

REGULAR MEETING UNION PARISH POLICE JURY

Farmerville, Louisiana
December 7th, 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: Nathan Pilgreen, DeWayne Ramsey, Johnny Buckley, Ben Bridges, Ceis Nyegaard, L.W. Nolan, Brenda Abercrombie and John W. Watley. Absent: Curtis Moses. Also present was Judith Hampton, Assistant District Attorney. The President called the session to order and welcomed all guests. Mr. Ramsey offered the invocation. Mrs. Strickland 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.

The Secretary/Treasurer announced that a Special Meeting will be held on Thursday, December 30th @ 10:00 AM to adopt the 2021 Consolidated Amended Budget and the 2022 Consolidated Budget. The budgets were presented to the Finance Committee at 2:00 PM today and are available for public inspection.

The employee fish fry will be held on Wednesday, December 15th at noon. The fish fry will be held at the Farmerville Church of Christ. The fish fry is being paid for by the police jurors.

President Buckley asked that the jurors remember DeWayne Ramsey on the sudden death of his mother.

Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Nyegaard and declared adopted by unanimous vote of the Jury to approve the agenda as written.

Motion Mr. Ramsey, seconded by Mr. Nolan to adopt the minutes of the November 2nd, 2021 Regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The Secretary/Treasurer presented the Budget to Actual Revenue and Expense report for the month of November 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 the LGAP FY 2021 (Louisiana Government Assistance Program) grant was approved for \$30,000 and that the grant is open. This grant is funded by the State of Louisiana and is used to purchase equipment.

The LCDBG FY 2021 grant for the Sardis Water System in the amount of \$950,000 was approved for a four-month extension due to issues arising in the search for a potential site for a water well. The deadline for the environmental review and plans/specs will now be February 22, 2022.

The Secretary/Treasurer further reported that the jury is still awaiting payment on the Loch Lomond reimbursement. The reimbursement request totals \$625,950.67.

The Sales tax collection for the month was \$233,361.44. For the year we have collected approximately 2.7 million dollars and we are over budget from what I had projected last year. The Tipping Fees for the Landfill generated \$114,643.23 for the month and we are on target for the year.

The Transitional Work Release Program generated \$175,178.64 in revenue for the month of November. There are sixty-four (64) inmates participating in the work release program. Out of the sixty-four (64) inmates, fifty (50) of those are LEO's.

Please note there is no state income for DOC prisoners for the month of November because the state invoice was received at a late date. The funds received will be reflected in December. There are currently 210 DOC inmates and 121 parish/pretrial inmates.

Litter Court generated \$850 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. Pilgreen to adopt the Revenue and Expenditures Report for the month of November. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Nolan, seconded by Mr. Watley to appoint Joseph A. Cusimano, Jr. to the Union Parish Tourist Commission Board as Chairman of the Board for a term of one year with his term expiring 12/31/22; the re-appointment of Judith Tabor to the Union Parish Tourist Commission for a four-year term beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2025; and the re-appointment of Earl Roberts (At Large #2) for a four-year term beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mrs. Abercrombie, seconded by Mr. Nolan to approve travel for the Registrar of Voters and Assistant Registrar of Voters to the 2022 Louisiana Registrars of Voters' Seminar to be held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana on February 14 – February 16, 2022 and authorize the payment of annual dues.

Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Watley to approve the following applications for beer and liquor licenses for the year 2022 pending all necessary documents/paperwork are received and authorize the President to execute all necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.

STORE NAME	CLASS
State Line Liquor	Retail Liquor Dealer/ Class "B"
Bridges Grocery	Retail Liquor Dealer/Class "B"
Antioch U Pak It	Class "B" Beer
Wilderness Acres	Class "B"
Expressway of Bernice	Class "B"
Corner Store of Downsville	Class "B" Beer
Parish Line Market	Class "B" Beer
Meadow Lake Golf & Country Club	Class "A" Beer/Liquor
Lake D 'Arbonne Country Club	Class "A" Beer/Liquor

Motion Mrs. Abercrombie, seconded by Mr. Ramsey, that the following action should be taken on the road material bids for the period of January 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022:

- **Gasoline and diesel fuel** should be awarded to Hill Oil Co. (only bidder).
- **Aviation fuel – No bids were received.**
- **CRS-2 Asphalt Emulsion** - Bid should be awarded to Asphalt Products Unlimited and Ergon Asphalt & Emulsions, Inc. based upon the best price, availability, hauling, location of job and quantity needed.
- **AEP Asphalt Emulsion Prime** – Bid should be awarded to Asphalt Products Unlimited (only bidder).
- **MC-30 Cutback Asphalt** – Bid should be awarded to Asphalt Products Unlimited (only bidder).
- **Spiral metal culverts** – Bid should be awarded to Co-Heir Drainage Products and Coastal Culvert based upon the best price, availability, hauling, location of job and quantity needed.
- **Polyethylene pipe** - Bid should be awarded to Co-Heir Drainage Products, Coastal Culvert and Irrigation-Mart, based upon the best price, availability, hauling, location of job and quantity needed.
- **Concrete Pipe** – Bid should be awarded to Co-Heir Drainage Products and Coastal Culvert based upon the best price, availability, hauling, location of job and quantity needed.
- **Hot Mix and Cold Mix** – Bid should be award to Amethyst Construction and Dreher Contracting, LLC based upon the best price, availability, hauling, location of job and quantity needed.

- **Maintenance rock, oversize rock, clay gravel, fill sand, pea gravel, and concrete sand – No bids were received.**
- **Granite rock – No bids were received.**

Motion carried unanimously.

The following ordinance was introduced by Mr. Pilgreen and seconded by Mr. Ramsey:

ORDINANCE # 926

AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE SPEED LIMIT OF 35 MILES PER HOUR ON DEAN CHURCH 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 **Dean Church 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. Ramsey 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 7th day of December, 2021.

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

s/ Johnny Buckley
JOHNNY BUCKLEY
PRESIDENT
UNION PARISH POLICE JURY

Recommendations from the American Rescue Plan Act Committee:

Motion Mrs. Abercrombie, seconded by Mr. Pilgreen to authorize premium pay of 160 hours for essential Union Parish Detention Center workers who were employed during the time period 4/1/20 to 12/31/20 and are still employed today. This will be paid out of the ARPA Funds. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Abercrombie reported that all the water systems in the parish were requested to provide an application for any shovel ready projects that could be funded through the American Rescue Plan Act Funds. Several applications were received. There are seven (7) applications that have met the specified criteria. A committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 15, 2021 to review those applications and finalize the award amounts.

Recommendations from the Finance Committee:

Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Nyegaard to increase the hourly rate of Sharon Dixon, HUD Director, from \$17.50 to \$18.50 an hour effective January 3rd, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Nolan to authorize travel for the jurors, secretary/treasurer and superintendents to attend the annual Police Jury Convention that is being held in Lake Charles March 9th, 2022 – March 11th, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mrs. Abercrombie authorize travel for the Public Works Director and Assistant Landfill Superintendent to attend the annual Louisiana Environmental Conference which is to be held in Lafayette on March 16th, 2022 – March 18th, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

Recommendations from the Road Committee:


Mr. Bridges reported that the Road Committee met earlier and are working to finalize the 2022 Road Program. Buffalo Landing Road was discussed during the meeting and what could be done to alleviate the drainage issues.

Recommendations from the Landfill Committee:

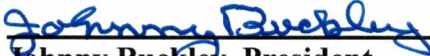
Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Ramsey to approve Change Order No. 3 for the Sediment Removal and Disposal from Detention Pond No. 1 in the decreased amount of -\$7,670.40. Motion carried unanimously.

In accordance with Ordinance 549, time for public comment was given. There were no comments during this time.

There being no further business to come before the Jury, the President declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Mr. Ramsey, seconded by Mr. Nyegaard, on this the 7th day of December, 2021.



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



**Johnny Buckley, President
Union Parish Police Jury**