

**DETENTION CENTER COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
AUGUST 8th, 2019**

The Detention Center Commission met this date at 3:30 P.M. in the Union Parish Police Jury meeting room, Union Parish Courthouse Annex, Farmerville, Louisiana. Present were: Lanny Parker (Union Parish Police Jury), Jerry W. Taylor (Union Parish Police Jury), Dusty Gates (Union Parish Sheriff), John Belton (District Attorney) and Chief Bim Coulbertson (Town of Farmerville).

Mr. Parker called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Sheriff Gates led the group in prayer. Roll call was taken. Mr. Parker asked if anyone in the audience would like to register for public comment to speak. Ricky Wallace asked to address the commission regarding issues at the Detention Center. Mr. Wallace was asked to stay and address the commission during Executive Session.

Motion made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Chief Coulbertson and declared adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote to approve the agenda as written.

Motion made by Chief Coulbertson, seconded by Mr. Taylor to adopt the minutes of the Thursday, July 16th, 2019 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Transitional Work Program Comments – Jessica Shoemaker, Administrative Captain, addressed the Commission regarding the Transitional Work Release Program. Room and board for the month of July was **\$81,546.12** which is an increase of \$10,410.16 over June. As of August 8, 2019 room and board is \$50,439.52. Foster Farms has two pay periods left for the month of August and Thomas Nursery has three pay periods remaining. By the end of August the room and board is anticipated to be in excess of \$100,000. There are eighty-six (86) TWP offenders in the program. Eighty-four (84) offenders are employed at Foster Farms and two (2) are employed at Thomas Nursery. Out of those eighty-six (86), forty-nine (49) are LEO's (Louisiana Employment Opportunity). There are fourteen (14) recently approved for the program. Seven (7) of those will begin work at Foster Farms on 8/9/19. Twenty (20) TWP approved offenders will be received from Richwood Correctional on Saturday, August 10. Those offenders are already working at Foster Farms and will increase the numbers significantly.

In July there was a daily rate increase for TWP and DOC inmates. The TWP rate went from \$14.39 per day to \$15.39 per day. The DOC rate went from \$24.39 per day to \$25.39 per day.

Warden's Comments – The Detention Center is housing three hundred and eighty (380) inmates. The parish count is ninety-six (96) and the DOC count is two hundred and eighty-four (284). There are thirteen (13) female parish inmates being housed at Madison Parish and twelve (12) female parish inmates being housed at Dorcheat facility. Warden Hanson reports that to his knowledge there have been no significant problems with transporting the females back and forth. There are a total of four (4) security staff vacancies. There is a large increase in the commissary profits and that is due to the pizza sales.

Twenty (20) work release inmates are being received from Richwood. These inmates are already working at Foster Farms. They will go to work Sunday night which will increase our costs slightly. We will need additional security at Foster Farms as well as having to run a bus back and forth.

Warden Hanson reports that the food costs for the month of July were \$28,927.38 which is elevated, but the facility has been running at capacity. The total cost of food can be broken down to approximately \$2.40 per day per offender.

Two companies submitted proposals for Jail Management Systems:

Michael McKee, Tyler Technologies, presented the first proposal. Mr. McKee had his presentation on his laptop and the commission was not set up for that type of presentation, nor did Mr. McKee bring any sort of handouts. Mr. McKee quoted a price of \$40,000 annually and a \$275,000 implementation fee for Tyler Tech. The project could possibly be completed within seven (7) to nine (9) months and would be cloud-based software.

Earl Owens, Tiger Correctional Services, presented the second proposal. The total price for the booking software is \$29,218 with an annual maintenance fee of \$3,500 beginning in 2020. The price includes installation, equipment, software and training. The \$29,218 could be paid in three installation payments if necessary.

The commission will take the proposals into consideration. No action taken.

Warden Hanson provided two new minivan quotes and one used minivan quote. Warden Hanson was asked to provide another quote to the Secretary/Treasurer for a new minivan. After the quotes are obtained the Secretary/Treasurer will do a phone poll to get authorization to purchase a new minivan. No action taken.

Motion made by Sheriff Gates and seconded by Chief Coulbertson for the Commission to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel/security issues. Roll call vote: YEAS 5, NAYS 0, ABSENT 0.

Motion made by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Belton for the Commission to come out of executive session and to return to the meeting; no action taken in executive session. Roll call vote: YEAS 5, NAYS 0, ABSENT 0.

There being no further business to come before the commission, Mr. Parker declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Mr. Belton, seconded by Chief Coulbertson, on this 8th day of August, 2019.

**Lanny Parker, Chairman
Paula Strickland, Secretary/Treasurer**