

## REGULAR MEETING UNION PARISH POLICE JURY

Farmerville, Louisiana  
September 6, 2016

**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. Parker offered the invocation and Mr. Taylor 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. Mr. Taylor recognized Zion Hill Baptist Church on Cypress Creek Road. They celebrated their 175<sup>th</sup> year. The church was established in 1841. 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 vote of the Jury to approve the agenda with no additions or deletions.**

**Motion Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Hutto to adopt the minutes of the August 2, 2016 regular meeting and August 11, 2016 and August 29, 2016 special meetings. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Futch, seconded by Mr. Parker to reappoint Joel Taylor and Beverly Lloyd to the Board of commissioners for the East Union Hospital Service District; terms shall expire in September 2022. Motion carried unanimously.**

A brief discussion was held on how speed limits are determined. Mr. Taylor inquired what are the criteria for dropping or setting a speed limit. Mr. Hampton said the police jury does not have a formal policy for setting speed limits. It is on a case by case basis. Each road is different.

### ORDINANCE #769

#### **AN ORDINANCE REDUCING THE SPEED LIMIT TO 15 MILES PER HOUR ON PARON LOOP ROAD 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 the **PARON LOOP ROAD**, in its entirety, 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. Jones, who moved its adoption and duly seconded by Mr. Parker and was then adopted by the following YEA and NAY vote:

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

WHEREUPON, the Ordinance was declared duly adopted on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2016.

### **ORDINANCE #770**

#### **AN ORDINANCE REDUCING THE SPEED LIMIT FROM 30 MILES PER HOUR TO 20 MILES PER HOUR ON FORD ROAD USING THE PRESENT BOUNDARIES 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 the Ford Road, in its entirety, shall not exceed 20 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. Parker, who moved its adoption and duly seconded by Mr. Futch and was then adopted by the following YEA and NAY vote:

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

WHEREUPON, the Ordinance was declared duly adopted this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2016.

**Motion Mr. Watley, seconded by Mr. Hutto on approving Village of Lillie's request for assistance in cutting limbs and fixing pot holes for a bus route on Pine and Oak Street. The Village of Lillie will pay the costs associated with the assistance.**

**Motion Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Watley on approving the Union Parish School Board's request for assistance to repair pot holes in the parking lot of the Union Parish High School. The Union Parish School Board will pay the costs for the repairs.**

**RESOLUTION #2016-11**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING POLICE JURY TO ENTER INTO GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE UNION PARISH AIRPORT IN FARMERVILLE, LOUISIANA**

**WHEREAS**, the Union Parish Police Jury has submitted an application for federal assistance to the Federal Aviation Administration ("FAA") for a grant to obtain funds for the construction of the Taxiway Reconfiguration/Safety Area Improvements for the Union Parish Airport, designated as grant number 3-22-0017-014-2016 ("Project"); and,

**WHEREAS**, to facilitate the obtaining of said funds to complete the Project, the Police Jury desires to enter into a Grant Agreement with the FAA for the acceptance of a grant offer for Project not to exceed \$500,000;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PRESIDENT AND POLICE JURORS OF THE UNION PARISH POLICE JURY:**

§1. The Police Jury enters into a grant agreement with the FAA.

§2. The President is authorized and empowered to execute a grant agreement with the FAA pursuant to such terms and conditions as he shall deem advisable, and he is authorized to execute any other documents necessary to complete said Project and do any and all things necessary and proper to carry out this Resolution and to fulfill its objects and purposes.

§3. This Resolution shall become effective upon final adoption and signature of the President.

Said Resolution having been read and considered by a quorum of the Police Jury, on motion to adopt by Jerry Taylor, and seconded by John Watley, a record vote was taken and the following result was had:

YEAS: Nine (Sawyer, Parker, Taylor, Hutto, Kennedy, Futch, Smith,  
Jones and Watley)

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

**WHEREUPON**, the President, Charles Sawyer, declared the above Resolution duly adopted in full on this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2016.

**ATTEST:**

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**PAULA STRICKLAND**  
**SECRETARY/TREASURER**

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**CHARLES SAWYER**  
**PRESIDENT**

The following resolution was offered by Glenn Hutto and seconded by Lanny Parker:

**RESOLUTION #2016-12**

A resolution approving the ordering and calling of a special election to be held in the Farmerville Area Fire Protection District, Parish of Union, State of Louisiana.

**WHEREAS**, the Farmerville Area Fire Protection District, Parish of Union, State of Louisiana (the "District") has submitted a request for approval to the Union Parish Police Jury (the "Police Jury") to order and call a special election to be held in the District, to allow the District to levy, assess and collect annually special taxes on the dollar of assessed valuation of all the property situated within the limits of the District for the purposes set forth in the proposition herein.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Police Jury, that:

**SECTION 1.** The Police Jury hereby consents to and approves of the ordering and calling of a special election to allow the District to continue to levy a 10 year, 6 mills *ad valorem* tax (the "Tax") and to continue to levy a \$50.00 service charge proposition also is approved by the electorate, such election be held in the District on December 10, 2016 for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, improving, maintaining or operating fire protection facilities, vehicles and equipment, including both movable and immovable property, that are to be used to provide fire protection within said District.

**SECTION 2.** The Police Jury's consent and approval is given pursuant to the applicable provisions of Louisiana law relating to elections of subordinate entities such as the District.

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

YEAS: 9 – Sawyer, Parker, Taylor, Hutto, Kennedy, Futch, Smith, Jones & Watley

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 6<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2016.

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**PAULA STRICKLAND**  
Secretary-Treasurer

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**CHARLES SAWYER**  
President

**Motion made by Mr. Parker and seconded by Mr. Jones authorizing Peggy Tate and Angelet Dismuke to attend the Parochial Employees' Retirement System Administrative Training in Baton Rouge, Louisiana on October 4, 2016 and pay all expenses. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion made by Mr. Hutto and seconded by Mr. Watley on the recommendation of the Road Superintendent to hire part time employee Shane Dye as a full time employee effective September 12, 2016 with his previous part time employment fulfilling his probation requirement. Motion carried unanimously.**

Derek Kennedy discussed the progress that the police jury has been making concerning the audit findings. The payroll finding has been addressed and we have an excess amount of \$100,000 that can be transferred to the general fund. The new payroll system will be up and running soon. Also, the Inmate Banking Fund at the Union Parish Detention Center has been reconciled and there is an excess amount of \$318,000 that can be used to offset the deficit at the Detention Center. These findings were first written up in 2014 and by practicing good sound accounting methods we have gotten these accounts reconciled. The jury is moving forward and correcting the issues that have previously been problem areas.

Derek Kennedy addressed the jury concerning the purposed payment of rent from the HUD office. Mr. Kennedy has been in contact with the HUD Director, Sharon Dixon, and he will be meeting with her next week. He is researching what other HUD offices are paying for rent. He would like to come up with a figure based on square footage of the HUD office. That figure will be factored in to the 2017 budget. Mr. Kennedy will give a report of his meeting with Mrs. Dixon at the next police jury meeting. This matter is passed with no action.

**Motion Mr. Watley, seconded Mr. Futch to approve the August 2016 overtime of \$444.10. Motion carried unanimously.**

In accordance with Ordinance 549, time for public comment was given. Ronnie Jones from the West Sterlington area stepped forward at this time. His chief concern is Wallace Road. He is wondering why the parish can fix pot holes that the heavy trucks are causing, but can't replace one Culvert on Wallace Road. Mr. Taylor said Wallace Road is a major washout and FEMA is asking for a review and a hydraulic study. Anything we do FEMA will not pay for so we will have to wait it out. Mr. Kennedy explained the process of how the damage was assessed and why Metric Engineering was hired. At this time, FEMA has all the paperwork and over a 100 roads are being reviewed by FEMA. Once their reviews are complete, FEMA will treat each project separately. The police jury used its entire road budget fixing the flood damaged roads. As soon as FEMA releases the money, the roads will be fixed in the order of severity. Mr. Ronnie Jones mentioned the Old Haile Road. He is concerned that the heavy trucks are tearing up the black top road. This problem could be solved if they would use the dirt roads. He said there is also a dangerous hole on Ouachita City Road. Mr. Hutto would like to know how many houses are down Old Haile Road. Mr. Parker said in the past he has asked heavy trucks not to use the blacktop roads, but use a dirt road if possible. Mr. Parker said this could be an option for that area. Mr. Hutto has checked out the roads that Mr. Ronnie Jones is complaining about and it is his opinion that the roads aren't that bad. Mr. Sawyer thanked Mr. Ronnie Jones for his comments and assured him we will look into his complaints. Mr. Ronnie Jones said he is very disappointed in the jury's response. Mr. Watley reiterated what was said before - Wallace road is first on the jury's priority list to fix when the FEMA money comes in.

**There being no further business to come before the Jury, the President declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Mr. Watley, seconded by Mr. Hutto on this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2016.**

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**PAULA STRICKLAND**  
Secretary-Treasurer

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**CHARLES SAWYER**  
President