

**AGENDA**  
**ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**FIRST REGULAR MEETING**  
**JULY 9, 2025 – 6:00 PM**  
**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ROOM**  
**FIFTH FLOOR COURTHOUSE**  
**FRANKLIN, LA**

**1 – MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY THE CHAIRPERSON**

**2 – INVOCATION: ----- HON. PATRICK HEBERT**

**3 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: ----- HON. LESLIE RULF, JR.**

**4 – ROLL CALL**

**5 - READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

A. Second Regular Meeting, June 25, 2025

**6 – GUESTS**

A. Diane Alexander to appear before the Council to discuss “Save Our Children Mentoring Center Program”.

B. Ed “Tiger” Verdin, Executive Director of Louisiana Partnership for the Arts, and Hanson Memorial High School Students to appear before the Council for recognition of representing the Parish of St. Mary, Franklin, Louisiana in the world’s largest Theatre Festival to be held in Edinburgh, Scotland at the end of July 2025. (Resolution)

**7 -PUBLIC COMMENT**

**8 – REPORT FROM MR. SAM JONES, PRESIDENT:**

**9 – REPORT FROM PERSONNEL:**

A. Mr. Paul J. Governale, Chief Administrative Officer

**10 – REPORT OF COUNCIL MEETINGS:**

A. Public Hearing Report – June 25, 2025

**11 – REPORT OF MEETINGS OTHER THAN COUNCIL MEETINGS:**

**12 – INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:**

**13 – ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:**

A. **FOR ADOPTION** – An Ordinance of the St. Mary Parish Council condemning the improvements consisting of an abandoned structure owned by 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, situated at 140 Bray Dr., Franklin, Louisiana, Parcel ID No. 2324741045.00, as a result of same being in a 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. (Mr. Ina)

B. **FOR ADOPTION** - An Ordinance of the St. Mary Parish Council condemning the improvements consisting of an abandoned structure owned by Bernita Augustine, Twanna Porter, David Augustine Jr., April Augustine, Jeffery Porter, Bobby Bolden, situated at 139 Bray Drive, Franklin, Louisiana, Parcel ID No. 2324741055.00, as a result of same being in an abandoned 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. (Mr. Ina)

#### **14 – RESOLUTIONS:**

- A. Resolution congratulating the Hanson Memorial High School Students on representing the Parish of St. Mary, Franklin, Louisiana in the world's largest Theatre Festival to be held in Edinburgh, Scotland at the end of July 2025. (Mr. Ina)
- B. Resolution pertaining to the adoption of the HUD Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program 2025 Annual Agency Plan. (Adm.)
- C. Resolution approving and authorizing the Parish President to execute Amendment No. 2 to Task Order No. 1 with Quality Engineering & Surveying, LLC relative to the St. Mary Parish 911 Center Wind Retrofit and Safe Room Project. (Adm.)

#### **15 – OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

#### **16 – NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. We received the following financial statements:
  - Fire Protection District No. 3 – year ended September 30, 2024
  - Fire Protection District No. 7 – year ended September 30, 2024
  - St. Mary Parish Sales & Use Tax Department – year ended December 31, 2024
  - St. Mary Parish Sales & Use Tax Department – Agreed Upon Procedures Report – year ended December 31, 2024
  - Hospital Service District No. 2 – year ended December 31, 2024
  - St. Mary Parish Water & Sewer Commission No. 2 – year ended September 30, 2023 & 2024
  - St. Mary Parish Water & Sewer Commission No. 2 – Agreed Upon Procedures Report -
- B. Discussion and action relative to seeking an opinion from Louisiana Attorney General regarding proper handling of St. Mary Parish's 3/10% Sales Tax Fund, including but not limited to proper use of those funds, and Parish Council's authority to expend according to the tax call. (Rev. Mathews)

#### **17 – ADJOURNMENT**

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