

REGULAR MEETING UNION PARISH POLICE JURY

**Farmerville, Louisiana
February 7th, 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, Glenn Hutto, Derek S. Kennedy, Nathan Futch, Stan Smith, Mike Jones, Lanny Parker and John Watley. 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. Hutto, seconded by Mr. Watley and declared adopted by unanimous roll call vote of the Jury to approve the agenda with no changes.

Motion Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Taylor to adopt the minutes of the January 3rd, 2017 regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Watley to amend the following line items on the budget. Motion carried unanimously.

General Fund	
Training & Continuing Education (001.5.151.37000)	00 to 2,000
Equipment & Furniture (001.5.151.42000)	2,000 to 5,000
Office Supplies – Clerk of Court (001.5.124.35000)	42,600 to 00
Office Equip – Clerk of Court (001.5.124.42000)	00 to 42,600

Ron Camp addressed the jury on behalf of his father in law, Thomas Lee Ross, Sr. Mr. Ross' application for Postponement of Tax Payment was denied due to the fact that it was incomplete. Mr. Camp is appealing that decision. Lance Futch, Tax Assessor, addressed the jury and explained the deadline to file for the postponement was due on December 31, 2016 and proper documentation was not included with his application. **Motion Mr. Hutto, seconded by Mr. Smith to oppose the postponement of tax payment for Thomas Lee Ross, Sr. Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion Mr. Hutto, seconded by Mr. Taylor approving the annual assurance letter to Louisiana DOTD regarding the Uniform Relocation Assistance & Real Property Acquisition Policies Act and authorizing the President to execute the necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Parker to approve expenses for Justices of the Peace and the Constables/Deputy Constables to attend the 2017 seminar in Baton Rouge during February 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Futch, seconded by Mr. Watley to approve the request for the use of the Courthouse Parking Lot on February 18th, 2017 for the annual Black Heritage Festivities. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Smith to revise the personnel manual to state that merit raises will be awarded every five years at the rate of .25 per hour and that the cap after 20 years be eliminated. Roll Call Vote:

YEA:	Eight (Sawyer, Parker, Taylor, Hutto, Kennedy, Smith, Jones and Watley)
NAY:	NONE
ABSTAINED:	FUTCH
ABSENT:	NONE

Motion Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Smith to revise the personnel manual to state "Union Parish Police Jury employees are limited to two (2) days sick leave per year without a doctor's excuse. The two unexcused days cannot be taken the day before or the day after a holiday. Temporary employees shall not be entitled to sick leave." Roll Call Vote:

YEA:	Eight (Sawyer, Parker, Taylor, Hutto, Kennedy, Smith, Jones and Watley)
NAY:	NONE
ABSTAINED:	FUTCH
ABSENT:	NONE

Motion Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Kennedy that the Secretary-Treasurer has completed her probationary period and for her salary be set at the amount agreed upon when she was hired. Roll Call Vote:

YEA:	Eight (Sawyer, Parker, Taylor, Hutto, Kennedy, Smith, Jones and Watley)
NAY:	NONE
ABSTAINED:	FUTCH
ABSENT:	NONE

Motion Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Parker to proceed with the wellness program from Catapult Health and authorize the president to execute the necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Futch to allow the Union Parish Sheriff's Department to erect a monument in honor of the fallen officers of Union Parish on

the Courthouse lawn or at the Sheriff's Department complex. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Futch to declare the marble taken off the courthouse as surplus and advertise its sale in both local papers. The price will be \$25.00 for a full sheet and \$15.00 for a broken sheet. The marble will be sold on a "first come first serve" basis. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Kennedy to allow Smart Phone Security to install a camera system at the Union Parish Courthouse Annex and pay a deposit of \$1,700. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Futch to allow use of the downtown area on the first Saturday of every month by the Downtown Farmerville Business Alliance. Motion carried unanimously.

The Road Committee met earlier regarding a permit system for loggers. No action was taken.

ORDINANCE # 772

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH LEGAL LOAD LIMITS FOR VARIOUS BRIDGES IN UNION PARISH, STATE OF LOUISIANA.

WHEREAS, the establishment of legal load limits for bridge structures maintained by the Union Parish Police Jury is in the public interest, and

WHEREAS, bridges that are designed and constructed with the capacity, uncompromised by condition, to safely perform under the legal loads established by the State of Louisiana shall not be required to display load posting signs, and

WHEREAS, when a reduced load limit has been recommended by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development or determined necessary by engineering analysis, inspection and/or judgement performed and certified by a professional engineer licensed to practice in the State of Louisiana, a bridge should be load posted with a load limit less than the legal load limit established by the State of Louisiana, now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED that the load posting limits on various bridges in Union Parish less than the legal limit established by the State of Louisiana be established as follows:

Structure No.	Recall No.	Parish Road	Feature Crossed	Recommended By	Regulatory [Advisory]* Posted Load Limit
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P5632513922021	050065	Sweet Lilly Road	Bayou De Loutre/Little Cane Creek	David M. Dumas, P.E.	5
P5632599923951	400434	Pilgrims Rest Church Road	Mill Creek	LA DOTD	10-15
P5632407921411	400614	Rocky Branch Road	Bayou D'Arbonne	David M. Dumas, P.E.	10-15
P5632486921581	400615	Linville Fire Tower Road	Bayou De Loutre	David M. Dumas, P.E.	10-15

* [Advisory] indicates an advisory weight posting, i.e. [10-15].

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the appropriate signs be erected on the above bridge structures to further provide notice to the public of the posted load restrictions that have been established for the bridge structure, and **BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that during emergency conditions the President of the Union Parish Police Jury is authorized and directed to make necessary changes in load limits, cause load limits to be posted, to closed roads and bridges, to restrict traffic and/or other measures deemed necessary to ensure the safety of the public.

Union Parish bridges may be posted with 1) **advisory weight** signs (black lettering on a yellow background), drivers are urged to use their own discretion in crossing these bridges with heavy loads, or 2) regulatory **weight limit** signs (black lettering on a white background). Violation tickets will be issued for vehicles crossing these bridges in excess of the posted regulatory weight limit with a minimum fine of \$100.00. The ticket shall be issued based upon the difference between the actual gross weight of the vehicle and load at the time of the stop and the amount of weight for which the particular bridge is regulatory posted weight limit at the time of the stop.

Neither the Parish of Union nor the Union Parish Police Jury, it's employees or agents shall incur any liability from any injury or property damage caused by the crossing of a load posted bridge with a load in excess of posted advisory or regulatory weight limits.

All other ordinances, or any parts thereof, which are in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

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

YEAS: Nine **NAYS:** None **ABSENT:** None

WHEREUPON, the Ordinance was declared duly adopted this 7th day of February, 2017. Ordinance becomes effective on February 7, 2017.

Charles Sawyer, President

Paula Strickland, Secretary/Treasurer

Motion Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Jones to approve the overtime for January in the amount of \$ 68.53. Motion carried unanimously.

In accordance with Ordinance 549, time for public comment was given. Cletis Charles, Union Parish Police Jury – Road Department, addressed the jury about a previous employee who was terminated and is now seeking to be rehired. Mr. Charles is recommending rehiring this individual. Mr. Hutto told him his request would be taken into consideration.

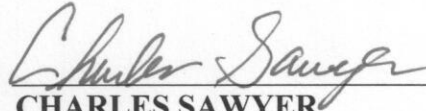
Gary Savage asked for assistance on Jesse Read Road. It is currently a gravel road and he is asking for that road to be black topped. There have been occasions when it rains that he is unable to drive up the hill. Mr. Parker said he would relay his concerns to the Road Committee and see what options are available.

Brent Majeska is asking for assistance on John Taylor Road. Due to the road's current state, a school bus slid off the road and had to be towed out. Mr. Hutto said the jury will put clay gravel on the road and that will help.

There being no further business to come before the Jury, the President declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Mr. Futch, seconded by Mr. Taylor on this the 7th day of February, 2017.



PAULA STRICKLAND
Secretary-Treasurer



CHARLES SAWYER
President