

**DETENTION CENTER COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**The Detention Center Commission met this date at 8:00 A.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 John Belton (District Attorney). Absent: Chief Bim Coulberson (Farmerville Chief of Police). Also present: Warden Adams, Lisa Salley 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 Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Sheriff Gates and declared adopted by Roll Call vote to approve the agenda as written.**

**Motion made by Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Sheriff Gates to adopt the minutes of the Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Transitional Work Program Comments** – Ruby Stanley, TWP Director, addressed the Commission regarding the Transitional Work Release Program. There are currently 76 TWP inmates participating in the work release program. Fifty-seven (57) of the TWP participants are LEOs. There are eighteen (18) inmates who are approved for the program. Six (6) inmates are in quarantine. Room and board for the month of October is \$25,441.48. There is one pay day left for Foster Farms and three pay days left for Thomas Nursery. The room and board for September was \$115,005.38.

**Warden's Comments** – Warden Adams reported that there are 150 pretrial inmates being held at the Detention Center and 208 DOC inmates. Inmate banking/commissary has a balance of \$239,461.85. Inmate welfare has a balance of \$104,471.67. The phone profit for the month of July was \$3,779.72 and the profit for the month of August was \$4,116.45. HomeWave Video Visitation profit for the month of August was \$4,150.50. Warden Adams also mentioned that the employees are asking for a pay raise.

Mr. Belton addressed the Commission and said the issue with the excessive number of pretrials is due to COVID. Mr. Belton stated that jury trials have recently started back.

**Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Belton to add an ACH Debit Block on the Detention Center accounts and authorize the Secretary/Treasurer to execute the necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Belton, seconded by Sheriff Gates to use release pay debit cards when inmates are released from the Detention Center if they have any funds on their account. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Executive Session – Commission did not enter into Executive Session.**

**There being no further business to come before the commission, Mr. Buckley declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Mr. Belton, seconded by Mr. Pilgreen, on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021.**

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