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

JULY 8, 2026
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, Patrick Hebert, Mark Duhon, Dean Adams, and Kristi Prejeant Rink, M.D. Absent were Leslie Rulf, Jr., James "Jimmy" Davis, Jr., and Chief Administrative Officer, Paul Governale.

The Invocation was pronounced by Mr. Hebert and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Hill.

Mr. Olander moved that the reading of the second Regular Meeting, June 24, 2026 be dispensed with and that the same be approved. Mr. Adams seconded the motion, which carried.

Jacob Bell appeared before the Council to provide an update on "Save Our Children Mentoring Program" building. He submitted photographs highlighting recent outdoor improvements installed by local youth. He plans to sponsor a parish wide contest among local high school artists to design a mural to be painted on the building.

In reference to Mr. Bell's inquiry regarding painting of the building, Mr. Hebert stated that due to the Parish's current financial challenges and other funding priorities, it would be difficult for the Parish to provide funding for the project.

Discussion followed regarding the lease agreement and maintenance responsibilities for the building.

Shayla Anderson, owner of Stable Lounge, LLC, and Columbia Talmore, Jr., property owner of 300 Bosco Road, Jeanerette, appeared before the Council to discuss the residency variance request to obtain a 2026 Full Liquor Permit. Ms. Anderson discussed the overwhelming support from area residents for the proposed establishment as evidence by a petition signed in favor of the request. Mr. Talmore spoke of his creditability in family, community, and personal life and asked the Council for their support.

Rev. Mathews addressed concerns regarding prior communication with Ms. Anderson and Mr. Talmore. He stated that he called and personally visited residents who had signed the petition and they confirmed that they understood what they were signing and were comfortable with the request. Rev. Mathews requested that the residency variance request for Shayla Anderson to obtain a 2026 Full Liquor Permit be placed on the July 22, 2026 Council agenda.

Beverly Domengeaux, Executive Director, St. Mary Council on Aging thanked the public for donating fans and bottled water for the senior citizens. She informed that the Morgan City Senior Center was condemned today by the Department of Health due to the collapse of the kitchen ceiling. She further informed that the H.B. Young Foundation has agreed to construct a new senior center building in Morgan City.

Mrs. Hidalgo informed that parishioners from the Church of Assumption in Franklin and St. Joseph Catholic Church in Centerville have collected fans to donate to Council on Aging.

Parish President, Sam Jones congratulated Halimar Shipyard and Cameron International on their recently awarded contracts. He also informed of the possibility of lifting the moratorium on solar farms and discussed the interest of 14 prospective companies considering locating in St. Mary Parish.

Director of Economic Development, Evan Boudreaux, expounded on the growth of new investment in the Parish. He also discussed the need for affordable housing and the standard of living.

President Jones stated that a proposed subdivision development is being discussed and plans to be constructed in District No. 1 in the future.

In response to Rev. Mathews' inquiry regarding whether the status of the Parish's employee's mosquito control certification as discussed at the Council meeting last year, that will eliminate the need for the Parish to incur the additional expense of retaining an outside licensed person to oversee the mosquito control program, President Jones stated Chief Administrative Officer, Paul Governale could provide that information. President Jones also stated that he received a phone call from a concerned citizen suggesting that the Parish consider aerial mosquito spraying.

Mr. Hebert moved that the Public Hearing Report, June 24, 2026 be approved. Dr. Rink seconded the motion, which carried.

Rev. Mathews called for an Advisory Budget Finance Committee meeting to be held on August 12, 2026 at 5:00 p.m., 5th Floor, Parish Courthouse, Franklin.

Mr. Adams informed that Fire Protection District No. 3 in Amelia recently received a Class 3 fire protection rating, which is expected to result in lower property insurance premiums for residents within the district.

Mr. Ina moved to table Item 13A, "FOR ADOPTION – An Ordinance proposing an amendment to Section 8-01of the Home Rule Charter for St. Mary Parsih adopted February 1983," and Item 13B, "FOR ADOPTION - An Ordinance proposing an amendment to Section 2-07 of the Home Rule Charter for St. Mary Parish," to the July 22, 2026 meeting agenda. Mr. Hebert seconded the motion, which carried.

Rev. Mathews moved to adopt the following Resolution. The Council seconded the motion, which carried by the following 9-0-0-2 Roll Call vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Rulf and Davis

RESOLUTION OF RESPECT

WHEREAS, the Lord Almighty in His Infinite mercy and goodness has seen fit to remove from our midst, Mrs. Jennifer Collins Lanceslin, and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Lanceslin was a devoted resident of Baldwin who generously gave of herself in service to her Community, and also faithfully fulfilled many cherished roles throughout her life, including those of a wife, mother, sister, aunt, grandmother, godmother, advocate, and friend, and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Lanceslin had a beautiful spirit, vibrant personality, an infectious smile, and loving heart of gold that touched countless lives through her compassion, service, advocacy, and unwavering devotion to others, and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Lanceslin was the Executive Director of "Community of Friends," a Non-Profit Organization serving St. Mary Parish, dedicated to advocating for and supporting individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities and assisting them to become active and valued participants in their communities, and

WHEREAS, the members of the St. Mary Parish Council wish to acknowledge publicly our sorrow and deepest sympathy to the family of Mrs. Lanceslin and trust that you may find comfort in

the thought that your grief and sorrow are shared by many friends, colleagues, and members of the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Mary Parish Council, through the unanimous adoption of this resolution, does hereby express its heartfelt condolences, sympathy, and support during this time of grief.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the St. Mary Parish Council recognizes and honors the life, service, and lasting contributions of Mrs. Lanceslin, whose legacy of compassion, advocacy, and community service will continue to inspire future generations.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the St. Mary Parish Council in regular session convened on this the 8th 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

Mr. Olander moved to adopt the following Resolutions. Mr. Hebert seconded the motion, which carried by the following 9-0-0-2 Roll Call vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Rulf and Davis

RESOLUTION

CERTIFICATE OF ST. MARY PARISH
EVIDENCING PUBLIC APPROVAL OF BONDS
PURSUANT TO SECTION 147(f) OF THE
INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED

WHEREAS, the Capital Area Finance Authority (the "**Authority**"), a public trust created pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 2-A of Title 9 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (R.S. 9:2341-9:2347, inclusive) (the "**Act**") has, by resolution dated April 16, 2025, in accordance with the requirements of the Act, and the Rules and Regulations of the Louisiana State Bond Commission (the "**Commission**"), duly authorized the issuance of not exceeding of Capital Area Finance Authority Revenue Bonds in one or more series (the "**Bonds**") to finance loans to first-time homebuyers within the jurisdictional parishes of the Authority and such other governmental units (the "**Participating Jurisdictions**") whose governing authority authorized and directed the execution of a cooperative endeavor agreement (a "**CEA**") with the Authority under the provisions of the Act and other applicable constitutional and statutory authorities; and

WHEREAS, the Commission, on May 15, 2025, duly authorized the issuance and sale of the Bonds in accordance with law and the Commission's Rules and Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Bonds are classified as exempt facility bonds under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "**Code**") and the provisions of Section 147(f)(2)(A), (B) and (E) of the Code require that issuance of Bonds be approved by the "applicable elected representative" of the governmental unit which issues such bonds or on whose behalf such bonds are issued and by the "applicable elected representative" of such other Participating Jurisdictions that have executed a CEA with the Authority under the provisions of the Act; and

WHEREAS, St. Mary Parish (the "**Governmental Unit**") has executed a CEA with the Authority to permit the financing of loans to first-time homebuyers within geographic area of the Governmental Unit; and

WHEREAS, the applicable elected representative (the "**Approving Representative**") of the Governmental Unit for purposes of approving the Bonds is the Parish President, Sam Jones; and

WHEREAS, in compliance with the requirements of the Code, Notice of Public Hearing (attached as **Exhibit** "**A**" hereto), was published in (i) The Advocate, Baton Rouge, Louisiana on April 23, 2025, (ii) The Daily Advertiser, Lafayette, Louisiana on April 23, 2025, (iii) the Houma Courier, Houma, Louisiana on April 23, 2025, (iv) the Lake Charles American Press, Lake Charles, Louisiana on April 23, 2025, (v) The News Star, Monroe, Louisiana on April 23, 2025, (vi) the Times-Picayune, New Orleans, Louisiana on April 23, 2025, (vii) The Times, Shreveport, Louisiana on April 23, 2025, and (viii) The Town Talk, Alexandria, Louisiana on April 23, 2025, and

WHEREAS, in compliance with the requirements of the Code, the public hearing with respect to the issuance of said Bonds was held on May 5, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., Louisiana Time, at 601 St. Ferdinand Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, and simultaneously held by teleconference using the following link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9940303250?omn=88470185621 or by dialing US toll-free: (833) 928-4610; meeting ID: 994 030 3250 in accordance with Rev. Proc. 2022-20 after due notice thereof was published in the official journal of the Authority and in the aforementioned publications sufficient to inform the public within the geographic area of the Participating Jurisdictions of the subject, date and place of said public hearing; and

WHEREAS, no objections were raised by any person present at the said hearing or by any person participating by teleconference relative to the issuance of the Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned, Approving Representative of the Participating Jurisdiction, desires to approve the issuance of the Bonds for the purposes of the Code;

NOW, THEREFORE, the undersigned does hereby certify that the Chief Elected Executive Officer/Governing Authority of the Participating Jurisdiction, hereby approves and confirms the issuance of the Bonds. The Authority, and its officers, are authorized to cause this certificate to be filed of record in the transcript of proceedings for the Bonds and to file a copy thereof with any State or Federal agency, board or commission as may be required by any applicable State or Federal laws, rules or regulations.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the St. Mary Parish Council in regular session convened on this the 8th 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

WITNESS my signature this ____ day of _____, 2026, at _____, Louisiana.

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Sam Jones /Parish President

Per Mr. Adams' inquiry, Clerk of the Council, Lisa Morgan stated that this program will allow local citizens to obtain funding from lenders to purchase housing at no cost to St. Mary Parish.

RESOLUTION

Resolution Pertaining to the Adoption of the
HUD Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program
2026 Annual Agency Plan

ST. MARY PARISH GOVERNMENT
HUD SECTION 8 HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER (HCV) PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the St. Mary Parish Government operates a HUD Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program through its St. Mary Parish Housing Office (SMPHO), and

WHEREAS, the requirements of the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act (QHWRA) of 1998, in part require HUD housing agencies to prepare an Annual Agency Plan which is to be prepared each year, and

WHEREAS, on July 8, 2026, in order to comply and properly implement the Section 8 Housing Program requirements of the Housing Reform Act, the SMPHO developed, and the Parish Council adopted a 2026 Annual Agency Plan and an updated Section 8 HCV Program Administrative Plan for 2026, and

WHEREAS, the Section 8 Program's 2026 Annual Agency Plan, was open and available for public review from April 29, 2026, and then presented to the public at a Public Hearing on June 15, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Mary Parish Council meeting in regular session on July 8, 2026, in order to comply and properly implement the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program requirements of the Housing Reform Act, does hereby adopt the St. Mary Parish Government HUD Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program's 2026 Annual Agency Plan, and authorizes Mr. Sam Jones, St. Mary Parish President, to sign all documents necessary for the full implementation and compliance of the Parish Program with HUD requirements, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the St. Mary Parish Council meeting in regular session on July 8, 2026, does hereby authorize Mr. Sam Jones, St. Mary Parish President, and the St. Mary Parish Housing (SMPHO) staff, to formulate any further revisions to the Parish's Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program Annual Plan and Administrative Plan for 2026 as necessary to achieve the full implementation and compliance of the Parish Program with the HUD requirements.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the St. Mary Parish Council in regular session convened on this the 8th 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

A resolution approving and authorizing the Parish President to execute Change Order No. 2 with Barriere Construction Co., LLC relative to the Harry P. Williams Memorial Airport Runway & Taxiway Overlay & Striping Project Phase 1.

WHEREAS, a certain contract has been entered into between the St. Mary Parish Council and Barriere Construction, Co., LLC, 808 Woodland Drive – 2nd Floor, LaPlace, Louisiana 70068, relative to the Harry P. Williams Memorial Airport Runway & Taxiway Overlay & Striping Project Phase 1, and

WHEREAS, the items as shown on Change Order No. 2 will result in an increase of $202,080.74 in the contract price and an increase of 4 calendar 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 $202,080.74 in the contract price and an increase of 4 calendar days in the contract time for the Harry P. Williams Memorial Airport Runway & Taxiway Overlay & Striping Project Phase 1.

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 8th 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

In response to Mr. Ina's inquiry relative to whether the Parish has entered into a lease agreement regarding property at the Harry P. Williams Memorial Airport, Mr. Boudreaux stated that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) must review and approve an agreement before it can proceed.

Mr. Ina read a letter Tomika Willis, TDS Trucking, Training & Technology, LLC, received from the Parish regarding the intention of entering into a proposed lease agreement on November 1, 2023, to lease buildings and parking areas, formally occupied by Air Logistics/Bristow facility at Harry P. Williams Memorial Airport. Mr. Boudreaux recalled that the proposed lease had been discussed with the previous Chief Administrator Officer but stated FFA was not consulted and that it was neither approved by the FFA nor the Council. Lisa Morgan stated that she would review the Council minutes from 2023.

Several Council Members discussed a possible pending lease agreement with a different company, the status of the pending agreement with Tomika Willis from 2023, adhering to agreements initiated under the previous administration, and a breakdown of the reason for the proposed increase in the contract price.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Referred from May 27, 2026, Council Meeting, Appointments to the following Boards and Commissions:

Board of Adjustments for the Parish of St. Mary (Alternate Position) – 1 Vacancy

John P. Darden Jeannie T. Segura

Mr. Ina moved to appoint Jeannie T. Segura to the Board of Adjustments. Mr. Olander seconded the motion, which carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Mr. Robert "Bobby" Judice, Jr. has written, "please accept this letter as my formal resignation from my position as a member of the Board of Commissioners for Bayou Bend Health System (Hospital Service District No. 1), effective June 10, 2026."

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

B. As per LA RS 38:291 (Z) relative to the St. Mary Levee District, the St. Mary Parish Council is responsible for submitting a list containing three nominations from each of the eight single member parish council districts. The Governor shall appoint one member to represent each District.

<u>District VI</u>

Duval H. Arthur, III
Chadd Michael DuBois
Cary James Laiche, Sr.

Mr. Hebert moved to submit the names of Duval H. Arthur, III, Chadd Michael DuBois, and Cary James Laiche, Sr. to the Governor for nomination to represent District VI. Mr. Hill seconded the motion, which carried.

C. Appointments to the following Boards and Commissions:

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

No applications received.

Recreation District No. 2 (Siracusaville) – 1 Vacancy

Ann Poole – Present Member

Mr. Duhon moved to reappoint Ann Poole to Recreation District No. 2. Mr. Adams seconded the motion, which carried.

St. Mary Parish Water & Sewer Commission No. 2 – (Bayou Vista) – 1 Vacancy

Galen Guillot Myron Bourque

Mr. Hill moved to appoint Myron Bourque to Water & Sewer Commission No. 2. Mr. Adams seconded the motion, which carried.

Wax Lake East Drainage District – 1 Vacancy

Paige Voisin

Mr. Hill moved to appoint Paige Voisin to Wax Lake East Drainage District. Mr. Duhon seconded the motion, which carried.

President Jones stated that an engineer will be hired to help with the drainage in the Bayou Vista area.

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

Lisa C. Morgan, Clerk Gwendolyn L. Hidalgo, Chairperson