

REGULAR MEETING UNION PARISH POLICE JURY

Farmerville, Louisiana

May 3rd, 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 James Buckley, Assistant District Attorney. The President called the session to order and welcomed all guests. Mr. Nolan offered the invocation and Mr. Pilgreen 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.

Mrs. Strickland asked that the jury remember the family of Mary Miller. Mrs. Miller recently passed away. She was a member of the Farmerville Church of Christ and a lifelong member of Union Parish.

Motion Mr. Nolan, seconded by Mr. Ramsey and declared adopted by unanimous vote of the Jury to approve the agenda as written.

Motion Mr. Buckley, seconded by Mr. Nyegaard to adopt the minutes of the April 5th regular meeting and April 19th special meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The Secretary/Treasurer presented the Budget to Actual Revenue and Expense report for the month of April 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. Ford seconded by Mr. Bridges to adopt the Revenue and Expenditures Report for the month of April. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Nolan, seconded by Mr. Buckley to open a public hearing regarding the proposed abandonment of approximately 600 feet of Rodeo Drive from the Union Parish Road System. Motion carried unanimously. President Abercrombie declared the public hearing open and asked the public if they had any comments relating to the road closure. No comments were made with regard to the road closure. Motion Mr. Buckley, seconded by Mr. Ramsey to close the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously. President Abercrombie declared the public hearing closed.

The following ordinance was offered by Mr. Buckley and seconded by Mr. Nolan:

ORDINANCE #928

AN ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO THE UNION PARISH ROAD SYSTEM PROVIDING FOR THE DELETION OF APPROXIMATELY 600 FEET OF RODEO DRIVE

Pursuant to Public Notice published in *The Banner*, a weekly newspaper published in Farmerville, Union Parish, Louisiana and the Official Journal of the Union Parish Police Jury on March 31, April 7, April 14 and April 28, 2022, Public Hearing was being held by the Union Parish Police Jury at the Police Jury Meeting Room, Courthouse Annex, 303 East Water Street, Farmerville, Louisiana for the purpose of considering whether or not certain road listed in said Public Notice should be deleted from the Union Parish Road System.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Police Jury of Union Parish, Louisiana, convened in Regular Session this 3rd day of May, 2022 that the following Ordinance be and the same is hereby adopted:

SECTION 1

Approximately 600 feet of Rodeo Drive is found to be no longer needed for public purposes and is hereby deleted and removed from the Union Parish Road System.

SECTION 2

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage by the Union Parish Police Jury.

SECTION 3

If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause and/or phrase of this Ordinance or the application thereof is declared unconstitutional, unenforceable or invalid by the valid judgment of any court of competent jurisdiction such unconstitutionality, unenforceability or invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and/or phrases of this Ordinance, since the same would have been enacted by the Union Parish Police Jury without the incorporation in this Ordinance of any such unconstitutional, unenforceable or invalid section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase. To this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared severable.

SECTION 4

All other ordinances, or any parts thereof, which are in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

This above and foregoing Ordinance was introduced by **Mr. Buckley** who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by **Mr. Nolan** and after having been considered by sections was adopted by sections and as a whole by the following YEA and NAY vote:

YEAS: Nine (Moses, Pilgreen, Ramsey, Buckley, Bridges, Nyegaard, Nolan, Abercrombie and Ford)
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: None

WHEREUPON, the Ordinance was declared duly adopted this 3rd day of May, 2022.

s/ Paula Strickland

PAULA STRICKLAND
SECRETARY/TREASURER
UNION PARISH POLICE JURY

s/ Brenda Abercrombie

BRENDA ABERCROMBIE
PRESIDENT
UNION PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion Mr. Nolan, seconded by Mr. Ramsey to open a public hearing regarding the proposed abandonment of approximately 500 feet of Mayhaw Road from the Union Parish Road System. Motion carried unanimously. President Abercrombie declared the public hearing open and asked the public if they had any comments relating to the road closure. No comments were made with regard to the road closure. Motion Mr. Nolan, seconded by Mr. Ramsey to close the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously. President Abercrombie declared the public hearing closed.

The following ordinance was offered by Mr. Nolan and seconded by Mr. Ramsey:

ORDINANCE #929

AN ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO THE UNION PARISH ROAD SYSTEM PROVIDING FOR THE DELETION OF APPROXIMATELY 500 FEET OF MAYHAW ROAD

Pursuant to Public Notice published in *The Banner*, a weekly newspaper published in Farmerville, Union Parish, Louisiana and the Official Journal of the Union Parish Police Jury on March 31, April 7, April 14 and April 28, 2022, Public Hearing was being held by the Union Parish Police Jury at the Police Jury Meeting Room, Courthouse Annex, 303 East Water Street, Farmerville, Louisiana for the purpose of considering whether or not certain road listed in said Public Notice should be deleted from the Union Parish Road System.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Police Jury of Union Parish, Louisiana, convened in Regular Session this 3rd day of May, 2022 that the following Ordinance be and the same is hereby adopted:

SECTION 1

Approximately 500 feet of Mayhaw Road is found to be no longer needed for public purposes and is hereby deleted and removed from the Union Parish Road System.

SECTION 2

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage by the Union Parish Police Jury.

SECTION 3

If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause and/or phrase of this Ordinance or the application thereof is declared unconstitutional, unenforceable or invalid by the valid judgment of any court of competent jurisdiction such unconstitutionality, unenforceability or invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and/or phrases of this Ordinance, since the same would have been enacted by the Union Parish Police Jury without the incorporation in this Ordinance of any such unconstitutional, unenforceable or invalid section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase. To this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared severable.

SECTION 4

All other ordinances, or any parts thereof, which are in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

This above and foregoing Ordinance was introduced by **Mr. Nolan** who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by **Mr. Ramsey** and after having been considered by sections was adopted by sections and as a whole by the following YEA and NAY vote:

YEAS:	Nine (Moses, Pilgreen, Ramsey, Buckley, Bridges, Nyegaard, Nolan, Abercrombie and Ford)
NAYS:	None
ABSTAINED:	None
ABSENT:	None

WHEREUPON, the Ordinance was declared duly adopted this 3rd day of May, 2022.

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

s/ Brenda Abercrombie
BRENDA ABERCROMBIE
PRESIDENT
UNION PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion Mr. Nolan, seconded by Mr. Moses to adopt the 2021 and 2022 American Rescue Plan Funds Act Budget.

2021 REVISED ARPA BUDGET	
Beginning Fund Balance	2,147,110.00
Revenue and Other Sources	00
Expenses and Other Uses	-186,012.00
Ending Fund Balance	1,961,098.00

2022 ARPA BUDGET

Beginning Fund Balance	1,961,098.00
Revenue and Other Sources	00
Expenses and Other Uses	-1,952,589.00
Ending Fund Balance	8,509.00

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Ford to amend the Union Parish Police Jury Procurement Policy by adding the following language: “Union Parish Police Jury will comply with current bid law.” The dollar threshold will be increased from \$100,000 to \$250,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Moses, seconded by Mr. Nyegaard to allow the Farmerville Jaycees the use of the Courthouse Square and parking lot on Friday July 29th and Saturday July 30th for the 59th Annual Louisiana Watermelon Festival. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Ramsey, seconded by Mr. Moses to approve travel for the Registrar of Voters and the Deputy Registrar of Voters to attend the Annual Elections Academy to be held in Baton Rouge on June 23rd, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Buckley to authorize the Secretary/Treasurer to advertise for the abandonment of Lifford Road in its entirety and a portion of Phillips Road from the Union Parish Police Jury Road System. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Nolan to approve travel for the JP/Constables/Deputy Constables to attend the annual seminar in Baton Rouge on June 22 and June 23rd, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Moses, seconded by Mr. Ford to approve travel for the HUD Director to attend the Louisiana Housing Council Annual Legislative Conference in Baton Rouge on May 24th, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

Laura Hartt, ARPA Grants Manager, addressed the jury regarding the funds that the D’Arbonne Water System received through the American Rescue Plan Act. D’Arbonne Water System is out of compliance with the Federal Procurement Guidelines. Mrs. Hartt stated that in order to protect the interests of the jury a CEA (cooperative endeavor agreement) would need to be entered into that states the water system will be responsible for repayment of any grant monies in the event the costs are disallowed by the US Treasury. Mrs. Hartt further stated that James Buckley, Assistant District Attorney, has reviewed the document and concurs that this is what is needed. **Motion Mr. Ford, seconded by Mr. Bridges to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between Union Parish Police Jury and D’Arbonne Water System. Motion carried with the following vote:**

YEAS: Eight (Moses, Pilgreen, Ramsey, Bridges, Nyegaard, Nolan, Abercrombie and Ford)
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: One (Buckley)
ABSENT: None

Recommendations from the Ambulance Steering Committee:

The Secretary/Treasurer reported that the Union Parish Ambulance Steering Committee met earlier. Request for Proposals were solicited for an Ambulance service in Union Parish. Those proposals were opened on April 19th and presentations were made by Pafford Ambulance Service and Acadian Ambulance Service. The Request for Proposals were scored earlier today by the following members: Mayor Danny Smith (TOM), Cade Nolan (TOF), Ben Bridges (UPPJ), Beth Jones (RMMC), Mayor Mildred Ferguson (TOB), Mayor Reggie Skains (Village of Downsville), Curtis Moses (UPPJ), Connie Ginn (UGH), Brenda Abercrombie (UPPJ), Beth Green (Rocky Branch Crossroads Fire District and Sheriff Dusty Gates (UPS0). Pafford Ambulance received a total score of 1373 and Acadian Ambulance received a total score of 1044. **Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Buckley to accept the proposal from Pafford Ambulance Service. Motion carried unanimously.**

Recommendations from the Landfill Committee:

Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Pilgreen to authorize Turner Specialty Services, Inc. to clean the seven (7) manholes in an amount up to \$12,000 and if necessary, video for an additional \$4,500 with the total amount for the manhole cleaning not to exceed \$16,500. Motion carried unanimously.

In accordance with Ordinance 549, time for public comment was given. Bernie Nolan addressed the jury concerning a fund raiser for the Union Humane Society.

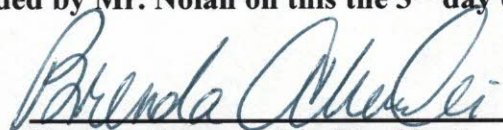
TC Dupree addressed the jury concerning a need for a contract with Pafford Ambulance Service. Mr. Dupree stated that the only way to hold any ambulance service accountable is to have a contract.

Lynn Ramsey addressed the jury regarding a fund raiser for Sherri Cooper Taylor. It will be at the D'Arbonne Range Rider Arena on May 21st, 2022.

There being no further business to come before the Jury, the President declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Mr. Buckley, seconded by Mr. Nolan on this the 3rd day of May, 2022.



Paula Strickland, Secretary/Treasurer
Union Parish Police Jury



Brenda Abercrombie, President
Union Parish Police Jury