

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. CHAVERS, MR. COATES, MR. TAYLOR, MR. ERDEY, MR. WASCOM, MR. WATTS, MR. MANGUS, MR. GOFF

NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: MS. SANDEFUR

Thereupon the chair declared that the substitute motion had carried and was adopted on June 13, 2024.

The chair addressed agenda item number 23a, "Adopt resolution to add the following road(s) to the Priority Road List for consideration: Rue Orleans Road - Council District 9 - Joseph "Joe" Erdey"

STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF LIVINGSTON
LPR NO. 24-234
MOTION was offered by Joe Erdey and duly seconded by Billy Taylor to add the following roads for consideration to the Capital Outlay/Priority Road List:

- Rue Orleans Road - Council District 9

2024/2025 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM - ROAD ANALYSIS AND ASSESSMENT
3 - YEAR PRIORITY ROAD LIST
PARISH ROAD ENGINEER'S RECOMMENDATION LIST FOR 2024/2025 ROADS

Table with columns: Rank, Road Name, Location, Miles, Priority. Lists various roads including Alewife Drive, Alesha Drive, Nancy Drive, etc., with their respective mileages and priority levels.

Table with columns: Road Name, Miles, LPR NO., Date. Lists roads like Good Road, Alewife Drive, Nicholas Drive, Joe Lena, Oak Street, Mulberry Street, etc., with their mileages and scheduled dates.

Public input: Eric Pittman, Special Counsel to Sheriff Ard

Mr. Pittman advised that he had been involved in consulting with the Sheriff when this issue first came out that year. He had given his opinion and some materials to the Sheriff that it was his view that it is the Sheriff's obligation to collect those taxes and his legislative, statutory constitutional duty.

Mr. Pittman read the question presented to the Attorney General's office as follows:

Is it permissible for the Parish President's office to collect occupational license taxes within Livingston Parish instead of the Sheriff?

He then proceeded to read the opinion that had been given:

It is the opinion of this office that a sheriff is entitled to collect such local taxes, and a parish governing body lacks any legislative authority to divert a sheriff of that right.

He reiterated that the issue was whether or not the Parish had the legal authority to divert or deny the Sheriff of that right.

Mr. Pittman stated that the Sheriff wished to appear at the next Council meeting in two (2) weeks because he wanted to share with the Council the efforts that his office goes through for the collection of this occupational license that will include: what his staff does, how they do it, and they how they monitor.

Mr. Pittman had packets that he presented to the Council members that cited case law and also a copy of the Attorney General's Opinion.

Councilman Billy Taylor asked Mr. Pittman how much percentage the Sheriff takes off of this tax. Mr. Pittman advised that it was fifteen percent (15%) and that is the statutory amount that he is to collect.

The Parish President stated that he wished to clarify some of things that had been mentioned. First, he advised that the Sheriff had come to the Parish President and said that he was going to give up this tax, that is how the Parish got involved. The second thing he wished to state was to correct the reporting of twenty-eight (28) parishes that are currently collecting their own occupational license fees, it was twenty-four (24) parishes. He also wanted to add that all municipalities, which include municipalities located in Livingston Parish, collect this tax.

The chair advised that after speaking with the Parish President, the proposed ordinance amendments were going to be deferred at this time. He indicated that this had been presented to the Council as an introduction of the ordinance and he asked if a motion for clarification could be made that the proposed ordinance not be introduced and it be postponed or deferred until more information has been received.

Councilman Ryan Chavers agreed with the chair and stated that he would like to make the motion.

LPR NO. 24-237

MOTION was offered by Ryan Chavers and duly seconded by Joe Erdey to clarify that Administration's proposed ordinances in regard to amending the collection of occupational license fees would not be introduced and hence will be postponed and deferred until more information has been received; and whereby if it would ever come up again, then it would have to go back through the introduction process.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. CHAVERS, MR. COATES, MR. TAYLOR, MR. ERDEY, MR. WASCOM, MS. SANDEFUR, MR. WATTS, MR. MANGUS, MR. GOFF
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on June 13, 2024.

The chair addressed agenda item number 26a, "District Attorney's Report: Possible Executive Session to discuss the Parker case, litigation strategy, settlement, and or appeal: Harold Marcell Parker, Jr. vs. Livingston Parish Government, 21st Judicial District Court, Parish of Livingston, State of Louisiana, Docket No. 182,770, Division "E";" and advised that he had spoken to the Parish's Legal Counsel, Mr. Brad Cascio, who indicated that this agenda item was pulled.

Councilman Ricky Goff requested to speak before the Council meeting adjourned. He wished to mention that the millage ordinances that were previously introduced that evening would be coming back to the Council in September. He stated that it was his desire with the Health Unit, that will be going back on the ballot, is going to be to roll that back possibly, not to 1.88, but to 1.75 mills. He instructed that he would be getting information together advising what that is going to collect, what our budget was last year, the projected budget for next year, the projected budget for the following year and share that with the Council to help explain his thought process behind it. He stated that much like Mr. Taylor's office, Parish Assessor, was doing trying to give back as much as they can to the roof tops of the community.

Councilman John Mangus wished to recognize that Father's Day was Sunday. He wanted to share that if you look at statistics in the last twenty (20) years, the age of American males' life expectancy has dropped four (4) years, so love your fathers. He asked for everyone who still had their fathers with them, to please thank them.

Having no further business, a motion to adjourn was requested until the next regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council scheduled on Thursday, June 27, 2024 at the hour of six o'clock (6:00 p.m.) in Livingston, Louisiana.

LPR NO. 24-238

MOTION was offered by Billy Taylor and duly seconded by Dean Coates to adjourn the June 13, 2024 regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. CHAVERS, MR. COATES, MR. TAYLOR, MR. ERDEY, MR. WASCOM, MS. SANDEFUR, MR. WATTS, MR. MANGUS, MR. GOFF
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had been carried and was adopted and that the meeting was adjourned.

Signature of Sandy C. Teal, Council clerk

The audio and video for this meeting may be found in its entirety on the Livingston Parish Council's YouTube page at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cDF6fw3Jaw8&t=39215

It may also be found on the Livingston Parish Council's website at: https://www.livingstonparishcouncil.com/

If you have any questions, please contact Sandy Teal at the Livingston Parish Council office at (225)686-3027.

Signature of John Wascom, Council chairman

Livingston Parish Public Schools
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Special Board Meeting
06/20/24 05:00 PM
School Board Office
13909 Florida Blvd
Livingston, LA 70754

MEETING MINUTES

The special meeting of the Livingston Parish School Board will be held at the School Board Office, 13909 Florida Blvd., Livingston, Louisiana, on THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 2024, at FIVE O'CLOCK PM for the following purposes and to take whatever actions necessary. The meeting may be viewed online at https://www.youtube.com/@lpsboardmeeting5531/streams

Attendees: Ms. Stacy Robinson, District 2; Mr. William Jeff Fritzel, District 3, Vice-President; Mr. Bradley Harris, District 4; Mr. Cecil Harris, District 5; Mr. Jeffrey Cox, District 6; Ms. Katelyn Cockerham, District 7; Dr. Ronald McMorris, District 8; Mr. Stephen Link, District 9, President

Absent Members: Mr. Brad Sharp, District 1

- 1. Call to Order
The Board Meeting was called to order by President Steve Link.

- 2. Approval of the minutes of the School Board meeting held on June 6, 2024
Motion was made and duly seconded to approve the minutes of the School Board meeting held on June 6, 2024.

- Motion made by Mr. Jeffrey Cox
Motion seconded by: Ms. Stacy Robinson
Voting:
Unanimously Approved
The President declared the motion carried.

- 3. Grant presentation by the Pilot Club of Denham Springs
Board Member Cecil Harris introduced Amanda McMorris with the Pilot Club of Denham Springs and thanked the organization's support for our schools. Amanda McMorris also introduced Ms. Terry Gordy, President of the Pilot Club of Denham Springs, and gave an explanation of the Pilot International Matching Grant and how the students are already benefiting from the materials and equipment.

- At the end of last summer, we met with Dr. Penalber, because we wanted to write a matching grant with our International Association. We needed some ideas and we wanted to help kids with disabilities. Our focus is helping people with brain related disabilities so Dr. Penalber put us in touch with Dr. Trent Herring at CABS in Holden who has a need for some materials. We were awarded a grant from our International Foundation. We matched the \$1,000.00 plus a little bit more and purchased materials for them to use to teach behaviors to reduce aggression and to help the kids with their self-management skills, to improve safety for the teachers and the students, and all of that which will lead to increased instructional time. These kids have behavior challenges that are a result of trauma and brain-related disorders. They received all the equipment and Ms. Jessica Clark has been working with us since Dr. Herring retired and she is in charge. We are also going to complete some volunteer work at the Center to help with some cleaning, and some gardening that the kids can in turn use as an instructional activity. We will continue our pen pals with the kids, and we are also going to be reading and helping them with instructional materials. If they have things they want to laminate, we have about 40 members in our club and we can cut those things out. We are very excited to provide this service for the school system. This project also sparked our biggest endeavor. We saw the playground at Holden and Dr. Herring said their kids weren't able to get over there because it was wet. We looked and realized the playground at Holden needed some spiffing up. So, our biggest project yet, we are working with two elementary schools in the parish to build accessible playgrounds. The one at Holden School was completed in April, and the other at Seventh Ward Elementary will be ready in time for school to start. We are seeking our next two playgrounds to benefit. We have a budget of about \$50,000.00 and we are hoping the schools have some money that they can contribute towards the playground equipment. We would like to come to a principal's meeting to share this information or if you know of a need please let us know. We are glad to give back to our community and we appreciate your support. Thank you for this opportunity!

- Superintendent Purvis and several other board members thanked the Pilot Club of Denham Springs and expressed appreciation for all they are doing. We will get you set up to speak at one of our principal meetings in one of our group meetings, so you are able to meet with elementary principals and have that discussion. We really appreciate y'all for being here!

- 4. ADDENDUM: Recognition of Jon Hollier elected as Louisiana FFA State Vice President at State Convention
Board member Katelyn Cockerham introduced Walker High School Agriculture Teacher, Trevor Rushing, who then introduced Jon Hollier, a graduating senior at Walker High School who was elected this year as the State Vice-President for our FFA organization. They have 10 officers every year that represent the entire State of Louisiana and he was elected as one of those among his peers. We're very excited for him. It's the first one we've had in our school and in our parish since 2018.

- Superintendent Purvis congratulated Jon. I'm incredibly impressed and excited to have a student in our district representing us. I'm a little bit partial because I was an Ag Teacher and totally dedicated to FFA, so I know how much that helps you grow as a leader and a person. So, we are incredibly excited. How would you explain a little bit about your summer? Most people here may not realize exactly how much you're sacrificing to do this position.

Strikethroughs submitted this road is on the 2024/2025 Priority/Capital Outlay List

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. CHAVERS, MR. COATES, MR. TAYLOR, MR. ERDEY, MR. WASCOM, MS. SANDEFUR, MR. WATTS, MR. MANGUS, MR. GOFF
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on June 13, 2024.

The chair addressed agenda item number 24a, "Board (re)appointment(s)/Resignation(s): Reappoint three (3) members to Fire Protection District No. 1," and called upon Councilman Joseph "Joe" Erdey".

Councilman Erdey advised that they would not be able to discuss this agenda item that evening and it would need to be deferred until he could meet with the board.

The chair addressed agenda item number 24b, "Board (re)appointment(s)/Resignation(s): Appoint a member to the Master Plan Review Committee - Dean Coates".

LPR NO. 24-236
MOTION was made by Dean Coates and duly seconded by Joe Erdey to appoint Steven Larkey (Council District 8) to the Master Plan Review Committee whereby replacing the current committee member, Kenny Morrison (Council District 8); this term does not expire as committee members serve at the pleasure of the Livingston Parish Council.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. CHAVERS, MR. COATES, MR. TAYLOR, MR. ERDEY, MR. WASCOM, MS. SANDEFUR, MR. WATTS, MR. MANGUS, MR. GOFF
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on June 13, 2024.

The chair addressed agenda item number 25a, "Committee Report(s): Finance Committee", and called upon Councilman John Mangus, Finance committee chairman.

Councilman Mangus advised that the committee had not met and did not have a report at that time. The Council clerk wished to clarify the expiration date of Master Plan Review committee members in regard to agenda item number 24b, "Board (re)appointment(s)/Resignation(s). Appoint a member to the Master Plan Review Committee - Dean Coates".

Master Plan Review Committee member Brian Clemmons requested to address the Council members. The chair congratulated Mr. Clemmons on his appointment as chairman of this committee. He spoke at length about term limits of board and committee members.

The chair announced that he wished to appoint Councilman Ricky Goff as an addition to the Finance committee.

Having nothing else to report at that time from the Finance committee, the chair moved to the next agenda item.

The chair addressed agenda item number 25b, "Committee Report(s): Ordinance Committee: Recommendation(s) of ordinance introduction(s)", and called upon Councilman Dean Coates, committee chairman.

Councilman Coates advised that the Ordinance committee would be meeting on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at five o'clock (5:00) p.m., being the same week as the regular meetings of the Livingston Parish Council.

The chair addressed proposed ordinances that were submitted at the Ordinance committee meeting by the Parish President in regard to occupational licenses. He invited the Parish President to further explain what was being recommended.

Parish President Randy Delatte advised that Administration approached the Ordinance committee to discuss the fees associated with occupational licenses that are currently being collected by the Livingston Parish Sheriff's office. He explained that there are currently twenty-eight (28) parishes that collect their occupational license fees. Administration had presented the committee with amendments to the occupational license ordinances that would designate the Livingston Parish Council to collect their own license fees. He further explained that the Parish is currently paying two hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$260,000.00) per year for the Sheriff to collect these fees.

The Parish President advised that he had requested an Attorney General's Opinion and they had received a response that he wished to read aloud to the Council members as follows:

While LA R.S. 47:341(B) permits the collection of occupational license taxes by multiple persons, only the Livingston Parish Sheriff is entitled to collect occupational license taxes on behalf of the Livingston Parish if the Sheriff so chooses.

The Parish President stated that Sheriff Ard was a great friend of his, but he disagreed with the Opinion rendered. Even though the Opinion is not law, he wished to defer the proposed ordinance amendments and they would do more research and he wished to come back and revisit this with the Ordinance committee if those results warranted so. If no new avenues could be found from their research, he would not return to discuss this subject.

Councilman Ryan Chavers commended the Parish President and recognized that his heart was in the right spot looking for funding to provide services to their constituency.

