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

OCTOBER 28, 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: J Ina, Rodney Olander, David W. Hill, Leslie Rulf, Jr., Patrick Hebert, James "Jimmy" Davis, Jr., Mark Duhon, and Dean Adams. Absent were Rev. Craig Mathews and Kristi Prejeant Rink, M.D.

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

Mr. Olander moved that the reading of the First Regular Meeting, October 14, 2026 be dispensed with and that the same be approved. Mr. Davis seconded the motion, which carried.

Mr. Ina requested to move up Item 13A, "Resolution of respect in memory of Mrs. Beverly Wilson Epps."

Mr. Ina moved to adopt the following Resolution. The Council seconded the motion, which carried by the following 9-0-0-2 Roll Call vote:
YEAS: Ina, Olander, Hill, Rulf, Hebert, Davis, Duhon, Adams, and Hidalgo
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Mathews and Rink

RESOLUTION OF RESPECT

WHEREAS, the Lord Almighty in His Infinite mercy and goodness, has seen fit to remove from our midst, Mrs. Beverly Wilson Epps; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Epps was a lifelong resident of the St. Joseph Community in Franklin, Louisiana, her legacy will live on through her girls and the community she cherished; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Epps will be remembered as a high-spirited person with a beautiful smile, bringing joy to those around her; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Epps devoted more than fifty years of her life educating students, serving at schools such as Park Avenue School and Franklin Senior High School; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Epps was a devoted mother, educator, and faithful servant of God, she spent her life teaching, encouraging, and caring for others; and

WHEREAS, the Members of the St. Mary Parish Council wish to express their sincere condolences to the family and friends of Beverly Wilson Epps
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Mary Parish Council does hereby express its deepest sympathy and sincere condolences to the family and friends of Beverly Wilson Epps, trusting that they may find comfort in knowing that their grief and sorrow are shared by many friends, colleagues, and members of the community.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the St. Mary Parish Council in regular session convened on this the 28th day of October 2026.

APPROVED:

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GWENDOLYN L. HIDALGO, CHAIRRPERSON
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL

ATTEST:

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LISA C. MORGAN, CLERK
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Evan Boudreaux, Economic Development Director appeared before the Council to provide an update relative to the last quarter.

In response to inquiries from several Council Members, Mr. Boudreaux provided additional information regarding economic opportunities, foreign investment, potential job opportunities, land availability for residential development, economic impact, supply and demand, tax incentives, burdens, revenue, and amenities.

Chief Administrative Officer, Paul J. Governale, reminded the Council of the requirements of the Unified Development Code and State Building Codes.

Jacob Bell appeared before the Council to provide an update on the "Save Our Children Mentoring Program" building. He discussed the importance of the program and informed of a grant application to assist with funding the mural.

Carla Davis did not appear before the Council to discuss Mosquito Control and Abatement. She requested to be placed on the November 18, 2026 agenda.

Clerk of the Council, Lisa Morgan read the following email from Janet Aucoin into the record:
"I would like to ask Councilman Duhon to clarify his intentions for the proposed Amelia Sidewalks Project.

Where exactly are these sidewalks being proposed throughout Amelia? Has any preliminary engineering or drainage assessment been conducted to determine how construction would affect existing infrastructure, residential yards, and property owners?

What is the estimated total project cost, how much funding is being requested, and who is expected to provide the required matching funds?

If Amelia Recreation District No. 1 is being considered as a potential funding source, has Councilman Duhon approached or consulted with its Board regarding this project and the financial commitment that may be requested?

While I understand this resolution is only to obtain assistance with the grant application, I believe these questions should be addressed before moving forward.

Thank you for including my concerns in the public record."

Janet Aucoin
Amelia Resident

Craig Carline appeared before the Council to discuss his specific use request to allow chickens on his property located at 610 Parish Road 131, Franklin. He explained that it is a project intended for his daughter.

Danika Long appeared before the Council to discuss Craig Carline's specific use request to allow chickens. She stated that she resides next to Mr. Carline and has no objection to chickens but does not want roosters.

President Sam Jones informed the Council that the Franklin Banner and Morgan City Review newspapers had been sold to a company in Kentucky.

Chief Administrative Officer, Paul J. Governale, stated that he had no written report to submit but provided the Council with the Quarterly Department Reports. The Council was also provided with financial statements for the nine months ending September 30, 2026, that included budget to actual comparisons on all budgeted funds. He thanked President Jones and Finance Director, Desiree Gros for their assistance in preparing the 2027 Proposed Budget.

Planning & Zoning Director, Mandi LeBlanc, presented the following items as recommended by the Planning & Zoning Commission at their October 19, 2026, Regular Meeting:

a. Recommend Preliminary & Final Subdivision/Development Approval

Name: Tim and Rhonda Properties, LLC
690 Memory Lane, Morgan City, LA 70380
Address: 651,627,619 & 631 Sutton Lane, Bayou Vista, LA

Parcel Id # 2984341001.00 - Lot 13-B Clarke Bayou Vista Subd Less Easterly 190 Ft.; Acq. 464; Sec.21 T15S R12E
Zoned: Existing Neighborhood (EN3) Zoned District

PURPOSE: Preliminary & Final Approval for the above referenced as shown on a plat titled "Plan of Land Showing property of Tim and Rhonda Properties LLC," Being a Portion of Lot 13-B of Bayou Vista Subdivision to be resubdivided into Lots 13-B-1, 13-B-2 & 13-B-3; Situated in Section 21, T 15 S – R 12 E, St. Mary Parish, Louisiana, Southwestern Land District. Surveyed by Miller Engineers & Associates, Inc. Engineers & Land Surveyors, 601 Main Street, Franklin, Louisiana, 70538. DWG. No. 15392.

Mr. Hill recommends the above Preliminary & Final Subdivision/Development Approval. Mr. Hebert seconded the motion, which carried.

b. Recommend Preliminary & Final Subdivision/Development Approval

Name: Cleveland Provost Sr.
272 Desonier Road, Jeanerette, LA 70544
Address: 152 Jones No. 2 Road, Jeanerette, LA

Parcel Id # 1814941023.00- Lot 4 Denis Colas part per plat 7E 77644; Acq. 30E 218286; Sec.5 T14S R8E
Zoned: Existing Neighborhood (EN3) Zoned District

PURPOSE: Preliminary & Final Approval for the above referenced as shown on a plat titled "Plat of Survey for Cleveland P. Provost, Sr." Showing a Subdivision of Lot 4 of The Heirs of Denis Colas; Situated in Section 5, Township 14 South, Range 8 East, Southwestern Land District, St. Mary Parish, Louisiana. Surveyed by Morgan Goudeau & Associates, 1703 West Landry St., Opelousas, Louisiana 70570. Dated October 1, 2026. Project No. 23600A.

Mr. Hill recommends the above Preliminary & Final Subdivision/Development Approval. Mr. Hebert seconded the motion, which carried.

c. Recommend Preliminary & Final Subdivision/Development Approval

Name: T & S Rentals, LLC - Randy Tisdale
P. O. Box 144, Amelia, LA 70340
Address: 2000 Lake Palourde Road, Amelia, LA

Parcel Id # Parcel Id# 3524281105.00 -Lot Aucoin - Bayou Boeuf - Aucoin – Public Road - Less Sale 15Z 14193; Acq. 369 330051; Sec.14 T16S R13E
Zoned: Existing Neighborhood (EN2) Zoned District

PURPOSE: Preliminary & Final Approval for the above referenced as shown on a plat titled "Survey Plat showing a proposed Mobile Home Park on property belonging to T&S Rentals, LLC," Located in Section 14, T16S-R13E, St. Mary Parish, Louisiana. Surveyed by GIS

Engineering LLC, 503 St. Mary Street, Thibodaux, LA 70301. Dated September 16, 2026. Job No. 39130-1785-5300.

Mr. Hill recommends the above Preliminary & Final Subdivision/Development Approval. Mr. Hebert seconded the motion, which carried.

d. Recommend Preliminary Subdivision/Development Approval

Name: Circle L Cattle Co., LLC
P. O. Box 606, Centerville, LA 70522
Address: 1846 & 1850 Hwy. 318, Jeanerette, LA

Parcel Id # Parcel Id# 1875021031.00 – 4.46 Ac Tract ABYZA, Per Plat 17S 153824 Bd D Menard - C Gibbons - C Gibbons - LA 318 Less Sale 21R 177849 Acq. 375034 Improvements and 1850 Hwy. 318, Jeanerette, LA 70544; Sec. 68 T13S R8E; – Parcel Id# 1875021032.00 - Lot Bd D Menard - C Gibbons - Res Road - J P Gibbons; Acq. 375034 Improvements and Parcel Id# 1875021033.00 - 22.67 Ac Bd B Trappey Et Al - S Decuir and P Comeaux - S Decuir - LA 318; Acq. 375034 Improvements
Zoned: Existing Neighborhood (EN2) Zoned District

PURPOSE: Preliminary Subdivision/Development Approval for a Subdivision of property by Circle L Cattle Co., LLC represented by Matthew Fore with Miller Engineers and Associates, Inc. in an Existing Neighborhood (EN2) Zoned District located at 1846 Hwy. 318, Jeanerette, LA 70544 – Sec. 68 T13S R8E; – Parcel Id# 1875021031.00 – 4.46 Ac Tract ABYZA Per Plat 17S 153824 Bd D Menard - C Gibbons - C Gibbons - LA 318 Less Sale 21R 177849 Acq. 375034 Improvements and 1850 Hwy. 318, Jeanerette, LA 70544; Sec. 68 T13S R8E; – Parcel Id# 1875021032.00 - Lot Bd D Menard - C Gibbons - Res Road - J P Gibbons Acq. 375034 Improvements and Parcel Id# 1875021033.00 - 22.67 Ac Bd B Trappey Et Al - S Decuir and P Comeaux - S Decuir - La 318 Acq 375034 Improvements. (Sub-1301)

Mr. Hill recommends the above Preliminary Subdivision/Development Approval. Mr. Hebert seconded the motion, which carried.

e. Recommend Rezoning Approval

Name: Circle L Cattle Co., LLC
1846 & 1850 Hwy. 318, Jeanerette, LA

Parcel Id# 1875021031.00 – 4.46 Ac Tract ABYZA, Per Plat 17S 153824 Bd D Menard - C Gibbons - C Gibbons - LA 318 Less Sale 21R 177849; Acq. 375034 Improvements and 1850 Hwy. 318, Jeanerette, LA 70544; Sec. 68 T13S R8E & Parcel Id# 1875021032.00 - Lot Bd D Menard - C Gibbons - Res Road - J P Gibbons; Acq. 375034 Improvements

Purpose: Existing Neighborhood (EN2) Zoned District to Agricultural (AG) Zoned District to be used for agricultural purposes.

Mr. Hill recommends the above Rezoning Approval. Mr. Hebert seconded the motion, which carried.

f. Recommend Specific Use Approval

Name: Craig Carline, Jr., 610 Parish Road 131, Franklin, LA

Parcel Id# 2534581047.00 – Lot 15 Buckeye Subd.; Acq. 456 343673, Sec. 79 T15S R10E;
Parcel Id# 2534581013.00 – Lot 16 Buckeye Subd.; Acq 456 343673, and Sec. 79 T15S R10E;
& Parcel Id# 2534581046.00 – Lot 17 Buckeye Subd.; Acq 456 343673.

Currently Zoned: Single Family Residential (SR) Zoned District
Specific Use purpose: to allow for chickens

Mr. Hill recommends the above Specific Use Approval. Mr. Hebert seconded the motion, which carried.

Lisa Morgan announced that a Public Notice is hereby given that the St. Mary Parish Council will conduct a Public Hearing on its 2027 Budget on Wednesday, November 18, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Meeting Room, Fifth Floor Courthouse, Franklin, Louisiana.

Mr. Hill announced that an Advisory Budget Finance Committee meeting will be held on November 18, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. in the 5th Floor Council Chambers of the St. Mary Parish Courthouse in Franklin.

In response to Mr. Ina's inquiry, Lisa Morgan informed that due to the holidays, next month's Council meetings will be held on November 4, 2026 and November 18, 2026.

Mr. Olander introduced the following Ordinances:

ORDINANCE NO.

An Ordinance adopting the 2027 Combined Budgets of Revenues and Expenditures for the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the St. Mary Parish Council, that the following 2027 Combined Budgets of Revenues and Expenditures are hereby adopted and that all amounts appropriated for all accounts shall not exceed the amounts fixed therefor in the Budget of Expenditures; the Administration shall notify the Council within 30 days of a budget account fluctuation of five percent (5%) below revenues or five percent (5%) over in expenditures and the necessary budget amendments shall be made:

GENERAL FUND
FUND 001

Estimated beginning balance 1/1/27	$862,314
Anticipated Revenues:	
3100. TAXES	3,962,000
3200. LICENSES & PERMITS	764,500
3300. INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE	2,048,500
3400. FEES, CHARGES, & COMMISSIONS FOR SERVICES	342,000
3600. USE OF MONEY & PROPERTY	318,000
3700. MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES	211,552
3800. OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	2,210,000
TOTAL ANTICIPATED REVENUES	9,856,552
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	10,718,866
Anticipated Expenditures:	
4000. GENERAL GOVERNMENT	6,668,654
4100. PUBLIC SAFETY	717,632
4300. HEALTH & WELFARE	401,913

4500. CULTURE & RECREATION	883,432
4850. OTHER FINANCING USES	1,035,000
TOTAL ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES	9,706,631
FUND BALANCE ENDING	$1,012,235

WITNESS FEE FUND
FUND 020

Estimated beginning balance 1/1/27	$81,000
Anticipated Revenues:	
3400. FEES, CHARGES, & COMMISSIONS FOR SERVICES	42,000
TOTAL ANTICIPATED REVENUES	42,000
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	123,000
Anticipated Expenditures:	
4000. GENERAL GOVERNMENT	44,000
TOTAL ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES	44,000
FUND BALANCE ENDING	$79,000

JUROR COMPENSATION FUND
FUND 030

Estimated beginning balance 1/1/27	$50,000
Anticipated Revenues:	
3400. FEES, CHARGES, & COMMISSIONS FOR SERVICES	40,000
3700. MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	25,000
TOTAL ANTICIPATED REVENUES	65,000
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	115,000
Anticipated Expenditures:	
4000. GENERAL GOVERNMENT	25,000
TOTAL ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES	25,000
FUND BALANCE ENDING	$90,000

GAMING RECEIPT FUND
FUND 101

Estimated beginning balance 1/1/27	$104,985
Anticipated Revenues:	
3400. FEES, CHARGES, & COMMISSIONS FOR SERVICES	1,400,000
3600. USE OF MONEY & PROPERTY	1,000
TOTAL ANTICIPATED REVENUES	1,401,000
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	1,505,985
Anticipated Expenditures:	
4000. GENERAL GOVERNMENT	700
4100. PUBLIC SAFETY	95,000
4850. OTHER FINANCING USES	1,405,000
TOTAL ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES	1,500,700
FUND BALANCE ENDING	$5,285

ROAD CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE
FUND 102

Estimated beginning balance 1/1/27	$407,438
Anticipated Revenues:	
3300. INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE	5,105,547
3600. USE OF MONEY & PROPERTY	8,000
3700. MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	50,000
3800. OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	975,000
TOTAL ANTICIPATED REVENUES	6,138,547
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	6,545,985
Anticipated Expenditures:	
4200. PUBLIC WORKS	3,471,395
4850. OTHER FINANCING USES	3,069,000
TOTAL ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES	6,540,395
FUND BALANCE ENDING	$5,590

SANITATION FUND
FUND 108

Estimated beginning balance 1/1/27	$500,000
Anticipated Revenues:	
3100. TAXES	3,000,000
3300. INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE	70,000
3400. FEES, CHARGES, & COMMISSIONS FOR SERVICES	1,815,000
3600. USE OF MONEY & PROPERTY	20,000
TOTAL ANTICIPATED REVENUES	4,905,000
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	5,405,000
Anticipated Expenditures:	
4100. PUBLIC SAFETY	202,851
4200. PUBLIC WORKS	2,897,482
4850. OTHER FINANCING USES	1,445,660
TOTAL ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES	4,545,993
FUND BALANCE ENDING	$859,007

BOAT LANDING PERMIT FUND
FUND 111

Estimated beginning balance 1/1/27	$100,100
Anticipated Revenues:	
3200. LICENSES & PERMITS	25,000
3400. FEES, CHARGES, & COMMISSIONS FOR SERVICES	38,400
TOTAL ANTICIPATED REVENUES	63,400
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	163,500
Anticipated Expenditures:	
4500. CULTURE & RECREATION	55,500
TOTAL ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES	55,500
FUND BALANCE ENDING	$108,000

WARDS 5 & 8 SALES TAX
FUND 125

Estimated beginning balance 1/1/27	$902,000
Anticipated Revenues:	
3100. TAXES	400,000
3600. USE OF MONEY & PROPERTY	3,000
TOTAL ANTICIPATED REVENUES	403,000
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	1,305,000
Anticipated Expenditures:	
4000. GENERAL GOVERNMENT	3,500
4100. PUBLIC SAFETY	10,000
4200. PUBLIC WORKS	120,000
4500. CULTURE & RECREATION	55,500
4850. OTHER FINANCING USES	50,000
TOTAL ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES	239,000
FUND BALANCE ENDING	$1,066,000

WARDS 1,2,3,4,7, & 10 SALES TAX
FUND 129

Estimated beginning balance 1/1/27	$682,554
Anticipated Revenues:	
3100. TAXES	450,000
3600. USE OF MONEY & PROPERTY	7,000
TOTAL ANTICIPATED REVENUES	457,000
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	1,139,554
Anticipated Expenditures:	
4000. GENERAL GOVERNMENT	1,000
4100. PUBLIC SAFETY	550,523
4200. PUBLIC WORKS	149,000
4300. HEALTH AND WELFARE	7,000
4500. CULTURE & RECREATION	147,556
4850. OTHER FINANCING USES	50,000
TOTAL ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES	905,079
FUND BALANCE ENDING	$234,475

16TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT ST. MARY PARISH DRUG COURT
FUND 157

Estimated beginning balance 1/1/27	-0-
Anticipated Revenues:	
3300. INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE	$318,362
TOTAL ANTICIPATED REVENUES	318,362
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	318,362
Anticipated Expenditures:	
4300. HEALTH & WELFARE	318,362
TOTAL ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES	$318,362
FUND BALANCE ENDING	-0-

16TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT ST. MARY PARISH DRUG COURT
FEE FUND – FUND 158

Estimated beginning balance 1/1/27	-0-
Anticipated Revenues:	
3400. FEES, CHARGES, & COMMISSIONS FOR SERVICES	$6,000
TOTAL ANTICIPATED REVENUES	6,000
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	6,000
Anticipated Expenditures:	
4300. HEALTH & WELFARE	3,000
TOTAL ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES	3,000
FUND BALANCE ENDING	$3,000

JAIL OPERATING AND MAINTENANCE
FUND 190

Estimated beginning balance 1/1/27	$8,500
Anticipated Revenues:	
3100. TAXES	1,120,500
3300. INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE	300,000
3400. FEES, CHARGES & COMMISSIONS FOR SERVICES	2,000
3600. USE OF MONEY & PROPERTY	1,000
3800. OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	955,000
TOTAL ANTICIPATED REVENUES:	2,378,500
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	2,387,000
Anticipated Expenditures:	
4100. PUBLIC SAFETY	2,378,500
TOTAL ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES	2,378,500
FUND BALANCE ENDING	$8,500

SALES TAX BOND & INTEREST SINKING
FUND 224
DEBT SERVICE

Estimated beginning balance 1/1/27	$334,445
Anticipated Revenues:	
3100. TAXES	2,300,000
3300. INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE	37,000
3600. USE OF MONEY & PROPERTY	6,600
TOTAL ANTICIPATED REVENUES:	2,343,600
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	2,678,045
Anticipated Expenditures	
4750. DEBT SERVICE	748,540
4850. OTHER FINANCING USES	1,600,000
TOTAL ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES	2,348,540
FUND BALANCE ENDING	$329,505

SALES TAX BOND RESERVE FUND
FUND 225
DEBT SERVICE

Estimated beginning balance 1/1/27	$129,054
Anticipated Revenues:	
3600. USE OF MONEY & PROPERTY	200
TOTAL ANTICIPATED REVENUES:	200
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	129,254
Anticipated Expenditures:	
TOTAL ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES	-0-
FUND BALANCE ENDING	$129,254

SMP LIBRARY GENERAL OBLIGATION 1996 SINKING
FUND 229
DEBT SERVICE

Estimated beginning balance 1/1/27	$78,439
Anticipated Revenues:	
3100. TAXES	220,000
3600. USE OF MONEY & PROPERTY	500
TOTAL ANTICIPATED REVENUES	220,500
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	298,939
Anticipated Expenditures:	
4750. DEBT SERVICE	195,700
TOTAL ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES	195,700
FUND BALANCE ENDING	$103,239

EXCESS REVENUE BOND SINKING FUND
FUND 234
DEBT SERVICE

Estimated beginning balance 1/1/27	$164,323
Anticipated Revenues:	
3600. USE OF MONEY & PROPERTY	500
3800. OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	1,369,000
TOTAL ANTICIPATED REVENUES	1,369,500

TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	1,533,823
Anticipated Expenditures:	
4750. DEBT SERVICE	1,368,300
TOTAL ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES	1,368,300
FUND BALANCE ENDING	$165,523

SOLID WASTE BOND RESERVE, 2004 FUND
FUND 236
DEBT SERVICE

Estimated beginning balance 1/1/27	$1,165,575
Anticipated Revenues:	
3600. USE OF MONEY & PROPERTY	16,000
TOTAL ANTICIPATED REVENUES	16,000
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	1,181,575
Anticipated Expenditures:	
TOTAL ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES	-0-
FUND BALANCE ENDING	$1,181,575

SOLID WASTE BOND SINKING 2004 FUND
FUND 237
DEBT SERVICE

Estimated beginning balance 1/1/27	$955,123
Anticipated Revenues:	
3600. USE OF MONEY AND PROPERTY	1,200
3800. OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	950,000
TOTAL ANTICIPATED REVENUES	951,200
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	1,906,323
Anticipated Expenditures:	
4750. DEBT SERVICE	1,207,850
TOTAL ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES	1,207,850
FUND BALANCE ENDING	$698,473

SOLID WASTE DEPRECIATION & CONTINGENCY FUND
FUND 238
DEBT SERVICE

Estimated beginning balance 1/1/27	$330,903
Anticipated Revenues:	
3600. USE OF MONEY & PROPERTY	150
3800. OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	35,000
TOTAL ANTICIPATED REVENUES	35,150
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	366,053
Anticipated Expenditures:	
4850. OTHER FINANCING USES	85,000
TOTAL ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES	85,000
FUND BALANCE ENDING	$281,053

SOLID WASTE POST-CLOSURE CARE FUND
FUND 239
DEBT SERVICE

Estimated beginning balance 1/1/27	$6,834,297
Anticipated Revenues:	
3600. USE OF MONEY & PROPERTY	8,000
3800. OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	350,000
TOTAL ANTICIPATED REVENUES	358,000
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	7,192,297
Anticipated Expenditures:	
TOTAL ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES	-0-
FUND BALANCE ENDING	$7,192,297

GOMESA DEBT SERVICE RESERVE FUND
FUND 240
DEBT SERVICE

Estimated beginning balance 1/1/27	$555,000
Anticipated Revenues:	
3600. USE OF MONEY AND PROPERTY	10,000
TOTAL ANTICIPATED REVENUES	10,000

TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	565,000
Anticipated Expenditures:	
TOTAL ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES	-0-
FUND BALANCE ENDING	$565,000

GOMESA DEBT SERVICE FUND
FUND 241
DEBT SERVICE

Estimated beginning balance 1/1/27	$520,100
Anticipated Revenues:	
3600. USE OF MONEY AND PROPERTY	10,000
3800. OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	804,720
TOTAL ANTICIPATED REVENUES	814,720
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	1,334,820
Anticipated Expenditures:	
4750. DEBT SERVICE	804,720
TOTAL ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES	804,720
FUND BALANCE ENDING	$530,100

SMALL ANIMAL CONTROL
FUND 404
PROPRIETARY/ENTERPRISE

Estimated beginning balance 1/1/27	$51,808
Anticipated Revenues:	
3200. LICENSES AND PERMITS	200
3400. FEES, CHARGES, & COMMISSIONS FOR SERVICES	58,000
3800. OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	285,000
TOTAL ANTICIPATED REVENUES	343,200
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	395,008
Anticipated Expenditures:	
4000. GENERAL GOVERNMENT	374,950
TOTAL ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES	374,950
FUND BALANCE ENDING	$20,058

SOLID WASTE REDUCTION & RESOURCE FACILITY
FUND 406
PROPRIETARY/ENTERPRISE

Estimated beginning balance 1/1/27	$53,606
Anticipated Revenues:	
3200. LICENSES & PERMITS	1,550
3400. FEES, CHARGES, & COMMISSIONS FOR SERVICES	4,300,000
3700. MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES	10,000
3800. OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	585,000
TOTAL ANTICIPATED REVENUES	4,896,550
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	4,950,156
Anticipated Expenditures:	
4000. GENERAL GOVERNMENT	4,002,864
4850. OTHER FINANCING USES	910,000
TOTAL ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES	4,912,864
FUND BALANCE ENDING	$37,292

KEMPER WILLIAMS PARK FUND
FUND 409
PROPRIETARY/ENTERPRISE

Estimated beginning balance 1/1/27	$1,865,000
Anticipated Revenues:	
3400. FEES, CHARGES, & COMMISSIONS FOR SERVICES	258,000
3700. MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES	62,500
3800. OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	215,000
TOTAL ANTICIPATED REVENUES	535,500
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	2,400,500
Anticipated Expenditures:	
4000. GENERAL GOVERNMENT	544,293
TOTAL ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES	544,293
FUND BALANCE ENDING	$1,856,207

This Ordinance shall become effective January 1, 2027.

This Ordinance having been offered and read on this the 28th day of October 2026; having been published in accordance with law.

ORDINANCE NO.

An Ordinance adopting the proposed Five-Year Capital Outlay Program for the Years 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030, and 2031.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the St. Mary Parish Council, that the following five-year Capital Outlay Program is hereby adopted:

CAPITAL OUTLAY
YEAR 2027

Upgrade Electrical System – Burns Point Campground	
Upgrade and elevate electrical system for RV sites	
LA Government Assistance Program (LGAP) Funds	
Estimated Construction Cost	$ 300,000
Deslignes Road	
Reconstruction & Overlay of Deslignes Road	
Capital Outlay application	
Estimated Construction Cost	$2,381,000
Roof Replacement at St. Mary Parish Courthouse	
Replace roof at the courthouse	
Capital Outlay application	
Estimated Construction Cost	$ 1,140,000
Improvements and Upgrade of Jail Elevator	
Upgrade elevator for code and ADA Compliance	
Capital Outlay application	
Estimated Construction Cost	$ 780,000
Kemper Williams Park-New Concession/Restroom Bldg.	
Construct new Bldg. for Concessions & Restroom facilities	
near the Horseshoe Area	
Capital Outlay application	
Estimated Construction Cost	$ 300,000
Jupiter Street Outfall Ditch Extension	
Installation of Subsurface Drainage	
Capital Outlay application	
Estimated Construction Cost	$ 540,000
Kemper Williams Park-Upgrade RV Camper Sites	
Upgrade Rally Sites to Full Hook Ups	
Capital Outlay application	
Estimated Construction Cost	$ 500,000
Burns Point-Upgrade Electrical System	
Upgrade Camper hook-ups and Camera system throughout the park	
Grant application	
Estimated Construction Cost	$ 300,000

CAPITAL OUTLAY
YEAR 2028

Interior Renovation & Improvements St. Mary Parish Courthouse
Replace HVAC control system, plumbing, renovate Council Chambers
Capital Outlay application
Estimated Construction Cost $ 942,000

Silo Road at Kemper Williams Park
Reconstruction of Silo Road
Capital Outlay application
Estimated Construction Cost $ 572,000

Burns Point Boat Landing
Reconstruct Boat Launch Wharf
RESTORE Act Funds
Estimated Construction Cost $ 700,000

Fortier Road
Patch & Overlay 5,012' length by 20' wide
Estimated Construction Cost $ 95,800

Michael Drive
Overlay 1,200' length by 15' wide
Estimated Construction Cost $ 59,900

Martin Ridge Road
Reconstruction & Overlay Hwy 87 to Millet Point Boat Landing
Capital Outlay Application
Estimated Construction Cost $ 2,833,000

Gibby Road
Concrete Paving 3,700 LF
Capital Outlay Application
Estimated Construction Cost $1,708,000

CAPITAL OUTLAY
YEAR 2029

Fontenot Boat Launch Improvements
Construct Pavilion, Fishing Pier, Hardsurface Roadway
RESTORE Act funds
Estimated Construction Cost $1,075,000

Sewer Lift Stations Wards 5 & 8 Sewer Commission
Improvements to Sewer Lift Stations
Capital Outlay Application
Estimated Construction Cost $ 858,000

Wax Lake East Stripper Pump
Replacement of Stripper Pump and New Outfall Pipe
Capital Outlay Application
Estimated Construction Cost $1,167,000

Inez Street
Reconstruction & Overlay Hwy 318 to Dead End
Estimated Construction Cost $ 250,000

Victoria-Riverside Road – Phase II
Reconstruction & Overlay

Estimated Construction Cost	$1,150,000

Hunting Road
Reconstruction & Overlay Hwy 90 Service Rd to Dead End

Estimated Construction Cost	$1,400,000

Baker Road Extension
Royalty Road Funds

Estimated Construction Cost	$ 250,000

Freetown Road
Patch & Overlay

Estimated Construction Cost	$ 244,800

Richard Road
Patch, Partial Reconstruction, & Overlay

Estimated Construction Cost	$ 260,000

CAPITAL OUTLAY
YEAR 2030

Canopy/Covers and Improvements to Community Parks
Elizabeth Davis Park, Sorrel Park, St. Joseph Park
Capital Outlay Application

Estimated Construction Cost	$ 810,000

Canopy & Rest Room Improvements to Centerville Park
Construction of Canopy & Rest Room Improvements
Capital Outlay Application

Estimated Construction Cost	$ 600,000

West St. Mary Civic Center
Capital Improvements & Construction
Capital Outlay Application

Estimated Construction Cost	$ 2,700,000

Charenton Beach Road
Reconstruction & Overlay Hwy 87 to Levee

Estimated Construction Cost	$1,446,667

Georgetown Road
Reconstruction & Overlay

Estimated Construction Cost	$ 165,000

Market Lane
Reconstruction & Overlay

Estimated Construction Cost	$ 85,000

Flattown Road
Patch & Overlay
Ralph Darden Memorial Pkwy to Hwy 326

Estimated Construction Cost	$ 575,000

CAPITAL OUTLAY
YEAR 2031

Irish Bend Road	
Patch & Overlay from S Curve to Oaklawn Bridge	
Estimated Construction Cost	$2,700,000
Cypremort Road	
Patch & Overlay from Kelly Canal to Hwy 83	
Estimated Construction Cost	$1,350,000
Levee Road	
Hardsurfacing Charenton Beach Road to Parish Line	
Capital Outlay Application	
Estimated Construction Cost	$5,754,576
Duhon Blvd & Lakeview Drive	
Overlay & Reconstruction	
Capital Outlay Application	
Estimated Construction Cost	$1,826,100
Allain Road	
Reconstruction & Overlay Hwy 182 to Chitimacha Trail	
Estimated Construction Cost	No Estimate
Dinkins Road	
Reconstruction & Overlay	
Estimated Construction Cost	No Estimate
Indian Road	
Reconstruction & Overlay	
Estimated Construction Cost	No Estimate

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effective on January 1st, 2027.

This Ordinance having been offered and read on this the 28th day of October 2026 and having been published in accordance with law.

ORDINANCE NO.

An Ordinance repealing Ordinance no. 2367 of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana, establishing the personnel policies for St. Mary Parish Government; providing for the applicability of prior personnel policies; and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

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

SECTION 1. REPEAL.

Ordinance No. 2367, establishing the Personnel Policies for St. Mary Parish Government, is hereby repealed in its entirety, subject to applicable law and the provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 2. PRIOR PERSONNEL POLICIES.

The Parish shall determine and implement the personnel policies applicable following this repeal in accordance with the St. Mary Parish Home Rule Charter, applicable state and federal law, and any subsequent ordinance duly adopted by the Parish Council.

SECTION 3. TRANSITION.

The Parish administration is authorized and directed to take the actions necessary to implement this Ordinance, including the preparation and submission of replacement personnel policies for consideration by the Parish Council.

SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY.

If any provision of this Ordinance is held invalid, the remaining provisions shall remain in effect to the extent permitted by law.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall become effective upon adoption and approval in accordance with the St. Mary Parish Home Rule Charter and applicable law and the previous Personnel Policy will be enforced.

This Ordinance having been offered and read on this the 28th day of October 2026 and having been published in accordance with law

ORDINANCE NO.

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 (EN2) Zoned District to 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 28th day of October 2026; having been published in accordance with law.

EXHIBIT "A"

Name: Circle L Cattle Co., LLC
Address: 1846 & 1850 Hwy. 318, Jeanerette, LA

Parcel Id# 1875021031.00 – 4.46 Ac Tract ABYZA Per Plat 17S 153824 Bd D Menard - C Gibbons - C Gibbons - LA 318 Less Sale 21R 177849 Acq. 375034 Improvements and 1850 Hwy 318., Jeanerette, LA 70544 Sec. 68 T13S R8E; & – Parcel Id# 1875021032.00 - Lot Bd D Menard - C Gibbons - Res Road - J P Gibbons Acq. 375034 Improvements

Purpose: Existing Neighborhood (EN2) Zoned District to Agricultural (AG) Zoned District to be used for agricultural purposes.

ORDINANCE NO.

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 chickens.

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 28th day of October 2026; having been published in accordance with law.

EXHIBIT "A"

Name:	**Craig Carline, Jr.**
Address:	**610 Parish Road 131, Franklin, LA**
Parcel Id#	**2534581047.00 – Lot 15 Buckeye Subd Acq. 456 343673, Sec. 79 T15S R10E; Parcel Id# 2534581013.00 – Lot 16 Buckeye Subd Acq 456 343673, and Sec. 79 T15S R10E; & Parcel Id# 2534581046.00 – Lot 17 Buckeye Subd Acq 456 343673.**
Currently Zoned:	**Single Family Residential (SR) Zoned District**

Specific Use Purpose: to allow for chickens.

Mr. Duhon moved to adopt the following Resolution. Mr. Davis seconded the motion, which carried by the following 9-0-0-2 Roll Call vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Rink and Mathews

RESOLUTION

Resolution authorizing South Central Planning and Development Commission (SCPDC) to provide technical assistance to St. Mary Parish Government in the preparation and submission of an application for funding through the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LA DOTD) Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) for the Amelia Sidewalks Project.

WHEREAS, the St. Mary Parish Council recognizes the importance of providing safe and accessible pedestrian facilities to improve connectivity and mobility throughout the Parish; and

WHEREAS, St. Mary Parish previously submitted an application for funding through the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LA DOTD) Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) for the Amelia Sidewalks Project; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project includes pedestrian improvements along Degravelle Road, Barrow Street, Lake Palourde Road, Lakeview Drive, and Duhon Boulevard to improve pedestrian safety and connectivity to schools, churches, recreational facilities, and other community destinations; and

WHEREAS, St. Mary Parish intends to pursue funding through a future Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) application cycle to advance the proposed improvements; and

WHEREAS, the South Central Planning and Development Commission (SCPDC) provides regional transportation planning and technical assistance to local governments within its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, St. Mary Parish desires to utilize SCPDC's technical assistance in reviewing, updating, preparing, and submitting the TAP application and associated supporting documentation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Mary Parish Council hereby:

1. Authorizes and requests the South Central Planning and Development Commission (SCPDC) to provide technical assistance to St. Mary Parish Government in the development, revision, and submission of a Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) application for the Amelia Sidewalks Project; and

2. Authorizes the Parish President, or designated representative, to coordinate with SCPDC and provide the necessary project information and supporting documentation to facilitate preparation of the application; and

3. Acknowledges that any future application submission, local matching funds, and agreements required for project implementation shall be subject to applicable program requirements and approval by the St. Mary Parish Council, as necessary.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the St. Mary Parish Council in regular session convened on this the 28th day of October 2026.

APPROVED:

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GWENDOLYN L. HIDALGO, CHAIRRPERSON
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL

ATTEST:

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LISA C. MORGAN, CLERK
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Mr. Duhon stated that these sidewalks are an extension of the Amelia Trails Project and that the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), and the Recreational Trails Program are funded by the Federal Government. He stated that all projects are required by law to be properly designed and constructed as regards to drainage as well as to codes in accordance with existing parish plans, studies, and right of ways. He further stated that the trails and sidewalks will have no adverse impact on any neighboring yards and that he has documentation from the Excel Group to support this assertion.

In response to Mr. Adams' inquiry, Mr. Duhon stated that matching funds were currently being combined through the State and that he is requesting Capital Outlay funding. He further explained that local matching funds were not required at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. We received the following financial statements:

   Waterworks District No. 5 – year ended May 31, 2026

B. Appointments to the following Boards and Commissions:

   Atchafalaya Golf Course Commission – 1 Vacancy

   Slade Sanders – Present Member

Mr. Rulf moved to reappoint Slade Sanders to the Atchafalaya Golf Course Commission. Mr. Hebert seconded the motion, which carried.

West St. Mary Parish Port, Harbor, and Terminal District (Ward 1, 2, 7, or 10) – 1 Vacancy

Juanita Rodriguez Clements Abel "Phil" Prejean

Mr. Olander moved to appoint Abel "Phil" Prejean to West St. Mary Parish Port, Harbor, and Terminal District. Mr. Adams seconded the motion, which carried. Mr. Rulf abstained.

Mr. Governale informed that Halloween Trick or Treat will be celebrated on Saturday, October 31, 2026, from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m., for the entire Parish.

Mrs. Hidalgo reminded the public that Election Day is November 3, 2026 and encouraged everyone to exercise their right to vote.

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