

REGULAR MEETING UNION PARISH POLICE JURY

Farmerville, Louisiana

April 2nd, 2024

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, Michael Holley, Glenn Hutto, Ben Bridges, Russell Wade, Jeremy Hobbs, Brenda Abercrombie and A.J. Ford, Jr. Absent: None. Also present was Lewis Jones, Assistant District Attorney. The President called the session to order and welcomed all guests. Mr. Holley offered the invocation and Mr. Pilgreen led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

President Hutto welcomed everyone to the meeting. President Hutto 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.

The Secretary/Treasurer made the following two announcements: Notice is hereby given that at its meeting to be held on Thursday, April 4th, 2024 @ 6:00 PM, at its regular meeting place, the Bernice Area Fire Protection District of the Parish of Union, State of Louisiana, plans to consider adopting a resolution ordering and calling an election to be held in the Bernice Area Fire Protection District of the Parish of Union, State of Louisiana to authorize the renewal of an ad valorem tax therein.

Notice is hereby given that at its meeting to be held on Tuesday, April 16th, 2024 @ 6:30 p.m., at its regular meeting place, the North Union Fire Station, 2700 Highway 549, Marion, Louisiana, the Board of Commissioners of North Union Fire Protection District, State of Louisiana, plans to consider adopting a resolution ordering and calling an election to be held in North Union Fire Protection District, State of Louisiana, to authorize the renewal of an ad valorem tax therein.

Johnny Creed commented on the Revenue and Expense report (Agenda Item # 7).

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

Motion Mr. Hobbs, seconded by Mr. Ford to adopt the minutes of the March 5th regular meeting and March 21st, 2024 special meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The Secretary/Treasurer announced that the Budget to Actual Revenue and Expense report for the month of March was presented to the Finance Committee earlier. The Revenue and Expense report shows what expenditures were incurred and what revenues were received for the month of March.

Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Holley to adopt the Revenue and Expenditures Report for the month of March which was presented to the Finance Committee earlier. Motion carried unanimously.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Pilgreen and seconded by Mr. Ford:



RESOLUTION NO. 2024-03

A resolution approving the holding of an election in North Union Fire Protection District, State of Louisiana, on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of North Union Fire Protection District, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of North Union Fire Protection District, State of Louisiana (the "District"), plans to adopt a resolution on April 16, 2024, calling a special election in the District on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein; and

WHEREAS, the governing authority of the District has requested that this Police Jury, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Union, State of Louisiana, give its consent and authority for the District to hold the aforesaid election, and in the event that the election carries to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein; and

WHEREAS, as required by Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, it is now the desire of this Police Jury to approve the holding of said election and in the event that the election carries, to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Union, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of said Parish, that:

SECTION 1. In compliance with the provisions of Article VI, Section 15 of the constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, and in accordance with the request of the Board of Commissioners of North Union Fire Protection District, State of Louisiana, this Police Jury hereby approves the holding of an election in the District, on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, at which election there will be submitted the following proposition, to-wit:

**PROPOSITION
(MILLAGE RENEWAL)**

Shall North Union Fire Protection District, State of Louisiana (the "District"), continue to levy a special tax of 10 mills on all the property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated \$32,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2025 and ending with the year 2034, for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, improving, maintaining and/or operating fire protection facilities, vehicles and equipment in and for the District, including both moveable and immovable property, and paying the cost of obtaining water for fire protection purposes, provided that a portion of the Tax proceeds is required to be contributed to state and statewide retirement systems as provided in R.S. 11:82?

SECTION 2. In the event the election carries, this Police Jury does hereby further consent to and authorize the District to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein.

This resolution was declared adopted on April 2nd, 2024 at its regular meeting where a Quorum was present. The vote was as follows:

YEAS: Moses, Pilgreen, Holley, Hutto, Bridges, Wade, Hobbs, Abercrombie and Ford
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

WHEREUPON, the Resolution was declared duly adopted this 2nd day of April, 2024.

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

s/ Glenn W. Hutto
GLENN W. HUTTO
PRESIDENT
UNION PARISH POLICE JURY

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF UNION

I, the undersigned Secretary-Treasurer of the Police Jury of the Parish of Union, State of Louisiana, do hereby certify that the foregoing pages constitute a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by said Police Jury on April 2, 2024, approving the holding of an election in North Union Fire Protection District, State of Louisiana, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature at Farmerville, Louisiana, on this, the 2nd day of April, 2024.

s/ Paula H. Strickland
Paula H. Strickland
Secretary/Treasurer

The following resolution was offered by Mrs. Abercrombie and seconded by Mr. Ford:



RESOLUTION NO. 2024-04

A resolution authorizing the President to execute an Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LA DOTD) for improvements at the Union Parish Airport.

WHEREAS, ACT 451 OF THE 1989 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature authorized the financing of certain airport improvements from funds appropriated from the Transportation Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Union Parish Police Jury has required funding assistance from the LA DOTD to/for Hangar Access Taxilane – Phase I (Design); and

WHEREAS, the stated project has been approved by the Louisiana Legislature and the LA DOTD is agreeable to the implementation of this project and desires to cooperate with the Union Parish Police Jury according to the terms and conditions identified in the attached Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the LA DOTD will provide the necessary funding for Hangar Access Taxilane – Phase I (Design) and reimburse the sponsor up to \$13,728.00 of project cost.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Union Parish Police Jury that it does hereby authorize the President to execute an Agreement for the project identified as AIP No. 3-22-0017-022-2022 and SPN H.015700, more fully identified in the Agreement attached hereto, and to execute any subsequent related documents, including, but not limited to, amendments to said agreement.

This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption.

The aforesaid resolution, having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon as follows:

YEAS: Moses, Pilgreen, Holley, Hutto, Bridges, Wade, Hobbs, Abercrombie and Ford
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

WHEREUPON, the Resolution was declared duly adopted this 2nd day of April, 2024.

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

s/ Glenn W. Hutto
GLENN W. HUTTO
PRESIDENT
UNION PARISH POLICE JURY

The following ordinance was introduced by Mrs. Abercrombie and seconded by Mr. Pilgreen:



ORDINANCE NO. 962

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AN ACT OF SALE BY THE PARISH OF UNION TO SELL ADJUDICATED PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS: PARCEL NO. 2410210034: LOTS 4 & 11 OF BLK B OF COLORED ADDITION (OLD ASMT NO 4402833) 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 THEIR MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO

WHEREAS, the immovable property described below was adjudicated to the Parish of Union on June 24, 2019 for nonpayment of taxes; and

WHEREAS, the three (3) year period for redemption provided by Art. 7, §25 of the Louisiana Constitution has elapsed 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 \$989.09 and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Union has received a written offer to purchase said property from Chanzeta Thompson for the consideration of \$989.09, 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 March 11, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

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:

This property is described as Parcel# 2410210034, having no municipal address, located in Union Parish, LA, being more fully described as follows:

Parcel# 2410210034 (Union Parish) / No Municipal Address

Brief Legal Description: LOTS 4 & 11 OF BLK B OF COLORED ADDITION (OLD ASMT NO 4402833)

- 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 foregoing ordinance was introduced by **Mrs. Abercrombie**, who moved for its adoption and duly seconded by **Mr. Pilgreen** and was then adopted by the following YEA and NAY vote:

MEMBERS:	YEAS:	NAYS:	ABSENT:	ABSTAINING:
Curtis Moses	x			
Nathan Pilgreen	x			
Mike Holley	x			
Glenn Hutto	x			
Ben Bridges	x			
Russell Wade	x			
Jeremy Hobbs	x			
Brenda Abercrombie	x			
AJ Ford	x			

WHEREUPON, the Ordinance was declared duly adopted this 2nd day of April, 2024.

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

s/ Glenn Hutto
GLENN W. HUTTO
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Recommendations from the Finance Committee.

Mr. Wade reported that the Finance Committee met earlier at 2:00 PM.

Motion Mr. Wade, seconded by Mr. Holley to change possession of the cell phone from the Road Department secretary to the mechanic. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Wade, seconded by Mr. Ford to approve travel for the HUD Director to attend the Louisiana Housing Council 2024 Legislative Conference to be held April 29th – May 3rd, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

Recommendations from the Equipment Committee.

Mr. Ford reported that the Equipment Committee met earlier at 3:00 PM.

Motion Mr. Moses, seconded by Mr. Holley to pick-up the 5100M tractor from Covington and purchase a bush hog off state contract. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Hobbs, seconded by Mr. Moses to obtain quotes on three pull behind grader blades. Motion carried unanimously.

Recommendations from the Landfill Committee.

Mr. Bridges reported that the Landfill Committee met earlier at 3:30 PM.

Motion Mr. Moses, seconded by Mr. Ford to authorize the Secretary/Treasurer to solicit bids for the purchase of one hundred front load dumpsters. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Moses, seconded by Mr. Ford to discontinue all dumping by McLemore's Garbage Service, LLC effective April 3rd, 2024 for non-payment of their account. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mrs. Abercrombie to authorize the Caterpillar Compactor Repair in an amount up to \$79,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Recommendations from the Personnel Committee.

Mr. Pilgreen stated that the Personnel Committee met on March 21st, 2024 and at 4:00 PM today.

Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Ford to hire Matthew Ford for the Homeland Security Director position. The Homeland Security Director position is a part-time position. Motion carried unanimously.

Recommendations from the Road Committee.

Mr. Holley stated that the Road Committee met earlier.

Motion Mr. Holley, seconded by Mr. Pilgreen to implement a \$50,000 road bond/deposit for EPC on parish roads when obtaining a utility/ROW permit. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Joe Watson, 966 Clellan Bryan Road, Spearsville, addressed the jury regarding Clellan Bryan Road.

T.C. Dupree, 6842 Highway 33, Farmerville, addressed the jury regarding the Homeland Security Director position.

Judy Auger, 844 Alton Auger Road, Marion, addressed the jury regarding Public Records Requests.

Johnny Creed, 2354 Highway 550, Spearsville, addressed the jury regarding Buffalo Landing Road.

Lynn Ramsey, Jerry Ramsey Road, Farmerville, addressed the jury regarding the "budget" that was adopted on agenda item 7.

There being no further business to come before the Jury, the President declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Moses on this the 2nd day of April, 2024.

s/ Paula H. Strickland

Paula H. Strickland
Secretary/Treasurer
Union Parish Police Jury

s/ Glenn Hutto

Glenn Hutto
President
Union Parish Police Jury