

**COURTHOUSE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
May 10th, 2018
2:00 P.M.**

Present: Lanny Parker, Charles Sawyer, and John Watley. Absent: Nathan Futch. Also present: Jerry W. Taylor, Pat Williams (Third Judicial District Court), Kim Dumas (Union Parish Clerk of Court), Warden Gary Copes and Traci Tucker (Union Community Action).

Mr. Parker called the meeting to order. Mr. Watley led the group in prayer.

Motion Mr. Sawyer, seconded by Mr. Watley and declared adopted by unanimous roll call vote of the Committee to approve the agenda as written.

Motion made by Mr. Watley, seconded by Mr. Sawyer and declared adopted by unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the April 3rd, 2018 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion was held regarding courthouse security. Mr. Parker addressed the committee and said that a meeting was held approximately three months ago with Representative Rob Shadoin and Senator Mike Walsworth. They were going to introduce some bills with regards to funding courthouse security. To date nothing has happened. Mr. Parker has talked to Sheriff Gates and he is looking for multiple retired people who are willing to work part-time as security personnel. He is having difficulty finding them. Our idea is to get 3 or 4 retired individuals who have some experience in law enforcement and let them work out a schedule. A background in law enforcement is preferable. It won't be just a 40-hour per week job because court days will go longer. If you know of anybody who might be interested let us know. It is our understanding that the Clerk of Court is willing to contribute \$15,000 a year and the District Attorney's office is willing to contribute \$15,000 a year.

Pat Williams, a representative from the Third Judicial District Court, has a suggestion regarding the person writing sentencing tickets. Currently the bailiff is writing sentencing tickets. The bailiff is there for security but is distracted while writing sentencing tickets. She suggests that a clerical person from the jail come over on Wednesdays and write sentencing tickets. That person could fax those sentencing tickets over to the jail. This would expedite the release of that inmate and the inmate would not have to wait until the next day to be released. Warden Copes said he has no problem with this and will designate an employee from the Records Department. **No action taken.**

President Taylor addressed the committee with an update on the Detention Center Roof. The Police Jury was initially working with an engineering firm to replace the whole roof at the Detention Center. The price was too high so a section of the roof was bid out. That bid was awarded to Roofing Contractors, Inc. Due to the length of time the roof had been leaking they suggested doing a moisture scan on the roof before starting the repairs. This scan would let them know if there was additional damage. After performing the moisture scan they discovered additional work would be needed in the amount of \$14,725. They can repair the original section that was agreed upon but will not guarantee their work unless the additional repairs are made. **Motion Mr. Watley, seconded by Mr. Sawyer to recommend to the full jury to accept the change order from Roofing Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$14,725.00 contingent upon**

**Finance Chairman's approval; authorize the President to execute all necessary documents.
Motion carried unanimously.**

There being no further business to come before the committee, Mr. Parker declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Mr. Sawyer and duly seconded by Mr. Watley on this the 10th day of May, 2018.

**Lanny Parker, Chairman
Paula Strickland, Secretary-Treasurer**