

## REGULAR MEETING UNION PARISH POLICE JURY

Farmerville, Louisiana

June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**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: Nathan Pilgreen, DeWayne Ramsey, Johnny Buckley, Ben Bridges, Ceis Nyegaard, L.W. Nolan, Brenda Abercrombie and A.J. Ford, Jr. Absent: Curtis Moses. Also present was James Buckley, Assistant District Attorney. The President called the session to order and welcomed all guests. Mr. Ford offered the invocation and Mr. Bridges led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.**

President Abercrombie welcomed everyone to the meeting. President Abercrombie 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.

Arthur Hackney addressed the jury regarding a request he recently sent to the jury. Mr. Hackney is requesting the use of the Courthouse Square on Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023 from 10AM to 3PM.

**Motion Mr. Nolan, seconded by Mr. Bridges and declared adopted by unanimous vote of the Jury to approve the agenda as written.**

**Motion Mr. Buckley, seconded by Mr. Ford to adopt the minutes of the May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.**

The Secretary/Treasurer presented the Budget to Actual Revenue and Expense report for the month of May 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 Fund, Sales Tax Collection, and Detention Center Fund. The Secretary/Treasurer also reported that there was one interfund transfer from Landfill to Road Maintenance. The Secretary/Treasurer gave a brief update on Hiperweb and the newly installed audio equipment.

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

The Secretary/Treasurer requested a budget amendment for the year 2023. A compactor was purchased at the landfill in the amount of 1.2 million dollars. The compactor was not budgeted for when the budget was prepared. **Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Buckley to amend the Union Parish Police Jury operating budget for 2023. The budget will be increased by \$1,350,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.**

**The following resolution was offered by Mr. Nolan and duly seconded by Mr. Ford:**

UP RESOLUTION 2023 - 05

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2023 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by the Union Parish Police Jury:

	<u><b>MILLAGE</b></u>
General Alimony	2.790 mills
Road Construction – Construction & Improvements of Roads and Bridges	5.130 mills
Road Maintenance – Roads and Bridges	6.150 mills
Council on Aging – Maintenance	1.630 mills
Library – Operation and Maintenance	2.400 mills
Library – Support	1.000 mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of Union, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2023, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full; the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

YEAS:	Pilgreen, Ramsey, Buckley, Bridges, Nyegaard, Nolan, Abercrombie and Ford
NAYS:	None
ABSTAINED:	None
ABSENT:	Moses

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the resolution adopted at the board meeting held on June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at which meeting a quorum was present and voting.

Farmerville, Louisiana, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of June, 2023.

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

**Motion Mr. Buckley, seconded by Mr. Bridges to authorize the Secretary/Treasurer to transfer \$100,000 from the LAMP Health Unit Account to the Health Unit Fund. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Official Journal Selection**

**Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Buckley to nominate the *Banner* as the official journal for the period of July 1<sup>st</sup> 2023 to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The following Roll Call vote was taken:**

MEMBERS:	YES FOR <i>BANNER</i>	NO FOR <i>BANNER</i>	ABSENT
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, Jr.	x		

The Secretary/Treasurer calculated the votes. Six votes were cast for *The Banner*. Two votes were cast against. **President Abercrombie declared *The Banner* as the official journal for the period of July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024 with a vote of six (6) in favor, two (2) voting against and one (1) absent.**

Mary Barrios (Boys and Girls Club) addressed the jury regarding a donation for the Boys and Girls Club. The Boys and Girls Club building has three (3) classrooms that are in need of air. Ms. Barrios presented a quote from Miller Service HVAC in the amount of \$11,500 to install three (3) – 18,000 BTU mini splits with electrical hook up. Ms. Barrios is asking the jury for financial help with the air conditioning. **Motion Mr. Buckley, seconded by Mr. Bridges to table the discussion until a later date. Motion carried unanimously.**

A brief discussion was held concerning the request from the Town of Bernice. The Town of Bernice is requesting assistance with bush hogging the edges of the streets in Bernice. **No action was taken.**

**Motion Mr. Nolan, seconded by Mr. Ford to assist the Lake Commission with a pothole in front of the gate at the Spillway. The Lake Commission will pay for the cost of the materials. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Buckley, seconded by Mr. Ford to provide a Letter of Support for the Registrar of Voters to submit to the Secretary of State. The Letter of Support will be for equipment purchases through the Secretary of State. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Buckley, seconded by Mr. Nolan to approve the following board appointments from Reeves memorial Medical Center:**

- **Re-appointment of Michael Holley for a six (6) year term. Beginning 7/12/23 and ending 7/11/29.**
- **Appointment of Sharon Hays (replace Edwin Watley) for a six (6) year term. Beginning 7/12/23 and ending 7/11/29.**
- **Appointment of Chris Adkins (replace Michael Brandon) to complete the term of Michael Brandon. Beginning 7/12/23 to 7/11/25.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Ford, seconded by Mr. Ramsey to authorize the Secretary/Treasurer to advertise for a Section 8 Director in the official journal. Motion carried unanimously.**

Recommendations from the ARPA Committee:

The ARPA Committee met earlier. No action was taken during this meeting.

Recommendations from the Courthouse Committee:

The Courthouse Committee met earlier and has three recommendations.

**Motion Mr. Ford, seconded by Mr. Nolan to create a bee pollinator field on the property located on Holder Road. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Ford, seconded by Mr. Pilgreen to approve the Farmerville Jaycees request to utilize the bottom floor of the courthouse on July 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> for the 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Watermelon Festival. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Ford, seconded by Mr. Buckley to approve the request from Arthur Hackney to use the courthouse parking lot on June 24<sup>th</sup> from 10AM to 3PM. Motion carried unanimously.**

Recommendations from the Landfill Committee:

The Landfill Committee met earlier and has three recommendations.

**Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Ramsey to purchase the TMR (Total Maintenance Repair) Package in the amount of \$143,520.00 from Lyle Machinery once the detailed services are provided. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Buckley to authorize the Secretary/Treasurer to use the bid specs provided by the Public Works Director for an off-road truck. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Ramsey to approve travel for Milas Joe Davidson to attend the Louisiana Solid Waste Association Summer Workshop in Shreveport, Louisiana on July 11<sup>th</sup> and July 12<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried unanimously.**

In accordance with Ordinance 549, time for public comment was given.

Jon McKinnie, Union Parish Chamber of Commerce, addressed the Jury regarding the annual fireworks display to be held on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Shannon Futch, Union Parish Homeland Security Director, addressed the Jury regarding the following:

- Six (6) RV residents left at the park
- Pallets of boxed water
- Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Health Care Active Shooter
- Narcan Training
- Mapping
- State Grant website

Johnny Creed, 2354 Highway 550, Spearsville, addressed the Jury regarding Public Records Requests.

George Cothran, 1001 Cherry Ridge Road, addressed the Jury regarding the Landfill Assurance Account and interest received.

Lynn Ramsey, Jerry Ramsey Road, addressed the Jury regarding roads.

**There being no further business to come before the Jury, the President declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Mr. Ramsey, seconded by Mr. Nolan on this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.**

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

**s/ Brenda Abercrombie**  
**BRENDA ABERCROMBIE**  
**PRESIDENT**  
**UNION PARISH POLICE JURY**