

**DETENTION CENTER COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
September 21st, 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), Charles Sawyer (UPPJ), Dusty Gates (Union Parish Sheriff) and Chief Bim Culbertson (Town of Farmerville). Absent: John Belton (District Attorney).

Mr. Parker called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Mr. Parker 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. Mr. Parker recognized his neighbor, Bill Thurston, whose quick thinking saved the life of a woman and her pet.

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

Motion made by Chief Culbertson and seconded by Sheriff Gates to adopt the minutes of the August 10th, 2017 meeting. Motion carries unanimously.

Warden's Comments:

Deputy Warden Adams – Currently the DOC count is 279 and the pretrial count is 123. For the month of August \$38,177.11 worth of food was ordered and \$29,795.49 was paid out for food costs. The commissary profit was \$9,240 and the phone profit was \$6,994. Cell phones and mojo continue to be a problem. *Warden Copes enters the meeting.* There are two officers conducting searches when the work release inmates return to the compound. If an inmate is found to be in possession of a cell phone or mojo the inmate is charged accordingly. Deputy Warden Adams will strive to continue to keep the cell phones and mojo out.

TWP Director's Comments:

There are 83 inmates in the work release program. Fifteen inmates are pending and there will be an orientation for them on Friday morning. These fifteen inmates should begin working at the plant on Tuesday. John Hawkins called yesterday and said that they we should be getting eight or nine inmates from Richland Parish and they will be work release approved. Room and board for the month of September to date is **\$81,049.87**. Thomas Nursery has one more pay period for the month of September.

Motion made by Mr. Sawyer and seconded by Sheriff Gates 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. Sawyer 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 Sheriff Gates, on this the 21st day of September 2017.

Lanny Parker, Chairman
Paula Strickland, Sec-Treasurer