

**DETENTION CENTER COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
May 16th, 2019**

The Detention Center Commission met this date at 3:30 P.M. in the Union Parish Police Jury meeting room, Union Parish Courthouse Annex, Farmerville, Louisiana. Present were: Lanny Parker (Union Parish Police Jury), Dusty Gates (Union Parish Sheriff) and Chief Bim Coulberson (Town of Farmerville). Absent - John Belton (District Attorney) and Jerry W. Taylor (Union Parish Police Jury).

Mr. Parker called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Warden Ray Hanson led the group in prayer. Roll call was taken. Mr. Parker asked if anyone in the audience would like to register for public comment to speak.

Public Comment

Sandy Parker Gardner, 105 Dauphine, West Monroe addressed the commission concerning her brother, Hal Parker and the conditions at the Detention Center. Ms. Gardner had the following complaints:

- medication not being given properly
- lack of medical attention
- lack of exercise
- lack of hot meals
- guards giving out meds
- rudeness of employees who answer the phones

Sherry McWiggins, 2864 Forest Cemetery Road, Pioneer addressed the commission concerning her brother, Hal Parker. Ms. McWiggins had the following complaints:

- medication not being given properly – evening meds not being given
- medication not being ordered
- lack of medical attention
- Mother’s Day visitation cancelled with no notice after Ms. McWiggins drove 1 ½ hours

Sandy Clampit, 111 Lonesome Dove, Calhoun, addressed the commission concerning the lack of medical attention at the Union Parish Detention Center. Ms. Clampit also complained about the complicated release procedure and the rudeness of the employees.

Patty Pilgreen, Marion, addressed the commission concerning the treatment of Hal Parker.

Warden Hanson thanked the ladies for bringing these issues to his attention and assured them that they would be addressed.

Motion made by Chief Coulberson, seconded by Sheriff Gates and declared adopted by Roll Call vote to approve the agenda with the following addition:

- 10 Discuss and take action, if necessary, regarding purchasing commissary equipment out of IWF.**

Motion made by Chief Coulbertson and seconded by Sheriff Gates to adopt the minutes of the Thursday, March 21, 2019 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Transitional Work Program Director's Report (Jessica Shoemaker) – The room and board as of May 16, 2019 is **\$79,728.67**. The room and board for April was **\$41,571.71**. Foster Farms has one pay period left in the month and Thomas Nursery has two pay periods left in the month. Mrs. Shoemaker anticipates that by the end of May the room and board should be approximately \$105,000. As of today, there are eighty-five (85) work release offenders; sixty-four (64) of those offenders are LEO's. Ten offenders are in the screening process and fourteen offenders have been submitted to DOC.

Warden's Comments – Warden Hanson states that the total population at the facility is 374. There are 113 parish offenders and a total of 261 DOC offenders. There has been a large turnover in employees. The facility is in the process of being painted. The Basic Jail Guideline audit will be June 19, 2019. The annual in-service training will be May 28, 29 and May 30. Warden Hanson also states that he would like to utilize the basement for a hobby craft room. He would like to take old worn out bikes and have the inmates restore to good condition and give them out to children. It would be a good project for the inmates and they would have something to be proud of.

The secretary/treasurer gave a brief update on the video visitation. Tracy Houck, Assistant District Attorney, has requested that the discussion be tabled until he can review the agreement.

Motion Chief Coulbertson, seconded by Sheriff Gates to table the video visitation agreement with HomeWav until counsel approves the agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

The secretary/treasurer presented three quotes regarding the electrical system. Securetec had the lowest quote in the amount of \$89,860, Maximum Security Products - \$100,812 and Cornerstone - \$140,232. Chief Culbertson asked that this matter be tabled due to the excessive cost and to have time to review the quotes. **Motion Chief Coulbertson, seconded by Sheriff Gates to table the discussion on the electrical system until the quotes can be reviewed. Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion Chief Coulbertson, seconded by Sheriff Gates to purchase cameras in the visitation center from Smart Phone Security in the amount of \$2,496. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Chief Coulbertson, seconded by Sheriff Gates to table the commissary equipment discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Chief Coulbertson and seconded by Sheriff Gates for the Commission to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel/security issues. Roll call vote: YEAS 3, NAYS 0, ABSENT 2.

Motion made by Chief Coulbertson and seconded by Sheriff Gates for the Commission to come out of executive session and to return to meeting; no action taken in executive session. Roll call vote: YEAS 3, NAYS 0, ABSENT 2.

There being no further business to come before the commission, Mr. Parker declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Chief Coulbertson, seconded by Sheriff Gates, on this the 16th day of May, 2019.

Lanny Parker, Chairman
Paula Strickland, Secretary/Treasurer