

REGULAR MEETING UNION PARISH POLICE JURY

Farmerville, Louisiana

June 4, 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, Glenn Hutto, Ben Bridges, Nathan Futch, Stan Smith, and John Watley. Absent: Mike Jones. Also present was Tracy Houck, Assistant District Attorney. The President called the session to order and welcomed all guests. Mr. Alfred Hill, Pastor from Fellowship Baptist Church, offered the invocation and Mr. Hutto led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mr. Houck, Assistant District Attorney, addressed the jury and stated that Mr. Kennedy had resigned as police jury for District 5. Mr. Houck stated that the jury will appoint/elect someone to fill Mr. Kennedy's vacant position. Mr. Houck opened the floor for nominations. Nathan Futch nominated Kendall Terral and Glenn Hutto nominated Ben Bridges. Mr. Houck declares the nominations closed for the District 5 replacement and the following roll call vote was had:

Futch	Terral
Sawyer	Bridges
Parker	Bridges
Taylor	Bridges
Hutto	Bridges
Smith	Abstained
Watley	Bridges

Mr. Houck declared that Mr. Bridges will fill the unexpired term of Derek Kennedy.

The Honorable Dodi Eubanks, Union Parish Clerk of Court, then presided over the administering of the Oath of Office to Ben Bridges.

Due to the fact that Mr. Kennedy was the Vice-President, President Taylor asked for nominations for Vice-President. Charles Sawyer was nominated by Mr. Watley, seconded by Mr. Hutto. There were no other nominations and President Taylor declared the nominations closed for Vice-President. Motion carried unanimously. President Taylor declared Mr. Sawyer as Vice-President by acclamation to fill the unexpired term of Derek Kennedy as Vice-President.

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.

Joe Cusimano addressed the jury regarding a franchise agreement with Randolph Water System. The franchise agreement would allow the water system to operate in the parish for ninety-nine (99) years.

Mr. Taylor would like to remember the family of Melba Tucker. Mrs. Tucker recently passed away and Mr. Taylor urged the jurors to remember Mr. Tucker and their three daughters.

Mr. Sawyer recognized the family of Bobby Joe Newton. Mr. Newton was a Vietnam Vet. He served two tours in Vietnam. Mr. Sawyer asked for prayers for the Newton family.

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

Motion Mr. Sawyer, seconded by Mr. Watley to adopt the minutes of the May 7, 2019 regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The Secretary/Treasurer presented the Budget to Actual Revenue and Expense report for 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 reported that the grant funds have been received for the mini-excavator and those funds have been replaced in the Road Maintenance fund. The transitional work release program has generated approximately \$118,675 for the month of May. There are approximately seventy-eight (78) offenders participating in that program. The Secretary/Treasurer reported that at this point in the year about forty-two percent (42%) to forty-five percent (45%) of the budget has been expended. The five percent (5%) variance has not been reached with the total budget so there is no need to make any adjustments to the budget. **Motion Mr. Hutto, seconded by Mr. Sawyer to adopt the Revenues and Expenditures Report for the month of May 2019. Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion Mr. Watley, seconded by Mr. Bridges to remove Derek S. Kennedy from the signature cards at Origin Bank and add Charles Sawyer, newly elected Vice-President, as an authorized signer to the Union Parish Police Jury signature cards at Origin Bank and allow the execution of all necessary documents for this purpose. Authorization for the other personnel already listed on the bank signature cards is to remain in effect. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Watley to continue with *The Banner* as the official journal for the Union Parish Police Jury. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Watley, seconded by Mr. Sawyer to approve Ordinance 889 granting Randolph Water System, Inc. a franchise agreement for a period of ninety-nine (99) years subject to the police jury counsel reviewing/approving the agreement, and

authorizing the president to execute any necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 889

An ordinance granting to **RANDOLPH WATER SYSTEM, INC.**, its successors, heirs and assigns, a franchise, right and privilege for a period of ninety-nine (99) years from the date of the adoption hereof for the erection and maintenance of water lines on, under and upon the street, roads, highways, alleys or ways of the Parish of Union, State of Louisiana, and to construct and operate a water system serving the area designated herein, and the right to change, modify, replace or remove the same or any portion thereof.

WHEREAS, the **RANDOLPH WATER SYSTEM, INC.**, has requested that the Union Parish Police Jury grant it a ninety-nine (99) year franchise to construct and operate said system covering an area described, located in Union Parish, Louisiana, to-wit:

Sections 7, 8, 9, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 29, and 30 of Township 23 North, Range 3 West, Union Parish, Louisiana.

Said area shown more fully, by the map marked Exhibit "A", which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, and

WHEREAS, the Union Parish Police Jury has made an investigation and has determined that the Police Jury convenience and necessity requires a water system in and near the above-mentioned areas.

SECTION 1: BE IT ORDAINED BY THE POLICE JURY OF THE PARISH OF UNION, STATE OF LOUISIANA, IN REGULAR SESSION CONVEYED: That the Parish of Union, State of Louisiana, hereinafter called the "Parish" grants and that it is hereby granted to **RANDOLPH WATER SYSTEM, INC.**, its heirs, successors and

assigns, hereinafter called the "Company", in addition to the rights and privileges presently enjoyed by the Company, a franchise, right and privilege for nine-nine (99) years from the date of the adoption hereto, to erect and maintain a water line along and upon any of the streets, roads, highways, alleys and ways of the Parish of Union, State of Louisiana, which area is described as follows, to-wit:

Sections 7, 8, 9, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 29 and 30 of Township 23 North, Range 3 West, Union Parish, Louisiana.

All situated in Union Parish, Louisiana, and to construct and operate a water system serving the area of Union Parish, Louisiana, as described, and the right to change, modify and replace or remove the same or any portion thereof,

SECTION 2: BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, ETC., that this franchise is granted upon and subject to the following provisions:

1. In Maintaining its properties, the Company shall not unnecessarily or unreasonably impair or obstruct the streets, roads, highways, alleys, sidewalks, and public grounds, and the Company shall at its own expense, without reasonable delay, make all necessary repairs to remedy any damage or remove any obstruction caused by its operations hereunder. All lines shall be bored or driven under blacktop roads.
2. The Company shall use reasonable precautions to avoid damages or injury to persons or property and shall insure against losses or expenses caused by the negligence of the Company, its agents, or employees, while exercising any of the rights herein granted.

SECTION 3: BE IT ORDAINED, ETC., that the Parish shall make and adopt and enforce all ordinances necessary to protect any property rights of the Company owned and operated in the Parish.

SECTION 4: BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, ETC., that this ordinance, the public health and welfare and the necessity requiring it, shall take effect from and after its adoption.

The ordinance was read and considered Section by Section and as a show **Mr. Watley** moved its adoption, which motion was seconded by **Mr. Sawyer**. The President ordered vote by Yeas and Nays, which resulted as follows:

For adoption of the Ordinance:

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

And the ordinance was declared adopted, this 4th day of June, 2019.

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

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

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF UNION

I, the undersigned Secretary of the Police Jury of the Parish of Union, State of Louisiana, do hereby certify that the foregoing three (3) pages constitute a true and correct copy of an ordinance adopted by said Police Jury in regular session on June 4, 2019, at which meeting a quorum was present, granting to **RANDOLPH WATER SYSTEM, INC.**, a franchise, right and privilege for a period of ninety-nine (99) years for the erection, and maintenance of water lines under and upon parish road right of ways and construction and operation of said water system.

Given under my Official Signature and Seal of Office on this the _____ day of June, 2019.

s/ Paula Strickland
Paula Strickland, Secretary
Union Parish Police Jury

Motion Mr. Hutto, seconded by Mr. Parker authorizing travel expenses for the Secretary/Treasurer to attend the Organization of Parish Administrative Officials Conference to be held in New Orleans, Louisiana on July 31 – August 2, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

Courthouse Committee Recommendations:

Motion Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Sawyer to authorize the remodeling of a bathroom into a utility closet at the LSU Extension office. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Watley for a continuance of the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (\$13,000 per year) with the Extension office and authorize the President to execute any necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.

Airport Committee Recommendations:

Motion Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Futch to accept the lowest quote from Philip Bryan Services, LLC for installation of a card reader for the fuel pumps and authorize the President to execute any necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.

Road Committee Recommendations:

Motion Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Smith to approve the request from the Town of Marion for one (1) load of coal mix with the Town of Marion paying for the materials. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Hutto, seconded by Mr. Parker to accept the lowest bid from Dreher Contracting in the amount of \$913,825 for the 2019 Union Parish Road Program. Motion carried unanimously with the following Roll Call Vote:

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

In accordance with Ordinance 549, time for public comment was given. Eugene Squyres, 384 Squires Road, addressed the jury concerning the roads in Union Parish.

Jon McKinnie, President of the Union Parish Chamber of Commerce, addressed the jury regarding the boat races and fireworks display. The boat races will be held on June 22

and June 23. The fireworks display will be held on July 6, 2019. Mr. McKinnie thanked the jury for their support.


Brad McCarty, 150 Easy Living Lane, addressed the jury concerning Cox Ferry Road. Mr. McCarty is President of the Cox Ferry Homeowners Association.

Charlene Gatson Carter, 793 Gatson Road, addressed the jury concerning Gatson Road. Mrs. Carter would like to know when the zipper will be used in her area. Mrs. Carter also inquired about the missing dumpster on Gatson Road.


Johnny Smith, 3812 Highway 550, addressed the jury concerning the roads.

President Taylor addressed the jurors and said he will be adjusting some of the committee assignments and will make as few changes as possible. President Taylor said he appreciates the jurors service and he appreciates the public coming to the meeting. President Taylor addressed the public and thanked them for coming and said he understands their concerns. He urged the residents to keep coming to the meetings and stay involved.

There being no further business to come before the Jury, the President declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Mr. Sawyer, seconded by Mr. Hutto on this the 4th day of June, 2019.



PAULA STRICKLAND
Secretary/Treasurer
Union Parish Police Jury



JERRY W. TAYLOR
President
Union Parish Police Jury