Mr. Eddie Ray Bryan, President

STATE OF LOUISIANA * FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRTICT COURT * FRANK-

Delta Fuel Company, LLC

V. DOCKET NO C-47980 Southern Equipment and Environmental,

LLC and Craig Southern SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of a WRIT OF FIERI AND FACIAS, to me directed by the honorable Fifth District Court of Louisiana, in and for the Parish of Franklin, I will offer for sale at public auction, at the front door of the Courthouse, in the City of Winnsboro, Franklin Parish, Louisiana, on Wednesday the 2nd day of August 2023, at 10:00am, within legal sale hours, the following described property, to-wit:

Southern Equipment and Environmental, LLC and Craig Southern and more particularly:

Parcel #: 0800031200

Legal Description: 10 Acres: A Certain Tract of Land in Sec. 14, T. 13N., R. 6E., Franklin Parish, Louisiana, beign described as follows: Beginning at the SE Corner of Sec. 14 and thence run in a Westerly direction along the South Boundary of Sec. 14 a distance of 2760.2 ft. to the P.O.B.; thence continue in a westerly direction 660 ft.; thence turn a right deflection angle of 90 degs 00'N, a distance of 660 ft. to a point in the center of a Parish Road; thence turn a right deflection angle of 90 degs 00' E, a distance of 660 ft.; thence turn a right deflection angle of 90 degs 00' S, a distance of 660 ft., back to the P.O.B., containing 10 acres, more or less, known as Tract 4. 194-315 309-236 323-614-641 325-55 446-444-447 458-781 461-802.

seized in the above styled suit. Terms of the sale, cash, without the benefit of appraisal. Letter of credit from financial institution stating availability of funds day of sale required for all purchases.

Kevin W. Cobb

Sheriff and Ex-Officio Tax Collector

Franklin Parish, Louisiana

Done in my office in the City of Winnsboro, Parish of Franklin, Fifth Judicial District, State of Louisiana on the 23rd day of June 2023.

By David Wm. Rigdon Chief Civil Deputy Franklin Parish, Louisiana

STATE OF LOUISIANA * FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRTICT COURT * FRANK-

Equity Home Lenders, LLC

V. DOCKET NO C-48340

Karen Sullivan

SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE, to me directed by the honorable Fifth District Court of Louisiana, in and for the Parish of Franklin, I will offer for sale at public auction, at the front door of the Courthouse, in the City of Winnsboro, Franklin Parish, Louisiana, on Wednesday the 2nd day of August 2023, at 10:00am, within legal sale hours, the following described property, to-wit:

A certain lot or parcel of land located in the Southwest Quarter of the Norteast Quarter (SW1/4 of NE1/4) of Section 28, Township 12 North, Range 7 East, Franklin Parish, Louisiana, being described as follows:

Begin at the Northwest Corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (SW1/4 of NE1/4) of said Section 28 and thence run in an Easterly direction along the North Boundary of said Southwest Quarter of Northeast Quarter (SW1/4 of NE1/4) a distance of 320 feet, more or less, to a point on the Western Boundary of Louisiana State Highway No. 874; thence run in Southerly direction along the Western Boundary of said Highway a distance of 615.0 feet to the Southeast Corner of that certain lot of land acquired by John Harry Wilson, Jr., et ux, as recorded in Notarial Book 175, Page 627, and the point of beginning; thence turn a right deflection angle of 90 degrees 00 minutes and run in a Westerly direction along the Southern Boundary of said Wilson Lot a distance of 210 feet to the Soutwest Corner of Wilson Lot; thence turn left a deflection of 90 degrees 00 minutes and run in a Southerly direction a distance of 210 feet; thence turn a left deflection angle of 90 degrees 00 minutes and run in an Easterly direction a distance of 210 feet to a point on the Western Boundary of Louisiana State Highway No. 874; thence turn a left deflection agle of 90 degrees 00 minutes and run in a Northerly direction along the Western Boundary of said Highway a distance of 210 feet, back to the point of beginning, containing one (1) acre, more or less.

GEO Number 0900163200.

seized in the above styled suit. Terms of the sale, cash, without the benefit of appraisal. Letter of credit from financial institution stating availability of funds day of sale required for all purchases.

Kevin W. Cobb

Sheriff and Ex-Officio Tax Collector Franklin Parish, Louisiana

Done in my office in the City of Winnsboro, Parish of Franklin, Fifth Judicial District, State of Louisiana on the 23rd day of June 2023.

By David Wm. Rigdon Chief Civil Deput Franklin Parish, Louisiana 6/28,7/26

Franklin Parish Police Jury Notice of Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Franklin Parish Police Jury on July 17, 2023, beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the Franklin Parish Police Jury Meeting Room located in the Franklin Parish Courthouse at 6558 Main Street Winnsboro, LA 71295, for the topics.

• For the consideration of adopting Hibbs Lane into the parish road system, making it a public road.

• Amendment to Ordinance 3477, removing Precinct 6A.

• Amendment to Ordinance 3377 including taxes for short term rentals including Airbnb.

The jury will at the said time and place hear all comments in support of such matters or any objections thereto. Comments submitted in writing must be received before 4:00 p.m. on the date of the above hearings and be addressed to the

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you will require special assistance, please provide advance notice to the Franklin Parish Police Jury Office (318-435-9429)

6/14,6/28,7/12

NOTICE

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of Nikki Nicole Johns Grother, Jenny Lynn Johns Carroll, Jimmy Edward Johns, Charlie E. Johns, Jr. or Clayton Winters, please contact the office of Michael R. Ellington, Attorney at Law, 6658 Kinloch Street, Winnsboro, LA 71295, (318)-367-0799, or via email mrellingtonlaw@ gmail.com

6/28,7/5

CERTIFICATION OF BUDGET COMPLIANCE The Fifth District Public Defender certifies all requirements for the adoption of the

FY22 Amended Budget and the FY23 Budget and have been met according to law. 6/7,6/14,6/21,6/28

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR ADOPTION OF PROPOSED FY23 AMENDED BUDGET AND PROPOSED FY24 BUDGET

On Thursday, June 29, 2023, from 3:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M., a public hearing will be held at the Public Defender's Central Office, 108 Courthouse Square, Rayville, LA 71269, on the Proposed FY 2024 Budget and the Proposed FY23 Amended Budget. The Proposed Amended FY23 and the Proposed FY24 Budgets are available for public inspection at the Central Office located at 108 Courthouse Square, Rayville, Louisiana, 71269, Monday thru Thursday, 9:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M. and 1:00 P.M.- 3:00 P.M. The Budgets are also available for public inspection at the Police Jury's Office in West Carroll Parish, Richland Parish and Franklin Parish during their regular business hours below:

Franklin Parish Police Jury	Richland Parish Police Jury	West Carroll Police
Jury 6558 Main St.	35 Lynn Gayle Robertson Rd	107 S. Briggs St
Winnsboro, LA 71295	Rayville, LA 71269	Oak Grove,
LA	May vine, 121 / 1209	ouk orove,
318-435-9429	(318)728-2061	(318) 428-3390
Office Hours:	Office Hours:	Office Hours:
9:00 am to 5:00 pm	7:30 am - 5:00 pm	8:00 am to 4:30 pm
Monday to Friday	Monday – Thursday	Monday-Friday

FIFTH DISTRICT PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE

John Albert Ellis

The Fifth District Public Defender certifies all requirements for the adoption of the

7:30AM-11:30AM

FY22 Amended Budget and the FY23 Budget and have been met according to law. 6/7,6/14,6/21,6/28

LEGAL NOTICE

This is to certify that the FRANKLIN PARISH CLERK OF COURT for the year ended June 30, 2023 has been amended. The amended budget is available for public inspection.

June 21, 2023

anita Wygal CLERK OF COURT

PUBLISH JUNE 28, 2023 6/28

The Franklin Parish School Board met for its regular scheduled board meeting on Tuesday. April 11, 2023 at 5:00

Present for the meeting were, Mr. Eddie Ray Bryan, Mrs. Alaina Nichols, Mr. Richard Kelly (arrived at 5:16), Dr. Jacqueline Johnson, Mr. Matt Stephens and Ms.Laquetta Barnes

None were absent from: None

President Eddie Ray Bryan called the meeting to order. Mr. Danny Davis led in prayer and President Bryan led the Pledge of Allegiance

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR, APRIL 11, 2023, REGULAR MEETING AS LISTED

ORDINANCE # 2023-04-0001

BE IT ORDAINED, ETC., that the Franklin Parish School Board approved the agenda for the April 11, 2023,

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING: April 11, 2023, Regular Meeting FRANKLIN PARISH SCHOOL BOARD COMPLEX 7293 PRAIRIE ROAD WINNSBORO, LA 71295

Board Room, 5:00 p.m. CALL TO ORDER INVOCATION: Chaplain PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

OF ALLEGIANCE: President
Approval of Agenda for April 11, 2023, regular meeting.

Approval of minutes from March 6, 2023 regular meeting. Recognition of Visitors – Carol Pinnell-Alison-LSU AgCenter - 4-H Update

Troy Bell - District Employees of the Month (April)
Nelda Lawrence-WES - Mayor Alice Wallace

To consider and/or take action on approving 2023 - 2024 COLA Grant and Quality Improvement for the Franklin Parish Head Start. (Sartin) To consider and/or take action on updating policy DCF: Fund Balances. (Lane) To consider and/or take action on approving the 2023-2024 FPSB School

Calendar. (Gullatt) Business Manager Report itendent's Report President's Report

IV.

SECOND: Dr. Jacqueline Johnson

Mr. Eddie Ray Bryan, Mrs. Alaina Nichols, Dr. Jacqueline YEAS: Johnson, Mr. Matt Stephens and Ms. Laquetta Barnes

ABSENT AND/OR NOT VOTING: Mr. Richard Kelly

NAYS:

Mr. Eddie Ray Bryan, President Mr. John Gullatt, Secretary-Treasurer

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES FROM MARCH 6, 2023 REGULAR MEETING

ORDINANCE # 2023-04-0002

BE IT ORDAINED, ETC., that the Franklin Parish School Board approved the minutes from the March 6, 2023 Regular meeting

MOTION: SECOND: Mr. Matt Stephens Mr. Eddie Ray Bryan, Mrs. Alaina Nichols, Mr. Richard Kelly, Dr. Jacqueline YEAS:

Johnson, Mr. Matt Stephens and Ms. Laquetta Barnes NAYS:

ABSENT AND/OR NOT VOTING: Mr. Richard Kelly

The motion was approved. Mr. John Gullatt, Secretary-Treasurer

Mr. Eddie Ray Bryan, President

Carol Pinnell-Alison introduced the new LSU agent, Mark McCard. He started April 3. He is originally from Richland Parish and went to school in Arkansas. In the next coming months, we will go to the schools and introduce him to the principals and scheduling meetings.

There are a few things coming up in 4-H Summer Camp, 4-H University and the Horse Show. Mrs. Alison gave the quarterly report to the board members. She wanted to let the board know that it has been a busy year, compared to last year. We had the livestock show in February, AG Expo, and Ag Adventures. The shooting sports group just completed the regional; there were several the made it to State. There is one young lady at the high school that was selected to go to Washington to be part of the 4-H congress, that was Samantha Shelton

Mr. Troy Bell Presented the February Employee of the Month

Elementary - Baskin	Jr. High - Crowville	High School - FPHS	Support - Gilbert	
Brooke Southern	Theresa Quimby	Karley Burgess	Jordan Barfield	

Nelda Lawrence-WES

Mrs Nelda Lawrence for Winnsboro Elementary wanted to address the board about an event that will be coming up in June that she would like to attend along with 30 students from the elementary school. The STEM camp is in New Orleans and will be for 3 weeks. Mrs. Lawrence brought a 5th grade student to read a report that she had written Mrs. Lawrence is asking the board to consider allowing her and the students to attend the camp.

Alice Wallace-Mayor of Winnsboro

heard so many wonderful things about your son.'

Mayor Alice Wallace originally came to speak with the board about changing Glover Dr. to Tyrel Camron Dr. She then said that Mr. Eddie Ray Bryan came to her and mentioned changing the name of the football field after Tyrel Cameron. She was hesitant at first but after speaking with Tyrel's mom and siblings, she is considering it. Shemeka Camron, Tyrel's mom stepped up to address the board after being introduced by Mrs. Wallace. She wanted to know why the board decided to name the field after him after she (Mrs. Wallace) came to them about changing the street name. She said, "That at the end of the day, I lost my son, so a street won't bring him back or none of that will bring him back at the end of the day." I feel that if the field was going to be named after him, why did it take 7-8 years to do it. He loved the game. If you are going to do this, I want it to be something permanent and be on the scoreboard, as well. My family and I would be honored whichever way you decide to go, we would still be

Mrs. Alice Wallace said, "At this time as far as the street goes, what we would need is a request or motion to rename the street, but at this time I understand that some of the school board members were not in agreement with this, the street change, am I correct." "Well you don't have to answer that." She then asked if the offer was still there for the

Mr. Eddie Ray Bryan said to Mrs. Wallace "that would have to go before the whole board. That was a suggestion that I made to see if you were interested in doing that, then I would bring it before the board to see if the board was interested in that." Mr. Jon Guice informed the board that would be a matter to be put on the agenda instead of an informational item such as it is tonight. It could be placed on the agenda for a formal consideration. Mr. Danny Davis said to Ms. Cameron, "that he feels for her loss and is praying for her and the family. We have

Mrs. Wallace told the board that she appreciated them and for future reference, for we that still have kids in high school that she (Ms. Cameron) should not have been put in this position tonight to come and ask for a street or field name after 8 years. I know not all of you were on the board then, but for you that was here, she should not have been put in that position to come and ask that for future reference. Mr. Danny Davis told them that he was on the board then and that he apologizes for himself. "I was there for the services and I wish we had done better." Mrs. Alaina Nichols said, "I was a teacher at the high school at that time, please know that our hearts go out to you, I still have the decal/sticker that has TC/48 on it. I have brought it to where I teach now. I have students that ask me about it to this day. He has not been forgotten and when I hear 48 that comes to my mind. It was never meant to be

put on the back burners and forgotten. Everything that has been done since the accident has been done in respect, which includes the locker room and what was done the year that he would have graduated. Mr. Jon Guice said that in anticipation of tonight that he has done some research, to his understanding a portion of the locker room has been named after Tyrel, a statue in honor of him or some type of memorial. Also in doing the research, the board is without authority to change a street, now the field is. I just want to be clear, because I know we have visitors and members of the press here tonight, your son was special. It is not as if he was forgotten, I know that the locker room has been addressed and a memorial has been made. I just wanted to let everyone know that the

board does not have authority to change the street name. Mrs. Wallace said she knew that the board didn't have the authority but I was here for request for the town to do it, but however if Mrs. Cameron is ok with the field, I just believe that if we did not come with the idea of the street name to be changed, nothing would have been changed, that is just my option. Thank you all for allowing us to

MOTION TO CONSIDER AND/OR TAKE ACTION ON 2023-2024 HEAD START COLA GRANT AND

Mrs. Holly Sartin spoke to the board about the Federal Monitoring that came this year. They come every 3-5 years. She gave the board members the Program Performance Report and the Leadership and Governance Training for the board members to look over and answer any questions

ORDINANCE # 2023-04-0003

BE IT ORDAINED, ETC., that the Franklin Parish School Board approved the 2023 - 2024 Franklin Parish Head Start COLA Grant and Quality Improvement.

MOTION: Mr. Richard Kelly SECOND: Mrs. Alaina Nichols YEAS Mr. Eddie Ray Bryan, Mrs. Alaina Nichols, Mr. Danny Davis, Mr. Richard Kelly, Dr. Jacqueline Johnson, Mr. Matt Stephens and Ms. Laquetta Barnes NAYS

ABSENT AND/OR NOT VOTING: None

The motion was approved. Mr. John Gullatt, Secretary-Treasurer

Mr. Eddie Ray Bryan, President

MOTION TO CONSIDER AND/OR TAKE ACTION ON UPDATING POLICY DCF: FUND BALANCES

ORDINANCE # 2023-04-0004

BE IT ORDAINED, ETC., that the Franklin Parish School Board laid over Policy DCF for the required 30 days

MOTION TO CONSIDER AND/OR TAKE ACTION ON APROVAL OF THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL CALENDAR

ORDINANCE # 2023-04-0005

BE IT ORDAINED, ETC., that the Franklin Parish School Board approved the 2023 - 2024 School Calendar.

MOTION: SECOND: Mr. Richard Kelly Dr. Jacqueline Johnson YEAS: Mr. Eddie Ray Bryan, Mrs. Alaina Nichols, Mr. Danny Davis, Mr. Richard Kelly,

Dr. Jacqueline Johnson, Mr. Matt Stephens and Ms. Laquetta Barnes NAYS:

ABSENT AND/OR NOT VOTING: None

The motion was approved.

Mr. John Gullatt, Secretary-Treasurer

BUSINESS REPORT Miss Ellen Lane gave the board a copy of the March check register and a Revenues and Expenditures report as you can see, we are doing a little better in March. "We are still getting the indirect cost from ESSERS." Ms. Lane also

gave a copy of the Postlewaite and Netterville findings for the year ending on June 30, 2022. "If everyone

remembers during the January meeting P&N came and addressed the board with the audit report this is part of the statewide agreed upon procedures and that we are taking action on and correcting our findings. I have attached the letter that was sent to us and the finds and how we are going to correct them.' SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. John Gullatt was glad that Ellie brought up the P&N report. LHSAA has mentioned in a previous meeting that there is a ticket machine available that distributes tickets for sporting events. I am not sure what would happen if the internet is down or not available and if a person has cash only.

The parish is gearing up for testing. The schools are sending notes home to inform parents. We have started the dirt work in the back at the office to begin construction on the storage building. That is all for now, we will take time to consider the STEM trip and the change at the football field concerning Tyrel Cameron. With that being said, Mr.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Eddie Ray Bryan wanted to commend the Employee and Staff Personnel of the Month. It is refreshing to see everyone that comes to be a part of this and then stay to take interest in the board meeting. With that, Mr. Bryan concluded his report.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

MOTION:

ORDINANCE # 2023-04-0006

BE IT ORDAINED, ETC., that there being no further business to discuss the regular meeting is adjourned.

SECOND: Mr. Danny Davis

Mr. Eddie Ray Bryan, President

Mr. Eddie Ray Bryan, Mrs. Alaina Nichols, Mr. Danny Davis, Mr. Richard Kelly, YEAS:

Dr. Jacqueline Johnson, Mr. Matt Stephens and Ms. Laquetta Barnes

The motion was approved.

Mr. John Gullatt, Secretary-Treasurer

Mrs. Alaina Nichols

ABSENT AND/OR NOT VOTING: None

Franklin Parish School Board

Instruction Personnel	al				
Hires					
Name	School	Position	Effect. Date	Reason	Bd. Mtg.
Davis, LaZaia	FPHS	Teacher	04.04.2023	Replace K.	04.11.2023
				Rudolph	
Resignation				Kudoiph	
Resignation Name	School	Position	Effect, Date	Reason	Bd. Mtg.
	School CO	Position Business Manager	Effect. Date 03.31.2023		
Name	D T III O T I	Business		Reason	04.11.2023
Name Boquet, Rebecca	со	Business Manager	03.31.2023	Reason Retirement	Bd. Mtg. 04.11.2023 04.11.2023
Name Boquet, Rebecca Butler, Ray	CO	Business Manager Assist. Principal	03.31.2023 05.26.2023	Reason Retirement Resign	04.11.2023

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Sims, Travis BJHS Custodian 9 04.11.2023 22,23,24,28 Temple, Jessica F{HS 0.25 04.11.2023 Walker, Sandra GJHS Cafe Tech 0,14,15,16,17,21 16 04.11.2023 Feb.1,2,3,7,8,9,1 HdSt Para 7 04.11.2023 Winstead, Taylor CJHS Cafe Tech Feb.22,23,24 3 04.11.2023

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WINNSBORO

would do away with a \$100 bond if a person takes the speeding violation to town

The ordinance allows individuals to use a device that records speed, video and still images of vehicles traveling more than 12 miles per hour above the speed limit. The speeding violation downloads to a computer system and the registered owner of the vehicle is sent a citation in the mail. The owner can pay the citation online or send a check in the mail.

There is no upfront cost to the Town of Winnsboro for the software or hardware. The company that provides equipment and software takes 40 percent of the revenues from each ticket while the town keeps 60 percent.

Additionally, The Wetwork Group LLC will be in charge of Winnsboro's water plant and represent its certified plant operator. The move came after Town Council members unanimously approved the company.

Wetwork, based in Monroe, will work at the plant for 25 hours a month at a charge of \$2,400, according to the resolution.

List of duties include: provide a certified operator; direct staff or contractors; perform follow up actions per Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) or Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ); maintain records; perform preventative maintenance; perform repairs; analyze records; determine and implement remedial actions; provide employee training and attend LDH and DEQ investigations.

In other action, some Water Sector project bids were rejected after a company was not able to hold their prices.

The Water Sector is three separate contracts: sewer rehabilitation contract, waste water treatment rehabilitation and removal of Industrial Park waste water treatment plant.

The first contract, sewer

rehabilitation, was rejected. Town officials will now re-advertise for possible lower bids.

Heath McGuffie, an engineer with the Alexandria engineering firm of Meyer, Meyer, LaCroix & Hixson, assured Town Council members the other two projects were scheduled to move forward in August.

During the meeting, Town Council members again tabled an alcohol license for AZ Express. The group had questions over the legality

of the distance of the store from a school.

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Also, Town Council members agreed to move forward on a property demolition at Newman Street. The owner now has 90 days to make improvements to the property or tear it down.

Absent to the Tuesday meeting were Town Council members Rex McCarthy and Eddie Dunn. The group had their monthly meeting on Tuesday night after being off Monday for the Juneteeth holiday.

HOF

Louisiana Basketball Hall of Fame in 2019.

"This is icing on the cake," Cooper said. "I'm very excited, and really appreciate this. Of course, every kid plays the game hoping to make it to the NBA. This is a great honor."

Cooper, who played at Tech from 1995-99, was a threetime All-Sun Belt Conference guard, leading the Bulldogs to the 1998-99 SBC regular season title while earning LSWA Louisiana Player of the Year honors. A top-50 high school

recruit out of McCall High School in Tallulah, he ranks No. 21 in program history in career scoring (1,451), No. 3 in career assists (523), No. 7 in career steals (153), No. 3 in career three-pointers made (219), and still holds the single-season program record for highest free throw percentage (92.1 percent). Cooper went on to play professionally for 11

Cooper averaged close to 30 points a game his senior year at McCall High in Tallulah. Cooper helped lead the Dragons to one state championship and three runner-up finishes.

"Playing at McCall prepared me for college," Cooper said. "And, of course, we had a great teacher in Coach (Mitchell) Riggs. He was one of the best to do it."

Following his career at Louisiana Tech, Cooper played professionally overseas for 11

Cooper didn't even think about ending his playing days when a sports hernia cut his

season short in the European professional league with Al Riyadi in Lebanon in 2010. But when he came home for surgery and rehab, he made the toughest decision he had ever had to make — one he doesn't regret today.

"I was thinking, what do I do now," Cooper said.

Cooper went back to what he loves - that being the game of basketball. He joined Keith Richard's staff at Louisiana-Monroe.

who recruited me at Louisiana Tech," Cooper said. "I fell in love with coaching."

Cooper then got the opportunity to join Michael Hunter's staff at West Monroe High School in 2016.

Cooper is in his second stint at Franklin Parish High School.

Cooper said the award is shared by his wife, Andrea, and their son, Drew, a standout basketball and baseball player

"I was talking to my wife "Coach Richard was the one about this award the other day,

and I told her this is more bragging rights for me over Drew," Cooper said with a laugh.

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FP reached the quarterfinals of the Division II non-select division last season before falling to No. 1 Wossman 65-56 Thursday in Monroe.

The Patriots, the No. 9 seed, defeated No. 8 Lakeshore 82-78 February 28 in Mandeville to reach the quarterfinals.

FP finished the season at 25-7.

GULLATT

pandemic, a costly school bus accident and storm damage to facilities.

In the midst of those challenges he has overseen improvements and maintenance of school plants, including those which enhance the athletic facilities at Franklin Parish High School, the parish's only public high school.

At the high school, projects related to athletics include plans for construction of a new press box at Patriot Field where the old press box has been relocated to the visitor side, facilities for track and field, and additions to the softball fields including a combination concession stand and locker rooms.

Gullatt said that while some may see a focus on athletics as taking away from academics, he sees accomplishments on the playing fields as a motivator for student involvement.

Some of the successes seen in Franklin Parish High School's sports programs include hosting the first track and field meet in years at Patriot field and making a deep run in the football, baseball, softball and basketball playoffs. Another success was having several Patriots sign to colleges to play their respective

Going back to the subject of academics and speaking of the recently introduced budget, Gullatt noted that much of the funding for the school system comes from state MFP funds which are tied to student population. Gullatt noted that student population in the parish typically runs between about 2,700 to 3,000.

"It rises and falls," Gullatt noted.

While he said other parishes

have been affected by declines, particularly since COVID, it is hard to get a real grasp on what is happening. One of the things, Gullatt said, is related to virtual classes. He said the local system tries to stay away from that with the belief that in-class education is better for students academi-

Funding based on student count directly relates to the number of teaching positions and the Franklin Parish school system, like those throughout the state, has to address potential teacher shortages.

cally.

While the current budget reflects the same number of teaching positions as the previous year, Gullatt reiterated it depends on student counts and related MFP funding.

vacancies, the school system recently held a job fair for teachers with the goal to have a bank of possible teachers who might be available to address shortages.

"Even if it were a year that miraculously we didn't have openings, you still need that bank," Gullatt said.

However, he acknowledged that teachers move, sometimes for other positions, and that there would always be teacher positions open.

Leadership roles are another area where there are sometimes shortages. The local school system was looking for a principal for Winnsboro Elementary following the recent retirement of current principal Warren Trim-

Gullatt said having staff members involved as instructional coaches and in instructional leadership is one way he sees as preparing personnel to take leadership positions in the future. He said he sees such career development as a means to provide a natural progression to leadership positions.

Gullatt noted that the instructional coaches and an instructional leadership team visit every school, and become familiar with ways that each school environment is different.

"I think we're getting there. I hope we are," he said, about his vision for leadership develop-

But finding personnel qualified for leadership roles isn't something unique to Franklin Parish, he noted.

"It's not just here, it's everywhere. Some of it is you can go into industry now where you are making entry-level salaries Regarding plans to fill any of \$100,000 a year," he said, noting some of the challenges

> Speaking of the salary scale for parish teachers, which remains the same in the recently introduced budget, Gullatt noted that a recent increase approved by the legislature was not approved through MFP.

> "It was a one-time deal," Gullatt explained.

The recent amounts approved were \$2,000 for certified staff, and \$1,000 for support staff.

The money will not be dispersed until released by the state to the school system, but Gullatt said his recommendation to the School Board will be that "when we get it we will release it."

"We did get something, which is better than nothing, but it will not be reoccurring," he said.

Something which is reoccurring for teachers thanks to a parish-wide sales tax, is what is known as the 13th check, which teachers recently received. Gulbasically the same as last year, but added, "you hope it won't go backwards."

latt said the tax collections were

The checks are determined by the amount of the sales tax collected.

Gullatt noted that in addition to athletic area improvements, work was done on the sewer plant at Baskin, construction of a girls' concession/locker room combination for the softball field.

The school system is currently in the process of building a storage building to house records which the school system must maintain. The storage building was one of the first projects that Gullatt said he wanted to tackle so that records will be in one

Roof repair has been done, "basically at every school," Gullatt said. Problems at one of those schools, in particular, Gilbert, has pretty much been resolved Gullatt noted.

"We've done improvements consistently everywhere. My philosophy on this is we have to keep what we have in as good a condition as we can," Gullatt

Funding has come from both local sources and ESSER. ESS-ER will go away in 2024.

Gullatt said future plans for the extra funds include establishment of a multi-media system. Also planned is a pilot STEM program at Fort School. The Imagine reading and math program has also been implemented to improve skills in those areas.

In a related matter, Gullatt said summer school is winding up. Students who scored below a certain level in reading were required to attend, something Gullatt said was mandated by the State Department of Educa-

At the high school level, the school system is involved in providing programs to meet state accountability standards for courses which are designed to make students career ready.

To that end, Gullatt said that while there have been delays in the state implementing new standards. The high school under Principal Rezbecca Bonner is already preparing for those standards, as Gullat said, "to get ahead of the game."

The high school offers programs in nursing, welding, first responder and in the future will offer multi-media programs. However, Gullatt noted that rural areas have more challenges when it comes to finding qualified people with proper credentials to teach those classes.

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"We're doing the best we can. I think we are headed in a good direction. I hope we are," Gullatt said.

Meanwhile, test scores for the recently-completed year will not be released until well into the new school year.

NOTICE

Village of Baskin Parish of Franklin

Regular Council Meeting June 20, 2023

The Mayor and Council of the Village of Baskin met at a regular scheduled session on Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at 6:00 PM, at the Village of Baskin Town Present: Mayor George "Layton" Curtis and Council Members Cary Collier,

Mark Troha and Zane Johnson. Also Present: Town Clerk and others. There being a quorum present, the

meeting was called to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance and the opening prayer was led by Mayor Curtis.

Financial Report and permission to pay all bills and obligations Cary Collier made a motion; Zane Johnson seconded the motion. Yeas 2,

Navs 0, Absent 1

Introduction Of Ordinance of Office Hours' Time Change. Introduction of Budget 2023/2024

Introduction of Amended Budget 2022/2023

Resolution: Withdrawing CD #7230249

Mark Troha made a motion; Cary Collier seconded the motion. Yeas 3, Nays), Absent 0.

Approval for Tractor and Tire repairs.

Cary Collier made a motion; Zane Johnson seconded the motion. Yeas 3, Navs 0. Absent 0.

Mayor's Update: AMS is doing good; Discussions were made on upcoming Fire Department Report: Sammy was out sick; Mayor Curtis gave fire report. Trudie Boudreaux house caught on fire during one of the storms last week.

Mayor and council unanimously decided that we were going to go with an Edispatches System to help with response time. Police Report: Chief Grayson stated that the PD dept is running great and that we have a great bunch of guys working for us. Todd Easterling has 15 days left in the Lafourche Academy. Roger Grayson and Alex Givens will be attending next then all our officers will have Post certifications. The PD has also been

assigned to the Ecrash System. Pd is also looking into getting grants for Safer

Streets Grant. Further Business: None

Adjourn: Mark Troha made a motion; Zane Johnson seconded the motion. Yeas 3. Navs 0. Absent 0.

Time: 6:58 pm

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