

## REGULAR MEETING UNION PARISH POLICE JURY

Farmerville, Louisiana  
April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017

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: Charles Sawyer, Jerry W. Taylor, Mike Jones, Derek S. Kennedy, Nathan Futch, Stan Smith, Lanny Parker and John Watley. Absent: Glenn Hutto. Also present was Bruce Hampton, Assistant District Attorney. The President called the session to order and welcomed all guests. Mr. Futch offered the invocation and Mr. Jones led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

President Sawyer asked if anyone in the audience would like to register for public comment. The public was given the opportunity to comment on any item shown on the agenda. No comment was made.

After the opportunity for public comment was given, a Motion was made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Parker and declared adopted by unanimous roll call vote of the Jury to approve the agenda with four additions:

- 19 Discuss and take action, if necessary, on recommendations from the Road Committee.
- 20 Discuss and take action, if necessary, on declaring the following vehicles as surplus:  
  
2002 Dodge Ram 3500 – Vin # 2B5WB35Y72K116343  
2001 Dodge Ram 3500 – Vin # 2B5WB35Z51K539252  
1996 Ford Crown Victoria – Vin # 2FALP72W8TX182884  
2002 Chevy 3500 Express – Vin # 1GAHG39RX21203405
- 21 Discuss and take action, if necessary, adopting a fair housing proclamation for the month of April.
- 22 Discuss and take action, if necessary, concerning Mann Road Subdivision/D'Arbonne Bluffs.

Motion Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Watley to adopt the minutes of the March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017 regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Watley to adopt the Revenues and Expenditures Report for the month of March 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Watley, seconded by Mr. Futch and declared opened by unanimous roll call vote of the Jury to open a public hearing concerning proposed projects for the

**FY 2018/2019 CDBG Program. President Sawyer declared a public hearing in session to discuss the proposed projects for the 2018/2019 CDBG Program. The jury discussed the different types of projects available in the program and the amount of funds available. No other comments were made. Motion Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Jones and declared closed by unanimous roll call vote of the Jury to close the public hearing.**

**The following Resolution was offered by Mr. Parker and seconded by Mr. Jones:**

**RESOLUTION 2017-03  
PROCUREMENT POLICY**

WHEREAS, the Union Parish Police Jury has been afforded the opportunity to apply and participate in the State of Louisiana 2018/2019 Community Development Block Grant Program administered by the Division of Administration; and,

WHEREAS, the STATE requires the establishment of uniform procedures in compliance with OMB Circular A-102;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Union Parish Police Jury, that the attached policy entitled “Procurement Procedures Relative to the LCDBG Program” is hereby adopted.

Passed, approved and adopted this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2017.

s/Charles Sawyer  
President

s/ Paula Strickland  
Secretary-Treasurer

**CERTIFICATE**

I, **Paula Strickland**, Secretary-Treasurer of the Union Parish Police Jury, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing constitutes a true and correct copy of a Resolution passed, approved, and adopted by the Union Parish Police Jury on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2017.

s/ Paula Strickland  
Secretary-Treasurer

**The following Resolution was offered by Mr. Jones and seconded by Mr. Futch:**

**RESOLUTION 2017-04  
CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Union Parish Police Jury has been afforded the opportunity to apply and participate in the State of Louisiana 2018/2019 Community Development Block Grant Program administered by the Division of Administration; and,

WHEREAS, the STATE requires Grantees to establish procedures to ensure adequate citizen participation with the program;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Union Parish Police Jury, that the attached policy entitled "Citizen Participation Plan", dated April 4, 2017, is hereby adopted.

Passed, approved and adopted by the Police Jury, Parish of Union, State of Louisiana, on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2017.

s/ Charles Sawyer  
President

s/ Paula Strickland  
Secretary-Treasurer

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Secretary-Treasurer

The Jury discussed the various types of projects available under the FY 2018/2019 Community Development Block Grant Program. Previous projects include the Holmesville Water System and the Tiger Bend Fire Station.

**Motion Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Watley approving the submission of a 2018/2019 LCDBG application for potable water improvements for the Concord Water System and Salem Water System. The President is authorized to execute all necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Van Bennett addressed the jury concerning renaming the Oakland and Green Bridges after his uncle, JD Bennett. Mr. Bennett was instrumental in getting the monies for the bridges when he was a police juror. **Motion Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Jones to rename the Oakland Bridge and Green Bridge to “Oakland-Bennett Bridge” and “Green-Bennett Bridge”. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Watley, seconded by Mr. Futch to provide the materials and labor to patch several holes in the asphalt parking lot at the Union Parish School Board office building with the school board reimbursing the parish for expenses. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Parker to authorize jurors and secretary-treasurer to attend Legislative Day in Baton Rouge on Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 and pay all expenses. Motion carried unanimously.**

### ORDINANCE #773

#### **AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE SPEED LIMIT OF 35 MILES PER HOUR ON ZION HILL CHURCH ROAD FROM CYPRESS CREEK ROAD TO THE END OF BLACKTOP 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 Zion Hill Church Road from Cypress Creek Road to the end of blacktop, 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. Taylor, who moved its adoption and duly seconded by Mr. Watley and was then adopted by the following YEA and NAY vote:

YEAS: Eight (Sawyer, Parker, Taylor, Kennedy, Futch, Smith, Jones and Watley)  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Hutto

WHEREUPON, the Ordinance was declared duly adopted this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2017.

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

s/ Charles Sawyer  
**CHARLES SAWYER**  
**PRESIDENT**  
**UNION PARISH POLICE JURY**

**Motion Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Taylor on the recommendation of the Landfill Superintendent to hire temporary employee Kendall Fields as a full-time employee. His time should be counted back to his original hire date, March 14, 2016, with a pay increase to \$13.05 per hour going forward; effective March 14. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Parker to reappoint Alice Bailey and Darien Brown to the Board of commissioners for the East Union Hospital Service District; terms shall expire in September 2023. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Jones that the Union Community Action Association begin paying rent for the courthouse space in the amount of \$500.00 per month beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Watley, seconded by Mr. Taylor to provide assistance to the Town of Farmerville with grading Bad Eye Road; town will pay for the fuel cost. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Watley, seconded by Mr. Parker to provide one load of winter coal mix to the Town of Marion; town will pay for the mix. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Futch, seconded by Mr. Kennedy to declare the following four vehicles as surplus and authorize the Secretary-Treasurer to advertise their sale to the general public. Date of sale will be determined by the Secretary/Treasurer and all bids will be sealed. Motion carried unanimously.**

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**Motion Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Futch to declare April Fair Housing Month and to approve the following proclamation and to authorize the President to execute all necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.**

***UNITED STATES OF AMERICA***  
***The State of Louisiana***  
**Parish of Union**

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, the 49th Anniversary of the National Fair Housing Law, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, during the month of April, is an occasion for all Americans - individually and collectively - to rededicate themselves to the principle of freedom from housing discrimination whenever it exists; and

**WHEREAS**, this law guarantees for each citizen the critical, personal element of freely choosing a home; and

**WHEREAS**, a fair housing law has been passed by the State of Louisiana, and implementation of the law requires the positive commitment, involvement, and support of each of our citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the department and agencies of the Parish of Union, State of Louisiana are to provide leadership in the effort to make fair housing not just an idea, but an ideal for all our citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, barriers that diminish the rights and limit the options of any citizen to freely choose a home will ultimately diminish the rights and limit the options of all.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Charles Sawyer, President of the Parish of Union, State of Louisiana do hereby proclaim the month of April 2017, as **FAIR HOUSING MONTH** in the Parish of Union.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the Parish of Union, State of Louisiana, at the Parish Courthouse in Farmerville, Louisiana this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2017.

Attest By

s/ Paula Strickland

s/ Charles Sawyer  
CHARLES SAWYER  
President

**Motion Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Futch to approve Phase 3 of D'Arbonne Bluffs Subdivision also known as Mann Road in accordance to the plans that they have set forth. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Watley to approve the overtime for the month of March in the amount of \$260.70.**

In accordance with Ordinance 549, time for public comment was given. Sharon Reed addressed the jury concerning Major Dixon Road. According to Ms. Reed, the last time maintenance was performed on Major Dixon Road was October, 2016.

**There being no further business to come before the Jury, the President declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Watley on this the 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2017.**

Paula Strickland  
**PAULA STRICKLAND**  
Secretary-Treasurer

Charles Sawyer  
**CHARLES SAWYER**  
President