

REGULAR MEETING UNION PARISH POLICE JURY

Farmerville, Louisiana

February 1st, 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 and Brenda Abercrombie. Absent: John Watley. Also present was Judith Hampton, Assistant District Attorney. The President called the session to order and welcomed all guests. Mr. Bridges offered the invocation and Mr. Buckley led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

President Abercrombie welcomed everyone to the meeting. President Abercrombie announced the addition of two new members to the PEMAC Committee (Parish Emergency Management Advisory Committee). The two new additions are Ashley Rhodes from Marion and JR Horton from Bernice. President Abercrombie also announced the appointment of Burt Green as Union Parish Homeland Security Deputy Director.

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 as written.

Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Buckley to adopt the minutes of the January 4th, 2022 regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The Secretary/Treasurer presented the Budget to Actual Revenue and Expense report for the month of January 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 most of the Ad Valorem Tax has been collected for the year 2022. The parish receives tax revenue, money from timber/oil and gas severance tax, various fees for permits, money from the State's Parish Transportation Fund, rental payments, State Revenue Sharing and various taxes.

The Secretary/Treasurer highlighted the Sales Tax Collection, Detention Center Fund and Litter Court Fund. The Secretary/Treasurer commended Constable Scotty Aulds for his hard work on the Litter Court.

Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Moses to adopt the Revenue and Expenditures Report for the month of January. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Buckley, seconded by Mr. Bridges to contribute \$5,000 to the American Crappie Masters National Fishing Tournament; the jury will be contributing with the Town of Farmerville, Union Parish Chamber of Commerce and Union Parish Tourist Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Buckley, seconded by Mr. Bridges to re-appoint Joanie Bryan and L.W. Nolan to the Rocky Branch/Crossroads Fire District for a two-year term beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31st 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

Jeff Toms, Regional Administrator Office of Public Health Region 8, is requesting a millage for the Union Parish Health Unit. The Secretary/Treasurer reported that in October 2015 the 1.70 millage renewal failed. That millage was used strictly for the operation of the Health Unit. As of today, the Health Unit has a fund balance of \$77,070 and has \$475,966.74 invested with LAMP (Louisiana Asset Management Pool). **Motion Mr. Buckley, seconded by Mr. Bridges to authorize the Secretary/Treasurer to move forward with contacting Foley and Judell to prepare a tax proposition for one millage. Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Nyegaard to approve the Town of Marion's request for two loads of cold mix with the town paying for the cost of the materials. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Moses, seconded by Mr. Nyegaard to approve the use of the Courthouse parking lot by the Jaycees on Saturday, February 5th for the annual Mardi Gras festivities. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Nolan to contribute \$250 to Keep Union Beautiful for supplies to combat litter in the parish. Motion carried unanimously.

Two RFP's were received for Project Management Services for the American Rescue Plan Act Funds. RFP's were received from (1) Frye Magee and (2) Laura Hart. The scoring committee met on January 31st and evaluated all proposals. Laura Hart scored the highest. The scoring committee recommends that Laura Hart be awarded the Project Management Contract and authorize the President to execute a Notice of Award and any other necessary documents.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Bridges and seconded by Mr. Buckley:

RESOLUTION 2022-01

RESOLUTION TO AWARD PROJECT MANAGEMENT SERVICES

On Motion by **Mr. Bridges**, seconded by **Mr. Buckley**, to award the Request for Proposals for the American Rescue Plan Act Funds to **LAURA HART** and authorize to enter into an agreement to perform Project Management Services, as recommended by the selection committee and authorize the President to sign all necessary documents.

This motion being brought to a vote, passed as follows:

YEAS: Moses, Pilgreen, Ramsey, Buckley, Bridges, Nyegaard, Nolan, and Abercrombie
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Watley

WHEREUPON, the resolution was declared adopted on the 1st day of February, 2022.

s/ Paula Strickland
PAULA STRICKLAND
SECRETARY-TREASURER
UNION PARISH POLICE JURY

s/ Brenda Abercrombie
BRENDA ABERCROMBIE
PRESIDENT
UNION PARISH POLICE JURY

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correction copy of a resolution adopted by the Union Parish Police Jury in Regular Session convened on the 1st day of February, 2022.

s/ Paula Strickland
Paula Strickland
Secretary Treasurer

Recommendations from the Landfill Committee:

Mr. Bridges reported that the Landfill Committee met on January 11th and today.

Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Pilgreen to authorize the Secretary/Treasurer to solicit bids for an automatic tarp system to be used as an alternative for daily cover. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Pilgreen to authorize the Secretary/Treasurer to solicit bids for the purchase of a used excavator. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Ramsey to change the Trash Guys in-parish dumping fees from \$0.00 to \$19.03 a ton; out-of-parish tipping fees will be reduced to \$27.00 effective March 1, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

Recommendations from the Road Committee:

Mr. Ramsey reported that the Road Committee met earlier and have the following recommendations.

Motion Mr. Ramsey, seconded by Mr. Pilgreen to approve the Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) Project memorandum of Agreement for the Alabama Landing Project

and authorize the President to execute any necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Ramsey, seconded by Mr. Bridges to approve the appraisal amounts of \$10,100 for Green Land & Investments, LLC and Steven Alexander in the amount of \$4,477 and authorize the President to execute any necessary documents. The appraisal amounts are for the ROW acquisition for the Scott's Hideaway Road Drainage Project. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Ramsey, seconded by Mr. Buckley to withdraw White Oak Lane over Edmonds Creek Bridge from the Federal Aid Off-System Bridge Program and authorize the President to execute any necessary documents.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Ramsey and seconded by Mr. Buckley:

UNION PARISH RESOLUTION 2022-02

A RESOLUTION CANCELLING A FEDERAL AID OFF-SYSTEM PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Union Parish Police Jury, is the governing authority of the Parish of Union, State of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the Union Parish Police Jury has determined that the following project should be cancelled in the Federal Off-System Bridge Program:

Structure Name: White Oak Lane over Edmonds Creek
Recall Number: 400502

WHEREAS, the Union Parish Police Jury is vested with authority to cancel said project in the Federal Off-System Bridge Program;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Union Parish Police Jury does hereby grant the aforementioned cancellation of the project listed above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

The aforesaid resolution was offered by Mr. Ramsey and seconded by Mr. Buckley. The aforesaid 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	

WHEREUPON, the motion was declared duly adopted by unanimous vote of the Jury this the 1st day of February, 2022.

s/ Paula H. Strickland
PAULA H. STRICKLAND
SECRETARY-TREASURER
UNION PARISH POLICE JURY

s/ Brenda Abercrombie
BRENDA ABERCROMBIE
PRESIDENT
UNION PARISH POLICE JURY

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF UNION

I, **Paula H. Strickland**, Secretary/Treasurer of the Police Jury of Union Parish, Louisiana, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of one (1) motion adopted by the Union Parish Police Jury in regular session on February 1st, 2022 at which meeting a quorum was present. Given under my official Signature and Seal of Office on this the 1st day of February, 2022.

s/ Paula H. Strickland
Paula H. Strickland
Secretary/Treasurer
Police Jury of Union Parish, Louisiana

Recommendations from the Courthouse Committee:

The Courthouse Committee met earlier and have the following recommendations.

Motion Mr. Buckley, seconded by Mr. Ramsey to relocate the red storage building on the courthouse lawn to another location. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Buckley, seconded by Mr. Nolan to move forward with the courthouse elevator project with any additional costs being paid out of the General Fund. Motion carried unanimously.

Recommendations from the Airport Committee:

Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Nolan to authorize the Secretary/Treasurer to send a certified letter to the estate of Robert Earle to grant an extension of thirty days for the removal of the contents of the two airport hangars that were previously leased. Motion carried unanimously.

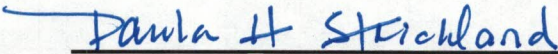
Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Nolan to authorize the Secretary/Treasurer to send out violation letters to the lessees at the Union Parish Airport who are in violation of their leases. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Moses to authorize the Secretary/Treasurer to prepare a lease agreement between the Union Parish Police Jury and Matt Ludwig in an amount of \$500 per year for hangar rental. Motion carried unanimously.


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

Jeremy Jones with NELA Recycles addressed the jury regarding recycling opportunities in Union Parish. Mr. Jones is disappointed with trash management in Union 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 1st day of February, 2022.



Paula Strickland, Secretary/Treasurer
Union Parish Police Jury



Brenda Abercrombie, President
Union Parish Police Jury