

## REGULAR MEETING UNION PARISH POLICE JURY

Farmerville, Louisiana  
November 5<sup>th</sup>, 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 James Buckley, Assistant District Attorney. The President called the session to order and welcomed all guests. Mr. Bridges offered the invocation and Mr. Holley 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. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Ford and declared adopted by unanimous vote of the Jury to approve the agenda as written.**

**Motion Mr. Moses, seconded by Mr. Holley to adopt the minutes of the October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.**

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

**Motion Mr. Holley, seconded by Mr. Pilgreen to hire Phillip Farris for full-time employment at the Road Department with his time being counted back to his original hire date of August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024. His full-time status is effective November 11<sup>th</sup>, 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.**

A brief discussion was held regarding a handicapped ramp at the Annex. The ramp would be on the Department of Motor Vehicles side. **Motion Mr. Moses, seconded by Mrs. Abercrombie to move forward with the installation of a handicap ramp at the Annex. Motion carried unanimously.**

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

### **RESOLUTION 2024-11**

A resolution approving the holding of an election in Spencer-West Sterlington Fire Protection District, Union Parish, Louisiana, on Saturday, March 29, 2025, to authorize the levy of a service charge therein.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Spencer-West Sterlington Fire Protection District, Union Parish, Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Spencer-West Sterlington Fire Protection District, Union Parish, Louisiana (the "District"), adopted a resolution on November 4, 2024, calling a special election in the District on Saturday, March 29, 2025, to authorize the levy of a service charge 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 levy and collect the service charge 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 authorize the District to levy and collect the service charge 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 Spencer-West Sterlington Fire Protection District, Union Parish, Louisiana, this Police Jury hereby approves the holding of an election in the District, on Saturday, March 29, 2025, at which election there will be submitted the following proposition, to-wit:

#### **PROPOSITION (SERVICE CHARGE)**

Shall Spencer-West Sterlington Fire Protection District, Union Parish, Louisiana (the "District"), assess and collect an annual service charge of \$40 from persons owning residential or commercial structures, whether occupied or unoccupied, located wholly or partly within the boundaries of the District, for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2025 and ending with the year 2034 (an estimated \$16,640 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the assessment of the service charge for an entire year), for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, improving, maintaining or operating fire protection facilities, vehicles and

equipment, including both movable and immovable property, that are to be used to provide fire protection in the District?

SECTION 2. In the event the election carries, this Police Jury does hereby further consent to and authorize the district to levy and collect the service charge provided for therein.

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

And the resolution was declared adopted on this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024.

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

*s/ Glenn W. Hutto*  
Glenn W. Hutto  
President  
Union Parish Police Jury

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CERTIFICATE

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 November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024, approving the holding of an election in Spencer-West Sterlington Fire Protection District, Union Parish, Louisiana, to authorize the levy of a service charge therein.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature at Farmerville, Louisiana, on this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024.

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

Recommendations from the Insurance Committee

Mrs. Abercrombie stated that the Insurance Committee met on October 28<sup>th</sup> and has one recommendation regarding the Blue Cross Blue Shield Health Insurance. **Motion Mrs. Abercrombie, seconded by Mr. Ford to keep insurance the same as is with no changes. Motion carried unanimously.**

Recommendations from the Finance Committee

Mr. Wade stated that the Finance Committee met earlier and has one (1) recommendation.

**Motion Mr. Wade, seconded by Mr. Hobbs to approve the First Responders Homestead Exemption as allowed by Act 179 of the 2023 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature. The Homestead Exemption will be raised from \$75,000 to \$100,000. Motion carried with the following vote:**

YEAS: Moses, Holley, Hutto, Bridges, Wade, Hobbs, Abercrombie and Ford

NAYS: Pilgreen

ABSENT: None

Recommendations from the Personnel Committee

Mr. Pilgreen stated that the Personnel Committee met earlier and there were no recommendations.

Recommendations from the Landfill Committee

Mr. Bridges stated that the Landfill Committee met earlier and has one recommendation. **Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mrs. Abercrombie, to accept a final change order in an increased amount of \$643.25; authorize Riley Company to issue a Certificate of Substantial Completion for the Union Parish Sanitary Landfill – Outfall 101 Pump Station project and authorize the President to execute any necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.**

Recommendations from the Road Committee

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

**Motion Mr. Holley, seconded by Mr. Wade to solicit bids for the hiring of a contractor to replace culverts throughout the parish. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Holley, seconded by Mr. Wade to place “No Thru Truck” Traffic Signs on all designated parish roads as deemed necessary. Motion carried unanimously.**

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



**ORDINANCE # 969**

**AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE SPEED LIMIT OF 35 MILES PER HOUR ON PINT ROAD IN ITS ENTIRETY FROM HIGHWAY 15 TO HIGHWAY 33 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 Pint Road in its entirety from Highway 15 to Highway 33, shall not exceed 35 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. Hobbs** 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 5<sup>th</sup> day of November, 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**

**Motion Mr. Holley, seconded by Mr. Pilgreen to authorize the Secretary/Treasurer to apply for the Local Government Assistance Program (LGAP) grant through the State of Louisiana and authorize the Secretary/Treasurer and/or President to execute all necessary documents. Any monies received will be used to purchase a tractor and side boom mower. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Holley, seconded by Mr. Pilgreen to approve the Three-Year Road Program for years 2024, 2025 and 2026 and adopt the following Annual Road Capital Improvement Policy for years 2024, 2025 and 2026.**

**Year 1 – 2024**

<b>Concord Road</b>	<b>3.2 miles</b>
<b>Hamilton Road</b>	<b>1.9 miles</b>
<b>Downsville Road</b>	<b><u>2.7 miles</u></b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>7.80 miles</b>

**Year 2 – 2025**

<b>Downsville Road (remainder)</b>	<b>2.2 miles</b>
<b>Sardis Church Road</b>	<b>3.1 miles</b>
<b>Village Creek Road</b>	<b>0.6 miles</b>
<b>Dale Love Road</b>	<b>0.9 miles</b>
<b>Lolley Road</b>	<b>0.5 miles</b>
<b>Holland Road</b>	<b><u>0.9 miles</u></b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>8.20 miles</b>

**Year 3 – 2026**

**To Be Decided by Future 3 Year Priority Lists Done for 2026, 2027 and 2028.**

**UNION PARISH POLICE JURY  
ANNUAL ROAD CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS POLICY  
ADOPTED  
November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
FOR YEARS 2024, 2025, 2026**

1. Every three years the Parish will, using the priority rating scheme approved by the Police Jury, assign a priority rating number to each parish road or section of road.
2. Two groups of priority rating lists will be compiled every third year. One group will apply to capital improvements for existing gravel roads (non-paved roads). The other group will apply to capital improvements for existing asphalt or concrete roads (hard surfaced roads). The existing gravel group has one list. Existing Hard Surfaced roads are split up into two categories: Primary Blacktop list and Secondary Blacktop list. Primary Blacktop Roads consist of roads with an ADT greater than or equal to 150 vehicles per day and/or is over one mile long. If the road is over one mile long, it is automatically on the Primary list. If the road has under 150 vehicles a day and is under one mile long, then it will be on the Secondary list.
3. The Police Jury will, each year, based upon available funding and need, designate the division and amount of funds to be used for existing gravel roads and for existing hard surfaced roads. The Police Jury will, each year, determine the amount of funds to be used for each of the three lists. The Jury will create a three-year plan but will re-evaluate the plan after each year and revise the three-year plan each year as needed.
4. In order to equally distribute capital improvements projects throughout the Parish due to limited funds, no more than four miles of new hard surface will be constructed in any one year on any existing gravel road, and no more than four miles will be constructed on any one road in any one year on any existing hard surface road. The mileage limitation can be increased by the Police Jury if required to reach a desired stopping point, upon Engineer's or Road Superintendent recommendation.
5. This policy applies only to self-generated parish funds and to the State Road Fund funds. Any special project for which State, Federal, or outside funding is earmarked will not be a part of this procedure, and any such road can be skipped on the priority list pending construction by such designated funding.

**Year 1 – 2024**

<b>Concord Road</b>	<b>3.2 miles</b>
<b>Hamilton Road</b>	<b>1.9 miles</b>
<b>Downsville Road</b>	<b><u>2.7 miles</u></b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>7.80 miles</b>

**Year 2 – 2025**

<b>Downsville Road (remainder)</b>	<b>2.2 miles</b>
<b>Sardis Church Road</b>	<b>3.1 miles</b>
<b>Village Creek Road</b>	<b>0.6 miles</b>
<b>Dale Love Road</b>	<b>0.9 miles</b>
<b>Lolley Road</b>	<b>0.5 miles</b>
<b>Holland Road</b>	<b><u>0.9 miles</u></b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>8.20 miles</b>

**Year 3 – 2026**

**To Be Decided by Future 3 Year Priority Lists Done for 2026, 2027 and 2028.**

**WHEREUPON, the motion was declared duly adopted by the following vote of the Jury this 5<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024.**

**YEAS: Moses, Pilgreen, Holley, Hutto, Bridges, Wade and Ford**

**NAYS: Hobbs and Abercrombie**

**ABSTAINED: None**

**ABSENT: None**

**Motion carried with a vote of 7 Yeas, 2 Nay and 0 Absent.**

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

*s/ Glenn W. Hutto*  
**Glenn W. Hutto, President  
Union Parish Police Jury**

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

Freddie Hill, 3849 Highway 550, addressed the jury regarding a traffic issue around the new Dollar General Store.

Steve Alexander, 109 Green Bay Road, addressed the jury regarding Scotts Hideaway Road.

Judy Auger, 844 Alton Auger Road, addressed the jury regarding a deputy at the jury meetings and the public bid law.

Wayne Wilson, 1992 Tucker Store Road, addressed the jury regarding road maintenance.

Lynn Ramsey, 167 Jerry Ramsey Road, addressed the jury regarding an employee termination.

**There being no further business to come before the Jury, the President declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Holley on this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024.**

*s/ Paula H. Strickland*  
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