

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE ST. MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL**

**REGULAR MEETING - FEBRUARY 2, 2016**

The St. Martin Parish Council met in Regular Session convened at 5:01 P.M., Tuesday, February 2, 2016, Carroll J. Fuselier Meeting Room, St. Martin Parish Annex Building, 301 West Port Street, St. Martinville, Louisiana.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jason Willis.

The Invocation was read by Laci Laperouse and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Byron Fuselier.

The following members were present: Byron Fuselier, Lisa Nelson, Jason Willis, Neil Thibodeaux, Chris Tauzin, Albert Menard, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr. Members absent: Jill Hebert (excused). Also present: Parish President Guy Cormier and Legal Counsel Chester Cedars.

A motion was made by Albert Menard and seconded by Dean LeBlanc to approve the minutes of the St. Martin Parish Council Regular Meeting of January 14, 2016.

This motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Byron Fuselier, Lisa Nelson, Jason Willis, Neil Thibodeaux, Chris Tauzin, Albert Menard, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Jill Hebert (excused).

And the motion was declared adopted this 2nd day of February, 2016.

A motion was made by Chris Tauzin and seconded by Daniel Richard, Jr. to open the Public Hearing to obtain public comments regarding an ordinance being considered for final adoption.

This motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Byron Fuselier, Lisa Nelson, Jason Willis, Neil Thibodeaux, Chris Tauzin, Albert Menard, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Jill Hebert (excused).

And the motion was declared adopted this 2nd day of February, 2016.

Chairman Jason Willis asked for public comments regarding the proposed ordinance being considered for final adoption.

Clerk of the Council Laci Laperouse read the ordinance summary.

Parish President Guy Cormier reminded everyone this item was discussed at the committee meeting.

Upon requesting and hearing no further comments from the audience regarding the proposed ordinance being considered for final adoption, the Chairman requested a motion to close the Public Hearing.

A motion was made by Albert Menard and seconded by Neil Thibodeaux that the Public Hearing be closed.

This motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Byron Fuselier, Lisa Nelson, Jason Willis, Neil Thibodeaux, Chris Tausin, Albert Menard, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Jill Hebert (excused).

And the motion was declared adopted this 2nd day of February, 2016.

A motion was made by Neil Thibodeaux and seconded by Daniel Richard, Jr. that the following ordinance be adopted:

### **ORDINANCE NO. 16-02-1129-OR**

AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE SPEED LIMIT FOR MOTOR VEHICLES ON LEVERT ROAD, LOCATED IN DISTRICT 4, SECTIONS 70, 71 AND 114, TOWNSHIP 10 SOUTH, RANGE 6 EAST, ST. MARTIN PARISH, LOUISIANA, TO PROVIDE FOR THE PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE.

BE IT ORDAINED by the St. Martin Parish Council that it shall be unlawful for any person to drive any motor vehicle on LEVERT ROAD in St. Martin Parish, Louisiana, at a speed in excess of 45 miles per hour;

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that any person violating the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction shall suffer a fine of not less than \$10.00 nor more than \$50.00 at the discretion of the Court;

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon approval of the St. Martin Parish Council and the signature of the Parish President.

This Ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Byron Fuselier, Lisa Nelson, Jason Willis, Neil Thibodeaux, Chris Tauzin, Albert Menard, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Jill Hebert (excused).

And the Ordinance was declared adopted this 2nd day of February, 2016.

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A motion was made by Byron Fuselier and seconded by Chris Tauzin that the following resolution be adopted:

### **RESOLUTION NO. 16-006-RS**

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE HOLDING OF AN ELECTION IN RECREATION DISTRICT NO. 1 OF THE PARISH OF ST. MARTIN, STATE OF LOUISIANA, ON SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 2016, TO AUTHORIZE THE INCURRING OF DEBT AND ISSUANCE OF BONDS THEREIN.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Recreation District No. 1 of the Parish of St. Martin, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Recreation District No. 1 of the Parish of St. Martin, State of Louisiana (the "District"), adopted a resolution on January 28, 2016, calling a special election in the District on Saturday, April 9, 2016, to authorize the incurring of debt and issuance of bonds therein; and

WHEREAS, the governing authority of the District has requested that this Parish Council, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of St. Martin, 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 issue, sell and deliver the bonds 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 issue, sell and deliver the bonds provided for therein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the St. Martin Parish Council, 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. 1 of the Parish of St. Martin, State of Louisiana, this Parish Council hereby approves the holding of an election in the District, on Saturday, April 9, 2016, at which election there will be submitted the following proposition, to-wit:

#### PROPOSITION

#### (BOND)

Shall Recreation District No. 1 of the Parish of St. Martin, State of Louisiana (the "District"), incur debt and issue bonds to the amount of not exceeding One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000), to mature not exceeding fifteen (15) years from date thereof, with interest at a rate or rates not exceeding eight per centum (8%) per annum, for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, improving and equipping parks, playgrounds, recreation centers and other recreational facilities; which bonds will be general obligations of the District and will be payable from ad valorem taxes to be levied and collected in the manner provided by Article VI, Section 33 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974 and statutory authority supplemental thereto, with an estimated 4.00 mills to be levied in the first year of issue to pay said Bonds and the outstanding General Obligation Bonds of the District?

SECTION 2. In the event the election carries, this Parish Council does hereby further consent to and authorize the District to issue, sell and deliver the bonds provided for therein.

This Resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Byron Fuselier, Lisa Nelson, Jason Willis, Neil Thibodeaux, Chris Tauzin,  
Albert Menard, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.  
NAYS: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.  
ABSENT: Jill Hebert (excused).

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 2nd day of February, 2016.

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A motion was made by Dean LeBlanc and seconded by Lisa Nelson that the following resolution be adopted:

**RESOLUTION NO. 16-007-RS**

A RESOLUTION URGING SUPPORT OF LEGISLATION TO CONTINUE FUNDING FOR THE LSU AGCENTER OFFICES AND FURTHER REQUESTING THE SUPPORT OF THE POLICE JURY ASSOCIATION OF LOUISIANA AND ALL PARISH GOVERNMENTS OF THE STATE FOR SAID POSITION.

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Council urges and requests that the Governor, State legislators, and the Louisiana Board of Regents fully fund the LSU AgCenter (LSUAC) at the same level of State appropriations due to the critical economic development and educational services they provide in all 64 Louisiana parishes; and

WHEREAS, agricultural research developed through the Experiment Stations and delivery of research through the Cooperative Extension Service is vital and necessary to provide the technology to help farmers and ranchers provide a high quality, safe and affordable food supply for Louisiana people; and

WHEREAS, agricultural research and cooperative extension outreach is vital and necessary to provide the technology to support agricultural production and development related jobs in Louisiana, an industry worth over \$30 Billion to the Louisiana economy; and

WHEREAS, the AgCenter's off campus research stations provide core research support for Louisiana farmers and ranchers; and

WHEREAS, the AgCenter's Cooperative Extension Service is a Parish partner providing research-based information to farmers, ranchers, and citizens throughout the state through 64 parish-based offices that are provided by local government; and

WHEREAS, over 130 local police juries, consolidated governments, school boards, district attorneys and sheriffs in Louisiana are currently participating in and supporting cooperative agreements with the LSU AgCenter supporting Parish level programs; and

WHEREAS, the LSU AgCenter implements a very effective 4-H youth development program impacting over 225,000 children in all 64 parishes and this program is vital to the education and life skill development of Louisiana youth; and

WHEREAS, the AgCenter's family and consumer Science programs provide critical information to families on nutrition, healthy lifestyles, financial management, and childhood development; and

WHEREAS, through this partnership, research-based information is developed and transferred through an effective system in every parish using grass roots advisory councils that identify local needs, based on citizen involvement.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby urge the support of Legislation to continue funding for the LSU AgCenter Offices and further requests the support of the Police Jury Association of Louisiana and all Parish Governments of the State for said position.

This Resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Byron Fuselier, Lisa Nelson, Jason Willis, Neil Thibodeaux, Chris Tausin,  
Albert Menard, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.  
NAYS: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.  
ABSENT: Jill Hebert (excused).

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 2nd day of February, 2016.

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A motion was made by Lisa Nelson and seconded by Albert Menard that the following resolution be adopted:

**RESOLUTION NO. 16-008-RS**

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT OF IBERIA PARISH COUNCILMAN MARTY TRAHAN AS A CANDIDATE FOR THE MEMBER-AT-LARGE POSITION OF THE POLICE JURY ASSOCIATION OF LOUISIANA'S EXECUTIVE BOARD.

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

WHEREAS, Iberia Parish District 13 Councilman Marty Trahan is interested is serving as the Executive Board's Member-at-Large position; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the St. Martin Parish Council to support Mr. Trahan's interest in serving on this Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the St. Martin Parish Council, convened in Regular Session on this 2nd day of February, 2016, that it does hereby support Iberia Parish Councilman Marty Trahan in his candidacy for the Member-at-Large position on the Executive Board of the Police Jury Association of Louisiana in the upcoming election.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be sent to all Region 3 Parishes humbly requesting that they support and endorse Marty Trahan as a candidate for the Member-at-Large position on the Executive Board of the Police Jury Association of Louisiana.

This Resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Byron Fuselier, Lisa Nelson, Jason Willis, Neil Thibodeaux, Chris Tausin,  
Albert Menard, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.  
NAYS: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.  
ABSENT: Jill Hebert (excused).

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 2nd day of February, 2016.

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A motion was made by Chris Tauzin and seconded by Byron Fuselier that the following resolution be adopted:

**RESOLUTION NO. 16-009-RS**

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Council regretfully accepted the resignation of Ms. LeeAnn Breaux, Mr. Pat Champagne and Mr. Byron Fuselier as members of the St. Martin Parish Board of Waterworks Commissioners District No. 4; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Amos Bernis has been recommended to fill the unexpired term of the St. Martin Parish Board of Waterworks Commissioners District No. 4 created by Mr. Champagne's resignation; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shane Doucet has been recommended to fill the unexpired term of the St. Martin Parish Board of Waterworks Commissioners District No. 4 created by Ms. Breaux's resignation; and

WHEREAS, Mr. John Funk, Jr. has been recommended to fill the unexpired term of the St. Martin Parish Board of Waterworks Commissioners District No. 4 created by Mr. Fuselier's resignation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby appoint Mr. Amos Bernis, whose term will expire on June 6, 2018, Mr. Shane Doucet, whose term will expire on June 6, 2016, and Mr. John Funk, Jr., whose term will expire on July 3, 2016, to serve as members on the St. Martin Parish Board of Waterworks Commissioners District No. 4.

This Resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Byron Fuselier, Lisa Nelson, Jason Willis, Neil Thibodeaux, Chris Tauzin,  
Albert Menard, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.  
NAYS: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.  
ABSENT: Jill Hebert (excused).

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 2nd day of February, 2016.

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A motion was made by Albert Menard and seconded by Lisa Nelson that the following resolution be adopted:

**RESOLUTION NO. 16-010-RS**

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Government is operating the Breaux Bridge and Cecilia Health Units due to the State of Louisiana's decision to end their operations at these two sites; and

WHEREAS, St. Martin Parish Government is now a contracted vendor with the Women, Infants, and Children Program (WIC); and

WHEREAS, a requirement of this contract is to provide nutritional educational services; and

WHEREAS, this is a specialty service which must be provided by a certified technician; and

WHEREAS, said contract with St. Martin Parish Government and Jaime M. Rinaudo is for one (1) year and shall be effective February 1, 2016, and will expire on February 1, 2017.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby authorize Parish President Guy Cormier to execute a contract in behalf of the St. Martin Parish Government with Jaime M. Rinaudo to provide nutritional educational services.

This Resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Byron Fuselier, Lisa Nelson, Jason Willis, Neil Thibodeaux, Chris Tauzin,  
Albert Menard, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.  
NAYS: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.  
ABSENT: Jill Hebert (excused).

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 2nd day of February, 2016.

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A motion was made by Lisa Nelson and seconded by Albert Menard that the following resolution be adopted:

**RESOLUTION NO. 16-011-RS**

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Government needs the services of the Lafayette Juvenile Detention Home to detain St. Martin Parish juveniles committed by the Courts to the Louisiana Department of Corrections; and

WHEREAS, the Detention Home requires as a condition of its acceptance, assurances from St. Martin Parish Government that it shall pay the Lafayette Juvenile Detention Home a current daily per diem of \$125.00 per day per each juvenile from St. Martin Parish so committed, plus any medical expenses in excess of routine medical matters handled by the Lafayette Juvenile Detention Home's regular physician.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the St. Martin Parish Council, in Regular Session convened this 2nd day of February, 2016, that Parish President Guy Cormier be, and he is hereby authorized, directed and empowered to enter into an agreement embodying the mutual considerations contained therein with the Lafayette Juvenile Detention Home for 2016.

This Resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Byron Fuselier, Lisa Nelson, Jason Willis, Neil Thibodeaux, Chris Tauzin,  
Albert Menard, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.  
NAYS: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.  
ABSENT: Jill Hebert (excused).

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 2nd day of February, 2016.

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A motion was made by Byron Fuselier and seconded by Daniel Richard, Jr. that the following resolution be adopted:

**RESOLUTION NO. 16-012-RS**

WHEREAS, on January 2, 2013, President Obama signed the 2013 National Defense Authorization Act (Public Law 112-239); and

WHEREAS, under this Act, amendments to add clauses to the award terms and conditions must be added; and

WHEREAS, due to these added clauses, Sellers & Associates, Inc., has recommended in writing, Amendment No. 3 to the Owner-Engineer Agreement, for the Beau Bayou Swamp Hydrologic Restoration Project; and

WHEREAS, the amendment includes a.) Incorporation of the preparation and submittal of the Wetland Classification and Mitigation Plan for proposed impacts and additional fill sites to be provided by Sellers & Associates, Inc. and John Chance Land Surveys. Inc., b.) Incorporation of additional land rights services to be provided by Angelle & Donahue Oil & Gas Properties, Inc. for the acquisition of land rights/servitudes for additional project features and fill sites and c.) Reduction of Basic Engineering Service Fees according to the contract and estimated construction cost.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby authorize Parish President Guy Cormier to execute Amendment No. 3 to the Owner-Engineer Agreement in behalf of St. Martin Parish Government with Sellers & Associates, Inc., for the Beau Bayou Swamp Hydrologic Restoration Project.

This Resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Byron Fuselier, Lisa Nelson, Jason Willis, Neil Thibodeaux, Chris Tauzin, Albert Menard, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.  
NAYS: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.  
ABSENT: Jill Hebert (excused).

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 2nd day of February, 2016.

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Clerk of the Council mentioned Resolution Summary No. 013-RS should have been done in Ordinance form, therefore the Resolution will need to be tabled, and an Ordinance will need to be introduced.

A motion was made by Albert Menard and seconded by Lisa Nelson that the following resolution be tabled:

**RESOLUTION NO. 16-013-RS**

WHEREAS, Mr. John and Mrs. Bertha Delahoussaye, owners of the property, have agreed to enter into a Commercial Lease Agreement for the use of certain space located at 110 North Main Street, Breaux Bridge, Louisiana 70517; and

WHEREAS, the premises is leased for the primary purpose of Office Space for the St. Martin Parish Tourist Commission; and

WHEREAS, said lease shall be effective from January 1, 2016, and will expire December 31, 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the St. Martin Parish Council, in Regular Session convened this 2nd day of February, that Parish President Guy Cormier be and is hereby authorized, directed and empowered to execute a Commercial Lease Agreement with John and Bertha Delahoussaye for the lease of Office Space for the St. Martin Parish Tourist Commission.

This Resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

- YEAS: Byron Fuselier, Lisa Nelson, Jason Willis, Neil Thibodeaux, Chris Tausin, Albert Menard, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.
- NAYS: None.
- ABSTAIN: None.
- ABSENT: Jill Hebert (excused).

And the Resolution was declared tabled this 2nd day of February, 2016.

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Clerk of the Council Laci Laperouse read the ordinances introduced for publication, as follows:

SUMMARY NO. 1130-OR (Introduced by Chris Tauzin, District 5)

An Ordinance increasing the speed limit to 50 mph on a portion of Doyle Melancon Road (From Grand Point Avenue to the Doyle Melancon bridge), located in District 5.

SUMMARY NO. 1131-OR (Introduced by Neil Thibodeaux, District 4)

An Ordinance increasing the speed limit to 45 mph on a portion of Doyle Melancon Road (From the Doyle Melancon bridge to Bridge Street Highway), located in District 4.

SUMMARY NO. 1132-OR (Introduced by Chris Tauzin, District 5)

An Ordinance increasing the speed limit to 45 mph on Huval Road, located in District 5.

A motion was made by Lisa Nelson and seconded by Dean LeBlanc that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby extend the agenda for Ordinance Summary No. 1133-OR.

This motion to extend the agenda having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Byron Fuselier, Lisa Nelson, Jason Willis, Neil Thibodeaux, Chris Tauzin,  
Albert Menard, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Jill Hebert (excused).

And the motion to extend the agenda was declared carried by unanimous vote this 2nd day of February, 2016.

SUMMARY NO. 1133-OR (Introduced by Jill Hebert, District 6)

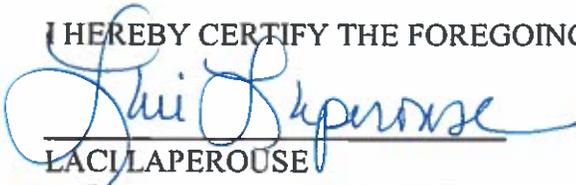
An Ordinance authorizing Parish President Guy Cormier to execute a Commercial Lease Agreement with John and Bertha Delahoussaye for the lease of office space for the St. Martin Parish Tourist Commission.

Prior to adjournment Parish President Guy Cormier discussed the additional St. Martin Parish Highway Priorities list (*on-file*). Parish President Guy Cormier also mentioned that earlier today he attended a Regional Parish President's meeting in behalf of St. Martin Parish. Parish President Guy Cormier stated he would send a link of the meeting to the Council Members should they wish to listen in on the discussions. Council Member Lisa Nelson voiced her concern about

the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development's proposal for the parishes to take on maintenance responsibility of some State highways. Parish President Guy Cormier further discussed this and agrees with Council Member Lisa Nelson of the opposition to this proposal. A general discussion ensued amongst Council Members and Parish President Guy Cormier regarding this proposal.

A motion was made by Albert Menard and seconded by Lisa Nelson that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby adjourn. Motion was unanimously approved.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE EXACT AND TRUE:



LACI LAPROUSE  
CLERK OF THE COUNCIL