

**DETENTION CENTER COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**The Detention Center Commission met this date at 11:00 A.M. in the Union Parish Police Jury meeting room, Union Parish Courthouse Annex, Farmerville, Louisiana. Present were: Brenda Abercrombie, (Union Parish Police Jury), Nathan Pilgreen (Union Parish Police Jury), Dusty Gates (Union Parish Sheriff) and Chief Bim Coulbertson (Farmerville Chief of Police). Absent: John Belton (District Attorney). Also present: Warden Adams and Ruby Stanley, TWP Director.**

Mrs. Abercrombie called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Mr. Pilgreen led the group in prayer. Roll call was taken.

**Motion made by Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mrs. Abercrombie to nominate Sheriff Dusty Gates to serve as Chairman of the Union Parish Detention Center Commission. Motion carried unanimously.**

Sheriff Gates asked if anyone in the audience would like to register for public comment to speak.

The Secretary/Treasurer reported that the 2020 Financial Audit for the Union Parish Police Jury and the Union Parish Detention Center has been completed. Neither the jury nor the DC had any findings. Mrs. Strickland thanked Warden Adams, Ruby Stanley (TWP Director) and Lisa Salley (Business Manager) for their hard work. Mrs. Strickland stated that this is the first year since 2013 that the Detention Center has not had a finding.

**Motion made by Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mrs. Abercrombie and declared adopted by unanimous vote to approve the agenda as written.**

**Motion made by Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mrs. Abercrombie to adopt the minutes of the Tuesday, December 7<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 sixty-one (61) TWP inmates participating in the work release program. Forty-nine (49) of the TWP participants are LEOs. Room and board as of today, January 11<sup>th</sup> is \$45,639.09. The room and board for December was \$148,520.58. Sheriff Gates commented that he receives requests from inmates in other centers requesting to be transferred so they can be a part of our work release program.

**Warden's Comments** – Warden Adams reported that there are 114 pretrial/parish inmates being held at the Detention Center and 196 DOC inmates. Inmate welfare has a cash in bank balance of \$116,498.49 and inmate banking has a cash in bank balance of \$250,091.94. Commissary profit for the previous month was \$47,291.07. E-cigarette sales generated \$11,050 and phone card sales generated \$43,010.

Warden Adams inquired about a 3% raise for the Detention Center employees. Warden Adams stated that he has some very good employees and he would like to see raises across the board. The Secretary/Treasurer reported that she did not budget for any pay increases in 2022, but she would prepare a couple of options for the next meeting.

A brief discussion was held regarding the proposed Amendment to the Food Service Agreement with Tiger Correctional. Tiger Correctional had submitted an amendment to their contract which would increase the contract by 5.3%. The 5.3% increase is based on the consumer pricing index. Bryan Hall with Tiger Correctional answered questions from the Commission. Mrs. Strickland reported that with a 5.3% increase there would not be any savings for the Commission. **Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Chief Coulbertson to table the discussion of the contract amendment until a later date. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion made by Chief Coulbertson and seconded by Mr. Pilgreen 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 Chief Coulbertson and seconded by Mr. Pilgreen 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.**

**There being no further business to come before the commission, Sheriff Gates declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Chief Coulbertson, seconded by Mr. Pilgreen, on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2022.**

**Sheriff Dusty Gates, Chairman  
Paula Strickland, Secretary/Treasurer**