

## REGULAR MEETING UNION PARISH POLICE JURY

Farmerville, Louisiana

June 2, 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 via phone. The President called the session to order and welcomed all guests. Mr. Pilgreen offered the invocation and Mrs. Abercrombie led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.**

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.

Mr. Buckley recognized Misti Walker, the new Road Department Assistant. The Secretary/Treasurer also announced that there will be a LifeShare Mobile blood drive at the Union Parish Courthouse on Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Lynn Ramsey addressed the jury on Agenda Item #16. Mrs. Ramsey voiced her opinion on the continuation of the \$2.00 hourly temporary pay increase for the Landfill. Mrs. Ramsey is concerned that there is not enough money to pay for the increase. Mrs. Ramsey is also concerned about the morale for other departments if they don't receive the same temporary increase.

Byron Avery addressed the jury on Agenda Item #8 regarding the selection of the official journal.

**Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Ramsey and declared adopted by unanimous vote of the Jury to approve the agenda as written.**

**Motion Mr. Nolan, seconded by Mr. Ramsey to adopt the minutes of the May 5, 2020 regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.**

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

Out of the General Fund, the Green Oaks invoice for the month of May was \$6,000. This was for one juvenile being incarcerated for a whole month and he has since been released.

A \$5,000 transfer was made to the airport for general operating expenses. This was included in the 2020 budget. There is a General Aviation Airport Maintenance Program and we will get back one-half of the general maintenance performed at the airport. This does include mowing

and replacing any lighting. We will not receive those funds until August or September. This transfer is routine and is done every year.

There are 344 inmates being housed at the Detention Center. Currently there are 16 male and 16 female inmates being housed in Madison Parish. The May invoice to house those 32 inmates was approximately \$20,000.

There was no work release program in May. Twenty-five (25) inmates have returned to work at Foster Farms. The DOC state income for May was \$227,665.37. The Detention Center ended the month with a negative balance of (73,527.53). This is directly related to the loss of revenue from the TWP inmates.

The sales tax collection for the month of May was \$198,750.31. The sales tax is down \$7,300 from last month. The Tipping Fees collected were \$106,647.52 which is up \$9,000 from last month.

The advertisement for fifty (50) new dumpsters will be in the official journal next week.

**Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mrs. Abercrombie to adopt the Revenue and Expenditures Report for the month of May. Motion carried unanimously.**

A discussion was had concerning the official journal. Mr. Moses addressed the jury and would like to see the official journal go to the *The Gazette* this year. He said *The Banner* has had it several years and it would be fair to let the *The Gazette* have it this year. **Motion Mr. Nolan, seconded by Mr. Pilgreen to continue with *The Banner* as the official journal for the Union Parish Police Jury. Motion carried with the following Roll Call Vote:**

MEMBERS:	BANNER	GAZETTE
Curtis Moses		x
Nathan Pilgreen	x	
Dewayne Ramsey	x	
Johnny Buckley	x	
Ben Bridges	x	
Ceis Nyegaard	x	
L.W. Nolan	x	
Brenda Abercrombie		x
John W. Watley	x	

After the vote was taken Mrs. Abercrombie addressed Danielle Harkins, owner of *The Banner*. Mrs. Abercrombie wanted to explain why she voted for *The Gazette*. Mrs. Abercrombie stated that when she ran for police juror she could not find a paper in her area. After her victory Mrs. Abercrombie was told that a paper would be in her area and so far that has not happened.

**Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Nolan to rescind the motion for *The Banner* as the official journal. Motion carried with the following Roll Call vote:**

MEMBERS:                    YES                                    NO

Curtis Moses	x
Nathan Pilgreen	x
Dewayne Ramsey	x
Johnny Buckley	x
Ben Bridges	x
Ceis Nyegaard	x
L. W. Nolan	x
Brenda Abercrombie	x
John W. Watley	x

**Motion Mr. Nolan, seconded by Mr. Pilgreen to continue with *The Banner* as the official journal for the Union Parish Police Jury with the stipulation that the official journal shall be readily available in every district. Motion carried with the following Roll Call Vote:**

MEMBERS:                    BANNER                                    GAZETTE

Curtis Moses	x	
Nathan Pilgreen	x	
Dewayne Ramsey	x	
Johnny Buckley	x	
Ben Bridges	x	
Ceis Nyegaard	x	
L. W. Nolan	x	
Brenda Abercrombie		x
John W. Watley	x	

**The following Ordinance was offered by Mr. Bridges and seconded by Mr. Pilgreen:**

**ORDINANCE # 904**

**AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE SPEED LIMIT OF 20 MILES PER HOUR ON EMMETT 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 **Emmett 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. Bridges**, who moved its adoption and duly seconded by **Mr. Pilgreen** and was then adopted by the following YEA and NAY vote:

MEMBERS:	YEAS:	NAYS:	ABSENT:	ABSTAINING:
Curtis Moses	x			
Nathan Pilgreen	x			
Dewayne Ramsey	x			
Johnny Buckley	x			
Ben Bridges	x			
Ceis Nyegaard	x			
L.W. Nolan	x			
Brenda Abercrombie	x			
John W. Watley	x			

WHEREUPON, the Ordinance was declared duly adopted this 5<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.

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

s/ Johnny Buckley  
**JOHNNY BUCKLEY**  
**PRESIDENT**  
**UNION PARISH POLICE JURY**

**The following Ordinance was offered by Mr. Nolan and seconded by Mr. Nyegaard:**

**ORDINANCE # 905**

**AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE SPEED LIMIT OF 40 MILES PER HOUR ON NORTH SPILLWAY 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 **North Spillway Road** in its entirety, shall not exceed **40** 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. Nolan**, who moved its adoption and duly seconded by **Mr. Nyegaard** and was then adopted by the following YEA and NAY vote:

MEMBERS:	YEAS:	NAYS:	ABSENT:	ABSTAINING:
Curtis Moses	x			
Nathan Pilgreen	x			
Dewayne Ramsey	x			
Johnny Buckley	x			
Ben Bridges	x			
Ceis Nyegaard	x			
L.W. Nolan	x			
Brenda Abercrombie	x			
John W. Watley	x			

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**s/ Johnny Buckley**  
**JOHNNY BUCKLEY**  
**PRESIDENT**  
**UNION PARISH POLICE JURY**

**Motion Mr. Nyegaard, seconded by Mr. Pilgreen to hire William Coston as a full time Landfill employee effective June 8, 2020. Mr. Coston is now eligible for vacation, sick time and insurance. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mrs. Abercrombie, seconded by Mr. Ramsey to advertise for bids based upon the engineer's estimated budget for the Loch Lomond Pipe Replacement project and authorize the President to execute any necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Nyegaard, seconded by Mr. Nolan to authorize the Secretary/Treasurer to request direct payments from the State of Louisiana from the allocation of funds to the State of Louisiana from the Coronavirus Relief Fund created by the CARES Act and execute any other necessary documents needed to process the claim. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Nolan, seconded by Mr. Bridges to accept Amendment No. 1 to the Obstruction Removal – Phase 2 project at the Union Parish Airport and authorize the President to execute any necessary documents.**

Bill Carter, Attorney for the D'Arbonne Lake Commission addressed the jury concerning a proposed ordinance prohibiting the operation of motor vessels when Lake D'Arbonne is above flood stage. **No action taken.**


**Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mrs. Abercrombie to continue the \$2.00 hourly pay increase for the Landfill employees until July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020. At that time the COVID-19 situation will be reevaluated. Motion carried with the following Roll Call vote:**

MEMBERS:	YEAS:	NAYS:	ABSENT:	ABSTAINING:
Curtis Moses	x			
Nathan Pilgreen	x			
Dewayne Ramsey		x		
Johnny Buckley	x			
Ben Bridges	x			
Ceis Nyegaard	x			
L.W. Nolan	x			
Brenda Abercrombie	x			
John W. Watley	x			

In accordance with Ordinance 549, time for public comment was given. There were no public comments.

**There being no further business to come before the Jury, the President declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Mr. Nolan, seconded by Mrs. Abercrombie on this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.**

  
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Paula Strickland, Secretary-Treasurer  
Union Parish Police Jury

  
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Johnny Buckley, President  
Union Parish Police Jury