

## REGULAR MEETING UNION PARISH POLICE JURY

Farmerville, Louisiana  
May 2<sup>nd</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, Nathan Futch, Stan Smith, Lanny Parker and John Watley. Absent: Glenn Hutto. Also present was Bruce Hampton, Assistant District Attorney. The President called the session to order and welcomed all guests. Mr. Watley 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. The Secretary-Treasurer announced that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, June 27<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 PM to consider levying additional or increased millage rates. A public meeting will follow. Ads have been run in the Banner and the Gazette. Every four years at reassessment the millage is adjusted due to increases or decreases in property value. Normally you roll forward at the reassessment year, but last year it was not done due to an error. The parish is only maintaining the millage rate that is on the books.

Mr. Taylor would like to recognize the family of Mickey Denton, who was the owner and operator of Denton Farms. Mr. Denton passed away Friday and his services were held on Sunday. Also, Mr. Taylor would like to recognize the family of Mr. Johnson, who was a logger and farmer in our community. Both of these gentlemen will be missed.

**After the opportunity for public comment was given, a Motion was made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Watley and declared adopted by unanimous roll call vote of the Jury to approve the agenda with two additions:**

- 18 Discuss and take action, if necessary, on selection of the Engineering firm for the FY18/19 LCDBG Grant and authorize the President to execute any necessary documents.**
- 19 Discuss and take action, if necessary, on selection of the Administrative Consultant for the FY18/19 LCDBG Grant and authorize the President to execute any necessary documents.**

**Motion Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Kennedy and declared adopted by unanimous roll call vote to adopt the minutes of the April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 regular meeting with the following two corrections:**

**Kendall Fields hire date was incorrectly stated as March 14, 2017.  
His full time hire date should have been stated as April 10, 2017.**

**And**

**Phase 3 of D'Arbonne Bluffs Subdivision was approved in accordance to the plans they provided. In addition to that, the president is authorized to sign all necessary documents.**

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

**Motion Mr. Futch seconded by Mr. Parker to approve the Farmerville Jaycee's request to use the Courthouse Square and parking lot on Friday, July 28<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried unanimously.**

**ORDINANCE #774**

**AN ORDINANCE REDUCING THE SPEED LIMIT OF 35 MILES PER HOUR ON HALLEY ROAD TO 15 MPH IN ITS ENTIRETY AND SETTING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.**

SECTION I: BE IT ORDAINED by the Police Jury of Union Parish that a maximum speed limit for any truck, car, motorcycle or any other equipment traveling on **Halley Road**, shall not exceed 15 miles per hour.

SECTION II: BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Police Jury of Union Parish, State of Louisiana, that any person, firm or corporation violating any provisions of this ordinance, upon conviction, shall not exceed the maximum fine for speeding upon a state highway plus court cost.

SECTION III: BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any section, sentence, clause or words of this ordinance shall be held invalid by any court of final jurisdiction, the same shall not affect the validity of any other section.

SECTION IV: BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that ordinance or parts of ordinance in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

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

YEAS:	Eight (Sawyer, Parker, Taylor, Kennedy, Futch, Smith, Jones and Watley)
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	Hutto

WHEREUPON, the Ordinance was declared duly adopted this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2017.

s/ Paula Strickland  
**PAULA STRICKLAND**  
**SECRETARY-TREASURER**  
**UNION PARISH POLICE JURY**

s/ Charles Sawyer  
**CHARLES SAWYER**  
**PRESIDENT**  
**UNION PARISH POLICE JURY**

**Motion Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Watley to advertise for a public hearing on the removal of a portion of Oakbrook Road from the parish road system. The public hearing will be on July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Futch discussed a request made by Jason Holmes with regard to recycling. Farmers are not using dry hay anymore, but are using thick polyester plastic sheets. Delta Plastic's has volunteered to have a recycle bin for farmers to place their left-over plastic. This would eliminate a large amount of plastic being left at the Union Parish Landfill. A designated drop off point would need to be determined. Mr. Sawyer asked Mr. Futch if he had checked with the Landfill Superintendent, Richard Phelps and he had not. This matter is tabled until a later time. The Landfill Committee will be in charge of getting with Delta Plastics and Mr. Phelps to work out the logistics of where to place the recycle bins. **No action taken.**

The Airport Committee met earlier and have the following recommendations:

**Motion Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Parker to advertise for the mowing of the airport for two weeks; specifications on mowing can be picked up at the police jury office. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Jones to open an account at Marion State Bank for the Union Parish Airport to be used for fuel with Charles Sawyer, Glenn Hutto, Paula Strickland and Peggy Tate as authorized signatures; and authorize the President to sign all necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Watley to open and use a Square account for fuel purchases. The monies will automatically be deposited in the Marion State Bank account; and authorize the President to sign all necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Parker to approve the request from Road Superintendent, Lane Rugg to hire part time employee Shaundrequis Smith as a full-time employee, with time counted back from the original hire date of January 18, 2017, with a pay increase to \$12.55. His full time effective date is May 8, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Parker to adopt the proposed skilled workers pay scale as recommended by the Personnel Committee; the proposed revised pay scale will go into effect June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017.**

**Motion Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Taylor to allocate \$5,000 to 911 for training. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Watley, seconded by Mr. Kennedy to provide the materials and labor to patch several holes in the asphalt parking lot at the Downsville Community Charter School per the request of the Union Parish School Board with the UPSB paying for the cost of the repairs. Motion carried unanimously.**

The Village of Junction City has requested assistance with bush hogging. After a lengthy discussion in the Road Committee this matter was tabled until the jury can get more clarification regarding work inside the city limits. **No action taken.**

The Town of Bernice has requested assistance with help in installing a culvert on Plum/Fourth Street. After a lengthy discussion in the Road Committee this matter was tabled until the jury can get more clarification regarding work inside the city limits. **No action taken.**

**Motion Mr. Watley, seconded by Mr. Taylor to accept the parish engineer’s recommendation for a change order pertaining to the Sweet Lilly Bridge in the amount of \$19,000 and authorize the President to sign all necessary documents.**

**Motion Mr. Watley, seconded by Mr. Taylor to bank the funds for the Federal Off-System Highway Bridge Program 2017-2019 in the amount of \$234,288 and authorize the President to sign all necessary documents.**

**Motion Mr. Futch, seconded by Mr. Jones to accept the following highest bids on the advertised surplus property and authorize the President to execute all necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.**

DC		DESCRIPTION	INDIVIDUAL	BID PRICE
7	2002	Dodge Ram 3500 – 2B5WB35Y72K116343	Rusty Hodge	111.00
8	2001	Dodge Ram 3500 – 2B5WB35Z51K539252	Rusty Hodge	111.00
13	1996	Ford Crown Victoria – 2FALP72W8TX182884	Rusty Hodge	96.00
9	2002	Chevy 3500 Express – 1GAHG39RX21203405	Rusty Hodge	111.00

A discussion was held on the Hydroseeder bids. Vermeer had the lowest bid, but their bid exceeded the specs that were bid out. The Equipment Committee is recommending accepting the lowest bid, but is requesting a change order to take off the equipment not needed. There was one item that exceeded the specs that was not needed on the tires.

**Motion Mr. Futch, seconded by Mr. Watley to accept the lowest bid from Vermeer MidSouth in the amount of \$82,980.00 with a change order making the price \$79,080.00.**

**Motion Mr. Futch, seconded by Mr. Taylor to advertise for an Asphalt Grinder to be used at the Road Department. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Smith to approve the overtime for the month of April in the amount of \$361.79.**

LCDBG FY18/19 Grant (Engineering Firm) – Three bid packages were submitted for the Engineering firm. After the appropriate scoring, there was a tie between Denmon

Engineering and Shuler Consulting. An oral interview was conducted and it was decided that Shuler Consulting be recommended as the Engineering firm. **Motion Lanny Parker, seconded by Mr. Smith to award the Engineering Contract to Shuler Consulting and authorize the President to execute any necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.**


LCDBG FY18/19 Grant (Administrative Consultant) – One bid package was submitted for the Administrative Consultant. **Motion Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Taylor to award the Administrative Consultant Contract to Frye Magee and authorize the President to execute any necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.**

In accordance with Ordinance 549, time for public comment was given. Glen Holloway addressed the jury about grading his road. Mike Ludwig addressed the jury concerning heavy loads on Linville Fire Tower Bridge. Grant Hollis addressed the jury concerning Loch Lomond Road. Heavy trucks are coming across loaded and unloaded. Mr. Hollis would like the jury to be aware of the situation. Sharon Reed (Sardis community) addressed the jury with several concerns which include drainage, surface control, roads not being graded on a regular basis, signage and unreturned phone calls. Shelia Dismuke addressed the jury with road concerns.

Lennie Smith would like to recognize the family of Eunice Sherman. Mrs. Sherman was a member of the Friendship Baptist Church in Bernice.

**There being no further business to come before the Jury, the President declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Mr. Futch, seconded by Mr. Parker on this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2017.**

  
PAULA STRICKLAND  
Secretary-Treasurer

  
CHARLES SAWYER  
President