

**DETENTION CENTER COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
September 17th, 2020**

The Detention Center Commission met this date at 3:00 P.M. in the Union Parish Police Jury meeting room, Union Parish Courthouse Annex, Farmerville, Louisiana. Present were: Johnny Buckley (Union Parish Police Jury), Nathan Pilgreen (Union Parish Police Jury), Dusty Gates (Union Parish Sheriff) and Chief Bim Coulberson (Town of Farmerville). Absent: John Belton (District Attorney). Also present: Donnie Adams, Warden and Ruby Stanley, TWP Director.

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

Motion made by Chief Coulberson, seconded by Mr. Pilgreen and declared adopted by Roll Call vote to approve the agenda as written.

Motion made by Chief Coulberson, seconded by Mr. Pilgreen to adopt the minutes of the Thursday, July 28th, 2020 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Transitional Work Program

The room and board for September as of today is \$142,341.38. By the end of September, the room and board should be approximately \$210,000. The room and board for August was \$56,118.45. The low amount in August is due to the hurricane and power outages. There are one hundred and eight (108) TWP offenders participating in the work release program as of today; seventy-seven (77) of those are LEO's. Thomas Nursery will start participating in the work release program on September 18th, 2020.

Warden's Comments

Warden Adams reported that all of the shifts have adequate staff and the overtime is being used sparingly. Several employees received either suspensions or demotions surrounding the escaped inmate incident. Warden Adams has met with Tiger regarding the kitchen staff and the quality of food. The Inmate Welfare Fund has a balance of \$67,461.83. The Detention Center received \$4,205.72 from HomeWave Video Visitation. The profit received from Correct Solutions phone systems was \$5,171.25. There are currently 283 DOC inmates and 95 parish inmates. Currently there are eight (8) males and twenty (20) females being housed in Madison Parish. Warden Adams reported that the inmates are still making crafts.

Motion made by Chief Coulberson 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 4, NAYS 0, ABSENT 1.

Motion made by Mr. Pilgreen and seconded by Chief Coulberson for the Commission to come out of executive session and to return to the meeting; no action taken in executive session. Roll call vote: YEAS 4, NAYS 0, ABSENT 1.

Motion made by Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Chief Coulbertson to hire Donnie Adams as full-time Warden with a yearly salary of \$72,000 effective September 21, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the commission, Mr. Buckley declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Chief Coulbertson, seconded by Sheriff Gates, on this 17th day of September, 2020.

**Johnny Buckley, Chairman
Paula Strickland, Secretary/Treasurer**