

REGULAR MEETING UNION PARISH POLICE JURY

Farmerville, Louisiana

March 7th, 2017

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

President Sawyer asked if anyone in the audience would like to register for public comment. The jury offered its condolences to the family of Yvern Taylor. His wife, Allie Faye, passed away. The jury also offered its condolences to the family of Ms. Anita Brown, who also passed away. The public was given the opportunity to comment on any item shown on the agenda. No comment was made.

After the opportunity for public comment was given, a Motion was made by Mr. Hutto, seconded by Mr. Watley and declared adopted by unanimous roll call vote of the Jury to approve the agenda with one addition:

15 Executive Session to Discuss Pending Litigation in Union Parish Police Jury vs. Derwood Smith, et al, Civil Docket No. 44,201, Third Judicial District Court, Parish of Union

Motion Mr. Hutto, seconded by Mr. Watley to adopt the minutes of the February 7th, 2017 regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Watley to adopt the Revenues and Expenditures Report for the month of February, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Watley, seconded by Mr. Hutto to approve the Town of Bernice's request for a load of asphalt at their expense. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Hutto to re-appoint Ms. Alisa Lear to the Northeast Delta Human Services Authority Board (NEDHSA); term ends December 31, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Hutto and seconded by Mr. Parker:

RESOLUTION #2017-02

WHEREAS, on February 9, 2017, the Union Parish Police Jury opened bids for the **FY-2016 LCDBG Water System Improvement Project (Holmesville Water System, Inc. – Pittman Facility)**; and

WHEREAS, bids have been reviewed and a letter of recommendation has been received from Henry Shuler, Shuler Consulting Company for the Union Parish Police Jury to award the Contract to Watson Well Drilling and Construction, LLC in the amount of \$780,400.99.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Union Parish Police Jury does hereby award the Contract for the **FY2016 LCDBG Water System Improvement Project (Holmesville Water System, Inc. – Pittman Facility)** to Watson Well Drilling and Construction, LLC in the amount of \$780,400.00; contingent upon state approval.

Passed, approved and adopted on this the 7th day of March, 2017.

/s/ Paula Strickland
Secretary/Treasurer

s/s Charles Sawyer
President

Motion Mr. Watley, seconded by Mr. Hutto to re-appoint Dannye Murphey and Bruce Dendy to the Bernice Area Fire Protection District Board; terms shall end December 31, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Parker to hire O.B. Gatson as a full-time employee, with time counted back from the original hire date of January 11, 2017, with a pay increase to \$12.05. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Futch, seconded by Mr. Hutto to lease three motor graders from Louisiana Machinery at the rate of \$999.45 per month per grader; and to advertise for a Hydroseeder to be used at the Landfill. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Watley, seconded by Mr. Taylor to instruct Mr. Hampton to draw up a Right of Way (ROW) agreement between the Union Parish Police Jury and the Chapmans.; said Right of Way (ROW) is to widen the intersection of Charles Dean Road and Chapman Road.

Motion Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Watley to close the public meeting to enter into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation (Union Parish Police Jury v. Derwood Smith, et al, Civil Docket No. 44,201). Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Motion Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Hutto to come out of Executive Session and back into the public meeting. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. No action taken.

Motion Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Futch to approve the overtime for February in the amount of \$9.79.

In accordance with Ordinance 549, time for public comment was given. Elmer Atkins addressed the jury concerning Morris Terry Road. He inquired as to whether the parish had any gravel to put on Morris Terry Road and if there was a possibility of getting asphalt on his road. Mr. Taylor said he would be available this week to meet with Mr. Atkins to view the road in question.

Charlene Gatson Carter addressed the jury concerning Daniel Road and asked for help in fixing the pot holes. She would like to know why the jury does not have any money for roads because we just renewed a tax. Mr. Kennedy explained the tax renewal is a twenty-year old tax, and is not enough to maintain the roads as needed. Linda Gatson addressed the jury concerning Gatson Road.

Marcus Hall addressed the jury concerning Charles Road. He is located at the end of the road. Charles Road has been patched before, but never the complete road. Pastor Orlando Smith addressed the jury concerning Oakland Bridge Road and Country Line Road.

There being no further business to come before the Jury, the President declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Mr. Futch, seconded by Mr. Taylor on this the 7th day of March, 2017.



PAULA STRICKLAND
Secretary-Treasurer



CHARLES SAWYER
President