

## REGULAR MEETING UNION PARISH POLICE JURY

Farmerville, Louisiana

March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021

**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, L.W. Nolan, Brenda Abercrombie and John W. Watley. Absent: Ceis Nyegaard. Also present was Tracy Houck, Assistant District Attorney. The President called the session to order and welcomed all guests. Mr. Nolan offered the invocation and Mr. Ramsey 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. Ramsey, seconded by Mr. Watley and declared adopted by unanimous vote of the Jury to approve the agenda as written.**

**Motion Mr. Nolan, seconded by Mr. Moses to adopt the minutes of the February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.**

The Secretary/Treasurer presented the Budget to Actual Revenue and Expense report for the month of February 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 gave a brief update on various road projects that included Dean Road, Scott's Hideaway Road and Loch Lomond Road. The Secretary/Treasurer also provided a brief update on the two Landfill projects (Leachate cleanout and Detention Pond cleanout).

The Secretary/Treasurer reported that the Green Oaks invoice for the month of February was down to \$3,400.

The Detention Center received \$179,294 in state funds for DOC inmates. The work release program generated \$115,256.73 for the month. There are currently ninety-one inmates participating in the work release program and an additional fifteen inmates have been approved and will start to work soon. There are currently 225 DOC inmates and 110 parish inmates being housed at the Detention Center.

The one cent sales tax for the Landfill generated \$199,573.44 in income for the month of February. This figure is down due to the bad weather in February. The sales tax office did not receive all of the payments so the missing payments will be reflected on next month's payment. The tipping fees generated \$105,514.13 for the month of February.

**Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mrs. Abercrombie to adopt the Revenue and Expenditures Report for the month of February. Motion carried unanimously.**

A brief discussion was held regarding the Town of Farmerville's request for assistance with Williams Road located across from Doc Elliott Football Stadium. Mayor Crow met with the Road Superintendent and is requesting assistance with blading, reshaping and putting down SB2 rock. **Motion Mr. Moses, seconded by Mr. Bridges to assist the Town of Farmerville with their request dated February 12,**

**2021 with the Town of Farmerville to pay for the cost of the materials. This work will be performed as time permits. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mrs. Abercrombie, seconded by Mr. Nolan to award Phase 1 Cultural Resources Survey for Scott's Hideaway Road (FEMA 4263-031) to Surveys Unlimited Research Associates, Inc. (SURA) in the amount of \$3,967 and authorize the President to execute any necessary documents.**

**Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Bridges to award the Wetlands Delineation contract for Scott's Hideaway Road (FEMA 4263-031) to Pittman Environmental Services, LLC for \$1,900 and authorize the President to execute any necessary documents.**

**Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Ramsey to award a title work contract for Scott's Hideaway Road (FEMA 4263-031) to William S. Carter, Jr., for an estimated \$4,500 and authorize the President to execute any necessary documents.**

**The following resolution was offered by Mrs. Abercrombie and seconded by Mr. Nolan:**

#### **RESOLUTION 2021-01**

A resolution providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the special election held in the Parish of Union, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, December 5, 2020, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Policy Jury of the Parish of Union, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Union, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), that:

SECTION 1. Canvass. This Governing Authority does now proceed in open and public session to examine the official tabulations of votes cast at the special election held in the Parish of Union, State of Louisiana, on SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2020 (the "Election"), to authorize the levy of a special tax therein pursuant to the following proposition (the "Proposition"):

#### **MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSITION**

Shall the Parish of Union, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), continue to levy a tax of one and sixty-three (1.63) mills on all the property subject to taxation in the Parish (an estimated \$255,421 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2023 and ending with the year 2032, for the purpose of administering, maintaining and supporting services, programs and facilities of the Union Parish Council on Aging?

This Governing Authority does further proceed to examine and canvass the returns of the Election thereof.

SECTION 2. Election Results. According to the official certified tabulation of votes cast at said Election, there was a total of **1,440** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** the Proposition and a total of **745** votes cast **AGAINST** the Proposition, resulting in a majority of **695** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** the Proposition. The

Proposition was therefore duly **CARRIED** by a majority of the votes cast by the qualified electors voting at the Election.

SECTION 3. Promulgation of Election Result. The results of said election shall be promulgated by publication in the manner provided by law, after receipt from the Secretary of State's office of the actual costs of the election, as required by Act 205 of the Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana for the year 2019.

SECTION 4. Declaration. The foregoing results of the Election are hereby declared by this Governing Authority and shall be published as required by law.

SECTION 5. Procès Verbal. A *Procès Verbal* of the canvass of the returns of the Election shall be made and a certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who shall record the same in his office; another certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Clerk of Court and *Ex-Officio* Recorder of Mortgages in and for the Parish of Union, who shall record the same in the Mortgage Records of said Parish; and another copy thereof shall be retained in the archives of this Governing Authority.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

MEMBERS:	YEAS:	NAYS:	ABSENT:	ABSTAINING:
Curtis Moses	x			
Nathan Pilgreen	x			
DeWayne Ramsey	x			
Johnny Buckley	x			
Ben Bridges	x			
Ceis Nyegaard			x	
L.W. Nolan	x			
Brenda Abercrombie	x			
John W. Watley	x			

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2021.

/s/ Paula Strickland  
Secretary-Treasurer

/s/ Johnny Buckley  
President

PROCÈS VERBAL OF THE CANVASS OF THE VOTES CAST AT THE SPECIAL ELECTION HELD IN THE PARISH OF UNION, STATE OF LOUISIANA, ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2020

BE IT KNOWN AND REMEMBERED that on Tuesday, March 2, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., at its regular meeting place, the Police Jury Meeting Room of the Courthouse Annex, 303 E. Water Street, Farmerville, Louisiana, the Police Jury of the Parish of Union, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Union, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), and being the authority

ordering the special election held therein on Saturday, December 5, 2020, with the following members present:

Curtis Moses  
Nathan Pilgreen  
DeWayne Ramsey  
Johnny Buckley  
Ben Bridges  
L.W. Nolan  
Brenda Abercrombie  
John W. Watley

There being absent:

Ceis Nyegaard

did, in open and public session, examine the official certified tabulations of votes cast at the said election, and did examine and canvass the returns of the said election, there having been submitted at said election the following proposition, to wit:

**PROPOSITION  
(TAX RENEWAL)**

Shall the Parish of Union, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), continue to levy a two and twelve hundredths (2.12) mills tax (the estimated amount reasonably expected to be collected from the levy of said tax for one entire year being \$886,000), on all the property subject to taxation in the Parish for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2022 and ending with the year 2031, for the purpose of improving and paying the maintenance and operating expenses of the public health units of said Parish, and other related public health activities?

There was found by said count and canvass that there was a total of **1,440** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** the Proposition and a total of **745** votes cast **AGAINST** the Proposition, as hereinabove set forth, and that there was a majority of **695** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** the Proposition as hereinabove set forth.

Therefore, the Governing Authority did declare and proclaim and does hereby declare and proclaim in open and public session that the Proposition as hereinabove set forth was duly **CARRIED** by a majority of the votes cast by the qualified electors voting at the said special election held in the Parish on Saturday, December 5, 2020.

Results by precinct are available from the Secretary-Treasurer of this Governing Authority during regular business hours or via the Louisiana Secretary of State's website (voterportal.sos.la.gov).

**Exhibit "A"** attached hereto and made a part of this *Procès Verbal* is a copy of the Notice of Special Election and proof of publication thereof.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Farmerville, Louisiana, on this, the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2021.

ATTEST:

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/s/ Paula Strickland  
Secretary-Treasurer

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/s/ Johnny Buckley  
President

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Police Jury of the Parish of Union, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Union, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), on August 4, 2020, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held within the Parish on **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2020**, and that at the said election there will be submitted to all registered voters in the Parish qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

**MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSITION**

Shall the Parish of Union, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), continue to levy a tax of one and sixty-three (1.63) mills on all the property subject to taxation in the Parish (an estimated \$255,421 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2023 and ending with the year 2032, for the purpose of administering, maintaining and supporting services, programs and facilities of the Union Parish Council on Aging?

Said special election will be held at each and every polling place in the Parish of Union, which polls will open at seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541.

The polling places at the precincts in the Parish are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law.

The estimated cost of this election as determined by the Secretary of State based upon the provisions of Chapter 8-A of Title 18 and actual costs of similar elections is \$10,900.

Notice is further given that a portion of the monies collected from the tax described in the Proposition shall be remitted to certain state and statewide retirement systems in the manner required by law.

The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, as provided in this Notice of Special Election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, will make due returns thereof to said Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, the Police Jury Meeting Room of the Courthouse Annex, 303 E. Water Street, Farmerville, Louisiana, on **TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2021**, at **SIX O'CLOCK (6:00) P.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election. All registered voters of the Parish are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Farmerville, Louisiana, on this, the 4<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020.

ATTEST:

/s/ Paula Strickland  
Secretary-Treasurer

/s/ Johnny Buckley  
President



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**Jury, Union Parish School Board, and Union Parish**  
**Sheriff's Office**

**Proof of Publication**

**State of Louisiana**  
**Parish of Union**

BEFORE ME, the undersigned Notary Public duly commissioned and qualified within and for the State of Louisiana and Parish of Union, personally came and appeared Danielle Harkins, to be duly sworn and says that she is the Editor and Publisher of The Bernice Banner, LLC, a newspaper of general circulation, published in the Town of Bernice, Parish of Union, State of Louisiana and that the legal notice for

Foley and Judell -- Notice of special election UPPJ, 9/24-10/15

was published in The Banner in the issue(s) of

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Danielle Harkins

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME on this the 23rd day of the Dec month of the 2010 year.

  
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NOTARY PUBLIC

**PROCLAMATION**

I, the undersigned President of the Policy Jury of the Parish of Union, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Union, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), do hereby declare, proclaim and announce that the proposition submitted at the special election held in the Parish on Saturday, December 5, 2020, was CARRIED by a majority of the votes cast at the said special election, all as described and set out in the above *Procès Verbal*.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Farmerville, Louisiana, on this, the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2021.

/s/ Johnny Buckley

President

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF UNION

I, the undersigned Secretary-Treasurer of the Policy Jury of the Parish of Union, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), the governing authority of the Parish of Union, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), do hereby certify that the foregoing pages constitute a true and correct copy of the proceedings and *Procès Verbal* made by said Governing Authority on March 2, 2021, providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the special election held in the Parish on December 5, 2020, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature at Farmerville, Louisiana, on this, the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2021.

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Paula Strickland  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Union Parish Police Jury

**Motion Mrs. Abercrombie, seconded by Mr. Nolan to approve Change Order No. 1 for the Loch Lomond Road Pipe Replacement Project – FEMA PA-06-LA-4263-PW-00867 in the amount of \$6,873.23. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Landfill Committee Recommendations:**

**Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Bridges to honor the Town of Farmerville’s request to purchase three – eight yard rear load dumpsters at the rate of \$1,119 per dumpster. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Ramsey to authorize the Secretary/Treasurer to purchase a hot water pressure washer (not to exceed \$9,000) to be used at the Landfill. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mrs. Abercrombie to waive tipping fees for the Trash Guys effective March 2, 2021. This will be for Union Parish household garbage only. Motion carried unanimously.**

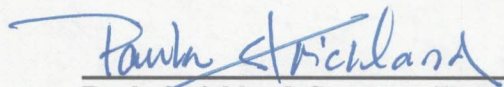
In accordance with Ordinance 549, time for public comment was given.

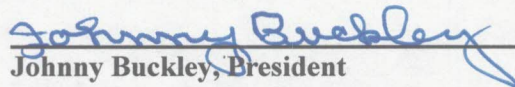
Shane Vick, 703 McMcrary Road, addressed the jury concerning roads. Bob Stilleyfield, 302 Pondee Road, addressed the jury concerning Pondee Road, which is a private road. Glynn Funderburk, Willie Reeves Road, addressed the jury concerning roads and dumpsters.

Jon McKinnie, Union Parish Chamber of Commerce, addressed the jury concerning events around the parish and the Crappie tournament.

Mr. Bridges addressed the audience and asked that the citizens be proactive with the litter problem that the parish is having. Mr. Bridges suggested that if anyone observes a litter violation and can safely take pictures of the violation and the license plate of the vehicle then they could report it to the Constables or the Jury and action could be taken.

**There being no further business to come before the Jury, the President declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Mr. Watley, seconded by Mr. Ramsey on this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2021.**

  
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Paula Strickland, Secretary/Treasurer  
Union Parish Police Jury

  
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Johnny Buckley, President  
Union Parish Police Jury