

LEGALS

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS PUBLIC HEARING MARCH 5

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the St. Mary Parish Board of Adjustments will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on MONDAY, March 5, 2018 AT 5:45 P.M. in the Parish Council Meeting Room, Fifth Floor Courthouse, Franklin, Louisiana, for the following purposes:

St. Mary Parish Fire District No. 11 for a Lot Area Variance to deviate from the required 10 acres to four (4) acres in an Agricultural (AG) Zoned District located at 1222 Big Four Corners Rd., LA-Sec. 5 T14S R8E;
-Parcel Id# 1814921023.00- 25.22 7.00 Ac BD Sorrell R/W - Road - Taylor - Jones Less Sale 17F 150520 Acq. 326 323414.

All persons are invited to this meeting to submit their approval or objections to the above VARIANCE REQUEST.

St. Mary Parish
Board of Adjustments
Rodney Olander, Chairman
Advertise: February 14, 21 & 28, 2018

CLERK OF COURT / RYAN BAUDRY, ATTORNEY

16TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
PARISH OF ST. MARY
STATE OF LOUISIANA

SUCCESSION OF
PROBATE NO. 20779
SELENA RAYMOND

NOTICE
NOTICE IS GIVEN that EDWARD RAYMOND, JR., administrator of the Succession of SELENA RAYMOND, is applying for authority to sell at private sale, to JUST TAB, LLC for the sum of \$30,000.00, the immovable property described as follows:

That certain tract or parcel of land, together with all buildings and improvements thereon situated and all rights, ways, privileges and servitudes, lying and being situated in St. Mary Parish, Louisiana, in Township 13 South, Range 8 East which said lot has a front on the east side of St. Peter's Road of 138.7 feet by a depth between parallel lines of 208.7 feet and being bounded north by remaining property of vendors (Earl D. Schannette) east and south by property of Lee Trimble or assigns, and west by St. Peter's Road, all as shown on a plat prepared by T.F. Kramer, C.E., dated February 25, 1960 a copy of which is recorded in St. Mary Parish COB 11F, File No. 107669.

This property bears municipal address 889 St. Peters Road, Jeanerette, Louisiana 70544.

An order authorizing EDWARD RAYMOND JR. to do so may be issued after seven days from the date of second publication of this notice. An opposition to this proposed sale must be filed within seven (7) days from the date of the last publication.

By Order of the Court,
Cliff Dressel
CLERK OF COURT

Advertised February 4, 2018 & February 28, 2018

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Jody Vacarella for a Front Yard Setback Variance to deviate from the required 30 ft. to 20 ft. in a General Commercial (GC) Zoned District located at 905 Joel Fletcher St., Franklin, LA-Sec. 62 T14S R9E; -Parcel Id# 2174701148.00-Lot Tract "ABCD A" per Plat 420 266657 Acq. 358 328415.

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St. Mary Parish
Board of Adjustments
Rodney Olander, Chairman
Advertise: February 14, 21 & 28, 2018

STATE LAND AD FOR SEALED BIDS NOP 1446

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION
STATE OF LOUISIANA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION
STATE LAND OFFICE
P. O. BOX 44124, CAPITOL STATION
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70804

By virtue of and in conformity with the provisions of Louisiana Revised Statutes 41:1211, et seq., sealed bids will be accepted on or before the 2nd day of March, 2018, at eleven o'clock a.m., for the sole purpose of constructing and maintaining a single habitable structure on the following described tract in St. Mary Parish, Louisiana, to-wit:

A certain tract of State owned (nonsevered) land identified as
Campsite Lot No. D-1, Sweet Bay Lake Houseboat Area D,
In front of Sec. 9, T17S, R12E, Louisiana Meridian

All bids must be forwarded by United States Mail to the State Land Office, Post Office Box 44124, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 70804 or delivered to 1201 North Third Street, Suite G-223, and must be accompanied by check or money order for full amount of first year's rental of not less than Three Hundred Sixty-Seven and 00/100—(\$367.00)—Dollars per year for a term of ten (10) years.

The word BID and the DATE the bid is to be opened should be written on the outside of the envelope containing your bid so that it will not be opened with the regular mail.

The failure of the tenant to pay the rent punctually, or before the date upon which said rental shall fall due, shall ipso facto and without

demand or putting in default terminate and cancel said lease.
THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS IS RESERVED.

JONATHAN ROBILLARD
PUBLIC LAND ADMINSTRATOR
STATE LAND OFFICE

PUBLISH IN: St. Mary and Franklin Banner-Tribune

ON: February 14, 21 & 28 2018
NOTE: SUCCESSFUL BIDDER MUST PAY THE ADVERTISING CHARGES.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS PUBLIC HEARING MARCH 5

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James Fuselier for a Side Yard Setback Variance to deviate from the Required 25 ft. to 5 ft. on right side and a Side Yard Setback Variance to deviate from the Required 25 ft. to twenty (20) ft. in an Agricultural (AG) Zoned District located at 9760 Hwy 90 Frontage Rd Franklin, LA; Sec. 37 T15S R10E; Parcel Id# 2474521108.00 – LOT 4 ACCARDO SUBD PHASE II acq. 364 329341 (Zon-1254)

All persons are invited to this meeting to submit their approval or objections to the above VARIANCE REQUEST.

St. Mary Parish
Board of Adjustments
Rodney Olander, Chairman
Advertise: February 14, 21 & 28, 2018

ST. MARY PARISH SCHOOL BOARD - SURPLUS SALE

The St. Mary Parish School Board Maintenance Department is having a Silent Auction for **Surplus Miscellaneous Items**. These items include food service equipment, chairs, TV sets, carts, desks, lockers, file cabinets and various other miscellaneous items. All items can be viewed and will be sold from the Round Building at Franklin Sr. High School located on 1401 Cynthia Street, Franklin, La. 70538. Viewing of surplus items and silent auction will be available to the public on February 28, March 1, 2, 5 and 6 from 8:00 am until 3:00 pm. The closing of bids will be March 6, 2018 at 3:00 pm

Silent Auction bid sheets are located at the Round Building at Franklin Sr. High School on 1401 Cynthia Street, Franklin, La. 70538. Bids will be accepted between 8:00 am and 3:00 pm on the dates of public viewing. No item will be sold without a completed bid form. Silent Auction will be closed to bidding on March 6, 2018 at 3:00 pm. All bids will be presented to the St. Mary Parish School Board on March 8, 2018 for their consideration.

For more information please contact the Maintenance office at (337) 836-9605.

Advertised 02/21/2017, 02/28/2017, and 03/4/2018

CITY OF FRANKLIN NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following entitled ordinances were introduced at a Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Franklin, on Tuesday, February 20, 2018, and laid over for publication of notice:

Ordinance #3366 – An Ordinance amending the Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the Fiscal Year beginning May First (1st), 2017 and ending April Thirtieth (30th), 2018.

Ordinance #3367 – An Ordinance amending the Capital Outlay Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the Fiscal Year beginning May First (1st), 2016 and ending April Thirtieth (30th), 2017.

Ordinance #3368 – An Ordinance adopting the Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the Fiscal Year beginning May First (1st), 2018 and ending April Thirtieth (30th), 2019.

Ordinance #3369 – An Ordinance adopting the Capital Outlay Budget for the Fiscal Years beginning May First (1st), 2018 and ending April Thirtieth (30th), 2023.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Mayor and Council will meet in Regular Session on Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at six (6:00) o'clock p.m. at the Council Room of City Hall, 300 Iberia Street, Franklin, Louisiana, to consider final adoption of the aforesaid ordinances. Ordinances can be viewed in full at City Hall - 300 Iberia St., Franklin, Monday – Thursday from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm and Friday from 8:00 am – 12:30 pm.

CITY OF FRANKLIN, LOUISIANA
/s/ RAYMOND HARRIS, JR.
MAYOR

/s/ Karen LeBlanc
Clerk of the Council

Advertise
Banner-Tribune
February 28, 2018

16TH JUDICIAL DIST. NOTICE OF CYPB MEETING, MARCH 15

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Meeting

The 16th Judicial District

Children & Youth Planning Board

Iberia, St. Martin and St. Mary Parishes

March 15, 2018

11:30 a.m.

Conference Room of Iberia Courthouse Annex

121 W. Pershing Street

New Iberia, LA 70560

FSD Telephone: 337-369-3804

AGENDA

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting

Old Business

Update on Funding for Juvenile Programs

Update on the Bunkie Facility

New Business

Discussion of Federal Funding Opportunity

June Meeting Date

Advertised February 28, 2018

TOWN OF BALDWIN MANDATORY UTILITY SHUT- OFFS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Wednesday, February 28, 2018, is the LAST DAY for Town of Baldwin utility customers to bring current their DELINQUENT and PAST DUE account balances along with any associated LATE CHARGES. Mandatory utility shut-offs will begin, effective March 05, 2018. For those customers whose services are scheduled for shut-off, all disconnections will be logged with Town Hall and the Baldwin Police Department. Any customers who are found tampering with disconnected utilities will be prosecuted criminally.

TOWN OF BALDWIN
Donna Lewis Lanceslin, Mayor

Advertised February 28, 2018

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS JAN. 8 PUBLIC HEARING MIN- UTES

Board of Adjustments
Public Hearing Minutes
January 8, 2018
5:45 p.m.
St. Mary Parish Courthouse Fifth Floor
Franklin, Louisiana

The Board of Adjustments met in Regular Session on this date with Chairman Rodney Olander presiding, and the following members present: Larry Hotard, John P. Davis, Wynord Thomas, Sr., Tanya Anderson, and Keith Lewis. Absent were Scott Berry and John Davis.

The purpose of the hearing was to receive written and/or oral comments relative to the following proposed variance of property:

Harold Junca Sr. for a Lot Area Variance to deviate from the required 10 acres to 2.12 acres in an Agricultural (AG) Zoned District located at 4942 Hwy 83, Glencoe, LA-Sec. 27 T14S R8E; -Parcel Id# 1634684034.00- 25.22 ac tract being por 93.77 ac tract 11 Hugh A Junca Sr. part per plat 23N 187925 situated Sec. 27 T14S R8E acq. 23N 187925. Improvement on the land of Junca Harold J Sr. Acq. 23N 187925.

Mr. Olander read the request for a Lot Area Variance to deviate from the required 10 acres to 2.12 acres in an Agricultural (AG) Zoned District located at 4942 Hwy83, Glencoe, LA-Sec. 27 T14S R8E; -Parcel Id# 1634684034.00- 25.22 ac tract being por 93.77 ac tract 11 Hugh A Junca Sr. part per plat 23N 187925 situated Sec. 27 T14S R8E acq. 23N 187925. Improvement on the land of Junca Harold J Sr. Acq. 23N 187925.

Mr. Olander stated that Mr. Junca Sr. was not present at the Public Hearing.

There being no further business, Chairman Rodney Olander adjourned the Public Hearing.

Rodney Olander, Chairman
St. Mary Parish Board of Adjustments

Advertised February 28, 2018

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS JAN. 8 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Board of Adjustments Meeting
Regular Meeting
January 8, 2018
6:00 p.m.
St. Mary Parish Courthouse Fifth Floor
Franklin, Louisiana

The Board of Adjustments met in Regular Session on this date with Chairman Rodney Olander presiding, and the following members present: Larry Hotard, Wynord Thomas, Sr., Tanya Anderson, and Keith Lewis. Absent were Scott Berry and John Davis.

Mr. Thomas pronounced the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Anderson.

Mr. Thomas moved that the reading of the minutes of the monthly meeting, December 4, 2017 be dispensed with and that the same be approved. Mr. Hotard seconded the motion, which carried.

Mr. Olander read the request for a Lot Area Variance to deviate from the required 10 acres to 2.12 acres in an Agricultural (AG) Zoned District located at 4942 Hwy83, Glencoe, LA-Sec. 27 T14S R8E; -Parcel Id# 1634684034.00- 25.22 ac tract being por 93.77 ac tract 11 Hugh A Junca Sr. part per plat 23N 187925 situated Sec. 27 T14S R8E acq. 23N 187925. Improvement on the land of Junca Harold J Sr. Acq. 23N 187925.

Mr. Allen Woodard appeared before the Board to discuss a Lot Area Variance to deviate from the required 10 acres to 2.12 acres in an Agricultural (AG) Zoned District located at 4942 Hwy83, Glencoe, LA-Sec. 27 T14S R8E; -Parcel Id# 1634684034.00- 25.22 ac tract being por 93.77 ac tract 11 Hugh A Junca Sr. part per plat 23N 187925 situated Sec. 27 T14S R8E acq. 23N 187925. Improvement on the land of Junca Harold J Sr. Acq. 23N 187925.

Mr. Woodard explained that Mr. Junca Sr. intends to subdivide a portion of his property and give it to his grandson.

In response to Mrs. Luke's inquiry, Mr. Woodard stated that Mr. Junca's grandson is currently utilizing the property.

In response to Mr. Thomas's inquiry, Mr. Woodard stated that no one in the family has opposed the subdivision.

Mr. Olander stated that due to the certified mailings not being mailed correctly the Board would not be able to vote on the item until all of the necessary requirements were met.

Mrs. Anderson made a motion to table the Lot Area Variance to deviate from the required 10 acres to 2.12 acres in an Agricultural (AG) Zoned District located at 4942 Hwy83, Glencoe, LA-Sec. 27 T14S R8E; -Parcel Id# 1634684034.00- 25.22 ac tract being por 93.77 ac tract 11 Hugh A Junca Sr. part per plat 23N 187925 situated Sec. 27 T14S R8E acq. 23N 187925. Improvement on the land of Junca Harold J Sr. Acq. 23N 187925 until the next Board of Adjustments Meeting on February 5, 2018, or until all of the pending documents are received. Mr. Hotard seconded the motion which carried with the following 4-0-0-2 Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Larry Hotard, Wynord Thomas, Sr., Tanya Anderson, and Keith Lewis

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Scott Berry and John Davis

There being no further business, Mr. Hotard moved for adjournment. Mrs. Anderson seconded the motion, which carried.

Rodney Olander, Chairman
St. Mary Parish Board of Adjustments

Advertised February 28, 2018

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & FORESTRY BOLL WEEVIL ERADICATION

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that, in accordance with L.R.S. 3:1609 and LAC 7:XV.314 (A), the Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry, Louisiana Boll Weevil Eradication Commission, has established a boll weevil eradication zone, the Louisiana Eradication Zone, consisting of all the territory within the state of Louisiana.

Notice is further given that all producers of commercial cotton in Louisiana are required to participate in the boll weevil eradication program, including cost sharing, in accordance with the Boll Weevil Eradication Law and regulations. This includes, but is not limited to, reporting of cotton acreage and destruction of cotton plants and stalks by December 31 of each crop year. A copy of the law and rules and regulations may be obtained from the Boll Weevil Eradication Commission, 5825 Florida Blvd. Ste. 3002, Baton Rouge, La. 70806, telephone number (225) 922-1338.

Notice is also given that the planting of noncommercial cotton is PROHIBITED in Louisiana unless a written waiver is obtained from the Commissioner of Agriculture & Forestry in accordance with LAC 7:XV.319(C). To request a waiver, submit a written application to the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, at the address provided in this notice, stating the conditions under which such written waiver is requested.

Advertised February 28, March 7, March 14, 2018

CITY OF FRANKLIN JAN. 23 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The Mayor and Council of the City of Franklin met in Regular Session on Tuesday, January 23, 2018, at 6:00 PM at City Hall, 300 Iberia Street, Franklin, Louisiana. Mayor Raymond Harris, Jr. called the meeting to order. Present were Councilmembers Chuck Autin, Eugene Foulcard, Joseph Garrison, Lester Levine, Jaime Robison, and City Attorney Russell J. Cremaldi. The regularly scheduled January 16, 2018 meeting was rescheduled to January 23, 2018 due to inclement winter weather.

The invocation was offered by Mayor Raymond Harris, Jr. and Councilman Jaime Robison led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

GUESTS:

Mr. Darryl Bennett, 210 Wall Street, approached the mayor and council about the AmeriPure Oyster Company plant across Wall Street from his residence. He referenced the contract AmeriPure has with the City. He stated that the contract gives AmeriPure permission to be a nuisance in their (he and his wife's) life over the last twenty-five years. He mentioned the upcoming mayoral election and said that he does not know what will happen with his situation. He stated that he is concerned about the aftermath of the contamination. He has talked to lawyers and they send him to his elected officials. He stated that AmeriPure is getting ready to leave. Mr. Russell Cremaldi, City Attorney, stated that it is not proper to discuss in a public meeting. He stated that a letter will be sent to AmeriPure this week to cease any operations that constitute a nuisance. No one has mentioned them discontinuing their lease. Mr. Bennett stated that they are being left behind and stuck with the aftermath after twenty-five years. They are concerned with their health, wellbeing, and way of life that has been taken away from him and his wife. He stated that he does not want AmeriPure to slip off and go about

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their business. He mentioned the upcoming mayoral election and does not know where anyone stands. The attorneys he talked to sends him back to City Hall.

Mr. Cremaldi stated that City Hall can take action under its current lease but that is not the same as Mr. Bennett taking action if he has sustained his own damages.

Mr. Cremaldi stated that he does not understand why we are continuing to talk about the same things we have talked about so many times. This is a meeting of the mayor and council attending to its business. You have requested to be a guest and have spoken many times. Mr. Cremaldi stated that it is up to the mayor and council how much time they want to spend tonight hearing the same things.

Mayor Harris stated that if there is nothing new he is ready to move on. We are right where we were the first time Mr. Bennett came to a meeting. Mr. Bennett has been told that he needs an attorney. It is still the same situation.

Mr. Bennett argued that Mayor Harris keeps telling him to get a lawyer. He blamed former mayor Sam Jones on his situation and stated that over the last eight years no one has done anything for him and his situation.

Mayor Harris stated that Mr. Bennett has been told to get an attorney and he will not do so. Councilman Foulcard stated that the council has taken a stand and voted to have a letter sent to AmeriPure.

Mr. Bennett argued that an attorney does not want to be involved. He stated that an attorney will represent the council not him and his wife because they cannot pay (an attorney).

Ms. Cherisse Picard and Mrs. Tammy Rogers promoted Chez Hope Trivia Night and Candle Light Vigil for Teen Dating Violence Month.

PUBLIC COMMENT (for items on the agenda): None.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Garrison to accept the December 19, 2017 Regular Meeting minutes. Second by Councilman Foulcard and carried. Roll call is as follows:

YEAS: Councilmembers Autin, Foulcard, Garrison, Levine, and Robison
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None. ABSTAIN: None.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Chief Sabria McGuire gave a Safe Zone update as requested by Councilman Foulcard.

Councilman Foulcard asked what could be done to promote the Safe Zone and asked for feedback on its utilization. He mentioned that a partnership could be created with Chez Hope to reach out to the kids.

Chief McGuire stated that kids are not using it. She stated that Judicial Reform has created a crime increase. Our children do not understand how desperate people are. They trust their small city environment. She stated that the safe zone has been used for parental exchange. Adults do use the safe zone. A campaign does need to be done focusing on children. They may feel like nothing bad will happen when we (adults) understand that something could happen. She stated that she does see there are children selling items on social media.

Chief McGuire agreed that a partnership with Chez Hope and the vigil to get kids to report things

Ms. Picard agreed that as long as the focus is promoting safe families Chez Hope is on board. Chief McGuire stated that there is an impact on children when they hear a survivor of violence or a crime speak. Assemble kids at school and they will come and listen to the message.

Granderson Hamilton, Water Plant Manager, provided an explanation of the December 21, 2017 Water Plant issues as requested by Councilman Foulcard. He stated that once the water has been treated and produced it is transferred to the ground storage tanks. From there the water is gravity fed back into the plant into the service basin. From the basin the service pumps pump it out into the city. There is an ultrasonic transmitting level device that is in the basin that sends out a signal. The water level inside the service basin is set at five feet. Once it gets down to five feet, the service basin valve opens and lets water in from the ground storage tank. When it gets up to seven feet it closes. That night, the monitor was reading nine feet, but for some technical reason the signal that goes to the computer said there was no water inside the basin. The service pump cuts off if the water level gets below two feet. For some reason it was reading the signal that there was no water inside the service basin; which was incorrect. The pump continued to flow causing overflow and water to flow out of the building. The system was switched to manual once the problem was detected. A technician came the next day and changed out the ultrasonic level system. There was a problem in the transmitter that told the system there was no water so the service pump turned off.

Councilman Foulcard mentioned the plant renovation. He asked if the mechanisms to alarm that there is about to be a problem were installed. Mr. Hamilton stated that once something happens there is an alarm. The system does not detect a potential problem; just when a problem does occur.

Bernard Daniels discussed the age of the building, grounding and electrical issues. He stated that when the service pumps went down on the night of December 21st the plant workers had gone home. The issue was due to electronic malfunction. That component was put in with the SCADA system in the 1990s. It has lasted its lifetime.

Discussion held on the mechanics of the plant, water pressure, and the recent inclement cold weather. Two severe cold fronts crippled south Louisiana and caused many issues within the city's water system.

Mayor Harris stated that the city has suspended the cut-off list to help people get back on their feet. Extended pay plans have been implemented also. Many citizens had busted pipes and could not find parts to fix their problems. The demand exceeded the available supply of plumbing parts. Discussion held.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

Mr. Alan Offner, Foley & Judell LLP, explained that DEQ is ready to go forward with funding. The application must go before the State Bond Commission. The \$1,880,000 comes as a DEQ recommended amount. The money will be

advanced as needed; any remaining amount will not be used. The issue will go before the Bond Commission on February 15th. The interest rate on the loan is 0.95%

Councilman Garrison introduced Ordinance #3365 – An ordinance authorizing the issuance of One Million Eight Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$1,880,000) of Taxable Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2018, of the City of Franklin, State of Louisiana; prescribing the form, terms and conditions of said Bonds; designating the date, denomination and place of payment of said Bonds; providing for the payment thereof in principal and interest; awarding said Bonds to the purchaser thereof; authorizing the execution of a Loan and Pledge Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (the "Department"); providing for the sale and delivery of the Bonds to the Department; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

RESOLUTIONS:

A motion was made by Councilman Foulcard to adopt a Resolution lifting the open container law along the parade route from one (1) hour before the Mardi Gras Parade, until one (1) hour after the Mardi Gras Parade, no glass containers, on Mardi Gras Day. Second by Councilman Autin and carried. Roll call is as follows:
YEAS: Councilmembers Autin, Foulcard, Garrison, Levine, and Robison
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None. ABSTAIN: None

A motion was made by Councilman Levine to adopt a Resolution authorizing the use of facilities at Caffery Park by the Franklin Youth Organization for the operation of Franklin Youth Baseball and Softball Program from February 1, 2018 through August 1, 2018. Second by Councilman Autin and carried. Roll call is as follows:

YEAS: Councilmembers Autin, Foulcard, Garrison, Levine, and Robison
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None. ABSTAIN: None

A motion was made by Councilman Foulcard to adopt a Resolution authorizing Mayor Raymond Harris, Jr. to negotiate, enter into, execute, and deliver one or more Leases in substantially the form set forth in the document presently before the Governing Body for the purchase of one Saber Pumper Fire Truck and one Encore Rescue Fire Truck. Second by Councilman Autin and carried. Roll call is as follows:

YEAS: Councilmembers Autin, Foulcard, Garrison, Levine, and Robison
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None. ABSTAIN: None

A motion was made by Councilman Garrison to adopt a Resolution making application to the State Bond Commission for consent and approval of the issuance of not exceeding One Million Eight Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$1,880,000-) of Taxable Limited Tax Bonds of the City of Franklin, State of Louisiana, and providing for other matters in connection therewith. Second by Councilman Levine and carried. Roll call is as follows:

YEAS: Councilmembers Autin, Foulcard, Garrison, Levine, and Robison
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None. ABSTAIN: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Announcements were made for Keep St. Mary Beautiful City-Wide Clean-Up and Summer Arts Program Registration.

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Autin. Second by Councilman Foulcard and carried.

CITY OF FRANKLIN, LOUISIANA
/s/RAYMOND HARRIS, JR., MAYOR

ATTEST:

/s/Karen LeBlanc
Clerk of the Council
Director of Administration

Advertised February 28, 2018

FRANKLIN FOUNDATION HOSPITAL- JANUARY FINANCE MEETING MINUTES

Franklin Foundation Hospital
Board Conference Room
Franklin, Louisiana
12:00 p.m.

Members Present:
Dr. Nick Accardo
Clegg Caffery
Eugene Foulcard
Others Present:
Stephanie Guidry, CEO
JoEllen Curry, Interim CNO
Ron Bailey, CFO
Sharon Procell, Executive Assistant
Collette Vaccarella, Director of Patient Financial Services
Tina Petry, Director of HIM
Jody Pigg, QHR Associate VP

CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Dr. Nick Accardo 12:05 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

Approval of Minutes – November 29, 2017

Mr. Clegg Caffery offered a motion to approve the minutes with Mr. Eugene Foulcard seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Discuss and Approve
Third Amendment to QHR agreement
Ms. Stephanie Guidry discussed the contract summary for the Third Amendment to the QHR Advisory Services agreement. She noted that the term is a five (5) year agreement. The Hospital does have the option to terminate at the end of each year (year one (1), year two (2) and so on) with ninety (90) day notice. Ms. Guidry stated the prior contract was reviewed and modified as needed by Ms. Lanzi Meyers of the Gachassin Law Firm. Ms. Guidry stated the annual compensation is \$354,000 with an increase at the lesser 5% or the increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI). There is no increase in the first year of the new agreement. Ms. Guidry requested that the Committee approve the QHR agreement.

Mr. Eugene Foulcard offered a motion to ac-

cept the Third Amendment to QHR agreement with Mr. Clegg Caffery seconded the motion.

Brentwood Communications Critical Access Hospital Marketing Program Agreement

Ms. Stephanie Guidry discussed the contract summary for the Brentwood Communication Critical Access Hospital Marketing Program Agreement. She noted that this is a 36 month agreement. She stated the compensation will be a monthly fee of \$2,950.00, plus setup fee(s) of approximately \$6,000.00 in the first month. She noted the contract was reviewed and modified as needed by Ms. Lanzi Meyers of the Gachassin Law Firm. Ms. Guidry requested that the Committee approve the Brentwood Communications agreement.

Mr. Eugene Foulcard offered a motion to accept the Brentwood Communication Critical Access Hospital Marketing Program Agreement with Mr. Clegg Caffery seconded the motion.

Capital Purchase – Stryker Laparoscopic Tower with Scopes

Ms. Stephanie Guidry discussed the capital request for the Stryker Laparoscopic Tower with scopes. This unit is to replace the current old single unit with a new unit and new technology. She noted the purchase will allow the Hospital to run two (2) operating rooms at the same time. She stated with the new technology this will support the expected increase in volumes. She also stated the purchase price is \$148,775.00. Because it is new technology that also expands the hospital's service capacity, the request was made to fund the purchase using grant funds. Ms. Guidry requested that the Committee approve the capital purchase.

Mr. Clegg Caffery offered a motion to accept the capital purchase of the Stryker Laparoscopic Tower with Scopes with Mr. Eugene Foulcard seconded the motion.

Monthly Reports

Finance Report – November 2017

Mr. Ron Bailey presented the Financial Report for the month of November 2017, the second month of the 2018 fiscal year, starting with the operating indicators and financial class percentages. The Hospital recorded revenue in excess of expenses of \$56,192 for the month compared to budgeted revenues in excess of expenses of \$84,108. He discussed the operating indicators while keeping in mind that November had two fewer business days due to the Thanksgiving holiday. He discussed the November revenue which exceeded the budget. Next Mr. Bailey discussed the deductions from revenue section noting that that Medicare and Medicaid Adjustments were over budgeted for the month. Mr. Bailey explained that included in Medicaid and Medicare Adjustments is a reduction of (\$156,096) which represents the current month of the FY 2017 net Physician Rate Enhancement Funds ("PREP") UPL program. He noted the bad debt expense was under budget for November. The decrease is primarily due to lower bad debt allowance at the clinics.

Mr. Bailey discussed the balance sheet noting that days cash on hand at the end of November was lower than October with November's cash balance at 85.4 days compared to 95.3 days of cash in the prior month. Mr. Bailey explained that the decrease is partially due, among other things, to payment of accrued payroll and accrued accounts payable from the end of October.

Finance Report – December 2017

Mr. Ron Bailey presented the Financial Report for the month of December 2017, the third month and the end of the first quarter of the 2018 fiscal year, starting with the operating indicators and financial class percentages. He advised that December included the Christmas holiday as well as snow days. The Hospital recorded revenues in excess of expenses of \$119,848 for the month compared to budgeted revenues in excess of expenses of \$84,108.

Mr. Bailey discussed that total gross patient revenue was over budget for the month noting that inpatient acute revenues and swing bed revenues have fluctuated over the last several months where one month acute is up and swing is down while in the current month the opposite occurred.

Mr. Bailey discussed Medicare and Medicaid contractual adjustments. Next he discussed the high level of bad debt expense for the month compared to budget noting that the increase is primarily due to an increase in private pay receivables at the hospital. Also contributing was an increase in clinic allowance for doubtful accounts due to delays in completing billings and collections beginning with the November 1, 2017 conversion to the new Thrive provider electronic health record in the clinics. This caused the receivables to age which resulted in an increase in the calculated allowance.

Mr. Bailey emphasized that this increase was a mathematical calculation from the model used for clinic allowances and that it is not a reflection of the collectability of the receivables. He noted that it is expected that the situation will resolve over the next few months as collections are made on those receivables.

Mr. Bailey next discussed the balance sheet noting that once again days' cash at the end of December was lower than the cash at the end of the prior month. He explained that December's cash transactions included a (\$270,409) IGT, made on December 29, 2017, for the PREP physician UPL program. In addition December's operating cash was reduced by (\$150,000) which represents the purchase price of the Baldwin property. He noted that receipt of just over \$200,000 of CY 2017 millage partially offset these reductions. Mr. Bailey discussed that the Hospital received its large millage payment in January and expects to receive Rural UPL (formerly "DSH") funds as well as PREP UPL funds in January. He estimated that, should those amounts be received as expected by the end of January, days' cash on hand should increase by about 40 days.

QHR Trend Reports

Mr. Ron Bailey presented the QHR Trend Reports.

Investment Reports

Mr. Ron Bailey presented the Investment Income Summary Reports.

Mr. Clegg Caffery offered a motion to approve the Monthly Reports for November and December 2017 with Mr. Eugene Foulcard seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Clinic Report

Ms. Collette Vaccarella reported on Clinic activities for November and December 2017. She discussed the accounts receivable aging summary along with clinic appointment activities. She stated the impact on operations from the implementation in November of the new Thrive

provider electronic health record should decrease in the coming months.

She noted that as a result of the implementation, clinic volumes were lower in November as providers learned the new system. Also, the coding and billing of claims were also delayed. Mr. Bailey noted that these issues resulted in aging of clinic accounts receivable that were recorded in prior months.

Mr. Bailey presented the consolidated clinic cost center reports noting that the contractual adjustments were estimated in part due to the delays caused by the implementation and advised that these adjustments were very conservative.

Mr. Eugene Foulcard offered a motion to approve the clinic report with Mr. Clegg Caffery seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Strategic Planning

No items were discussed.

ADJOURN

Mr. Eugene Foulcard offered a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:55 p.m. with Mr. Clegg Caffery seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Nick Accardo, Chairman of Finance
Stephanie A. Guidry, CEO

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FRANKLIN FOUNDATION HOSPITAL JAN. BOC MEETING MINUTES

The Board of Commissioners of Franklin Foundation Hospital, Hospital Service District No. 1, St. Mary Parish, met in regular session at 6:00 p.m., January 25, 2018.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Eugene Foulcard, Chairman
Clegg Caffery, Jr.
Dr. Roland Degeyter
Robert Judice, Jr.
Didi Battle
Dr. Nick Accardo

ALSO PRESENT

Stephanie Guidry, CEO
Lanzi Meyers, Legal Counsel
Russel Cremaldi, Legal Counsel
JoEllen Curry, Interim CNO
Lori Leonard, CCO
Tina Petry, Director of HIM
Sharon Procell, Exec. Admin. Asst.
Don Smithburg, Regional VP of QHR
Dr. Donna Tessi, Chief of Staff
Kevin Romero, Director of Marketing and Business Development

ABSENT

Allan Von Werder

CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by the Board Chairman, Mr. Eugene Foulcard at 6:00 p.m.

Ms. Stephanie Guidry introduced Franklin Foundation Hospital new Director of Marketing and Business Development, Mr. Kevin Romero.

PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE

OLD BUSINESS

Approval of Minutes – November 30, 2017

Dr. Nick Accardo moved to approve the minutes of the Board of Commissioners meetings held October 26, 2017 with Ms. Didi Battle seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Discuss and Approve Third Amendment to QHR

Ms. Stephanie Guidry discussed the contract summary for the Third Amendment to the QHR Advisory Services agreement. She noted that the term is a five (5) year agreement. The Hospital does have the option to terminate at the end of each year (year one (1), year two (2) and so on) with ninety (90) day notice. Ms. Guidry stated the prior contract was reviewed and modified as needed by Ms. Lanzi Meyers of the Gachassin Law Firm. Ms. Guidry stated the annual compensation is \$354,000 with a Consumer Price Index (CPI) increase not to exceed 5% starting in 2019. There is no increase in the first year of the new agreement. Ms. Guidry requested that the Committee approve the QHR agreement.

Ms. Didi Battle made a motion to approve the Third Amendment to QHR with Mr. Clegg Caffery seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Brentwood Communications Critical Access Hospital Marketing Program Agreement
Ms. Stephanie Guidry discussed the contract summary for the Brentwood Communication Critical Access Hospital Marketing Program Agreement. She noted that this is a 36 month agreement. She stated the compensation will be a monthly fee of \$2,950.00, plus setup fee(s) of approximately \$6,000.00 in the first month. She noted the contract was reviewed and modified as needed by Ms. Lanzi Meyers of the Gachassin Law Firm. Ms. Guidry requested that the Committee approve the Brentwood Communications agreement.

Ms. Didi Battle made a motion to approve the Brentwood Communications Critical Access Hospital Marketing Program agreement with Mr. Robert Judice seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Capital Purchase – Stryker Laparoscopic Tower with Scopes

Ms. Stephanie Guidry discussed the capital request for the Stryker Laparoscopic Tower with scopes. This unit is to replace the current old single unit with a new unit and new technology. She noted the purchase will allow the Hospital to run two (2) operating rooms at the same time. She stated with the new technology this will sup-

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port the expected increase in volumes. She also stated the purchase price is \$148,775.00. Because it is new technology that also expands the hospital's service capacity, the request was made to fund the purchase using grant funds. Ms. Guidry requested that the Committee approve the capital purchase.

Dr. Nick Accardo made a motion to approve the Capital Purchase – Stryker Laparoscopic Tower with scopes with Mr. Clegg Caffery seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

MEDICAL STAFF REPORT

Credentials & Medical Executive Reports – January 2018

Dr. Donna Tesi reported MEC accepted the credentialing privileges for reappointments of Dr. Steven McPherson – Active - Internal Medicine and Dr. Lianter Albert – Courtesy – Internal Medicine. She reported an addition to Virtual Radiology of Dr. Malik Dawood – Consulting – Radiology. She also included a resignation of Dr. Prashant Gupta – Consulting – Emergency Medicine, along with an Ochsner resignation of Dr. Gary Belt – Consulting – Telestroke. Dr. Tesi reported Advance Practice Professional reappointments of Mary Lou Guillot - CRNA; Jacob Launey - CRNA; and Chad Charpentier – CRNA.

Dr. Tesi stated Dr. Brent Rochon was approved for a category change from Consulting to Active status. She reported other business discussed/reviewed and approved were the Pharmacy Policy Library, Look Alike Sound Alike, Therapeutic Interchange List, Hospital Wide Medication Protocol and the Rapid Response Policy and Procedure.

Mr. Robert Justice made a motion to approve the Credentialing and Medical Executive Report with Ms. Didi Battle seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

FINANCE REPORT

Finance – November and December 2017
Mr. Ron Bailey presented the finance report for the month of November and December 2017.

Ms. Didi Battle moved to approve the Finance report for the month of November and December 2017 with Dr. Nick Accardo seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Ratification of minutes and all actions taken at the Finance Committee Meeting
January 24, 2018.

Ms. Didi Battle moved to approve the minutes and all actions taken at the Finance Meeting held on January 24, 2018 with Dr. Nick Accardo seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

QUALITY COMMITTEE REPORT

Ratification of minutes and all actions taken at the Quality Committee Meeting – January 19, 2018

Mr. Clegg Caffery made a motion to approve the minutes and all actions taken at the Quality Committee meeting on January 19, 2018 with Ms. Didi Battle seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

MANAGEMENT REPORT

Nursing Report – Ms. JoEllen Curry, Interim CNO

Ms. JoEllen Curry reported on ten (10) of the eleven (11) HCAHPS components are at or above the Hospital Compare National Top Box average for January to December 2017. She noted there is opportunities for improvement include willingness to recommend. Ms. Curry stated the Diabetic Academy held on December 6th was successful with fourteen (14) attending despite the raining weather (15 registrants is our max). FFH has begun registering for the next Academy scheduled for February 7, 2018. She also mention FFH have completed the mandatory Blood Administration education and competency checkoff sessions for the nursing staff in December as a result of our recent DHH survey from November. Ms. JoEllen Curry gave an update status of Sigma IV pump recall. She stated the affected pumps have had recommended performance checks by our Biomed technicians as per the recall directives.

Administrative Report – Ms. Stephanie Guidry, CEO

Ms. Stephanie Guidry reported starting of the New Year 2018 the census has been up along with Labor/Delivery and Surgery has been busy. Dr. Kennan Buechter, General Surgery started this past Monday. She reported Dr. Kristi Prejeant is interested in doing weekend coverage; currently, working on a contract. Ms. Guidry stated the purchase of the Baldwin property is complete. She reported that Brentwood Communications launch date will be February 1st. She noted the candidate for Chief Nursing Officer, Ms. Gayle Sturgis declined the position; due to personal concerns. Ms. Guidry mentioned the Board Self-evaluation will be available soon. She also noted she met with three (3) Ortho doctors from New Iberia that wants to do Ortho on-call coverage; this will be 15 days that are not currently covered by Orthopedics.

Clinic Report – Ms. Collette Vaccarella, Director of Patient Financial

Ms. Collette Vaccarella reported on Clinic activities for November and December 2017. She discussed the accounts receivable aging summary along with clinic appointment activities. She stated the impact on operations from the implementation in November of the new Thrive provider electronic health record should decrease in the coming months.

She noted that as a result of the implementation, clinic volumes were lower in November as providers learned the new system. Also, the coding and billing of claims were also delayed. Mr. Bailey noted that these issues resulted in aging of clinic accounts receivable that were recorded in prior months.

Mr. Bailey presented the consolidated clinic cost center reports noting that the contractual adjustments were estimated in part due to the delays caused by the implementation and advised that these adjustments were very conservative.

QHR Management Report – Mr. Don Smithburg

Mr. Don Smithburg reported it's been a year

since Ms. Stephanie Guidry has been the Chief Executive Officer; with that comes her first performance appraisal opportunity for the Board. Mr. Smithburg stated the form for the appraisal should be coming soon; hopefully if completed, this will be presented to the February board meeting. He reported subsequently to the final approval of audit, QHR will address the lieutenant compensation program; this was discussed a year ago.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Strategic Planning

NO REPORT

X.ADJOURN

With no further business to discuss, Ms. Didi Battle moved with Mr. Clegg Caffery seconding the motion to adjourn at 6:43 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Eugene Foulcard - Chairman
Stephanie A. Guidry, CEO

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FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 11 - SEPT. 21, 2017 MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 21, 2017
6:00 PM

Official Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on September 21, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Call to Order, Chairman, Ronald Chillis, Sr.
Prayer, Comm. Shirley Purvey
Pledge, Comm. Eva Rollins
Roll Call, Clerk Betty Jackson

Present: Comm. Ronald Chillis, Sr., Comm. Shirley Purvey, Comm. Eva Rollins, Comm. Roy Marks and Comm. Johnny Sutton
Late: None
Absent: None

Minutes of the Previous Meeting
Motion by Comm. Eva Rollins that we accept the minutes as read. Seconded by Comm. Johnny Sutton. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Public Comments: None
New Business:
Discussion of Budget
Adopt Budget
Discussion of Letter

Motion by Comm. Shirley Purvey that we adopt the Budget for 2017-2018 Budget for Fire Protection #11 of St. Mary Parish. Seconded by Comm. Eva Rollins. All in favor, Motion carried. Motion by Johnny Sutton that we do not answer the letter because it was not addressed right and there was no name on the letter, no returned address, and they was not present at the meeting. Seconded by Comm. Eva Rollins. All in favor. Motion carried.

Adjournment:
Motion by Comm. Eva Rollins that we adjourn this meeting. Seconded by Comm. Roy Marks. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned.

Approved & Signed
Ronald Chillis, Sr.
Chairman

Approved & Signed
Johnny Sutton
Sect. / Treas.

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FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 11 - OCT. 5, 2017 MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 5, 2017
6:00 PM

Official Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on October 5, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.
Call to Order, Chairman, Ronald Chillis, Sr.
Prayer, Comm. Shirley Purvey
Pledge, Comm. Roy Marks
Roll Call, Clerk Betty Jackson

Present: Comm. Ronald Chillis, Sr., Comm. Shirley Purvey, Comm. Roy Marks and Comm. Johnny Sutton
Late: None
Absent: Comm. Eva Rollins

Minutes of the Previous Meeting
Motion by Comm. Roy Marks that we accept the minutes from September 7, 2017 and September 21, 2017 as read. Seconded by Comm. Johnny Sutton. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Public Comments: None
Chief's Report:
Chief Clarence Clark
Calls: During the month of September 2017 there was 30 calls ran by the department.
Motion by Comm. Shirley Purvey that we accept the Chief Report. Seconded by Comm. Johnny Sutton. All in favor. Motion carried.
Public Comments: None

Financial Report / Bills for District / Debits
Bookkeeper, Clem Matthews

Motion by Comm. Shirley Purvey that we accept the Financial Report and pay all bills for the District. Seconded by Comm. Roy Marks. All in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business: None
New Business: Motion by Comm. Shirley Purvey that we pay Centerville the \$909.09. Seconded by Comm. Johnny Sutton. All in favor. Motion carried.

Adjournment:
Motion by Comm. Roy Marks that we adjourn this meeting. Seconded by Comm. Johnny Sutton. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned.

Approved & Signed
Ronald Chillis, Sr.
Chairman

Approved & Signed
Johnny Sutton
Sect. / Treas.

Advertised February 28, 2018

CITY OF FRANKLIN ORDINANCE 3365

The following ordinance, having been previously introduced on January 23, 2018, a notice of introduction having been published on January 31, 2017, and a public hearing held thereon on this date, was offered for adoption by Councilman Joseph Garrison and seconded by Councilman Eugene Foulcard:

ORDINANCE #3365

An ordinance authorizing the issuance of One Million Eight Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$1,880,000) of Taxable Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2018, of the City of Franklin, State of Louisiana; prescribing the form, terms and conditions of said Bonds; designating the date, denomination and place of payment of said Bonds; providing for the payment thereof in principal and interest; awarding said Bonds to the purchaser thereof; authorizing the execution of a Loan and Pledge Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (the "Department"); providing for the sale and delivery of the Bonds to the Department; and providing for other matters in connection therewith. WHEREAS, the City of Franklin, State of Louisiana (the "City"), now owns and operates a sewer system (the "System"), a revenue-producing public utility; and

WHEREAS, this Council now wishes to construct and install improvements and replacements to the System, including acquiring equipment, fixtures and machinery therefor, and to pay all engineering, legal and other incidental costs and fees incurred in connection therewith (the "Project") and to finance a portion of the costs thereof through the issuance of limited tax revenue bonds of the City (the "Bonds") payable solely from and secured by an irrevocable pledge and dedication of the funds to be derived by the City from the levy and collection of a 13.82 mills general alimony tax (such tax being subject to adjustment from time to time due to reassessment) (the "Tax") which the City is authorized to levy pursuant to Section 27(A) of Article VI of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, as amended, and the Bonds to be issued pursuant to Section 1430 of Title 39 and Section 2304 of Title 30 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended and other constitutional and statutory authority; and

WHEREAS, the City has made application to the Department for a loan from the State Revolving Fund to finance a portion of the costs of the Project and the Department has approved said application for such loan; and

WHEREAS, it is now the wish of this Governing Authority to authorize the issuance of its Taxable Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2018, in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Act and for the purposes set forth above; and WHEREAS, at this time the City has no outstanding bonds or other indebtedness payable from a pledge of the revenues of the Tax; and

WHEREAS, the United States of America, pursuant to the Clean Water Act of 1972, as amended by the Water Quality Act of 1987, specifically, Subchapter VI, Chapter 26 of Title 33, of the United States Code (the "Federal Act"), is authorized to make capitalization grants to states to be used for the purpose of establishing a water pollution control revolving fund for providing assistance for (i) construction of treatment works (as defined in Section 1292 of the Federal Act) which are publicly owned, and (ii) for implementing a management program under Section 1329 of the Federal Act and (iii) for implementing a conservation and management plan under Section 1330 of the Federal Act; and

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana (the "State"), pursuant to Subtitle II, Chapter 14 of Title 30 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, specifically La. R.S. 30:2301, et seq.) (the "State Act"), has established a Clean Water State Revolving Fund (the "State Revolving Fund") in the custody of the Department of Environmental Quality (the "Department") to be used for the purpose of providing financial assistance for the improvement of wastewater treatment facilities in the State, as more fully described in Section 2302 of the State Act, and has authorized the Department to administer the State Revolving Fund in accordance with applicable federal and state law; and

WHEREAS, to represent the loan from the State Revolving Fund in a principal amount not to exceed One Million Eight Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$1,880,000), it is now the desire of this Council to fix the details necessary with respect to the issuance of the Bonds and provide for the authorization and issuance thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Franklin, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the City, that:

ARTICLE I DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

§ 1.1. **Definitions.** The following terms used in this Ordinance shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly requires otherwise: **"Act"** means Section 1430 of Title 39 and Section 2304 of Title 30 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority.

"Additional Parity Bonds" shall mean any *pari passu* additional bonds pursuant to Article VI hereof.

"Administrative Fee" means the annual fee equal to one-half of one percent (0.50%) *per annum* of the outstanding principal amount of the Bonds, or such lesser amount as the Department may approve from time to time, which shall be payable each year in two equal semi-annual installments on each Interest Payment Date.

"Bond" or **"Bonds"** means the City's Taxable Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2018, authorized by this Ordinance in the total aggregate principal amount of not exceeding One Million Eight Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$1,880,000).

"Bond Register" means the records kept by the Registrar (initially the Clerk of the Council) in which registration of the Bonds and transfers of the Bonds shall be made as provided herein.

"Bond Year" means the one-year period ending on each Principal Payment Date.

"City" means the City of Franklin, State of Louisiana.

"Completion Date" means the earlier of (i) the date of the final disbursement of the purchase price of the Bonds to the City, or (ii) the date the operation of the Project is initiated or capable of being initiated, as certified by an Authorized Officer in accordance with the Loan Agreement.

"Consulting Engineer" means a regionally known consulting utility engineer or firm of consulting utility engineers with skill and experience in the construction and operation of publicly-owned utilities properties.

"Costs of the Project" means, with reference to the Project, all capital costs incurred or to be incurred for the Project, including but not limited to (a) engineering, financing, legal and other fees and expenses related to the issuance of the Bonds, (b) acquisition and construction costs of the Project, (c) interest on the Bonds during construction, if specifically approved by the Department, and (d) a reasonable allowance for contingencies, all to the extent permitted by the Federal Act, the State Act and any rules or regulations promulgated thereunder. **"Defeasance Obligations"** means cash and/or Government Securities.

"Delivery Date" means the date on which the Bonds are delivered to the Department and the first installment of the purchase price therefor is paid by the Department to the City.

"Department" means the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, an executive department and agency of the State, and any successor to the duties and functions thereof.

"Executive Officers" means, collectively, the Mayor of the City and the Clerk of the Council.

"Fiscal Year" means the City's one-year accounting period determined by the Governing Authority as the fiscal year of the City, currently being the year ending April 30th.

"Governing Authority" means the Council of the City or its successor in function.

"Government Securities" means direct obligations of, or obligations the principal of and interest on which are unconditionally guaranteed by, the United States of America, which are non-callable prior to their maturity, may be United States Treasury Obligations such as the State and Local Government Series and may be in book-entry form.

"Interest Payment Date" means April 1 and October 1 on each year in which interest on the Bonds is payable or such other semi-annual payment dates as may be approved by the Executive Officers in the manner set forth in Section 2.4.

"Loan Agreement" means the Loan and Pledge Agreement to be entered into by and between the Department and the City prior to the delivery of the Bonds in substantially the form attached as Exhibit B to this Ordinance, which will contain certain additional agreements relating to the Bonds and the Project, as it may be supplemented or amended from time to time in accordance with the provisions thereof.

"Net Revenue of the Tax" means the income and revenues derived or to be derived by the City from the levy and collection of the Tax, after provision has been made for payment therefrom of the reasonable and necessary expenses of the levy and collection of the Tax.

"Ordinance" means this Ordinance authorizing the issuance of the Bonds, as hereafter amended or supplemented. **"Qualified Investments"** means the following, provided that the same are at the time legal for investment of the City's funds and, if required by law, are secured at all times by collateral described in clause (a) below: (a) Government Securities, including obligations of any of the federal agencies set forth in clause (b) below to the extent unconditionally guaranteed by the United States of America and any certificates or any other evidences of an ownership interest in obligations or in specified portions thereof (which may consist of specified portions of the interest thereon) of the character described in this clause (a);

(b) bonds, debentures or other evidences of indebtedness issued by the Private Export Funding Corporation, Federal Home Loan Bank System, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, Federal National Mortgage Association and Student Loan Marketing Association;

(c) certificates of deposit, whether negotiable or nonnegotiable, issued by any bank or trust company organized under the laws of the State or any national banking association having its principal office in the State which is a member of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and which are secured at all times by collateral described in clause (a) above;

(d) certificates of deposit, savings accounts, deposit accounts or money market deposits of any bank or trust company organized under the laws of the State or any national banking association having its principal office in the State which are fully insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; and

(e) the Louisiana Asset Management Pool (LAMP).

"Outstanding" when used with respect to the Bonds, as of the date of determination, means all Bonds theretofore issued and delivered under the Ordinance except:

(a) Bonds theretofore cancelled or delivered to the Paying Agent for cancellation;

(b) Bonds for whose payment or prepayment sufficient funds have been theretofore deposited in trust for the Owners of such Bonds as provided in Section 11.1 herein provided that, if such Bonds are to be prepaid, irrevocable notice of such prepayment has been duly given or provided for pursuant to this Bond Ordinance, to the satisfaction of the Paying Agent, or waived;

(c) Bonds in exchange for or *in lieu* of which other Bonds have been registered and delivered pursuant to the Ordinance; or

(d) Bonds alleged to have been mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen which have been paid as provided in the Ordinance or by law.

"Owner" or **"Owners"** when used with respect to any Bond, means the Person in whose name

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given. The City shall give a notice thereof to the Registrar and any rating agency which is then rating the Bonds, at least fifteen (15) days prior to the adoption thereof, and thereafter shall furnish to said persons a certified copy thereof. No such modification or amendment shall permit a change in the terms of prepayment or maturity of the principal of any outstanding Bond or of any installment of interest thereon or a reduction in the principal amount or the prepayment price thereof or in the rate of interest thereon without the consent of the Owner of such Bond, or shall reduce the percentages of Bonds the consent of the Owner of which is required to effect any such modification or amendment, or change the obligation of the City to levy and collect the Tax as provided herein, without the consent of the Owners of all of the Bonds then outstanding, or shall change or modify any of the rights or obligations of either the Registrar without its written assent thereto.

ARTICLE X EVENTS OF DEFAULT

§ 10.1.Events of Default. If one or more of the following events (in this Ordinance called "Events of Default") shall happen, that is to say, (a) if default shall be made in the due and punctual payment of the principal of any Bond when and as the same shall become due and payable, whether at maturity or otherwise; or (b) if default shall be made in the due and punctual payment of any installment of interest on any Bond when and as such interest installment shall become due and payable; or (c) if default shall be made by the City in the performance or observance of any other of the covenants, agreements or conditions on its part in this Ordinance, any supplemental ordinance or in the Bonds contained and such default shall continue for a period of forty-five (45) days after written notice thereof to the City by the Owners of not less than 25% of the Outstanding principal amount of the Bonds; or (d) if the City shall file a petition or otherwise seek relief under any Federal or State bankruptcy law or similar law; then, upon the happening and continuance of any Event of Default, the Owners shall be entitled to exercise all rights and powers for which provision is made under Louisiana law.

ARTICLE XI

MISCELLANEOUS

§ 11.1.Defeasance. (a) If the City shall pay or cause to be paid to the Owners the principal and interest and Administrative fee, to become due thereon, at the times and in the manner stipulated therein and in the Ordinance, then the covenants, agreements and other obligations of the City to the Owners shall be discharged and satisfied. In such event, the Registrar shall, upon the request of the City, execute and deliver to the City all such instruments as may be desirable to evidence such discharge and satisfaction and the Registrar shall pay over or deliver to the City all moneys, securities and funds held by them pursuant to this Ordinance which are not required for the payment or prepayment of Bonds not theretofore surrendered for such payment or prepayment.

(b) Bonds or interest installments for the payment of which money shall have been set aside and shall be held in trust (through deposit by the City of funds for such payment or otherwise) at the maturity date thereof shall be deemed to have been paid within the meaning and with the effect expressed above in this Section if they have been defeased using Defeasance Obligations pursuant to Chapter 14 of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, or any successor provisions thereto.

§ 11.2.Parties Interested Herein. Nothing in the Ordinance expressed or implied is intended or shall be construed to confer upon, or to give to, any person or corporation, other than the City, the Registrar and the Owners any right, remedy or claim under or by reason of the Ordinance or any covenant, condition or stipulation thereof; and all the covenants, stipulations, promises and agreements in the Ordinance contained by and on behalf of the City shall be for the sole and exclusive benefit of the City, the Registrar and the Owners.

§ 11.3.Loan Agreement and Commitment Agreement. The Governing Authority recognizes that the Bonds will be sold to the Department pursuant to its Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund Program. In connection with this sale, the City and the Department will enter into the Loan Agreement presented by the Department to the City pertaining to the Bonds and the Project, which Loan Agreement shall be substantially in the form attached as Exhibit B hereto. The Executive Officers are hereby authorized to execute such Loan Agreement on behalf of and under the seal of the City in substantially the form attached as Exhibit B hereto with such changes, additions and deletions as shall in the sole opinion of the Executive Officers, upon advice of Bond Counsel, be deemed, the form and contents of which Loan Agreement are hereby approved by this Governing Authority. Prior to the delivery of the Bonds and acting upon advice of Bond Counsel, the City will enter into the Loan Agreement with such changes, additions and deletions as may be deemed appropriate by the Executive Officers upon advice of Bond Counsel, and the Executive Officers are directed to execute such Loan Agreement on behalf of the City. So long as the Department owns any portion of the Bonds, then to the extent that any provision of this Ordinance is inconsistent with or contrary to any provision of the Loan Agreement, the applicable provision of the Loan Agreement shall control. As shall be provided in the Loan Agreement, the City shall comply with certain provisions of the Loan Agreement, as specified therein, regardless of whether or not the Department is the owner and regardless of any prepayment or defeasance of the Bonds prior to their final stated maturity. The Executive Officers are further authorized to enter into any supplemental loan agreement with the Department which may be required to carry out the provisions of this Ordinance. With the advice of Bond Counsel, the Executive Officers are further authorized and directed to execute on behalf of the City a Commitment Agreement by and between the Department and the City which the Department may require as a prerequisite to the execution of the Loan Agreement, said Commitment Agreement to be substantially in the form of the Commitment Agreement on file with the Clerk of the Governing Authority.

§ 11.4.Registrar. The City will at all times maintain a Registrar for the performance of the duties hereunder. The initial Registrar pursuant to this Ordinance is the Clerk of the Governing Authority. This Governing Authority reserves the right to appoint a successor Registrar by (1) fil-

ing with the person then performing such function a certified copy of an ordinance appointing a successor and (2) causing notice to be given to each Owner. Every successor Registrar shall at all times be a corporation organized and doing business under the laws of the United States of America or of any State, authorized under such laws to exercise trust powers, and subject to supervision or examination by Federal or State authority. In appointing a successor Registrar, this Governing Authority will authorize the Executive Officers to execute an appropriate agreement with the successor Registrar or and on behalf of the City in such form as may be satisfactory to the Executive Officers, setting forth the duties and obligations of the successor Registrar.

§ 11.5. No Recourse on the Bonds. No recourse shall be had for the payment of the principal of or interest on the Bonds or for any claim based thereon or on this Ordinance against any member of the Governing Authority or officer of the City or any person executing the Bonds.

§ 11.6.Successors and Assigns. Whenever in this Ordinance the City is named or referred to, it shall be deemed to include its successors and assigns and all the covenants and agreements in this Ordinance contained by or on behalf of the City shall bind and ensure to the benefit of its successors and assigns whether so expressed or not.

§ 11.7.Severability. In case any one or more of the provisions of the Ordinance or of the Bonds issued hereunder shall for any reason be held to be illegal or invalid, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect any other provision of the Ordinance or of the Bonds, but the Ordinance and the Bonds shall be construed and enforced as if such illegal or invalid provisions had not been contained therein. Any constitutional or statutory provision enacted after the date of the Ordinance which validates or makes legal any provision of the Ordinance or the Bonds which would not otherwise be valid or legal shall be deemed to apply to the Ordinance and to the Bonds.

§ 11.8.Publication of Ordinance: Peremption. This Ordinance shall be published one time in the official journal of the City. As provided in Article VI, Section 35(B) of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, as amended, for thirty (30) days after the date of publication any person in interest may contest the legality of this Ordinance and of any provision herein made for the security and payment of the Bonds. After that time, no one shall have any cause of action to test the regularity, formality, legality, or effectiveness of this Ordinance, and the provisions hereof for any cause whatever. Thereafter, it shall be conclusively presumed that every legal requirement for the issuance of the Bonds has been complied with. No court shall have authority to inquire into any of these matters after the thirty (30) days.

§ 11.9. Davis-Bacon Wage Rate Requirements. The City agrees that all laborers and mechanics employed by contractors and subcontractors on the portion of the project that is funded in whole or in part with the Bonds purchased by the Department shall be paid wages at rates not less than those prevailing on projects of a character similar in the locality of the City as determined by the Clerk of the United States Department of Labor ("DOL") in accordance with Subchapter IV of Chapter 31 of Title 40, United States Code. DOL provides all pertinent information related to compliance with the foregoing requirements, including prevailing wage rates and instructions for reporting. The City will ensure that all construction contracts relating to the portion of the Project that is funded in whole or in part with Bonds purchased by the Department will require that the contractor comply with the aforesaid wage and reporting requirements. This Section shall not apply to situations where the City may perform construction work using its own employees rather than any contractor or subcontractor.

§ 11.10. Effective Date. Notice of the Introduction of this Bond Ordinance, having been published in the official journal of the City more than seven (7) days prior to this date, and a copy hereof having remained on file in final form for public inspection with the Clerk of the Governing Authority for more than seven (7) days prior to this date, this ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon the approval of the Mayor of the City.

The final adoption of the foregoing Bond Ordinance having been duly moved and seconded, and the roll being called, the following vote was taken and recorded:

Member	Ye	Nay	Absent	Abstaining
Jaime Robison	x			
Chuck D. Autin	x			
Eugene P. Foulcard	x			
Joseph Garrison	x			
Lester Levine, Jr.			x	

There being a favorable vote on the ordinance of at least a majority of the authorized members of the Governing Authority, the ordinance was declared adopted on this the 20th day of February, 2018.

/s/ Karen LeBlanc
Clerk of the Council

Presented to Mayor on February 20, 2018 for action as evidenced by his signature:

Approved: /s/ Raymond Harris
Disapproved:

Presented to the Clerk of the Council on February 20, 2018.

The following Exhibits are available for review during normal business hours at the office of the Clerk of the Council of the City of Franklin, City Hall, 300 Iberia Street, Franklin, Louisiana.

EXHIBIT A: BOND FORM
EXHIBIT B: LOAN AND PLEDGE AGREEMENT
Advertised February 28, 2018



Select the right fertilizer for your needs

For plants to truly flourish, the right growing conditions and soil that offers the right nutrients is of paramount importance. Fertilizer enhances soil so that plants and flowers can thrive. However, fertilizer is not a one-size-fits-all mix.

Choosing fertilizer can be a little overwhelming thanks to the variety of formulations available at neighborhood lawn and garden centers. Shelves contain all-purpose products, such as those billed as vegetable fertilizer, and even formulations geared toward specific flower varieties. Others may feature buzz words like "all-natural" or "organic," and consumers may not be sure just what they need to keep plants healthy. The following guidelines can help any would-be gardener or landscaper grow more vibrant plants.

Start with a soil

test. It's difficult to determine what plants need without an accurate picture of what's going on in the ground. A soil test can paint a picture of what's going on and indicate if any nutrients are lacking. A common misconception is that gardeners fertilize plants. But fertilizer amends the soil that feeds plants, according to the soil-testing lab professionals at Virginia Tech. Soil types vary by region, and conditions may even vary between spots on a landscape. Testing where the plants will be placed can yield the most accurate results. Soil tests are available at gardening centers and online. Otherwise, landscaping professionals can conduct tests.

Know the N-P-K ratio

Most fertilizers will come with information concerning the nutrients within. Most notably it will

have a breakdown of how much nitrogen (N), phosphorous (P) and potassium (K) is in the mix. Judging by the soil test, gardeners can choose a product that will give them the right ratio to amend the soil for the type of plant they are hoping to grow. Complete fertilizers often have NPK in the formulation. Incomplete fertilizers may have only one or two nutrients. This allows a person to customize fertilizer even more without overdoing it with a particular nutrient.

Grow plant knowledge

A cursory knowledge of the plants being planted in the garden also can be helpful. Gardeners must recognize that some plants will not tolerate excess amounts of a particular fertilizer component, while some may need more. Checking books out of the library, seeking information online and

consulting with landscaping experts will help expand homeowners' knowledge about plant types and the needs of each particular plant they hope to grow.

Solid and liquid fertilizer

Fertilizers are generally sold in pellets, spikes and liquid forms. Pellets or granules are dispersed over large areas and will gradually offer nutrients when the soil is watered. Liquid fertilizer is concentrated and fast-acting. These may be used for container plants or smaller areas. Spikes usually are placed in houseplants or to feed individual trees or shrubs. Depending on the formulation, fertilizer may need to be reapplied once a month or more. Consult the product packaging for the correct application advice.

Fertilizer amends soil to grow stronger, more resilient plants.

Savor these beautiful (and edible) flowers

Cultivating beautiful blooms is a popular pastime for gardeners near and far. While gazing at a yard full of vibrant colors or enjoying the aroma of freshly cut blooms is enough for many gardeners, others may want to embrace a long-enduring tradition growing edible flowers.

Cooking with edible flowers is a trend that has endured for centuries. According to Fleurs Gourmandes, the first recorded history of edible flowers occurred in 140 BC. Use of calendula in salads dates back to the ancient Greeks and Romans. Victorian-era candied flowers and flower-encrusted sweets took edible flowers to new heights. Today, nothing may make a meal seem more gourmet than the inclusion of flower petals in the recipe.

Of course, before delving into the expanded world of cooking using edible blooms, some notes of caution should

first be mentioned. Avoid flowers that may have been sprayed with fungicides, herbicides or insecticides. To verify safety, only use edible flowers grown specifically for this purpose, not flowers picked from roadsides or from landscapes. Secondly, remember that not all flowers are edible. Some can be poisonous or cause severe gastrointestinal upset when consumed. That means all flowers should be carefully researched prior to experimenting with them in the kitchen.

To begin growing and eating edible flowers, refer to this list of varieties deemed safe and be careful to double-check against allergies and any interactions with medications prior to use.

Allium: These are blossoms from the allium family, which include garlic, chives and leeks. These flowers can be used to add flavor to foods.

Basil blossoms:

It may be customary to pinch off the blossoms of basil, which come in colors from white to lavender in order to stimulate growth of the leaves of the plant. However, the blossoms, which are more mild than the leaves, can be tasty as well.

Calendula: Sometimes known as "poor man's saffron," this yellow flower in the marigold family can taste like saffron when it's saute'd. Uncooked, calendula can have spicy notes that add variety to salads and garnishes.

Chamomile: This plant features small, daisy-type flowers that can be used in treats and teas.

Cilantro: The flowers from the cilantro plant can be eaten, just as the leaves and the seeds that form the spice coriander.

Fennel: Just like the plant itself, the flowers of fennel have a subtle licorice flavor.

Hibiscus: Hibis-

cus blooms are famously used in hibiscus tea, which is tart and cranberry-like.

Lavender: The sweet, perfumed taste of lavender works in cocktails and desserts.

Marigolds: These tiny flowers may be used in vegetable gardens to repel animal and insect pests. Blossoms have a fresh citrus taste that can be used in cooking.

Pansies: These vibrant early bloomers can take on a wintergreen flavor and look beautiful when glazed on cakes and other desserts.

Roses: Beautiful to behold, rose petals can lend a subtle, fruity flavor to many different foods as well.

Zucchini: The blossoms from this squash, which have a slightly sweet taste, can be enjoyed in many different ways. Some people batter and fry the blossoms, while others may stuff them with herbs and cheeses.

3 ways to use your lawn to improve curb appeal

Returns on home improvement projects vary. In its annual Cost vs. Value Report, Remodeling magazine notes the projects that yield the best returns on investment in a given year. But a host of factors, including the type of market (buyers' or sellers')

and the region where the home is being sold, ultimately combine to determine if homeowners' investments in home improvement projects will provide the returns they were hoping for.

Though there's no way of guaranteeing a home improvement project will yield a great return, real estate professionals often cite improving curb appeal as an excellent way to attract prospective buyers and potentially get the asking price or more when selling the home. Improving curb appeal makes even more sense in today's real estate market, when many people do their own searching via real estate websites such as Trulia or Zillow. When using such sites, buyers

will likely be less inclined to click on a listing if exterior photos of the property are not eye-catching.

Various projects, including tending to lawns and gardens, can improve curb appeal. An added benefit to focusing on landscaping to improve curb appeal is it promotes spending time outdoors in spring and summer. In addition, many lawn- and garden-related home improvement projects need not require professional expertise.

1. Maintain a lush green lawn.

Lawns that fall into disrepair may not give buyers a correct impression about how homeowners maintained their homes. Lawns with multiple dead spots and grass that appears more brown than green may lead many buyers to assume that the home's interior was equally ill-cared for. Maintaining lush green lawns is not as difficult as it may seem. Applying fertilizer and aerating at the appropriate times of year (this

varies by region) can promote strong roots and healthy soil, making it easier for grass to survive harsh conditions like drought. When watering in summer, do so in early morning or evening so as little water is lost to evaporation as possible.

2. Address brown patch.

Even well-maintained lawns can fall victims to brown spots. According to the lawn care professionals at TruGreen, lawns in regions with hot temperatures and high humidity can be infected with brown patch, a common lawn disease that is caused by fungus, which can produce circular areas of brown, dead grass surrounded by narrow, dark rings. Penn State's College of Agricultural Sciences notes that removing dew that collects on grass leaves each morning, which can be accomplished by mowing or dragging a water hose across affected areas, can be an effective way to reduce brown patch. Homeowners without

much lawn care experience can consult professional landscapers to address the issue. But those looking to sell their properties should note that buyers often walk the grounds of homes they are considering buying. So addressing any issues on the lawn should be a priority for sellers.

3. Confine dogs to certain areas.

Dog owners may want to let their pets roam free in their yards. But homeowners about to put their properties up for sale may want to confine their four-legged friends to certain areas. That's because dog urine can be high in nitrogen. Nitrogen itself is not harmful to lawns, but in high concentrations it can contribute to yellow or brown spots. Also, highly acidic dog urine may even adversely affect pH levels in the soil.

Curb appeal can go a long way toward helping homeowners sell their homes, and a lush lawn can be used to catch the eye of prospective buyers.

Recognize pica in house cats

Cats can have some strange eating habits, preferring dog kibble to their own canned food or munching on a blade of grass here and there. However, when culinary choices are especially strange, and particularly when cats have the urge to eat nonfood items, a condition called pica may be to blame.

Pica can be quite

common in cats. While certain cats may be predisposed to pica, others, particularly cats that may have been weaned too young, can suck or consume many items. These include wool, fleece, stuffed animals, or even hair. Asian breeds are known to do this more often than other breeds.

Other suspected causes of pica stem

from mineral deficiencies, and cats may be eating abnormal items to provide for sustenance they're lacking. However, pica also may be linked to feline leukemia and feline immunodeficiency virus, according to the Canidae pet food company. Other suspected causes of pica concern diabetes and brain tumors.

Cats also may feed on items due to be-

havioral compulsive disorders. Boredom and lack of stimulation may drive cats to seek entertainment elsewhere, which may lead to compulsive grooming or eating weird things.

Pica tends to show up most frequently in young cats, but that does not rule out problems in older cats. Concerns about eating strange things should be addressed.