

**DETENTION CENTER COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
September 13, 2018**

The Detention Center Commission met this date at 4:00 P.M. in the Union Parish Police Jury meeting room, Union Parish Courthouse Annex, Farmerville, Louisiana. Present were: Lanny Parker (UPPJ), Dusty Gates (Union Parish Sheriff), Chief Bim Culbertson (Town of Farmerville) and Jerry W. Taylor (UPPJ). Absent: John Belton (District Attorney).

Mr. Parker called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Mr. Taylor led the group in prayer. Roll call was taken. Mr. Parker asked if anyone in the audience would like to register for public comment to speak. At this time Mr. Parker would like to remember the family of John Ellis who recently passed away.

Motion made by Chief Culbertson, seconded by Mr. Taylor and declared adopted by Roll Call vote to approve the agenda as written.

Motion made by Chief Culbertson and seconded by Mr. Taylor to adopt the minutes of the Tuesday, July 17th, 2018 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Transitional Work Program Director's Report – The room and board for September so far is **\$50,644.58**. Foster Farms has one pay period left in the month of September. Thomas Nursery has two more pay periods for the month of September. Northpointe, who is a new employer to the program, has two pay periods left for the month. As of today, there are eighty-five (85) work release offenders. *Sheriff Gates enters the meeting.* Mrs. Stanley states that for the year the Transitional Work Release Program has made \$741,562.78 for room and board. Mrs. Stanley has sixty-one (61) LEO offenders. Mrs. Brown with Adult Education is working close with Mrs. Stanley and Warden Adams to reinstate a GED program at the facility. The GED program is being reinstated due to a mandate by DOC.

Warden's Comments – There are 209 DOC and 142 pretrial inmates. Another officer has been added to work at Foster Farms during the evening due to the increase in numbers. All four shifts are fully staffed. The calling card profit for the month of August was \$9,553.27. The total profit from Britt's Distributing Commissary was \$15,924.53. The inmate welfare account has a total of \$194,470.92 as of September 11, 2018.

Financial Report – The Secretary/Treasurer presented a financial report to the commission. As of August 31, 2018 food costs are \$207,543.04 which is down \$16,078.02 from last year. The Transitional Work Release Program has generated \$731,093.08 through August 31, 2018 which is up \$126,605.28 from last year. The DOC funds collected through August 31, 2018 are \$1,109,076.58 which is down \$204,129.72 from last year. The reduction in DOC funds is due to the Criminal Justice Reform Act. Overall the revenues to date for 2018 are \$1,859,977.97 which are down \$175,051.03. The expenses to date are \$1,933,117.11 which are also down \$150,949.16.

The repair of a section of the roof on the Detention Center cost \$69,625.00. This was an extra expense that was not budgeted for but was a necessity. The Professional Fees are up this year due to the additional cost of the AUP audit. Overall the Detention Center is in a better financial position than what it has been in previous years.

Motion made by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Sheriff Gates for Commission to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel/security issues. Roll call vote: YEAS 4, NAYS 0, ABSENT 1.

Motion made by Chief Culbertson and seconded by Sheriff Gates 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.

There being no further business to come before the commission, Mr. Parker declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Chief Culbertson, seconded by Mr. Taylor, on this the 13th day of September, 2018.

Lanny Parker, Chairman
Paula Strickland Secretary/Treasurer