

REGULAR MEETING UNION PARISH POLICE JURY

Farmerville, Louisiana

July 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 and Brenda Abercrombie. Absent: A.J. Ford, Jr. Also present was Lewis Jones, Assistant District Attorney. The President called the session to order and welcomed all guests. Mr. Bridges offered the invocation and Mrs. Abercrombie 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 announcement:

Notice is hereby given that at its meeting to be held on Tuesday, August 6th, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at its regular meeting place, the Police Jury Meeting Room of the Courthouse Annex, 303 E. Water Street, Farmerville, Louisiana, the Police Jury of the Parish of Union, State of Louisiana, plans to consider adopting a resolution ordering and calling an election to be held within the Parish of Union, State of Louisiana to authorize the renewal of ad valorem taxes therein.

Mr. Pilgreen asked that the jury remember Brian Nyegaard in your prayers. Mr. Nyegaard works for the Road Department and his mother, Carol Ann Nyegaard, recently passed away.

Mrs. Abercrombie stated that the Rocky Branch Road was discussed earlier during the Road Committee meeting. The Road Superintendent is going to take a track hoe and open one lane of traffic.

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

Motion Mr. Moses, seconded by Mr. Wade to adopt the minutes of the June 4th, 2024 regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The Revenue and Expense report for the month of June 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 June. All of the jurors received an email packet with the Revenue and Expenditures report as well as investment statements.

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

Henry Shuler with Shuler Consulting Company addressed the jury regarding a contract award. The award is for Water Production and Treatment System Improvements for the Sardis Water System, Inc. The award is for contracts I and II. Mr. Shuler gave the history of the grant. Sardis Water System made an application for the funds in 2019.

Mr. Shuler stated that there are two (2) contracts that need approving at this time. There were two bids for Contract I. Watson Well Drilling bid \$491,500 and Continental Drilling bid \$534,128. Mr. Shuler is recommending the jury accept the lowest bid from Watson Well Drilling. **Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Wade to accept the lowest bid from Watson Well Drilling in the amount of \$491,500 and authorize the president to execute any necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.**

Three bids were received for Contract II. Skylan Construction bid \$1,130,038; Ashton Construction bid \$1,169,480 and San-Tech, Inc. bid \$1,307,900. Mr. Shuler is recommending the jury accept the lowest bid from Skylan Construction, LLC in the amount of \$1,130,038. **Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Wade to accept the lowest bid from Skylan Construction, LLC in the amount of \$1,130,038 and authorize the president to execute any necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion Mr. Moses, seconded by Mr. Bridges to authorize travel for the HUD Director to attend the Louisiana Housing Council Maintenance Workshop at the Hilton Capitol Center in Baton Rouge on July 15 – July 18th, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mrs. Abercrombie, seconded by Mr. Bridges to approve the Registrar of Voters Chief Deputy to participate in the CERA/CERV remote course via zoom at a cost of \$459.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Moses, seconded by Mr. Holley to allow the Town of Farmerville the use of the Courthouse square/parking lot on October 1st, 2024 for the annual National Night Out. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Moses, seconded by Mr. Bridges to allow the Town of Farmerville the use of the Courthouse square/parking lot on October 11th and October 12th, 2024 for the 14th annual Family Fun Day. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Moses, seconded by Mr. Hobbs to allow Zion's Community Outreach Ministries the use of the Courthouse square/parking lot on August 9th and 10th, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

A brief discussion was held regarding a request from Zion's Community Outreach Ministries. The outreach program is requesting \$2,000 to use for the purchase of backpacks and school supplies for needy children. There was no action taken on this request last year. According to the Gold Weems law firm, the jury can donate to an organization as long as the organization has a screening process in place to ensure the children who receive the backpacks are needy. The law firm also suggested the jurors donate individually. There has been no criteria submitted to

the jury. Motion Mr. Moses, seconded by Mrs. Abercrombie to approve a \$2,000 donation to Zion’s Community Outreach Ministries for the purchase of backpacks and school supplies to be given to the needy pending approval from the attorney that the criteria is approved. Motion passed with the following Roll Call Vote:

MEMBERS:	YES	NO	ABSENT
Curtis Moses	x		
Nathan Pilgreen		x	
Mike Holley	x		
Glenn Hutto	x		
Ben Bridges		x	
Russell Wade	x		
Jeremy Hobbs	x		
Brenda Abercrombie	x		
A.J. Ford, Jr.			x

The Secretary/Treasurer calculated the votes. Six votes were cast in favor of the donation. Two votes were cast against. One juror was absent. Motion carried.

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



UNION PARISH POLICE JURY ORDINANCE NO. 964

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AN ACT OF SALE BY THE PARISH OF UNION TO SELL ADJUDICATED PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS: PARCEL NO. 307043227: BEGIN 220 YDS W AND 114 YDS S FROM THE NE/C OF SE NW SEC 31-T20N-R3E, RUN S 86.4 YDS, W 35 FT TO HWY FOR P.O.B., RUN S 100 FT, W 50 FT, N 100 FT, E 50 FT TO P.O.B. AND BEGIN AT AN IRON PIPE ON W SIDE OF HWY, RUN W 35 FT AND 522 FT N FROM SE/C OF W ½ OF SE NW SEC 31-T20N-R3E, RUN W 350 FT, N 204 FT, E 175 FT, S 7.2 FT, E 175 FT, S 196.8 FT TO THE P.O.B., LESS ALL PROPERTY LYING AND BEING SITUATED ON THE CHURCH SIDE OF THE CENTER LINE OF THAT CERTAIN ROAD SITUATED BETWEEN THE BULK OF THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED AND THE ROCKY BRANCH CHURCH OF CHRIST 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 \$8,765.18 and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Union has received a written offer to purchase said property from Chambless Enterprises, LLC for the consideration of \$15,000.00, 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 April 29, 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# 3070043227, having municipal address of 10314 Hwy 143, Farmerville, LA, being more fully described as follows:

Brief Legal: BEGIN 220 YDS W AND 114 YDS S FROM THE NE/C OF SE NW SEC 31-T20N-R3E, RUN S 86.4 YDS, W 35 FT TO HWY FOR P.O.B., RUN S 100 FT, W 50 FT, N 100 FT, E 50 FT TO P.O.B. AND BEGIN AT AN IRON PIPE ON W SIDE OF HWY, RUN W 35 FT AND 522 FT N FROM SE/C OF W ½ OF SE NW SEC 31-T20N-R3E, RUN W 350 FT, N 204 FT, E 175 FT, S 7.2 FT, E 175 FT, S 196.8 FT TO THE P.O.B., LESS ALL PROPERTY LYING AND BEING SITUATED ON THE CHURCH SIDE OF THE CENTER LINE OF THAT CERTAIN ROAD SITUATED BETWEEN THE BULK OF THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED AND THE ROCKY BRANCH CHURCH OF CHRIST

- 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:

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 July, 2024.

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

s/ Glenn Hutto
GLENN HUTTO
PRESIDENT
UNION PARISH POLICE JURY

No action was taken on the request for full-time employment of Nicarlo Tidwell.

Motion Mr. Holley, seconded by Mr. Moses to hire David Walker for full-time employment at the Road Department with his time being counted back to his original hire date of April 8th, 2024. His full-time status is effective July 3rd, 2024 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. Holley, seconded by Mr. Bridges to hire Zachary Warner for full-time employment at the Road Department with his time being counted back to his original hire date of April 15th, 2024. His full-time status is effective July 3rd, 2024 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. Holley, seconded by Mr. Bridges, that the following action should be taken on the road material bids for the period of July 1st, 2024 through December 31, 2024:

- **Gasoline and diesel fuel should be awarded to Hill Oil Company (only bidder).**
- **Aviation Fuel should be awarded to Titan Aviation Fuel (only bidder).**
- **CRS-2 Asphalt Emulsion should be awarded to Asphalt Products Unlimited and ERGON based upon the best price, availability, hauling, location of job and quantity needed.**
- **AEP Asphalt Emulsion Prime should be awarded to Asphalt Products Unlimited (only bidder).**
- **MC-30 Cutback Asphalt should be awarded to Asphalt Products Unlimited and ERGON based upon the best price, availability, hauling, location of job and quantity needed.**
- **AC-10 Asphalt should be awarded to Asphalt Products Unlimited (only bidder).**
- **Spiral Metal Culverts – Bid should be awarded to Tri-State, Coastal Culvert, Coburn's and Co-Heir Drainage based upon the best price, availability, hauling, location of job and quantity needed.**
- **Polyethylene pipe should be awarded to Tri-State, Irrigation Mart, Coastal Culvert, Coburn's and Co-Heir Drainage Products based upon the best price, availability, hauling, location of job and quantity needed.**
- **Concrete Pipe – Bid should be awarded to Coastal Culvert, Coburn's and Co-Heir Drainage Products 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, Amethyst Construction and Diamond B based upon the best price, availability, hauling, location of job and quantity needed.**
- **Maintenance rock, oversize rock, clay gravel, fill sand, pea gravel, and concrete sand should be awarded to Arkansas Gravel, Standard Gravel, R.E. Bentz, Blann Tractor, Ivy Brothers, Marco Farms, LLC and Rock Island Sand & Gravel, LLC based upon the best price, availability, hauling, location of job and quantity needed.**
- **Crushed concrete should be awarded to L.J. Haddox & Sons (only bidder).**

- **Granite rock should be awarded to Arkansas Gravel, R. E. Bentz, Inc., Blann Tractor and Rock Island Sand & Gravel, LLC 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 Enviro Services, LLC and Space Savers based upon the best price, availability, hauling, location of job and quantity needed.**

Motion carried unanimously.

Recommendations from the Finance Committee.

Mr. Wade stated that the Finance Committee met earlier and have two recommendations.

Motion Mr. Wade, seconded by Mr. Bridges to increase Judge Bruce Hampton’s Court Reporter, Jon Anne Winstead’s monthly salary by \$200 effective immediately. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Wade, seconded by Mr. Bridges to purchase and install five (5) GPS devices for the Road Department dump trucks. Motion carried unanimously.

Recommendations from the Landfill Committee.

Mr. Bridges stated that the Landfill Committee met earlier and have two recommendations.

Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mrs. Abercrombie to authorize Fourrier & de Abreu Engineers to solicit a counter offer for the Landfill Gas Beneficial Reuse Project. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Wade to authorize the Secretary/Treasurer to move forward with changing the internet provider at the Landfill office. Motion carried unanimously.

Recommendations from the Road Committee.

Mr. Holley stated that the Road Committee met earlier and have two recommendations.

Motion Mr. Holley, seconded by Mr. Hobbs to authorize the Secretary/Treasurer to submit a proposal to Weyerhaeuser to purchase property in the Clear Branch and King Johnson area. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Holley, seconded by Mr. Bridges to authorize the Secretary/Treasurer to solicit bids for two (2) tandem axle dump trucks. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Jeffery Woods, 255 Jim Miller Road, Farmerville, addressed the jury regarding Betty Street Community Center.

Judy Auger, 844 Alton Auger Road, Marion, addressed the jury regarding the announcement that was read earlier by the Secretary/Treasurer.

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

s/ Paula H. Strickland

Paula H. Strickland
Secretary/Treasurer
Union Parish Police Jury

s/ Glenn Hutto

Glenn Hutto
President
Union Parish Police Jury