

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE ST. MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING - SEPTEMBER 3, 2019**

The St. Martin Parish Council met in Regular Session convened at 5:03 p.m., Tuesday, September 3, 2019, Carroll J. Fuselier Meeting Room, St. Martin Parish Annex Building, 301 West Port Street, St. Martinville, Louisiana.

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Lisa Nelson. Chairwoman Lisa Nelson requested a moment of silence, following the invocation, for the late Kenneth Jude “Pete” Berard. Mr. Berard was an Equipment Operator for St. Martin Parish Government.

The Invocation was read by Laci Laperouse and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dean LeBlanc.

The following members were present: Byron Fuselier, Lisa Nelson, Jason Willis, Neil Thibodeaux, Chris Tauzin, Jill Hebert, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr. Members absent: Albert Menard (excused). Also present: Parish President Chester Cedars, Director of Administration Calder Hebert, Director of Public Works Martin Poirrier and Parish Attorney Allan Durand.

A motion was made by Dean LeBlanc and seconded by Chris Tauzin to approve the minutes of the St. Martin Parish Council Regular Meeting of August 6, 2019.

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, Jill Hebert, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Albert Menard (excused).

And the motion was declared adopted this 3rd day of September, 2019.

Dana Dugas announced his candidacy for Louisiana State Representative District 48.

Marcus Bryant announced his candidacy for Louisiana State Representative District 96.

Vincent St. Blanc, III was not in attendance to announce his candidacy for Louisiana State Representative District 50.

LSU AgCenter County Agent Stuart Gauthier introduced his staff as follows: 4-H Youth Development Agents Hope Guidry and Hannah T. Devall, and Family and Consumer Sciences & SNAP-Ed Agent Jessica Randazzo. Agent Gauthier, along with Agents Duvall and Randazzo, gave a PowerPoint presentation on programs offered through the LSU AgCenter, which include Agriculture & Natural Resources, 4-H, Youth & Family, and Family, Nutrition & Health. Presented to each Council Member and Parish President Chester Cedars was a folder (*on-file*) filled with important facts about St. Martin Parish Crop Acreage, as well as the St. Martin 4-H 2018-2019 update. County Agent Stuart Gauthier discussed the many services the AgCenter provides to the citizens and farmers of St. Martin Parish, such as soil testing, insect and disease diagnosing, etc. Council Members and Parish President Chester Cedars thanked them for their services.

A motion was made by Byron Fuselier and seconded by Jill Hebert to approve the following Quietus for 2018 Tax Rolls for the Sheriff's Department:

### Q U I E T U S

ST. MARTINVILLE, LOUISIANA  
SEPTEMBER 3, 2019

WHEREAS, RONALD J. THERIOT, TAX COLLECTOR, HAS EXHIBITED TO ME SATISFACTORY EVIDENCE THAT ALL TAXES DUE TO THE PARISH GOVERNING AUTHORITY SHOWN ON THE AD VALOREM TAX ROLLS OF ST. MARTIN PARISH FOR THE YEAR 2018 HAS BEEN PAID OR ACCOUNTED FOR.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I ISSUE THIS QUIETUS ON THE PART OF THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF ST. MARTIN PARISH GOVERNMENT IN FAVOR OF SAID RONALD J. THERIOT, TAX COLLECTOR, AND AGAINST ANY CLAIM ON THE PART OF THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE ST. MARTIN PARISH GOVERNMENT FOR THE AD VALOREM TAXES OF THE YEAR STATED ABOVE.

/s/ Sean Hundley  
SEAN HUNDLEY  
DIRECTOR OF FINANCE  
ST. MARTIN PARISH GOVERNMENT

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, Jill Hebert, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Albert Menard (excused).

And the motion was declared adopted this 3rd day of September, 2019.

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

### **RESOLUTION NO. 19-079-RS**

A Resolution ratifying an agreement with Tetra Tech, Inc. for Pre-Positioned Disaster Debris Removal confected by Chester R. Cedars, Parish President, all in accordance with the recommendations of Sellers & Associates, Inc. after the scoring of Request for Proposals.

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Government has made an official Request for Proposals (RFP) for a Pre-Positioned Disaster Debris Disposal Contract; and

WHEREAS, after due the advertisement therefor, sealed proposals were opened on August 12, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the proposals were taken under advertisement and have been evaluated and scored by representatives of Sellers & Associates and members of the Parish's administration; and

WHEREAS, after the evaluation and scoring, Sellers & Associates, Inc. has recommended that Tetra Tech, Inc. be awarded the contract for Pre-Positional Disaster Debris Removal; and

WHEREAS, Sellers & Associates, Inc. has confirmed that Tetra Tech, Inc. was the highest scored proposer; and

WHEREAS, because the current contract for such services was scheduled to expire before the regularly scheduled meeting of the St. Martin Parish Council on September 2, 2019, Parish President Chester R. Cedars, out of an abundance of caution executed the contract embraced by the RFP process referenced herein; and

WHEREAS, at the Administrative and/or Finance Committee meetings of the St. Martin Parish Council held on August 20, 2019, Parish President Cedars advised the Council that the execution of the contract with Tetra Tech, Inc. was likely to be signed by him before September 2, 2019, the said advice being subject to no objection by any Council member:

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby confirm, affirm, and ratify the contract between St. Martin Parish Government and Tetra Tech, Inc. which was executed by Parish President Chester R. Cedars on August 29, 2019, the said agreement containing the terms, conditions, and provisions embraced by the response to the RFP graded and scored by Sellers & Associates, Inc.

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, Jill Hebert, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.  
NAYS: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.  
ABSENT: Albert Menard (excused).

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 3rd day of September, 2019.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 19-080-RS**

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Council regretfully accepted the resignation of Mr. Thayer Jones as a representative for St. Martin Parish on the 2019 Acadiana Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Council; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Martin Poirrier has been recommended to fill the vacancy on the 2019 Acadiana Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Council created by Mr. Jones' resignation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby appoint Mr. Martin Poirrier to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Thayer Jones as a representative to represent St. Martin Parish on the Acadiana Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Council for 2019.

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

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

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 3rd day of September, 2019.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 19-081-RS**

WHEREAS, by Ordinances adopted March 5, 1963, and March 4, 1963, respectively, the Police Juries of St. Martin Parish and St. Landry Parish jointly authorized a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement which created “The First Hospital District of the Parishes of St. Landry and St. Martin, State of Louisiana” (hereinafter “The District”); and

WHEREAS, The District previously owned and operated a hospital in Arnaudville, Louisiana, known as St. Luke’s General Hospital; and

WHEREAS, by virtue of Ordinance No. 2017-002, dated January 18, 2017, the St. Landry Parish Council authorized the abolishment of the First Hospital District for the Parishes of St. Landry and St. Martin, and approved the confection of an agreement with the Parish of St. Martin for the division of the assets of The District; and

WHEREAS, by Ordinance No. 17-02-1168-OR, enacted on February 7, 2017, the St. Martin Parish Council likewise passed an ordinance which provided for and authorized the abolishment of The District and approved an agreement with the Parish of St. Landry for the division of its assets; and

WHEREAS, a cooperative endeavor agreement was subsequently confectioned in accordance with the dictates of the said Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, Article 5.01 of the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement executed by St. Martin Parish and St. Landry Parish provides that all assets of The District (other than the hospital building and land), including cash, shall be allocated in the proportion of 65.4% to St. Martin Parish and 34.6% to St. Landry Parish; and

WHEREAS, St. Martin Parish desires to receive its 65.4% share of any funds of the now abolished District which are presently on deposit with Farmers-Merchants Bank including but not limited to those funds on deposit in Account Numbers 14901, 29837, 43657,1154230 and Certificate of Deposit Number 30885:

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that Chester R. Cedars, Parish President, be and is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to adopt all necessary measures to secure any and all funds on deposit with any bank or other institution which were previously owned by or under the custody and control of the former First Hospital District of the Parishes of St. Landry and St. Martin, State of Louisiana, all in accordance with terms and conditions of the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement executed on February 13, 2019, and February 14, 2019, by the said St. Landry and St. Martin Parish Governments. Included in this directive is the authority to incorporate in any documents associated with the securing of said funds any hold harmless provisions which may be mandated by any bank or other financial institution. This authorization includes, but is not limited to, those funds on deposit with Farmers-Merchants Bank in Account Numbers 14901,29837, 43657, 1154230 and reflected by Certificate of Deposit Number 30885.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all of the terms, conditions, and provisions of the aforesaid Cooperative Endeavor Agreement and Ordinance Numbers 2017-002 of St. Landry Parish and 17-02-1168-OR of St. Martin Parish are hereby incorporated herein by reference.

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, Jill Hebert, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.  
NAYS: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.  
ABSENT: Albert Menard (excused).

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 3rd day of September, 2019.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 19-082-RS**

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2019-2021 FEDERAL OFF-SYSTEM HIGHWAY BRIDGE PROGRAM PRIORITY LIST.**

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development has approved programming \$26 million for the 2019-2021 federal fiscal years; and

WHEREAS, eighty percent (80%) of this total will be funded by the Federal Government with the remaining portion to be funded with State funds; and

WHEREAS, St. Martin Parish Government's project allocation will be spent on construction costs and design fees; and

WHEREAS, the 2019-2021 Federal Off-System Highway Bridge Program Priority List for St. Martin Parish Government is attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Martin Parish Council hereby adopts the 2019-2021 Federal Off-System Highway Bridge Program Priority List.

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, Jill Hebert, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.  
NAYS: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.  
ABSENT: Albert Menard (excused).

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 3rd day of September, 2019.

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*(Insert Priority List)*

**FEDERAL OFF-SYSTEM HIGHWAY BRIDGE PROGRAM  
2019 - 2021 PRIORITY LIST**

PARISH: St. Martin

DISTRICT: 03

PROJECTED BALANCE: \$464,305

STRUCTURE	
Structure Number:	35030176915231
Report/Recall Number:	200683
Type of Existing Roadway Surfacing and Base	Asphalt
Posted Speed:	25mph
Posted Load:	None
Design Load (if known):	Unknown
Name of Road:	Auguillard Rd.
Name of Stream:	Coulee
Estimated Replacement Cost: \$367,080	
STRUCTURE	
Structure Number:	NA
Report/Recall Number:	
Type of Existing Roadway Surfacing and Base	no other bridges meet criteria
Posted Speed:	
Posted Load:	
Design Load (if known):	
Name of Road:	
Name of Stream:	
Estimated Replacement Cost:	
<b>TOTAL REPLACEMENT COST:</b>	

FILL IN TABLE *COMPLETELY*. (See example)

1. LIST THE TYPE OF **ROADWAY** SURFACING (i.e. GRAVEL, ASPHALT, CONCRETE).
2. GIVE **BOTH** A ROAD NAME *AND* A STREAM NAME.
3. THE ESTIMATED REPLACEMENT COST IS SHOWN ON THE ENCLOSED QUALIFYING BRIDGE LIST.

**A PARISH RESOLUTION & VERBAL STATEMENT FROM PROPERTY OWNERS IS REQUIRED WITH SUBMITTAL OF THIS FORM. ALSO REQUIRED IS THE COMPLETED ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST FOR EACH SITE. ANY FORM NOT HAVING THE PROPER ATTACHMENTS WILL BE RETURNED WITHOUT ACTION.**

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

SUMMARY NO. 1275-OR (Introduced by Jason Willis, District 3)

An Ordinance to authorize the Parish President to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the St. Martin Parish School Board for the use of a tract of land adjacent to Parks Elementary School, all for youth recreational endeavors, the said property being situated in Section 75, Township 9 South, Range 6 East of St. Martin Parish, Louisiana.

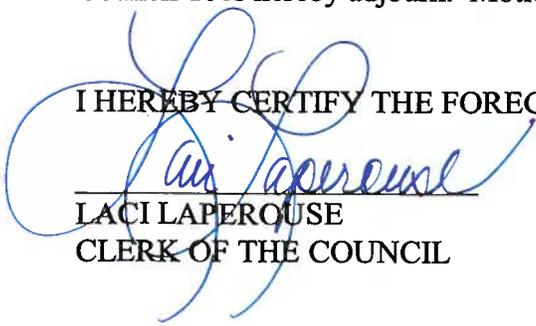
SUMMARY NO. 1276-OR (Introduced by Jill Hebert, District 6)

An Ordinance to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Breaux Bridge, Louisiana, to redefine the boundaries of Sales Tax District No. 1 to delete the area North of I-10 annexed by the City subsequent to 1998.

Prior to adjournment, Parish President Chester Cedars thanked Chairwoman Lisa Nelson for the moment of silence for the late Kenneth Jude "Pete" Berard. Parish President Chester Cedars mentioned since the beginning of 2019, St. Martin Parish Government has lost three (3) other employees. Parish President Chester Cedars acknowledged and publicly thanked the volunteer fire departments that worked tirelessly at the fatal crash which occurred on I-10 West Bound last week. Parish President Chester Cedars also discussed the FEMA reimbursement and also the 4-Mile Bayou Road bridge has been approved and can now go out to bid. Parish President Chester Cedars reminded everyone that the September 17, 2019 Committee Meetings will be held at the Butte La Rose Fire Station. A general discussion not requiring Council action ensued amongst Council Members and Parish President Chester Cedars regarding Auguillard Road and Potato Shed Road Bridge.

A motion was made by Dean LeBlanc seconded by Chris Tauzin that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby adjourn. Motion was unanimously approved.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE EXACT AND TRUE:



LACI LAPEROUSE  
CLERK OF THE COUNCIL