

TRINITY

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eligible for an additional shot of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine eight months from when they got their second one.

Smith said more information on the booster shot will be made available soon.

Trinity Medical is not allowing visitors at this time.

The hospital had net income of \$504,868 for the month of July.

Net revenue was \$2,339,824, while net expenses were \$1,834,966.

Smith said a new sign has been posted at the entrance to let people driving into the hospital know the emergency room is located in the rear of the building.

BRIEFLY

Clayton man charged

A Clayton man was charged with possession of drugs and of a firearm Tuesday night during a patrol by Concordia Parish Sheriff’s Office deputies.

Tavion Byrd, 23, of Clayton was charged with possession of Schedule 1 CDS with intent to distribute, possession of a firearm while in possession of CDS and possession of drug paraphernalia.

According to CPSO reports, on Tuesday night around 8 p.m., members of the Criminal Patrol Unit were on proactive patrol in the area of Ferriday Villa Apartments due to recent reports from citizens relative to narcotics activity. While in the area, the deputies had the opportunity to make contact with numerous subjects who

were standing at a vehicle parked in a handicap space. Further investigation revealed the presence of illegal narcotics, along with cash and a firearm.

Items that were seized including two 25-pound bags of suspected marijuana, digital scales, one semi-auto handgun with extended magazine and \$1,300 in cash.

It was also discovered that Byrd was wanted out of East Baton Rouge Parish for domestic abuse battery charges, according to CPSO.

FPSO books shooting suspect

An Alexandria man involved in a June 3 gun fight in a populated Winnsboro parking lot was released from a Rapides Parish medical facility and booked on numerous charges

by Franklin Parish Sheriff’s Office.

Brandon D. Allen, 37 of 2029 Main Street Alexandria, was officially charged with attempted second degree murder, armed robbery, possession with intent to distribute a schedule II CDS, illegal carrying of weapon and obstruction of justice.

Allen was shot twice in the abdominal area during an apparent drug deal gone bad, according to Sheriff Kevin Cobb. The melee happened approximately 5 p.m., June 3 at Family Dollar located on La Hwy 15.

Along with Allen being shot, another suspect fled on foot and one involved multiple law enforcement departments in a high-speed chase.

Javaughkyus Mayfield, 20, of 3004 Earle Drive, Winnsboro, and Damicos D Jackson, 38, of 623 13th Street,

Alexandria, were also involved in the shooting.

Mayfield, who fled on foot after the incident, turned himself into Franklin Parish Sheriff’s Office and was charged with attempted second degree murder and illegal carrying of a weapon. He was held at Franklin Parish Detention Center on a \$250,000 bond.

Jackson was booked into Franklin Parish Detention Center June 3 on a \$375,000 bond. He was charged with aggravated flight from an officer, armed robbery, possession with intent to distribute a schedule II CDS, possession of firearm or carry concealed weapon by a person convicted of certain felonies and obstruction of justice / damage or destruction of property.

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JURY

riod of time especially when you have to follow Federal procurement laws when using ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds for match,” Burley said. “The state has basically required a 25 percent match on all the projects being applied for. The 25 percent match can be waived, but it can affect your scoring. This is for sewer and water projects.”

She said entities can apply for up to \$5 million.

With the allocations for the parish from ARPA, she said the Jury is helping the sewer and water entities meet their 25 percent match.

Projects funded through ARPA in the parish include Concordia Sewer, which received \$400,000; Concordia Water, \$300,000; Lake St. John Waterworks, \$150,000; Monterey Water, \$200,000; Police Jury drainage, \$250,000; and Police Jury general fund, \$2,065,000.

“With regards to the General Fund,” Burley said, “we were given this massive Excel spreadsheet to put data in to come up with growth and deficits of revenue. We were to use 2019 as a base year and only focus on tax revenues from local, state, and federal.

“Based on my unaudited 2020 calculations, the tax receivables have a deficit equal to a little bit over \$500,000 a year. That equals about 11.6% each year. We are supposed to multiply that by 4 years and have the ARPA funds allocated to offset the deficit.”

The ARPA budget allocation has been preliminarily approved by the jurors. The budget is due to federal treasury by Aug. 31.

Concerning broadband, Burley said the Jury is required to provide a 25 percent match on an estimated cost of \$6-to-\$8 million.

“We do not have that kind of money available to match, nor do we have a return on investment directly – the providers are the ones that will be making the money, not the Jury,” she said, noting that her understanding is that providers are being asked to provide 20 percent in capital and assets.

She said a broadband committee will be formed.

In other action the Jury, following a public hearing, approved a request from Mike Rodrigue to abandon a portion of Maxwell Road.

In an email to the Jury, Rodrigue wrote that he was re-

questing to “abandon 125 feet of Maxwell Rd. south of the northern cattle guard in order to run a fence across the road and over the levee.” He said Fifth District Levee Board officials were in agreement with the proposal.

“A gate would be placed across the road but locked,” he said. “Keys will be provided to all agencies that need to access beyond that point.”

He said he had applied for a permit from the levee board “for the portion of the fence that will cross the levee.”

In other action, the Jury: Approved requests from the

School Board for assistance to spray herbicide around the Ferriday High baseball field, to mow and spray the field across from Vidalia Junior High and to spray the baseball field fence at Ferriday Junior High.

Discussed herbicide application along drainage ditch banks on sections of Cocodrie Bayou and Little Cross Bayou.

Approved occupational licenses for:

Hilliard’s Snack Shack, Brent Hillard, 153 Harbor Road, Ferriday.

Martin Construction, Lee Martin Jr., 171 Doty Garden Circle, Ferriday.

DEADLINE

the adequacy of the proposed improvements to eliminate unsanitary conditions.”

Womack and Riser said many

communities in their district are in desperate need of water and waste water system upgrades. Many local and statewide sys-

tems are 40 to 50 years old and are showing signs of aging.

“The legislature put back \$300 million to spend this year and \$300 million next year on water and waste water (projects) from the American Rescue Act,” Womack said in an earlier interview. “We are going to be able to set up the criteria. We’re looking at rating each system, and we want

to encourage anybody who has money to put up some for system improvements.”

Womack and Riser acknowledged \$300 million is a small amount to improve systems statewide and needs local municipalities to work with them.

Lawmakers also want local municipalities and water organizations to be able to sustain their systems through possible

rate increases if needed.

“Get your rates up where they need to be,” Womack said in an earlier interview. “Make sure you have a plan of sustainability. We’ll build it, but you have to be sustainable.”

Riser gave a bleak glimpse into Louisiana’s water and sewer infrastructure if matters were not addressed.

“Here is the number to re-

member,” Riser said. “2030 is crisis and 2050 is critical mass on water. It is now 2021. We have to do something now. This is a big deal.”

A Water Sector Commission meeting date has not been set but Riser said a meeting could be as soon as October 1 to begin the application review process.



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growers beginning to harvest this week.”

The cotton crop is also “behind this year, which is not a place we like to be due to the potential for damaging weath-

er.”

Cattle producers “have had a hard time battling armyworms in pastures. Many pastures have been treated several times this summer.”

Additionally, Miller said, “I would like to remind drivers that this year growers are having to make many tough management decisions. Let us help them out by sharing the high-

way and being patient drivers. While we may not personally consume these crops as food, we do however use it to feed the livestock we do consume.”

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Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE		
CONCORDIA PARISH SCHOOL BOARD PROPOSED CONSOLIDATED BUDGET FISCAL YEAR ENDING – JUNE 30, 2022		
The following is a summary of the proposed Consolidated Budget for the Concordia Parish School Board, 4358 Hwy 84 West, Vidalia, Louisiana, it is being published in accordance with Act 504 of 1980.		
	FY 2020/21	FY 2021/22
Fund Balance Fiscal Yr Beg	\$30,200,337	\$31,233,019
Revenue	57,830,637	56,662,156
Expenditures	56,797,955	59,992,662
Fund Balance Fiscal Yr End	\$31,233,019	\$27,902,513
The above fund balances are comprised of restricted, non-restricted and designated reserves. The budget is available (summary form) for public inspection at the School Board Central Administrative Office. Our regular operating office hours are 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Monday – Friday. A public hearing on the proposed budget will be held at 6:00 p.m., September 9, 2021, (Central Administrative Office Building, Conference Room #124) at which time the School Board will review and adopt budgets for its General and Special Revenue Funds.		
/s/ Thomas H. O’Neal Director Business Affairs/CFO		
Publish Date: August 25, 2021		
NOTICE		
Proposed Constitutional Amendments to be voted on at the Open Primary/Orleans Municipal Parochial Primary Election October 9, 2021 ----- CODING: Words which are struck through are deletions from existing law; words in boldface type and/or underscored are additions.		
Proposed Amendment No. 1 Regular Session, 2021 ----- ACT No. 131 ----- HOUSE BILL NO. 199 BY REPRESENTATIVES SCHEXNAYDER, BAGLEY, BISHOP, BRYANT, BUTLER, CARRIER, COUSSAN, DAVIS, DEVILLIER, ECHOLS, EDMONDS, FARNUM, FREEMAN, GADBERRY, GLOVER, GOUDEAU, GREEN, HARRIS, HILFERTY, HORTON, MIKE JOHNSON, TRAVIS JOHNSON, KERNER, LARVADAIN, MARCELLE, MCKNIGHT, MCMAHEN, MOORE, NELSON, NEWELL, ORGERON, PIERRE,		
PRESSLY, ROMERO, SELDEERS, ST. BLANC, STAGNI, THOMAS, VILLIO, WHEAT, WHITE, AND WRIGHT AND SENATORS ABRAHAM, ALLAIN, BERNARD, BOUDREAUX, BOUIE, CATHEY, CONNICK, HEWITT, JOHNS, LUNEAU, MCMATH, MILLIGAN, FRED MILLS, ROBERT MILLS, MIZELL, MORRIS, REESE, SMITH, AND WOMACK		
A JOINT RESOLUTION		
Proposing to add Article VII, Section 3.1 of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to sales and use tax collection; to create the State and Local Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Commission; to authorize the legislature to provide by law for the streamlined electronic collection of sales and use taxes; to provide for commission membership; to provide for commission duties and responsibilities; to provide for commission officers; to provide for the administration of sales and use taxes; to provide for the transfer of powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities of the Louisiana Sales and Use Tax Commission for Remote Sellers and the Louisiana Uniform Local Sales Tax Board; to provide for funding; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.		
Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to add Article VII, Section 3.1 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows: <u>\$3.1. State and Local Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Commission</u> Section 3.1 (A) The State and Local Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Commission, hereinafter referred to in this Section as the "commission", is hereby created as a statewide political subdivision. The duties and obligations of the commission shall be determined by law. (B)(1) The membership of the commission shall be comprised of eight members, each of whom shall be subject to Senate confirmation, as follows: (a) One member appointed by the Louisiana School Boards Association or its successor. (b) One member appointed by the Louisiana Municipal Association or its successor. (c) One member appointed by the Police Jury Association of Louisiana or its successor. (d) One member appointed by the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association or its successor. (e) The secretary of the Department of Revenue, or a designee of the secretary. (f) One member appointed by the governor. (g) One member appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives. (h) One member appointed by the president of the Senate. (2) The initial members of the commission shall be appointed at the first meeting. (3) The commission shall have a chairman and vice-chairman and such other officers as the commission deems necessary. The initial chairman of the commission shall be elected by commission members at the first meeting and shall be a member appointed pursuant to Subsubparagraphs (1)(e) through (h) of this Paragraph. Thereafter, on the anniversary of the initial election of the chairman and vice-chairman, the commission shall elect as chairman a member appointed pursuant to Subsubparagraphs (1)(e) through (h) of this Paragraph, and shall elect as vice-chairman a member appointed pursuant to Subsubparagraphs (1)(a) through (d) of this Paragraph. The election of chairman		
and vice-chairman positions shall continue to rotate in this manner each year. (C) The first meeting of the commission shall be called by the speaker of the House of Representatives no later than one year following the enactment of the statutory provisions as provided for in Paragraph (I) of this Section. (D) The commission shall: (1) Provide for the streamlined electronic filing, electronic remittance, and the collection of sales and use taxes levied within the state ensuring prompt remittance of the respective tax returns and monies received electronically by the commission to the single collector for each taxing authority and to the Department of Revenue for distribution. The tax monies received shall, at all times, be and remain the property of the respective taxing authorities or the state. (2) Issue policy advice relative to sales and use taxes levied by all taxing authorities within the state. (3) Develop rules, regulations, and guidance to simplify and streamline the audit process for sales and use taxpayers. (E) The commission shall be funded with state and local sales and use tax revenues collected and deemed by the commission, to be reasonable and necessary costs of the administration and collection of sales and use taxes levied by all taxing authorities within the state. (F) One year following the first meeting of the commission, the Louisiana Sales and Use Tax Commission for Remote Sellers and the Louisiana Uniform Local Sales Tax Board shall be abolished. The powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities of the Louisiana Sales and Use Tax Commission for Remote Sellers and the Louisiana Uniform Local Sales Tax Board shall be transferred to, exercised by, and under the administration and control of the commission. When the Louisiana Sales and Use Tax Commission for Remote Sellers and the Louisiana Uniform Local Sales Tax Board are abolished: (1) Any reference in law to the Louisiana Sales and Use Tax Commission for Remote Sellers and the Louisiana Uniform Local Sales Tax Board shall be deemed to apply to the commission. (2) All books, papers, records, actions, and other property, heretofore possessed, controlled, or used by the Louisiana Sales and Use Tax Commission for Remote Sellers and the Louisiana Uniform Local Sales Tax Board are hereby transferred to the commission. (3) All employees of the Louisiana Sales and Use Tax Commission for Remote Sellers and the Louisiana Uniform Local Sales Tax Board shall be transferred to the commission. (G) The adoption or amendment of any rule by the commission shall require a two-thirds vote of the members of the commission and shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act. (H) All statutory provisions enacted relative to the duties, funding, or obligations of the commission shall require the enactment of law by a two-thirds vote of the elected members of each house of the legislature. (I)(1) Absent the enactment of statutory provisions pursuant to Subparagraphs (D)(1) through (3) of this Section, local sales and use tax collection shall be as provided in Article VII, Section 3(B) of this Constitution and state sales and use tax collection and administration shall be by the Department of Revenue as provided by law. (2) Any law enacting provisions pursuant to Subparagraphs (D)(1) through (3) of this Section shall require a two-thirds vote of the elected members of each house of the legislature. Beginning on the effective date of such law, the provisions of Article VII, Section 3(B) of this Constitution shall cease to be effective and shall be inapplicable, inoperable, and of no effect for the limited purposes of the commission's duties as set forth in Subparagraphs (D)(1) through (3) of this Section. Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on October 9, 2021. If the Act which originated as Senate Bill No. 149 of this 2021 Regular Session of the Legislature does not become effective and no statewide election is held on October 9, 2021, this proposed amendment shall be submitted		
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to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 8, 2022.

Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at the election, there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as follows:

Do you support an amendment to authorize the legislature to provide for the streamlined electronic filing, electronic remittance, and the collection of sales and use taxes levied within the state by the State and Local Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Commission and to provide for the funding, duties, and responsibilities of the commission? (Adds Article VII, Section 3.1)

Proposed Amendment No. 2
Regular Session, 2021

ACT No. 134

SENATE BILL NO. 159

BY SENATORS ALLAIN AND JOHNS AND REPRESENTATIVE BISHOP

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article VII, Section 4(A) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to income tax; to provide a maximum rate of individual income tax; to provide with respect to the deductibility of federal income tax for purposes of computing state income tax; to eliminate the mandatory deduction for federal income taxes; and to specify an election for submission of the proposition to electors and provide a ballot proposition.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to amend Article VII, Section 4(A) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

§4. Income Tax; Severance Tax; Political Subdivisions

Section 4.(A) Income Tax. Equal and uniform taxes may be levied on net incomes, and these taxes may be graduated according to the amount of net income. However, the **maximum** state individual and joint income tax schedule of rates and brackets shall never exceed the rates and brackets set forth in Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes on January 1, 2003 **rate shall not exceed four and three-quarters percent for tax years beginning after December 31, 2021.** Federal income taxes paid shall **may** be allowed as a deductible item in computing state income taxes for the same period **as provided by law.**

Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on October 9, 2021.

Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at said election there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as follows:

Do you support an amendment to lower the maximum allowable rate of individual income tax and to authorize the legislature to provide by law for a deduction for federal income taxes paid? (Amends Article VII, Section 4(A))

Proposed Amendment No. 3
Regular Session, 2021

ACT No. 132

SENATE BILL NO. 87

BY SENATOR CONNICK

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article VI, Section 39 of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to taxing authority of levee districts; to provide for the millage limits on certain levee districts; and to specify an election for submission of the proposition to electors and provide a ballot proposition.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to amend Article VI, Section 39 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

§39. Levee District Taxes

Section 39.(A) District Tax; Millage Limit. For the purpose of constructing and maintaining levees, levee drainage, flood protection, hurricane flood protection, and for all other purposes incidental thereto, the governing authority of a levee district created prior to January 1, 2006, **except as provided in Paragraph (C) of this Section,** may levy annually a tax not to exceed five mills, except the Board of Levee Commissioners of the Orleans Levee District which may levy annually a tax not to exceed two and one-half mills on the dollar of the assessed valuation of all taxable property situated within the alluvial portions of the district subject to overflow.

(B) Millage Increase. If the necessity to raise additional funds arises in any levee district created prior to January 1, 2006, for any purpose set forth in Paragraph (A) of this Section, or for any other purpose related to its authorized powers and functions as specified by law, the tax may be increased. However, the necessity and the rate of the increase shall be submitted to the electors of the district, and the tax increase shall take effect only if approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon in an election held for that purpose.

(C) **Certain** Districts Created After January 1, 2006. For any purpose set forth in Paragraph (A) of this Section, the governing authority of a levee district created after January 1, 2006, **and where a majority of the electors in the district failed to approve the provisions of this Section in an election held on October 9, 2021, or a levee district created after October 9, 2021,** may annually levy a tax on all property not exempt from taxation situated within the alluvial portions of the district subject to overflow. However, such a district shall not levy such a tax nor increase the rate of such a tax unless the levy or the increase is approved by a majority of the electors of the district who vote in an election held for that purpose. If the district is comprised of territory in more than one parish, approval by a majority of the electors who vote in each parish comprising the district is also required for any such levy or increase.

Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on October 9, 2021.

Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at said election there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as follows:

Do you support an amendment to allow levee districts created after January 1, 2006, and before October 9, 2021, whose electors approve the amendment to levy an annual tax not to exceed five mills for the purpose of constructing and maintaining levees, levee drainage, flood protection, and hurricane flood protection? (Amends Article VI, Section 39)

Proposed Amendment No. 4
Regular Session, 2021

ACT No. 157

HOUSE BILL NO. 487

BY REPRESENTATIVE ECHOLS

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article VII, Section 10(F)(2)(a) and (b) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to deficit avoidance; to increase the amount of allowable reductions to certain funds when there is a projected deficit; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to amend Article VII, Section 10(F)(2)(a) and (b) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

ARTICLE VII

§10. Expenditure of State Funds

Section 10.

(F) Projected Deficit.

(2)(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this constitution to the contrary, adjustments to any constitutionally protected or mandated allocations or appropriations, and transfer of monies associated with such adjustments, are authorized when state general fund allocations or appropriations have been reduced in an aggregate amount equal to at least seven-tenths of one percent of the total of such allocations and appropriations for a fiscal year. Such adjustments may shall not exceed five ten percent of the total appropriation or allocation from a fund for the fiscal year. For purposes of this Subsubparagraph, reductions to expenditures required by Article VIII, Section 13(B) of this constitution shall not exceed one percent and such reductions shall not be applicable to instructional activities included within the meaning of instruction pursuant to the Minimum Foundation Program formula. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this constitution to the contrary, monies transferred as a result of such budget adjustments are deemed available for appropriation and expenditure in the year of the transfer from one fund to another, but in no event shall the aggregate amount of any transfers exceed the amount of the deficit.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this constitution to the contrary, for the purposes of the budget estimate and enactment of the budget for the next fiscal year, when the official forecast of recurring revenues for the next fiscal year is at least one percent less than the official forecast for the current fiscal year the following procedure may be employed to avoid a budget deficit in the next fiscal year. An amount not to exceed five ten percent of the total appropriations

or allocations for the current fiscal year from any fund established by law or this constitution shall be available for expenditure in the next fiscal year for a purpose other than as specifically provided by law or this constitution. For the purposes of this Subsubparagraph, an amount not to exceed one percent of the current fiscal year appropriation for expenditures required by Article VIII, Section 13(B) of this constitution shall be available for expenditures for other purposes in the next fiscal year. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this constitution to the contrary, monies made available as authorized under this Subsubparagraph may be transferred to a fund for which revenues have been forecast to be less than the revenues in the current fiscal year for such fund. Monies transferred as a result of the budget actions authorized by this Subsubparagraph are deemed available for appropriation and expenditure, but in no event shall the aggregate amount of any such transfers exceed the amount of the difference between the official forecast for the current fiscal year and the next fiscal year.

Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on October 9, 2021.

Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at the election, there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as follows:

Do you support an amendment to increase the amount of allowable deficit reductions to statutory dedications and constitutionally protected funds from five percent to ten percent? (Amends Article VII, Section 10(F)(2)(a) and (b))

8/25

FERRIDAY HOUSING AUTHORITY PUBLIC NOTICE

The Ferriday Housing Authority will hold a Public Hearing at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 for the 2020 5 Year PHA Plan/2020 Annual PHA Plan that is required by the Quality Housing Responsibility Act of 1998. The Public Hearing will be held at the Ferriday Housing Authority, 27393 Hwy. 15: Ferriday, LA 71334

7/28, 8/4,11,18,25, 9/1,8,15

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Parish School Board of the Parish of Concordia, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of School District No. 10 of the Parish of Concordia, State of Louisiana (the "District"), on June 10, 2021, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held within the District on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2021, and that at the said election there will be submitted to all registered voters in the District qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION (TAX RENEWAL)

Shall School District No. 10 of the Parish of Concordia, State of Louisiana (the "District"), continue to levy a special tax of twenty-five (25) mills on all the property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated \$3,580,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2023 and ending with the year 2032, for the purpose of giving additional support for constructing, improving, maintaining and operating public schools and school related facilities in the District, including payment of salaries of teachers and other school system employees?

The said special election will be held at each and every polling place in the Parish of Concordia, which polls will open at seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541.

The polling places at the precincts in the Parish are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law.

The estimated cost of this election as determined by the Secretary of State based upon the provisions of Chapter 8-A of Title 18 and actual costs of similar elections is \$34,600.

Notice is further given that a portion of the monies collected from the tax described in the Proposition shall be remitted to certain state and statewide retirement systems in the manner required by law.

The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, as provided in this Notice of Special Election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, will make due returns thereof to said Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, the Concordia Parish Central Office Building, 4358-Hwy. 84 West, Vidalia, Louisiana, on **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2021, at SIX O'CLOCK (6:00) P.M.,** and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election. All registered voters of the District are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Vidalia, Louisiana, on this, the 10th day of June, 2021

ATTEST

s/s Fred Butcher
President

s/s Whest Shirley
Secretary

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Village of Ridgecrest Council Meeting July 13, 2021

Public Meeting opened by Mayor at 6:00 P.M.

Invocation by Alderwoman Rita Bolyer

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call, Alderwoman Rita Bolyer - here, Alderwoman Darleen Humphries - here, Alderwoman Deborah Barrett - absent. Mayor we have a quorum.

Mayor – I would like to the add to the Agenda the Auction we are going to have the 28th of July 2021. Put it on the agenda for the today. Alderwoman Rita Bolyer – Did the date change? Mayor – No it is July the 28th .

Public Comments – None

Approval of Minutes for June 2021 – Alderwoman Darleen Humphries – I make a motion Alderwoman Rita Bolyer – 2nd Mayor – I's . All I's Motion Passes

Approval of CPA's Financials for May 2021 - Alderwoman Darleen Humphries – I make a motion Alderwoman Rita Bolyer – 2nd Mayor – I's All – I's Motion Passes

Approval of Clerks Financial Report for June 2021 – Alderwoman Rita Bolyer – I make a motion. Alderwoman Darleen Humphries – 2nd Mayor – Motion has been made All in favor All I's Motion passes.

Mayors Report – On the Grant August the 5th here at 2 o'clock we will have bid openings. We will have the engineer here, the Alderwomen who wants to be here, and it is open to the public. We will open them and take them under consideration. We have so many days to award them. Most likely we will award them then when we open them up and see the prices. Alderwoman Rita Bolyer – this is the bids to set the water line, build the ground storage, set the pump, clean the tower. It the bid for everything needed to done. Hopefully we get the grant money soon. Alderwoman Rita Bolyer – This is just opening up bids. Mayor – Just the open of the bids. This step has to be done. Alderwoman Bolyer – This is not ground breaking? Mayor – The ground breaking will be after we see who the bid is awarded to. I'll then get up with Joe (Concordia Sentinel) and the all the Alderwomen and get a date together then send out the invitations. We will do it at the park because of the parking area. Do you have anyone you want to add to the list to invite. Alderwoman Bolyer has looked at the list. Alderwoman Humphries if you want to look at the list it is in my office and add to it who you need to add we do not want to forget no one. I have a lot of them but it may be some I am missing.

Next thing we need to discuss is we have a trailer that has moved in. It is hooked up to water and power. Alderwoman Rita Bolyer – is this a camper trailer? Mayor – yes, a little camper trailer or travel trailer. I have the ordinance on it and had the lawyer to read through it. My question is I have 4 camper towns. One is being worked on in a back yard. You can't see it unless you know it is there. One

is in a back yard full of furniture and you can see it. This one is not being lived in. The third has been there for years. The fourth one just got hooked up. I gave him an ordinance and gave him 5 days. Alderwoman Rita Bolyer – we have allowed in the past in case of an emergency. Mayor – It reads here the board has to allow them 6 months and can get an extension if its for medical or house burned or something like that. Alderwoman Bolyer – You gave them 5 days? Mayor – Yes, I gave them 5 days. When our new officer gets here, he will write this ticket. It starts out at \$100.00 and goes up to \$250.00. Until we change that. I discussed it with a lawyer to get it moved but it will be moved. Alderwoman Rita Bolyer – We are trying to get new ordinances and hopefully we should have them on the agenda next month.

Mayor – I have been getting some calls from the Corner's office and got another one today. We up to about \$2000.00. Alderwoman Rita Bolyer – Can I ask a question? Mayor – Yes Alderwoman Rita Bolyer – Can I get the number and call them? Mayor – Yes, they wanted to be on the agenda tonight. I told them it was too late and they can be on the one next month. For instance, we had one man die. He did not live here but he died in his daughter's house here. Now we have to pay him a \$100.00. When they send one to be evaluated, we have to pay a \$100.00. Alderwoman Bolyer – Didn't we get a bill for someone who didn't live here? He didn't live here had nothing to with us. Mayor – I told him we have no contract with you. It is not in our budget. Alderwoman Bolyer – I'll call them. Mayor – You are welcome to call them. I got two bills yesterday. Hiedi can show them to you after the meeting. One was for a \$100.00 for one person who was committed and 5 last month who was committed or passed away. Alderwoman Rita Bolyer – Is this just committed or the evacuation. Mayor - Yes, they send them off to hospitals to be evaluated. Shouldn't that be on the insurance company? Alderwoman Rita Bolyer, I thought all along this is just my personal opinion and Stuart correct me if I'm wrong. If we go in and pay them or they billed us for more than a \$100.00. Then if they turn around and get life insurance, they don't reimburse us. That is not right. Attorney Boykin - I would have to look that up. I don't have that in my head right off. Alderwoman Bolyer – Does sound fair? Attorney Boykin – It does not sound fair but it may be legal and that's all we can look up. Mayor - the corner is paid through the parish and now he is billing us. That is double dipping. He gets anywhere between \$30,000.00 to \$60,000.00 a year from the parish that I hear. Then gets it from us too. Mr. Joe (Concordia Sentinel) – He gets it from all Municipalities of areas he does work and I don't know what the amount is. Attorney Boykin – We will have to look at the statutes and see where is he getting the authority from or they can't do it. Alderwoman Rita Boykin – Can you look into that for us and get back to us? Attorney Boykin – Yes Alderwoman Rita Bolyer – I will call you some time next week. Or you can give me a call let me know and I'll wait on you to call. Mayor - Alderwoman Bolyer I'm going to turn it over to you to look into all this. You can talk to the before I put them on the agenda that way, we have all our paperwork together. The people on the list are do not live here. I know they don't live here. They may use to but might not have had their Driver's License changed. Like the man who died I knew he didn't live here. He stayed at a nursing home and then came to the daughter's house to pass. He addresses was somewhere else. They used the address here because this is where he came. Alderwoman Rita Bolyer - we don't have the money to pay for things that are not legal. If we owe it then we owe it. Mayor – I don't see where we owe it. My personal option although I have been wrong.

I have one more thing. I have hired, well not hired. We have a police officer now his name is William Tyler Busby. He is a Natchez police officer. Today we got him certified with a pistol. Yesterday we commissioned him through the Village of Ridgecrest. He will start tonight he is working as auxiliary police officer now. He is not the chief or anything like that and he is not being paid. Now later own we may hire him as the chief I would have to recommend him like we do the Clerk. The Alderwomen would have to hire him.

New Business - Griggs Pressure Washer Services for Occupational License. Are you Jerome Griggs? Yes sir. I'm going to have to throw this out. This is the wrong paperwork this is Tax paperwork. Come back tomorrow and we will get you the correct paperwork. I will make sure you are on next months Agenda.

C & K Kennels – Kevin you want to step up? You have two things going against you. This is also the wrong application. I'm going to have to throw this out. This is not a renewal you are going to have to reapply because this is in Kevin last time it was in Clyde's name. Kevin – Do we put both of our names on it because we are legally married? Mayor – Just one tomorrow to get the correct paperwork now because you have to reapply because your other license expired. It will not come to a vote because the paperwork was not right. Fill out the correct form will have for you tomorrow and we will put you on the agenda for next month also.

All you have some paperwork in your folders for Louisiana Clerks school. This is Hiedi's first time going. I'm going to recommend that we send Hiedi to get her training. In the paperwork you see we get a first-time clerk school of \$200.00 and she can fill out a scholarship of \$500.00. To help pay for the first year. So, it may not cost much at all. The only thing it will cost we have to have Diamond here for the whole week. We need to vote on and agree to let her go so she can apply for the grants. Alderwoman Rita Bolyer – I make a motion. Alderwoman Darleen Humphries - 2nd. Alderwoman Rita Bolyer – I had asked her earlier if she has found out how much the school was or hotels. She said they have not put it out yet. Mayor – They usually have a block of room they cut some of the price off of now how much I'm not sure. An average room is \$200.00 a night for about 5 nights. Alderwoman – Darleen Humphries – It said the scholarships award includes tuition and some funding for hotel expenses. Mayor – Well for \$500.00 if she gets it that helps. All in favor – 2 I's Motion Passes.

We have a list of things we need to Auction off. The list reads as: 2005 Crown Victoria Vin 2FAFP76126X114065 Mileage? No Transmission \$200.00, 2009 Crown Victoria Vin 2FAHP71V99X138920 Mileage 77, 689.50 \$1500.00, 540 PRM Sprayer MDL #6500 C \$50.00, 5'540 RPM BUSH HOG \$50.00, Craftsman 10" Radial Saw MDL #113.1397151 Serial #91305M0136 \$25.00, TC710 6' Clipper 540 RPM \$50.00, 14' 1985 Military Trailer ID Number 7063 \$400.00, Diesel Tank 350 Gallons \$150.00, Trailer 16' Tandem Axle \$50.00. Hopefully we can get some bids off some of the stuff out there. Alderwoman Rita Bolyer – The prices out beside here are what we asking? Mayor – This is what we have to get before it leaves here. I know a few people who are going to bid on some of the items listed. Alderwoman Darleen Humphries – Is it going to be a closed bid? Mayor – It is going to be a sealed bid. It is going to be here on the 28th at 1:00 p.m. I will open the bids and read them off. The highest bid gets them. Alderwoman Darleen Humphries – The bids have to be turned in before 1:00 p.m. on the 28th Mayor – Yes, before 1 p.m. that day. When we open the door, they have to hand it to me as I walk in. If they want to bid early, they can turn them in to Hiedi and she will keep them locked up until that date. Alderwoman Rita Bolyer – I make a motion we accept the Auction Alderwoman Darleen Humphries – 2nd Mayor – All in favor 2 I's Motion Passes.

Old Business – The LCDBG grant we are not going to be able to apply for it. After further investigation you can not have two grants open. We were told to go ahead and start the filing process before this was awarded. DHA has a clause in it to where you can not have anything wrong with your sewer or water. Before you can use that money to go on streets. We are in limbo on that. That grant is dead for the 2022-2023 year. They want the sewer and water up to par now. We got one lift station rebuilt and we got \$25,000.00 in another grant to buy the parts for Ferriday Dr. Next year we will take the other \$25,00.00 and have that put in so we good on that. Last year we spent \$10 TO 12,000.00 on fixing Vidalia lift station. That's why we working on getting new pumps and motors put back and had the motor rewired. Now we need new pumps and wires and that what we are working on now. As soon as they give us the ok, we need to order everything. Is the money in the bank yet? Hiedi - No Sir. We they put the money in the bank we can order it. Alderwoman Rita Bolyer – I just hope when they put it in there, we don't lose the grant money. Mayor - Lose what money? Alderwoman Rita Bolyer – The grant money I just want to be able to spend it and fix everything. Mayor – We are going to need every penny of it. Alderwoman Rita Bolyer – Didn't we have a grant we did not spend? Mayor – Yes it was sent back. That money was never spent. That when I first come into office, we found it. That was several thousand sent back. Also, we had a month to spend one and we fixed the Vidalia left station. Now we have another \$10,000.00 water grant sitting there. It has to be spent on water. We are taking that \$10,000.00 and buying the master meter for this new line. We going to take money that was for the master meter and buy the hardware for the Village Hall to run the radio read meter. We have that it is in the bank. Alderwoman Rita Bolyer – I know we had to reimburse back to that account. Mayor – It was about \$700.00 or \$900.00 of checks wrote out the wrong account. That money is back in the right account. Everything is ready to go as soon as we get that grant, we will order that meter and pay for that 4-inch meter it will be around \$10,000.00. Then where we order the hardware to read meters from here instead of having to come up with that money. Alderwoman Rita Bolyer – I happy we got something new we need to say congratulations on. We need say congratulations on us getting the grant it self and starting the bidding process. Mayor – We had 5 mayors to work on this and it is finally getting done. We had a lot of negative things said. I just want to stay positive and move ahead and start on the project. Alderwoman Rita Bolyer – It has been running well the past few months. Mayor – We had our ups and downs and we going to have more. Although we are going to stay positive and work through it.

Mayor – Anyone make a motion to Adjourn? Alderwoman Rita Bolyer – I make a motion to adjourn Mayor - Motion been made Alderwoman Darleen Humphries – 2nd Mayor – Motion been made I's motion passes

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