

PUBLIC NOTICES

Announcement of Public Meeting

Notice is hereby given that at its meeting to be held on Tuesday, December 28, 2021, at 4:30 p.m. at its regular meeting place, the Medical Center Family Dentistry, 710 Chisum Street, Sicily Island, Louisiana, the Board of Commissioners of Hospital Service District No. 2 of the Parish of Catahoula, State of Louisiana, plans to consider adopting a resolution ordering and calling an election to be held in Hospital Service District No. 2 of the Parish of Catahoula, State of Louisiana, to authorize the renewal of an ad valorem tax therein.

VILLAGE OF SICILY ISLAND TOWN MEETING November 11, 2021

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen for the Village of Sicily Island held town meeting on Thursday, November 11th, 2021 at the Sicily Island Police Station, 603 Newman Street, at 5:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Walter Krause, Alderman Derrick Frazier, Alderwoman Emma Hilliard, Alderman Mark Krause, Clerk Ramona Dunbar, Officer Gary Vines, and Superintendent Arte Goode

There being a quorum the meeting was called to order by Mayor Krause.

Invocation was given by Alderwoman Hilliard followed with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Alderman Krause. Motion to adopt the agenda as presented was made by Alderwoman Hilliard, seconded by Alderman Krause, all in favor.

Motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Alderman Krause, seconded by Alderwoman Hilliard, all in favor.

Utility Report: No comment
Police Report: Mr. Billy Fletcher returned back to work
Fire Report: No report

Citizen's Participation: No comments.

Old Business: No comments.

New Business: Discussed Christmas parade being held on December 11th and also the clerks collecting toys and donations for the Village toy drive,

With there being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned on motion by Alderwoman Hilliard, seconded by Alderman Krause, all in favor, at 5:33pm.

WALTER KRAUSE, MAYOR
RAMONA DUNBAR, TOWN CLERK

COMMISSIONER IN CHARGE SCHOOL

School of Instruction for Commissioners in Charge for 2022 Elections in Catahoula Parish will be held in the **Catahoula Parish Police Jury Meeting Room**, Harrisonburg, La. **There will be a class on MONDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2021 @ 2:00 P.M. and 5:00 P.M.**

In accordance with R.S. 18:424, you must have the following qualifications to serve as a Commissioner-In-Charge.

Qualifications for COMMISSIONER-IN-CHARGE;

- (1) Qualified voter, not entitled to assistance in voting and does not require use of audio ballot;
- (2) Not a candidate in the election or a child, child's spouse, brother, brother's spouse, sister, sister's spouse, parent, spouse or parents of the spouse of candidate in precinct in where serving;
- (3) Not have been convicted of an election offense;
- (4) Successfully completed training;
- (5) Served as a commissioner in at least 2 elections in the last 4 years;
- (6) Not a law enforcement officer; ..
- (7) Attend training and pass at least 15 questions of a 20 question test.

A certificate of instruction will be given to those who successfully complete the course and persons receiving this certificate will be eligible to serve as Commissioner-In-Charge of a precinct during elections/ to be held in 2022. If drawn by the Board of Election Supervisors to serve as Commissioner in Charge you/ may be asked to attend an additional school for a specific election.

Larisa H. Field

Catahoula Parish Clerk of Court
and Parish Custodian of Voting Machines

LEGAL DEADLINE

FRIDAY

12:00 NOON

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Louisiana AG Landry argues for injunction against Biden 'social cost' carbon plan

(The Center Square) – Louisiana Attorney General Jeff Landry is asking a federal court in Lafayette to halt a Biden administration plan to apply climate change "social cost" damages when regulating certain industries.

President Joe Biden issued an executive order shortly after taking office that resurrected an Obama administration initiative aimed at determining dollar-amounts for social damages stemming from carbon emissions.

Landry said they are "the most important numbers you never hear of."

"We are hoping to explain to the judge why he needs to stop the executive order. What we're hoping for is a nationwide injunction," Landry said Tuesday outside the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Louisiana.

Lawyers from the attorney general's office and the U.S. Department Justice made oral arguments before Judge James Cain, a President Donald Trump-appointed judge. Louisiana and nine other states had sued the administration in April, including Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, South Dakota, Texas, West Virginia and Wyoming.

Landry said the order was a backdoor "takeover" with wide-ranging effects on virtually every federal agency, including the Departments of Interior, Commerce, Energy, Agriculture, Transportation, Environmental Protection, Defense, Homeland Security, Health and Human Services and Treasury.

"It hits home right here in Louisiana because the state has always been a leader in domestic energy," Landry said.

The Department of Justice argued including greenhouse gases in federal planning has occurred for decades and federal agencies only

are considering carbon emission climate change costs, not requiring them.

The executive order refers to the Bush administration as having first developed a metric to determine the emissions costs. The Obama administration expanded the program, and Trump disbanded it.

"One specific tool – called the 'social cost of greenhouse gases' – combines climate science and economics to help Federal agencies and the public understand the benefits of reducing greenhouse gas emissions," a White House statement said. "The metric is a range of estimates, in dollars, of the long-term damage done by one ton of greenhouse gas emissions.

"As this process proceeds, we are committed to engaging with the public and diverse stakeholders, seeking the advice of ethics experts, and working to ensure that the social cost of greenhouse gases consider climate risk, environmental justice, and intergenerational equity."

According to the multistate lawsuit, the estimates for carbon emissions apply to carbon dioxide, methane and nitrous oxide.

"Carbon dioxide, methane and nitrous oxide are by-products of activities that make life in America what it is today, including energy production, agricultural production, industrial production, transportation, construction and waste disposal," the lawsuit said.

Landry told reporters that when the lawsuit was filed in the spring, he speculated the administration could apply the order to the beef industry and raise prices on meat.

"Sure enough, only three or four months later, they did a study on the amount of methane that cattle release and they are going to attach a cost to that," he said. "A cost is going to be added to each of these products."

Appeals court considers Biden administration request to vacate employer vaccination injunction

(The Center Square) – A federal appeals court in Ohio will consider a Biden administration court filing aimed at dissolving a nationwide injunction that derailed the administration's COVID-19 private employer vaccination mandate.

Friday's filing was a response to a Louisiana businessman's motion to shoot down the government's attempt to vacate a Fifth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruling in November, when the New Orleans court halted the vaccination mandate over "grave statutory and constitutional issues."

"The mandate is a one-size-fits-all sledgehammer that makes hardly any attempt to account for differences in workplaces (and workers)," the ruling said.

The businessman, Brandon Troclair of Ascension Parish, is represented by the New Orleans-based Pelican Institute and the Liberty Justice Center, a public interest law firm. Attorneys for Troclair filed a motion this week to reject the administration's emergency request to lift the Fifth Circuit injunction.

Troclair's case, BST Holdings LLC et al. v. OSHA, and other vaccination mandate challenges occurring in multiple circuit court jurisdictions have been consolidated in the Sixth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati.

A Sixth Circuit ruling was expected shortly after the Biden administration's Friday court filing.

President Joe Biden's workplace vaccination mandate was implemented through the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and would have required private employers

with 100 or more employees to mandate COVID-19 vaccinations or weekly testing by Jan. 4.

The policy also would impose nearly \$14,000 in fines per employee for businesses that do not comply.

"While I would have much preferred that requirements not become necessary, too many people remain unvaccinated for us to get out of this pandemic for good," Biden said upon announcing the mandate in September.

After the Fifth Circuit's nationwide injunction, the administration argued "the COVID-19 virus is both a physically harmful agent and a new hazard," which allows OSHA, a workplace safety agency, to enforce vaccinations and testing regimens.

"OSHA's detailed analysis of the (mandate's) impact shows that a stay would likely cost dozens or even hundreds of lives per day," the administration argued.

Troclair's attorneys reiterated this week OSHA is attempting to act beyond its delegated authority, saying, "Congress did not grant the Occupational Safety and Health Administration such sweeping powers in its authorizing statute."

An 11-state coalition sued the administration in the Eighth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, seven states sued in the Sixth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals and three states sued in the Eleventh U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

The Fifth Circuit in New Orleans was the first court to issue a ruling, which combined Troclair's case with multiple petitioners, including the states of Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas.



UNITY IN THE COMMUNITY PRESENTS

"A WALK THROUGH BETHLEHEM"

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 7:00 - 9:00 PM

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17 FROM 8:00 - 10:00 PM

SATURDAY,, DECEMBER 18 FROM 7:00 - 9:00 PM

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