

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

SEPTEMBER 8, 2021
FRANKLIN, LOUISIANA

The St. Mary Parish Council met on this date in Regular Session with Chairman Dean S. Adams presiding and the following members present: Rev. Craig A. Mathews, Rodney Olander, Scott Ramsey, Leslie "Les" Rulf, Jr., Patrick J. Hebert, James W. Bennett, Jr., Mark A. Duhon, Gwendolyn L. Hidalgo, and Kristi Prejeant Rink, M.D. Absent was J Ina.

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

Mr. Hebert moved that the reading of the minutes of the second Regular Meeting, August 25, 2021, be dispensed with and that the same is approved. Dr. Rink seconded the motion, which carried.

Mrs. Hidalgo recognized 2021 St. Mary Parish Leadership member Dickie Fitzgerald, State Farm Insurance and Shelia Eues, Chamber of Commerce Event Member.

Mayor Lee Dragna, City of Morgan City appeared before the Council to give an update on Hurricane Ida and the help given to evacuees and utility linemen. He thanked Mr. Bennett, Mr. Duhon, and citizens for their help with Hurricane Ida.

Parish President, David Hanagriff reported on Hurricane Ida and thanked Mayor Dragna, Director of Homeland Security, David Naquin, Emergency Coordinator of Homeland Security, Jimmy Broussard, the Parish Administration, parish and city employees, and all citizens for their hard work in preparing for Hurricane Ida and helping with the aftermath. He stated that shelters were opened at Berwick Civic Center, Patterson Civic Center, Siracusaville Community Center, Amelia Recreation Center, and Baldwin Community Center. He also informed that the shelters are operated and managed by American Red Cross, security is provided by the National Guard, sanitation is provided by janitorial teams for daily cleanup, transportation is provided by DOTD to obtain basic necessities, and Louisiana Department of Health's nursing staff is providing daily service for health issues, and prescriptions. The National Guard is providing Covid-19 testing and administering vaccines as requested. Showers and port o lets were delivered and the Parish helps with any other needs that may arise.

President Hanagriff stated that he will meet with CLECO and AT&T to discuss improving services for electricity and basic cell phone service communication before, during, and after storm events.

In response to Mr. Olander's inquiry relative to the funding of shelters, President Hanagriff stated that the shelters are funded by the State and advised that a contract is negotiated between each facility and GOHSEP. He also informed that Covid-19 cleaning of each facility will be done at the end of the contract.

In response to Mrs. Hidalgo's inquiry regarding the current Covid-19 status, President Hanagriff stated that they are encouraging citizens to get vaccinated.

Rev. Mathews explained that he received several phone calls from citizens that were denied Acadian Ambulance service during Hurricane Ida. President Hanagriff stated that he will research why Acadian Ambulance would not dispatch these calls.

Dr. Rink stated that she was informed by several first responders that 911 had communication issues before, during, and after Hurricane Ida. President Hanagriff will get an update from Board Member, David Naquin.

In response to Mrs. Hidalgo's inquiry relative to completion of the Morgan City Bridge on Highway 90, Mr. LaGrange stated that he will contact DOTD for an update. He informed that the Oaklawn Bridge Project completion date is scheduled for September 30, 2021.

Mr. Olander asked if additional parking could be constructed at the Verdunville Boat Landing, Mr. LaGrange stated that he will research expanding the parking area.

In response to Rev. Mathews' inquiry relative to tall grass and pot holes in District No. 1, Mr. LaGrange stated that he will follow up on these issues and informed that grass cutting has begun this week on Moresi Road.

In regards to Mr. Olander's inquiry relative to the number of grass cutting tractors, Mr. LaGrange stated that currently there is one (1) boom tractor that cuts the back side of the ditch and one (1) road tractor that cuts grass on the shoulder.

In response to Mr. Duhon's inquiry relative to Pump Station 2/2A Project, Mr. LaGrange explained that the contractor is required to re-align the pilings and he expounded on the contract time.

Chief Administrative Officer, Henry "Bo" LaGrange, presented his report for a two (2) week period ending September 8, 2021. (All items were informational)

Mrs. Hidalgo moved that the Public Hearing Report, August 25, 2021 be approved. Mr. Bennett seconded the motion, which carried.

Mr. Bennett moved to table Item 12A, "FOR ADOPTION – An Ordinance amending and re-enacting Ordinance No. 2242 adopting the 2021 Combined Budgets of Revenues and Expenditures for the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana," for one (1) month. Mr. Rulf seconded the motion, which carried by the following 7-3-0-1 Roll Call vote:

YEAS: Ramsey, Rulf, Bennett, Duhon, Rink, Hidalgo, and Adams

NAYS: Mathews, Olander, and Hebert

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Ina

Mr. Olander moved that the following Resolutions be adopted. Mr. Bennett seconded the motion, which carried by the following 10-0-0-1 Roll Call vote:

YEAS: Olander, Ramsey, Rulf, Hebert, Bennett, Duhon, Rink, Hidalgo, Adams, and Mathews

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Ina

RESOLUTION

Resolution ratifying actions of David Hanagriff, Parish President, approving and authorizing the President of St. Mary Parish to execute a previously executed rental agreement with the Rotorcraft Leasing Company, LLC relative to rental of the buildings and parking areas formerly known as the Air Logistics/Bristow facility at the Harry P. Williams Memorial Airport.

WHEREAS, David Hanagriff, Parish President executed rental agreement on September 3, 2021 with the Rotorcraft Leasing Company, LLC relative to rental of the buildings and parking areas formerly known as the Air Logistics/Bristow facility at the Harry P. Williams Memorial Airport.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Mary Parish Council does hereby ratify the actions of David Hanagriff, President of the Parish of St. Mary, and he is hereby authorized and directed, for and on behalf of the Parish Council, to execute the current rental agreement with the Rotorcraft Leasing Company, LLC relative to rental of the buildings and parking areas formerly known as the Air Logistics/Bristow facility at the Harry P. Williams Memorial Airport, 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 regular session convened on this the 8th day of September 2021.

APPROVED:

**DEAN S. ADAMS, CHAIRMAN
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

ATTEST:

**LISA C. MORGAN, CLERK
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

RESOLUTION

A resolution authorizing David Hanagriff, the President of St. Mary Parish to execute Amendment No. 3 to the engineering services agreement with Quality Engineering & Surveying, LLC for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Project - Boudreaux Street to Gilmore Drive Drainage Improvements Project.

BE IT RESOLVED, that David Hanagriff, 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 Amendment No. 3 to the engineering services agreement with Quality Engineering & Surveying, LLC for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Project - Boudreaux Street to Gilmore Drive Drainage Improvements Project, with said Amendment 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 regular session convened on this the 8th day of September 2021.

APPROVED:

**DEAN S. ADAMS, CHAIRMAN
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

ATTEST:

**LISA C. MORGAN, CLERK
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

In response to Mr. Ramsey's inquiry, Mr. LaGrange stated that these Hazard Mitigation funds were allocated for Hurricanes Gustave and Ike.

RESOLUTION

A resolution authorizing David Hanagriff, the President of St. Mary Parish to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with St. Mary Parish Water & Sewer Commission No. 3 relative to the repair and replacement of sidewalks in the Centerville area.

BE IT RESOLVED, that David Hanagriff, 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 with St. Mary Parish Water & Sewer Commission No. 3 relative to the repair and replacement of sidewalks in the Centerville area, with said Agreement to contain such terms, conditions, and stipulations as he may best see fit, he being fully authorized in the premises.

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ATTEST:

**LISA C. MORGAN, CLERK
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

In response to Mr. Rulf's inquiry, Mr. Olander stated that the work is complete.

RESOLUTION

A resolution authorizing David Hanagriff, President to execute a Funding Agreement between the Governor's Office and Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness and St. Mary Parish relative to Hurricane Ida – FEMA-DR-4611-LA.

BE IT RESOLVED, that David Hanagriff, 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 Funding Agreement between the Governor's Office and Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness and St. Mary Parish relative Hurricane Ida – FEMA-DR-4611-LA, with said Agreement to contain such terms, conditions and stipulations as he may best see fit, he being fully authorized in the premises.

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APPROVED:

**DEAN S. ADAMS, CHAIRMAN
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

ATTEST:

**LISA C. MORGAN, CLERK
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OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Discussion and action to approve the Atchafalaya Golf Course Commission's proposed budget and rate schedule for fiscal year October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2022.

Mr. Hebert moved to approve the Atchafalaya Golf Course Commission's proposed budget and rate schedule for fiscal year October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2022. Dr. Rink seconded the motion, which carried. Mrs. Hidalgo voted no.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. We received the following financial statements:

St. Mary Parish Communications District – year ended December 31, 2020
Hospital Service District No. 2 – year ended December 31, 2020

- B. Appointments to the following Boards and Commissions:

Water and Sewer Commission No. 5 (Four Corners/Glencoe area) – 1 Vacancy

Scott Blanchard
Merker Broussard, Sr.

Joshua Durocher

Rev. Mathews moved that Scott Blanchard be appointed to Water and Sewer Commission No. 5. Mr. Bennett seconded the motion, which carried.

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