

## SPECIAL MEETING UNION PARISH POLICE JURY

Farmerville, Louisiana  
December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**The Union Parish Police Jury met this date in special session in the Police Jury meeting room, Courthouse Annex, Farmerville, Louisiana with the following present: Curtis Moses, Johnny Buckley, Ben Bridges, Ceis Nyegaard, L.W. Nolan, Brenda Abercrombie and John W. Watley. Absent: Nathan Pilgreen and DeWayne Ramsey. Also present was Judith Hampton, Assistant District Attorney. The President called the session to order and welcomed all visitors. Mr. Nolan offered the invocation and Mr. Bridges led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.**

President Buckley welcomed the visitors in the audience and asked if anyone in the audience would like to register for public comment. The public was given the opportunity to comment on any item shown on the agenda.

Mr. Buckley presented a retirement award to Gwendolyn Ridgell. Mrs. Ridgell started work at the Road Department on June 19, 1989. She retired as an Administrative Assistant from the Union Parish Landfill on June 30, 2021. Mr. Buckley thanked Mrs. Ridgell for her service.

**Motion by Mrs. Abercrombie, seconded by Mr. Watley and declared adopted by unanimous roll call vote of the Jury to approve the agenda as written.**

The Secretary/Treasurer reported that the 2021 amended budget was presented to the Finance Committee on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021. She reported that at that time the committee was asked for any recommendations regarding updates. The Secretary/Treasurer reported that any airport, road or landfill appropriation for the year 2021 had been transferred.

**Motion Mr. Nolan, seconded by Mr. Nolan to amend the 2021 budgets as presented below. Motion carried unanimously. The 2021 revised final budgets are:**

### **2021 REVISED CONSOLIDATED BUDGET**

#### **GENERAL FUND**

Beginning Fund Balance	1,625,668.00
Revenues and Other Sources	2,621,286.00
Expenses and Other Uses	-2,649,667.00
Ending Fund Balance	1,597,287.00

#### **ROAD MAINTENANCE**

Beginning Fund Balance	1,169,620.00
Revenues and Other Sources	2,490,337.00
Expenses and Other Uses	-2,544,751.00
Ending Fund Balance	1,115,206.00

**ROAD CONSTRUCTION**

Beginning Fund Balance	2,475,473.00
Revenues and Other Sources	867,498.00
Expenses and Other Uses	-1,887,977.00
Ending Fund Balance	1,454,994.00

**LIBRARY**

Beginning Fund Balance	1,486,558.00
Revenues and Other Sources	657,246.00
Expenses and Other Uses	-627,645.00
Ending Fund Balance	1,516,159.00

**UNEMPLOYMENT**

Beginning Fund Balance	1,034.00
Revenues and Other Sources	0.00
Expenses and Other Uses	0.00
Ending Fund Balance	1,034.00

**AIRPORT**

Beginning Fund Balance	5,202.00
Revenues and Other Sources	44,650.00
Expenses and Other Uses	-48,696.00
Ending Fund Balance	1,156.00

**OFF-DUTY OFFICER WITNESS FEES**

Beginning Fund Balance	17,545.00
Revenues and Other Sources	3,922.00
Expenses and Other Uses	-950.00
Ending Fund Balance	20,517.00

**DETENTION CENTER**

Beginning Fund Balance	880,604.00
Revenues and Other Sources	3,645,648.00
Expenses and Other Uses	-3,308,416.00
Ending Fund Balance	1,217,836.00

**HEALTH UNIT**

Beginning Fund Balance	683,412.00
Revenues and Other Sources	420.00
Expenses and Other Uses	-151,522.00
Ending Fund Balance	532,310.00

**SALES TAX - LANDFILL**

Beginning Fund Balance	14,236,952.00
Revenues and Other Sources	4,543,579.00
Expenses and Other Uses	-4,190,233.00
Ending Fund Balance	14,590,298.00

**UNION PARISH LITTER COURT**

Beginning Fund Balance	318.00
Revenues and Other Sources	14,396.00
Expenses and Other Uses	-12,931.00
Ending Fund Balance	1,783.00

**UNION PARISH COMM DIST**

Beginning Fund Balance	214,226.00
Revenues and Other Sources	388,128.00
Expenses and Other Uses	-319,549.00
Ending Fund Balance	282,805.00

**COLLECTIONS - SALES TAX**

Beginning Fund Balance	342,722.00
Revenues and Other Sources	799,370.00
Expenses and Other Uses	-858,912.00
Ending Fund Balance	283,180.00

**HUD SECTION 8**

Beginning Fund Balance	58,843.00
Revenues and Other Sources	713,145.00
Expenses and Other Uses	-687,524.00
Ending Fund Balance	84,464.00

**HOMELAND SECURITY**

Beginning Fund Balance	58.10
Revenues and Other Sources	58,000.00
Expenses and Other Uses	-58,000.00
Ending Fund Balance	58.10

**Motion Mr. Nolan, seconded by Mr. Moses to open a public hearing on the 2022 budgets. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the jury. President Buckley declared a public hearing in session to discuss the 2022 budgets. The Secretary/Treasurer reported that in accordance with La R.S.39:1306 a notice had appeared in the official journal stating that the budget was available for public inspection. There have been no requests from the public to review the budget. The Secretary/Treasurer stated that all statutory requirements have been met. President Buckley asked if there were any comments from the public. There were no comments. Motion Mr. Moses, seconded by Mrs. Abercrombie to close the public hearing. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the jury.**

**Motion Mrs. Abercrombie, seconded by Mr. Nyegaard to adopt the 2022 budgets as presented below. Motion carried unanimously.**

**2022 CONSOLIDATED BUDGET**

**GENERAL FUND**

Beginning Fund Balance	1,617,680.00
Revenues and Other Sources	2,823,800.00
Expenses and Other Uses	-2,823,512.00
Ending Fund Balance	1,617,968.00

**ROAD MAINTENANCE**

Beginning Fund Balance	1,158,254.00
Revenues and Other Sources	2,507,500.00
Expenses and Other Uses	-2,502,525.00
Ending Fund Balance	1,163,229.00

**ROAD CONSTRUCTION**

Beginning Fund Balance	1,509,636.00
Revenues and Other Sources	857,108.00
Expenses and Other Uses	-776,500.00
Ending Fund Balance	1,590,244.00

**LIBRARY**

Beginning Fund Balance	1,522,002.00
Revenues and Other Sources	526,150.00
Expenses and Other Uses	-632,293.00
Ending Fund Balance	1,415,859.00

**UNEMPLOYMENT**

Beginning Fund Balance	1,034.00
Revenues and Other Sources	16,000.00
Expenses and Other Uses	-10,000.00
Ending Fund Balance	7,034.00

AIRPORT

Beginning Fund Balance	894.00
Revenues and Other Sources	42,000.00
Expenses and Other Uses	-41,600.00
Ending Fund Balance	1,294.00

OFF-DUTY OFFICER WITNESS  
FEES

Beginning Fund Balance	20,518.00
Revenues and Other Sources	4,500.00
Expenses and Other Uses	-1,000.00
Ending Fund Balance	24,018.00

DETENTION CENTER

Beginning Fund Balance	1,030,226.00
Revenues and Other Sources	3,722,015.00
Expenses and Other Uses	-3,829,300.00
Ending Fund Balance	922,941.00

HEALTH UNIT

Beginning Fund Balance	560,767.00
Revenues and Other Sources	500.00
Expenses and Other Uses	-168,900.00
Ending Fund Balance	392,367.00

SALES TAX - LANDFILL

Beginning Fund Balance	14,549,593.00
Revenues and Other Sources	4,915,500.00
Expenses and Other Uses	-4,991,500.00
Ending Fund Balance	14,473,593.00

UNION PARISH LITTER COURT

Beginning Fund Balance	2,448.00
Revenues and Other Sources	20,000.00
Expenses and Other Uses	-15,400.00
Ending Fund Balance	7,048.00

UNION PARISH COMM DIST

Beginning Fund Balance	269,922.00
Revenues and Other Sources	392,100.00
Expenses and Other Uses	-337,400.00
Ending Fund Balance	324,622.00

COLLECTIONS - SALES TAX

Beginning Fund Balance	289,269.00
Revenues and Other Sources	850,000.00
Expenses and Other Uses	-974,905.00
Ending Fund Balance	164,364.00

HUD SECTION 8

Beginning Fund Balance	76,955.00
Revenues and Other Sources	740,811.00
Expenses and Other Uses	-711,866.00
Ending Fund Balance	105,900.00

HOMELAND SECURITY

Beginning Fund Balance	58
Revenues and Other Sources	56,845.00
Expenses and Other Uses	-56,845.00
Ending Fund Balance	58

**Motion Mr. Moses, seconded by Mr. Nyegaard to assist the Town of Farmerville with Bad Eye Road with the Town of Farmerville paying for the cost of the materials. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Watley to hire Matthew Gates for full-time employment at the Road Department effective December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 with his time counted back to his original hire date of September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Mr. Gates is now eligible for all police jury benefits including retirement, insurance, vacation, sick leave and holiday pay. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mrs. Abercrombie, seconded by Mr. Nolan to reappoint Jerry Farrar to the Rocky Branch Waterworks District Board of Commissioners for a five-year term beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mrs. Abercrombie, seconded by Mr. Bridges to approve the amended 2021 budget and approve the 2022 budget for the North Louisiana Criminalistics Laboratory Commission. (This commission serves thirteen parishes. Although the police juries are not responsible for its day to day operations, State law mandates that they adopt its budget.) Motion carried unanimously.**


**Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Moses to table the discussion of a five-acre land purchase from Joe Bridges. This item will be discussed at the January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Landfill meeting. Motion carried unanimously.**

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

Mr. Buckley addressed the jurors and stated that he would not be seeking the office of president for the upcoming year. Mr. Buckley stated that he has enjoyed serving as president for the last two years, but he is ready to relinquish the reigns to someone else. Mr. Buckley said during his presidency he has been faced with a hurricane, a pandemic and severe winter weather. He thanked the jurors for letting him serve the last two years as president.

**There being no further business to come before the Jury, the President declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Mrs. Abercrombie, seconded by Mr. Nyegaard on this the 30<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2021.**

  
**PAULA STRICKLAND**  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Union Parish Police Jury

  
**JOHNNY BUCKLEY**  
President  
Union Parish Police Jury