

## REGULAR MEETING UNION PARISH POLICE JURY

Farmerville, Louisiana

June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**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, Lanny Parker, Jerry W. Taylor, Glenn Hutto, Derek S. Kennedy, Nathan Futch, Stan Smith, Mike Jones and John Watley. Absent: None. Also present was Michael Mahaffey, Assistant District Attorney. The President called the session to order and welcomed all guests. Jerry Keene, Preacher at the Farmerville Church of Christ, offered the invocation and Mr. Smith led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.**

President Taylor 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. Mr. Kennedy would like to remember the family of Don Antley from the Point Community. Mr. Antley had the store for several years in the Point Community. He was an absolute icon in the local community and will be missed greatly. Mr. Taylor stated that Memorial Day was recently celebrated. We need to be ever mindful of those who served our country and we should not take this lightly.

**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. Hutto, seconded by Mr. Smith to adopt the minutes of the May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 Regular Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.**

The Revenue and Expense report was presented to the Jury. Mr. Kennedy made mention of the financial progress the Detention Center is making. **Motion Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Jones to adopt the Revenues and Expenditures Report for the month of May 2018. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Presentation regarding class action lawsuit regarding opioid crisis.** A presentation regarding the opioid crisis was given by three groups of attorneys. The first group was represented by Walter May and included John Young, Roderick Alvendia and Anthony Irpino. Walter May is an attorney in Jonesboro. They are representing the police juries in Caddo Parish, Bossier Parish, Webster Parish, Claiborne Parish and five Southern Louisiana parishes regarding the opioid crisis. The second speaker was Mark Correro. Mr. Correro is a Houston Civil Litigation Attorney with ties to the Union Parish Community. Mr. Correro would like to see the opioid lawsuit kept in the local courts. The third and final speakers were Mike Smith and Andy Durrett. Mr. Smith is an Assistant District Attorney for Lincoln Parish. Their firm represents the Union Parish Sheriff's Office regarding the opioid crisis.

After the presentation Mr. Taylor reminded the attorneys that Union Parish is unique in that the police jury is responsible for running the Union Parish Detention Center and the costs associated with it. **Motion Mr. Sawyer, seconded by Mr. Parker to table this matter until further research and discussion can be held. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Hutto to continue with *The Banner* as the official journal for the Union Parish Police Jury. Motion carried unanimously.**

Jason Holmes, County Agent Regional Livestock Specialist with LSU Ag Center addressed the jury. Mr. Holmes gave a brief update on what they are doing for the parish. Mr. Holmes states that they are fully staffed. They have 4-H clubs with all the local schools. Mr. Holmes is not asking for an increase in the current Cooperative Agreement. **Motion was made by Mr. Sawyer and seconded by Mr. Futch for a continuance of the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Extension office and authorize the President to execute any necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Sawyer to appoint Roy Callender as President to the Board of Commissioners for the Waterworks District No. 1 with his term expiring February 2023 and Ben Jones as Vice-President to the Board of Commissioners for the Waterworks District No. 1 with his term expiring February 2021. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Watley, seconded by Mr. Sawyer to approve the request from the Town of Bernice for one (1) load of cold mix with the Town of Bernice paying for the materials. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Watley to approve travel expenses for the Secretary/Treasurer to attend the Organization of Parish Administrative Officials conference to be held in Charenton, Louisiana July 25 through July 27, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Parker states that the Courthouse Committee met on May 10, 2018. A change order for the Detention Center roof was approved during the committee meeting. **Motion Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Sawyer to accept the change order from Roofing Contractors, Inc. with regards to the Union Parish Detention Center in the amount of \$14,725.00 and authorize the President to execute all necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Jones states that the Personnel Committee met on May 31, 2018 and the committee has made the following four recommendations. **Motion Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Parker to hire Mike Thurston as District 2 Road Supervisor effective June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018 with his pay being adjusted to the rate of Supervisor. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Sawyer to accept Lane Rugg's recommendation to hire Emmett Reeves for full time employment effective June 11, 2018. Mr.**

**Reeves has completed his six months probationary period and will be eligible for retirement, insurance, vacation, sick leave and holiday pay. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Parker to contract with Kenneth D. Folden & Company to process payroll, handle related payroll functions and authorize the president to execute any necessary documents.** Mr. Futch asked for clarification on what was being voted on with regards to the payroll department. Mr. Jones repeated that the motion was for contract work with Kenneth D. Folden & Company. Mr. Jones stated that there were two companies that were being considered. Mr. Taylor asked Mr. Futch if his question was answered and Mr. Futch confirmed that it was. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Parker to accept the Secretary/Treasurer's recommendation to hire Danielle Smith as Accounts Payable Clerk for full time employment effective June 11, 2018 at the rate of \$10 per hour. Mrs. Smith has completed her six months probationary period and will be eligible for retirement, insurance, vacation, sick leave and holiday pay. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Smith addressed the jury and stated that the Airport Committee had met earlier with Bradley Jones, Caskey Terral and Troy Pardue. The three gentlemen have made a proposal to build two new hangars and Bradley would like to build on a lot that he already owns. The Secretary/Treasurer and Bradley Jones will contact Jonathan Farmer, Airport Engineer, and have the location of the hangars approved. Mr. Smith states that an additional meeting will be needed to finalize the arrangements. **Motion Mr. Sawyer, seconded by Mr. Jones to table this matter. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Watley states that the Road Committee met earlier during the day and the committee has made the following two recommendations. **Motion Mr. Watley, seconded by Mr. Hutto to assist the Village of Junction City with bush hogging several streets, installation of culverts and pot hole repairs with the Village of Junction City paying for the materials. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Watley, seconded by Mr. Hutto to advertise for bids for the purchase of a tandem roller with two vibrating roller drums. Motion carried unanimously.**


Mr. Hutto states that the Landfill Committee met earlier during the day and the committee has made the following recommendation. **Motion Mr. Hutto, seconded by Mr. Jones to advertise for bids for the purchase of compactor wheels. Motion carried unanimously.**

In accordance with Ordinance 549, time for public comment was given. Jon McKinnie, 1089 Four-way Loop, Farmerville addressed the jury concerning the Union Parish Chamber of Commerce. Mr. McKinnie was recently hired for the Director of Economic Development position.

Mr. Taylor addressed the public and thanked them for their time in coming to the Jury meeting. He stated that it is important for the public to get involved with what's going on in our community. The Union Parish Police Jury has a website and Mr. Taylor encouraged the public to visit the website.

Mr. Futch would like to recognize Monique Clement who is a candidate for District Judge for Union and Lincoln Parishes. Mr. Futch thanked her for coming.

**There being no further business to come before the Jury, the President declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Hutto on this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018.**

  
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Secretary-Treasurer

  
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