

**DETENTION CENTER COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
February 15th, 2022**

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: 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 Lisa Salley, Business Manager.

Sheriff Gates called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Sheriff Gates led the group in prayer. Roll call was taken. Sheriff Gates asked if anyone in the audience would like to register for public comment to speak.

Motion made by Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Chief Coulbertson and declared adopted by unanimous vote to approve the agenda with the following addition:

#9 Discuss and take action, if necessary, regarding pay increases for the Union Parish Detention Center Employees.

Motion made by Chief Coulbertson, seconded by Mr. Pilgreen to adopt the minutes of the Tuesday, January 11th, 2021 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Termination Appeal Hearing for Lee Hill – Mr. Hill was dismissed by Warden Adams on January 28, 2022 for insubordination. Mr. Hill filed an appeal with the Secretary/Treasurer on February 1st, 2022. Mr. Hill addressed the Commission and stated that this is his third time to be employed at the Union Parish Detention Center. He was a Lieutenant over D Shift. He has been employed this time for 1½ years. Mr. Hill stated that he was terminated because he did not want to supervise a certain shift. Mr. Hill was questioned by Sheriff Gates, Mr. Pilgreen and Warden Adams. **Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mrs. Abercrombie to uphold the termination of Lee Hill and authorize the Secretary/Treasurer to notify Mr. Hill of the decision. Motion carried unanimously.**

Transitional Work Program Comments – Lisa Salley, UPDC Business Manager, addressed the Commission regarding the Transitional Work Release Program. There are currently sixty-one (61) TWP inmates participating in the work release program. There are twelve (12) inmates pending. Forty-six (46) of the TWP participants are LEOs. There are twenty-seven (27) inmates working the day shift and thirty-four (34) inmates working the night shift. Mrs. Salley reported that there have been issues with the inmates having COVID and entire dorms being on lockdown.

Warden's Comments – Warden Adams reported that there are 122 pretrial/parish inmates being held at the Detention Center and 197 DOC inmates. Inmate welfare has a cash in bank balance of \$154,520.26 and inmate banking has a cash in bank balance of \$209,819.27. E-cigarette sales has a balance of \$10,350.

Motion made by Mr. Pilgreen and seconded by Mrs. Abercrombie 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 Mr. Pilgreen and seconded by Chief Coulbertson 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.

Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Chief Coulbertson to give a .50 pay raise to all Union Parish Detention Center employees excluding Nurse Pilcher, Ruby Stanley, Lisa Salley and Tiara Banks effective February 21st, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the commission, Sheriff Gates declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Chief Coulbertson, seconded by Mrs. Abercrombie, on this 15th day of February, 2022.

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