

The following resolution was offered by Joe Sturges, and seconded by Robert McDaniel:

RESOLUTION

A resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in the Parish of Claiborne, State of Louisiana, to dedicate the revenues derived from a special tax therein; making application to the State Bond Commission in connection therewith and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Claiborne, State of Louisiana (the “Governing Authority”), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Claiborne, State of Louisiana (the “Parish”), that:

SECTION 1. Election Call. Subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission, and under the authority conferred by Article VI, Section 29(B) of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, the applicable provisions of Chapter 5, Chapter 6-A and Chapter 6-B of the Louisiana Election Code, and other constitutional and statutory authority, a special election is hereby called and ordered to be held in the Parish on March 28, 2015, between the hours of seven o’clock (7:00) a.m., and eight o’clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, and at the said election there shall be submitted to all registered voters qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and laws of this State and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION

Shall the Claiborne Parish Police Jury (the "Parish"), under the provisions of Article VI, Section 29 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, and other constitutional and statutory authority, be authorized to levy and collect, a tax of one-half of one percent (0.5%) (the "Tax") upon the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption, and the storage for use or consumption, of tangible personal property and on sales of services in the Parish, all as defined by law, for a period of ten (10) years, commencing May 1, 2015 and ending May 1, 2025, the levy of the Tax for the first year is expected to collect approximately \$700,000, with the proceeds of the Tax (after paying costs of collecting and administering the Tax), to be transferred to the Claiborne Parish Hospital Service District No. 3 (the "District") pursuant to an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Parish and dedicated for the purpose of the District's operation, maintenance and improvement of hospital facilities and equipment for the Claiborne Memorial Medical Center (formerly known as the Homer Memorial Hospital)?

SECTION 2. Publication of Notice of Election. A Notice of Special Election shall be published in *The Haynesville News*, a newspaper of general circulation within the Parish, published in Homer, Louisiana, and being the official journal of the Governing Authority, once a week for four consecutive weeks, with the first publication to be made not less than forty-five (45) days nor more than ninety (90) days prior to the date fixed for the election, which Notice shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and incorporated herein by reference the same as if it were set forth herein in full.

SECTION 3. Canvass. This Governing Authority shall meet at its regular meeting place, the Police Jury Room of the Police Jury Complex Administrative Building, Homer, Louisiana, on **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2015, NINE O'CLOCK (10:00) A.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the results of the said election.

SECTION 4. Polling Places. The polling places set forth in the aforesaid Notice of Special Election are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the

Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, will be the same persons as those designated in accordance with law.

SECTION 5. Election Commissioners; Voting Machines. The officers designated to serve as Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners pursuant to Section 4 hereof, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, shall hold the said special election as herein provided, and shall make due returns of said election for the meeting of the Governing Authority to be held on Wednesday, April 8, 2015, as provided in Section 3 hereof. All registered voters in the Parish are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines shall be used.

SECTION 6. Authorization of Officers. The Secretary-Treasurer of the Governing Authority is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to arrange for and to furnish to said election officers in ample time for the holding of said election, the necessary equipment, forms and other paraphernalia essential to the proper holding of said election and the President and/or Secretary-Treasurer of the Governing Authority are further authorized, empowered and directed to take any and all further action required by State and/or Federal law to arrange for the election, including but not limited to, appropriate submission to the Federal Department of Justice under Section 5 of the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended.

SECTION 7. Furnishing Election Call to Election Officials. Certified copies of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, the Clerk of Court and *Ex-Officio* Parish Custodian of Voting Machines in and for the Parish of Claiborne, State of Louisiana, and the Registrar of Voters in and for said Parish, as notification of the special election herein called in order that each may prepare for said election and perform their respective functions as required by law.

SECTION 8. Employment of Counsel. It is recognized, found and determined that a real necessity exists for the employment of Legal Counsel in connection with the election; accordingly, Breithaupt, Dunn, DuBos, Shafto & Wolleson, LLC, Monroe, Louisiana, is hereby employed as legal counsel to perform comprehensive, legal and coordinate professional work with respect to the election. Counsel shall (i) prepare and submit to the Governing Authority for adoption all proceedings incidental to the election; (ii) advise the Governing Authority with respect to the election; and (iii) in the event said election carries, to serve as Bond Counsel in connection with the funding of proceeds of the Tax into Bonds. The fee to be paid Bond Counsel shall be an amount not greater than the Attorney General's then current Bond Counsel Fee Schedule and other guidelines for comprehensive, legal and coordinate professional work, together with reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses incurred and advanced in connection with the election, said fee to be payable by the Governing Authority subject to the Attorney General's written approval of said employment and fee.

SECTION 9. Application to State Bond Commission. Application is made to the State Bond Commission for consent and authority to hold the special election as herein provided, and in the event that election carries for further consent and authority to dedicate the proceeds of the tax, and a certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the State Bond Commission on behalf of this Governing Authority, together with a letter requesting the prompt consideration and approval of this application.

SECTION 10. This Resolution shall become effective only upon the Governing Authority's final adoption in accordance with its policies and procedures concerning election call resolutions.

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

<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>YEAS</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>	<u>ABSTAINING</u>
D'arcy Stevens	X			
Mark Furlow	X			
Robert McDaniel	X			
Joe Sturges	X			
Scott Davidson	X			
Lavelle Penix		X		
Roy Lewis	X			
Roy Mardis				X
Jerry Adkins	X			
Rev. Willie Young		X		

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 10th day of December, 2014.

Dwayne R. Woodard, Secretary-Treasurer

Scott Davidson, President

EXHIBIT A

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Police Jury of the Parish of Claiborne, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority") acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Claiborne, State of Louisiana (the "Parish") on December 10, 2014, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held within the Parish on **SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2015**, and that at the said election there will be submitted to all registered voters in the Parish 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

Shall the Claiborne Parish Police Jury (the "Parish"), under the provisions of Article VI, Section 29 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, and other constitutional and statutory authority, be authorized to levy and collect, a tax of one-half of one percent (0.5%) (the "Tax") upon the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption, and the storage for use or consumption, of tangible personal property and on sales of services in the Parish, all as defined by law, for a period of ten (10) years, commencing May 1, 2015 and ending May 1, 2025, the levy of the Tax for the first year is expected to collect approximately \$700,000, with the proceeds of the Tax (after paying costs of collecting and administering the Tax), to be transferred to the Claiborne Parish Hospital Service District No. 3 (the "District") pursuant to an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Parish and dedicated for the purpose of the District's operation, maintenance and improvement of hospital facilities and equipment for the Claiborne Memorial Medical Center (formerly known as the Homer Memorial Hospital)?

The said special election will be held at the following polling places situated within the Parish, 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, to-wit:

**LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION
PRECINCTS LOCATION REPORT FOR THE**

PARISHWIDE POLLING PLACES	
Precinct	Location
1	Fire District 6 - Summerfield Station, 12125 Hwy. 2 Alt., Bernice
3	New Claiborne Parish Fair Building, 1563 Fairgrounds Drive, Haynesville
5	New Village Hall, 15329 Hwy. 9, Athens
7	Crossroads Community Center, 3494 Hwy. 519, Athens
8	Homer City Hall, 400 East Main Street, Homer
10	Lisbon Community Center, 131 Hebron Road, Lisbon
11	Lisbon Community Center, 131 Hebron Road, Lisbon
21	New Claiborne Parish Fair Building, 1563 Fairgrounds Drive, Haynesville
22	New Claiborne Parish Fair Building, 1563 Fairgrounds Drive, Haynesville
31	New Claiborne Parish Fair Building, 1563 Fairgrounds Drive, Haynesville
34	New Claiborne Parish Fair Building, 1563 Fairgrounds Drive, Haynesville
35	New Claiborne Parish Fair Building, 1563 Fairgrounds Drive, Haynesville
36	New Claiborne Parish Fair Building, 1563 Fairgrounds Drive, Haynesville
37	New Claiborne Parish Fair Building, 1563 Fairgrounds Drive, Haynesville
41	Harris Community Center, 2800 Harris Road, Minden
42	Harris Community Center, 2800 Harris Road, Minden
51	New Village Hall, 15329 Hwy. 9, Athens
81	Lisbon Community Center, 131 Hebron Road, Lisbon
84	Homer City Hall, 400 East Main Street, Homer
85	Homer City Hall, 400 East Main Street, Homer
87	Homer City Hall, 400 East Main Street, Homer
88	Homer City Hall, 400 East Main Street, Homer

PARISHWIDE POLLING PLACES	
Precinct	Location
91	Junction City Mayor's Office, 106 West Third Street, Junction City
92	Homer City Hall, 400 East Main Street, Homer
93	Homer City Hall, 400 East Main Street, Homer
94	New Village Hall, 15329 Hwy. 9, Athens
96	Homer City Hall, 400 East Main Street, Homer

The polling places set forth above 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 designated according to law.

The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5, Chapter 6 and Chapter 6-B 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 substitute 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 Police Jury Room of the Police Jury Complex Administrative Building, Homer, Louisiana, on **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2015**, at **NINE O'CLOCK (9:00) A.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the results of the said special election. All registered voters of the Parish are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used thereat.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Homer, Louisiana, on this, the ____ day of _____, 2015.

ATTEST:

/s/ Scott Davidson

President

/s/ Dwayne R. Woodard

Secretary-Treasurer

**STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF CLAIBORNE**

I, the undersigned Secretary-Treasurer of the Police Jury of the Parish of Claiborne, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), do hereby certify that the foregoing eight (8) pages constitute a true and correct copy of the proceedings taken by the Parish on December 10, 2014, ordering and calling a special election to be held within the Parish of Claiborne, State of Louisiana, and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature and the impress of the official seal of the Parish of Claiborne, State of Louisiana, on this, the 10th day of December, 2014.

Dwayne R. Woodard,
Secretary-Treasurer