

**COURTHOUSE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
May 23, 2019
3:00 P.M.**

Present: Lanny Parker, Charles Sawyer, John Watley and Stan Smith. Also present, Jerry W. Taylor.

Mr. Parker called the meeting to order. Mr. Sawyer led the group in prayer.

Motion Mr. Watley, seconded by Mr. Smith and declared adopted by unanimous roll call vote of the Committee to approve the agenda with one addition.

#10 Discuss and make recommendations, if necessary, regarding the purchase of an ice machine.

Motion Mr. Watley, seconded by Mr. Sawyer and declared adopted by unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the March 5th, 2019 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion was held regarding the courthouse roof. Mr. Taylor addressed the committee with concerns about the handling of the roof. Mr. Taylor would like to see the courthouse committee more informed as to what is going on with the roof. Mr. Fields gave a brief update on the roof status. Industrial Roofing came out last Tuesday and found more bad areas. Industrial Roofing has submitted a report to the warranty company. **No action taken.**

A brief discussion was held on the courthouse siding. Mr. Taylor addressed the committee regarding this issue. Mr. Dumas had been working with FEMA on the courthouse siding, but those avenues have been exhausted. The coating that was put on the courthouse was a temporary fix and never meant to be permanent. Mr. Taylor suggests having Paul Riley look at the courthouse and see what recommendations he has. **Motion Mr. Sawyer, seconded by Mr. Watley to recommend to the full jury to authorize Paul Riley to inspect the courthouse siding and make a recommendation as to what can be done. Motion carried unanimously.**

A discussion was held on the parking lot located across from the Union Parish Courthouse. The parking lot is owned by the Union Parish School Board. The lease agreement was on the school board agenda in May. The item was tabled. Mr. Taylor explained to the school board members that this parking lot was a joint venture between the police jury and the school board. The jury built and paid for the parking lot. The jury maintains the liability insurance policy and routine maintenance on the parking lot. The jury does this as a public service to the citizens of Union Parish. The jury provides dumpsters and trash pick-up to the Union Parish Elementary School and Downsville Charter School free of charge. In addition to trash services the Road Department provides labor for parking lot projects and hauls road materials if needed. **No action taken.**

A discussion was held on a shelter to be used in the event of an emergency. Mr. Taylor stated that he met with Mayor Baughman earlier. The mayor said he would talk to Billy Jung with the Fire Department. They are open 24 hours a day and that might be an option because someone is

already there. **Motion Mr. Sawyer, seconded by Mr. Watley to table this matter. Motion carried unanimously.**

A brief discussion was held on a request from Jason Holmes at the LSU Extension Office. Mr. Holmes is requesting that the extra bathroom at the extension office be remodeled and made into a closet. The Extension Office is lacking in space. **Motion Mr. Sawyer, seconded by Mr. Watley to recommend to the full jury to remodel the extra bathroom at the LSU Extension Office and make it into a closet. Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion Mr. Sawyer, seconded by Mr. Watley to recommend to the full jury to continue the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the LSU Extension office and authorize the President to execute any necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.

A brief discussion was held on the purchase of an ice machine for the Annex to be used by the Annex staff and maintenance staff. **No action taken.**

There being no further business to come before the committee, Mr. Parker declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Mr. Watley and duly seconded by Mr. Sawyer on this the 23rd day of May, 2019.

**Lanny Parker, Chairman
Paula Strickland, Secretary-Treasurer**