

**COURTHOUSE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
September 5th, 2017
6:00 P.M.**

Present: Lanny Parker, Mike Jones, Nathan Futch and Stan Smith. Also present, Charles Sawyer.

Mr. Parker called the meeting to order. Mr. Parker led the group in prayer.

Motion Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Jones and declared adopted by unanimous roll call vote of the Committee to approve the agenda with one addition:

- 7 Discuss and make recommendations regarding Jackie Hill's request to place silhouettes of domestic violence victims on the south lawn of the Union Parish Courthouse (October 2 – October 6, 2017).**

Motion made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Smith and declared adopted by unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the June 6th, 2017 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

A brief discussion was held regarding Jennifer Yelton's request to use the courthouse square on Saturday, September 9th, 2017 from 8:00 AM until 10:00 PM for the Union Parish Relay for Life Event. This was previously approved during an Executive Committee meeting on August 10th, 2017. **No action taken.**

Motion Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Smith to recommend to the jury to approve the request from the Town of Farmerville to use the Farmerville Square from noon on Friday, October 27th, 2017 until Saturday, October 28, 2017 at 11:00 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion was held on the bid results from the building located at 80 South Washington Street (old red brick building behind UCAA). There was only one bid received from Robert Lemoine. The bid was not a monetary bid and was rejected. The Town of Farmerville had previously expressed an interest in the building. **Motion Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Jones to recommend to the jury to donate the building located at 80 South Washington Street (old red brick building behind UCAA) to the Town of Farmerville, have the parish attorney prepare the necessary paperwork and authorize the President to sign all necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Smith to recommend to the jury to approve the request from Jackie Hill, DART, to place silhouettes of domestic victims on the Courthouse lawn (October 2 – October 6) to honor the memories of those people who lost their lives in domestic violence episodes. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the committee, Mr. Parker declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Mr. Smith and duly seconded by Mr. Jones on this the 5th day of September, 2017.

**Lanny Parker, Chairman
Paula Strickland, Secretary-Treasurer**