

## SPECIAL MEETING UNION PARISH POLICE JURY

Farmerville, Louisiana  
September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017

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

President Sawyer asked if anyone in the audience would like to register for public comment. At this time, the public was given the opportunity to comment on any item shown on the agenda. No comment was made. Mr. Futch would like to remember the family of Lacey Sharp. Ms. Sharp was a reporter for KNOE and recently passed away. Mr. Sawyer said she conducted his first interview and she was very nice. She had to guide him throughout the process and made him feel at ease. She was a beautiful and talented young woman and she will be missed. Mr. Smith would like to remember the family of Bob Anderson. Mr. Anderson passed away last week. Mr. Taylor would like to remember the family of Jack Gates. Mr. Gates was the father of Sheriff Dusty Gates.

**Motion by Mr. Watley, seconded by Mr. Taylor and declared adopted by unanimous roll call vote of the Jury to approve the agenda with no changes.**

**Motion Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Watley to enter into a Public Hearing concerning the Board of Review for the 2017 Tax Roll. Motion carried unanimously. The President declared the public hearing opened. Lance Futch, Tax Assessor, represented the Union Parish Tax Assessor's Office for this hearing. There was one appeal submitted to the Board of Review; Assessment Number 1011000200. The appeal was submitted by Aaron's, Inc., who did not show up for the hearing. There were no comments or questions from the public.**

**Motion Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Watley to close the Public Hearing. Motion carried unanimously. The President declared the public hearing closed.**

**Mr. Taylor moved, seconded by Mr. Parker to accept the 2017 tax roll assessment as presented by the Union Parish Tax Assessor. Motion carried as follows:**

<b>YEAS:</b>	<b>Seven (Sawyer, Parker, Taylor, Futch, Smith, Jones and Watley)</b>
<b>NAYS:</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>ABSTAINED:</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>ABSENT:</b>	<b>Two (Hutto and Kennedy)</b>

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

**RESOLUTION #2017-12**

**Union Parish Police Jury Language Access Plan Resolution**

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana Office of Community Development has awarded the Union Parish Police Jury with a 2016 LCDBG Public Facilities Grant; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana requires certain actions to be taken by the Parish in order to be in compliance with HUD regulations; and,

WHEREAS, as part of its Citizen Participation Plan to reach out and inform its citizens, the Parish has developed a language access plan to inform its citizens who may not understand or speak English.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Union Parish Police Jury on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017, that it hereby adopts the Language Access Plan and that **Paula Strickland, Secretary-Treasurer**, is designated as the coordinator of the Plan.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 12<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017.

CERTIFICATE

I, Paula Strickland, Secretary-Treasurer, of the Union Parish Police Jury, certify that the above and foregoing constitutes a true and correct copy of a Resolution passed and adopted by the Union Parish Police Jury on this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017.

s/ Paula Strickland  
**Paula Strickland**  
**Secretary/Treasurer**  
**Union Parish Police Jury**

**Motion Mr. Watley, seconded by Mr. Smith to enter into Executive Session to discuss UPPJ v. Derwood Smith, et al., Civil Suit # 44,201 with the following roll call vote:**

<b>YEAS:</b>	<b>Seven (Sawyer, Parker, Taylor, Futch, Smith, Jones and Watley)</b>
<b>NAYS:</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>ABSTAINED:</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>ABSENT:</b>	<b>Two (Hutto and Kennedy)</b>

**Motion Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Taylor to come out of Executive Session with the following roll call vote:**

<b>YEAS:</b>	<b>Seven (Sawyer, Parker, Taylor, Futch, Smith, Jones and Watley)</b>
<b>NAYS:</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>ABSTAINED:</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>ABSENT:</b>	<b>Two (Hutto and Kennedy)</b>

**No action taken.**

In accordance with Ordinance 549, time for public comment was given. No comment was made.

**There being no further business to come before the Jury, the President declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Watley on this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017.**

  
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Paula Strickland, Secretary-Treasurer

  
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Charles Sawyer, President