

REGULAR MEETING UNION PARISH POLICE JURY

Farmerville, Louisiana
October 3rd, 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, Nathan Pilgreen, DeWayne Ramsey, Johnny Buckley, Ben Bridges, L.W. Nolan, Brenda Abercrombie and A.J. Ford, Jr. Absent: Ceis Nyegaard. 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.

Johnny Creed addressed the Jury regarding Agenda Item No. 12.

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

Motion Mr. Moses, seconded by Mr. Ford to adopt the minutes of the September 5th, 2023 regular meeting and September 26th, 2023 special meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The Secretary/Treasurer presented the Budget to Actual Revenue and Expense report for the month of September. Jurors were given copies of the LAMP statement and overtime reports for the Road Department and Landfill Department.

The Secretary/Treasurer reported on the LAMP transfer to LNB, interfund transfers to the Road Maintenance Fund, interest received on accounts, and various expenses for Road Maintenance. The Secretary/Treasurer gave a brief update on the Detention Center income and DOC count.

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

Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Ford to open a public hearing regarding the proposed abandonment of a portion of Haile Loop Road from the Union Parish Road System. Motion carried unanimously. President Abercrombie declared the public hearing open and asked the public if they had any comments relating to the road closure. Mr. Pilgreen addressed the Jury with an explanation of why a portion of the road needed to be officially closed. No other comments were made with regard to the road closure. Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Buckley to close the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously. President Abercrombie declared the public hearing closed.

The following ordinance was offered by Mr. Pilgreen and seconded by Mr. Ramsey:

ORDINANCE # 955

AN ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO THE UNION PARISH ROAD SYSTEM PROVIDING FOR THE DELETION OF A PORTION OF HAILE LOOP ROAD

Pursuant to Public Notice published in *The Banner*, a weekly newspaper published in Farmerville, Union Parish, Louisiana and the Official Journal of the Union Parish Police Jury on September 14th, 2023, September 21st, 2023 and September 28th, 2023, Public Hearing was being held by the Union Parish Police Jury at the Police Jury Meeting Room, Courthouse Annex, 303 East Water Street, Farmerville, Louisiana for the purpose of considering whether or not certain road listed in said Public Notice should be deleted from the Union Parish Road System.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Police Jury of Union Parish, Louisiana, convened in Regular Session this 3rd day of October, 2023 that the following Ordinance be and the same is hereby adopted:

SECTION 1

A portion of Haile Loop Road is found to be no longer needed for public purposes and is hereby deleted and removed from the Union Parish Road System.

SECTION 2

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage by the Union Parish Police Jury.

SECTION 3

If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause and/or phrase of this Ordinance or the application thereof is declared unconstitutional, unenforceable or invalid by the valid judgment of any court of competent jurisdiction such unconstitutionality, unenforceability or invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and/or phrases of this Ordinance, since the same would have been enacted by the Union Parish Police Jury without the incorporation in this Ordinance of any such unconstitutional, unenforceable or invalid section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase. To this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared severable.

SECTION 4

All other ordinances, or any parts thereof, which are in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

This above and foregoing Ordinance was introduced by Mr. Pilgreen who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ramsey and after having been considered by sections was adopted by sections and as a whole 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 J. Ford, Jr.	x			

WHEREUPON, the Ordinance was declared duly adopted this 3rd day of October, 2023.

s/ Paula Strickland

PAULA STRICKLAND
SECRETARY-TREASURER
UNION PARISH POLICE JURY

s/ Brenda Abercrombie

BRENDA ABERCROMBIE
PRESIDENT
UNION PARISH POLICE JURY

The following ordinance was offered by Mr. Buckley and seconded by Mr. Ford:

ORDINANCE # 956

AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE SPEED LIMIT OF 15 MILES PER HOUR ON BEACH ROAD IN ITS ENTIRETY 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 Beach Road, shall not exceed 15 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. Buckley, who moved its adoption and duly seconded by Mr. Ford and was then adopted by the following YEA and NAY vote:

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Curtis Moses	x			
Nathan Pilgreen	x			
Dewayne Ramsey	x			
Johnny Buckley	x			
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Ceis Nyegaard			x	
L.W. Nolan	x			
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Motion Mr. Ramsey, seconded by Mr. Nolan to hire Ethan Williams for full-time employment at the Road Department with his time being counted back to his original hire date of July 24th, 2023. His full-time status is effective October 23rd, 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. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Buckley to table the discussion of the proposed Public Records Policy. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

Mary Beth Biram, 740 Spring Lake Road, Farmerville, inquired about Scotts Hideaway Road.

Michelle Bryan, 308 Wildwood Drive, Farmerville, addressed the Jury regarding Keep Union Beautiful and the next cleanup to be held on April 27th, 2024.

There being no further business to come before the Jury, the President declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Mr. Moses, seconded by Mr. Nolan on this the 3rd day of October, 2023.

s/ Paula H. Strickland

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