

SPECIAL MEETING UNION PARISH POLICE JURY

Farmerville, Louisiana

November 21st, 2016

The Union Parish Police Jury met this date in special session in the Police Jury meeting room, Courthouse Annex, Farmerville, Louisiana with the following present: Charles Sawyer, Stan Smith, Jerry W. Taylor, Nathan Futch, Mike Jones, Derek Kennedy, Lanny Parker and John Watley. Absent: Glenn Hutto. Also present was Bruce Hampton, Assistant District Attorney. The President called the meeting to order and welcomed all visitors. Mr. Futch offered the invocation and Mr. Watley led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Sawyer asked if anyone in the audience would like to register for public comment. At this time, the public was given the opportunity to comment on any item shown on the agenda. No comment was made.

Motion by Mr. Watley, seconded by Mr. Futch and declared adopted by unanimous roll call vote of the Jury to approve the agenda with one addition:

11 Discuss and make recommendations, if necessary, on Wallace Road.

Sharon Dixon addressed the Jury concerning two issues pertaining to Union Parish Section 8 Housing: (1) Utility Allowance Schedule for Union Parish Section 8 Housing and (2) Approve the rates for 2017.

Motion Mr. Taylor, seconded Mr. Kennedy to leave the Utility Allowance the same for 2016-2017. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Smith, seconded Mr. Watley to approve the payment standard for 2017 for metropolitan areas as the fair market rent for Section 8 Housing. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Parker, seconded Mr. Futch to approve expenses for Registrar of Voters staff to attend their annual seminar in Covington on February 1, 2 and 3, 2017 and to approve dues in the amount of \$125 per person.

Motion Mr. Kennedy, seconded Mr. Jones to authorize the President to sign the 2016 audit engagement agreement with the CPA firm of Bosch & Statham, LLC. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Parker, seconded Mr. Kennedy to rescind the motion approved in the October 4, 2016 regular meeting to set rent for outside entities wishing to use Police Jury property. Rent will be based on a case by case determination. Section 8 Housing will start paying rent in the amount of \$300.00 per month beginning in January, 2017. All offices that are currently paying rent will remain the same. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mr. Watley stated the Road Committee met earlier and no action was taken during the meeting.

A discussion was held on Wallace Road and what work can be done without jeopardizing any potential FEMA money the parish may receive. Mr. Jones proposed that the road department start cleaning the right-of-way (ROW) in preparation for the project. **Motion by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Jones to contact the road department and authorize the road department to remove the debris from the ROW of Wallace Road.**

In accordance with Ordinance 549, time for public comment was given. Mr. Bob Hodge inquired about the status of Meeks Landing and spoke briefly about it.

There being no further business to come before the Jury, the President declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Jones on this the 21st day of November, 2016.

Paula Strickland, Secretary-Treasurer

Charles Sawyer, President