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**Town of Jonesville  
Regular Council Meeting  
February 11, 2020@ 6:00 P.M.**

A regular meeting of the Town of Jonesville was held at Town Hall on February 11, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. with the following members present: Bruce Lofton, Catina Branch, Loria Hollins, and Josie Bullitts. Also present were Mayor Ceasar, Town Attorney- Ruby Freeman, and Assistant Town Clerk, Ineatha Baker.

Mayor Ceasar called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. Assistant Town Clerk called the roll to state that a quorum was present. Invocation was given by Council Bruce Lofton. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Josie Bullitt.

Mayor Ceasar called for any person to identify themselves and the agenda items on which they wished to comment in accordance with Act 850 of 2010. Mayor Ceasar made a motion to add LDH to the agenda. Motion was made by Council Hollins and second by Council Branch. Motion to add exploring of utility rates to agenda. Motioned by council Loria Hollins, Second by Council Benny Vault.

A motion approval of last months regular meeting was given by Council Bruce Lofton and Second by Council Catina Branch with a motion carried by council unanimously.

A motion to approve the monthly bills was given by Council Bruce Lofton and second by Council Loria Hollins. Council Bruce Lofton had questions regarding Auditors invoice for \$21,000.00. Said he spoke with our accountants and he approved.

Recognition of visitors: Glen Womack for JCP Management, the Third-Party Management Company for Water & Sewer Department gave their monthly report.

**Mayors Report:** Mayor thanked everyone for their participation in the Southern University Ag Lead Summit. Applying for a grant for Police vehicles: Must pay for one vehicle as a stipulation of the grant and will receive two. Motioned by council Loria Hollins Second by Council Catina Branch to move forward with grant.

Mayor gave update on upcoming Black Heritage Festival on 2/29/20.

Advised Council to make sure they are reaching out to the citizens of their districts about any concerns. Before next meeting submit list of concerns.

Gave brief description of hand-out in folder "Fight the Blight" and how it can help Jonesville get cleaned up.

Exploring benefits of handout on economic development lead by Mrs. Sondra Redmon

Need to form a committee to explore getting our utility rates reduced. Mr. Lofton and Ms Hollins were placed on committee to explore utility rates along with Mayor and Attorney.

Motioned by Catina Branch Second by Bruce Lofton to receive Mayors report

**Town Attorney, Ruby Freeman:** Introduce Ms. Alecia Bettis who is interested in renting property owned by the Town on Front street for her business. Ms Bettis came forward to give overview

Council Benny Vault questioned condition of building. Mayor assured building would be up to standards and any work would be done by the town.

Attorney gave DEQ update and advised council of Personnel Handbook revisions.

**Council Members:** Nothing to report

Public Comments—Fire department advised of a callout Went into executive session(Litigation—Additional pay for Attorney)

Motion to pay Ms. Ruby for any additional time other than her monthly salary Second by Ms Branch.

A motion for adjournment by Council Loria Hollins and second by Council Catina Branch.

# Catahoula Legals



PROCEEDINGS OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF THE PARISH OF CATAHOULA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2020.

The Catahoula Parish School Board, State of Louisiana, met at the Catahoula Parish School Board Meeting Room, Harrisonburg, Louisiana on February 4, 2020 at 6:00 P.M.

There were present: Board President - Dewey Stockman, John Allbritton, Toshiro Fisher, Charles House, Jane Martin and Dorothy Watson.

There was absent: Katie Adams, Cynthia Brown and Sharon Fisher- Stevenson

The meeting was opened with prayer by John Allbritton and Jane Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

On motion by Jane Martin, seconded by Dorothy Watson and passed unanimously, the Board approved the minutes of the regular meeting of January 7, 2020.

On motion by Dorothy Watson, seconded by Jane Martin and passed unanimously, the Board waived board policy and approved the Sicily Island High School Incentive Trip to Orlando, FL, May 2, 2020 to May 7, 2020.

On motion by Dorothy Watson, seconded by Jane Martin and passed unanimously, the Board approved the following recommendation from the Executive Committee for Finance:

Approved an expenditure in excess of \$5000 to Nicolle's Limousine and Shuttle for approximately \$8800 for bus travel for the for the Sicily Island High School Incentive Trip to be paid with Sicily Island High School Activity Funds.

John Allbritton made a motion to add the following item to the agenda:

Waive board policy and approve an expenditure in excess of \$5000 to Herff Jones in the amount of \$6761.20 for Harrisonburg High School yearbooks to be paid with Harrisonburg High School Student Activity Funds.

Charles House seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken:

Dorothy Watson	Yes
Jane Martin	Yes
John Allbritton	Yes
Cynthia Brown	Absent
Dewey Stockman	Yes
Charles House	Yes
Toshiro Fisher	Yes
Sharon Fisher-Stevenson	Absent
Katie Adams	Absent

The motion passed with 6 Yeas, 0 Nays, 3 Absent

On a motion by John Allbritton and seconded by Charles House, and passed unanimously, the board waived board policy and approved an expenditure in excess of \$5000 to Herff Jones in the amount of \$6761.20 for Harrisonburg High School yearbooks to be paid with Harrisonburg High School Student Activity Funds.

Cynthia Brown and Sharon Fisher-Stevenson entered the meeting.

Personnel Report

Retirement

Bowman, Teresa, Bus Driver, SIHS, effective December 23, 2019

Resignation

Walker, David, Band Director, BHS, effective January 27, 2020

Spence, Aaron, Network Administrator, CPSB, effective February 2, 2020

Riley, Matthew, Teacher/Coach, SIHS, effective February 7, 2020

Transfer

Paulk, Cheri (Suzie), Central Office Secretary to Secretary to the Superintendent, CPSB, effective January 14, 2020

Branch, Vanessa, Special Education Teacher, JES to Special Education Teacher/Asst. Instructional Coordinator, BHS, effective February 3, 2020

Chauvin, Eric, Instructional Supervisor/Title 1 Instructional Consultant to Supervisor of Maintenance, Transportation and Technology, effective February 3, 2020

Superintendent Report

Basketball is in full force. We will be finding out soon who will make the play-offs.

Baseball and Softball will soon be starting.

Central High School will have their Mardi Gras festivities on February 14, 2020, they will begin at 12:00.

Schools will be closed on February 17, 2020 in Observance of President's Day

On Motion by Dorothy Watson, seconded by Jane Martin and passed unanimously, the Board adjourned.

*Dewey Stockman*  
Dewey Stockman, President  
Ronald R Lofton, Sr., Secretary

## Catahoula Parish PUBLIC MEETINGS



~~Catahoula Parish School Board~~ **2/4/20**  
**9 MINUTES AND 56 SECONDS**  
**INCLUDING PRAYER AND PLEDGE**

~~Catahoula Parish Police Jury~~ **2/10/20**  
**14 MINUTES AND 45 SECONDS**  
**INCLUDING PRAYER AND PLEDGE**

~~Village of Harrisonburg~~ **2/10/20**  
**35 MINUTES AND 45 SECONDS**  
**INCLUDING PRAYER AND PLEDGE**

**Town of Jonesville** **2/11/20**

**Village of Sicily Island** **2/13/20**

**Catahoula Parish Police Jury** **2/24/20**



### ATTENTION

#### CATAHOULA PARISH RESIDENTS

The Catahoula Parish Police Jury would like to inform the public on proper procedures for reporting road complaints and garbage service complaints.

If there is a problem with a parish road you would like to report, please call the Juror for the ward in which the road is located. The Juror will then check the road and follow proper procedure to have repairs done. The names and contact numbers are as follows:

<b>Ward 1 -</b>	<b>Brady Nelson</b>	<b>(318) 918-3577</b>
<b>Ward 2 -</b>	<b>Jerel Evans</b>	<b>(318) 439-7847</b>
<b>Ward 3 -</b>	<b>Glen McCormack</b>	<b>(318) 366-6930</b>
<b>Ward 4 -</b>	<b>Harold Sones</b>	<b>(318) 372-1144</b>
<b>Ward 5 -</b>	<b>Rodney Sones</b>	<b>(318) 715-6163</b>
<b>Ward 6 -</b>	<b>Jeffery Estes</b>	<b>(318) 339-6166</b>
<b>Ward 7 -</b>	<b>Rickey Crumpton</b>	<b>(318) 447-4754</b>
<b>Ward 8 -</b>	<b>Debra Jones-Hawkins</b>	<b>(318) 339-8973</b>
<b>Ward 9 -</b>	<b>Johnnie Adams</b>	<b>(318) 339-8599</b>

If you are unsure of the ward in which the road is located, you may call the office at (318) 744-5435 and find out this information.

**Garbage service complaints**  
**Call the contractor, Waste Pro, at (601) 361-9967**

**ASK ABOUT OUR Print & Web Ad Bundle Rates**  
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**DEADLINE for legals**  
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# Top Texas health official returning home for Louisiana job

By David Jacobs | The Center Square

The head of Texas' Health and Human Services Commission will be the next leader of the Louisiana Department of Health.

Courtney Phillips replaces Dr. Rebekah Gee, who stepped down as LDH secretary last month. Stephen Russo, the department's executive counsel, will continue to be the interim secretary until Phillips starts in April, Gov. John Bel Edwards said.

"I have tremendous confidence in Courtney," Edwards said. "She's somebody that I've known for a long time, and I feel really good about her leadership in that position and what she's going to be able to do for the state of Louisiana."

Phillips is a Louisiana native who spent 12 years at LDH and has three degrees from Louisiana universities. She earned a bachelor's degree in kinesiology and a Master of Public Administration from Louisiana State University, and a Ph.D.

in public policy from Southern University in Baton Rouge.

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott in 2018 picked her to lead the health commission, which is that state's equivalent to LDH. She led creation of Blueprint for a Healthy Texas, a strategic plan for the HHS.

Before coming to Texas, Phillips led the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services.

Her experience leading other state health departments, and her familiarity with Louisiana's, made Phillips "the obvious choice" for the job, Edwards said.

"It's an honor to return home and serve the people of this great state, as the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health," Phillips said. "The opportunity to lead the organization in which my career began and ignited my passion for service is one I do not take lightly." Phillips will be paid \$250,000 to lead LDH, taking a pay cut from her \$290,000 salary in Texas, Edwards said.

"That's why it's good to have somebody coming home," Edwards said. "I guess that's worth something."

Phillips is entering a very different political environment, going from the conservative Republican Abbott administration to working for Edwards, a Democrat who proudly embraced the federal government's Medicaid expansion. LDH currently is involved in multiple high-profile controversies. The U.S. Supreme Court is slated to hear a case challenging a Louisiana

law that requires providers who perform abortions to have admitting privileges at a nearby hospital. The department also is dealing with protests of its contract awards to manage the services of Medicaid recipients.

"I could not be more excited about Courtney Phillips becoming our new Secretary of Health," Gee said via Twitter. "There is not a person more qualified in our nation for this role and she will serve with distinction and has passion about the populations we serve."

**COMING SOON**  
**HARRISONBURG SERVICE LEAGUE**  
**ANNUAL AUCTION**  
**MONDAY, MARCH 2 AT 6:00 P.M.**  
**HARRISONBURG SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**  
**JOIN IN FOR FUN AND LAUGHS WHILE MONEY IS RAISED**  
**FOR COMMUNITY PROJECTS**  
**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE AN ITEM OR BAKED GOOD FOR**  
**THE AUCTION PLEASE CONTACT**  
**NELL ATKINS AT HARRISONBURG TOWN HALL**  
**OR ANY SERVICE LEAGUE MEMBER.**  
**DONATIONS ACCEPTED**