

**DETENTION CENTER COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
July 17<sup>th</sup>, 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 John Belton (District Attorney). Absent: Jerry W. Taylor (UPPJ)**

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 to speak.

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

**Motion made by Mr. Belton and seconded by Chief Culbertson to adopt the minutes of the Monday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Chief Culbertson, seconded by Mr. Belton to immediately terminate the employment of Warden Gary Copes with the following Roll Call Vote:**

**YEAS: Culbertson, Belton, Parker  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN: Gates  
ABSENT: Taylor**

**Let the record reflect that Sheriff Gates abstained from voting due to the fact that the Union Parish Sheriff's Office performed the investigation into any potential wrongdoing. Motion carries.**

A brief discussion was held on appointing Donnie Adams as Interim Warden and an appropriate amount of pay. Chief Culbertson made a suggestion that Mr. Adams be appointed Interim Warden for a minimum period of six (6) months. Mr. Parker and Sheriff Gates said wardens are not easy to find and if a suitable candidate is found the commission should consider hiring. Everyone agreed that Mr. Adams has been a good and dependable employee. The commission members discussed whether to pay Mr. Adams the additional sum of \$1,500 per month for six (6) months even if a replacement warden is found sooner. **Motion Mr. Belton, seconded by Chief Culbertson for Donnie Adams to be installed as Interim Warden with an additional amount of \$1,500 per month for a period of six months. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion made by Chief Culbertson, seconded by Sheriff Gates approving the removal of Gary Copes as authorized signer on the UPDC accounts, effective July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and authorizing the addition of Donnie Adams as authorized signer on the UPDC accounts. Motion carried unanimously.**

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

**Motion made by Chief Culbertson and seconded by Mr. Belton 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 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. Belton, on this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2018.**

Lanny Parker, Chairman  
Paula Strickland Secretary/Treasurer