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

JULY 29, 2026
FRANKLIN, LOUISIANA
6:00 P.M.

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

The Invocation was pronounced by Dr. Rink and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Adams.

Dr. Rink moved that the reading of the First Regular Meeting, July 8, 2026 be dispensed with and that the same be approved. Mr. Davis seconded the motion, which carried.

Mrs. Hidalgo acknowledged Mayor Clarence Vappie, Town of Baldwin, in attendance.

Valerie Pitts, U. S. Small Business Administration representative, appeared before the Council to discuss disaster aid available to St. Mary Parish residents following Tropical Storm Arthur.

Tomika Willis, owner of TDS Trucking & Training Technology and TDS Drone Innervation Services, appeared before the Council to discuss leasing property at 4418 Helicopter Road, Patterson. She stated that she had previously received a letter of intent from the former Chief Administrative Officer a few years ago but has since been informed that the property is now under contract with another company. Mrs. Willis explained that because she was born and raised in St. Mary Parish, she is committed to bringing economic opportunities to the parish. She also stated there needs to be better communication regarding the lease process. Mr. Ina apologized for any confusion regarding the letter of intent.

Chief Administrative Officer, Paul J. Governale stated that, his understanding is that the letter of intent was requested by Mrs. Willis to support grant funding. He stated that the lease agreement was never drafted and explained the required application process for leasing aviation property. He noted that Mrs. Willis has been working with Economic Development Director, Evan Boudreaux, to locate other available properties that may meet her needs. Mr. Governale also stated that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is still requesting information that is being submitted and if negotiations with the other company are unsuccessful, the Parish could enter negotiations with Mrs. Willis regarding this property but will still have to follow FAA regulations.

In response to Rev. Mathews' inquiry, Mr. Boudreaux explained the application and approval process for leasing property.

Michael McAdams appeared before the Council to discuss the maintenance at the Senior Center Building in Morgan City. Mr. McAdams stated that he is an AARP member and has been managing that room for several years. He expressed concern regarding the building's deterioration, creating potential safety risks for those who use the facility.

Several Council Members discussed the importance of repairing the roof before proceeding with interior repairs to the building.

Trace Barnett, The Towers, LLC representative, appeared before the Council to discuss the specific use request to allow for a communications tower at 694 Pan Am Road in Charenton. He explained that The Towers LLC/Integrisite, Inc., is proposing to construct a 255 foot monopole tower with a 10 foot lightening rod for a total of 265 feet, along with the base station equipment located within an 80 x 80

leased area. He further stated that Verizon Wireless will be the service provider for the tower and will offer three (3) additional carriers to connect. He explained that the tower has been registered with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and that all equipment will be operated in compliance with FCC regulations and radio frequency initium standards. He noted that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has determined that the tower will not cause a hazard to air navigation.

Mr. Adams requested to move up Item 13C, "FOR ADOPTION - 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. (The Towers LLC/Integrisite Inc.)"

Mr. Olander moved to adopt the following Ordinance. Mr. Adams seconded the motion, which carried by the following 10-0-0-1 Roll Call vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Rulf

ORDINANCE NO. 2438

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.

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

WHEREAS, DIVISION 5.4 General Procedures for Public Hearings, Section 5.4.3 Specific Use Permits provides a process for the granting of a specific use, 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 approved and granted a specific use to allow for a communications tower in an Agricultural (AG) Zoned District.

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 24th day of June 2026; having been published in accordance with law; having been heard in a public hearing held at Franklin, Louisiana on the 29th day of July 2026; was adopted.

APPROVED:

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GWENDOLYN L. HIDALGO, CHAIRPERSON
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL

ATTEST:

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LISA C. MORGAN, CLERK
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL

This Ordinance was submitted to the President of St. Mary Parish on this the 3rd day of August 2026 at the hour of 11:44 a.m.

APPROVED:

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SAM JONES, PRESIDENT
ST. MARY PARISH

This Ordinance was returned to the Clerk of the Council on this the 3rd day of August 2026 at the hour of 4:21 p.m.

EXHIBIT "A"

Name: The Towers LLC/Integrisite Inc.
Address: 694 Pan Am Rd., Charenton, LA

Parcel Id# 2235004110.00 - 101.70 Ac Por 210.15 Ac Tract Bd Robichaux Et Al – Grand Lake - J Veeder – Bayou Teche Situated in Sec 11 T13S R9E Lying East of Hwy 87 In Ward One; Acq. 359 328667

Currently Zoned: Agricultural (AG) Zoned District

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

Parish President, Sam Jones commended Chairperson, Gwendolyn Hidalgo for cancelling last week's regularly scheduled council meeting due to anticipated weather conditions associated with Tropical Storm Bertha.

President Jones expounded on the Parish's finances and proposed a solution to limit the amount of funds borrowed.

Discussion was had relative to creating a dedicated road crew regarding road maintenance, personnel shortage, employee work ethic, outstanding debt in relation to its annual income, status of Duhon Boulevard contract with DOTD, impact of unfunded mandates, proper use of funds, and previous administration's decisions that were made in the best interest of the parish based on available resources at that time.

Chief Administrative Officer, Paul J. Governale, submitted his report for a two (2) week period, ending July 22, 2026. He also submitted Departmental Quarterly Reports for Departments of Economic Development, Finance, Homeland Security, Personnel, Planning & Zoning, and Public Works. He also submitted a report from Tim Matte, St. Mary Parish Levee District Director, on the status of TE-168, Pump Station No. 4, Pump Station No. 9, Pump Station No. 8, and Pump Station No. 6 and the Public Fire Protection Survey for Fire District No. 3.

Mr. Governale reported that the Leap Frog study is currently reviewing more than 40 job descriptions for the purpose of expanding the Regional Compensation and Information Program (RCIP) survey to include additional job descriptions. He also provided updates on the preparation of next year's Capital Outlay applications, reported that repairs are complete at the Sales Tax & Use Office Building being used by Council on Aging in Morgan City, discussed improving the ongoing grass cutting maintenance and operations, addressed the cost of purchasing a grass cutting tractor, road maintenance complaints, dumpster related complaints and grass cutting at boat launches, and possibly selling the Parish's asphalt zipper.

Rev. Mathews moved that the Public Hearing Report, July 8, 2026 be approved. Dr. Rink seconded the motion, which carried.

Mr. Hill announced that Chick-Fil-A will be offering a limited menu for purchase on August 5, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at 1557 Highway 90 in Bayou Vista (Southland Arms).

Rev. Mathews reported on the annual NACo Conference in New Orleans that he recently attended and expounded on the Community Economic and Workforce Development Policy Steering Committee presentation regarding opportunity zones and also expounded on the Health Policy Steering Committee presentation. He suggested the Parish submit an application to Governor Jeff Landry's office regarding involvement in community economic and workforce development policy.

Mr. Governale informed that St. Mary Parish participated in the 2026 NACo Annual Conference and Exposition in New Orleans. He commended Clerk of the Council, Lisa Morgan, Finance Director, Desiree Gros, and Executive Director of Cajun Coast Visitors & Convention Bureau, Carrie Stansbury for their leadership and efforts in coordinating and representing St. Mary Parish at the NACo Closing Reception.

Mr. Olander moved to adopt the following Ordinances. Mr. Hill seconded the motion, which carried by the following 10-0-0-1 Roll Call vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Rulf

ORDINANCE NO. 2439

An Ordinance in compliance with Ordinance No. 1973, Chapter 5 Procedures, Division 5.4 General Procedures for Public Hearing, Section 5.4.2 Rezonings (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 Rezonings (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 Existing Neighborhood (EN3) Zoned District to Existing Neighborhood (EN2) Zoned District.

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 24th day of June 2026; having been published in accordance with law; having been heard in a public hearing held at Franklin, Louisiana on the 29th day of July 2026; was adopted.

APPROVED:

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GWENDOLYN L. HIDALGO, CHAIRPERSON
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ATTEST:

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EXHIBIT "A"

Name: Jason Breaux
Address: 659 Superior Ln., Bayou Vista, LA

Parcel Id# 2984341056.00 - Lot Por No 9-B Clarke Bayou Vista Subd Situated Sec 20 T15S R12E; Acq. 41X 263960

PURPOSE: REZONING from Existing Neighborhood (EN3) Zoned District to Existing Neighborhood (EN2) Zoned District.

In response to Mr. Adams' inquiry, Assistant Clerk of the Council, Roshonda Bourgeois stated that Mr. Breaux intends to place a modular home on the property. She explained that the property is currently zoned Existing Neighborhood (EN3), which does not allow for a modular home, only manufactured homes.

ORDINANCE NO. 2440

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.

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

WHEREAS, DIVISION 5.4 General Procedures for Public Hearings, Section 5.4.3 Specific Use Permits provides a process for the granting of a specific use, 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 approved and granted a specific use to allow for a communications tower in a Conservation (CN) Zoned District.

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 24th day of June 2026; having been published in accordance with law; having been heard in a public hearing held at Franklin, Louisiana on the 29th day of July 2026; was adopted.

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EXHIBIT "A"

Name: SQF, LLC C/O ITG Communications
Address: N/A- Ricohoc, LA

Parcel Id# 2594364035.00 - .88 Ac Tract Por of 43.23 Ac Tract Bd Landry - Teche - Landry - S Marsh Less parcels 5-2 5-6 Per Plat 18x 161647; Acq. 301 319895

Currently Zoned: Conservation (CN) Zoned District

Specific Use Purpose: to allow for a communications tower in a Conservation (CN) Zoned District.

Mr. Ina moved to adopt the following Ordinance. Rev. Mathews seconded the motion, which carried by the following 9-1-0-1 Roll Call vote:

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

NAYS: Rink

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Rulf

ORDINANCE NO. 2441

An Ordinance proposing an amendment to Section 8-01 of the Home Rule Charter for St. Mary Parish adopted February 1983.

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

SECTION 1. Section 8-01 of the Home Rule Charter for St. Mary Parish, entitled "Council districts." is proposed to be amended to read as follows:

The council shall consist of 11 members, elected as follows:

(A) Eight districts shall be created in the Parish consisting of approximately equal population in each, and one member shall be elected from each such district, and

(B) Three additional districts shall be created in the Parish, with one located primarily in the central part of the Parish, one located primarily in the eastern part of the Parish, and one located primarily in the western part of the Parish, consisting of approximately equal population in each, and one member shall be elected from each such additional district.

SECTION 2. The effective date of this amendment shall be January 8, 2028.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance is hereby adopted in accordance with Section 2-11 and Section 7-03 of the Home Rule Charter for St. Mary Parish, and that said Charter amendment shall become effective only upon ratification by the electors of St. Mary Parish at a special election to be called for said purpose.

This ordinance having been offered and read on this 27th day of May 2026; having been published in accordance with law; having been heard in a public hearing held at Franklin, Louisiana on the 29th day of July 2026; was adopted.

APPROVED:

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GWENDOLYN L. HIDALGO, CHAIRPERSON
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL

ATTEST:

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Mr. Ina stated that this proposal would provide the opportunity to create an additional minority district, create more black representation, and establish 8 single council districts in place of the current 11 districts. He further stated that if the proposed Charter amendments are not approved, this proposal could still be placed on the ballot for consideration by the voters at a future election.

Mr. Ina moved to adopt the following Ordinance. Rev. Mathews seconded the motion, which carried by the following 9-1-0-1 Roll Call vote:

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

NAYS: Adams

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Rulf

ORDINANCE NO. 2442

An ordinance proposing an amendment to Section 2-07 of the Home Rule Charter for St. Mary Parish.

WHEREAS, Section 2-07 of the Home Rule Charter for St. Mary Parish provides for the election and term of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

WHEREAS, the St. Mary Parish Council proposes to place on the ballot the following amendment to Section 2-07(F) of the Home Rule Charter for St. Mary Parish on the April 17, 2027, ballot.

Section 2-07. Council Meetings and Rules.

(F) At the first regular meeting of a newly elected council and annually thereafter, a chairman and vice-chairman shall be elected by the council from among the council members. The chairman shall preside at meetings of the council, and in the absence or disqualification of the chairman, the vice-chairman shall preside. In the absence or disqualification of both the chairman and vice-chairman, the council shall designate one of its other members as temporary presiding officer. The chairman, vice-chairman, and temporary presiding officer shall be voting members of the council. The chairman shall receive additional compensation of $50.00 per month?

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the St. Mary Parish Council, on behalf of the Parish of St. Mary Parish, State of Louisiana, that:

SECTION 1. The St. Mary Parish Council finds that the following amendment to Section 2-07(F)of the Home Rule Charter for St. Mary Parish be placed on the ballot on the April 17, 2027, ballot.

Section 2-07. Council Meetings and Rules.

(F) At the first regular meeting of a newly elected council and annually thereafter, a chairman and vice-chairman shall be elected by the council from among the council members. The chairman shall preside at meetings of the council, and in the absence or disqualification of the chairman, the vice-chairman shall preside. In the absence or disqualification of both the chairman and vice-chairman, the council shall designate one of its other members as temporary presiding officer. The chairman, vice-chairman, and temporary presiding officer shall be voting members of the council. The chairman shall receive additional compensation of $50.00 per month?

SECTION 2. This ordinance is hereby adopted in accordance with Section 2-11 and Section 7-03 of the Home Rule Charter for St. Mary Parish, and the amendment set forth herein shall become effective only upon ratification by the electors of St. Mary Parish and, if so ratified, shall become effective on January 8, 2028.

This ordinance having been offered and read on this the 27th day of May 2026; having been published in accordance with law; and having been heard in a public hearing at Franklin, Louisiana on the 29th day of July 2026; was adopted.

APPROVED:

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GWENDOLYN L. HIDALGO, CHAIRPERSON
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL

ATTEST:

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LISA C. MORGAN, CLERK
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Mr. Ina stated that this proposal would allow any of the 11 Council Members to have the opportunity to serve as Council Chairperson.

Rev. Mathews moved to expand the agenda to include adoption of a resolution relative to approving and authorizing Sam Jones, the President of the Parish of St. Mary to execute a contract with Del-Con, LLC relative to the construction of a new Central Fire Station for St. Mary Parish Fire Protection District No. 11 contingent upon approval of the State of Louisiana Office of Facility Planning & Control. Dr. Rink seconded the motion, which carried.

Rev. Mathews moved to adopt the following Resolution. Dr. Rink seconded the motion, which carried by the following 10-0-0-1 Roll Call vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Rulf

RESOLUTION

Resolution approving and authorizing Sam Jones, the President of the Parish of St. Mary to execute a contract with Del-Con, LLC relative to the construction of a new Central Fire Station for St. Mary Parish Fire Protection District No. 11 contingent upon approval of State of Louisiana Office of Facility Planning & Control.

WHEREAS, after duly advertising in the Morgan City Review, Bids were received on March 26, 2026, for the **New Central Fire Station for St. Mary Parish Fire District 11**. The apparent low bidder was Del-Con LLC of Morgan City and Gonzales LA, with a Base Bid of $2,230,800, and

WHEREAS, the bid from Del-Con LLC is also the lowest bid will all three deductive alternatives considered. The Alternates include Deduct Alternate #1 of $11,643 for Deletion of Limestone Service Drive to Rear, Deduct Alternate #2 of $76,200 for Delete Automatic Generator, and Deduct Alternate #3 of $28,085 for Deletion of Metal Wall Panels in Engine Room & Front Brick work and Plaster Work. The difference in the bid after the $115,928 amount of the Deductive alternates is subtracted is $2,114,872, and

WHEREAS, the St. Mary Parish Government hereby commits to a local match of 25% of the total project cost and any cost overrun pertaining to this project, and

WHEREAS, the St Mary Parish Government desires to accept all base bids and Deductive Alternates bid and award a construction contract to Del-Con LLC of Morgan City and Gonzales LA, in the amount of $2,114,872.

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED, that Sam Jones, President of the Parish of St. Mary, be and he is hereby authorized and directed, for and on behalf of the Parish Council, to execute a contract

in the amount of $2,114,872 with Del-Con, LLC, P.O. Box 34, Gonzales LA 70707, relative to the construction of a new Central Fire Station for St. Mary Parish Fire Protection District No. 11 contingent upon approval of State of Louisiana Office of Facility Planning & Control, with said contract to contain such terms, conditions, and stipulations as he may best see fit, he being fully authorized on the premises.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the St. Mary Parish Council in special session convened on this the 29th day of July 2026.

APPROVED:

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GWENDOLYN L. HIDALGO, CHAIRPERSON
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL

ATTEST:

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LISA C. MORGAN, CLERK
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Rev. Mathews explained that Fire Protection District No. 11 received a letter from the state office indicating that the previously adopted resolution contained verbiage errors that must be corrected to avoid jeopardizing the district's funding.

Mr. Hill moved to adopt the following Resolutions. Mr. Adams seconded the motion, which carried by the following 10-0-0-1 Roll Call vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Rulf

RESOLUTION

Resolution repealing the temporary moratorium on the development, establishment, construction, and expansion of utility-scale solar energy facilities in the unincorporated areas of St. Mary Parish, Louisiana.

WHEREAS, on December 10, 2025, the St. Mary Parish Council adopted a Resolution establishing a temporary twelve (12) month moratorium on the development, establishment, construction, and expansion of utility-scale solar energy facilities in the unincorporated areas of St. Mary Parish; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the temporary moratorium was to provide the Council sufficient time to study utility-scale solar development, evaluate potential impacts upon agriculture, residential property, drainage, public infrastructure, and the general welfare, and to consider appropriate regulations governing such development; and

WHEREAS, since adoption of the temporary moratorium, the State of Louisiana has enacted legislation establishing a statewide regulatory framework for utility-scale solar energy facilities, including permitting requirements and minimum siting standards; and

WHEREAS, the Council recognizes that state law and applicable parish regulations provide a framework through which proposed solar developments may be reviewed on their individual merits while protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of St. Mary Parish; and

WHEREAS, the Council further finds that continuation of the temporary moratorium is no longer necessary to accomplish the purpose for which it was enacted and that allowing applications to proceed under applicable law will promote consistency, fairness, and orderly economic development within the Parish; and

WHEREAS, nothing contained herein shall be construed to waive compliance with any applicable parish ordinance, zoning regulation, drainage requirement, state permit, federal permit, or environmental regulation.

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

SECTION 1. The Resolution adopted on December 10, 2025, establishing a temporary moratorium on the development, establishment, construction, and expansion of utility-scale solar energy facilities in the unincorporated areas of St. Mary Parish is hereby repealed in its entirety.

SECTION 2. Effective immediately upon adoption of this Resolution, the temporary moratorium is terminated, and the St. Mary Parish Planning and Zoning Department, together with all other appropriate Parish departments, is authorized to receive, review, and process applications for utility-scale solar energy facilities in accordance with all applicable parish ordinances and state and federal law.

SECTION 3. Nothing in this Resolution shall be interpreted as approval of any particular project. Each application shall be reviewed independently and shall be required to satisfy all applicable legal requirements before any permit or approval is granted.

SECTION 4. The Clerk of the Council is directed to transmit certified copies of this Resolution to the Parish President, the Director of Planning and Zoning, the Parish Attorney, and all other departments responsible for implementation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the St. Mary Parish Council in special session convened on this the 29th day of July 2026.

APPROVED:

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GWENDOLYN L. HIDALGO, CHAIRPERSON
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL

ATTEST:

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LISA C. MORGAN, CLERK
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

Resolution opting out of State Level Regulation of Solar Power Generation Facilities under ACT No. 279 of the 2025 regular session of the Louisiana Legislature.

WHEREAS, Act No. 279 of the 2025 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature enacted provisions governing the siting and permitting of solar power generation facilities, codified in Louisiana Revised Statutes 30:1131 through 30:1145; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statute 30:1142(B) authorizes any parish that has adopted solar ordinances to opt out of the state-law siting requirements by resolution; and

WHEREAS, the St. Mary Parish Council has determined that local regulation is in the best interest of the citizens of St. Mary Parish and that local officials are best positioned to evaluate land use, environmental conditions, agricultural impacts, drainage, infrastructure, and community compatibility associated with proposed solar power generation facilities; and

WHEREAS, the St. Mary Parish Council desires to retain local authority over the siting, regulation, and permitting of solar power generation facilities within St. Mary Parish pursuant to its existing and future ordinances.

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

Section 1. Pursuant to Louisiana Revised Statute 30:1142(B), St. Mary Parish hereby elects to opt out of the state-law siting requirements established by Act No. 279 of the 2025 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature.

Section 2. The siting, regulation, and permitting of solar power generation facilities within St. Mary Parish shall continue to be governed by the ordinances duly adopted by the St. Mary Parish Council, as they may be amended from time to time.

Section 3. The Parish President and the Clerk of the Council are authorized and directed to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to the Louisiana Department of Energy and Natural Resources, or its successor agency, in accordance with Louisiana law.

Section 4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the St. Mary Parish Council in special session convened on this the 29th day of July 2026.

APPROVED:

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GWENDOLYN L. HIDALGO, CHAIRPERSON
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL

ATTEST:

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LISA C. MORGAN, CLERK
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

Resolution approving the holding of an election in Recreation District No. 4 of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, December 12, 2026, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Recreation District No. 4 of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Recreation District No. 4 of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana (the "District"), adopted a resolution on July 15, 2026, calling a special election in the District on Saturday, December 12, 2026, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Authority has requested that this Parish Council, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana, give its consent and authority for the District to hold the aforesaid election, and in the event that the election carries to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein; and

WHEREAS, as required by Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, it is now the desire of this Parish Council to approve the holding of said election and in the event that the election carries, to authorize the District to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein;

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

SECTION 1. In compliance with the provisions of Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, and in accordance with the request of the Board of Commissioners of Recreation District No. 4 of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana, this Parish Council hereby approves the holding of an election in the District, on Saturday, December 12, 2026, at which election there will be submitted the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION
(MILLAGE)

Shall Recreation District No. 4 of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana (the "District"), levy a tax of 2.20 mills (an estimated $121,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year) on all the property subject to taxation in the District for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2027 and ending with the year 2036, for the purpose of maintaining, operating and improving recreational facilities in the District?

SECTION 2. In the event the election carries, this Parish Council does hereby further consent to and authorize the District to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the St. Mary Parish Council in special session convened on this the 29th day of July 2026.

APPROVED:

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GWENDOLYN L. HIDALGO, CHAIRPERSON
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL

ATTEST:

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LISA C. MORGAN, CLERK
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Per Mr. Olander's inquiry, Lisa Morgan stated that Recreation District No. 4 is located in the City of Patterson and this is a special tax of 2.02 mills expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year on all the property subject to taxation in the District for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2027 and ending with the year 2036, for the purpose of maintaining, operating, and improving recreational facilities in the District.

RESOLUTION

Resolution ratifying actions of Sam Jones, Parish President and authorizing the President of St. Mary Parish to execute a previously executed lease agreement with KS State Bank relative to the leasing of a Landfill Compactor.

BE IT RESOLVED, that Sam Jones, President of the Parish of St. Mary, be and he is hereby authorized and directed, for and on behalf of the Parish Council, to execute a previously executed lease agreement with KS State Bank relative to the leasing of a Landfill Compactor, with said agreement to contain such terms, conditions, and stipulations as he may best see fit, he being fully authorized in the premises.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the St. Mary Parish Council in special session convened on this the 29th day of July 2026.

APPROVED:

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GWENDOLYN L. HIDALGO, CHAIRPERSON
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL

ATTEST:

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LISA C. MORGAN, CLERK
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

Resolution approving and authorizing the Parish President of St. Mary to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the State of Louisiana relative to Roof Replacement at Fairview Treatment Center, Bayou Vista, Planning and Construction, FP&C Project No. 50-J51-23-01.

BE IT RESOLVED, that Sam Jones, President of the Parish of St. Mary, be and he is hereby authorized and directed, for and on behalf of the Parish Council, to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the State of Louisiana relative to Roof Replacement at Fairview Treatment Center, Bayou Vista, Planning and Construction, FP&C Project No. 50-J51-23-01, with said agreement to contain such terms, conditions, and stipulations as he may best see fit, he being fully authorized in the premises.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the St. Mary Parish Council in special session convened on this the 29th day of July 2026.

APPROVED:

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GWENDOLYN L. HIDALGO, CHAIRPERSON
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL

ATTEST:

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In response to Mr. Duhon's inquiry, Mr. Governale stated that the roof replacement project is being funded through the State Capital Outlay Program at a 75% funding level in order to prepare the building for sale.

RESOLUTION

Resolution authorizing and approving the Parish President of St. Mary to execute a Water and Waste System Grant Agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Services, for the Town of Baldwin.

BE IT RESOLVED, that Sam Jones, President of the Parish of St. Mary, be and he is hereby authorized and directed, for and on behalf of the Parish Council, to execute a Water and Waste System Grant Agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Services, for the Town of Baldwin, with said agreement to contain such terms, conditions, and stipulations as he may best see fit, he being fully authorized in the premises.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the St. Mary Parish Council in special session convened on this the 29th day of July 2026.

APPROVED:

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GWENDOLYN L. HIDALGO, CHAIRPERSON
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL

ATTEST:

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LISA C. MORGAN, CLERK
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

Resolution authorizing and approving the Parish President of St. Mary to execute a Water and Waste System Grant Agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Services, for the City of Patterson.

BE IT RESOLVED, that Sam Jones, President of the Parish of St. Mary, be and he is hereby authorized and directed, for and on behalf of the Parish Council, to execute a Water and Waste System Grant Agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Services, for the City of Patterson, with said agreement to contain such terms, conditions, and stipulations as he may best see fit, he being fully authorized in the premises.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the St. Mary Parish Council in special session convened on this the 29th day of July 2026.

APPROVED:

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GWENDOLYN L. HIDALGO, CHAIRPERSON
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL

ATTEST:

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Mr. Olander moved to adopt the following Resolution. Mr. Hill seconded the motion, which carried by the following 10-0-1-1 Roll Call vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Hebert

ABSENT: Rulf

RESOLUTION

Resolution in support of the Candidacy of Councilman Patrick J. Hebert as the 3rd Vice President of the Executive Board of the Police Jury Association of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, the Police Jury Association's Executive Board is in the process of electing members to their board, and

WHEREAS, Councilman Patrick J. Hebert is interested in serving on the Executive Board's as 3rd Vice President, and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the St. Mary Parish Council to support Councilman Patrick J. Hebert's interest in serving on this Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Mary Parish Council does hereby express support of the candidacy of Councilman Patrick J. Hebert as the 3rd Vice President of the Executive Board of the Police Jury Association of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Louisiana Police Jury Association of Louisiana and all Louisiana Parishes requesting their support.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the St. Mary Parish Council in special session convened on this the 29th day of July 2026.

APPROVED:

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GWENDOLYN L. HIDALGO, CHAIRPERSON
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL

ATTEST:

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LISA C. MORGAN, CLERK
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Referred from April 8, 2026, Regular Council Meeting, Shayla Anderson, owner of Stable Lounge, LLC, leasee of Columbia Talmore, Jr., located at 300 Bosco Road, Jeanerette, Louisiana (formally Queen Bee Daiquiris & Game Tyme) requests a residency variance to obtain a 2026 Full Liquor Permit. (Rev. Mathews)

Mr. Ina moved to grant the 2026 residency variance for Shayla Anderson, owner of the Stable Lounge, LLC, leasee of Columbia Talmore, Jr., located at 300 Bosco Road., Jeanerette, Louisiana (formally Queen Bee Daiquiris & Game Tyme). Mr. Hebert seconded the motion, which carried. Rev. Mathews abstained.

Lisa Morgan read a letter from Cynthia Gabriel in opposition to the residency variance request for Shayla Anderson, owner of the Stable Lounge, LLC located at 300 Bosco Road, Jeanerette.

Rev. Mathews stated that allegations had been made that signatures on the petition supporting the residency variance request were not authentic. He stated that he personally contacted and visited individuals whose names appeared on the petition and was informed that they do support the opening of a bar at that location. He further stated that he does not closely reside in the area and acknowledged that the matter does not directly affect him.

B. Referred from April 8, 2026, Regular Council Meeting – Appointments to the following Boards and Commissions:

Gravity Sub-Drainage District No. 1 of Gravity Drainage District No. 2 (Bayou Vista) – 1 Vacancy

Andree Hebert Blayne Brown

Mr. Hill moved to appoint Blayne Brown to Gravity Sub-Drainage District No. 1 of Gravity Drainage District No. 2. Mr. Olander seconded the motion, which carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. We received the following financial statements:

St. Mary Parish Sales & Use Tax Department and Agreed Upon Procedures – year ended December 31, 2025

B. Discussion and action relative to the St. Mary Parish Mosquito Abatement Program. (Mr. Ina)

In response to Mr. Ina's inquiry relative to the employee's certification status, Mr. Governale stated that the Parish is currently utilizing a third party certified individual to oversee the in house mosquito control program. He further stated that the employee who had been pursuing certification is no longer interested in obtaining it. He also informed that a different mosquito control employee is seeking employment elsewhere.

Discussion followed regarding the monitoring of mosquito schedules, mosquito issues and populations, and cost associated with aerial mosquito spraying.

C. Bonita Peltier has written with regret that I will be resigning as a board member for Recreation District No. 7 effective on July 15, 2026.

Mrs. Peltier will be sent a letter thanking her for her service and the vacancy will be advertised.

Mr. Olander informed that Mrs. Peltier is resigning from her current position in order to serve as secretary for Recreation District No. 7.

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

Lisa C. Morgan, Clerk

Gwendolyn L. Hidalgo, Chairperson