

REGULAR MEETING UNION PARISH POLICE JURY

**Farmerville, Louisiana
January 4th, 2022**

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 was Judith Hampton, Assistant District Attorney. The President called the session to order and welcomed all guests. Mr. Watley offered the invocation and Mr. Pilgreen led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mrs. Hampton conducted the election for the 2022 President of the Union Parish Police Jury. Brenda Abercrombie was nominated by Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Nolan. No other nominations were made and Mrs. Hampton declared the nominations closed for president. Mrs. Hampton declared Mrs. Brenda Abercrombie as President by acclamation.

Mrs. Hampton conducted the election for the 2022 Vice-President of the Union Parish Police Jury. Ben Bridges was nominated by Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Nolan. No other nominations were made and Mrs. Hampton declared the nominations closed for vice-president. Mrs. Hampton declared Mr. Ben Bridges as Vice-President by acclamation.

President Abercrombie welcomed everyone to the meeting and said she was very honored to be the first female president of the Union Parish Police Jury. President Abercrombie 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. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Buckley and declared adopted by unanimous vote of the Jury to approve the agenda with the following additions:

- 6A Ida Bell Albritton 100th Birthday Proclamation**
- 6B Discuss and take action, if necessary, authorizing travel for Sharon Dixson to the Southwest NAHRO Winter Committee Meetings to be held in Dallas, Texas on January 26-27, 2022.**

The following Proclamation was offered by Mr. Nyegaard and seconded by Mr. Bridges:



Proclamation
for
Mrs. Ida Bell Albritton
Happy 100th Birthday!!!



Whereas, Mrs. Ida Bell Albritton, was born January 12th, 1922 in Linville and has been a resident of Union Parish for 100 years; and

Whereas, Throughout her lifetime she has seen many changes to our community and our world; and

Whereas, Mrs. Ida Bell Albritton enjoys working in her yard and baking cakes for her neighbors; and

Whereas, Mrs. Ida Bell Albritton has two children, eight grandchildren and seventeen great grandchildren;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Brenda Abercrombie, President of the Union Parish Police Jury do hereby proclaim the month of January, 2022, as "IDA BELL ALBRITTON MONTH" in the Parish of Union and extend Happy Birthday wishes from the entire community of Union Parish.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the Parish of Union, at the Parish Courthouse Annex. This Resolution issued this 4th day of January, 2022 by the Union Parish Police Jury in Regular Session.

s/ Brenda Abercrombie
Brenda Abercrombie, President

s/ Ben Bridges
Ben Bridges, Vice-President

s/ Paula Strickland
Paula Strickland, Sec/Treasurer

s/ Curtis Moses
Curtis Moses, District 1

s/ Nathan Pilgreen
Nathan Pilgreen, District 2

s/ DeWayne Ramsey
DeWayne Ramsey, District 3

s/ Johnny Buckley
Johnny Buckley, District 4

s/ Ceis Nyegaard
Ceis Nyegaard, District 6

s/ L.W. Nolan
L. W. Nolan, District 7

s/ John Watley
John Watley, District 9

Motion Mr. Nyegaard, seconded by Mr. Watley to authorize travel for Sharon Dixon, HUD Director, to the Southwest NAHRO Winter Committee Meeting to be held in Dallas, Texas on January 26-27, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Nolan, seconded by Mr. Ramsey to adopt the minutes of the December 7th, 2021 regular meeting and December 30th, 2021 special meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The Secretary/Treasurer presented the Budget to Actual Revenue and Expense report for the month of December 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 reported that the 2020 Financial audit has been completed. Neither the Police Jury nor the Detention Center had any findings. Mrs. Strickland stated this is the first time since 2013 that there have been no audit findings for the Detention Center. Donnie Adams is the current Warden and Lisa Salley is the Business Manager. Mrs. Strickland further stated that both Adams and Salley are great to work with and are very mindful of the financial situation at the Detention Center.

The Secretary/Treasurer highlighted the Sales Tax Collection, Detention Center Fund and Litter Court Fund.

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

Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Ramsey setting the regular monthly meetings of the Union Parish Police Jury to be held at the Courthouse Annex on the first (1st) Tuesday of every month at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Nolan, seconded by Mr. Watley to re-appoint Paula Strickland as the parish Secretary-Treasurer for the next two years. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Buckley, seconded by Mr. Ramsey authorizing the removal of Johnny Buckley from the bank signature cards; adding Ben Bridges, Brenda Abercrombie and Paula Strickland to the bank signature cards and the execution of all necessary documents for this purpose. Motion carried unanimously.

Recommendations from the American Rescue Plan Act Committee:

The Secretary/Treasurer reported that the American Rescue Plan Act Committee met on December 15th to review the water system applications that were previously submitted. The following water systems submitted the requested information and based on that information the following water systems will receive ARPA funding through the Union Parish Police Jury:

- D'Arbonne Water System North \$379,500
- D'Arbonne Water System South \$204,795
- Point Wilhite Water System \$343,007

- Randolph Water System \$53,092
- Rocky Branch Water Works \$315,875
- Tri-Water \$180,000
- Waterworks District No. 1 \$100,000
- West Sterlington Water System \$268,423.11

The Secretary/Treasurer reported that the water systems will be notified soon. A meeting will be scheduled with the water systems detailing how the reimbursement process will work. Any project management fees will come out of the award amounts. The RFP's for Project Manager will be opened on January 31st so the jury is unclear at this moment on how much the Project Manager will charge.

Motion Mr. Nolan, seconded by Mr. Moses to award the water systems listed above with the following Roll Call Vote:

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			

Motion carried.

Recommendations from the Road Committee:

Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Buckley to authorize the Secretary/Treasurer to pursue the road closure of approximately 100 yards of Rodeo Circle. Motion carried unanimously.

Recommendations from the Landfill Committee:

Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Bridges to authorize the Secretary/Treasurer to pursue the purchase of five acres of land from Joe Bridges at the purchase price of \$2,000 an acre and authorize the President to execute any necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.

Several residents spoke in opposition of The Trash Guys building a shop on Cox Ferry Road. The residents were concerned about their property values, the deterioration of the road with the increased weight of the trucks on the road, the width of the road, the smell from the garbage trucks and any trash that would be left on the trucks. The following residents voiced their opposition:

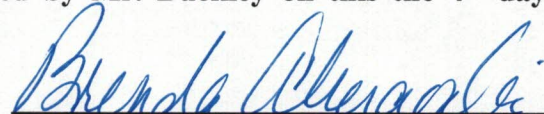
Ralph Norman, 243 Pelican Drive, Downsville
Deanna Norman, 243 Pelican Drive, Downsville
Brad McCarty, 150 Easy Living Lane, Downsville
Glenn Luttrell, 214 Easy Living Lane, Downsville
Sandy and Mary Wall, 601 Cox Ferry Road, Downsville

President Abercrombie thanked the residents for their comments. She said the Trash Guys had obtained the appropriate building permits from the parish.

There being no further business to come before the Jury, the President declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Mr. Nolan, seconded by Mr. Buckley on this the 4th day of January, 2022.



**Paula Strickland, Secretary/Treasurer
Union Parish Police Jury**



**Brenda Abercrombie, President
Union Parish Police Jury**