

REGULAR MEETING UNION PARISH POLICE JURY

**Farmerville, Louisiana
October 4th, 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, Ceis Nyegaard, L.W. Nolan, Brenda Abercrombie and Andrew Ford, Jr. Absent: Ben Bridges. Also present was James Buckley, Assistant District Attorney. The President called the session to order and welcomed all guests. Mr. Ramsey offered the invocation and Mr. Moses 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.

President Abercrombie made the following announcement:

National Night Out is being held on the Courthouse Square from 5:00 to 7:00 PM tonight. Free food, jumpers, music, car seat checks and door prizes are being provided.

Mrs. Abercrombie stated that she met earlier with Shannon Futch, Homeland Security Director. Mr. Futch has been out to three of our local schools and has educated them on active shooters. Mr. Futch has worked with the teachers, students, administrative departments and even bus drivers.

Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Ramsey and declared adopted by unanimous roll call vote of the Jury to approve the agenda with the following addition:

#13 – Discuss and take action, if necessary, regarding the purchase of a Volvo roller.

Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Ramsey to adopt the minutes of the September 6th regular meeting and the September 13th special meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The Secretary/Treasurer presented the Budget to Actual Revenue and Expense report for the month of September 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 presented a brief update on the elevator project and the alcohol permits for 2023. The Secretary/Treasurer highlighted the General Fund, Road Maintenance Fund, Sales Tax Collection, Detention Center Fund and Litter Court Fund.

Motion Mr. Nolan, seconded by Mr. Buckley to adopt the Revenue and Expenditures Report for the month of September. Motion carried unanimously.

The following resolution was submitted by Mr. Ramsey and duly seconded by Mr. Ford:

**RESOLUTION COMMITTING TO PAY ENGINEERING AND
ADMINISTRATION FEES FOR LCDBG 2023 PUBLIC FACILITIES
PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Union Parish Police Jury (“Parish”) desires to submit Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (“LCDBG”) FY 2023 Public Facilities Application for funding (the “Application”); and,

WHEREAS, the Parish intends to use local funds to pay for administrative costs up to and including pre-agreement costs, administrative consultant fees, and any other administrative costs incurred by the Parish associated with the Application; and,

WHEREAS, the Parish intends to use local funds to pay for engineering costs up to and including pre-agreement costs, basic engineering design, surveying, project representation, construction phase services and any other engineering costs incurred by the Parish associated with the Application; and,

WHEREAS, the Parish desires to enter into an agreement with David M. Hartt, CPA (APAC), to perform all administrative consulting services associated with the Application, which includes assistance with developing the Application and performing all administrative consulting duties; and,

WHEREAS, the Parish desires to enter into an agreement with Riley Company, to perform all engineering consulting services associated with the Application, which includes assistance with developing the Application and all engineering consulting services, including basic engineering design, surveying, resident project representation, construction phase services and any other engineering costs incurred by the Parish.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE UNION PARISH POLICE JURY:

1. The Parish enters into an agreement with David M. Hartt, CPA (APAC) to develop and submit the Application, and thereafter to perform all administrative consulting duties following a grant award.
2. The Parish enters into an agreement with Riley Company to assist with the development of the Application, and thereafter to perform all engineering consulting services, including basic engineering design, surveying, project representation, construction phase services and any other engineering costs incurred by the Parish, following a grant award.

3. The President is authorized to execute respective agreements with David M. Hartt, CPA (APAC) and Riley Company, and to execute and submit the Application, as well as all related documents, to be on such other terms and conditions as he shall deem advisable, and to do any and all things necessary and proper to carry out this Resolution and to fulfill its objectives and purposes.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

MEMBERS:	YEAS:	NAYS:	ABSENT:	ABSTAINING:
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			
Andrew Ford, Jr.	x			

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 4th day of October, 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 for Union Parish Police Jury, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing constitutes a true and correct copy of a Resolution passed, approved, and adopted on the 4th day of October, 2022.

s/ Paula H. Strickland
 Paula H. Strickland
 Secretary/Treasurer
 Police Jury of Union Parish, Louisiana

Motion Mr. Ramsey, seconded by Mr. Buckley to delete the language from the Union Parish Police Jury Purchasing Policy that states: *Effective 3/16/22, all PO requests must be preapproved by the Secretary/Treasurer.* All other language is to remain in effect. Motion carried with the following vote:

MEMBERS: YEAS: NAYS: ABSENT: ABSTAINING:

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			
A.J. Ford	x			

Motion carried.

Recommendations from the Landfill Committee:

President Abercrombie stated that the Landfill Committee was unable to meet due to lack of a quorum.

Recommendations from the Personnel Committee:

Mr. Pilgreen stated that the Personnel Committee met earlier and has the following recommendations:

Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Ramsey to hire Glenn Furlough for full-time employment at the Landfill with his time being counted back to his original hire date of July 29th, 2022. His full-time status is effective October 10th, 2022 and at that time he is eligible for all police jury benefits including retirement, insurance, vacation, sick leave and holiday pay. Mr. Furlough's hourly rate of pay will increase to \$13.25 per his re-classification. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Buckley to re-classify Sidney Caughman as an Operator II Semi-Skilled Operator and increase his hourly rate of pay to \$14.25. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Buckley to hire Lynde Scarborough for full-time employment at the Road Department with her time being counted back to her original hire date of June 13th, 2022. Her full-time status is effective October 10th, 2022 and at that time she is eligible for all police jury benefits including retirement, insurance, vacation, sick leave and holiday pay. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Nyegaard to hire Ethan Davidson for full-time employment at the Road Department with his time being counted back to his original hire date of August 2nd, 2022. His full-time status is effective October 31st, 2022 and at that time he is eligible for all police jury benefits including retirement, insurance, vacation, sick leave and holiday pay. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Ford to promote Justin Echols to the Assistant Landfill Superintendent position effective October 10, 2022 with his hourly pay rate being increased to \$18.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Ramsey to hire Tommy Durrett as Public Works Director with his salary, start date and job description to be determined at a later date. Motion carried with the following vote:

MEMBERS:	YEAS:	NAYS:	ABSENT:	ABSTAINING:
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			
A.J. Ford	x			

Motion carried.

Recommendations from the Road Department:

Mr. Ramsey stated that the Road Department met earlier and have the following recommendations:

Motion Mr. Ramsey, seconded by Mr. Pilgreen to authorize Riley Company to move forward with the LCDBG application for River Road, Short Road, Water Tank Road and McLemore Road and authorize the President to execute any necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Ramsey, seconded by Mr. Pilgreen to approve the final change order for the 2022 Union Parish Police Jury Road Program and authorize the President to execute any necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Ramsey, seconded by Mr. Ford to issue a letter of Substantial Completion for the 2022 Union Parish Police Jury Road Program and authorize the President to execute any necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Ramsey, seconded by Mr. Nyegaard to authorize the Secretary/Treasurer to purchase a New Holland Power Star 75 Tractor in the amount of \$61,900 from South Ark Equipment off state contract and a Woods BW 10.51 Cutter in the amount of \$25,250 from South Ark Equipment off state contract. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Ramsey, seconded by Mr. Buckley to authorize the Secretary/Treasurer to complete the LGAP application for 2022/2023 and apply for a New Holland Power Star Tractor with a Woods Cutter. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Ramsey, seconded by Mr. Pilgreen to enter into a lease agreement with Lease Servicing Center, Inc. dba NCL Government Capital for two (2) 2023 Mack Dump Trucks in the amount of \$4,498.08 per month and authorize the President to execute any necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Buckley to purchase a Volvo PT 125 Roller off state contract from Scott Construction in an amount up to \$90,000. Motion carried unanimously.

In accordance with Ordinance 549, time for public comment was given. Greg Gossler addressed the jury regarding The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The traveling exhibit will be at the Union Museum of History and Art from October 24–October 27.


Jeff Wayne, 268 Rivers Wayne Road, Marion, addressed the jury regarding the road conditions and a culvert that has been stopped up for a lengthy amount of time.

Freddie Hill, 3849 Highway 550, Spearsville, addressed the jury regarding the road conditions and lack of mowing.


Lynn Ramsey, Jerry Ramsey Road, Farmerville, addressed the jury concerning the 2nd Annual Christmas Banquet for the Senior Citizens.

Michelle Bryan thanked the jury for their participation in the Waterways Clean-up which was recently held.

There being no further business to come before the Jury, the President declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Mr. Nolan, seconded by Mr. Buckley on this the 4th day of October, 2022.



Paula Strickland, Secretary/Treasurer
Union Parish Police Jury



Brenda Abercrombie, President
Union Parish Police Jury