

REGULAR MEETING UNION PARISH POLICE JURY

Farmerville, Louisiana
July 6th, 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, DeWayne Ramsey, Johnny Buckley, Ben Bridges, Ceis Nyegaard, L.W. Nolan, Brenda Abercrombie and John W. Watley. Absent: Nathan Pilgreen. Also present was Tracy Houck, Assistant District Attorney. The President called the session to order and welcomed all guests. Mr. Nolan offered the invocation. Mr. Ramsey 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 Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Watley and declared adopted by unanimous vote of the Jury to approve the agenda as written.

Motion Mr. Ramsey, seconded by Mr. Moses to adopt the minutes of the June 1st, 2021 regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The Secretary/Treasurer presented the Budget to Actual Revenue and Expense report for the month of June 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 50% of the budget should have been expended.

On June 1st the jury received a payment of \$2,147,110 for the American Rescue Plan. The jury will receive an equal amount in 2022. The total amount will be \$4,294,220. The American Rescue Plan is basically a continuation of the CARES Act Program. The money the jury received for the American Rescue Plan went into a separate account and will not be comingled with any other money.

There are four broad categories listed and according to the American Rescue Plan website recipients have broad flexibility to decide how to best use the funding to meet the needs of their communities. Funds can be used to invest in infrastructure such as water, sewer and broadband; to improve air quality; building of new infrastructure; premium pay for essential workers. Funds can also be used to enhance the technology that is used during public meetings and the broadcasting of such meetings. At this time, funds cannot be used for roads, to payback outstanding debt or to replenish budget shortfalls and pensions.

Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Nolan to adopt the Revenue and Expenditures Report for the month of June. Motion carried unanimously.

Pafford Ambulance – Keith Carter, Chief Operating Officer with Pafford Ambulance, addressed the Jury concerning the recent complaints. Mr. Carter is in agreement with an Ambulance Oversight Committee. Pafford wants to be transparent with its response times and plans moving forward. Mr. Carter stated that there are two (2) twenty-four hour paramedic

ambulances in Farmerville and one (1) twenty-four advanced ALS ambulance in Bernice. Upsurge trucks are brought in on an as-needed basis. Mr. Carter stated that over a two-year period Pafford has responded to all priority one calls and all priority two calls in Union Parish at an average of thirteen (13) minutes and forty-seven (47) seconds per call. Mr. Carter further stated that when COVID hit in April of 2020 all transporting basically shut down. It picked back up in June of 2020. When COVID hit, Pafford did not have adequate PPE, nor training. Several of Pafford's employees left the company when COVID hit.

North Delta Regional Planning and Development District – Doug Mitchell addressed the jury regarding the property description on Precinct #3. Mr. Mitchell has been in contact with Bill Blair with the House of Representatives. There are a couple of minor errors in the property description of Precinct #3. The errors are small directional errors. These will be technical amendments.

Mr. Mitchell addressed the jury regarding redistricting. The data has been compiled but will not be released until the end of September. Mr. Mitchell said it would benefit the police jury to work with the school board to save costs when redistricting is done. Mr. Mitchell also addressed the jury regarding Broadband Internet.

Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Nolan to approve Precinct 3 correction to read as follows:

Precinct 3

The point of beginning being the intersection of U.S. Highway 167 South and 3rd Street; thence southerly on U.S. Highway 167 Street to 5th Street; thence Easterly on 5th Street to its intersection with Cedar Street; thence southerly along Cedar Street to its intersection with 8th Street; then Westerly on 8th Street to its intersection with La. State Hwy. 2; thence westerly along La. State Hwy 2 to its intersection to Van Roach Rd.; thence north along Van Roach Rd. to its intersection with Chip Mill Rd.; thence east along Chip Mill Rd. to its intersection with Busby Rd.; thence northerly along Busby Rd. to its intersection with State Highway 2 Alt. (Summerfield Highway); thence easterly along State Highway 2 Alt. (Summerfield Highway) to its intersection Grafton Xing; thence northerly and easterly to its intersection with Pisgah Church Rd.; thence proceed in a generally southerly direction along Pisgah Church Rd.; thence proceed easterly on Pisgah Church Road to its intersection with Holly St.; thence southerly along Holly St. to its intersection with 3rd Street; thence westerly along 3rd Street and back to the point of beginning.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Nyegaard, seconded by Mr. Ramsey to adopt the following Condolence Resolution:



Resolution of Respect
In Memory of
Mr. Charles Nyegaard



Though your days among us were too brief and our grief at your loss is never-ending,
 we draw comfort from the knowledge that you have found safe refuge in the Lord
 and in our hearts, where no darkness or pain can touch you now.
 We bless you with love, light, and our gratitude.

Whereas, Mr. Charles Nyegaard, departed this life on Tuesday, May 25th, 2021; and

Whereas, Mr. Charles Nyegaard was employed by the Union Parish Police Jury for 47 years in the Road Department; and

Whereas, Mr. Charles Nyegaard was surrounded by his family and friends his entire life and was loved by all who knew him; and

Whereas, the passing of Mr. Charles Nyegaard has created a lasting void in the lives of his family, friends and associates; and

Whereas, the Union Parish Governing Body acknowledges with sadness the passing of Mr. Charles Nyegaard and wishes to offer a formal expression of sympathy to the Nyegaard family.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Union Parish Police Jury and employees do hereby extend their deepest sympathy to the Nyegaard family.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be tendered to Mr. Charles Nyegaard's family as an expression of condolences from the Police Jury and staff and that a copy be included in the records of the Union Parish Police Jury.

This Resolution issued this 6th day of July, 2021 by the Union Parish Police Jury in Regular Session.

s/ Johnny Buckley
 Johnny Buckley, President
 s/ Paula Strickland
 Paula Strickland, Sec/Treasurer
 s/ Nathan Pilgreen
 Nathan Pilgreen, District 2
 s/ Ben Bridges
 Ben Bridges, District 5
 s/ L.W. Nolan
 L. W. Nolan, District 7

s/ Brenda Abercrombie
 Brenda Abercrombie, Vice-President
 s/ Curtis Moses
 Curtis Moses, District 1
 s/ DeWayne Ramsey
 DeWayne Ramsey, District 3
 s/ Ceis Nyegaard
 Ceis Nyegaard, District 6
 s/ John Watley
 John Watley, District 9

Motion Mrs. Abercrombie, seconded by Mr. Bridges to declare the following property as surplus and authorize the Secretary/Treasurer to advertise its sale to the general public. Date of sale will be determined by the Secretary/Treasurer and all bids will be sealed. Minimum bids will be required on some items. Motion carried unanimously.

1995 Chevrolet Pickup #2343247
Reynolds 10-yard scrapper pan # 4830
1997 Ford Van # 45234
1998 Ford Van # 14468
1997 Green Freightliner with PacMor Refuse Body
Freightliner # 806006
PacMor # 048CTW
Leach Refuse Body # 16839
1985 GMC Green Tandem Truck # 611610
1997 Ford F-250 4x4 # 044958
1991 Mack Cabover # 003864
2000 Ford Ext Cab # 22707
Chevy 2500 Ext Cab 4x4 # 330802
Ford F250 Ext Cab 4x4 # 34994
2001 Dodge ¾ 4WD # 267572
1997 Chevy Cheyenne ¾ ton # 251589
1993 Ford F150 # 1090
1989 Ford F250 # 3512
1999 New Holland T590 Tractor with tiger side mount
2000 John Deere 6Z10 Tractor with tiger side mower
2000 John Deere 6410 Cab Tractor with boom mower
Portable gallon roller 1988 John Deere 310C Backhoe
1991 John Deere 670B Grader
1993 John Deere 670B Grader
Cat 130 Grader
Cat 130 Grader
Hydraulic Mounted Rotary Brooms

The Secretary/Treasurer addressed the jury regarding the six month road and landfill material bids. Three bids were received for the Daily Alternative Cover (Landfill). Two of the three bids received had issues. The bid received from LSC did not meet the requested specs (no unloading of material was provided – bid specified that material must be unloaded) and is therefore being rejected. The bid from Space Savers was received two hours late, but they provided proof where they FedExed the bid on 6/21/21 with a two-day guaranteed delivery. The FedEx receipt has been supplied. Attorney, Trevor Fry with the Gold Weems law firm was consulted. Mr. Fry stated in his email that the purpose of the public bid law is to protect public funds. Space Savers did mail the bid on time and provided proof. Mr. Fry provided an attorney general opinion that had a similar circumstance. Mr. Fry is recommending accepting the bid from Space Savers in addition to Enviro Services. **Motion Mrs. Abercrombie, seconded by Mr. Watley, that the following actions should be taken on the road and landfill material bids for the period of July 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021:**

- Gasoline and diesel fuel should be awarded to Hill Oil Co. and Daniel Green Oil Co. based upon the best price, availability, hauling, location of job and quantity needed.
 - Aviation Fuel – No bids were received for Aviation Fuel.
 - CRS-2 Asphalt Emulsion – No bids were received for CRS-2 Asphalt Emulsion.
 - AEP Asphalt Emulsion Prime – No bids were received for AEP Asphalt Emulsion Prime.
 - MC-30 Cutback Asphalt – No bids were received for MC-30 Cutback Asphalt.
 - Spiral Metal Culverts – Bid should be awarded to Co-Heir Drainage Products (only bidder).
 - Polyethylene pipe should be awarded to Co-Heir Drainage Products and Irrigation Mart, Inc. based upon the best price, availability, hauling, location of job and quantity needed.
 - Concrete Pipe – Bid should be awarded to Co-Heir Drainage Products (only bidder).
 - Hot Mix and Cold Mix – Bid should be awarded to Dreher Contracting (only bidder).
 - Maintenance rock, oversize rock, clay gravel, fill sand, pea gravel, and concrete sand – No bids were received for maintenance rock, oversize rock, clay gravel, fill sand, pea gravel, and concrete sand.
 - Crushed concrete – No bids were received for crushed concrete.
 - Granite rock should be awarded to R. E. Bentz, Inc. (only bidder).
 - Leachate Collection Sand – No bid was received for Leachate Collection Sand.
 - Daily alternative cover for landfill should be awarded to Enviro Services, LLC and Space Savers based upon the best price, availability, hauling, location of job and quantity needed.
- Bid covers the period of July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2021.**

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Watley, seconded by Mr. Nyegaard to assist the Town of Bernice in repairing a street shoulder that is caving in on the corner of Cemetery and Walnut Streets. The Town of Bernice will pay for the cost of the materials. This work will be performed as time permits. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Moses, seconded by Mr. Nyegaard to allow the Farmerville Jaycees the use of the Courthouse Square and parking lot on Friday July 30th and Saturday July 31st for the 58th Annual Louisiana Watermelon Festival. Motion carried unanimously.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Bridges and seconded by Mr. Watley:

RESOLUTION 2021-12

RESOLUTION TO AWARD ENGINEERING SERVICES

On Motion by **Mr. Nolan**, seconded by **Mr. Nyegaard**, to award the Request for Qualifications for the FEMA-4263-DR-LA, Project 0031 (Scott's Hideaway Drainage Improvement) and Project 0032 (Dean Road Drainage Improvement) to RILEY COMPANY OF LOUISIANA and enter into an agreement to perform Engineering Services, as recommended by the selection committee, and authorize the President to sign all necessary documents.

This motion being brought to a vote, passed as follows:

YEAS: Moses, Ramsey, Buckley, Bridges, Nyegaard, Nolan, Abercrombie and
Watley
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Pilgreen

WHEREUPON, the resolution was declared adopted on the 6th day of July, 2021.

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

s/ Johnny Buckley
JOHNNY BUCKLEY
PRESIDENT
UNION PARISH POLICE JURY

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correction copy of a resolution adopted by the Union Parish Police Jury in Regular Session convened on the 6th day of July, 2021.

s/ Paula Strickland
Paula Strickland
Secretary Treasurer

Motion Mr. Watley, seconded by Mr. Moses to adopt the Electronic Tablet Acceptable Use Policy as presented by the Secretary/Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Moses to grant a Quietus on the 2020 Tax Roll. Motion carried unanimously.

Recommendations by the Personnel Committee:

Motion Mr. Ramsey, seconded by Mr. Bridges to hire a Public Works Director to be over the Road and Landfill Departments. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Ramsey, seconded by Mrs. Abercrombie to hire Savannah Hodge for the administrative assistant rover job for the Union Parish Landfill. Mrs. Hodge's rate of pay will be \$10.00 and her hire date will be July 19, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

Recommendations by the Landfill Committee:

Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Ramsey to approve Change Order No. 1 for the Detention Pond project at the Landfill and authorize the President to execute any necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Ramsey to approve Change Order No. 1 for the Leachate project at the Landfill and authorize the President to execute any necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mrs. Abercrombie to approve the pay request for the Leachate system once the newly negotiated fees are agreed to.

Recommendations by the Executive Committee:

Motion Mrs. Abercrombie, seconded by Mr. Ramsey to appoint an Ambulance Oversight Committee made up of the following entities:

- **Union Parish Police Jury – One representative**
- **Union Parish Sheriff's Department – One representative**
- **Town of Farmerville – One representative**
- **Town of Bernice – One representative**
- **Town of Marion – One representative**
- **Village of Downsville – One representative**
- **Village of Lillie – One representative**
- **Village of Spearsville – One representative**
- **Union General Hospital – One representative**
- **Reeves Memorial Hospital – One representative**
- **One representative that represents all five nursing homes**
- **Two members at large appointed by the Union Parish Police Jury**

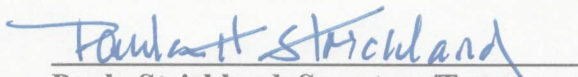
Motion carried unanimously.


In accordance with Ordinance 549, time for public comment was given. Michelle Bryan, 308 Wildwood Drive, Farmerville, addressed the jury regarding a Keep Union Beautiful meeting which will be held on August 12th, 2021 at the Union Parish Library.

Jon McKinnie, Union Parish Chamber of Commerce President, addressed the jury regarding the upcoming Chamber Awards Banquet as well as other Chamber endeavors.

Shannon Futch, Homeland Security Director, addressed the jury regarding a Debris Management Policy he has been working on.

There being no further business to come before the Jury, the President declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Mr. Nolan, seconded by Mr. Ramsey, on this the 6th day of July, 2021.


Paula Strickland, Secretary/Treasurer
Union Parish Police Jury


Johnny Buckley, President
Union Parish Police Jury