

REGULAR MEETING UNION PARISH POLICE JURY

**Farmerville, Louisiana
August 6th, 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. Hutto offered the invocation and Mr. Jones led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

President Hutto welcomed everyone to the meeting. President Hutto welcomed two special guests: Angie Robert with Senator Bill Cassidy’s office and Kathy Ray with Louisiana Attorney General Liz Murrell’s office. 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.

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

Motion Mr. Holley, seconded by Mr. Bridges to adopt the minutes of the July 2nd, 2024 regular meeting and the July 8th, 2024 special meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The Secretary/Treasurer presented the Budget to Actual Revenue and Expense report for the month of July to the Finance Committee earlier. **Motion Mr. Wade, seconded by Mr. Bridges to adopt the Revenue and Expenditures Report for the month of July. Motion carried unanimously.**

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Bridges and seconded by Mr. Holley:



UNION PARISH RESOLUTION 2024 - 06

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Police Jury of the Parish of Union, Louisiana, in a public meeting held on August 6th, 2024, which meeting was conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Law and the additional requirements of Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B), that the following **adjusted** millage rates be and they are hereby levied upon the dollar of the assessed valuation of all property subject to ad valorem taxation within said Parish for the year 2024, for the purpose of raising revenue:

	<u>MILLAGE</u>
General Alimony	2.610
Council on Aging	1.530
Library Support	0.940
Library – Operation & Maintenance	2.250
Road Maintenance – Roads/Bridges	5.760
Road Construction – Construction & Improvement of and Bridges	4.800

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Assessor of the Parish of Union, shall extend upon the assessment roll for the year 2024 the taxes herein levied, and the tax collector of said Parish shall collect and remit the same to said taxing authority in accordance with 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: Moses, Pilgreen, Holley, Hutto, Bridges, Wade, Hobbs and Abercrombie
NAYS:
ABSTAINED:
ABSENT: Ford

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the resolution adopted at the meeting held on August 6th, 2024, at which meeting a quorum was present and voting.

Farmerville, Louisiana, this 6th day of August, 2024.

s/ Paula H. Strickland
Paula H. Strickland
Secretary/Treasurer
Union Parish Police Jury

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Moses and seconded by Mr. Bridges:



UNION PARISH RESOLUTION 2024 - 07

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Police Jury of the Parish of Union, Louisiana, in a public meeting held on August 6th, 2024, which meeting was conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Law and the additional requirements of Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B), that the taxing district voted to increase the millage rate(s), but not in excess of the prior year's maximum rate(s), on all taxable property shown on the official assessment roll for the year 2024, and when collected, the revenues from said taxes shall be used only for the specific purposes for which said taxes have been levied. Said millage rate(s) are:

	<u>Adjusted Rate</u>	<u>2024 Levy</u>
General Alimony	2.610 mills	2.790 mills
Council on Aging	1.530 mills	1.630 mills
Library – Support	0.940 mills	1.000 mills
Library – Operation & Maintenance	2.250	2.400 mills
Road Maintenance – Roads& Bridges	5.760	6.150 mills
Road Construction – Construction & Improvements of Roads and Bridges	4.800	5.130 mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Assessor of the Parish of Union, shall extend upon the assessment roll for the year 2024 the taxes herein levied, and the tax collector of said Parish shall collect and remit the same to said taxing authority in accordance with law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by no less than two-thirds of the total membership of the taxing authority voting in favor as required by Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B). The votes were:

YEAS: Moses, Pilgreen, Holley, Hutto, Bridges, Wade, Hobbs and Abercrombie
NAYS:
ABSTAINED:
ABSENT: Ford

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the resolution adopted at the meeting held on August 6th, 2024, at which meeting a quorum was present and voting.

Farmerville, Louisiana, this 6th day of August, 2024.

s/ Paula H. Strickland
Paula H. Strickland
Secretary/Treasurer
Union Parish Police Jury

**Motion Mr. Hobbs, seconded by Mr. Wade to grant a Quietus on the 2023 Tax Roll.
Motion carried unanimously.**

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



ORDINANCE NO. 965

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AN ACT OF SALE BY THE PARISH OF UNION TO SELL ADJUDICATED PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS: PARCEL NO. 3060004875: BEGIN 700 FT E OF NW/C OR NW NW SEC 30 T23N R1E, RUN S 70 YDS, E 70 YDS, N 70 YDS, W 70 YDS, TO POB AND BEGIN 700 FT E & 258 FT S OF NW/C OF NW NW SEC 30 T23N R1E, RUN E 210 FT, N 48 FT, W 210 FT, S 48 FT, TO POB 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 in 1990 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 \$1,573.82 and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Union has received a written offer to purchase said property from Jimmy Miller for the consideration of \$1,573.82, at the time of sale and has been accepted by the Union Parish Police Jury; and

WHEREAS, the property described herein below will be purchased through the Parish “Lot Next Door” program and is therefore exempt from the public bidding requirement.

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# 3060004875, having no municipal address, located in Union Parish, LA, being more fully described as follows:

Assessment# 3060004875 / No Municipal Address (Union Parish)

Brief Legal: BEGIN 700 FT E OF NW/C OR NW NW SEC 30 T23N R1E, RUN S 70 YDS, E 70 YDS, N 70 YDS, W 70 YDS, TO POB AND BEGIN 700 FT E & 258 FT S OF NW/C OF NW NW SEC 30 T23N R1E, RUN E 210 FT, N 48 FT, W 210 FT, S 48 FT, TO POB

Legal Description: Begin 700 feet East of NW/c of NW of NW of Section 30, T23N, R1E, run South 70 yards, East 70 yards, North 70 yards, West 70 yards to place of beginning. Lot & Improvements.

AND

Beginning at a point 700 feet East and 258 feet South of the Northwest corner of Northwest Quarter of Northwest Quarter Section 30, Township 23 North, Range 1 East, proceed East 210 feet, thence North 48 feet, thence West 210 feet thence South 48 feet to the point of beginning.

- 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 **Mr. Moses**, who moved for its adoption and duly seconded by **Mr. Wade** 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 6th day of August, 2024.

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

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

The following resolution was introduced by Mr. Moses and seconded by Mr. Bridges:



RESOLUTION 2024-08

A resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in the Parish of Union, State of Louisiana, to authorize the renewal of special taxes therein, making application to the State Bond Commission, and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Union, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Union, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), that:

SECTION 1. Election Call. Subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission, and under the authority conferred by the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, including Article VI, Section 26 thereof, the applicable provisions of the Louisiana Election Code, and other constitutional and statutory authority, a special election is hereby called and ordered to be held in the Parish on **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2024**, between the hours of seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, and at the said election there shall be submitted to all registered voters qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and laws of this State and the Constitution of the United States, the following propositions, to-wit:

PROPOSITION NO. 1 OF 3
(TAX RENEWAL)

Shall the Parish of Union, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), continue to levy a 5.13 mills tax on all property subject to taxation in the Parish (an estimated \$806,400 reasonably expected to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2027 and ending with the year 2036, both years inclusive, with the revenues therefrom to be used for the purpose of construction and improvement of public roads and bridges throughout Union Parish, Louisiana?

PROPOSITION NO. 2 OF 3
(TAX RENEWAL)

Shall the Parish of Union, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), continue to levy a 6.15 mills tax on all property subject to taxation in the Parish (an estimated \$966,700 reasonably expected to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2027 and ending with the year 2036, both years inclusive, with the revenues therefrom to be used for the purpose of maintenance of public roads and bridges throughout Union Parish, Louisiana?

PROPOSITION NO. 3 OF 3
(TAX RENEWAL)

Shall the Parish of Union, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), continue to levy a 2.40 mills tax on all property subject to taxation in the Parish (an estimated \$377,200 reasonably expected to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2027 and ending with the year 2036, both years inclusive, with the revenues therefrom to be used for the operation and maintenance of the Union Parish Public Library?

SECTION 2. Publication of Notice of Election. A Notice of Special Election shall be published in the official journal of the Parish once a week for four consecutive weeks, with the first publication to be made not less than forty-five (45) days nor more than ninety (90) days prior to the date of the election, which Notice shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as "Exhibit A" and incorporated herein by reference the same as if it were set forth herein in full.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, prior to the publication of the Notice of Election, the President is authorized and directed to make any amendments to the foregoing propositions that may be required to comply with any state or federal regulatory agencies.

SECTION 3. Canvass. This Governing Authority shall meet at its regular meeting place, the Police Jury Meeting Room of the Courthouse Annex, 303 E. Water Street, Farmerville, Louisiana, on **TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2025**, at **SIX O'CLOCK (6:00) P.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election.

SECTION 4. Polling Places. The polling places for the precincts in the Parish are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, will be the same persons as those designated in accordance with law.

SECTION 5. Election Commissioners; Voting Machines. The officers designated to serve as Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners pursuant to Section 4 hereof, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, shall hold the said special election as herein provided, and shall make due returns of said election for the meeting of the Governing Authority to be held as provided in Section 3 hereof. All registered voters in the Parish will be entitled to vote at the special election, and voting machines shall be used.

SECTION 6. Authorization of Officers. The Secretary-Treasurer of the Governing Authority is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to arrange for and to furnish to said election officers in ample time for the holding of said election, the necessary equipment, forms and other paraphernalia essential to the proper holding of said election and the President and/or Secretary-Treasurer of the Governing Authority are further authorized, empowered and directed to take any and all further action required by State and/or Federal law to arrange for the election.

SECTION 7. Furnishing Election Call to Election Officials. Certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, the Clerk of Court and *Ex-Officio* Parish Custodian of Voting

Machines of Union Parish and the Registrar of Voters of Union Parish, as notification of the special election, in order that each may prepare for said election and perform their respective functions as required by law.

SECTION 8. Application to State Bond Commission. Application is made to the State Bond Commission for consent and authority to hold the special election as herein provided, and in the event said election carries for further consent and authority to continue to levy and collect the special taxes provided for therein. A certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the State Bond Commission on behalf of this Governing Authority, together with a letter requesting the prompt consideration and approval of this application.

SECTION 9. Employment of Counsel. This Governing Authority finds and determines that a real necessity exists for the employment of special counsel on matters related to the special election, and accordingly, Foley & Judell, L.L.P., is hereby employed as special counsel for said purpose for a term not exceeding one (1) year from the date of this resolution. The fee to be paid said special counsel shall be an amount computed at hourly rate based on the Attorney General's then current Maximum Hourly Fee Schedule, not to exceed \$1,000 in the aggregate, together with reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses, and the Secretary-Treasurer is authorized to pay such invoices as and when presented. The scope of this legal representation does not involve federal claims.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

MEMBERS:	YEAS:	NAYS:	ABSENT:
Curtis Moses	x		
Nathan Pilgreen	x		
Michael Holley	x		
Glenn Hutto	x		
Ben Bridges	x		
Russell Wade	x		
Jeremy Hobbs	x		
Brenda Abercrombie		x	
Andrew Ford, Jr.			x

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 6th day of August, 2024.

s/ Paula H. Strickland
Secretary/Treasurer
Union Parish Police Jury

s/ Glenn Hutto
Glenn Hutto
Union Parish Police Jury

EXHIBIT "A"

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Police Jury of the Parish of Union, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Union, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), on August 6, 2024, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held within the Parish on **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2024**, and that at the said election there will be submitted to all registered voters in the Parish qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following propositions, to-wit:

PROPOSITION NO. 1 OF 3 (TAX RENEWAL)

Shall the Parish of Union, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), continue to levy a 5.13 mills tax on all property subject to taxation in the Parish (an estimated \$806,400 reasonably expected to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2027 and ending with the year 2036, both years inclusive, with the revenues therefrom to be used for the purpose of construction and improvement of public roads and bridges throughout Union Parish, Louisiana?

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Shall the Parish of Union, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), continue to levy a 6.15 mills tax on all property subject to taxation in the Parish (an estimated \$966,700 reasonably expected to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2027 and ending with the year 2036, both years inclusive, with the revenues therefrom to be used for the purpose of maintenance of public roads and bridges throughout Union Parish, Louisiana?

PROPOSITION NO. 3 OF 3
(TAX RENEWAL)

Shall the Parish of Union, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), continue to levy a 2.40 mills tax on all property subject to taxation in the Parish (an estimated \$377,200 reasonably expected to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2027 and ending with the year 2036, both years inclusive, with the revenues therefrom to be used for the operation and maintenance of the Union Parish Public Library?

Said special election will be held at each and every polling place in the Parish of Union, which polls will open at seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541.

The polling places at the precincts in the Parish are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law.

The estimated cost of this election as determined by the Secretary of State based upon the provisions of Chapter 8-A of Title 18 and actual costs of similar elections is \$6,000.

Notice is further given that a portion of the monies collected from the taxes described in the Propositions shall be remitted to certain state and statewide retirement systems in the manner required by law.

The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, as provided in this Notice of Special Election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, will make due returns thereof to said Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, the Police Jury Meeting Room of the Courthouse Annex, 303 E. Water Street, Farmerville, Louisiana, on **TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2025, at SIX O'CLOCK (6:00) P.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election. All registered voters of the Parish are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used.

CERTIFICATE

**STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF UNION**

I, the undersigned Secretary-Treasurer of the Police Jury of the Parish of Union, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), the governing authority of the Parish of Union, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), do hereby certify that the foregoing pages constitute a true and correct copy of the proceedings taken by the Governing Authority on August 6, 2024, ordering and calling a special election to be held in the Parish of Union, State of Louisiana, to authorize the renewal of special taxes therein, making application to the State Bond Commission, and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature at Farmerville, Louisiana, on this, the 6th day of August, 2024.

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

Motion Mrs. Abercrombie, seconded by Mr. Pilgreen to renew the following board appointments for East Union Hospital Service District: Alice Bailey for a six (6) year term (term ending in September 2029) and Joel Taylor for a four (4) year term (term ending in September 2028). Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mrs. Abercrombie, seconded by Mr. Moses to authorize travel for the Registrar of Voter and the Chief Deputy to attend a continuing education class in Cade, Louisiana on August 13th and August 14th, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Holley, seconded by Mr. Pilgreen to authorize travel for the Secretary/Treasurer to attend the annual Parochial Administrative Training workshop in Baton Rouge on October 8th, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Bridges to hire Tina Fuller for full-time employment at the Road Department with her time being counted back to her original hire date of May 27th, 2024. Her full-time status is effective August 27th, 2024 and at that time she is eligible for all police jury benefits including retirement, insurance, vacation, sick leave and holiday pay. Motion carried unanimously.

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



UNION PARISH RESOLUTION 2024 - 09

ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH STATE OF LOUISIANA OFF SYSTEM BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Code of Federal Regulations as enacted by the United States Congress mandates that all structures defined as bridges located on all public roads shall be inspected, rated for safe load capacity and posted in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards and that an inventory of these bridges be maintained by each state; and

WHEREAS, the responsibility to inspect, rate and load post these bridges under the authority of Union Parish in accordance with those Standards is delegated by Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to Union Parish,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing authority of Union Parish that the Parish in regular meeting assembled does hereby certify to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (herein referred to as the DOTD) that for a period October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025: The Parish has performed all interim inspections on all Parish owned or maintained bridges in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards.

All bridges owned and maintained by the Parish have been structurally analyzed and rated by the parish as to the safe load capacity in accordance with AASHTO Manual for Maintenance Inspection of Bridges. The load posting information that has been determined by the LA DOTD for all bridges where the maximum legal load under Louisiana State law exceeds the load permitted under the operating rating as determined above has been critically reviewed by the Parish. Load posting information has been updated by the Parish. Load Posting information has been updated by the Parish to reflect all structural changes, any obsolete structural ratings or any missing structural ratings.

All Parish owned or maintained bridges which require load posting or closing are load posted or closed in accordance with the table in the DOTD Engineering Directives and Standard Manual

Directive No. 1.1.1.8. All DOTD supplied load posting information concerning a bridge has been critically reviewed by the Parish Engineer prior to load posting.

All bridges owned or maintained by the Parish are shown on the attached list in the format specified by the DOTD. Corrections to data supplied to the Parish by the LA DOTD are noted.

Roll Call 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			
A.J. Ford, JR.			x	

WHEREUPON, the motion was declared duly adopted by unanimous vote of the Jury this the 6th day of August, 2024.

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

s/ Glenn Hutto
GLENN HUTTO
PRESIDENT
UNION PARISH POLICE JURY

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF UNION

I, **Paula H. Strickland**, Secretary/Treasurer of the Police Jury of Union Parish, Louisiana, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of one (1) motion adopted by the Union Parish Police Jury in regular session on August 6th, 2024 at which meeting a quorum was present. Given under my official Signature and Seal of Office on this the 6th day of day of August, 2024.

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

Motion Mr. Moses, seconded by Mr. Holley to approve the request from Jackie Hill, Domestic Abuse Resistance Team, to place silhouettes on the South lawn of the Union Parish Courthouse the week of September 30th, 2024 to October 4th, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Pilgreen to terminate the agreement with Inspections Unlimited, LLC as the Certified Building Official (C.B.O.) for Union Parish and provide a 30 (thirty) day notice as per the contract dated November 1st, 2022. Any work that is under contract through 8/6/24 will be honored until that completion date.

Motion passed with the following Roll Call Vote:

MEMBERS:	YES TERMINATE	NO TERMINATE	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 termination. Two votes were cast against. One juror was absent. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Pilgreen to enter into a contract with Lagniappe Inspection Services, LLC (Andrew Gadberry) as the Certified Building Inspector (C.B.O.) for Union Parish effective August 7th, 2024 and authorize the President to execute any necessary documents.

Motion passed with the following Roll Call Vote:

MEMBERS:	YES TO HIRE	NO TO HIRE	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 agreement. Two votes were cast against. One juror was absent. Motion carried.

Recommendations from the Finance Committee

Mr. Wade stated that the Finance Committee met earlier. The Secretary/Treasurer presented a detailed Revenue and Expense report to the Committee. The Secretary/Treasurer also review information recently received from the Organization of Parish Administrative Officials.

Recommendations from the Landfill Committee

Mr. Bridges stated that the Landfill Committee met earlier. **Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mrs. Abercrombie that effective 8/6/2024 Domangue Construction will have a credit limit of \$15,000 per month. Motion carried unanimously.**

Recommendations from the Courthouse Committee

Mr. Moses stated that the Courthouse Committee met earlier regarding Betty Street Community Center. Mr. Moses further stated that the Betty Street Community Center would be discussed at a later date.

Recommendations from the Road Committee

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

Motion Mr. Holley, seconded by Mr. Pilgreen to accept the lowest base bid from D&J Construction in the amount of \$2,638,365.00 contingent upon FLAP releasing the construction funds. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Holley, seconded by Mr. Pilgreen to assist the Town of Bernice in repairing potholes with the Town of Bernice paying for the cost of the materials. Work will be performed as time allows. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Holley, seconded by Mr. Pilgreen to authorize the Secretary/Treasurer to advertise for the closure of a portion of Pampas Grass Road (from the end of the road 120 feet south to the intersection of Cypress Loop Road). Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Holley, seconded by Mr. Pilgreen to authorize the Secretary/Treasurer to contact Weyerhaeuser regarding the Clear Branch Landing purchase. Motion carried unanimously.

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



ORDINANCE # 966

AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE SPEED LIMIT OF 30 MILES PER HOUR ON HICKS FRAZIER 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 Hicks Frazier Road in its entirety, shall not exceed **30** 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. Holley**, who moved 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			
Michael Holley	x			
Glenn Hutto	x			
Ben Bridges	x			
Russell Wade	x			
Jeremy Hobbs	x			
Brenda Abercrombie	x			
Andrew Ford, Jr.			x	

WHEREUPON, the Ordinance was declared duly adopted this 6th day of August, 2024.

s/ Paula H. Strickland

PAULA STRICKLAND
SECRETARY-TREASURER
UNION PARISH POLICE JURY

s/ Glenn Hutto

GLENN HUTTO
PRESIDENT
UNION PARISH POLICE JURY

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

Eric Craighead, 450 Wildwood Drive, Farmerville, addressed the Jury regarding drainage from the Union Parish Airport onto the Lake D'Arbonne Country Club.

Michelle Bryan, 308 Wildwood Drive, Farmerville, addressed the jury regarding the Union Parish Lake & Launch Sweep to be held on September 14th, 2024.

Denny Lawrence, 188 Pinewoods Road, Farmerville, addressed the Jury regarding drainage from the Union Parish Airport onto the Lake D'Arbonne Country Club.

Lynn Ramsey, 167 Jerry Ramsey Road, Farmerville, addressed the Jury regarding the tax renewal which will be held on December 7th, 2024.

There being no further business to come before the Jury, the President declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Mr. Wade, seconded by Mr. Holley on this the 6th day of August, 2024.

s/ Paula H. Strickland

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