

**DETENTION CENTER COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
May 31st, 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: Nathan Pilgreen (Union Parish Police Jury), Brenda Abercrombie (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.

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 Chief Coulberson, seconded by Mr. Pilgreen and declared adopted by unanimous vote to approve the agenda as written.

Motion made by Mrs. Abercrombie, seconded by Chief Coulberson to adopt the minutes of the Tuesday, April 19th, 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 forty-seven (47) TWP inmates participating in the work release program. Forty-one (41) of the participants are LEO's (Louisiana Employment Opportunity). There are two (2) inmates who are approved for work release. Thirty-two (32) inmates have been submitted to DOC for work release approval. The room and board for the month of May is \$73,009.57. The room and board for April was \$83,133.96.

Warden's Comments – Warden Adams reported that there are 142 pretrial/parish inmates being held at the Detention Center and 198 DOC inmates. Inmate banking has a cash in bank balance of \$136,496.91. Inmate welfare has a cash in bank balance of \$244,325.06. A large transfer was made from inmate banking to inmate welfare in the amount of \$117,479.35. Approximately \$7,500 was received from HomeWav video visitation for the months of March and April. Approximately \$7,275 was received from Correct Solutions for the months of March and April. Warden Adams reported that a new lieutenant to conduct shake-downs has been hired. Warden Adams has further reported that the facility is in dire need of a full-time nurse.

Tiger Correctional Services – Bryan Hall, Tom Glatham and Phillip Reid, all of Tiger Correctional Services, addressed the commission regarding the commissary and food service account at the Union Parish Detention Center. **No action taken.**

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 31st day of May, 2022.

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