

**DETENTION CENTER COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023**

The Detention Center Commission met this date at 9:00 A.M. in the Union Parish Police Jury meeting room, Union Parish Courthouse Annex, Farmerville, Louisiana. Present were: A.J. Ford (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 (Union Parish District Attorney). Also present: Warden Adams and Lisa Salley, Business Manager.

**Election of Officers**

**Motion Mrs. Abercrombie, seconded by Chief Coulberson to nominate Sheriff Dusty Gates as the UPDC Commission Chairman. There were no other nominations and Sheriff Dusty Gates was declared the Chairman.**

Sheriff Gates called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Sheriff Gates 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 Mrs. Abercrombie, seconded by Chief Coulberson and declared adopted by unanimous vote to approve the agenda as written.**

**Motion made by Chief Coulberson, seconded by Mrs. Abercrombie to adopt the minutes of the Tuesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.**

Transitional Work Program Director's comments.

Mrs. Salley reported that the TWP inmates have increased from 35 participants in August to 74 participants now. Mrs. Salley reported that she and Captain Banks are continually trying to get more inmates in the TWP program. Mrs. Salley stated that in August there were only two employers and now there are a total of five.

Warden's Comments. Warden Adams reported on the following:

**Bank Accounts:**

Inmate welfare account	\$293,217.30
Commissary account	\$155,183.92
TWP account	\$249,557.19

**Phone Profits:**

Homewave November	\$6,219.66
Homewave December	\$5,978.88
Correct Solutions November	\$4,418
Correct Solutions December	\$5,553

**DOC Invoices:**

October state invoice for DOC	\$199,199.14
Nov state invoice for DOC	\$197,587.46
Dec state invoice for DOC	\$202,874.98

**Counts:**

DOC	275
Pretrial	110
TWP	74 total
LEO	12
ARKLA	1
Additional Submitted	20
Foster Farms	22
Foster PSSI	12
HOR	28
HOR PSSI	7
Trash Guys	3
Thomas Nursery	2

Warden Adams reported that the facility has a high DOC count and the January invoice will reflect that. Warden Adams stated that the staff continues to request a raise.

The Secretary/Treasurer presented a financial report for the year 2022 and a three-year comparison. **No action taken.**

The Secretary/Treasurer presented the proposed 2023 Union Parish Detention Center budget and the proposed 2022 amended budget. The budget was presented to the Union Parish Police Jury Finance Committee on December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The Union Parish Police Jury adopted as a whole on December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The Secretary/Treasurer reported that the DOC/state income and TWP income are based on analyzing previous years and on what has been generated for the year 2022. **Motion Mrs. Abercrombie, seconded by Mr. Ford to accept the 2023 proposed operating budget for the Detention Center and the 2022 proposed revised budget for the Detention Center. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion made by Mrs. Abercrombie and seconded by Chief Coulbertson 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 Mrs. Abercrombie 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.**

Public comments were made by Ben Bridges, Lynn Ramsey, Johnny Creed and Byron Avery.

**There being no further business to come before the commission, Sheriff Gates declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Mrs. Abercrombie, seconded by Chief Coulbertson, on this 31<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2023.**

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