

SPECIAL MEETING UNION PARISH POLICE JURY

**Farmerville, Louisiana
March 23rd, 2020**

The Union Parish Police Jury met this date in special session in the Police Jury meeting room, Courthouse Annex, Farmerville, Louisiana with the following present in person: Johnny Buckley. The remainder were present via teleconference: Curtis Moses, Nathan Pilgreen, DeWayne Ramsey, Ben Bridges, Ceis Nyegaard, L.W. Nolan and Brenda Abercrombie. Absent: John Watley. Also present was Tracy Houck, Assistant District Attorney. The President called the meeting to order and welcomed all visitors. Mr. Buckley offered the invocation and Mr. Gossler led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Buckley asked if anyone had submitted a public comment on agenda items and there were none.

Motion by Mrs. Abercrombie, seconded by Mr. Nolan and declared adopted by unanimous roll call vote of the Jury to approve the agenda as written.

Greg Gossler, Union Parish Homeland Security Director, addressed the jurors regarding a brief COVID-19 update. Mr. Gossler said that a request for PPE's had been submitted, but due to the fact that Union Parish has no cases of the virus it will be unlikely that any supplies would reach Union Parish in the near future. Governor Edwards issued a Stay at Home Proclamation Number 33 JBE2020 which states that all state buildings are closed to the public and everyone is under an order to stay home unless performing an essential activity. Citizens may shop for groceries, pick up medications, go to the post office and do banking business.

A brief discussion was had regarding the adoption of a Disaster/Health Crisis Emergency Policy. The policy applies to full-time and part-time employees including hourly, salary exempt and salary non-exempt. In the event the president declares an emergency this policy would go into effect. Per the policy, Department heads, the Secretary/Treasurer and the President have the authority to flex schedules, shifts and personnel to best fit the individual circumstances of the event. The policy includes a clause where all employees will be paid through direct deposit. The direct deposit clause will remain in effect when the emergency is over. **Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Moses to adopt the Disaster/Health Crisis Emergency Policy 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. No comment was received via text, fax or email.

There being no further business to come before the Jury, the President declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Mr. Ramsey, seconded by Mrs. Abercrombie on this the 23rd day of March, 2020.


PAULA STRICKLAND
Secretary/Treasurer


JOHNNY BUCKLEY
President