

## REGULAR MEETING UNION PARISH POLICE JURY

Farmerville, Louisiana

July 2, 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, Mike Jones and John Watley. Absent: Glenn Hutto, Nathan Futch and Stan Smith. 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. Jones 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.

Mr. Taylor asked the jurors and public to keep Stan Smith in our prayers. Mr. Smith has been ill and recently had minor surgery.

Mr. Sawyer would like to recognize two young ladies in the parish, Kenzie Johnkin and Alacia Brew. These young ladies were recently selected as queens at Grambling State University and Southern University respectively. Both young ladies were cheerleaders and attended Union Parish High School. Mr. Sawyer stated that both young ladies come from good families.

**After the opportunity for public comment was given, a Motion was made by Mr. Sawyer, seconded by Mr. Jones and declared adopted by unanimous roll call vote of the Jury to approve the agenda with the following addition:**

**Agenda Item # 14A - Discuss and take action, if necessary, regarding Union Parish Section 8 Housing Payment Standard Amendment.**

**Motion Mr. Watley, seconded by Mr. Bridges to adopt the minutes of the June 4, 2019 regular meeting and June 17, 2019 special meeting. Motion carried unanimously.**

The Secretary/Treasurer presented the Budget to Actual Revenue and Expense report for June 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 reported that a large payment was made from the Landfill/Sales Tax fund in the amount of \$275,000 to the Landfill Trust Account. This is the last payment for the year to the Landfill Trust Account.

A large payment was made out of the General Fund to Green Oaks Detention Center in the amount of \$11,000 to house juveniles. The Transitional work release program generated approximately \$71,291.74 which is a decrease from prior months revenues.

At this point in the year we should have expended 50% of the total budget. We have not reached a 5% variance with the total budget so there is no need to make any adjustments to the budget. **Motion Mr. Sawyer, seconded by Mr. Watley to adopt the Revenues and Expenditures Report for the month of June 2019. Motion carried unanimously.**

**President Jerry Taylor authorized the payment and distribution of the 2018-2019 Two Percent (2%) Fire Protection Rebate checks based on the parish's population as compiled by the Louisiana State University and Agriculture and Mechanical College Agriculture Center, Department of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness. For the districts that had a representative attending this meeting, the representative was given the district's check by the juror representing the fire district. The amounts of the checks are shown below:**

Fire Protection District	LA 2% Rebate
Junction City Volunteer Fire Department	\$3,645.85
Lillie Volunteer Fire Department	\$1,447.83
Spearsville Volunteer Fire Department	\$6,325.13
Ward 5 Volunteer Fire Department	\$12,090.56
Farmerville Volunteer Fire Department	\$20,945.81
Marion Volunteer Fire Department	\$3,336.06
Bernice Volunteer Fire Department	\$10,944.93
Rocky Branch/Crossroads	\$6,840.10
Spencer-West Sterlington Volunteer Fire Department	\$3,593.54
Northeast Union Fire District	\$10,930.00
North Union Fire District	\$3,496.52
Sadie-Tiger Bend Fire District	\$9,157.48
TOTAL	\$92,753.81

Mr. Taylor thanked the ladies and gentlemen who serve on these Volunteer Fire Departments.

**Motion Mr. Watley, seconded by Mr. Parker, that the following action should be taken on the road material/landfill bids for the period of July 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019:**

- **Gasoline and diesel fuel should be awarded to Hill Oil Co. (only bidder).**
- **Aviation Fuel – No bids were received for Aviation Fuel.**
- **CRS-2 Asphalt Emulsion – Bid should be awarded to Ergon Asphalt & Emulsions, Inc. (only bidder).**
- **AEP Asphalt Emulsion Prime – No bids were received for AEP Asphalt Emulsion Prime.**



- **MC-30 Cutback Asphalt** – No bids were received for MC-30 Cutback Asphalt.
- **Spiral Metal Culverts** – Bid should be awarded to Co-Heir and Coburns based upon the best price, availability, hauling, location of job and quantity needed.
- **Polyethylene pipe** should be awarded to Co-Heir, Irrigation Mart, Inc. and Coburns based upon the best price, availability, hauling, location of job and quantity needed.
- **Concrete Pipe** – Bid should be awarded to Co-Heir and Coburns based upon the best price, availability, hauling, location of job and quantity needed.
- **Hot Mix and Cold Mix** – Bid should be awarded to Amethyst Construction and Dreher Contracting based upon the best price, availability, hauling, location of job and quantity needed.
- **Maintenance rock, oversize rock, clay gravel, fill sand, pea gravel, and concrete sand** – Bid should be awarded to Macro Farms, LLC (Select Concrete) (only bidder).
- **Crushed concrete** – No bids were received for crushed concrete.
- **Granite rock** should be awarded to R. E. Bentz, Inc. (only bidder).
- **Leachate Collection Sand** – Bid should be awarded to Martin Marietta (only bidder).
- **Daily alternative cover for landfill** should be awarded to Landfill Solutions, Enviro Services, LLC and Space Savers, Inc. based upon the best price, availability, hauling, location of job and quantity needed. Bid covers the period of July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Watley, seconded by Mr. Sawyer to assist Junction City with road work at 167 & 6<sup>th</sup> Street with Junction City paying for the cost of the materials. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Watley met with Mayor Ferguson regarding the request from the Town of Bernice.

**Motion Mr. Watley, seconded by Mr. Sawyer to table the request from the Town of Bernice to repair 1<sup>st</sup> Street. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Watley, seconded by Mr. Parker to assist the Town of Bernice with road work at 2<sup>nd</sup> Street with the Town of Bernice paying for the materials. Motion carried unanimously.**

The Secretary/Treasurer reported that a request had been submitted from Jackie Mabry to delete Mabry Road from the Union Parish Road System. In order to delete Mabry Road from the Union Parish Road System a public hearing will be necessary. An advertisement will be placed in the local journal notifying the public of the intent to delete the road from the system and certified letters will be sent out to adjacent landowners, if there are any. **Motion Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Bridges to set a public hearing for September 3, 2019 to discuss the deletion of Mabry Road from the Union Parish Road System. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Bridges to authorize mileage reimbursement for two Health Unit parish employees to attend a WIC program update July 8, 2019 through July 12, 2019 in West Monroe. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Recommendations from the Personnel Committee:**

**Motion Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Parker to hire Christopher Johnson for full time employment at the road department with his time being counted back to his original hire date of February 25, 2019. Mr. Johnson's probationary period will be completed on August 25, 2019 and at that time he will be eligible for retirement, insurance, vacation, sick leave and holiday pay. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Bridges to implement an overtime policy for salary personnel in the event a disaster is declared. Motion carried unanimously.**

Sharon Dixson, Section 8 Director, addressed the jury concerning an increase in the one-bedroom housing allowance. Currently the payment standard for one-bedroom housing is \$579 which is too low to lease in this area. **Motion Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Watley to amend the Union Parish Section 8 Housing Payment Standard for 2019 for one-bedroom housing. The amount will increase from \$579 to \$637 for one-bedroom housing – effective August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.**

In accordance with Ordinance 549, time for public comment was given. Jon McKinnie, President of the Union Parish Chamber of Commerce, addressed the jury concerning events happening in our parish.

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 urged everyone to remember that the 4<sup>th</sup> of July is Independence Day and that independence is not free. We have service men and women around the country that are serving. Let's keep them in our prayers. Have a safe weekend.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2019.**



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PAULA STRICKLAND  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Union Parish Police Jury



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