

REGULAR MEETING UNION PARISH POLICE JURY

Farmerville, Louisiana

August 6, 2019

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, Ben Bridges, Nathan Futch, Stan Smith and John Watley. Absent: Glenn Hutto and Mike Jones. Also present was Tracy Houck, Assistant District Attorney. The President called the session to order and welcomed all guests. Mr. Parker offered the invocation and Mr. Smith led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

President Taylor welcomed the visitors in the audience and 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.

Union Parish Police Jury President, Jerry W. Taylor, presented Peggy Tate with an award for her 38 years of service to the Organization of Parish Administrative Officials. The organization is associated with the Police Jury Association of Louisiana. Mrs. Tate was the Assistant Secretary/Treasurer for many years and a valuable employee.

Union Parish Police Jury President, Jerry W. Taylor, presented Warden Ray Hanson with an award for passing the Basic Jail Guidelines annual monitoring report. The Union Parish Detention Center received their recertification and a certificate stating that the facility is in compliance. The BJG report states that "Warden Ray Hanson and his staff are continually striving to maintain a secure facility that promotes growth and educational opportunities for the offender population. Based upon the walk-through of the facility and review of the BJG file, it is recommended that the Union Parish Detention Center receive full recertification with annual monitoring." Warden Ray Hanson took over the operations at the facility in January of 2018.

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

Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Parker to adopt the minutes of the July 2, 2019 regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The Secretary/Treasurer presented the Budget to Actual Revenue and Expense report for the month of July and explained to the jurors that the report reflects what has been budgeted for the year compared to what has been spent. The Secretary/Treasurer then presented a brief financial report. For the month of July the parish spent \$20,000 housing juveniles at Green Oaks Detention Center. These funds come out of the General Fund. To date the parish has spent \$81,600 housing juveniles. That is \$200 a day per juvenile. Currently there are four being held. Each month the Secretary/Treasurer and President

Taylor reach out to the DA and Judges to see if anything can be done to expediate the judicial process.

In the Detention Center fund the Transitional work release program generated approximately \$81,000 for the month of July. The Detention Center fund received approximately \$182,000 for DOC inmates for the month of July. As of today there are 87 inmates participating in the work release program and 15 inmates are in the screening process which would push the program to over 100 inmates. There were also additional professional fees that were audit related and extra unemployment expenses in the month of July. Food costs were slightly elevated (\$29,444.53), but that is due to the increase in DOC inmates. At this point in the year we should have expended about 58% of the total budget. **Motion Mr. Sawyer, seconded by Mr. Watley to adopt the Revenues and Expenditures Report for the month of July 2019. Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Watley to grant a Quietus on the 2018 Tax Roll. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Futch, seconded by Mr. Bridges authorizing the Secretary/Treasurer to attend the Parochial Employees' Retirement System meeting in Baton Rouge on October 8th, 2019 and pay for any necessary expenses associated with the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Sawyer, seconded by Mr. Watley to approve the one day only (August 17, 2019) Special Event beer/alcohol permit for Leonardo Martinez Zavala dba Rancho Leoncitos, LLC to sell alcohol at the D'Arbonne Range Riders Arena located at 202 Rodeo Road, Farmerville and authorize the President to execute all necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.

Finance Committee Recommendations

Motion Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Bridges to authorize the Secretary/Treasurer to open a bank account at Origin Bank entitled "Parish of Union, Certificates of Indebtedness, Series 2011, Sinking Fund" and authorize the President and/or Secretary/Treasurer to execute any necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Parker to authorize the purchase of a generator to be used at the Courthouse Annex using 75% federally obtained Homeland Security funds with the police jury sharing 25% of the cost and authorize the President to execute any necessary documents.

Landfill Committee Recommendations

Motion Mr. Sawyer, seconded by Mr. Bridges to accept the lowest quote from CW&W Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$65,787.00 for a retaining wall at the Landfill and authorize the President to execute any necessary documents. Mr. Futch

asked to be recognized. Mr. Futch feels that this is an excessive amount to spend. Mr. Futch also states that an engineer designed the retaining wall and it is more expensive than what is needed. **Motion carried with the following Roll Call Vote:**

YEAS: Sawyer, Parker, Taylor, Bridges and Smith
NAYS: Futch and Watley
ABSENT: Hutto and Jones

Road Committee Recommendations

Motion Mr. Watley, seconded by Mr. Sawyer to assist the Town of Bernice with cutting and trimming the limbs/bushes that were requested via letter on July 16, 2019. This request will be processed as time allows when opportunities present themselves. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Sawyer to accept Change Order No. 1 for the Union Parish 2019 Road Program in the amount of \$23,760.00 and authorize the President to execute any necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 890 was introduced by Mr. Bridges and seconded by Mr. Watley:

ORDINANCE # 890

AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE SPEED LIMIT OF 25 MILES PER HOUR ON BUTCH PARDUE 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 **Butch Pardue Road** in its entirety, shall not exceed **25** 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. Bridges**, who moved its adoption and duly seconded by **Mr. Watley** and was then adopted by the following YEA and NAY vote:

YEAS: Sawyer, Parker, Taylor, Bridges, Futch, Smith, Watley
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Hutto and Jones

WHEREUPON, the Ordinance was declared duly adopted this 6th day of August, 2019.

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

s/ Jerry W. Taylor
JERRY W. TAYLOR
PRESIDENT
UNION PARISH POLICE JURY

Ordinance 891 was introduced by Mr. Parker and seconded by Mr. Watley:

ORDINANCE # 891

AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE SPEED LIMIT OF 30 MILES PER HOUR ON HENDERSON HILL 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 **Henderson Hill Road** in its entirety, shall not exceed **30** 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. Watley** and was then adopted by the following YEA and NAY vote:

YEAS: Sawyer, Parker, Taylor, Bridges, Futch, Smith, Watley
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Hutto and Jones

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Ordinance 892 was introduced by Mr. Watley and seconded by Mr. Sawyer:

ORDINANCE # 892

AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE SPEED LIMIT OF 25 MILES PER HOUR ON TUCKER PILGREEN 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 **Tucker Pilgreen Road** in its entirety, shall not exceed **25** 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. Watley**, who moved its adoption and duly seconded by **Mr. Sawyer** and was then adopted by the following YEA and NAY vote:

YEAS:	Sawyer, Parker, Taylor, Bridges, Futch, Smith, Watley
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	Hutto and Jones

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Ordinance 893 was introduced by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Watley:

ORDINANCE # 893

AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE SPEED LIMIT OF 10 MILES PER HOUR ON TAYLOR 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 **Taylor Road** in its entirety, shall not exceed 10 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. Watley** and was then adopted by the following YEA and NAY vote:

YEAS:	Sawyer, Parker, Taylor, Bridges, Futch, Smith, Watley
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	Hutto and Jones

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JERRY W. TAYLOR
PRESIDENT
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Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Parker to assist Downsville Community Charter School with road repairs to their parking lot. The charter school will be responsible for paying for the cost of the materials. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Smith to accept the request from Jackie Mabry to withdraw her road deletion request. Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel Committee Recommendations

Motion Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Sawyer that Anthony Traylor be hired for full-time employment at the Landfill department with his time being counted back to his original hire date of March 25, 2019. Mr. Traylor's probationary period will be completed on September 30, 2019 and at that time he will be eligible for retirement, insurance, vacation, sick leave and holiday pay. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Committee Recommendations

Motion Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Watley to accept the 2018 financial audit presented by Bosch and Statham. Motion carried unanimously.

Homeland Security Director Update

Mr. Gossler addressed the jurors and members of the audience. Mr. Gossler gave an update regarding the April 2019 Tornado and where we are in the process of filing for reimbursement with FEMA. Mr. Gossler and the Secretary/Treasurer have attended several meetings regarding the April 2019 Tornado and are continuing to meet with FEMA. Mr. Gossler mentioned that all of his funding comes directly from federal grants and not police jury funds. Mr. Gossler attends weekly national weather briefings so he is able to update the citizens of Union Parish. Mr. Gossler will be attending a FEMA sponsored Faith Based Ministry seminar in August. Mr. Gossler is working towards establishing a ministerial alliance in Union Parish. This alliance would be for all faiths and all dominations to be able to come together in extreme hardships. Through an EMPG grant an approximate \$28,000 has been spent on a new 4x4 side by side for the Union Parish Sheriff's Office to be used for search and rescue. In addition to that, bullet resistant glass has been installed in the Clerk of Court's office. Mr. Gossler reported that effective January 6, 2020 the federal government will mandate that everyone who holds a CDL license will have to participate in a drug and alcohol database clearing house. Mr. Gossler also reported that Union Parish will host the Region 8 Director's meeting on August 20, 2019.

In accordance with Ordinance 549, time for public comment was given. Jane Eades, 780 Stansbury Road, addressed the jury concerning a drainage issue on Dick Hinton Road.

Judy Auger, 844 Alton Auger Road, Marion, addressed the jury concerning retiree health insurance and juror insurance.

Carol Jung, 259 Green Bay Road, Farmerville, addressed the jury concerning a drainage issue on Green Bay Road.

Mandi Powell, 192 Lori Richard Drive, Farmerville, addressed the jury concerning a wash out on Levi Road.

President Taylor thanked the jurors and public for attending. He thanked the public for their interest in what is going on in the parish. President Taylor said we have a lot of problems and very little money to work with. We must try to work together to solve these issues. We appreciate each person being here and their comments.

There being no further business to come before the Jury, the President declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Watley on this the 6th day of August, 2019.



PAULA STRICKLAND

Secretary/Treasurer

Union Parish Police Jury



JERRY W. TAYLOR

President

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