

**DETENTION CENTER COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**The Detention Center Commission met this date at 3:00 P.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 Coulberson (Farmerville Chief of Police). Absent: John Belton (District Attorney). Also present: Warden Adams and Ruby Stanley, TWP Director.**

Sheriff Gates called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Mr. Pilgreen 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 Coulberson and declared adopted by unanimous vote to approve the agenda as written.**

**Motion made by Chief Coulberson, seconded by Mr. Pilgreen to adopt the minutes of the Tuesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Transitional Work Program Comments** – Ruby Stanley, TWP Director, addressed the Commission regarding the Transitional Work Release Program. There are currently fifty-three (53) TWP inmates participating in the work release program. There are thirteen (13) inmates who are approved for work release. There are an additional eleven (11) inmates that have been pre-approved, but they have not been picked up yet. Forty-three (43) of the TWP participants are LEOs. The room and board to date for April is \$21,330.39. The room and board for March was \$94,118.21. There are three (3) pay periods left for Foster Farms.

**Warden's Comments** – Warden Adams reported that there are 123 pretrial/parish inmates being held at the Detention Center and 190 DOC inmates. Inmate welfare has a cash in bank balance of \$109,936.51 and inmate banking has a cash in bank balance of \$261,913.37.

**Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Chief Coulberson to authorize the Chairman to sign the 2020/2021 audit engagement agreement with the CPA firm of Bosch & Statham, LLC. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Chief Coulberson, seconded by Mr. Pilgreen to authorize the purchase of a zero-turn mower from Earl's Small Engine in the amount of \$7,209.21 for the Detention Center. Motion carried unanimously.**

**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.**

**There being no further business to come before the commission, Sheriff Gates declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mrs. Abercrombie, on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022.**

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