

**DETENTION CENTER COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
March 2nd, 2017**

The Detention Center Commission met this date at 3:30 P.M., in the Union Parish Police Jury meeting room, Union Parish Courthouse Annex, Farmerville, Louisiana. Present were: Lanny Parker (UPPJ), Chief Bim Culbertson (Town of Farmerville) Charles Sawyer (UPPJ) and John Belton (District Attorney). Absent: Dusty Gates (Union Parish Sheriff).

Mr. Parker called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Mr. Belton led the group in prayer. Roll call was taken. Mr. Parker asked if anyone in the audience would like to register for public comment. No one registered for public comments.

Motion made by Chief Culbertson and seconded by Mr. Belton and declared adopted by Roll Call vote to approve the agenda with no additions.

Motion made by Chief Culbertson and seconded by Mr. Sawyer to adopt the minutes of the Thursday, February 7th, 2017 meeting. Motion carries unanimously.

Transitional Work Program Director's Report – The total number of offenders in work release today is 76; 73 are at Foster Farms and 3 are at Thomas Nursery. Orientation was completed on five offenders on Thursday, February 23. Those 5 started on Tuesday, February 28. During the month of February, we had twelve offenders to be released and another twelve to be removed from the program. This is a total loss of twenty-four which is the largest loss we have had in a month.

We do not have anyone pending at DOC at this time. There are three offenders who are classified as habitual offenders and required a risk assessment to know if they are eligible for TWP. John Hawkins with LEO has advised that we may get another group of offenders already approved for TWP on Monday, March 6.

We have four offenders scheduled for release during March. Room and board for the month of February was **\$63,098.81**. This is our highest one month total to date.

Warden's Comments – Ms. Hoyle presented the figures for the inmate count. Currently, there are 192 DOC inmates (76 TWP) and 131 Parish (13 p and p holds).

A brief discussion was held on designated parking spaces for staff. **No action taken.**

A brief discussion was held on the status of the vans. The Secretary-Treasurer reported that an ad has been placed in the Bernice Banner and the Gazette for two (2) used, 2015, 15 passenger vans. The deadline for bids is Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at 10:00 A.M. **No action taken.**

Jackie Ellison addressed the commission as to why she did not get hired at the Detention Center.

Motion made by Mr. Sawyer and seconded by Mr. Belton for Commission to enter into executive session for personnel/security issues. Roll call vote: YEAS 4, NAYS 0, ABSENT 1.

Motion made by Chief Culbertson, seconded by Mr. Belton for Commission to come out of executive session and to return to meeting; no action taken in executive session. Roll call vote: YEAS 4, NAYS 0, ABSENT 1.

Motion made by Mr. Belton, seconded by Chief Culbertson to appoint Donnie Adams as interim warden with a temporary adjustment on his salary. Motion carries unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the commission, Mr. Parker declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Chief Culbertson, seconded by Mr. Sawyer, on this the 2nd day of March, 2017.

Lanny Parker, Chairman
Paula Strickland Sec-Treasurer