

REGULAR MEETING UNION PARISH POLICE JURY

Farmerville, Louisiana
October 1st, 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, Mike Jones and John 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. Sawyer led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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.

The Secretary/Treasurer announced that Trailblazer will be holding a workshop on October 15, 2019 titled All About Bees. The Secretary/Treasurer also announced that the police jury staff will be passing out candy on Halloween at the Annex.

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

Motion Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Bridges to adopt the minutes of the September 3, 2019 regular meeting and September 19, 2019 special meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

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

A large payment was made and expensed over several funds for the general liability insurance. One half of the insurance was paid in September and the remaining payment will be made in October. The Road Department had a large expenditure for equipment, but that purchase was previously authorized during the March 2019 meeting.

The parish spent \$18,400 out of the General Fund housing juveniles @ Green Oaks Detention Center. That is a decrease of \$7,200 from last month. As of yesterday, we only have one juvenile being housed at this time. This year to date the parish has spent \$125,600 housing juveniles. That is money that could be utilized elsewhere.

In the Detention Center Fund the Transitional Work Release Program (TWP) generated approximately \$126,000 for the month of September. Income for the DOC inmates

totaled \$205,099.93. There are 100 active inmates participating in the work release program and there are 23 inmates pending to go to work. There are a total of 410 inmates at the facility. At this point in the year we should have expended about 75% of the total budget. **Motion Mr. Sawyer, seconded by Mr. Jones to adopt the Revenues and Expenditures Report for the month of September 2019. Motion carried unanimously.**

Wade Bishop addressed the jury concerning his campaign for Senate District 33 and his goals if elected.

Due to a prior engagement Van Bennett asked to have the floor to make his public comment in accordance with Ordinance 549. Mr. Taylor asked if there was anyone opposed to Mr. Bennett's request. There was no opposition so Mr. Bennett was given the floor to make his comment. Mr. Bennett thanked the jury, the Secretary/Treasurer and other parish employees for the work they do. Mr. Bennett hears the criticism that the jury is being subjected to. Mr. Bennett also stated that the people that are doing the criticizing do not have a clue what is going on. They don't realize a lot of the expenditures are mandated; such as the juveniles. Mr. Bennett said he appreciates each juror and the Secretary/Treasurer. Mr. Bennett further stated that nowadays there is too much criticism of governing bodies trying to do the best they can.

Sharon Dixon, HUD Director, addressed the Jury concerning two issues pertaining to Union Parish Section 8 Housing: (1) Utility Allowance Schedule and (2) Payment Standard. **Motion Mr. Hutto, seconded by Mr. Bridges to approve the Utility Allowance Schedule for Union Parish Section 8 Housing. Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion Mr. Watley, seconded by Mr. Sawyer to approve the payment standard for 2020 for metropolitan areas as the fair market rent for Section 8 Housing. Motion carried unanimously.

President Taylor addressed the jury with an update regarding the Landfill additional property acquisition. The paperwork was signed last week for a ninety-seven (97) acre property purchase near the landfill. Mr. Taylor stated that we have been working on this since February of 2018. This is critical to the future of the parish and the landfill. We got a very good rate from Weyerhaeuser. Mr. Taylor thanked Mike Jones for his help with this deal.

Road Committee Recommendations

Motion Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Jones to hold a public hearing on December 3rd, 2019 for the deletion of Antler Road from the Union Parish Road System. Motion carried unanimously.

The following Ordinance was offered by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Hutto:

ORDINANCE # 897

AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE SPEED LIMIT OF 20 MILES PER HOUR ON NORTH BEAR CREEK 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 **North Bear Creek Road** in its entirety, shall not exceed 20 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. Smith**, who moved its adoption and duly seconded by **Mr. Hutto** and was then adopted by the following YEA and NAY vote:

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

WHEREUPON, the Ordinance was declared duly adopted this 1st day of October, 2019.

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

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

Motion Mr. Hutto, seconded by Mr. Jones to accept the change order for the 2019 Union Parish Road Program in the decreased amount of (2,730.37) and authorize the President to execute any necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Hutto, seconded by Mr. Bridges to issue a Certificate of Substantial Completion for the 2019 Union Parish Road Program and authorize the President to execute any necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Hutto, seconded by Mr. Parker to approve the annual bridge certification and authorize the President to sign all necessary documents relating to the Annual Certification of Compliance for 2019.

RESOLUTION 2019-14

ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH STATE OF LOUISIANA OFF SYSTEM BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Code of Federal Regulations as enacted by the United States Congress mandates that all structures defined as bridges located on all public roads shall be inspected, rated for safe load capacity and posted in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards and that an inventory of these bridges be maintained by each state; and

WHEREAS, the responsibility to inspect, rate and load post these bridges under the authority of Union Parish in accordance with those Standards is delegated by Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to Union Parish,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing authority of Union Parish that the Parish in regular meeting assembled does hereby certify to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (herein referred to as the DOTD) that for a period **October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019:**

The Parish has performed all interim inspections on all Parish owned or maintained bridges in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards.

All bridges owned and maintained by the Parish have been structurally analyzed and rated by the parish as to the safe load capacity in accordance with AASHTO Manual for Maintenance Inspection of Bridges. The load posting information that has been determined by the LA DOTD for all bridges where the maximum legal load under Louisiana State law exceeds the load permitted under the operating rating as determined above has been critically reviewed by the Parish. Load posting information has been updated by the Parish. Load Posting information has been updated by the Parish to reflect all structural changes, any obsolete structural ratings or any missing structural ratings.

All Parish owned or maintained bridges which require load posting or closing are load posted or closed in accordance with the table in the DOTD Engineering Directives and Standard Manual Directive No. 1.1.1.8. All DOTD supplied load posting information concerning a bridge has been critically reviewed by the Parish Engineer prior to load posting.

All bridges owned or maintained by the Parish are shown on the attached list in the format specified by the DOTD. Corrections to data supplied to the Parish by the LA DOTD are noted.

Roll Call Vote:

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

WHEREUPON, the motion was declared duly adopted by unanimous vote of the Jury this the 1st day of October, 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, **Paula Strickland**, Secretary/Treasurer of the Police Jury of Union Parish, Louisiana, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of one (1) motion adopted by the Union Parish Police Jury in regular session on October 1st, 2019 at which meeting a quorum was present. Given under my Official Signature and Seal of Office on this the ____ day of October, 2019.

s/ Paula Strickland
Paula Strickland
Secretary/Treasurer
Police Jury of Union Parish, Louisiana

Motion Mr. Hutto, seconded by Mr. Bridges that the jury apply for the Local Government Assistant Program (LGAP) grant through the State and authorize the President to execute all necessary documents. Any monies received will be used to purchase a tractor and a side boom mower. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Hutto, seconded by Mr. Bridges to authorize Riley Company to prepare an application for the Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) for the Rocky Branch Bridge and authorize the President to execute any necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Hutto, seconded by Mr. Parker to authorize Riley Company to prepare an application for the Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) for the Alabama Landing Road and authorize the President to execute any necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.

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


Shellie Futch, 201 Line, Farmerville, addressed the jury concerning her previous request. Ms. Futch had previously inquired about juror's health insurance and a siren to alert the public in the event an inmate escapes. Mr. Parker addressed Ms. Futch and stated that a voluntary call system was being looked into instead of a siren. Ms. Futch states that she does not feel it is fair to pay for health insurance for the jurors who are basically part time.

Charlene Gatson Carter, 793 Gatson Road, Marion, addressed the jury concerning County Line Road, Gatson Road, Daniel Road and Green Bridge Road. Ms. Carter would like to know when the zipper will be in her area.


Jon McKinnie, Union Parish Chamber of Commerce, gave an update on happenings in the parish.

President Taylor thanked the jurors and public for attending.

There being no further business to come before the Jury, the President declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Mr. Watley, seconded by Mr. Jones on this the 1st day of October, 2019.



PAULA STRICKLAND
Secretary/Treasurer
Union Parish Police Jury



JERRY W. TAYLOR
President
Union Parish Police Jury