

REGULAR MEETING UNION PARISH POLICE JURY

Farmerville, Louisiana
July 5th, 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. Nyegaard 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.

The Secretary/Treasurer made the following announcement:

Notice is hereby given that at its meeting to be held on Tuesday, August 2nd, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at its regular meeting place, the Police Jury Meeting Room of the Courthouse Annex, 303 E. Water Street, Farmerville, Louisiana, the Police Jury of the Parish of Union, State of Louisiana, plans to consider adopting a resolution ordering and calling an election to be held within the Parish of Union to authorize the levy of an ad valorem tax for the operation of the Union Parish Animal Shelter.

Motion Mr. Nolan, seconded by Mr. Nyegaard 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 June 7th regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion Mr. Bridges seconded by Mr. Ford to adopt the Revenue and Expenditures Report for the month of June. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Buckley to open a public hearing regarding the proposed abandonment of Lifford Road in its entirety 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. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Ford to close the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously. President Abercrombie declared the public hearing closed.

The following ordinance was offered by Mr. Pilgreen and seconded by Mr. Nyegaard:

ORDINANCE # 932

AN ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO THE UNION PARISH ROAD SYSTEM PROVIDING FOR THE DELETION OF LIFFORD ROAD IN ITS ENTIRETY

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 June 9th, June 16th, June 23rd and June 30th, 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 5th day of July, 2022 that the following Ordinance be and the same is hereby adopted:

SECTION 1

Lifford 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. Pilgreen** who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by **Mr. Nyegaard** 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 5th day of July, 2022.

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

s/ Brenda Abercrombie
BRENDA ABERCROMBIE
PRESIDENT
UNION PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Buckley to open a public hearing regarding the proposed abandonment of approximately the last 300 feet of Phillips 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 regards to the road closure. Motion Mr. Buckley, seconded by Mr. Bridges to close the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously. President Abercrombie declared the public hearing closed.

Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Moses to table the discussion of the abandonment of approximately the last 300 feet of Phillips Road from the Union Parish Road System. Motion carried unanimously.

The following ordinance was offered by Mr. Moses and seconded by Mr. Bridges:

ORDINANCE NO. 933

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AN ACT OF SALE BY THE PARISH OF UNION TO SELL ADJUDICATED PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS: PARCEL NO. 3011077700 IN ACCORDANCE WITH LA R.S. 47: 2202 T SEQ. AND TO AUTHORIZE THE UNION PARISH POLICE JURY PRESIDENT TO SIGN ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND TO ADDRESS THE MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO

WHEREAS, the immovable property described below was adjudicated to the Parish of Union on June 28, 2017 for nonpayment of taxes; and

WHEREAS, the three (3) year period for redemption provided by Art. 7, §25 of the Louisiana Constitution has elapsed and established by Parish Ordinance No: 908 and the owner of record has failed to redeem the adjudicated property; and

WHEREAS, LA R.S. 47: 2202 *et seq.* provides that the Parish may sell adjudicated property in accordance with law after the expiration of the period for redemption; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Union has declared the property described below surplus and not needed for a public purpose and to dispose of said property in accordance with LA R.S. 47:2202, et seq.; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with L.A. R.S. 47:2202 the Parish of Union has set a minimum purchase price in the amount of \$904.12 and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Union has received a written offer to purchase said property from Leslie Rochelle for the consideration of \$904.12, at the time of sale and has been accepted by the Union Parish Police Jury; and

WHEREAS, the property described herein below was scheduled for public auction on June 23, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

Parcel# 3011077700

Legal Description: The West Half of Lot Six (W ½ of Lot 6) Block “2” of the Smith Addition to the Town of Farmerville, Louisiana, as per plat of said addition duly recorded in Conveyance Book 16 at page 640.

Municipal Address: 707 Maple Street, Farmerville, LA

NOW BE IT ORDAINED by the Union Parish Police Jury, that any Act of Sale of the below described property shall contain the following conditions and requirements:

- 1) This property shall be sold in accordance with LS-R.S. 47:2201 *et. seq.*, without any warranty, from either the Parish or Management Company, whatsoever, even as to the return of the purchase price.
- 2) The sale shall be on a form approved by the Parish Attorney and that the sales price is paid by certified funds at the time of the sale.
- 3) The sale shall include a reservation of all mineral rights to the Parish, but shall convey all surface rights.
- 4) The following shall be completed prior to closing of sale:
 - a. E&P Consulting Services, LLC shall certify in writing to the Parish Attorney that they have examined the mortgage records, conveyance records, probate and civil suit records of the Parish of Union and that attached to this certification will be a written list of names and last known addresses of all owners, mortgagees, and any other person who may have a vested or contingent interest in the property, or who has filed a request for notice as provided in the former provisions LS-R.S. 33:4720.17(B), as indicated in those records.
 - b. E&P Consulting Services, LLC will provide notice to those persons identified in accordance with LS-R.S. 47:2201 *et. seq.* Proof of said notice will be filed in the conveyance records of Union Parish immediately after the Act of Sale.

- c. At the time of closing, E&P Consulting Services, LLC will certify in writing to Parish Attorney and Clerk of Court that the number of days mandated by LS-R.S. 47:2201 *et. seq.* has elapsed since the above required notice was made or attempted and that the property has not been redeemed by the payment of the taxes owed.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, by the Union Parish Policy Jury, that the Police Jury President is hereby authorized to execute a Cash Sale of the above described adjudicated property to the highest acceptable bidder. The Cash Sale shall contain all of the above conditions and requirements and shall be executed within the timelines specified.

The foregoing ordinance was introduced by **Mr. Moses**, who moved its adoption and duly seconded by **Mr. Bridges** and was then adopted by the following YEA and NAY vote:

| MEMBERS: | YEAS: | NAYS: | ABSENT: | ABSTAINING: |
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| Curtis Moses | x | | | |
| Nathan Pilgreen | x | | | |
| Dewayne Ramsey | x | | | |
| Johnny Buckley | x | | | |
| Ben Bridges | x | | | |
| Ceis Nyegaard | x | | | |
| L.W. Nolan | x | | | |
| Brenda Abercrombie | x | | | |
| AJ Ford | x | | | |

WHEREUPON, the Ordinance was declared duly adopted this 5th day of July, 2022.

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

s/ Brenda Abercrombie
BRENDA ABERCROMBIE
PRESIDENT
UNION PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion Mr. Moses, seconded by Mr. Ford to authorize the sale of the adjudicated property located at 707 Maple Street to Leslie Rochelle and authorize the President to execute any necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.

The Secretary/Treasurer addressed the jury regarding the funds that the Rocky Branch Waterworks District are to receive through the American Rescue Plan Act. The Rocky Branch Water System is out of compliance with the Federal Procurement Guidelines. This is the same situation that occurred with the D'Arbonne Water System. In order to protect the interests of the Police Jury a CEA (cooperative endeavor agreement) is needed 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. **Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Buckley to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between Union Parish Police Jury and Rocky Branch Waterworks District and authorize the President to execute any necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Nolan to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Lincoln Parish Police Jury to purchase a 2007 Chip Spreader and authorize the President to execute any necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Nolan, seconded by Mr. Nyegaard, that the following actions should be taken on the road and landfill material bids for the period of July 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022:

- Gasoline and diesel fuel should be awarded to Hill Oil Co. and Lott Oil Co. based upon the best price, availability, hauling, location of job and quantity needed.
- Aviation Fuel should be awarded to Hill Oil Co (only bidder).
- CRS-2 Asphalt Emulsion should be awarded to Ergon (only bidder).
- AEP Asphalt Emulsion Prime – No bids were received for AEP Asphalt Emulsion Prime.
- MC-30 Cutback Asphalt – No bids were received for MC-30 Cutback Asphalt.
- Spiral Metal Culverts – Bid should be awarded to Co-Heir Drainage Products, Coastal Culverts and Coburn’s based upon the best price, availability, hauling, location of job and quantity needed.
- Polyethylene pipe should be awarded to Co-Heir Drainage Products, Irrigation Mart, Inc., Coastal Culverts and Coburn’s based upon the best price, availability, hauling, location of job and quantity needed.
- Concrete Pipe – Bid should be awarded to Co-Heir Drainage Products, Coastal Culverts and Coburn’s based upon the best price, availability, hauling, location of job and quantity needed.
- Hot Mix and Cold Mix – Bid should be awarded to Dreher Contracting and Amethyst Construction based upon the best price, availability, hauling, location of job and quantity needed.
- Maintenance rock, oversize rock, clay gravel, fill sand, pea gravel, and concrete sand – No bids were received for maintenance rock, oversize rock, clay gravel, fill sand, pea gravel, and concrete sand.
- Crushed concrete – No bids were received for crushed concrete.
- Granite rock should be awarded to R. E. Bentz, Inc. (only bidder).
- Leachate Collection Sand – No bid was received for Leachate Collection Sand.
- Daily Alternative Cover for landfill should be awarded to Enviro Services, LLC (only bidder). Please note: The bid for Daily Alternative Cover is for the period of July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Nolan, seconded by Mr. Bridges to appoint Andy Bryan to the Northeast Delta Human Services Authority Board for a three-year term beginning August 1st, 2022 and ending December 31st, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Buckley to grant a sixty (60) day leave of absence without pay to Dustin Rhodes beginning the middle of July. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Ford to implement a Cyber Crime & Deception/Social Engineering Risk Control Policy. Motion carried unanimously.

Recommendations from the ARPA Committee:

Mr. Buckley reported that the ARPA Committee met earlier and has one recommendation regarding the American Rescue Plan Funds.

Motion Mr. Buckley, seconded by Mr. Ramsey to approve Change Order No. 1 for the Randolph Water System. The change order is to expand the scope of the project to add fencing around the water tank. There will be no change in the award amount. Motion carried unanimously.

Recommendations from the Landfill Committee:

Mr. Bridges reported that the Landfill Committee met earlier and has one recommendation.

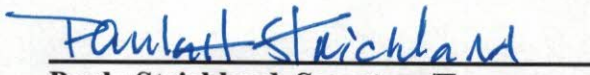
Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Nolan to increase the fees for grapple truck pick-up from \$65.00 to \$100.00 per occurrence. Motion carried unanimously.

Recommendations from the Equipment Committee:

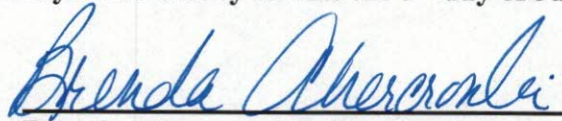
The Secretary/Treasurer reported that the Equipment Committee met earlier. The Road Superintendent had proposed a list of equipment to purchase and that matter was tabled until further research can be done.

In accordance with Ordinance 549, time for public comment was given. No one signed up for public comment.

There being no further business to come before the Jury, the President declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Mr. Ramsey, seconded by Mr. Buckley on this the 5th day of July, 2022.



Paula Strickland, Secretary/Treasurer
Union Parish Police Jury



Brenda Abercrombie, President
Union Parish Police Jury