

## **REGULAR MEETING UNION PARISH POLICE JURY**

**Farmerville, Louisiana**

**April 5<sup>th</sup>, 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 Andrew Ford, Jr. Absent: None. Also present was Judith Hampton, Assistant District Attorney. The President called the session to order and welcomed all guests. Mr. Ford offered the invocation and Mr. Nolan led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.**

President Abercrombie welcomed everyone to the meeting and 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. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Nolan and declared adopted by unanimous vote of the Jury to approve the agenda as written.**

**Motion Mr. Buckley, seconded by Mr. Bridges to adopt the minutes of the March 1<sup>st</sup> regular meeting and March 15<sup>th</sup> and March 28<sup>th</sup> special meetings. Motion carried unanimously.**

The Secretary/Treasurer presented the Budget to Actual Revenue and Expense report for the month of March 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 highlighted the Sales Tax Collection, Detention Center Fund and Litter Court Fund.

**Motion Mr. Moses seconded by Mr. Nyegaard to adopt the Revenue and Expenditures Report for the month of March. Motion carried unanimously.**

Connie Snell, President of the D'arbone Master Gardeners, presented the jury with a proposed beautification project at the Union Parish Courthouse. Mrs. Snell stated that all of the work is being done by Carey Anderson, Green Horizons Landscaping, at cost. Claiborne Electric is providing funding in the amount of \$12,000. Mrs. Snell is asking the jury to contribute \$10,660 for the remainder of the beautification project. All four sides of the courthouse square will be landscaped and irrigated. The landscaping will be low maintenance. There will also be a fallen officer memorial area where the red building is currently located. There will be a bench and a little meditation area. **Motion Mr. Moses, seconded by Mr. Nyegaard to approve the expenditure of \$10,660 out of the ARPA funds for the Courthouse beautification project. Motion carried unanimously.**

**The following ordinance was offered by Mr. Bridges and seconded by Mr. Pilgreen**

**ORDINANCE NO. 927  
Amendment to Litter Ordinance 880**

TO AMEND AND REENACT SUBSECTION (C) OF SECTION 10-3 OF CHAPTER 10 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, UNION PARISH, LOUISIANA, RELATIVE TO “PLACING TRASH ON PARISH ROADS PROHIBITED.” TO ALLOW FOR THE SUSPENSION OF DRIVER’S LICENSE AS AN ADDITIONAL PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO PAY THE FINE BY MAIL IN ADVANCE OF ADJUDICATION AND FAILURE TO APPEAR AT THE TIME AND DATED INDICATED ON THE CITATION.

TO AMEND AND REENACT SUBSECTION ( C ) OF SECTION 10-7 OF CHAPTER 10 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, UNION PARISH, LOUISIANA, RELATIVE TO LITTERING AND THE USE OF GARBAGE DUMPSTERS” TO ALLOW FOR THE SUSPENSION OF DRIVER’S LICENSE AS AN ADDITIONAL PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO PAY THE FINE BY MAIL IN ADVANCE OF ADJUDICATION AND FAILURE TO APPEAR AT THE TIME AND DATED INDICATED ON THE CITATION.

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Union Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022, that Section 10-3 and Section 10-7 of the Union Parish Code of Ordinances is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

*Subsection (f) of Section 10-3 of the Code of Ordinances, Union Parish, Louisiana, entitled “Placing Trash on Parish Roads Prohibited.” is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows, to-wit:*

(F) Any person who violates the provisions of this Section by littering shall:

- (4) Whoever is found to have committed the violation of simple littering or intentional littering who fails to pay the fine by mail in advance of adjudication and fails to appear at the time and date indicated on the citation is subject to having his or her driver’s license suspended until such fines are paid.

*Subsection (k) of Section 10-7 of the Code of Ordinances, Union Parish, Louisiana, entitled “Littering and use of garbage dumpsters” is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows, to-wit:*

(K) Any person who violates the provisions of this Section by littering shall:

- (4) Whoever is found to have committed the violation of simple littering or intentional littering who fails to pay the fine by mail in advance of adjudication and fails to appear at the time and date indicated on the citation is subject to having his or her driver’s license suspended until such fines are paid.

The above and forgoing ordinance was introduced by **Mr. Bridges**, who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by **Mr. Pilgreen**, and after having been considered by sections was adopted by sections and as a whole by the following YEA and NAY vote:

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

WHEREUPON, the Ordinance was declared duly adopted this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022.

s/ Paula Strickland  
**PAULA 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 Strickland, Secretary/Treasurer of the Police Jury of Union Parish, Louisiana, do hereby certify that the above foregoing is a true and correct copy of an ordinance adopted by the Union Parish Police Jury at a regular meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022 at which a quorum was present and voting. Given under my Official Signature and Seal of Office on this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022.

s/ Paula Strickland  
PAULA STRICKLAND  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Union Parish Police Jury

**Motion Mr. Buckley, seconded by Mr. Ford to reappoint Chris Adkins to the Bernice Area Fire Protection District Board for a three-year extension beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2024; appoint Robert Elliott for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Nolan to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Claiborne Parish Police Jury pending receipt of the fee schedule for the public purpose of road maintenance and authorize the President to execute any necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Nolan to authorize travel for the Secretary/Treasurer and Assistant Secretary/Treasurer to attend the Organization of Parish Administrative Officials Conference in Baton Rouge on July 27<sup>th</sup> through July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Ford to table the discussion of timber cutting at the Landfill until a later date. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Recommendations from the Personnel Committee**

**Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Bridges to hire Jessica Geter (Health Unit – 9/22/20), Richard Wheelington (Road – 11/22/21), Gregory James Hand (Landfill – 10/28/21) and Charles D Smith (Landfill – 11/9/21) for full-time employment effective April 11, 2022 with their time counted back to their original hire date. They are now eligible for all police jury benefits including retirement, insurance, vacation, sick leave and holiday pay. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Recommendations from the ARPA Committee**

**Motion Mr. Buckley, seconded by Mr. Bridges to provide funding in an amount up to \$15,000 for server/software upgrades at the Annex. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Ford to provide funding in an amount up to \$21,552 for installation of a new audio/video system for the small courtroom. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Moses, seconded by Mr. Nolan to provide funding to the Union Parish Assessor in an amount up to \$20,500 for website mapping and in-house equipment. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Recommendations from the Equipment Committee**

**Motion Mr. Nyegaard, seconded by Mr. Moses to authorize the Secretary/Treasurer to advertise for bids for a sheepfoot roller to be used by the Road Department. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Nyegaard, seconded by Mr. Moses that the jury apply for the Local Government Assistance Program (LGAP) grant through the State and authorize the President and/or Secretary/Treasurer to execute all necessary documents. Any monies received will be used to purchase a tractor and a side boom mower. Any monies previously allocated for a Caterpillar 926M Front End Loader will be utilized for this. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Nyegaard, seconded by Mr. Moses to declare surplus property at the Road, Landfill, Detention Center, Annex and Homeland Security Departments. Surplus property will be auctioned off through an auction with the Union Parish Sheriff's Department and Gov Deals.**

<b>2007</b>	<b>Chevrolet Impala</b>	<b>2G1WB58K879393844</b>
<b>2008</b>	<b>Chevrolet Impala</b>	<b>2G1WB58K781276059</b>
<b>2004</b>	<b>Chevrolet PU</b>	<b>1GCEK19V74E268301</b>
<b>2000</b>	<b>Chevrolet PU</b>	<b>1GCCG24ROYR113867</b>
<b>2002</b>	<b>Dodge PU</b>	<b>2B4GP44352R560348</b>
<b>2002</b>	<b>Dodge PU</b>	<b>2B4GP44332R560347</b>

2007	Chevrolet Impala	2G1WB58K879357989
2004	Chevrolet Van	1GNDU03E74D252881
1988	Mack Dumptruck	1M2P19860JA001364
2005	Chevrolet Mechanic Tk	1GBJK39285E286280
1999	Mack Tandem	1M2P267C7XM044636
1999	Mack Day Cab	1M2AA13Y1XW108882
	JD 310D Backhoe	77882
	Lee Boy Paver	1-9005R-525R
1976	977 CAT Loader	3N46402
1999	New Holland Tractor	126691B
	Hamco Wheel Packer	243
	Shovel Wheel Packer	146

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Nyegaard, seconded by Mr. Moses to authorize the Secretary/Treasurer to purchase fifteen (15) forward facing cameras and six (6) GPS devices for the Landfill/Road trucks. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Nyegaard, seconded by Mr. Moses to provide an equipment list to Senator Cathey and Representative Turner. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Recommendations from the Road Committee**

**Motion Mr. Ramsey, seconded by Mr. Buckley to accept the Union Parish Police Jury Maintenance list provided by the Road Engineer, Paul Riley.**

•	Beech Grove Church Road	.6 miles
•	Pine Grove Church Road	.7 miles
•	Village Creek Road	.7 miles
•	Buck Moore Road	1.1 miles
•	St. Paul church Road	.24 miles
•	Watley Road	.2 miles
•	Arkansas Road	.29 miles
•	Mina Parker Road	.23 miles
•	Hill Laster Road	.02 miles
•	Daniel Road	.05 miles
•	Gatson Road	1.49 miles
•	Lem Road	1.5 miles
•	Oakland Bridge Road	.5 miles
•	Cook Road	.04 miles
	<b>Total</b>	<b>7.66 miles</b>

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Ramsey, seconded by Mr. Ford to authorize Riley Company to advertise for the Union Parish Police Jury 2022 Road Program and authorize the President to execute any necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Ramsey, seconded by Mr. Ford to authorize an expenditure up to \$29,999 for the purchase of a tank to be used for fluid/tar. Motion carried unanimously.**

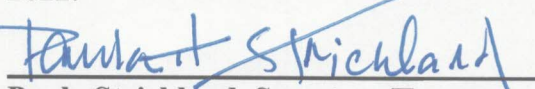
**Motion Mr. Ramsey, seconded by Mr. Nolan to authorize the Secretary/Treasurer to advertise to close a portion of Smith Road and the entirety of Pryor Kyle Road. Motion carried unanimously.**

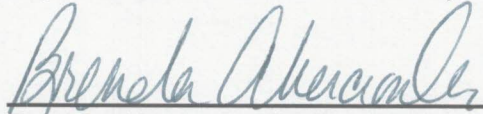
**Motion Mr. Nolan, seconded by Mr. Ford to authorize the Secretary/Treasurer to advertise to close a portion of Mayhaw Road. Motion carried unanimously.**

In accordance with Ordinance 549, time for public comment was given. Jon McKinnie, Union Parish Chamber of Commerce, addressed the jury regarding community activities.

Michelle Bryan, Keep Union Beautiful, addressed the jury regarding the next clean-up project. Mrs. Bryan stated that on September 17<sup>th</sup> the annual Union Parish Lake & Landing Sweep 2022 will be held.

**There being no further business to come before the Jury, the President declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Mr. Ramsey, seconded by Mr. Moses on this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022.**

  
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Paula Strickland, Secretary/Treasurer  
Union Parish Police Jury

  
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Brenda Abercrombie, President  
Union Parish Police Jury