

**DETENTION CENTER COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**The Detention Center Commission met this date at 1:30 P.M. in the Union Parish Police Jury meeting room, Union Parish Courthouse Annex, Farmerville, Louisiana. Present were: Brenda Abercrombie (Union Parish Police Jury), Dusty Gates (Union Parish Sheriff) and Chief Bim Coulberson (Farmerville Chief of Police). Absent: Nathan Pilgreen (Union Parish Police Jury) and John Belton (District Attorney). Also present: Warden Adams.**

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 Chief Coulberson, seconded by Mrs. Abercrombie and declared adopted by unanimous vote to approve the agenda as written.**

**Motion made by Chief Coulberson, seconded by Mrs. Abercrombie to adopt the minutes of the Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.**

A brief discussion was held regarding the commissary for the Detention Center. The Secretary/Treasurer reported that a written agreement was entered into on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 with Tiger Correctional Services. The agreement was for five (5) years. The agreement specified that Tiger Correctional would provide two computer workstations, software, server and booking software subscription. The Union Parish Detention Center would be billed \$5,500 for annual maintenance on the commissary software. Warden Adams said the Jail Management System is a good one and he would be interested in keeping it. Warden Adams said there are multiple issues with Tiger and the Detention Center's profit is down considerably.

Mrs. Abercrombie, Warden Adams and Chief Coulberson suggested giving a thirty (30) day notice to Tiger correctional and find a suitable replacement for Tiger. Britt's Commissary (Jeff Britt) previously had the commissary at the Detention Center. Sheriff Gates expressed his reservations about giving the commissary back to Britt's Commissary without giving other companies a chance. **Motion Chief Coulberson, seconded by Mrs. Abercrombie to authorize the Secretary/Treasurer to provide a thirty (30) notice to Tiger Correctional to end the commissary agreement. Motion carried unanimously.**

A discussion was held concerning the Tiger Correctional Full Food Services Agreement. Warden Adams reported that there have been multiple issues with Tiger.

- Kitchen employees not showing up for work
- No sample trays
- Spoiled food

- Notice of Food violation by the Department of Health (Food not stored six inches off the floor, accurate ambient air temperature measuring device not provided, sanitizer test kit not provided, equipment not in good repair)
- Type of food being provided
- Off compound workers to-go plates

Tiger has repeatedly been notified of ongoing issues and they have worked with the Detention Center to a point. The Secretary/Treasurer has consulted legal counsel regarding the termination of the contract. Legal counsel said that a certified letter would need to be sent and Tiger has sixty (60) days to correct the issues. If the issues are not satisfactorily corrected then Tiger shall be given a thirty (30) day notice to end the contract. **Motion Mrs. Abercrombie, seconded by Chief Coulbertson to authorize the Secretary/Treasurer to give Tiger Correctional Food Services a sixty (60) day notice to correct the issues. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Executive session** – The Commission did not enter into Executive session.

**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 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022.**

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