

**DETENTION CENTER COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**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), Dusty Gates (Union Parish Sheriff) and John Belton (District Attorney).**

Mr. Parker called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Sheriff Gates 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 Mr. Sawyer and seconded by Chief Culbertson 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 Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 meeting. Motion carries unanimously.**

A brief discussion was held on tobacco products. The Commission has received complaints about inmates smuggling cigarettes into the Detention Center and selling them. The inmates are also complaining about the high cost of the e-cigarettes and the fact that they don't last as long as a regular cigarette. There have also been complaints about the lack of smokeless tobacco. This matter is tabled until the secretary-treasurer can look into the complaints and report back to the commission with her findings.

Secretary-Treasurer presented the proposed 2017 budget for the Detention Center. No action taken.

**Motion made by Mr. Culbertson and seconded by Mr. Belton for Commission to enter into executive session for personnel/security issues. Roll call vote: YEAS 5, NAYS 0, ABSENT 0.**

**Motion made by Chief Culbertson, seconded by Mr. Sawyer for Commission to come out of executive session and to return to meeting; no action taken in executive session. Roll call vote: YEAS 5, NAYS 0, ABSENT 0.**

**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 15<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2016.**

Lanny Parker, Chairman  
Paula Strickland Sec-Treasurer