

**DETENTION CENTER COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
October 23, 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 Jerry W. Taylor (UPPJ). Absent: John Belton (District Attorney).

Mr. Parker called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Mr. Taylor 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 Sheriff Gates, seconded by Mr. Taylor and declared adopted by Roll Call vote to approve the agenda as written.

Motion made by Sheriff Gates and seconded by Mr. Taylor to adopt the minutes of the Thursday, October 4th, 2018 meeting. Motion carried unanimously. *Chief Culbertson enters the meeting.*

Transitional Work Program Director's Report – Warden Adams presented the Transitional Work Program Director's Report for Mrs. Stanley. The room and board for October to date is **\$87,333.18**. Foster Farms, North Pointe Farm Supply and Thomas Nursery have one pay day left in October. By the end of October the room and board should be approximately \$124,000. There are 76 TWP offenders in the program; 15 of those are LEO's. Eleven new offenders are scheduled to start tomorrow at Foster Farms which will bring the work release number back up to 87. Five inmates are approved for the program and two inmates are waiting on social security cards. Eight inmates are in the screening process.

Warden's Comments – The DOC count is 220 and the pretrial count is 110. Warden Adams is requesting four radios. Warden Adams has priced two different brands. The least expensive radio is a Vertech stand up radio and the price is \$229. The more expensive brand is a Motorola. The cost on the Motorola is \$399, but it is of a much better quality than the Vertech. The radios will be used on compound. After discussing the issue, the commission agreed that the four radios should be purchased for \$399 to be used on compound.

A brief discussion was held on Mr. Gibson clocking in on the days he drives the bus to Foster Farms. Currently he is writing down his trips to Foster Farms and turning in a handwritten sheet. The commission agreed that Mr. Gibson should clock in on the days he drives to Foster Farms, but will still receive the same stipend he has been getting. Mr. Gibson will continue to clock in on the days he works visitation.

Tim Washam, District 3 Maintenance Superintendent for the Louisiana Office of State Parks, addressed the Commission concerning an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Union Parish Detention Center Commission and the Louisiana Office of State Parks. Mr. Washam

states that the Lake D'Arbonne state park is filthy. The park needs cleaning and the Office of State Parks is willing to pay for inmate labor. Mr. Washam is requesting six to eight inmates five days a week. The inmates would work 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM with a thirty-minute lunch break. The Detention Center would be responsible for inmate transportation and providing a guard to stay with the inmates. The Louisiana Office of State Parks would pay the Detention Center \$3,500 a month for the inmates. Mr. Washam states that this program is already in place in Jackson Parish. The Louisiana Office of State Parks would like the program to go into effect on November 1st, 2018. Warden Adams was asked to look over the agreement to see if we had any inmates who would fit the criteria for working at the state park.

Motion made by Chief Culbertson and seconded by Mr. Taylor for Commission to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel/security issues. Roll call vote: YEAS 4, NAYS 0, ABSENT 1.

Motion made by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Chief Culbertson 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 Mr. Taylor, on this the 23rd day of October, 2018.

Lanny Parker, Chairman
Paula Strickland Secretary/Treasurer