.

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Mr. Olander moved that the following Ordinances be adopted. Mr. Duhon seconded the motion, which carried by the following 9-0-1-1 Roll Call vote:

YEAS: Mathews, Olander, Hill, Rulf, Davis, Duhon, Adams, Rink, and Hidalgo

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Ina

ABSENT: Hebert

ORDINANCE NO. 2397

An Ordinance in compliance with Ordinance No. 1973, Chapter 5 Procedures, Division 5.4 General Procedures for Public Hearing, Section 5.4.2 Rezoning (Zoning Map Amendments).

WHEREAS, on March 12th, 2014, the St. Mary Parish Council adopted Ordinance No. 1973 – St. Mary Parish Unified Development Code, and

WHEREAS, Chapter 5 Procedures, Division 5.4 General Procedures for Public Hearing, Section 5.4.2 Rezoning (Zoning Map Amendments) provides a process for the official zoning district map to be amended, and

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Parish Council of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana:

SECTION I - That certain tract of land described in Exhibit “A” is hereby rezoned from Single Residential (SR) Zoned District to Highway Commercial (HC) Zoned District to make use of the property in accordance with its intended purpose.

This ordinance shall become effective and be in full force upon publication in the official journal of the Parish.

This ordinance having been offered and read on this 14th day of May 2025; having been published in accordance with law; having been heard in a public hearing held at Franklin, Louisiana on the 11th day of June 2025; was adopted.

APPROVED:

**GWENDOLYN L. HIDALGO, CHAIRPERSON
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

ATTEST:

**LISA C. MORGAN, CLERK
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

This Ordinance was submitted to the President of St. Mary Parish on this the 13th day of June 2025 at the hour of 12:11 p.m.

APPROVED:

**SAM JONES, PRESIDENT
ST. MARY PARISH**

This Ordinance was returned to the Clerk of the Council on this the 17th day of June 2025 at the hour of 8:13 a.m.

EXHIBIT “A”

Name: George Tyler
Address: 14777 Hwy. 90 W. Frontage Rd. , Franklin, LA

Parcel Id# 2174681010.00- Sec.68 T13S R8E
Lot A Robert P Pontiff Prop Per Plat 22g 181210 Acq 76 288321

Purpose: Rezone from Single Family Residential (SR) Zoned District to Highway Commercial (HC) Zoned District to make use of the property in accordance with its intended purpose.

ORDINANCE NO. 2398

An Ordinance in compliance with Ordinance No. 1973, Chapter 5 Procedures, Division 5.4 General Procedures for Public Hearing, Section 5.4.2 Rezoning (Zoning Map Amendments).

WHEREAS, on March 12th, 2014, the St. Mary Parish Council adopted Ordinance No. 1973 – St. Mary Parish Unified Development Code, and

WHEREAS, Chapter 5 Procedures, Division 5.4 General Procedures for Public Hearing, Section 5.4.2 Rezoning (Zoning Map Amendments) provides a process for the official zoning district map to be amended, and

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Parish Council of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana:

SECTION I - That certain tract of land described in Exhibit “A” is hereby rezoned from Single Residential (SR) Zoned District to Existing Neighborhood (EN2) Zoned District to have the option to place either a manufactured home or stick-built home on the property.

This ordinance shall become effective and be in full force upon publication in the official journal of the Parish.

This ordinance having been offered and read on this 14th day of May 2025; having been published in accordance with law; having been heard in a public hearing held at Franklin, Louisiana on the 11th day of June 2025; was adopted.

APPROVED:

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ATTEST:

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EXHIBIT “A”

Name: Annie Viator
Address: 19546 Highway 182, Jeanerette, LA
Parcel Id# 1905041005.00- Sec.68 T13S R8E
Lot BD Teche - Stouff - Road – Est. Hardy Acq. 436 340517
Purpose: Rezone from Single Family Residential (SR) Zoned District to Existing Neighborhood (EN2) Zoned District to have the option to place either a manufactured home or stick-built home on the property.

ORDINANCE NO. 2399

An Ordinance in compliance with Ordinance No. 1973, Chapter 5 Procedures, Division 5.4 General Procedures for Public Hearing, Section 5.4.2 Rezoning (Zoning Map Amendments).

WHEREAS, on March 12th, 2014, the St. Mary Parish Council adopted Ordinance No. 1973 – St. Mary Parish Unified Development Code, and

WHEREAS, Chapter 5 Procedures, Division 5.4 General Procedures for Public Hearing, Section 5.4.2 Rezoning (Zoning Map Amendments) provides a process for the official zoning district map to be amended, and

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Parish Council of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana:

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Parcel Id# 1905041004.00- Sec.68 T13S R8E
7.00 AC Tract BD Road - Stouff - R R - Sorrel Ln. Acq. 436 340517

Purpose: Rezone from Single Family Residential (SR) Zoned District to Existing Neighborhood (EN2) Zoned District to have the option to place either a manufactured home or stick-built home on the property.

ORDINANCE NO. 2400

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2278 setting the salary of the Clerk of the Council of St. Mary Parish, Louisiana.

BE IT ORDAINED by the St. Mary Parish Council in regular session convened:

SECTION I: The salary of the Clerk of the Parish Council is hereby fixed at the sum of \$2,885 per pay period, plus any other benefits generally applicable to employees of the Parish Council of St. Mary.

SECTION II: The Clerk of the Council shall be evaluated annually (anniversary date) by the chairperson of the council.

SECTION III: Any law or ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed. This ordinance is to become effective upon adoption.

This ordinance having been offered and read on this the 14th day of May 2025; having been published in accordance with law; and having been heard in a public hearing held at Franklin, Louisiana on the 11th day of June 2025; was adopted.

APPROVED:

GWENDOLYN L. HIDALGO, CHAIRPERSON
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL

ATTEST:

LISA C. MORGAN, CLERK
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SAM JONES, PRESIDENT
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Mr. Ina stated that he supports the Clerk of the Council salary increase but would like to obtain the Compensation Study results to review everyone’s pay at the same time. In response to several Council Members’ inquiry relative to the completion time of the employee Compensation Study and Organizational Review, Mr. Governale stated that the study should be completed by late fall of this year. Mr. Olander stated that the Clerk’s salary is the only salary that the Council controls/agrees upon and that the Council should move forward on approving the ordinance .

Mr. Ina moved that the following Ordinances be adopted. Dr. Rink seconded the motion, which carried by the following 10-0-0-1 Roll Call vote:

YEAS: Ina, Olander, Hill, Rulf, Davis, Duhon, Adams, Rink, Hidalgo, and Mathews

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Hebert

ORDINANCE NO. 2401

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SECTION I.

WHEREAS, Louisiana law, and in particular LSA-R.S. 33:4761 et seq. authorizes the governing authority of any Parish to condemn and cause to be demolished or removed any building or structure within the Parish when it is in a dilapidated and dangerous condition which endangers the public welfare;

WHEREAS, there has been submitted to the Parish a written report recommending the demolition and removal of certain structures, consisting of an abandoned structure, situated at 1121 Irish Bend Road, Franklin, Louisiana, Parcel ID No. 2324741039.00, as a result of same being in a dilapidated and dangerous condition which endangers the public welfare;

WHEREAS, the Parish President has heretofore served upon the owner of the structures a notice requiring the owner to show cause at a meeting of this council why the structures should not be condemned, which notice provided the owner with the notice of the St. Mary Parish Council meeting to be held on June 11, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

WHEREAS, after hearing the evidence presented at the aforementioned Parish Council meeting, the Parish Council has determined that the structures in question are in fact in a dilapidated and dangerous condition which endangers the public welfare;

WHEREAS, it is the decision of this Council that the structures in question be condemned as a result of same being in a dilapidated and dangerous condition which endangers the public welfare.

SECTION II.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the St. Mary Parish Council, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana that:

- I. The improvements, consisting of an abandoned structure, situated at 1121 Irish Bend Road, Franklin, Louisiana, Parcel ID No. 2324741039.00 are hereby condemned as a result of the finding of this Council that same are in a dilapidated and dangerous condition which endangers the public welfare.
- J. Isabella Williams C/O Lizandra Williams, the owner of said property, is hereby ordered to demolish and remove said improvements not less than sixty (60) days from the effective date of this Ordinance.
- K. In default of the owner complying with the order to demolish and remove the improvements, the Parish President may proceed with the demolition or removal of the condemned structures after giving notice to the owner and/or owner's agent and/or the attorney at law appointed to represent the owner giving the time when the work will begin upon the demolition and removal of the structures.
- L. In the event the Parish does perform the demolition and removal of the structures or engages a third party or third parties to perform such demolition and removal, the Parish President is directed to file a lien and privilege upon the immovable and its improvements pursuant to the provisions of LSA-R.S. 33:4766.

SECTION III.

This Ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

SECTION IV.

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SECTION V.

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**GWENDOLYN L. HIDALGO, CHAIRPERSON
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ATTEST:

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APPROVED:

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ST. MARY PARISH**

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ORDINANCE NO. 2402

An Ordinance of the St. Mary Parish Council condemning the improvements consisting of an abandoned structure, situated at 1123 Irish Bend Road, Franklin, Louisiana, Parcel ID No. 2324741039.00, as a result of same being in a dilapidated and dangerous condition which endangers the public welfare and ordering the demolition and removal of said improvements by the owner thereof in not less than sixty days from the effective date of this Ordinance.

SECTION I.

WHEREAS, Louisiana law, and in particular LSA-R.S. 33:4761 et seq. authorizes the governing authority of any Parish to condemn and cause to be demolished or removed any building or structure within the Parish when it is in a dilapidated and dangerous condition which endangers the public welfare;

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condemned, which notice provided the owner with the notice of the St. Mary Parish Council meeting to be held on June 11, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

WHEREAS, after hearing the evidence presented at the aforementioned Parish Council meeting, the Parish Council has determined that the structures in question are in fact in a dilapidated and dangerous condition which endangers the public welfare;

WHEREAS, it is the decision of this Council that the structures in question be condemned as a result of same being in a dilapidated and dangerous condition which endangers the public welfare.

SECTION II.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the St. Mary Parish Council, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana that:

- M. The improvements, consisting of an abandoned structure, situated at 1123 Irish Bend Road, Franklin, Louisiana, Parcel ID No. 2324741039.00 are hereby condemned as a result of the finding of this Council that same are in a dilapidated and dangerous condition which endangers the public welfare.
- N. Isabella Williams C/O Lizandra Williams, the owner of said property, is hereby ordered to demolish and remove said improvements not less than sixty (60) days from the effective date of this Ordinance.
- O. In default of the owner complying with the order to demolish and remove the improvements, the Parish President may proceed with the demolition or removal of the condemned structures after giving notice to the owner and/or owner’s agent and/or the attorney at law appointed to represent the owner giving the time when the work will begin upon the demolition and removal of the structures.
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APPROVED:

**GWENDOLYN L. HIDALGO, CHAIRPERSON
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

ATTEST:

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Mr. Ina moved that the following Ordinance be adopted. Mr. Adams seconded the motion, which carried by the following 9-1-0-1 Roll Call vote:

YEAS: Olander, Rulf, Davis, Duhon, Adams, Rink, Hidalgo, Mathews, and Ina

NAYS: Hill

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Hebert

ORDINANCE NO. 2403

AN ORDINANCE EXTENDING THE TIME PERIOD PROVIDED IN ORDINANCE NO. 2371 FOR THE ST. MARY PARISH HOME RULE CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION TO SUBMIT A PROPOSED AMENDED CHARTER, PURSUANT TO ARTICLE VI, SECTION 5 OF THE LOUISIANA CONSTITUTION AND R.S. 33:1395 ET SEQ., AND PROVIDING FOR RELATED MATTERS.

WHEREAS, the St. Mary Parish Council previously adopted Ordinance No. 2371 on June 12, 2024, establishing the St. Mary Parish Home Rule Charter Revision Commission pursuant to the provisions of Article VI, Section 5 of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 33:1395 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 2371 provided that the Commission would submit its proposed amended charter, and any alternative proposals, within twelve (12) months following submission to the Council; and

WHEREAS, R.S. 33:1395.1 provides that a Home Rule Charter Commission shall submit its proposed charter to the governing authority within eighteen (18) months after taking office; and

WHEREAS, additional time is needed for the Commission to complete its review and preparation of the amended charter and to allow for appropriate public input and deliberation; and

WHEREAS, the Council desires to extend the time period granted in Ordinance No. 2371 by an additional six (6) months to be consistent with the eighteen (18) month timeframe authorized under state law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the St. Mary Parish Council that:

SECTION 1: The time period set forth in Ordinance No. 2371 for the St. Mary Parish Home Rule Charter Revision Commission to submit its proposed amended charter, and any alternative proposals, is hereby extended by an additional six (6) months, not to exceed eighteen (18) months from the date the Commission first convened and its members were sworn into office.

SECTION 2: Except as amended herein, all other provisions, terms, and conditions of Ordinance No. 2371 shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3: Suppose any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid. In that case, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items, or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items, or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are declared severable.

SECTION 4: All Ordinances, or parts of Ordinances, by the St. Mary Parish Council conflicting or inconsistent with the provisions of these regulations are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5: This Ordinance shall be published in the Official Journal of the St. Mary Parish Council in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 6: This Ordinance shall become effective on the tenth day after final publication.

This ordinance having been offered and read on this the 14th day of May 2025; having been published in accordance with law; and having been heard in a public hearing at Franklin, Louisiana on the 11th day of June 2025; was adopted.

APPROVED:

**GWENDOLYN L. HIDALGO, CHAIRPERSON
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

ATTEST:

**LISA C. MORGAN, CLERK
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

This ordinance was submitted to the President of St. Mary Parish on this the 13th day of June 2025 at the hour of 12:11 p.m.

APPROVED:

**SAM JONES, PRESIDENT
ST. MARY PARISH**

This ordinance was returned to the Clerk of the Council on this the 17th day of June 2025 at the hour of 8:13 a.m.

Mr. Olander moved that the following Resolution be adopted. Dr. Rink seconded the motion, which carried by the following 10-0-0-1 Roll Call vote:

YEAS: Hill, Rulf, Davis, Duhon, Adams, Rink, Hidalgo, Mathews, Ina, and Olander

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Hebert

RESOLUTION

A Resolution providing for the approval and authorization for Change Order No. 2 relative to the Renovations to Quintana Boat Launch project.

WHEREAS, a certain contract has been entered into between the St. Mary Parish Council and Diverse Solutions, LLC, 3614 W. Old Spanish Trail, New Iberia, LA 70560, relative to the Renovations to Quintana Boat Launch project, and

WHEREAS, the item as shown on Change Order No. 2 will result in an increase of \$42,645.00 in the contract price and an increase of 10 days in the contract time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Mary Parish Council does hereby approve the issuance of Change Order No. 2 covering an increase of \$42,645.00 in the contract price and 10 working days in the contract time to the Renovations to Quintana Boat Launch project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of St. Mary Parish, Sam Jones, be and he is hereby authorized to execute Change Order No. 2 on behalf of the St. Mary Parish Council.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the St. Mary Parish Council in regular session convened on this the 11th day of June 2025.

APPROVED:

**GWENDOLYN L. HIDALGO, CHAIRPERSON
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

ATTEST:

**LISA C. MORGAN, CLERK
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

Rev. Mathews moved that the following Resolutions be adopted. Mr. Olander seconded the motion, which carried by the following 10-0-0-1 Roll Call vote:

YEAS: Rulf, Davis, Duhon, Adams, Rink, Hidalgo, Mathews, Ina, Olander, and Hill

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Hebert

RESOLUTION

A Resolution providing for the approval and authorization for Change Order No. 2 relative to the Louisiana Recreational Trails Grant – Amelia Trail Project.

WHEREAS, a certain contract has been entered into between the St. Mary Parish Council and Southern Constructors, LLC, 6313 Hwy. 90, New Iberia, Louisiana 70560, relative to the Louisiana Recreational Trails Grant – Amelia Trail Project, and

WHEREAS, the items as shown on Change Order No. 2 will result in a decrease of \$12,776.04 in the contract price and an increase of 22 days in the contract time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Mary Parish Council does hereby approve the issuance of Change Order No. 2 covering a decrease of \$12,776.04 in the contract price and an increase of 22 days in the contract time for the Louisiana Recreational Trails Grant – Amelia Trail Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of St. Mary Parish, Sam Jones, be and he is hereby authorized to execute Change Order No. 2 on behalf of the St. Mary Parish Council.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the St. Mary Parish Council in special session convened on this the 11th day of June 2025.

APPROVED:

**GWENDOLYN L. HIDALGO, CHAIRPERSON
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

ATTEST:

**LISA C. MORGAN, CLERK
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

Per Mr. Duhon’s inquiry relative to the punchlist, Mr. Governale stated that it does not mean the project is over, but there are some items that need to be corrected. He explained that this Change Order adjusts the contract quantities as a result of field conditions and contract time due to holidays, inclement weather, and delays. The Change Order will decrease the contract price by \$12,776.04 and will increase the working days by 22 working days.

RESOLUTION OF ACCEPTANCE

A Resolution authorizing and directing the President to execute for and on behalf of the Parish of St. Mary, a Certificate of Substantial Completion from Southern Constructors, LLC relative to the Louisiana Recreational Trails Grant – Amelia Trail Project.

WHEREAS, Southern Constructors, LLC, 6313 Hwy. 90, New Iberia, Louisiana 70560, relative to the, has substantially completed the Louisiana Recreational Trails Grant – Amelia Trail Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Parish of St. Mary that the President be, and he is hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to execute a Certificate of Substantial Completion for and on behalf of the Parish of St. Mary accepting the Louisiana Recreational Trails Grant – Amelia Trail Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that he be authorized and directed to have a copy of said Certificate of Substantial Completion recorded in the mortgage records of St. Mary Parish, Louisiana.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the St. Mary Parish Council in regular session convened on this the 11th day of June 2025.

APPROVED:

**GWENDOLYN L. HIDALGO, CHAIRPERSON
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

ATTEST:

**LISA C. MORGAN, CLERK
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

Item 14D, “ Resolution approving and authorizing the Parish President to enter into an agreement relative to the St. Mary Parish Employee Classification and Compensation Study” was withdrawn. It was placed on the agenda pending a legal opinion from Legal Counsel, Morgan Guillory Bodin, who stated that a resolution is not needed because the Chief Administrative Officer could execute the agreement.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Mary Robinson, Manager of Government Affairs, Cox Communications has emailed, “As you know, Cox is required to obtain permission from local broadcast stations and cable networks to provide their signals on our channel lineup. We’re in discussions to renew agreements with the following programmers and broadcasters: (39 Station/Network/Channels)

If we’re unable to reach a new agreement by the expiration dates, these networks can prevent us from including their stations in our lineup.

We will keep you updated with any new information. Please feel free to contact me at (225) 367-9031 or Mary.Robinson@cox.com.”

- B. Rev. Mathews requests an allocation of \$5,000 from Wards 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, and 10 3/10% Sales Tax Fund to the Town of Baldwin relative to equipment upgrades for the Baldwin Police Department.

Rev. Mathews moved that \$5,000 from Wards 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, and 10 3/10% Sales Tax Fund be allocated to the Town of Baldwin relative to equipment upgrades for the Baldwin Police Department. Mr. Ina seconded the motion.

President Jones stated that they are receiving \$16,000 per month from a tax that was recently passed and recently received \$50,000 from the Parish via grant funding. He stated that the mayor is not in favor of the Parish allocating the \$5,000 request. President Jones also stated that due to the Parish’s budget, if it is approved, he will not pay it via Article V. Rev. Mathews stated for the record that this is strictly an opinionated position and that the 3/10% Sales Tax Fund was voted on by the people many years ago to be used for appropriate uses.

After discussion, Rev. Mathews moved that \$5,000 from Wards 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, and 10 3/10% Sales Tax Fund be allocated to the Town of Baldwin relative to equipment upgrades for the Baldwin Police Department. Mr. Ina seconded the motion, which carried. Mr. Adams and Dr. Rink abstained.

C. Discussion in reference to Drainage District No. 6. (Mr. Duhon)

Mr. Duhon stated that they approved their millages at their meeting last night and requested to withdraw this item.

D. Everett W. Logeman has written to resign from Recreation District No. 6 Board of Commissioners effective immediately.

Mr. Logeman will be sent a letter thanking him for his service and the vacancy will be advertised.

There being no further business, Mr. Olander moved for adjournment. Mr. Hill seconded the motion, which carried.

Lisa C. Morgan, Clerk

Gwendolyn L. Hidalgo, Chairperson