

## REGULAR MEETING UNION PARISH POLICE JURY

Farmerville, Louisiana  
June 6<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, Glenn Hutto, Stan Smith, Lanny Parker and John Watley. Absent: Nathan Futch. Also present was Bruce Hampton, Assistant District Attorney. The President called the session to order and welcomed all guests. Mr. Taylor offered the invocation and Mr. Smith 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. At this time Mr. Taylor recognized the Rickey Morris family. Mr. Morris recently passed away and will be greatly missed. Mr. Smith recognized the family of Mrs. Totsy Albritton who recently passed away. Mr. Parker recognized the family of Stan Kennedy who recently passed away.

After the opportunity for public comment was given, a Motion was made by Mr. Hutto, seconded by Mr. Taylor and declared adopted by unanimous roll call vote of the Jury to approve the agenda as written.

Motion Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Watley and declared adopted by unanimous roll call vote to adopt the minutes of the May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 regular meeting.

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

President Charles Sawyer authorized the payment and distribution of the 2016-2017 Two Percent (2%) Fire Protection Rebate checks based on the parish's population as compiled by the Louisiana State University and Agriculture and Mechanical College Agriculture Center, Department of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness. For the districts that had a representative attending this meeting, the representative was given the district's check by the juror representing the fire district. Amount of checks are shown below:

Fire Protection District	LA 2% Rebate
Junction City Volunteer Fire Department	\$4,049.08
Lillie Volunteer Fire Department	\$1,524.57
Spearsville Volunteer Fire Department	\$6,942.48
Ward 5 Volunteer Fire Department	\$13,319.38
Farmerville Volunteer Fire Department	\$23,130.62
Marion Volunteer Fire Department	\$3,872.88
Bernice Volunteer Fire Department	\$12,048.92
Rocky Branch/Crossroads	\$7,512.13

Spencer-West Sterlington Volunteer Fire Department	\$3,909.76
Northeast Union Fire District	\$12,028.43
North Union Fire District	\$3,799.11
Sadie-Tiger Bend Fire District	\$10,089.94
TOTAL	\$102,227.30

Steve Henderson with the Workforce Development Board requested the Union Parish Police Jury be the grant recipient for the Local Workforce Development Area 83. Workforce Development Area 83 is composed of ten parishes in North Louisiana with the exception of Ouachita Parish. Franklin parish had been delegated as the grant recipient, but the grant would put them over the \$750,000 threshold and require them to have a single audit. They did not wish to have a single audit because of the additional costs and requirements. Union Parish is the only parish out of the ten parishes in North Louisiana that has the federal funds already in place and are already required to have a single audit. The total grant is about 4.36 million dollars and will go directly to the Workforce Development Board. **Motion Mr. Hutto, seconded by Mr. Jones that Union Parish Police Jury to be the grant recipient for the Local Workforce Development Area 83. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Watley, to reschedule the July regular monthly meeting from July 4<sup>th</sup> to July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017 due to the fact that July 4<sup>th</sup> is a holiday. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Hutto, seconded by Mr. Parker authorizing Paula Strickland and Peggy Tate to attend the Organization of Parish Administrative Officials' conference in Houma, Louisiana on August 23-25, 2017 and pay all expenses. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Hutto authorizing Charles Sawyer to travel to Washington, D.C. for the purpose of lobbying for funds for the Union-Lincoln Water Supply Initiative Program and pay all expenses. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Watley, seconded by Mr. Jones to adopt The Banner as the Official Journal of Union Parish for the period of July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. Motion carried by a roll call vote of eight yeas (Sawyer, Parker, Taylor, Hutto, Kennedy, Smith, Jones and Watley; zero nays and one absent (Futch).**

A brief discussion was held on designating a third party to oversee the preparation of the financial statements and notes for the 2016 audit. Last year Kenneth Folden did this. Mr. Folden was also instrumental in reconciling the payroll account that had not been reconciled in three years. **Motion Mr. Hutto, seconded by Mr. Smith on hiring the firm of Kenneth D. Folden and Co. CPA's to oversee the preparation of the Jury's financial statement and notes for the year ending December 31, 2016 at the rate of**

**\$125.00 per hour with an anticipation of 8-12 hours for completion. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Jones to recommend tabling the tourist commission's request until they can set up a rotation of the board members.**

**Motion Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Hutto that the present cooperative endeavor agreement with the LSU Ag-Center Extension Office should be extended to June 30, 2018 and increase the support from \$12,000 a year to \$13,000 a year; and authorize the Jury President to execute all necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.**

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

**RESOLUTION #2017-05**

**WHEREAS**, the Union Parish Police Jury has received a recommendation from the Road Committee after it has reviewed the Road Priorities that have previously been adopted, recommended Road Priorities to adopt and recommended projects to approve for F.Y. 2017, F.Y. 2018, F.Y. 2019 and F.Y. 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the Union Parish Police Jury due to declining funds available for capital road projects beginning in F.Y. 2004 funded only collector roads in an effort to address the roads with the highest use; and

**WHEREAS**, the Union Parish Police Jury due to insufficient funds available for capital road projects beginning in F.Y. 2006, and continuing through F.Y. 2007- F.Y. 2012 adopted a stand still priority list by not naming any additional roads until funding became available; and

**WHEREAS**, certain road construction funds became available in F.Y. 2013 through F.Y. 2016 and a portion of the previously adopted priorities for capital road projects were addressed with the available funds. The Road Committee has reviewed the status of Road Priorities that have previously been adopted and anticipated to extend through F.Y. 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, after consulting page 1 and page 2 in Section 3 of the Union Parish Police Jury's Road Ranking Lists for Road Project Prioritization, dated May 24, 2000, and recommended that no additional road priorities be adopted for capital road improvement projects at this time:

<u>Anticipated F.Y.</u>	Road Name/Beginning/Ending
F.Y. 2017	No capital road projects will be funded
F.Y. 2018	Rocky Branch Road from Acree Road to bridge. Bear Creek Drive from Bear Drive to end of pavement.

Hopewell Road from LA Hwy 828 to Hudson Road.

F.Y. 2019 Pilgrims Rest Church Road from Spearsville Corp Limits to AR state line.

F.Y. 2020 Roan Road from LA Hwy 143 to John Haye Road.  
Sweet Lily Road from Salem Road to end of pavement.  
Tom Dean Road from LA Hwy 549 to Patterson Lake Road.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Union Parish Police Jury that these priorities be confirmed and that the projects are hereby authorized to be done in F.Y. 2018, F.Y. 2019 and F.Y. 2020 subject to a favorable report from the Finance Committee concerning each fiscal year funding availability.

**WHEREUPON**, the motion was declared duly adopted by unanimous vote of the Jury this the 6th day of June, 2017.

/s/ Paula Strickland

/s/ Charles Sawyer

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Secretary-Treasurer

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President

**Motion Mr. Watley, seconded by Mr. Taylor to deny the request from King's Lake Subdivision for different colored street signs. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Watley, seconded by Mr. Hutto to approve the Town of Bernice request for assistance to repair First Street, which is in the front of Reeves Memorial Medical Center and also on Second Street, which runs by Reeves Memorial Medical Clinic; materials to be furnished by the Town of Bernice. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Jones to approve the request from the Union Museum of History and Art to place a permanent sculpture on the lawn at the Union Parish Courthouse. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Watley to approve the request from Britney Unkel to continue the "Saturday on the Square" that takes place on the Union Parish Courthouse Square each month through the remainder of 2017 unless there is an election held on that particular Saturday. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Smith to hire Kyle Green as a full-time employee with his time counted back to the original hire date of February 20, 2017; full time effective date is June 12, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Taylor to approve the overtime for the month of May in the amount of \$58.74. Motion carried unanimously.**

In accordance with Ordinance 549, time for public comment was given. Ronnie Cole addressed the jury concerning the dumpsters and trash in the parish.

Jim Farley and Mike Jones addressed the jury concerning road signs in King Lakes Subdivision. This will be addressed at a later meeting.

**There being no further business to come before the Jury, the President declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Mr. Hutto, seconded by Mr. Jones on this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2017.**



**PAULA STRICKLAND**  
Secretary-Treasurer



**CHARLES SAWYER**  
President