

REGULAR MEETING UNION PARISH POLICE JURY

Farmerville, Louisiana
December 1st, 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 via teleconference was Tracy Houck, Assistant District Attorney. The President called the session to order and welcomed all guests. Mr. Nyegaard offered the invocation and Mr. Moses 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.

Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Bridges to add the following to the agenda and declared adopted by roll call vote:

16 - Discuss and take action, if necessary, regarding the deletion of Langston Road after 1.2 miles from Highway 33.

Motion Mr. Watley, seconded by Mr. Moses and declared adopted by unanimous vote of the Jury to approve the agenda with the addition previously made.

Motion Mrs. Abercrombie, seconded by Mr. Ramsey to adopt the minutes of the November 3rd regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Ramsey to adopt the Revenue and Expenditures Report for the month of November. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Nyegaard to open a public hearing regarding the proposed abandonment of Sand Road in its entirety. Motion carried unanimously. President Buckley declared the public hearing open and asked the public if they had any comments relating to the road closure. There were no comments during the public hearing. Motion Mr. Ramsey, seconded by Mr. Bridges to close the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously. President Buckley declared the public hearing closed.

Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Ramsey to abandon Sand Road in its entirety from the Union Parish Road System. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE # 912

AN ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO THE UNION PARISH ROAD SYSTEM PROVIDING FOR THE DELETION OF SAND ROAD IN ITS ENTIRETY.

Pursuant to Public Notice published in *The Banner*, a weekly newspaper published in Farmerville, Union Parish, Louisiana and the Official Journal of the Union Parish Police Jury on November 12; November 19 and November 26, Public Hearing was being held by the Union Parish Police Jury at the Police Jury Meeting Room, Courthouse Annex, 303 East Water Street, Farmerville, Louisiana for the purpose of considering whether or not certain road listed in said Public Notice should be deleted from the Union Parish Road System.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Police Jury of Union Parish, Louisiana, convened in Regular Session this 1st day of December, 2020 that the following Ordinance be and the same is hereby adopted:

SECTION 1

Sand Road in its entirety is found to be no longer needed for public purposes and is hereby deleted and removed from the Union Parish Road System.

SECTION 2

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage by the Union Parish Police Jury.

SECTION 3

If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause and/or phrase of this Ordinance or the application thereof is declared unconstitutional, unenforceable or invalid by the valid judgment of any court of competent jurisdiction such unconstitutionality, unenforceability or invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and/or phrases of this Ordinance, since the same would have been enacted by the Union Parish Police Jury without the incorporation in this Ordinance of any such unconstitutional, unenforceable or invalid section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase. To this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared severable.

SECTION 4

All other ordinances, or any parts thereof, which are in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

This above and foregoing Ordinance was introduced by **Mr. Pilgreen** who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by **Mr. Ramsey** and after having been considered by sections was adopted by sections and as a whole by the following YEA and NAY vote:

YEAS: Nine (Moses, Pilgreen, Ramsey, Buckley, Bridges, Nyegaard, Nolan, Abercrombie and Watley)
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: None

WHEREUPON, the Ordinance was declared duly adopted this 1st day of December, 2020.

s/ Danielle Smith
DANIELLE SMITH
ASSISTANT SECRETARY/TREASURER
UNION PARISH POLICE JURY

s/ Johnny Buckley
JOHNNY BUCKLEY
PRESIDENT
UNION PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Pilgreen to table the issue of the abandonment of approximately 193.85 feet of the SE end of Williams Loop Road until the January 2021 regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

A lengthy discussion was had concerning a topography survey for the Landfill. President Buckley addressed the jurors regarding a survey that David Dumas has requested. Mr. Dumas has provided a quote from Gulf Coast Aerial Mapping in the amount of \$7,600. Gulf Coast has performed this survey before. This issue has been discussed in the Landfill Committee previously. **Motion Mr. Ramsey, seconded by Mr. Pilgreen to table the topography survey issue until the January 2021 regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion Mr. Watley, seconded by Mr. Bridges to assist the Village of Junction City with their request dated November 12, 2020 with the Village of Junction to pay for the cost of the materials. This work will be performed as time permits. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Nolan to authorize travel expenses to Baton Rouge for the annual Police Jury Convention to be held February 10, 2021 through February 12, 2021 for the jurors and Secretary/Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mrs. Abercrombie, seconded by Mr. Pilgreen to hire William Davis for full time employment effective December 14, 2020 at the Union Parish Landfill. He is eligible for all police jury benefits including retirement, insurance, vacation, sick leave and holiday pay. Motion carried unanimously.

Recommendations from the Insurance Committee:

Mrs. Abercrombie reported that the Insurance Committee met on November 19, 2020. Two proposals were presented. Travelers presented a quote of \$105,110 and Lincoln Agency presented a quote of \$121,482. **Motion Mrs. Abercrombie, seconded by Mr. Nolan to accept the lowest quote from Travelers in the amount of \$105,110 for the 2021 Workers Comp Insurance. Motion carried unanimously.**

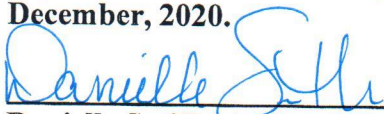
Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Nolan to authorize the Secretary/Treasurer to advertise for a public hearing for the abandonment of a portion of Langston Road after 1.2 miles from Highway 33. Motion carried unanimously.

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

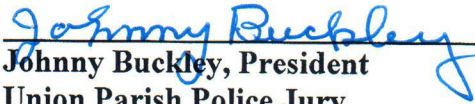
Jon McKinnie, Union Parish Chamber of Commerce, addressed the jury regarding upcoming Christmas events.

Shane Vick, 703 McCarty Road, addressed the jury regarding road issues.

There being no further business to come before the Jury, the President declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Mr. Nolan, seconded by Mr. Ramsey on this the 1st day of December, 2020.



**Danielle Smith, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer
Union Parish Police Jury**



**Johnny Buckley, President
Union Parish Police Jury**