

**REGULAR MEETING UNION PARISH POLICE JURY**

**Farmerville, Louisiana  
July 11<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: Curtis Moses, DeWayne Ramsey, Johnny Buckley, Ben Bridges, Ceis Nyegaard, L.W. Nolan, Brenda Abercrombie and A.J. Ford, Jr. Absent: Nathan Pilgreen. 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. Nolan 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.

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

**Motion Mr. Buckley, seconded by Mr. Nolan to adopt the minutes of the June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 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, Road Fund, Sales Tax Collection, and Detention Center Fund. The Secretary/Treasurer gave a brief update on the Road Department and how many Public Records Requests had been received.

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

**The following ordinance was introduced by Mr. Buckley and seconded by Mr. Nolan:**

***ORDINANCE NO. 951***

***AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AN ACT OF SALE BY THE PARISH OF UNION TO SELL ADJUDICATED PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS: PARCEL NO. 3044008800: BEGIN AT AN IRON PIN WHICH MARKS NW/C OF NW SW SEC, 14 T 21 N R 3 W, RUNS S. 39 FT., E 125 FT, E. 125 FT., N. 184 FT, W. 125 FT., S. 145 FT. TO P.O.B. 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 THER MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO***

***WHEREAS***, the immovable property described below was adjudicated to the Parish of Union on June 20, 2013 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 \$2,566.66 and

**WHEREAS**, the Parish of Union has received a written offer from Lynwood Mitchell Otwell to purchase said property for the consideration of \$2,566.66, 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 20, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. Parcel # 3044008800

Brief Legal: BEGIN AT AN IRON PIN WHICH MARKS NW/C OF NW SW SEC, 14 T 21 N R 3 W, RUNS S. 39 FT., E. 125 FT., N. 184 FT., W. 125 FT., S. 145 FT. TO P.O.B  
Municipal Address: 1106 Louisiana Ave. Bernice, LA 71222

**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 above ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

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

WHEREUPON, the Ordinance was declared duly adopted this 11<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023.

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

s/ Brenda Abercrombie  
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PRESIDENT  
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**Motion Mr. Ford, seconded by Mr. Nyegaard to authorize travel for the Registrar of Voters and Chief Deputy to attend the Summer Workshop in Marksville, Louisiana on August 17<sup>th</sup> and August 18<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Nyegaard, seconded by Mr. Ford to authorize travel for the Secretary/Treasurer to attend the Parochial Annual Administrative Workshop on September 26<sup>th</sup> in Baton Rouge. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Buckley, seconded by Mr. Bridges for a continuance of the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (\$13,000 per year) with the LSU Extension Office and to authorize the President to execute any necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Moses, seconded by Mr. Ford to approve the Town of Farmerville's request to use the courthouse square on Saturday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 for the Small Town Showdown Car Show. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Moses, seconded by Mr. Ford to approve the Town of Farmerville's request to use the courthouse square on October 13<sup>th</sup> and October 14<sup>th</sup> for the Annual Dia de la Familia. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Moses, seconded by Mr. Buckley to approve the request from Zion Hill Community Outreach Ministries to use the courthouse parking lot on August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Ford, seconded by Mr. Moses that the following actions should be taken on the road and landfill materials for the period of July 1<sup>st</sup> 2023 through December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023:**

- Gasoline and diesel fuel should be awarded to Hill Oil Co. (only bidder).
- Aviation Fuel - No bid.
- CRS-2 Asphalt Emulsion, CSS-1H and CRS-2P 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 Tri State, Coastal Culverts and Coburn’s based upon the best price, availability, hauling, location of job and quantity needed.
  - Polyethylene pipe should be awarded to Tri State, 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 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, masonry sand, golf course sand, bedding material and concrete sand – Bid should be awarded to Arkansas Gravel and Martin Marietta based upon the best price, availability, hauling, location of job and quantity needed.
  - Crushed concrete – Bid should be awarded to L.J. Haddox & Son (only bidder).
  - Granite rock should be awarded to Arkansas Gravel and Martin Marietta based upon the best price, availability, hauling, location of job and quantity needed.
  - Leachate Collection Sand – No bid was received for Leachate Collection Sand.
  - Daily alternative cover for landfill should be awarded to Space Savers and Enviro Services, LLC based upon the best price, availability, hauling, location of job and quantity needed.
- Please note the bid for Daily Alternative Cover is for the **period of July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

A brief discussion was held regarding the bids received for the off-road truck. **Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Buckley to table the discussion of the off-road truck until the trucks can be inspected. Motion carried unanimously.**

The Secretary/Treasurer reported that two bids were received for front load dumpsters. Roll Offs USA submitted a bid in the amount of \$1,199 and Waste Quip submitted a bid in the amount of \$1,134. **Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Ford to accept the lowest bid from Waste Quip. Motion carried unanimously.**

Recommendations from the Landfill Committee.

The Landfill Committee met on June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 regarding an urgent need for front load dumpsters. **Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Ramsey to authorize the Secretary/Treasurer to bid out the additional purchase of 100 front load dumpsters. Motion carried unanimously.**

Recommendations from the Personnel Committee.

The Personnel Committee met on Monday, July 10<sup>th</sup> to interview the Section 8 candidates. The Personnel Committee also discussed full-time employment for three (3) Road Department employees.

**Motion Mr. Buckley, seconded by Mr. Ramsey to hire Odis Riley for full-time employment at the Road Department with his time being counted back to his original hire date of April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023. His full-time status is effective July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 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. Buckley, seconded by Mr. Ramsey to hire Brandon Snell for full-time employment at the Road Department with his time being counted back to his original hire date of April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023. His full-time status is effective July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 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. Buckley, seconded by Mr. Ramsey to hire Steve Barmore for full-time employment at the Road Department with his time being counted back to his original hire date of February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023. His full-time status is effective July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 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. Buckley, seconded by Mr. Ramsey to table the Section 8 Director recommendation. Motion carried unanimously.**

Recommendations from the Road Committee.

The Road Committee met earlier concerning an issue with Burma Road, a speed limit ordinance, request from the Town of Bernice and a recent Attorney General opinion.

The following ordinance was introduced by Mr. Nolan and seconded by Mr. Moses:

**ORDINANCE # 952**

**AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE SPEED LIMIT OF 25 MILES PER HOUR ON DENTON ROAD (SPECIFICALLY IN THE RESIDENTIAL AREA) AND SETTING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.**

SECTION I: BE IT ORDAINED by the Police Jury of Union Parish that a maximum speed limit for any truck, car, motorcycle or any other equipment traveling on **Denton Road (specifically in the residential area)**, shall not exceed 25 miles per hour.

SECTION II: BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Police Jury of Union Parish, State of Louisiana, that any person, firm or corporation violating any provisions of this ordinance, upon conviction, shall not exceed the maximum fine for speeding upon a state highway plus court cost.

SECTION III: BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any section, sentence, clause or words of this ordinance shall be held invalid by any court of final jurisdiction, the same shall not affect the validity of any other section.

SECTION IV: BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that ordinance or parts of ordinance in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

The foregoing ordinance was introduced by **Mr. Nolan**, who moved its adoption and duly seconded by **Mr. Moses** and was then adopted by the following YEA and NAY 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			
Andrew Ford, Jr.	x			

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**Motion Mr. Buckley, seconded by Mr. Ford to assist the Town of Bernice with the replacement of a culvert on 1<sup>st</sup> Street. The Town of Bernice will pay for the cost of the materials and the work will be performed as time allows. Motion carried unanimously.**

Recommendations from the Finance Committee.

The Finance Committee met earlier. Jon Fourrier, Union Parish Sanitary Landfill Engineer, presented a presentation on Landfill Financial Assurance and why the Landfill Assurance Fund is necessary. There was also a discussion regarding bank interest rates.

**Motion Mr. Ramsey, seconded by Mr. Moses to install an electronic door strike, power supply and intercom with release button for the receptionist door at the Office of Motor Vehicles due to there being one employee on staff. Motion carried unanimously.**

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

Ronald Meredith, 374 Rocky Branch Road, Farmerville, addressed the Jury regarding Rocky Branch Road and how items are put on the agenda.

Tim Biron, 740 Spring Lake Road Farmerville, addressed the Jury regarding Scotts Hideaway Road.

Johnny Creed, 7354 Highway 550 Spearsville, addressed the Jury regarding the Union Parish Detention Center.

Lynn Ramsey, 167 Jerry Ramsey Road Farmerville, addressed the Jury regarding bank interest rates.

Joe Watson, 966 Clellan Bryan Road Spearsville, addressed the Jury regarding the zipping up of Clellan Bryan Road.

Judy Auger, 844 Alton Auger Road, Marion, addressed the Jury regarding bank interest rates.

**There being no further business to come before the Jury, the President declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Mr. Nolan, seconded by Mr. Nyegaard on this the 11<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023.**

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