

REGULAR MEETING UNION PARISH POLICE JURY

Farmerville, Louisiana

October 1st, 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. Pilgreen 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 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. Holley, seconded by Mr. Bridges and declared adopted by unanimous vote of the Jury to approve the agenda as written.

Motion Mr. Wade, seconded by Mr. Bridges to adopt the minutes of the September 3rd regular meeting and the September 24th, 2024 special meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion Mrs. Abercrombie, seconded by Mr. Bridges to open a public hearing regarding the proposed abandonment of a portion of Pampas Grass Road from the Union Parish Road System. Motion carried unanimously. President Hutto declared the public hearing open and asked the public if they had any comments relating to the road closure. No comments were made with regard to the road closure. Motion Mrs. Abercrombie, seconded by Mr. Bridges to close the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously. President Hutto declared the public hearing closed.

The following ordinance was offered by Mr. Holley and seconded by Mr. Wade:

ORDINANCE # 968

AN ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO THE UNION PARISH ROAD SYSTEM PROVIDING FOR THE DELETION OF A PORTION OF PAMPAS GRASS ROAD (from the end of the road 120 feet South to the intersection of Cypress 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 12th, 2024, September 19th, 2024 and September 26th, 2024, 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 1st day of October, 2024 that the following Ordinance be and the same is hereby adopted:

SECTION 1

A portion of Pampas Grass Road (from the end of the road 120 feet South to the intersection of Cypress 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. Holley who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wade 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			
Mike Holley	x			
Glenn Hutto	x			
Ben Bridges	x			
Russell Wade	x			
Jeremy Hobbs	x			
Brenda Abercrombie	x			
Andrew J. Ford, Jr.			x	

WHEREUPON, the Ordinance was declared duly adopted this 1st day of October, 2024.

s/ Paula Strickland

PAULA STRICKLAND
SECRETARY-TREASURER
UNION PARISH POLICE JURY

s/ Glenn Hutto

GLENN HUTTO
PRESIDENT
UNION PARISH POLICE JURY

Recommendations from the Finance Committee

Mr. Wade stated that the Finance Committee met earlier. Mr. Wade stated that the Finance committee has two (2) recommendations.

Motion Mr. Wade, seconded by Mr. Holley to hire Roger Reeves for full-time employment at the Road Department with his time being counted back to his original hire date of July 8th, 2024. His full-time status is effective October 14th, 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. Wade, seconded by Mr. Bridges to hire Alan Ates as the Union Parish Police Jury Road Superintendent with a salary of \$66,560 a year effective October 7th, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

Recommendations from the Landfill Committee

Mr. Bridges stated that the Landfill Committee met earlier. Mr. Bridges stated that the Landfill committee has four (4) recommendations.

Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Wade to implement the use of a time clock at the Landfill for all employees effective immediately. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mrs. Abercrombie to sell five (5) rear load dumpsters to the Town of Farmerville at the cost of \$500 each. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mrs. Abercrombie to adopt the 2025 Tipping Fee Rates as presented to the Landfill Committee earlier. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Holley to purchase a three (3) acre tract from Stan Jiles at the rate of \$5,000 per acre. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bridges gave a brief update on the property purchase from Weyerhaeuser. The Landfill Committee met with a representative earlier and should have a definitive list of sites to acquire by the November jury meeting.

Recommendations from the Road Committee

Mr. Holley stated that the Road Committee met earlier. Mr. Holley stated that the Road Committee has two (2) recommendations.

Motion Mr. Holley, seconded by Mr. Pilgreen to approve change orders on the Alabama Landing Road Project up to the Federal Funds Limit and authorize the President to complete any necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Holley, seconded by Mr. Pilgreen to approve a substantial completion on Alabama Landing Road upon completion and authorize the President to complete any necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.

Recommendations from the Courthouse Committee

Mrs. Abercrombie stated that the Courthouse Committee met earlier. The Courthouse Committee has two recommendations.

Motion Mrs. Abercrombie, seconded by Mr. Hobbs to approve the following amounts for the rental of the Betty Street Community Center: \$150 daily rental with a \$150 deposit. If the same person rents two or more consecutive days, then the rental amount is an additional \$100 per day. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mrs. Abercrombie, seconded by Mr. Moses to allow the Town of Farmerville to use the area behind the Betty Street Community Center to build a playground for children in the community. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Ronnie Cole, 397 Benedict Road, Farmerville, addressed the jury regarding lack of road maintenance.

Billy Shankle, 701 Piney Point, Farmerville, addressed the jury regarding resurfacing Piney Point Road.

Jeff Best, 722 Stansbury Road, Farmerville, addressed the jury regarding dumpster lids.

Johnny Creed, 7354 Highway 550, Spearsville, addressed the jury regarding public comment period.

Lynn Ramsey, Jerry Ramsey Road, addressed the jury regarding an article in the *Banner*.

Judy Auger, 844 Alton Auger Road, Marion, addressed the jury regarding public records

There being no further business to come before the Jury, the President declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Mrs. Abercrombie, seconded by Mr. Wade on this the 1st day of October, 2024.

s/ Paula H. Strickland
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SECRETARY-TREASURER
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