

## **REGULAR MEETING UNION PARISH POLICE JURY**

**Farmerville, Louisiana**

**November 1<sup>st</sup>, 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. Ford 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.

**Motion Mr. Nolan, seconded by Mr. Moses and declared adopted by unanimous roll call vote of the Jury to approve the agenda.**

**Motion Mr. Buckley, seconded by Mr. Nyegaard to adopt the minutes of the October 4<sup>th</sup> regular meeting and the October 11<sup>th</sup> special meeting. Motion carried unanimously.**

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

**Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Ford to adopt the Revenue and Expenditures Report for the month of October. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Buckley to approve the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire and authorize the President and Secretary Treasurer to execute all necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Ford to approve the audit engagement for Bosch and Statham to perform audits on the financials and AUPs for the Union Parish Police Jury, Union Parish Detention Center and the Landfill Financial Assurance Fund for the year 2022. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Nolan, seconded by Mr. Ford to approve the audit engagement with Kenneth Folden & Company to oversee the financial statements and notes for the 2022 audits. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Ramsey, seconded by Mr. Buckley to approve travel for the Registrar of Voters and Assistant Registrar of Voters to the 2023 Louisiana Registrars of Voters' Seminar to be held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana on January 23 through January 25, 2023 and the payment of annual dues. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Nolan, seconded by Mr. Moses to approve travel for the Police Jurors and staff to attend the 2023 Police Jury Association Conference to be held in Shreveport, Louisiana on March 8<sup>th</sup> through March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Moses, seconded by Mr. Bridges to issue the following Proclamation:**



***Proclamation  
for  
Trey Holly***



***Whereas,*** *Trey Holly, is a senior at Union Parish High Schools; and*

***Whereas,*** *Trey Holly broke the Louisiana High School Career Rushing Record; and*

***NOW, THEREFORE,*** I, Brenda Abercrombie, President of the Union Parish Police Jury do hereby proclaim November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 as “Trey Holly Day” in the Parish of Union and extend Congratulations from the entire community of Union Parish.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the Parish of Union, at the Parish Courthouse Annex in the City of Farmerville. This Resolution issued this 1<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2022 by the Union Parish Police Jury in Regular Session.

s/ Brenda Abercrombie  
Brenda Abercrombie, President  
Union Parish Police Jury

s/ Ben Bridges  
Ben Bridges, Vice-President  
Union Parish Police Jury

s/ Paula Strickland  
Paula Strickland, Sec/Treasurer

s/ Curtis Moses  
Curtis Moses, District 1

s/ Nathan Pilgreen  
Nathan Pilgreen, District 2

s/ DeWayne Ramsey  
DeWayne Ramsey, District 3

s/ Johnny Buckley  
Johnny Buckley, District 4

Ceis Nyegaard  
Ceis Nyegaard, District 6

s/ L.W. Nolan  
L. W. Nolan, District 7

s/ A.J. Ford  
A.J. Ford, District 9

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Recommendations from the Insurance Committee:**

The Insurance Committee met earlier and has one recommendation.

**Motion Mr. Buckley, seconded by Mr. Ramsey to accept the Blue Cross Health Insurance Renewal for 2023 and authorize the President and/or Secretary/Treasurer to execute any necessary documents. The price per employee will increase from \$850.23 to \$989.67 a month. The jury will absorb 100% of the increase. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Recommendations from the Road Committee:**

The Road Committee met earlier and have the following recommendations:

**Motion Mr. Ramsey, seconded by Mr. Nyegaard to send a demand letter to Mr. Dollar to remove the gate blocking access to Buffalo Landing Road within thirty (30) days or the Police Jury will remove the gate at the owner’s expense. Buffalo Landing Road will continue to be in the Union Parish Police Jury Road System and the public will be able to have access to the body of water. Motion carried with the following Roll Call Vote:**

MEMBERS:	YES TO SEND LETTER:	NO TO SEND LETTER:
Curtis Moses	x	
Nathan Pilgreen	x	
DeWayne Ramsey	x	
Johnny Buckley	x	
Ben Bridges	x	
Ceis Nyegaard	x	
L.W. Nolan	x	
Brenda Abercrombie		
<i>*** Mrs. Abercrombie voted YES if the road is a public road, but said if it is determined that the road is private then she votes NO.</i>		
Andrew Ford, Jr.	x	

**Motion carries.**

**Recommendations from the Personnel Committee:**

The Personnel Committee met earlier and have the following recommendations:

**Motion Mr. Ramsey, seconded by Mr. Pilgreen to hire Julianna Tynes for full-time employment at the Landfill with her time being counted back to her original hire date of July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Her full-time status is effective November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and at that time she is eligible for all police jury benefits including retirement, insurance, vacation, sick leave and holiday pay. Miss Tynes’ hourly rate of pay will increase to \$12.00. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Ramsey to move forward with drafting a CDL policy for reimbursement for CDL classes. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Ramsey to interview five (5) applicants for the Public Works Director position. The Secretary/Treasurer will notify the applicants and set up a time for interviews at a later date. Motion carried unanimously.**

In accordance with Ordinance 549, time for public comment was given. The following individuals addressed the jury:

Ronnie Cole, 397 Benedict Road, addressed the jury concerning brush on the side of the roads and gravel on dirt roads.

George Cothran, 1001 Cherry Ridge Road, addressed the jury concerning the Police Jury website.

Jeff Wayne, 268 Rivers Wayne Road, Marion, thanked the jury for fixing his road.

Roy Ferguson, 358 Leon Ferguson, addressed the jury regarding Litroe Smedley Cemetery. Mr. Ferguson also thanked the jury for fixing his road.

Lynn Ramsey, Jerry Ramsey Road, addressed the jury regarding the Senior Citizens Christmas Banquet. Mrs. Ramsey stated that she has obtained the necessary funding for the banquet.

Jon McKinnie, Union Parish Chamber of Commerce addressed the jurors with upcoming events in the parish.

**There being no further business to come before the Jury, the President declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Moses on this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2022.**

**s/ Paula Strickland**  
**Paula Strickland, Secretary/Treasurer**  
**Union Parish Police Jury**

**s/ Brenda Abercrombie**  
**Brenda Abercrombie, President**  
**Union Parish Police Jury**