

REGULAR MEETING UNION PARISH POLICE JURY

**Farmerville, Louisiana
January 13, 2020**

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: Curtis Moses, Nathan Pilgreen, DeWayne Ramsey, Johnny Buckley, Ben Bridges, Ceis Nyegaard, L.W. Nolan, Brenda Abercrombie and John W. Watley. Absent: None. Also present was Tracy Houck, Assistant District Attorney. Tracy Houck, Assistant District Attorney, called the session to order and welcomed all guests.

Sheriff Dusty Gates welcomed the new jurors and congratulated them on the journey that they are beginning to embark upon. Sheriff Gates thanked the new jurors for wanting to make Union Parish a better place to work, live and raise families. Sheriff Gates stated that if the jurors will do what is right, what is best and treat everyone the way that they want to be treated then they will succeed. Sheriff Gates led the invocation.

Lance Futch, Union Parish Assessor, led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Honorable Bruce Hampton, Third Judicial District Judge, addressed the jurors and congratulated each juror for winning their position. Judge Hampton stated that he cannot overstate the importance of their job. He stated that each juror will be faced with maintaining the parish road system; construction and maintenance at the landfill; picking up trash parish-wide; funding the operations of the Detention Center; providing buildings and maintenance for many of our local governmental entities; maintaining the health unit; supervising building permits and many other aspects of government. Judge Hampton urged the jurors to make each decision prayerfully and with the best interest of all the citizens of Union Parish in mind. Judge Hampton reminded the jurors to approach this job with a sense of service to God and for the community and the citizens of Union parish. Lastly, Judge Hampton said to approach the job with humility and don't take yourselves too seriously.

The Honorable Bruce Hampton, Third Judicial District Judge, then presided over the administering of the Oath of Office to the following members of the Union Parish Police Jury: Curtis Moses, Nathan Pilgreen, DeWayne Ramsey, Johnny Buckley, Ben Bridges, Ceis Nyegaard, L.W. Nolan, Brenda Abercrombie and John W. Watley.

Mr. Houck conducted the election for the 2020 President of the Union Parish Police Jury. Johnny Buckley was nominated by Mr. Watley, seconded by Mr. Nyegaard. Mr. Bridges moved to close the nominations for President and accept Mr. Buckley as President of the Union Parish Police Jury, seconded by Mr. Nyegaard. Mr. Houck declared Mr. Johnny Buckley as President by acclamation.

Mr. Houck conducted the election for the 2020 Vice-President of the Union Parish Police Jury. Brenda Abercrombie was nominated by Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Watley. Mr. Ramsey moved to close the nominations for Vice-President and accept Mrs. Abercrombie as Vice-President of the Union Parish Police Jury, seconded by Mr. Bridges. Mr. Houck declared Mrs. Brenda Abercrombie as Vice-President by acclamation.

President Buckley welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked if anyone in the audience would like to register for public comment. At this time, the public was given the opportunity to comment on any item shown on the agenda. No comment was made.

Motion Mr. Nolan, seconded by Mr. Bridges and declared adopted by unanimous vote of the Jury to approve the agenda with no changes.

Motion Mr. Watley, seconded by Mr. Bridges to adopt the minutes of the December 3rd, 2019 regular meeting and December 19th, 2019 special meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The Secretary/Treasurer presented the Budget to Actual Revenue and Expense report for the month of December 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.

There were no major expenditures for the month of December out of most of the funds. The only big expenses were routine such as payroll, health insurance, retirement and fuel costs. The Green Oaks juvenile invoice for December was only \$1,800 and this was paid out of the General Fund.

The police jury transferred \$400,000 out of the General Fund in December to the Detention Center for the end of the year appropriation. In December the Detention Center received a little over \$206,000 for DOC inmates and generated approximately \$108,000 for the work release program. There is a total of 359 DOC and parish inmates at the facility. Twenty-three female inmates and eight male inmates are being housed in Madison parish. The cost to house those inmates was approximately \$21,000 for the month of December.

Motion Mr. Nyegaard, seconded by Mr. Ramsey to adopt the Revenues and Expenditures Report for the month of December 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Watley, seconded by Mr. Nolan setting the regular monthly meetings of the Union Parish Police Jury to be held at the Courthouse Annex on the first (1st) Tuesday of every month at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Nyegaard to reappoint Paula Strickland as the parish secretary-treasurer for the next two years. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Watley authorizing the removal of Charles Sawyer, Glenn Hutto and Jerry W. Taylor from the bank signature cards; adding Johnny Buckley,

Brenda Abercrombie and Paula Strickland to the bank signature cards and the execution of all necessary documents for this purpose. Motion carried unanimously.

Four RFQ's were received for Engineering Services for the FEMA-4263-DR-LA Projects 0031 (Scott's Hideaway Drainage Improvement) and 0032 (Dean Road Drainage Improvement). RFQ's were received from (1) Dumas & Associates, (2) Meyer, Meyer, Lacroix & Hixson, (3) Quality Engineering & Surveying and (4) Riley Company of Louisiana. The scoring committee met on January 9 and evaluated all proposals. Dumas & Associates scored the highest. The scoring committee recommends that Dumas & Associates be awarded the engineering contract and authorize the president to execute a notice of award and any other necessary documents.

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

RESOLUTION 2020-01

**RESOLUTION TO AWARD
ENGINEERING SERVICES**

On Motion by **Mr. Bridges**, seconded by **Mr. Watley**, to award the Request for Qualifications for the FEMA-4263-DR-LA, Project 0031 (Scott's Hideaway Drainage Improvement) and Project 0032 (Dean Road Drainage Improvement) to **DUMAS & ASSOCIATES** and authorize to enter into an agreement to perform Engineering Services, as recommended by the selection committee and authorize the President to sign all necessary documents.

This motion being brought to a vote, passed as follows:

YEAS: Moses, Pilgreen, Ramsey, Buckley, Bridges, Nyegaard, Nolan,
Abercrombie and Watley
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

WHEREUPON, the resolution was declared adopted on the 13th day of January, 2020.

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

s/ Johnny Buckley
JOHNNY BUCKLEY
PRESIDENT
UNION PARISH POLICE JURY

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Union Parish Police Jury in Regular Session convened on the 13th day of January, 2020.

s/ Paula Strickland
Paula Strickland
Secretary Treasurer

Motion Mr. Nolan, seconded by Mr. Bridges to assist the Union Parish School Board with repairs to a bus turnaround at 165 Halley Road with the Union Parish School Board paying for the cost of the materials. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Nolan, seconded by Mr. Pilgreen to authorize travel expenses for the Justices of the Peace and the Constables/Deputy Constables to attend the 2020 seminar in Marksville, Louisiana on February 4 through February 7, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Moses to appoint Jimmy Caldwell and Rhonda Davis to the 911 Communications Board for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2022 as representatives for the Town of Marion. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Watley, seconded by Mr. Ramsey to approve the request from the Town of Bernice for one (1) load of cold mix asphalt with the Town of Bernice paying for the materials. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Ramsey, seconded by Mr. Nolan to appoint Brenda Abercrombie as the Union Parish Police Juror on the Board of Directors of the North Delta Regional Planning and Development District, Inc. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Nolan, seconded by Mr. Bridges to appoint Greg Gossler to the 911 Communications District Board as a representative for the Union Parish Police Jury. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Nolan, seconded by Mr. Nyegaard to appoint Ben Bridges as the Union Parish Police Juror on the Union-Lincoln Water Initiative Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Ramsey to appoint Nathan Pilgreen as the Union Parish Police Juror on the Union Parish Detention Center Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

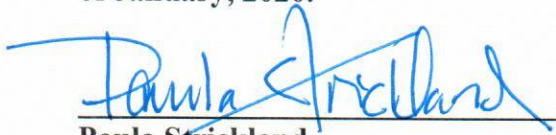
Motion Mrs. Abercrombie, seconded by Mr. Pilgreen to recommend a slate of three (3) for the Governor's appointment to the Sparta Groundwater Conservation District Board. The slate of three shall include Ben Bridges, Johnny Buckley and L.W. Nolan. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Nolan, seconded by Mr. Bridges to appoint Nathan Pilgreen as the Union Parish Police Juror on the Trailblazer Resource Conservation and Development Board. Motion carried unanimously.

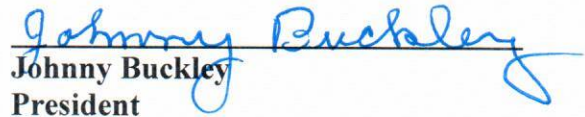
In accordance with Ordinance 549, time for public comment was given. Richard Royal with the Union Parish Chamber of Commerce addressed the public regarding the 2020 Annual Sportman's Banquet. The event will be held on February 6, 2020 @ 6:30 PM. The event will be held at the Farmerville Recreation Center.

President Buckley addressed the public and stated that when the public comment period is open, please make sure to address the jury as a whole and do not single out any particular individual.

There being no further business to come before the Jury, the President declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Mr. Nolan, seconded by Mr. Watley on this the 13th day of January, 2020.



Paula Strickland
Secretary/Treasurer



Johnny Buckley
President