

**AGENDA  
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL  
FIRST REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 14, 2026 – 6:00 PM  
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ROOM  
FIFTH FLOOR COURTHOUSE  
FRANKLIN, LA**

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

**2 – INVOCATION: -----REV. CRAIG MATHEWS**

**3 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: -----HON. J INA**

**4 – ROLL CALL**

**5 – ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

- A. Chairperson
- B. Vice-Chairperson

**6 – GUESTS**

- A. Paul Rappmundt to appear before the Council to update on Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 2A.

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

- A. Second Regular Meeting, December 17, 2025

**8 - PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

**10 – REPORT FROM PERSONNEL:**

- A. Mr. Paul J. Governale, Chief Administrative Officer
  - 1. Mrs. Mandi LeBlanc, Planning & Zoning Director to present the following items as recommended by the Planning & Zoning Commission at their December 15, 2025, Regular Meeting:

**a. Recommend Preliminary & Final Subdivision/Development Approval**

Name: Timothy Raphael  
11165 Peaks Ave.  
Walker, LA 70785

Address: N/A

Parcel Id # 1874924064.00 & 1874924093.00  
1874924064.00 - 9.38 Ac Por tract being lot 5B Jules O Bodin Est part being Por lot 5 Sec 2 T14S R8E Acq 438 340653 & 1874924093.00 - 2.46 Ac Por tract being lot 5B Jules O Bodin Est part Acq 438 340653

Zoned: Agricultural (AG) Zoned District

Purpose: as shown on a plat titled “Map Showing Resubdivision of Lot 5B of The Jules O. Bodin Estate into Lots 5B-1 and 5B-2 located in Section 02, T14S-R8E, St. Mary Parish, Louisiana for Thomas A Raphael and Timothy C. Raphael” as drawn by Alvin Fairburn & Associates, LLC. Consulting Engineers - Land Surveyors Land Development Consultants – Project Designers, dated August 12, 2025.

Contingent upon: a conditional variance that deviates from Chapter 3, Sec. 3.7.1 (E) (Fire Hydrants) excluding future commercial development

**b. Recommend Preliminary & Final Subdivision/Development Approval**

Name: Chester Verret III  
10814 Hwy. 87  
Jeanerette, LA 70544

Address: 10838 Hwy 87  
Jeanerette, LA

Parcel Id # 1875084104.00 & 1875084103.00  
1875084104.00. 6.27 AC Por No. 1 Sorrel Pltn Subd being Por 6.67 AC Tract Z-Y-CC-AA-Z Per Plat 379 331686 Acq 379 331688 and 10814 Hwy 87, Jeanerette, LA- Sec.56 T13S R8E & 1875084103.00 0.40 AC Por No. 2 Sorrel Pltn Subd being Por 6.67 AC Tract Z-Y-Cc-AA-Z per Plat 379 331686 Acq 379 331688

Zoned: Agricultural (AG) Zoned District

PURPOSE: as shown on a plat titled “Showing Property Boundary Survey and Partition of Tract “Z-Y-CC-AA-Z” belonging to Chester Joseph Verret III and Billie Jo Robicheaux Verret Said property is situated in Section 56, T13S-R8E, Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana” as drawn by S. J. Langlinais & Associates, Inc. Consulting Engineers - Land Surveyors, dated October 23, 2025

**c. Recommend Specific Use**

Name: Bryan Rock

Address: 136 Mercury Rd  
Bayou Vista, LA

Parcel Id# 2984301055.00 – Lot 12-L Clarke Bayou Vista Subd Acq 136 297169

Currently Zoned: Existing Neighborhood (EN2) Zoned District

Specific Use Purpose: to allow for Livestock (chickens and a rooster) in an Existing Neighborhood (EN2) Zoned District

**d. Recommend Specific Use**

Name: Wilson Ferguson, Jr

Address: 1909 Chatsworth Rd.  
Franklin, LA

Parcel Id# 2204701237.00 & 2204701236.00  
2204701237.00 - Lot Por No 10-D Diane Luke Nugent Et Al Part Per Plat 27H 206574 DWG No 6356-1 Situated In Sec 62 T14S R9E Acq 341 325811 & 2204701236.00 - Lot Por No 10-D Diane Luke Nugent Et Al Part Per Plat 27H 206574 DWG No 6356-1 Situated In Sec 2 T14S R9E Acq 344 326296

Currently Zoned: Agricultural (AG) Zoned District

Specific Use Purpose: to allow for a church in an Agricultural (AG) Zoned District

**11 – REPORT OF COUNCIL MEETINGS:**

A. Public Hearing Report, December 17, 2025 – 5:45 p.m.

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

**13 – INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:**

A. **FOR INTRODUCTION** - An Ordinance in compliance with Ordinance No. 1973, DIVISION 5.4 General Procedures for Public Hearings, Section 5.4.3 Specific Use Permits granting a Specific Use. (Bryan Rock)

Posted – Friday, January 9, 2026, at 10:30 a.m.

- B. **FOR INTRODUCTION** - An Ordinance in compliance with Ordinance No. 1973, DIVISION 5.4 General Procedures for Public Hearings, Section 5.4.3 Specific Use Permits granting a Specific Use. (Wilson Ferguson, Jr.)
- C. **FOR INTRODUCTION** - An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2410 regarding public comment during Parish Council Meetings. (Mr. Hebert)

#### **14 – ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:**

- A. **FOR ADOPTION** - An Ordinance calling an election in St. Mary Parish to submit to the qualified electors the proposed amended Home Rule Charter as submitted by the St. Mary Parish Home Rule Charter Revision Commission pursuant to LA. R.S. 33:1395.1 and Ordinance No. 2371.
- B. **FOR ADOPTION** – An Ordinance of the St. Mary Parish Council condemning the improvements consisting of the Plantation Inn Hotel, situated at 815 Highway 90, Parcel ID No. 2984281045.00 & 2984281004.00, 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 within sixty days from the effective date of this ordinance.

#### **15 - RESOLUTIONS:**

- A. Resolution of Recognition for Alma B. Williams on her 101<sup>st</sup> Birthday. (Mr. Hill)
- B. Resolution of respect in memory of Lt. Colonel Dale H. Hayes, Sr. (Mrs. Hidalgo)
- C. Resolution authorizing the St. Mary Parish Council to request Water and Sewer Commission No. 3 rescind their action regarding employee's insurance. (Mr. Olander)
- D. Resolution requesting St. Mary Parish Municipalities to help fund the Transportation and Elderly Feeding programs for St. Mary Community Action Agency. (Rev. Mathews)
- E. Resolution approving and authorizing the Parish President to execute Amendment No. 4 to Task Order No. 1 of the MSA with Aptim dated March 14, 2022, relative to the Runway and Taxiway Overlay Design project at the Harry P. Williams Memorial Airport. (Adm.)
- F. Resolution approving and authorizing the Parish President, to execute Amendment No. 2 to Task Order No. 3 relative to the North Apron Rehab Design at the Harry P. Williams Memorial Airport. (Adm.)
- G. Resolution approving and authorizing the Parish President to execute Amendment No. 4 to Task Order No. 1 of the MSA with Aptim dated March 23, 2022, relative to the Runway and Taxiway Overlay Design project at the Harry P. Williams Memorial Airport. (Adm.)
- H. Resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana, to vote upon the adoption of an amended St. Mary Parish Home Rule Charter, making application to the State Bond Commission, and providing for other matters in connection therewith. (Adm.)

#### **16 – OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. Referred from December 17, 2025, Regular Meeting - Referred from the Advisory Budget/Finance Meeting November 12, 2025 - St. Mary Parish 4-H Shooting Sports has submitted their pre-application requesting funds for Program Year 2025. Funding Request \$6,000.00.
- B. Referred from December 17, 2025, Regular Meeting - Kevin Ardoin, Laboratory Director, Acadiana Criminalistics Laboratory writes that the Annual Commission Meeting hosted by the Acadiana Crime Lab was held on Thursday, December 4, 2025. During the meeting, the 2026 Proposed Budget was approved by the Commission members in attendance.

The budget must be approved by at least a majority of the governing authorities of the parishes which the Commission serves.

**17– NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Tandra Verret, Office Administrator, has written – “As directed by and on behalf of the St. Mary Parish Water & Sewer Commission No. 4, I am submitting this request to convey the Commissions’ recommendation that Willie Scott and William P. Gray be reappointed to new terms beginning in January 2026.

The Commission also requests that the Council proceed with the appointment of the seventh Board Member. The seat has remained vacant for several months following the passing of former Commissioners Stephanie Milton.

- B. Kayla Ewing has written – “I will be moving out of the parish at the end of this month and will no longer be able to sit on the Tourist Commission Board.”
- C. Matt Kidder has written – “I will unfortunately no longer be eligible to serve on Wards 5 & 8 Joint Sewer Commission. Please accept this as my letter of resignation.”
- D. Scott T. Berry has emailed – “Please accept my formal resignation from the Board of Adjustments.”
- E. Discussion and action relative to appointment of Advisory Budget/Finance Committee Chair and Vice-Chair.
- F. Discussion relative to enforcement of St. Mary Parish Ordinances. (Dr. Rink)
- G. Dr. Rink to request an allocation of \$500,000 from Wards 5 & 8 Sales Tax Fund for Drainage and Sewer System Improvements in the Bayou Vista area.
- H. Discussion and action relative to separate checking accounts for future generated revenues for each sales tax fund. (Dr. Rink)

**18 – ADJOURNMENT**

In accordance with Act 393 of 2023 and the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance, please contact Lisa C. Morgan, Clerk of the Council at 337-828-4100, Ext. 5050, describing the assistance that is necessary.