

## REGULAR MEETING UNION PARISH POLICE JURY

Farmerville, Louisiana  
October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**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: Curtis Moses, Nathan Pilgreen, DeWayne Ramsey, Johnny Buckley, Ben Bridges, Ceis Nyegaard, L.W. Nolan, Brenda Abercrombie and John W. Watley. Absent: None. Also present was Judith Hampton, Assistant District Attorney. The President called the session to order and welcomed all guests. Mr. Watley offered the invocation. Mr. Pilgreen led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.**

President Buckley welcomed everyone to the meeting and 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.

**Motion Mrs. Abercrombie, seconded by Mr. Watley and declared adopted by unanimous vote of the Jury to approve the agenda as written.**

**Motion Mrs. Abercrombie, seconded by Mr. Bridges to adopt the minutes of the September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Regular meeting and the September 21<sup>st</sup> and September 27<sup>th</sup> Special meetings. Motion carried unanimously.**

The Secretary/Treasurer presented the Budget to Actual Revenue and Expense report for the month of September and explained to the jurors that the report reflects what has been budgeted for the year compared to what has been spent. Each juror received a copy of the Revenue and Expense Report in their email packet. The Secretary/Treasurer reported that at this point in the year approximately 75% of the budget should have been expended.

The Secretary/Treasurer reported that overall we are still within 5% of our total adopted budget and therefore do not require any budget amendments. The Secretary/Treasurer has begun preparing the 2022 budget.

The Transitional Work Release Program generated \$115,005.38 in revenue for the month of September. The state income for DOC prisoners was \$149,931.41. There are currently 208 DOC inmates and 150 parish/pretrial inmates. A Union Parish Detention Center Commission meeting was held this morning and Mr. Belton is aware of the excessive amount of pretrial inmates. COVID created a backlog of jury trials and this contributed to the lack of inmate movement.

There are 76 inmates participating in the work release program. Out of the 76 inmates, 57 of those are LEO's. LEO stands for Louisiana Employment Opportunity and this is a private company which finds DOC work release eligible inmates and provides them to the Detention Center.

The Transitional Work Release Program has generated \$1,518,481.26 for the year. The Detention Center receives 64% of the inmates wages for room and board. Inmates receive 36% of their wages. The added income from the work release program relieves taxpayers of that burden. Union Parish does not have a special tax to fund expenses or costs of operation of the Detention Center. The work release program is vital to the financial stability of the Detention Center.

The Sales tax collection for the month was \$240,059.07 and that is up approximately \$20,000 from last month. The Tipping Fees for the Landfill generated \$117,141.84.

Litter Court generated \$2,500 in fines and that money was disbursed between the JP/Constables who wrote tickets. Litter Court is held on the third Monday of each month.

**Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Moses to adopt the Revenue and Expenditures Report for the month of September. Motion carried unanimously.**

**The following Ordinance was introduced by Mr. Pilgreen and seconded by Mr. Watley:**

**ORDINANCE # 919**

**AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE SPEED LIMIT OF 25 MILES PER HOUR ON DALE LOVE ROAD IN ITS ENTIRETY AND SETTING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.**

SECTION I: BE IT ORDAINED by the Police Jury of Union Parish that a maximum speed limit for any truck, car, motorcycle or any other equipment traveling on **Dale Love Road** in its entirety, shall not exceed **25** miles per hour.

SECTION II: BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Police Jury of Union Parish, State of Louisiana, that any person, firm or corporation violating any provisions of this ordinance, upon conviction, shall not exceed the maximum fine for speeding upon a state highway plus court cost.

SECTION III: BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any section, sentence, clause or words of this ordinance shall be held invalid by any court of final jurisdiction, the same shall not affect the validity of any other section.

SECTION IV: BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that ordinance or parts of ordinance in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

The foregoing ordinance was introduced by Mr. Pilgreen, who moved its adoption and duly seconded by Mr. Watley and was then adopted by the following YEA and NAY vote:

MEMBERS:	YEAS:	NAYS:	ABSENT:	ABSTAINING:
Curtis Moses	x			
Nathan Pilgreen	x			
Dewayne Ramsey	x			
Johnny Buckley	x			
Ben Bridges	x			
Ceis Nyegaard	x			
L.W. Nolan	x			
Brenda Abercrombie	x			
John W. Watley	x			

WHEREUPON, the Ordinance was declared duly adopted this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021.

s/ Paula Strickland  
**PAULA STRICKLAND**  
**SECRETARY-TREASURER**  
**UNION PARISH POLICE JURY**

s/ Johnny Buckley  
**JOHNNY BUCKLEY**  
**PRESIDENT**  
**UNION PARISH POLICE JURY**

**The following Ordinance was introduced by Mr. Pilgreen and seconded by Mr. Nyegaard:**

**ORDINANCE # 920**

**AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE SPEED LIMIT OF 35 MILES PER HOUR ON LOVE ROAD IN ITS ENTIRETY AND SETTING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.**

SECTION I: BE IT ORDAINED by the Police Jury of Union Parish that a maximum speed limit for any truck, car, motorcycle or any other equipment traveling on **Love Road** in its entirety, shall not exceed **35** miles per hour.

SECTION II: BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Police Jury of Union Parish, State of Louisiana, that any person, firm or corporation violating any provisions of this ordinance, upon conviction, shall not exceed the maximum fine for speeding upon a state highway plus court cost.

SECTION III: BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any section, sentence, clause or words of this ordinance shall be held invalid by any court of final jurisdiction, the same shall not affect the validity of any other section.

SECTION IV: BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that ordinance or parts of ordinance in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

The foregoing ordinance was introduced by Mr. Pilgreen, who moved its adoption and duly seconded by Mr. Nyegaard and was then adopted by the following YEA and NAY vote:

MEMBERS: YEAS: NAYS: ABSENT: ABSTAINING:

Curtis Moses	x
Nathan Pilgreen	x
Dewayne Ramsey	x
Johnny Buckley	x
Ben Bridges	x
Ceis Nyegaard	x
L.W. Nolan	x
Brenda Abercrombie	x
John W. Watley	x

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PRESIDENT  
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**Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Moses to enter into a Cooperative Agreement between the Union Parish Police Jury and Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs concerning support for the local Veterans Affairs office (\$800.00 monthly) and authorize the President to execute all necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.**

**The following Ordinance was introduced by Mrs. Abercrombie and seconded by Mr. Nolan:**

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 921**

***AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AN ACT OF SALE BY THE PARISH OF UNION TO SELL ADJUDICATED PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS: PARCEL NO. 3050060600 IN ACCORDANCE WITH LA R.S. 47: 2202 T SEQ. AND TO AUTHORIZE THE UNION PARISH POLICE JURY PRESIDENT TO SIGN ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND TO ADDRESS THER MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO***

***WHEREAS***, the immovable property described below was adjudicated to the Parish of Union on May 21, 2009 for nonpayment of taxes; and

***WHEREAS***, the three (3) year period for redemption, as well of the five (5) year redemptive period provided by Art. 7, §25 of the Louisiana Constitution has elapsed and established by Parish Ordinance No: 908 and the owner of record has failed to redeem the adjudicated property; and

***WHEREAS***, LA R.S. 47: 2202 *et seq.* provides that the Parish may sell adjudicated property in accordance with law after the expiration of the period for redemption; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parish of Union has declared the property described below surplus and not needed for a public purpose and to dispose of said property in accordance with LA R.S. 47:2202, et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with L.A. R.S. 47:2202 the Parish of Union has set a minimum purchase price in the amount of \$2,560.57 and

**WHEREAS**, the Parish of Union has received a written offer to purchase said property from Johnathan Yeager for the consideration of \$2,560.57, at the time of sale and has been accepted by the Union Parish Police Jury; and

**WHEREAS**, the property described herein below will be purchased through the Parish "Lot Next Door" program and is therefore exempt from the public bidding requirement.

**NOW BE IT ORDAINED** by the Union Parish Police Jury, that any Act of Sale of the below described property shall contain the following conditions and requirements:

This property is described as Parcel# 3050060600/ No Municipal Address: Located in Union Parish, LA, being more fully described as follows:

LOTS 2, 3, & 4 OF WILLIAMS SUBDIVISION UNIT 2 LOCATED IN NE ¼ OF SE ¼ OF SECTION 36 TOWNSHIP 19N RANGE 1E

- 1) This property shall be sold in accordance with LS-R.S. 47:2201 *et. seq.*, without any warranty, from either the Parish or Management Company, whatsoever, even as to the return of the purchase price.
- 2) The sale shall be on a form approved by the Parish Attorney and that the sales price is paid by certified funds at the time of the sale.
- 3) The sale shall include a reservation of all mineral rights to the Parish, but shall convey all surface rights.
- 4) The following shall be completed prior to closing of sale:
  - a. E&P Consulting Services, LLC shall certify in writing to the Parish Attorney that they have examined the mortgage records, conveyance records, probate and civil suit records of the Parish of Union and that attached to this certification will be a written list of names and last known addresses of all owners, mortgagees, and any other person who may have a vested or contingent interest in the property, or who has filed a request for notice as provided in the former provisions LS-R.S. 33:4720.17(B), as indicated in those records.

- b. E&P Consulting Services, LLC will provide notice to those persons identified in accordance with LS-R.S. 47:2201 *et. seq.* Proof of said notice will be filed in the conveyance records of Union Parish immediately after the Act of Sale.
- c. At the time of closing, E&P Consulting Services, LLC will certify in writing to Parish Attorney and Clerk of Court that the number of days mandated by LS-R.S. 47:2201 *et. seq.* has elapsed since the above required notice was made or attempted and that the property has not been redeemed by the payment of the taxes owed.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, by the Union Parish Policy Jury, that the Police Jury President is hereby authorized to execute a Cash Sale of the above described adjudicated property to the highest acceptable bidder. The Cash Sale shall contain all of the above conditions and requirements and shall be executed within the timelines specified.

The foregoing ordinance was introduced by Mrs. Abercrombie, who moved its adoption and duly seconded by Mr. Nolan and was then adopted by the following YEA and NAY vote:

MEMBERS:	YEAS:	NAYS:	ABSENT:	ABSTAINING:
Curtis Moses	x			
Nathan Pilgreen	x			
Dewayne Ramsey	x			
Johnny Buckley	x			
Ben Bridges	x			
Ceis Nyegaard	x			
L.W. Nolan	x			
Brenda Abercrombie	x			
John W. Watley	x			

WHEREUPON, the Ordinance was declared duly adopted this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021.

s/ Paula Strickland  
**PAULA STRICKLAND**  
**SECRETARY-TREASURER**  
**UNION PARISH POLICE JURY**

s/ Johnny Buckley  
**JOHNNY BUCKLEY**  
**PRESIDENT**  
**UNION PARISH POLICE JURY**

**The following Ordinance was introduced by Mrs. Abercrombie and seconded by Mr. Bridges:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 922**

***AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AN ACT OF SALE BY THE PARISH OF UNION TO SELL ADJUDICATED PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS: PARCEL NO. 3011042750 IN ACCORDANCE WITH LA R.S. 47: 2202 T SEQ. AND TO AUTHORIZE THE UNION PARISH POLICE JURY PRESIDENT TO SIGN ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND TO ADDRESS THE MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO***

***WHEREAS***, the immovable property described below was adjudicated to the Parish of Union on July 5, 2016 for nonpayment of taxes; and

***WHEREAS***, the three (3) year period for redemption, as well of the five (5) year redemptive period provided by Art. 7, §25 of the Louisiana Constitution has elapsed and established by Parish Ordinance No: 908 and the owner of record has failed to redeem the adjudicated property; and

***WHEREAS***, LA R.S. 47: 2202 *et seq.* provides that the Parish may sell adjudicated property in accordance with law after the expiration of the period for redemption; and

***WHEREAS***, the Parish of Union has declared the property described below surplus and not needed for a public purpose and to dispose of said property in accordance with LA R.S. 47:2202, *et seq.*; and

***WHEREAS***, in accordance with L.A. R.S. 47:2202 the Parish of Union has set a minimum purchase price in the amount of \$593.84 and

***WHEREAS***, the Parish of Union has received a written offer to purchase said property from Shannon & Alice Ward for the consideration of \$593.84, at the time of sale and has been accepted by the Union Parish Police Jury; and

***WHEREAS***, the property described herein below will be purchased through the Parish "Lot Next Door" program and is therefore exempt from the public bidding requirement.

***NOW BE IT ORDAINED*** by the Union Parish Police Jury, that any Act of Sale of the below described property shall contain the following conditions and requirements:

This property is described as Parcel# 3011042750/ No Municipal Address: Located in Union Parish, LA, being more fully described as follows:

THE WEST 75 FEET OF LOT 12 OF BLOCK Y OF SMITH ADDITION

- 5) This property shall be sold in accordance with LS-R.S. 47:2201 *et seq.*, without any warranty, from either the Parish or Management Company, whatsoever, even as to the return of the purchase price.

- 6) The sale shall be on a form approved by the Parish Attorney and that the sales price is paid by certified funds at the time of the sale.
- 7) The sale shall include a reservation of all mineral rights to the Parish, but shall convey all surface rights.
- 8) The following shall be completed prior to closing of sale:
  - d. E&P Consulting Services, LLC shall certify in writing to the Parish Attorney that they have examined the mortgage records, conveyance records, probate and civil suit records of the Parish of Union and that attached to this certification will be a written list of names and last known addresses of all owners, mortgagees, and any other person who may have a vested or contingent interest in the property, or who has filed a request for notice as provided in the former provisions LS-R.S. 33:4720.17(B), as indicated in those records.
  - e. E&P Consulting Services, LLC will provide notice to those persons identified in accordance with LS-R.S. 47:2201 *et. seq.* Proof of said notice will be filed in the conveyance records of Union Parish immediately after the Act of Sale.
  - f. At the time of closing, E&P Consulting Services, LLC will certify in writing to Parish Attorney and Clerk of Court that the number of days mandated by LS-R.S. 47:2201 *et. seq.* has elapsed since the above required notice was made or attempted and that the property has not been redeemed by the payment of the taxes owed.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, by the Union Parish Policy Jury, that the Police Jury President is hereby authorized to execute a Cash Sale of the above described adjudicated property to the highest acceptable bidder. The Cash Sale shall contain all of the above conditions and requirements and shall be executed within the timelines specified.

The foregoing ordinance was introduced by Mrs. Abercrombie, who moved its adoption and duly seconded by Mr. Bridges and was then adopted by the following YEA and NAY vote:

MEMBERS:	YEAS:	NAYS:	ABSENT:	ABSTAINING:
Curtis Moses	x			
Nathan Pilgreen	x			
Dewayne Ramsey	x			
Johnny Buckley	x			
Ben Bridges	x			
Ceis Nyegaard	x			
L.W. Nolan	x			
Brenda Abercrombie	x			
John W. Watley	x			



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s/ Paula Strickland  
PAULA STRICKLAND  
SECRETARY-TREASURER  
UNION PARISH POLICE JURY

s/ Johnny Buckley  
JOHNNY BUCKLEY  
PRESIDENT  
UNION PARISH POLICE JURY

**The following Ordinance was introduced by Mr. Watley and seconded by Mr. Nolan:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 923**

***AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AN ACT OF SALE BY THE PARISH OF UNION TO SELL ADJUDICATED PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS: PARCEL NO. 3011116003 IN ACCORDANCE WITH LA R.S. 47: 2202 T SEQ. AND TO AUTHORIZE THE UNION PARISH POLICE JURY PRESIDENT TO SIGN ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND TO ADDRESS THER MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO***

***WHEREAS***, the immovable property described below was adjudicated to the Parish of Union in 1995 for nonpayment of taxes; and

***WHEREAS***, the three (3) year period for redemption, as well of the five (5) year redemptive period provided by Art. 7, §25 of the Louisiana Constitution has elapsed and established by Parish Ordinance No: 908 and the owner of record has failed to redeem the adjudicated property; and

***WHEREAS***, LA R.S. 47: 2202 *et seq.* provides that the Parish may sell adjudicated property in accordance with law after the expiration of the period for redemption; and

***WHEREAS***, the Parish of Union has declared the property described below surplus and not needed for a public purpose and to dispose of said property in accordance with LA R.S. 47:2202, *et seq.*; and

***WHEREAS***, in accordance with L.A. R.S. 47:2202 the Parish of Union has set a minimum purchase price in the amount of \$6,619.58 and

***WHEREAS***, the Parish of Union has received a written offer to purchase said property from Stacy Gatson for the consideration of \$6,619.58, at the time of sale and has been accepted by the Union Parish Police Jury; and

***WHEREAS***, the property described herein below will be purchased through the Parish "Lot Next Door" program and is therefore exempt from the public bidding requirement.

***NOW BE IT ORDAINED*** by the Union Parish Police Jury, that any Act of Sale of the below described property shall contain the following conditions and requirements:

This property is described as Parcel# 3011116003/ Municipal Address: 709 Hickory Street, Farmerville, LA, being more fully described as follows:

Legal Description: LOT 7 OF BLOCK 2 OF SELIG ADDITION #4

- 9) This property shall be sold in accordance with LS-R.S. 47:2201 *et. seq.*, without any warranty, from either the Parish or Management Company, whatsoever, even as to the return of the purchase price.
- 10) The sale shall be on a form approved by the Parish Attorney and that the sales price is paid by certified funds at the time of the sale.
- 11) The sale shall include a reservation of all mineral rights to the Parish, but shall convey all surface rights.
- 12) The following shall be completed prior to closing of sale:
  - g. E&P Consulting Services, LLC shall certify in writing to the Parish Attorney that they have examined the mortgage records, conveyance records, probate and civil suit records of the Parish of Union and that attached to this certification will be a written list of names and last known addresses of all owners, mortgagees, and any other person who may have a vested or contingent interest in the property, or who has filed a request for notice as provided in the former provisions LS-R.S. 33:4720.17(B), as indicated in those records.
  - h. E&P Consulting Services, LLC will provide notice to those persons identified in accordance with LS-R.S. 47:2201 *et. seq.* Proof of said notice will be filed in the conveyance records of Union Parish immediately after the Act of Sale.
  - i. At the time of closing, E&P Consulting Services, LLC will certify in writing to Parish Attorney and Clerk of Court that the number of days mandated by LS-R.S. 47:2201 *et. seq.* has elapsed since the above required notice was made or attempted and that the property has not been redeemed by the payment of the taxes owed.

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The foregoing ordinance was introduced by Mr. Watley, who moved its adoption and duly seconded by Mr. Nolan and was then adopted by the following YEA and NAY vote:

MEMBERS: YEAS: NAYS: ABSENT: ABSTAINING:

Curtis Moses	x
Nathan Pilgreen	x
Dewayne Ramsey	x
Johnny Buckley	x
Ben Bridges	x
Ceis Nyegaard	x
L.W. Nolan	x
Brenda Abercrombie	x
John W. Watley	x

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s/ Paula Strickland  
**PAULA STRICKLAND**  
**SECRETARY-TREASURER**  
**UNION PARISH POLICE JURY**

s/ Johnny Buckley  
**JOHNNY BUCKLEY**  
**PRESIDENT**  
**UNION PARISH POLICE JURY**

Bill Carter, Attorney for the Lake D'Arbonne Commission, addressed the jury regarding an ordinance prohibiting operation of motor vessels when Lake D'Arbonne is above flood stage.  
**No action taken.**

**Recommendations from the Insurance Committee:**

Mrs. Abercrombie reported that the Insurance Committee met earlier regarding the 2022 health insurance plan renewal. Mrs. Abercrombie stated that the Blue Cross health insurance premiums have increased by 10.8%. The premium will increase from \$767.36 to \$850.24. Mrs. Abercrombie stated that the employees work hard and deserve the best insurance they can get. Mrs. Abercrombie further stated that the jury will absorb the cost of the increase. **Motion Mrs. Abercrombie, seconded by Mr. Nolan to renew the 2022 Blue Cross health insurance plan with a 10.8% increase and authorize the President to execute any necessary documents.**

**Recommendations from the Road Committee:**

Mr. Bridges reported that the Road Committee met earlier regarding several items.

Mr. Bridges reported that two bids were received to finish the 2/10ths of a mile on Dean Road. That small portion of the road was originally intended to be a FEMA drainage project. That project is not a viable option anymore and therefore the remainder of the road needs to be completed. **Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Ramsey to accept the lowest bid from Amethyst Construction in the amount of \$44,395 and authorize the President to execute any necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Nolan to accept the Change Order for the Union Parish Police Jury 2021 Road Program in the increased amount of \$24,062.18 and authorize the President to execute any necessary documents.**

**Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Nolan to issue a Certificate of Substantial Completion for the Union Parish Police Jury 2021 Road Program and authorize the President to execute any necessary documents.**

In accordance with Ordinance 549, time for public comment was given.

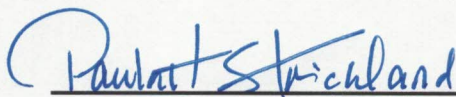
Lynn Ramsey, 167 Jerry Ramsey Road, addressed the jury regarding Liberty Hill Church Road and the ongoing issues. Mrs. Ramsey said one half of the road was done and the other half was left untouched. Mrs. Ramsey also announced that there will be a Senior Citizens Christmas Banquet on December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The banquet will be held at the Willie Davis Recreation Center.

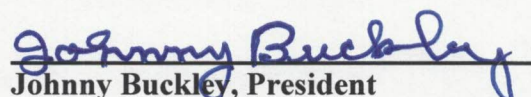
Bridget Dawson, 180 Bay Drive, addressed the jury regarding Spillway Road. Mrs. Dawson said she is very dissatisfied with the repairs on Spillway Road.

Shannon Futch, Homeland Security Director, addressed the jury regarding his monthly update.

Jimmy Caldwell, 552 Andrews Road, addressed the jury regarding Moshack Road and the lack of repairs.

**There being no further business to come before the Jury, the President declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Mrs. Abercrombie, seconded by Mr. Watley, on this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021.**

  
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Paula Strickland, Secretary/Treasurer  
Union Parish Police Jury

  
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Johnny Buckley, President  
Union Parish Police Jury