

**AGENDA**  
**ST. JAMES PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Parish Courthouse Annex – Vacherie, LA**  
**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2014**

**6:30 P.M. - REGULAR MEETING**

**I - CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**

**II - PRAYER & PLEDGE**

**III – MINUTES**

**IV – DISBURSEMENT REPORT – August 2014**

**V - PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**VI - PRESENTATIONS & PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. Tess Stromberg – Candidate for Judge, Division C (Ketchens)
2. Mary Ellen Pratt – Hospital Board Annual Report

**VII - CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

**VIII - APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS & COMMISSIONS**

1. Resolution appointing Katy Roussel as a Parish President's At-Large Member to the St. James Parish Youth Commission (Roussel)

**IX - OLD BUSINESS**

**X - NEW BUSINESS**

1. Resolution proclaiming the week of September 20 – 27, 2014 as National Estuaries Week in St. James Parish (Roussel)
2. Resolution urging Congress to continue to provide funding for the Off-System Bridge Program (Roussel)
3. Resolution authorizing the Parish President to execute a joint agreement between the St. James Parish School Board and the St. James Parish Council for the collection of Sales and Use Taxes for the period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 (Roussel)
4. Resolution creating a parish Drainage and Flood Protection Committee (Amato)
5. Consideration and action on Planning Commission recommendation regarding Wolverine Terminals request for approval under land use and development ordinance (Patin)

**XI - COUNCILMEN'S REPORT**

**XII - MOTION TO ADJOURN**

*Note: St. James Parish will provide, upon request, reasonable accommodation to any disabled individual wishing to attend the meeting. Anyone requiring reasonable accommodation is requested to contact 1-800-846-5277 (TDD), 1-800-947-5277 (Voice) or 562-2400 (Handicapped) to discuss the particular accommodation needed.*

Councilman ---- offered and moved for adoption the following resolution, which was seconded by Councilman ---:

**RESOLUTION 14-  
ST. JAMES PARISH COUNCIL**

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING KATY ROUSSEL AS A PARISH PRESIDENT'S AT-LARGE MEMBER TO THE ST. JAMES PARISH YOUTH COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, Ordinance 14-01 establishes the creation of the Youth Commission for St. James Parish and volunteer members of the commission shall be appointed by the parish governing authority; and,

WHEREAS, as stated in the ordinance the St. James Parish President will appoint two at-large members to the Youth Commission; and,

WHEREAS, Rache'l Oatis, one of the Parish President's At-Large Members, has left for college and thereby tendered her resignation thereby creating a vacancy on the Youth Commission; and,

WHEREAS, it is the wishes of the Parish President that Katy Roussel be appointed as a Parish President's At-Large Member of the Youth Commission:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. James Parish Council, that Katy Roussel, 40422 Hwy 3125, Paulina, LA 70763, is hereby appointed as a Parish President's At-Large Member to the St. James Parish Youth Commission to complete said term to expire in March 2015.

**RESOLUTION 14-  
ST. JAMES PARISH COUNCIL**

**A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 20 – 27, 2014 AS  
NATIONAL ESTUARIES WEEK IN ST. JAMES PARISH**

**WHEREAS**, one of the world's largest and most vibrant estuaries is located along Louisiana's coast at the nexus of the Mississippi River and the Gulf of Mexico; and

**WHEREAS**, estuaries are unique coastal environments that support a significant sum of life per square inch; and

**WHEREAS**, 79% of the Louisiana population lives in an estuarine region; and

**WHEREAS**, estuaries act as a first line of defense against storms and rising sea levels while also serving as a natural water filtration system; and

**WHEREAS**, 81.2% of Louisiana's GDP comes from the state's estuarine region through the industries of commercial fishing, recreation, tourism and commerce; and

**WHEREAS**, protecting and restoring our estuaries is vital to our local and national economy because they sustain the fisheries that feed America, ensure outdoor recreational opportunities for current and future generations, reduce the costly impact of natural hazards, and support local jobs which cannot be exported; and

**WHEREAS**, Louisiana is home to a number of organizations, state entities and groups, such as the Barataria Terrebonne National Estuary Program and the Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana to name a few, which are dedicated to the preservation, restoration, and protection of its vital estuaries and coastal ecosystems.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the St. James Parish Council and President Roussel do hereby jointly proclaim the week of September 20 – 27, 2014 as **NATIONAL ESTUARIES WEEK IN ST. JAMES PARISH**.

On a motion offered by Councilman ---- and seconded by Councilman -----, the foregoing resolution was unanimously adopted by the St. James Parish Council on the 17th day of September 2014.

The following resolution was offered and moved for adoption by Councilman ----- and seconded by Councilman -----:

**RESOLUTION 14-  
ST. JAMES PARISH COUNCIL**

**A RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE  
FUNDING FOR THE OFF-SYSTEM BRIDGE PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, legislation to reauthorize the Federal Highway and Transit Programs have been introduced by the leadership of the House of Representatives Transportation Infrastructure Committee; and,

WHEREAS, under the proposed legislation, the Federal Off-System Bridge Program would be eliminated from the Federal budget; and,

WHEREAS, since the creation of the Federal Off-System Bridge Program in 1978, numerous bridges have been replaced throughout the State of Louisiana; and,

WHEREAS, St. James Parish has been an active participant in the Off-System Bridge Program for more than 20 years; and,

WHEREAS, revenues from the Federal Off-System Bridge Program serves as a major source of funding for the design, repair, and construction of rural bridges throughout Louisiana, including St. James Parish:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. James Parish Council, that the Parish does hereby urge the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee to reauthorize the Federal Highway and Transit Program with continuance of funding for the Federal Off-System Bridge Program; and,

AND BE IT, FURTHER, RESOLVED, by the St. James Parish Council, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to our U.S. Congressional Delegation requesting their support and assistance in ensuring the continuance of the Federal Off-System Bridge Program.

The following resolution was offered and moved for adoption by Councilman ----- and seconded by Councilman -----:

**RESOLUTION 14-  
ST. JAMES PARISH COUNCIL**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PARISH PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE  
A JOINT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE ST. JAMES PARISH SCHOOL  
BOARD AND THE ST. JAMES PARISH COUNCIL FOR THE COLLECTION  
OF SALES AND USE TAXES FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2014 THROUGH  
JUNE 30, 2015**

WHEREAS, the St. James Parish School Board and the St. James Parish Council have had an agreement for the cooperative collection of the sales and use taxes levied by the St. James Parish School Board and the St. James Parish Council; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Parish, its merchants, citizens and taxpayers that said agreement is renewed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the St. James Parish Council, that Parish President Timothy P. Roussel is hereby authorized and directed to execute a joint agreement between the St. James Parish School Board and the St. James Parish Council for the collection of sales and use taxes for the period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

The following resolution was offered and moved for adoption by Councilman \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by Councilman \_\_\_\_\_:

**RESOLUTION 14-  
ST. JAMES PARISH COUNCIL**

**A RESOLUTION CREATING A PARISH  
DRAINAGE & FLOOD PROTECTION COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the St. James Parish Council desires to develop a parish wide Drainage and Flood Protection Committee; and,

WHEREAS, the St. James Parish Council deems it necessary to form a committee to consist of two (2) task force sub-committees, covering St. James Parish on the east and the west banks; and,

WHEREAS, the St. James Parish Drainage and Flood Control Committee (SJPDFPC here after) will be responsible for developing a flood risk management system that helps protect the lives and property of residents, businesses, agriculture and industry within the jurisdiction of St. James Parish; and,

WHEREAS, the SJPDFPC understands that reducing the probability and consequences of flooding through timely planning, design, construction, operation and maintenance of projects is of the utmost importance to the future growth of St. James Parish; and,

WHEREAS, the SJPDFPC Task Force – East will be defined as the group of members appointed for all areas from the east bank of the Mississippi River to the northern most Parish line boundaries; and,

WHEREAS, the SJPDFPC Task Force – West will be defined as the group of members appointed for all areas from the west bank of the Mississippi River to the southernmost Parish line boundaries; and,

WHEREAS, the SJPDFPC will consist of eleven (11) members on the East Task Force and nine (9) members on the West Task Force; and,

WHEREAS, the SJPDFPC will be charged with reviewing existing drainage and flood studies with recommendations, establish overall priorities for drainage and flood control, submit resolutions or ordinances, and identify funding options, both existing revenue sources and potential new sources of additional revenue; and,

WHEREAS, the SJPDFPC will be established by resolution in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2014 with a sunset in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2015:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that St. James Parish Council does hereby create a Parish Drainage and Flood Protection Committee.