

## REGULAR MEETING UNION PARISH POLICE JURY

Farmerville, Louisiana  
January 3<sup>rd</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, 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. Taylor led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mr. Hampton conducted the election for the 2017 President of the Union Parish Police Jury. Charles Sawyer was nominated by Mr. Watley and Jerry Taylor was nominated by Mr. Kennedy. No other nominations were made and Mr. Hampton declared the nominations closed for president. At this time Mr. Kennedy asked if he could speak. He spoke about the improvements the police jury has made this year. He thanked Mr. Sawyer for the job he has done. Mr. Kennedy mentions that there are many things the police jury is trying to accomplish with regards to FEMA monies and monies that are coming from Baton Rouge. A leader is needed that can meet with legislators – not someone who is appointed, but the president himself. Mr. Kennedy urges the jury to think about where we are headed and what we have to accomplish. Roll Call vote:

District 1	Charles Sawyer
District 2	Charles Sawyer
District 3	Jerry Taylor
District 4	Charles Sawyer
District 5	Jerry Taylor
District 6	Jerry Taylor
District 7	Charles Sawyer
District 8	Jerry Taylor
District 9	Charles Sawyer

Mr. Hampton calculated the votes and concluded that Mr. Sawyer received 5 votes and Mr. Taylor received 4 votes. Mr. Hampton declared Mr. Sawyer as President of the Union Parish Police Jury.

Mr. Hampton asked for nominations for Vice-President. Glenn Hutto was nominated by Mr. Parker. There were no other nominations. Motion Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Watley to close the nominations for Vice-President. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Hampton declared Mr. Hutto as Vice-President. At this time, Mr. Hampton turns the floor back over to Mr. Sawyer to finish conducting the meeting.

President Sawyer said he is looking forward to working with the jury. He loves Union Parish and the other jurors. He encourages the other jurors to work together and build Union Parish up.

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. Kennedy and declared adopted by unanimous roll call vote of the Jury to approve the agenda with no changes.**

**Motion Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Futch to adopt the minutes of the December 6, 2016 regular meeting; December 15, 2016 and December 29, 2016 special meetings. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Watley to adopt the Revenues and Expenditures Report for the month of December 2016. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Watley, seconded by Mr. Futch setting the regular monthly meetings of the Union Parish Police Jury to be held at the Courthouse Annex on the first (1<sup>st</sup>) Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Futch to appoint Paula Strickland as the parish Secretary-Treasurer for the next two years. Motion carried unanimously.** The jury thanked the Secretary-Treasurer for the job she has been doing.

Due to the fact that the officers did not change, no action is to be taken on authorizing the new officers to execute all necessary documents to sign checks.

**Motion Mr. Hutto, seconded by Mr. Kennedy to appoint Paula Strickland to the Union Parish Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Watley, seconded by Mr. Hutto to transfer Shane Dye from the Road Department to the Landfill Department. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Hutto to allow the Secretary-Treasurer to attend the Ethics Seminar for Liaisons and Certified Trainers in Baton Rouge, LA on February 8, 2017.**

**The following resolution was offered by Mr. Hutto and seconded by Mr. Futch:**

**RESOLUTION #2017-01**

A resolution providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the result of the special election held in the Parish of Union, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, December 10, 2016, to authorize the levy of special taxes therein.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Union, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Union, State of Louisiana, that:

SECTION 1. Canvass. This Governing Authority does now proceed in open and public session to examine the official tabulations of votes cast at the special election held in the Parish of Union, State of Louisiana, on SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2016, to authorize the levy of special taxes therein, and said Governing Authority does further proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the special election.

SECTION 2. Procès Verbal. A *Procès Verbal* of the canvass of the returns of said election shall be made and a certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who shall record the same in his office; another certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Clerk of Court and *Ex-Officio* Recorder of Mortgages in and for the Parish of Union, who shall record the same in the Mortgage Records of said Parish; and another copy thereof shall be retained in the archives of this Governing Authority.

SECTION 3. Promulgation of Election Result. The result of said election shall be promulgated by publication in the manner provided by law.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

MEMBERS:	YEAS:	NAYS:	ABSENT:	ABSTAINING:
Charles Sawyer	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Lanny Parker	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Jerry W. Taylor	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Glenn Hutto	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Derek S. Kennedy	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Nathan Futch	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Stan Smith	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Michael Jones	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
John W. Watley	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>



And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2017.

/s/ Paula Strickland  
Secretary-Treasurer

/s/ Charles Sawyer  
President

PROCÈS VERBAL AND PROCLAMATION OF THE CANVASS OF THE VOTES CAST AT THE SPECIAL ELECTION HELD IN THE PARISH OF UNION, STATE OF LOUISIANA, ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2016.

BE IT KNOWN AND REMEMBERED that on Tuesday, January 3, 2017 , at seven o'clock (7:00) p.m., at its regular meeting place, the Police Jury Meeting Room of the Courthouse Annex, 303 E. Water Street, Farmerville, Louisiana, the Police Jury of the Parish of Union, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Union, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), and being the authority ordering the special election held therein on Saturday, December 10, 2016, with the following members present:

Charles Sawyer, Lanny Parker, Jerry W. Taylor, Glenn Hutto, Derek S. Kennedy, Nathan Futch, Stan Smith, Michael Jones and John W. Watley;

There being absent: None;

did, in open and public session, examine the official certified tabulations of votes cast at the said election, and did examine and canvass the returns of the said election, there having been submitted at said election the following propositions, to wit:

PROPOSITION NO. 1  
(TAX RENEWAL)

Shall the Parish of Union, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), levy a five and thirteen hundredths (5.13) mills tax on all property subject to taxation in the Parish (an estimated \$779,760 reasonably expected to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year ), for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2017 and ending with the year 2026, both years inclusive, with the revenues therefrom to be used for the purpose of construction and improvement of public roads and bridges throughout Union Parish, Louisiana?

PROPOSITION NO. 2  
(TAX RENEWAL)

Shall the Parish of Union, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), levy a six and fifteen hundredths (6.15) mills tax on all property subject to taxation in the Parish (an estimated \$934,800 reasonably expected to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year ), for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2017 and ending with the year 2026, both years inclusive, with the revenues therefrom to be used for the purpose of maintenance of public roads and bridges throughout Union Parish, Louisiana?

PROPOSITION NO. 3  
(TAX RENEWAL)

Shall the Parish of Union, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), levy a two and forty hundredths (2.40) mills tax on all property subject to taxation in the Parish (an estimated \$364,800 reasonably expected to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2017 and ending with the year 2026, both years inclusive, with the revenues therefrom to be used for the operation and maintenance of the Union Parish Public Library?

There was found by said count and canvass that the following votes had been cast at the said special election **IN FAVOR OF** and **AGAINST**, respectively, the proposition as hereinabove set forth at the following polling places, to-wit:

POLLING PLACES		PROP. NO. ONE		PROP. NO. TWO		PROP. NO. THREE	
Pct.	POLLING PLACE	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
01	New Direction Christian Out Cen, 209 E. 4 <sup>th</sup> Street, Junction City	15	31	12	34	11	33
02	Lillie Town Hall, 111 Hwy. 15, Lillie	44	41	39	47	31	56
03	McDaniel Recreation Center, 211 Willow Street, Bernice	71	58	68	64	70	61
04	Spearsville Town Hall, 2511 Hwy. 3121, Spearsville	136	102	128	101	125	111
04A	Spearsville Town Hall, 2511 Hwy. 3121, Spearsville	4	1	4	1	4	1
05	Bernice Town Hall, 403 East Fourth Street, Bernice	61	55	62	57	59	58
06	Shiloh Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 12841 Hwy. 2, Bernice	109	75	110	78	109	79
07	Farmerville Fire Station #5, 5459 Hwy. 15, Farmerville	108	85	106	85	111	79
08	Laran Voting Building, 1329 Hwy. 550, Laran	18	14	17	16	13	18
09	Laran Voting Building, 1329 Hwy. 550, Laran	13	4	12	5	10	6
10	Truxno Voting Building, 2670 Hwy. 549, Truxno	30	42	34	40	34	39
11	C & W Tire Store, 7710 Hwy. 33, Farmerville	128	94	123	96	118	96
12	Cooperation Ext Auditorium, 210 E. Water Street, Farmerville	100	65	93	73	98	67
13	Parish Health Unit Building, 1002 Marion Hwy., Farmerville	12	4	11	6	13	4
14	Cooperation Ext Auditorium, 210 E. Water Street, Farmerville	73	41	75	42	75	39
15	Parish Health Unit Building, 1002 Marion Hwy., Farmerville	45	24	41	28	40	27
16	Sardis Baptist Church, 367 Sardis Church Road, Farmerville	62	61	64	67	64	67
17	Holmesville Voting Building, 518 Pint Road, Holmesville Community	64	83	61	84	68	77

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Pct.	POLLING PLACE	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
17A	Holmesville Voting Building, 518 Pint Road, Holmesville Community	24	15	21	19	20	20
18	Mt Ararat Recreation Center, 792 Hwy. 552, Mt Ararat Community	67	54	67	55	62	59
19	Point-Wilhite Fire Station, 2393 Hwy. 552, Point	47	59	46	58	44	63
20	Point-Wilhite Fire Station, 2393 Hwy. 552, Point	50	73	53	73	42	84
22	Parish Health Unit Building, 1002 Marion Hwy., Farmerville	89	87	87	89	92	84
23	Antioch Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 3501 Hwy. 828, Farmerville	62	90	61	93	67	86
24	Marion Fire Station, 102 Gayle Street, Marion	87	63	83	71	80	69
26	Marion Fire Station, 102 Gayle Street, Marion	64	58	67	56	63	59
27	Linville Fire Station Office, 2222 Hwy. 143, Linville	70	85	70	89	56	100
28	Spencer Fire Station, 6439 Hwy. 143, Spencer	49	98	51	96	42	102
29	Pleasant Hill Baptist Church Fellowship, 10267 Hwy. 143, Rocky Branch	75	134	69	138	86	121
ABSENTEE		637	467	617	481	618	485
TOTALS		2,414	2,163	2,352	2,242	2,325	2,250
MAJORITY FOR		251		110		75	

The polling places above specified being the only polling places designated at which to hold the said elections, it was therefore shown that

(i) there was a total of **2,414** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** Proposition No. 1 and a total of **2,163** votes cast **AGAINST** Proposition No. 1, as hereinabove set forth, and that there was a majority of **251** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** Proposition No. 1 as hereinabove set forth;

(ii) there was a total of **2,352** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** Proposition No. 2 and a total of **2,242** votes cast **AGAINST** Proposition No. 2, as hereinabove set forth, and that there was a majority of **110** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** Proposition No. 2 as hereinabove set forth; and

(iii) there was a total of **2,325** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** Proposition No. 3 and a total of **2,250** votes cast **AGAINST** Proposition No. 3, as hereinabove set forth, and that there was a majority of **75** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** Proposition No. 3 as hereinabove set forth.;

Therefore, the Governing Authority did declare and proclaim and does hereby declare and proclaim in open and public session that Proposition No. 1, Proposition No. 2 and Proposition No. 3 as hereinabove set forth were duly **CARRIED** by a majority of the votes cast by the qualified electors voting at the said special election held within the Parish on Saturday, December 10, 2016.



**Exhibit "A"** attached hereto and made a part of this *Procès Verbal* is a copy of the Notice of Special Election and proof of publication thereof.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Farmerville, Louisiana, on this, the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2017.

ATTEST:

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/s/ Charles Sawyer  
President

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/s/ Paula Strickland  
Secretary-Treasurer

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Police Jury of the Parish of Union, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Union, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), on August 2, 2016, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held within the Parish on **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2016**, and that at the said election there will be submitted to all registered voters in the Parish qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following propositions, to-wit:

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The said special election will be held at the following polling places situated within the Parish, which polls will open at seven o'clock (7:00) a.m., and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, to-wit:



POLLING PLACES

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The polling places set forth above are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law.

Notice is further given that a portion of the monies collected from the taxes described in the Propositions shall be remitted to certain state and statewide retirement systems in the manner required by law.

The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, as provided in this Notice of Special Election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, will make due returns thereof to said Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, the Police Jury Meeting Room of the Courthouse Annex, 303 E. Water Street, Farmerville, Louisiana, on **TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2017**, at **SEVEN O'CLOCK (7:00) P.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election. All registered voters of the Parish are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Farmerville, Louisiana, on this, the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2016.

ATTEST:

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/s/ Charles Sawyer  
President

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/s/ Paula Strickland  
Secretary-Treasurer





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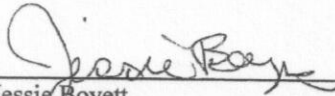
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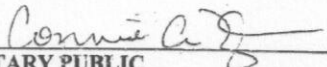
BEFORE ME, the undersigned Notary Public duly commissioned and qualified within and for the State of Louisiana and Parish of Union, personally came and appeared Jessie Boyett, to be duly sworn and says that she is the Editor and Publisher of The Bernice Banner, LLC, a newspaper of general circulation, published in the Town of Bernice, Parish of Union, State of Louisiana and that the legal notice for

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was published in The Banner in the issue(s) of Sept. 22 & 29, Oct. 6 & 13, 2016

  
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Jessie Boyett

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME on this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of October

  
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NOTARY PUBLIC

**PROCLAMATION**

I, the undersigned President of the Police Jury of the Parish of Union, State of Louisiana, the governing authority of the Parish of Union, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), do hereby declare, proclaim and announce that Proposition No. 1, Proposition No. 2 and Proposition No. 3 submitted at the special election held in the Parish on Saturday, December 10, 2016, were CARRIED by a majority of the votes cast at the said special election, all as described and set out in the above *Procès Verbal*.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Farmerville, Louisiana, on this, the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2017.

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/s/ Charles Sawyer  
President

No overtime was reported for the month of December, 2016. No action taken.

In accordance with Ordinance 549, time for public comment was given. No comment was made.

**There being no further business to come before the Jury, the President declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Mr. Hutto, seconded by Mr. Futch on this the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2017.**

Paula Strickland  
**PAULA STRICKLAND**  
Secretary-Treasurer

Charles Sawyer  
**CHARLES SAWYER**  
President