

REGULAR MEETING UNION PARISH POLICE JURY

Farmerville, Louisiana

March 3, 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. The President called the session to order and welcomed all guests. Mr. Bridges offered the invocation and Mr. Pilgreen 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.

The Secretary/Treasurer invited the jurors to the 49th annual Union Parish Chamber of Commerce Banquet. The banquet will be held on Thursday, March 5, 2020 at the Willie Davis Recreation Center. The doors will open at 5:00 PM and the event will start promptly at 6:00 PM.

The Secretary/Treasurer invited the jurors and public to a retirement reception honoring John Hicks from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM on Thursday March 12, 2020 at the Union Parish Police Jury in the Courthouse Annex.

Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Bridges to add to the agenda the following: "Discuss and take action, if necessary, regarding the implementation of four – ten-hour days to the road department schedule." The public was asked if there were any objections and there were none. The following Roll Call vote was then taken:

MEMBERS:	YEAS:	NAYS:	ABSENT:
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 Roll Call vote was not unanimous so therefore the item was not added to the agenda.

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

Motion Mr. Nyegaard, seconded by Mr. Bridges to adopt the minutes of the February 4th, 2020 regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

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

The field work for the 2019 audit has been completed and one-half of the audit fees have been paid and expensed to the various funds. The Green Oaks invoice for February was down to \$1,200. The JP and Constables attended their annual conference and the expense to the General Fund was \$5,009.41.

As of March 3rd, there are 385 inmates being housed at the Detention Center. There are a total of 50 male and female inmates being housed in Madison Parish which the jury is paying for. The cost to house those inmates in Madison Parish for the month of February was approximately \$18,000. As of today the work release inmate count for Foster Farms is 90. There are eleven (11) inmates pending employment. The Detention Center work release program generated approximately \$116,600 for the month of February. The DOC income was approximately \$219,765. Even with the large amount of monthly income, the expenses still outweigh the revenues. The overtime at the Detention Center for the month of February was \$9,476 which is down from January.

The .01 sales tax for the landfill generated approximately \$205,400. The tipping fees received from Lincoln Parish, Jackson Parish and Foster Farms generated approximately \$112,520.

Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Watley to adopt the Revenue and Expenditures Report for the month of February 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Watley, seconded by Mr. Bridges to appoint Curtis Moses as the Union Parish Police Jury Representative to the Union Community Action Association, Inc. Emergency Food & Shelter Program. Motion carried unanimously.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 901

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND ENACTING A NEW CODE FOR THE UNION PARISH POLICE JURY CODE; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES NOT INCLUDED THEREIN; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR THE MANNER OF AMENDING SUCH CODE; AND PROVIDING WHEN SUCH CODE AND THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE UNION PARISH POLICE JURY:

Section 1. The Code entitled "Union Parish Police Jury Code," published by Municipal Code Corporation, consisting of chapters 1 through 42, each inclusive, is adopted.

Section 2. All ordinances of a general and permanent nature enacted on or before May 7, 2019, and not included in the Code or recognized and continued in force by reference therein, are repealed.

Section 3. The repeal provided for in section 2 hereof shall not be construed to revive any ordinance or part thereof that has been repealed by a subsequent ordinance that is repealed by this ordinance.

Section 4. Unless another penalty is expressly provided, every person convicted of a violation of any provision of the Code or any ordinance, rule or regulation adopted or issued in pursuance thereof shall be punished by a term of imprisonment of up to thirty (30) days in the parish jail or a fine of up to five hundred dollars (\$500.00), or both. A maximum of one hundred hours of community service may be imposed for a violation of any parish ordinance in addition to, or in lieu of, any penalty provided for in this Ordinance. Each act of violation and each day upon which any such violation shall continue or occur shall constitute a separate offense. The penalty provided by this section, unless another penalty is expressly provided, shall apply to the amendment of any Code section, whether or not such penalty is reenacted in the amendatory ordinance. In addition to the penalty prescribed above, the parish may pursue other remedies such as abatement of nuisances, injunctive relief and revocation of licenses or permits.

Section 5. Additions or amendments to the Code when passed in such form as to indicate the intention of the parish to make the same a part of the Code shall be deemed to be incorporated in the Code, so that reference to the Code includes the additions and amendments.

Section 6. Ordinances adopted after May 7, 2019, that amend or refer to ordinances that have been codified in the Code shall be construed as if they amend or refer to like provisions of the Code.

Section 7. This ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption.

The foregoing ordinance was introduced by **Mr. Nolan**, 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 3rd day of March, 2020.

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

s/ Johnny Buckley
JOHNNY BUCKLEY
PRESIDENT
UNION PARISH POLICE JURY

STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF UNION

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned Secretary-Treasurer of the Police Jury of the Parish of Union, State of Louisiana, do hereby certify that the foregoing pages constitute a true and correct copy of an ordinance adopted by said Union Parish Police Jury on March 3rd, 2020.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature at Farmerville, Louisiana, on this,

the _____ day of March, 2020.

s/ Paula Strickland
Paula Strickland
Secretary/Treasurer

Motion Mr. Nyegaard, seconded by Mr. Watley, to publish the Union Parish Police Jury Ordinances online using the services provided by Municode. The first six months will be at no cost and after that there will be a yearly cost of \$450. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Watley, seconded by Mr. Bridges to approve the request from the Village of Junction City to assist with road work and bush hogging at the police jury's convenience. Motion carried unanimously.

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

ORDINANCE # 902

AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE SPEED LIMIT OF 35 MILES PER HOUR ON HOOKER HOLE 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 **Hooker Hole Road** in its entirety, shall not exceed **35** 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. Pilgreen**, who moved its adoption and duly seconded by **Mr. Ramsey** 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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SECRETARY-TREASURER
UNION PARISH POLICE JURY

s/ Johnny Buckley
JOHNNY BUCKLEY
PRESIDENT
UNION PARISH POLICE JURY

Recommendations from the Personnel Committee:

Motion Mr. Ramsey, seconded by Mr. Bridges to hire Tysheita Thomas as a full-time custodian worker effective March 16th, 2020 with an hourly rate of \$12. Ms. Thomas is now eligible for vacation, sick time and insurance. Motion carried unanimously.

Recommendations from the Landfill Committee:

Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Nyegaard to bid out the purchase of new dumpsters using the specs provided by Richard Phelps. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Ramsey to advertise for bids for the cleaning out and video inspection of the Leachate Collection system. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Ramsey to advertise for bids for the cleaning out of Detention Pond #1 and the pipe connection to Detention Pond #2. Motion carried unanimously.

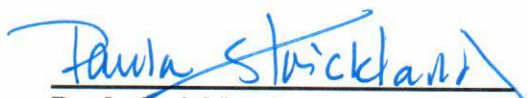
Recommendations from the Courthouse Committee:

Motion Mr. Watley, seconded by Mr. Bridges to authorize Greg Gossler, Union Parish Homeland Security Director to move forward with a grant for the Operations Command Center and expand the conference room into the adjacent office. Motion carried unanimously.

In accordance with Ordinance 549, time for public comment was given.

Rosemary Smith addressed the jury regarding Countyline Road and Gatson Road.

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 3rd day of March, 2020.


Paula Strickland
Paula Strickland
Secretary/Treasurer


Johnny Buckley
Johnny Buckley
President