

REGULAR MEETING UNION PARISH POLICE JURY

Farmerville, Louisiana
March 6th, 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, Mike Jones, Stan Smith and John Watley. Also present was Bruce Hampton, Assistant District Attorney. The President called the session to order and welcomed all guests. Reverend Lester Sims, Pastor at the Blooming Grove Baptist Church, offered the invocation and Mr. Hutto 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. No comment was made.

President Taylor presented Grant (Buddy) Hollis with a plaque and thanked him for his 23 years of service to the West Sterlington Sewer District. Mr. Hollis has done an excellent job of maintaining and operating the West Sterlington Sewer District. President Taylor also thanked Juror Mike Jones and Attorney Bruce Hampton for their hard work in facilitating the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Town of Sterlington.

After the opportunity for public comment was given, a Motion was made by Mr. Watley, seconded by Mr. Hutto and declared adopted by unanimous roll call vote of the Jury to approve the agenda with no changes.

Motion Mr. Sawyer, seconded by Mr. Parker to adopt the minutes of the February 6th 2018 Regular Meeting and the February 12th, 2018 Special Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Jones to adopt the Revenues and Expenditures Report for the month of February 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Futch to close the Union Parish Airport Fuel Account (#1189751) at Marion State Bank, place the funds at Origin Bank in the Master Account/Airport Fund and authorize the president to execute any documents if needed. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Hutto, seconded by Mr. Sawyer to enter into a grant contract with The Division of Administration – State of Louisiana and Union Parish Police Jury for the CWFY FY 2015/2016 grant and authorize the president to execute all necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Futch, seconded by Mr. Watley to accept the Certificate of Substantial Completion for the Water Treatment and Production System Improvements, Holmesville Water System, Inc. (Pittman Facility); DWRLF/LCDBG FY 2016 and authorize the President to execute all necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.

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

RESOLUTION # 2018 – 01

WHEREAS, The Union Parish Police Jury is the governing authority for the Parish of Union, Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, there is a need throughout Union Parish for reliable and affordable broadband Internet service especially in the rural areas of the Parish where cable is inaccessible and satellite and cellular service can be inconsistent at best, and

WHEREAS, Claiborne Electric Cooperative is a member-owned, not for profit service organization that exists for one reason, to meet the needs of the members. Claiborne Electric Cooperative service area includes the parishes of Webster, Claiborne, Bienville, Union, Lincoln, and a small portion of Ouachita serving more than 18,000 members having 23,000 meters (full usage and low usage meters), and

WHEREAS, Claiborne Electric Cooperative has conducted extensive research including market analysis, technical analysis, and member surveys in an effort to deliver reliable and affordable broadband Internet service to the members of the Cooperative and non-members alike, and

WHEREAS, having affordable broadband Internet service is no longer a luxury, for many it is a necessity to serve the needs and demands of school aged children, for health care, for banking, for research, for business operation, for recreation, and for communication just to name some of the uses. Currently members are buying sub-par services to try to meet these ever-growing needs, and

WHEREAS, The Union Parish Police Jury is confident that Claiborne Electric Cooperative is quite capable of managing the program that is being proposed to provide to the citizens of Union Parish affordable broadband internet service and Claiborne Electric has secured financing for the project's \$80 million capital requirements.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Union Parish Police Jury does hereby endorse and support the Claiborne Electric Cooperative application to the Louisiana Public Service Commission for approval to bring true broadband internet to the citizens of their service area.

On a Motion by Mr. Sawyer duly seconded by Mr. Watley the motion is approved by a unanimous vote.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, **Union Parish Police Jury Resolution 2018 - 01** will be forwarded to the Louisiana Public Service Commission, the Commissioners, and the Parishes Offices and School Boards of Bienville, Claiborne, Lincoln, Ouachita, and Union.

Resolution was declared adopted on the 6th day of March, 2018.

s/ Paula Strickland
Paula Strickland
Secretary-Treasurer
Union Parish Police Jury

s/ Jerry W. Taylor
Jerry W. Taylor
President
Union Parish Police Jury

Motion Mr. Hutto, seconded by Mr. Sawyer to authorize travel for the Secretary-Treasurer to attend the Ethics Seminar for Liaisons and Certified Trainers in Baton Rouge, LA on March 22, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Jones to authorize travel for jurors and secretary-treasurer to attend Legislative Day in Baton Rouge on Wednesday, May 2nd, 2018 and pay all expenses. Motion carried unanimously.

A brief discussion was held regarding the Finance meeting which was held on Monday, March 5th. Mr. Kennedy states that the jury has the opportunity to purchase crushed concrete at \$22 a ton from a company located in Bernice. The Finance Committee recommends purchasing \$75,000 for use by the Landfill and \$25,000 for use by the Road Department. **Motion Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Hutto to purchase \$75,000 (\$22 a ton) of crushed concrete for use by the Landfill and \$25,000 (\$22 a ton) of crushed concrete for use by the Road Department. Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Kennedy to hire Billy Platt for the part time Gatekeeper position at the Landfill. His rate of pay will be \$10 an hour and his hours shall not exceed 28 hours per week. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Parker to accept the Landfill Superintendent's recommendation to hire Devin Jeselink full time effective March 12, 2018 with his time counted back to his hire date. Mr. Jeselink has finished his six month probationary period and is eligible for his benefits. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Jones to place a memorial to honor the Union Parish Fallen Officers on the NE corner of the front of the courthouse. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Smith to grant the use of the courthouse parking lot on May 19, 2018 from 8:00 AM until 6:00 PM to Chris Canterbury, Union Concord Association, for the purpose of holding a youth evangelism rally. Mr. Canterbury will provide insurance for the day of the event. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Watley, seconded by Mr. Hutto to deny the request of Marcus Dunn for reimbursement of his low-profile tires.

District 1 (Sawyer)	No
District 2 (Parker)	Yes
District 3 (Taylor)	Yes
District 4 (Hutto)	Yes
District 5 (Kennedy)	Yes
District 6 (Futch)	Yes
District 7 (Smith)	Yes
District 8 (Jones)	Yes
District 9 (Watley)	Yes

Motion Mr. Watley, seconded by Mr. Jones to award the bid to Amethyst Construction, Inc. for \$465,769.07 pertaining to the Wallace Road Pipe Replacement Project and authorize the president to execute all necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.

In accordance with Ordinance 549, time for public comment was given. J.B. Thoman, 236 Duty Road, Farmerville addressed the jury through an interpreter. He is asking for help with Duty Road where the ditches are full of limbs and debris.

Mr. Taylor asked the jurors to look at their status reports and contact him if they have any questions. He thanked the jury for their service and their taking part in the committee meetings. Mr. Taylor also thanked the public for attending the police jury meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Jury, the President declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Mr. Watley, seconded by Mr. Jones on this the 6th day of March, 2018.


PAULA STRICKLAND
Secretary-Treasurer


JERRY W. TAYLOR
President