

**DETENTION CENTER COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
December 7th, 2021**

The Detention Center Commission met this date at 11:00 A.M. in the Union Parish Police Jury meeting room, Union Parish Courthouse Annex, Farmerville, Louisiana. Present were: Johnny Buckley (Union Parish Police Jury), Nathan Pilgreen (Union Parish Police Jury) and Dusty Gates (Union Parish Sheriff). Absent: John Belton (District Attorney) and Chief Bim Coulbertson (Farmerville Chief of Police). Also present: Warden Adams and Ruby Stanley, TWP Director.

Mr. Buckley called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Sheriff Gates led the group in prayer. Roll call was taken. Mr. Buckley asked if anyone in the audience would like to register for public comment to speak.

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

Motion made by Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Sheriff Gates to adopt the minutes of the Tuesday, October 5th, 2021 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Transitional Work Program Comments – Ruby Stanley, TWP Director, addressed the Commission regarding the Transitional Work Release Program. There are currently 64 TWP inmates participating in the work release program. Fifty (50) of the TWP participants are LEOs. There are twelve (12) inmates who are approved for the program. Room and board as of today, December 7th, is \$2,002.89. The room and board for November was \$175,426.32. Foster Farms has two pay periods left for the month of December.

Warden's Comments – Warden Adams reported that there are 121 pretrial/parish inmates being held at the Detention Center and 210 DOC inmates. Inmate banking/commissary has a balance of \$240,382.93. Inmate welfare has a balance of \$129,660.97. HomeWave Video Visitation profit for the month of October was \$2,361.18 and \$3,028.01 for September.

Johnny Hemphill, Correct Solutions, addressed the committee regarding the addition of two (2) ferromagnetic detectors valued at \$30,000. Mr. Hemphill stated that the phone profit for the Detention Center is down several thousand dollars and that can only be attributed to cell phones in the facility. Mr. Hemphill played a short video which showed how the scanners work. The scanners will pick up something as small as a sim card. **Motion Sheriff Gates, seconded by Mr. Pilgreen to extend the Correctional Communications Service Agreement with Correct Solutions Group for an additional thirty-six (36) months and authorize the Union Parish Detention Center Commission Chairman to execute any necessary documents. Correct Solutions will provide two ferromagnetic detectors at a \$30,000 value at no cost to the Union Parish Detention Center. Correct Solutions will also provide training necessary to operate the detectors. Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Sheriff Gates to table the discussion of the Tiger Correctional Food Service Amendment Contract. Motion carried unanimously.

The Secretary/Treasurer presented the 2022 proposed Detention Center budget and the 2021 proposed revised budget. She reported that the budgets have been presented to the Union Parish Police Jury Finance Committee, but will not be adopted until December 30, 2021. The state fund income and TWP income are based on analyzing previous years and on what has been generated for the year 2021.

Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Sheriff Gates to accept the 2022 proposed operating budget for the Detention Center and the 2021 proposed revised budget for the Detention Center. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Sheriff Gates and seconded by Mr. Pilgreen for the Commission to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel/security issues. Roll call vote: YEAS 3, NAYS 0, ABSENT 2.

Motion made by Sheriff Gates and seconded by Mr. Pilgreen for the Commission to come out of executive session and to return to the meeting; no action taken in executive session. Roll call vote: YEAS 3, NAYS 0, ABSENT 2.

There being no further business to come before the commission, Mr. Buckley declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Sheriff Gates, seconded by Mr. Pilgreen, on this 7th day of December, 2021.

**Johnny Buckley, Chairman
Paula Strickland, Secretary/Treasurer**