

REGULAR MEETING UNION PARISH POLICE JURY

**Farmerville, Louisiana
May 6th, 2025**

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, Ben Bridges, Russell Wade and Andrew J. Ford, Jr. Absent: Glenn Hutto, Jeremy Hobbs and Brenda Abercrombie. Also present was James Buckley, Assistant District Attorney. The Vice-President called the session to order and welcomed all guests. Mr. Ford offered the invocation and Mr. Pilgreen led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Vice-President Holley welcomed everyone to the meeting. Vice-President Holley 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.

Vice-President Holley recognized two Union Parish Police Jury employees who recently retired. Juanita Leichman has been employed with the Union Parish Police Jury for eighteen years. Mrs. Leichman was an Administrative Assistant at the Union Parish Health Unit.

Vice-President Holley then recognized Danny Rockett. Mr. Rockett was employed with the Union Parish Police Jury for twenty-five years. Mr. Rockett was employed as a truck driver.

Motion Mr. Pilgreen, 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. Wade to adopt the minutes of the April 1st, 2025 regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion Mr. Wade, seconded by Mr. Bridges to open a public hearing regarding the proposed abandonment of a portion of Lonnie Gray Road from the Union Parish Road System. Motion carried unanimously. Vice-President Holley 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 Mr. Wade, seconded by Mr. Bridges to close the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously. Vice-President Holley declared the public hearing closed.

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

ORDINANCE # 980

AN ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO THE UNION PARISH ROAD SYSTEM PROVIDING FOR THE DELETION OF A PORTION OF LONNIE GRAY 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

April 10th, 2025, April 17th, 2025, April 24th, 2025 and May 1st, 2025. 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 6th day of May, 2025, that the following Ordinance be and the same is hereby adopted:

SECTION 1

The approximate abandonment of the last 1200 feet on Lonnie Gray 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. Wade** who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by **Mr. Pilgreen** and after having been considered by sections was adopted by sections and as a whole by the following YEA and NAY vote:

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

Whereupon, the Ordinance was declared duly adopted this 6th day of May, 2025.

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

s/ Michael Holley
Vice-President
Union Parish Police Jury

Kristin Delahoussaye with Capital Area Finance Authority presented the jury with a presentation regarding a down payment assistance program. It is a fantastic program for borrowers who qualify for a loan, but who cannot afford the down payment. The programs are not just for low-income borrowers or first-time homebuyers. Any homeowner can qualify as long as they have the minimum FICO score and fit under the maximum DTI. **Motion Mr. Wade, seconded by Mr. Pilgreen to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Capital Area Finance Authority and authorize the president to execute any necessary documents.**

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

RESOLUTION 2025-004

A resolution approving the holding of an election in Ward 3, 4 and 10, Hospital Service District No. 1 of the Parish of Union, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, November 15, 2025, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Ward 3, 4 and 10, Hospital Service District No. 1 of the Parish of Union, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Ward 3, 4 and 10, Hospital Service District No. 1 of the Parish of Union, State of Louisiana (the "District"), adopted a resolution on April 24, 2025, calling a special election in the District on Saturday, November 15, 2025, 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 authorize the District 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 Ward 3, 4 and 10, Hospital Service District No. 1 of the Parish of Union, State of Louisiana, this Police Jury hereby approves the holding of an election in the District, on Saturday, November 15, 2025, at which election there will be submitted the following proposition, to-wit:

**PROPOSITION
(TAX RENEWAL)**

Shall the Ward 3, 4 and 10, Hospital Service District No. 1 of the Parish of Union, State of Louisiana, be authorized to continue to levy a tax of 5.11 mills on all property subject to taxation in said Hospital Service District annually (an estimated \$152,000 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 2026 and ending with the year 2035, for operations and maintenance of the Reeves Memorial Medical Center (formerly known as Tri-Ward General Hospital) for the care of persons suffering from illnesses or disabilities which require care in said Hospital Service District?

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

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

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 6th day of May, 2025.

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

s/ Michael Holley
Vice-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 May 6, 2025, approving the holding of an election in Ward 3, 4 and 10, Hospital Service District No. 1 of the Parish of Union, 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 6th day of May, 2025.

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

The following Resolution was offered by Mr. Moses and seconded by Mr. Ford:

RESOLUTION 2025-005

A resolution providing for the incurring of debt and issuance of Eight Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$850,000) of Revenue Bonds, Series 2025, of the Parish of Union, State of Louisiana; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

WHEREAS, the Parish of Union, State of Louisiana (the "Issuer"), desires to incur debt and issue Eight Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$850,000) of Revenue Bonds, Series 2025 (the "Bonds"), in the manner authorized and provided by Section 1430 of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority (the "Act"), for the purpose of (i) paying costs of acquiring, constructing and improving facilities of the Issuer, including fixtures and furnishings therefor, and (ii) paying the costs of issuance of the Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the Bonds shall be secured by and payable from a pledge of all funds or revenues received or to be received by the Issuer to the extent legally available for the payment of debt service on the Bonds, provided that no such funds or revenues shall be so included which have been or are in the future legally dedicated and required for purposes inconsistent therewith by the electorate, by the terms of specific grants, by the terms of particular obligations issued or to be issued or by operation of law (such amount being the "Available Funds of the Issuer"); and

WHEREAS, it is expressly provided that the full faith and credit of the Issuer shall not be pledged, and there shall be no obligation on the Issuer to levy or increase taxes or other sources of revenue in order to pay debt service on the Bonds or to transfer any funds for the payment of debt service that may result in a violation of any law, ruling, regulation, contract or agreement applicable to the Issuer; and

WHEREAS, the Issuer has no outstanding bonds or other obligations of any kind or nature payable from or enjoying a lien on the Available Funds of the Issuer; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Issuer to fix the details necessary with respect to the issuance of the Bonds and to provide for the authorization and issuance thereof; and

WHEREAS, it is the further desire of the Issuer to provide for the sale of the Bonds to the Purchasers (hereinafter defined) at the price and in the manner hereinafter provided;

NOW, THEREFORE, 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, that:

Definitions. The following terms as used in this Resolution shall have the following respective meanings, such definitions being equally applicable to both the singular and plural sense of any of such terms.

"Act" means Section 1430 of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority.

"Additional Parity Bonds" means any additional *pari passu* obligations which may hereafter be issued by the Issuer on a parity with the Bonds with respect to the Available Funds of the Issuer, all as provided herein.

"Agreement" means the agreement to be entered into between the Issuer and the Paying Agent pursuant to this Resolution.

"Available Funds of the Issuer" means all funds or revenues received or to be received by the Issuer to the extent legally available for the payment of debt service on the Bonds, provided that no such funds or revenues shall be so included which have been or are in the future legally dedicated and required for purposes inconsistent therewith by the electorate, by the terms of specific grants, by the terms of particular obligations issued or to be issued or by operation of law.

"Bond" or **"Bonds"** means any or all of the Issuer's Revenue Bonds, Series 2025, authorized by this Resolution, whether initially delivered or issued in exchange for, upon transfer of, or in lieu of any Bond previously issued.

"Bond Register" means the records kept by the respective Paying Agent at its designated office in which registration of the Bonds and transfers of the Bonds shall be made as provided herein.

"Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

"Executive Officers" means, collectively, the President and the Secretary-Treasurer of the Governing Authority of the Issuer.

"Fiscal Year" means the one-year accounting period ending December 31 of each year, or such other period as may be designated by the Governing Authority as the fiscal year of the Issuer.

"Governing Authority" means the Police Jury of the Parish of Union, State of Louisiana, or its successor in function.

"Government Securities" means direct obligations of, or obligations the principal of and interest on which are unconditionally guaranteed by the United States of America, which are non-callable prior to their maturity, may be United States Treasury obligations such as the State and Local Government Series and may be in book-entry form.

"Interest Payment Date" means February 1 and August 1 of each year in which the Bonds are outstanding, commencing February 1, 2026.

"Issuer" means the Parish of Union, State of Louisiana.

"Outstanding" when used with respect to Bonds means, as of the date of determination, all Bonds theretofore issued and delivered under this Resolution, except:

1. Bonds or portions thereof which have been paid or which have been theretofore canceled by the Paying Agent or delivered to the Paying Agent for cancellation;
2. Bonds in exchange for or in lieu of which other Bonds have been registered and delivered pursuant to this Resolution;
3. Bonds alleged to have been mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen which have been paid as provided in this Resolution or by law; and

4. Bonds for the payment of the principal of and interest on which money or Government Securities or both are held in trust with the effect specified in this Resolution.

"Outstanding Bonds" means the Issuer's outstanding Public Building Revenue Bonds, Series 2011, payable from the Issuer's excess annual revenues, with a final payment date of August 1, 2025.

"Owner" or **"Owners"** when used with respect to any Bond means the Person in whose name such Bond is registered in the appropriate Bond Register.

"Paying Agent" means Argent Trust Company, of Ruston, Louisiana, for the Bond purchased by Origin Securities, LLC, and the Secretary-Treasurer of the Governing Authority for the Bond purchased by the Louisiana Public Facilities Authority, or such successor Paying Agents which may be named by this Governing Authority pursuant to Section 22 of this Resolution.

"Person" means any individual, corporation, partnership, joint venture, association, joint-stock company, trust, unincorporated organization or government or any agency or political subdivision thereof.

"Purchaser" or **"Purchasers"** means said Origin Securities, LLC, for Bond R-1, and the Louisiana Public Facilities Authority, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, for Bond R-2.

"Record Date" for the interest payable on any Interest Payment Date means the 15th calendar day of the month next preceding such Interest Payment Date.

"Resolution" means this resolution authorizing the issuance of the Bonds, as it may be supplemented and amended.

Authorization of Bonds; Maturities. In compliance with the terms and provisions of the Act, and other constitutional and statutory authority, there is hereby authorized the incurring of an indebtedness of Eight Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$850,000) for, on behalf of, and in the name of the Issuer, for the purpose of (i) paying costs associated with acquiring, constructing and improving facilities of the Issuer, including fixtures and furnishings therefor, and (ii) paying the costs of issuance of the Bonds, and to represent said indebtedness, this Governing Authority does hereby authorize the issuance of \$850,000 of Revenue Bonds, Series 2025, of the Issuer; provided, however, that said designation may change in the event the Bonds are delivered after calendar year 2025.

The Bonds shall be initially issued in the form of two, fully registered term bonds numbered R-1 and R-2 and shall be dated the date of delivery thereof. The unpaid principal of the Bonds shall bear interest from the date thereof or from the most recent Interest Payment Date to which interest has been paid or duly provided for, payable semiannually on February 1 and August 1 of each year, commencing February 1, 2026, calculated on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months.

Bond R-1 shall bear interest at the rate of 4.750% per annum, shall be in the denomination of \$637,500, and shall mature in installments on August 1 of each year as follows:

Year (August 1)	Principal Maturing
2026	\$23,500
2027	25,000
2028	26,000
2029	27,000

2030	29,000
2031	31,000
2032	33,000
2033	34,000
2034	36,000
2035	66,000
2036	70,000
2037	74,000
2038	79,000
2039*	84,000

*Final Maturity

Bond R-2 shall bear interest at the rate of 2.375% per annum, shall be in the denomination of \$212,500, and shall mature in installments on August 1 of each year as follows:

<u>Year</u> <u>(August 1)</u>	<u>Principal</u> <u>Maturing</u>
2026	\$20,500
2027	21,000
2028	22,000
2029	23,000
2030	24,000
2031	24,000
2032	25,000
2033	26,000
2034	27,000

*Final Maturity

The installments of principal of the Bonds, as they fall due, and interest on the Bonds shall be payable by check of the appropriate Paying Agent or the Issuer mailed to the Owner (determined as of the close of business on the Record Date) at the address shown on the appropriate Bond Register or, in the discretion of the Paying Agent, by wire from the Paying Agent or the Issuer delivered to the Owner (determined as of the close of business on the Record Date) in accordance with wiring instructions provided by the Owner, provided, however, that principal of the Bonds at final maturity or upon earlier prepayment in full shall be payable at the designated office of the Paying Agent upon presentation and surrender thereof. Each Bond delivered under this Resolution upon transfer of, in exchange for or in lieu of any other Bond shall carry all the rights to interest accrued and unpaid, and to accrue, which were carried by such other Bond, and each such Bond shall bear interest (as herein set forth) so neither gain nor loss in interest shall result from such transfer, exchange or substitution.

No Bond shall be entitled to any right or benefit under this Resolution, or be valid or obligatory for any purpose, unless there appears on such Bond a certificate of registration, substantially in the form provided in this Resolution, executed by the Paying Agent by manual signature.

Prepayment Provisions. Installments of principal of the bonds are callable for prepayment at the option of the Issuer in full or in part at any time, at the principal amount to be prepaid, plus accrued interest in the amount to be prepaid from the most recent Interest Payment Date to which interest has been paid or duly provided for. The Issuer may designate the principal installments to be prepaid in the event of prepayment of less than all of the Outstanding principal of the Bonds. Any Bond which is to be prepaid

only in part shall be surrendered at the designated office of the Paying Agent and such prepayment shall be noted the prepayment schedule attached thereto.

Official notice of such call of any portion of the Bonds for prepayment shall be given by means of first-class mail, postage prepaid, by notice deposited in the United States mails or via acceptable means of electronic communication not less than twenty (20) days prior to the prepayment date, addressed to the Owner of such Bond to be prepaid at their address as shown on the appropriate Bond Register.

Registration and Transfer. The Issuer shall cause a Bond Register to be kept by each Paying Agent. The Bonds may be transferred, registered and assigned only on the appropriate Bond Register, and such registration shall be at the expense of the Issuer. A Bond may be assigned by the execution of an assignment form on the Bond. A new Bond will be delivered by the appropriate Paying Agent to the last assignee (the new Owner) in exchange for such transferred and assigned Bond after receipt of the Bond to be transferred in proper form. Such new Bond shall be in the proper denomination. The Paying Agent shall not be required to issue, register, transfer or exchange any Bond during a period beginning (i) at the opening of business on a Record Date and ending at the close of business on the Interest Payment Date or (ii) with respect to Bonds to be prepaid, at the opening or business fifteen (15) days before the date of the mailing of a notice of prepayment of such Bonds and ending on the date of such prepayment.

Form of Bonds. The Bonds and the endorsements to appear thereon shall be in the form acceptable to the Executive Officers, upon advice of bond counsel, and the Purchasers.

Execution of Bonds. The Bonds shall be signed by the Executive Officers for, on behalf of, in the name of and under the corporate seal of the Issuer, which signatures and corporate seal may be either manual or facsimile.

Pledge and Dedication of Revenues. Pursuant to the Act, the Bonds, equally with the Outstanding Bonds, shall be secured by and payable from a pledge and dedication of the Available Funds of the Issuer, and there is hereby irrevocably pledged and dedicated to the payment of the Bonds an amount of such Available Funds of the Issuer sufficient to pay the same in principal and interest as they respectively mature. Until the Bonds shall have been paid in full in principal and interest, this Governing Authority does hereby obligate the Issuer, itself, and its successors in office to budget annually a sum of money sufficient to pay the Bonds and the interest thereon as they respectively mature, including any principal and/or interest theretofore matured and then unpaid, and to levy and collect in each year taxes and to collect other revenues within the limits prescribed by law, sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds. Pursuant to Section 1430.1 of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, the pledge of the Available Funds of the Issuer provided for herein shall be valid, binding, and perfected from the time when the pledge is made, and any Available Funds of the Issuer so pledged and hereafter received by the Issuer or any fiduciary shall immediately be subject to the lien of such pledge and security interest without any physical delivery thereof or further act.

Additional Parity Bonds. The Issuer shall issue no other bonds or obligations of any kind or nature payable from or enjoying a lien on the revenues of the Available Funds of the Issuer having priority over or parity with the Bonds, except that Additional Parity Bonds may hereafter be issued on a parity with the Bonds, under the following conditions:

- (1) The Bonds herein authorized or any part thereof, including the interest thereon, may be refunded, and the refunding bonds so issued shall enjoy complete equality of lien with the portion of the Bonds which is not refunded, if there be any, and the refunding bonds shall continue to enjoy whatever priority of lien over subsequent issues may have

been enjoyed by the Bonds refunded; provided, however, that if only a portion of the Bonds outstanding is so refunded and the refunding bonds require total principal and interest payments during any year in excess of the principal and interest which would have been required in such year to pay the Bonds refunded thereby, then such Bonds may not be refunded without the consent of the Owner of the unrefunded portion of the Bonds issued hereunder (provided such consent shall not be required if such refunding bonds meet the requirements set forth in clause 2 of this Section).

(2) Additional Parity Bonds may be issued on a parity with the Bonds with respect to the Available Funds of the Issuer, provided that the estimated Available Funds of the Issuer in the year in which such Additional Parity Bonds are issued are at least 1.25 times the highest amount of combined principal and interest requirements on the Bonds and the Additional Parity Bonds in any future year. The Issuer must be in full compliance with all covenants and undertakings in connection with the Bonds and there must be no delinquencies in payments required to be made in connection therewith.

(3) Junior and subordinate bonds may be issued without restriction.

Sinking Fund. For the payment of the principal of and the interest on the Bonds, and any Additional Parity Bonds, there is hereby created a special fund known as "Series 2025 Revenue Bonds Sinking Fund", said Sinking Fund to be established and maintained with the regularly designated fiscal agent bank of the Issuer. The Issuer shall deposit in the Sinking Fund at least five (5) days in advance of the date on which each payment of principal and/or interest on the Bonds falls due, funds fully sufficient to promptly pay the maturing principal and/or interest so falling due on such date. The depository for the Sinking Fund shall transfer from the Sinking Fund to the Paying Agent funds fully sufficient to pay promptly the principal and interest falling due on such date.

It shall be specifically understood and agreed, however, and this provision shall be a part of this contract, that after the funds have been budgeted out of the Available Funds of the Issuer for any year sufficient to pay the principal and interest on the Bonds and any Additional Parity Bonds for that period, then any Available Funds of the Issuer remaining in that year shall be free for expenditure by the Issuer for any lawful purpose.

All moneys deposited with the regularly designated fiscal agent bank or banks of the Issuer or the Paying Agent under the terms of this Resolution shall constitute sacred funds for the benefit of the Owners of the Bonds, and shall be secured by said fiduciaries at all times to the full extent thereof in the manner required by law for the securing of deposits of public funds.

All or any part of the moneys in the Sinking Fund shall, at the written request of the Issuer, be invested in accordance with the provisions of the laws of the State of Louisiana.

Budget; Financial Statements. As long as any of the Bonds are outstanding and unpaid in principal or interest, the Issuer shall prepare and adopt a budget prior to the beginning of each Fiscal Year and shall furnish a copy of such budget to the Purchasers upon request. Not later than six (6) months after the close of such Fiscal Year, the Issuer shall cause an audit of its books and accounts to be made by the Legislative Auditor or an independent firm of certified public accountants showing the receipts and disbursements made by the Issuer during the previous Fiscal Year. Such audit shall be available for inspection by the Owner of any of the Bonds, and, upon completion, a copy of such audit shall be furnished to the Purchasers upon request.

Application of Proceeds. The Executive Officers are hereby empowered, authorized and directed to do any and all things necessary and incidental to carry out all of the provisions of this Resolution, to cause the necessary Bonds to be printed, to issue, execute and seal the Bonds, and to effect delivery thereof as hereinafter provided. The proceeds derived from the sale of the Bonds shall be used only for the purpose for which the Bonds are issued.

Bonds Legal Obligations. The Bonds shall constitute legal, binding and valid obligations of the Issuer and shall be the only representations of the indebtedness as herein authorized and created.

Resolution a Contract. The provisions of this Resolution shall constitute a contract between the Issuer, or its successor, and the Owner or Owners from time to time of the Bonds, and any such Owner or Owners may at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceedings, enforce and compel the performance of all duties required to be performed by this Governing Authority or the Issuer as a result of issuing the Bonds.

No material modification or amendment of this Resolution, or of any Resolution amendatory hereof or supplemental hereto, may be made without the consent in writing of the Owners of two-thirds (2/3) of the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds then Outstanding; provided, however, that no modification or amendment shall permit a change in the maturity provisions of the Bonds, or a reduction in the rate of interest thereon, or in the amount of the principal obligation thereof, or affecting the obligation of the Issuer to pay the principal of and the interest on the Bonds as the same shall come due from the revenues appropriated, pledged and dedicated to the payment thereof by this Resolution, or reduce the percentage of the Owners required to consent to any material modification or amendment of this Resolution, without the consent of the Owners of all of the Outstanding Bonds.

Severability; Application of Subsequently Enacted Laws. In case any one or more of the provisions of this Resolution or of the Bonds shall for any reason be held to be illegal or invalid, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect any other provisions of this Resolution or of the Bonds, but this Resolution and the Bonds shall be construed and enforced as if such illegal or invalid provisions had not been contained therein. Any constitutional or statutory provisions enacted after the date of this Resolution which validate or make legal any provision of this Resolution and/or the Bonds which would not otherwise be valid or legal, shall be deemed to apply to this Resolution and to the Bonds.

Recital of Regularity. This Governing Authority having investigated the regularity of the proceedings had in connection with the Bonds and having determined the same to be regular, the Bonds shall contain the following recital, to-wit:

"It is certified that this Bond is authorized by and is issued in conformity with the requirements of the Constitution and statutes of Louisiana."

Effect of Registration. The Issuer, the Paying Agent, and any agent of either of them may treat the Owner in whose name any Bond is registered as the Owner of such Bond for the purpose of receiving payment of the principal of and interest on such Bond and for all other purposes whatsoever, and to the extent permitted by law, neither the Issuer, the Paying Agent, nor any agent of either of them shall be affected by notice to the contrary.

Notices to Owners. Wherever this Resolution provides for notice to Owners of Bonds of any event, such notice shall be sufficiently given (unless otherwise herein expressly provided) if in writing and mailed, first-class postage prepaid, to each Owner of such Bonds, at the address of such Owner as it appears in the appropriate Bond Register, or via acceptable means of electronic communication. In any case where notice to

Owners of Bonds is given by mail, neither the failure to mail such notice to any particular Owner of Bonds, nor any defect in any notice so mailed, shall affect the sufficiency of such notice with respect to all other Bonds. Where this Resolution provides for notice in any manner, such notice may be waived in writing by the Owner or Owners entitled to receive such notice, either before or after the event, and such waiver shall be the equivalent of such notice. Waivers of notice by Owners shall be filed with the Paying Agent, but such filing shall not be a condition precedent to the validity of any action taken in reliance upon such waiver.

Designation as "Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligations". The Bonds are designated as "qualified tax-exemption obligations" within the meaning of Section 265(b)(3)(B) of the Code. In making this determination, the Issuer finds and determines that:

the Bonds are not "private activity bonds" within the meaning of the Code; and

- (b) the reasonably anticipated amount of qualified tax-exempt obligations which will be issued by the Issuer and all subordinate entities in calendar year 2025 does not exceed \$10,000,000.

Cancellation of Bonds. All Bonds surrendered for payment, transfer, exchange or replacement, if surrendered to the Paying Agent, shall be promptly canceled by it and, if surrendered to the Issuer, shall be delivered to the Paying Agent and, if not already canceled, shall be promptly canceled by the Paying Agent. The Issuer may at any time deliver to the Paying Agent for cancellation any Bonds previously registered and delivered which the Issuer may have acquired in any manner whatsoever, and all Bonds so delivered shall be promptly canceled by the Paying Agent. All canceled Bonds held by the Paying Agent shall be disposed of as directed in writing by the Issuer.

Mutilated, Destroyed, Lost or Stolen Bonds. If (1) any mutilated Bond is surrendered to the Paying Agent, or the Issuer and the Paying Agent receive evidence to their satisfaction of the destruction, loss or theft of any Bond, and (2) there is delivered to the Issuer and the Paying Agent such security or indemnity as may be required by them to save each of them harmless, then, in the absence of notice to the Issuer or the Paying Agent that such Bond has been acquired by a bona fide purchaser, the Issuer shall execute, and upon its request the Paying Agent shall register and deliver, in exchange for or in lieu of any such mutilated, destroyed, lost, or stolen Bond, a new Bond of the same maturity and of like tenor, interest rate and principal amount, bearing a number not contemporaneously outstanding. In case any such mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Bond has become or is about to become due and payable, the Issuer in its discretion may, instead of issuing a new Bond, pay such Bond. Upon the issuance of any new Bond under this Section, the Issuer may require the payment by the Owner of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in relation thereto and any other expenses (including the fees and expenses of the Paying Agent) connected therewith. Every new Bond issued pursuant to this Section in lieu of any mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen bond shall constitute a replacement of the prior obligation of the Issuer, whether or not the mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Bond shall be at any time enforceable by anyone and shall be entitled to all the benefits of this Resolution equally and ratably with all other Outstanding Bonds. Any additional procedures set forth in the Agreement, authorized in this Resolution, shall also be available with respect to mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Bonds. The provisions of this Section are exclusive and shall preclude (to the extent lawful) all other rights and remedies with respect to the replacement and payment of mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Bonds.

Discharge of Resolution; Defeasance. If the Issuer shall pay or cause to be paid, or there shall otherwise be paid to the Owners of all of the Bonds, the principal of and interest on the Bonds, at the times and in the manner stipulated in this Resolution, then the pledge of the money, securities, and funds pledged under this Resolution and all covenants, agreements, and other obligations of the Issuer to the Owner shall thereupon

cease, terminate, and become void and be discharged and satisfied, and the Paying Agent shall pay over or deliver all money held by it under this Resolution to the Issuer.

Bonds or interest installments for the payment of which money shall have been set aside and shall be held in trust (through deposit by the Issuer of funds for such payment or otherwise) at the maturity date thereof shall be deemed to have been paid within the meaning and with the effect expressed above in this Section if they are defeased in the manner provided by Chapter 14 of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended.

Successor Paying Agent; Paying Agent Agreement. The Issuer will at all times maintain a Paying Agent meeting the qualifications hereinafter described for the performance of the duties hereunder for the Bonds. The designation of the initial Paying Agent in this Resolution is hereby confirmed and approved. The Issuer reserves the right to appoint a successor Paying Agent by (a) filing with the Person then performing such function a certified copy of a resolution or ordinance giving notice of the termination of the Agreement and appointing a successor and (b) causing notice to be given to each Owner. Every Paying Agent appointed hereunder shall at all times be a bank or trust company organized and doing business under the laws of the United States of America or of any state, authorized under such laws to exercise trust powers, and subject to supervision or examination by Federal or State authority. The Executive Officers are hereby authorized and directed to execute an appropriate Agreement with the Paying Agent for and on behalf of the Issuer in such form as may be satisfactory to said officers, the signatures of said officers on such Agreement to be conclusive evidence of the due exercise of the authority granted hereunder.

Arbitrage. The Issuer covenants and agrees that, to the extent permitted by the laws of the State of Louisiana, it will comply with the requirements of the Code in order to establish, maintain and preserve the exclusion from "gross income" of interest on the Bonds under the Code. The Issuer further covenants and agrees that it will not take any action, fail to take any action, or permit any action within its control to be taken, or permit at any time or times any of the proceeds of the Bonds or any other funds of the Issuer to be used directly or indirectly in any manner, the effect of which would be to cause the Bonds to be "arbitrage bonds" or would result in the inclusion of the interest on any of the Bonds in gross income under the Code, including, without limitation, (i) the failure to comply with the limitation on investment of Bond proceeds or (ii) the failure to pay any required rebate of arbitrage earnings to the United States of America or (iii) the use of the proceeds of the Bonds in a manner which would cause the Bonds to be "private activity bonds".

The Executive Officers are hereby empowered, authorized and directed to take any and all action and to execute and deliver any instrument, document or bond necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Section.

Disclosure Under SEC Rule 15c2-12. The Issuer will not be required to comply with the continuing disclosure requirements described in Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission [17 CFR §240.15c2-12].

Publication. A copy of this Resolution shall be published immediately after its adoption in one issue of the official journal of the Issuer. It shall not be necessary to publish the exhibits to this Resolution, but such exhibits shall be made available for public inspection at the offices of the Governing Authority at reasonable times and such fact must be stated in the publication within the official journal.

Award of Bonds. The Issuer has accepted the offers of the Purchasers for the Bonds, which offers are attached as **Exhibit A-1** and **A-2** hereto, and any Executive Officer is hereby authorized to execute said

offers on behalf of the Issuer. As a condition to the delivery of the Bonds to the Purchasers, the Purchasers will execute a standard letter, acceptable to them, their respective counsel and the Issuer, indicating they have conducted their own analysis with respect to the Bonds, and are extending credit in the form of the Bonds as a vehicle for making a commercial loan to the Issuer.

Default. Upon the failure the failure of the Issuer to comply with any provision hereof, any Owner may pursue any and all remedies, including but not limited to an action for mandamus, that may exist at law or in equity pursuant to the law of the State of Louisiana at the time of such Event of Default.

In the event a principal or interest payment is due hereunder and is not received within ten (10) days following the due date, the Purchasers reserve the right to charge additional accrued interest for each day the payment is late at a rate not to exceed the maximum rate allowed by law. The Issuer agrees to pay the additional accrued interest upon demand or, if billed, within the time specified.

Headings. The headings of the various sections hereof are inserted for convenience of reference only and shall not control or affect the meaning or construction of any of the provisions hereof.

SECTION 29. Effective Date. The foregoing resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

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

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

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 6th day of May, 2025.

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

s/ Michael Holley
Vice-President
Union Parish Police Jury

EXHIBIT A-1

COMMITMENT LETTER

March 31, 2025

Hon. Police Jury of the
Parish of Union, State of Louisiana
Farmerville, Louisiana

Re: \$637,500 portion of \$850,000 of Revenue Bonds,
Series 2025 of the Parish of Union, State of
Louisiana

Please accept this letter as a commitment of the undersigned (the "*Purchaser*") to purchase \$637,500 aggregate principal amount of the above captioned Revenue Bonds (the "*Bonds*") upon the terms and conditions outlined below:

(1) **Issuer and Amount:** \$850,000 aggregate principal amount of Revenue Bonds, Series 2025, of the Parish of Union, State of Louisiana (the "*Issuer*"). \$212,500 of the Bonds will be purchased by the Louisiana Public Facilities Authority.

(2) **Authority for Issue:** Section 1430 of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority.

(3) **Purpose of Issue:** (i) paying costs associated with acquiring, constructing and improving facilities of the Issuer, including fixtures and furnishings therefor, and (ii) paying the costs of issuance of the Bonds.

(4) **Dated Date of Bonds:** Date of delivery of the Bonds, which is anticipated to be on or about April 30, 2025 (the "*Closing Date*").

(5) **Form of Bonds:** The Bonds to be purchased by the undersigned will be issued as a single term Bond (the "*Bond*") subject to mandatory sinking fund redemptions.

(6) **Interest Payment Dates:** Each February 1 and August 1, commencing February 1, 2026, based on a 30/360 day year.

(7) **Principal Payments and Interest Rates:** The Bonds will bear interest (not to exceed 6.00%) and principal will be payable August 1 of each year in the principal installments as follows:

BANK FOR PRINCIPAL:

<u>MATURITY</u> <u>(August 1)</u>	<u>PRINCIPAL</u> <u>AMOUNT DUE*</u>	<u>INTEREST</u> <u>RATE</u>
2026	\$23,500	4.75%
2027	\$25,000	4.75%
2028	\$26,000	4.75%
2029	\$27,000	4.75%
2030	\$29,000	4.75%
2031	\$31,000	4.75%
2032	\$33,000	4.75%
2033	\$34,000	4.75%
2034	\$36,000	4.75%
2035	\$66,000	4.75%
2036	\$70,000	4.75%
2037	\$74,000	4.75%
2038	\$79,000	4.75%
2039	\$84,000	4.75%

**Subject to adjustment.*

LFPA FOR PRINCIPAL:

<u>MATURITY</u> <u>(August 1)</u>	<u>PRINCIPAL</u> <u>AMOUNT DUE*</u>
2026	\$20,500
2027	\$21,000
2028	\$22,000
2029	\$23,000
2030	\$24,000
2031	\$24,000
2032	\$25,000
2033	\$26,000
2034	\$27,000

**Subject to adjustment.*

(8) **Prepayment Provisions:** The principal payments of the Bonds will be callable for prepayment at the option of the Issuer in full or in part at any time at the principal amount thereof, plus accrued interest to the date of prepayment.

(9) **Security:** The Bonds will be secured by and payable from a pledge of all funds or revenues received or to be received by the Issuer to the extent legally available for the payment of debt service on the Bonds, provided that no such funds or revenues shall be so included which have been or are in the future legally dedicated and required for purposes inconsistent therewith

by the electorate, by the terms of specific grants, by the terms of particular obligations issued or to be issued or by operation of law (such amounts being the "*Available Funds of the Issuer*").

Note: The Issuer currently has outstanding Public Building Revenue Bonds, Series 2011 (the "*2011 Bonds*"), which are payable from the Issuer's excess of annual revenues, and the final payment on the 2011 Bonds will occur August 1, 2025.

(10) **Additional Parity Bonds:** The Issuer may issue additional bonds on a parity with the Bonds with respect to the Available Funds of the Issuer, provided that the estimated Available Funds of the Issuer in the year in which such additional bonds are issued are at least 1.25 times the highest amount of combined principal and interest requirements on the Bonds and any additional parity bonds issued in any future year.

(11) **Legal Opinion:** The legal opinion of Foley & Judell, L.L.P., as to the due authorization, validity and federal and state tax-exemption of interest on the Bonds will be required.

(12) **Bank Eligibility:** The Bonds will be designated as "*qualified tax-exempt obligations*" under Section 265(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

(13) **Closing:** All documents shall be delivered to the undersigned on or before the Closing Date.

(14) **Purchaser Letter:** The undersigned will execute a purchaser letter indicating that it has made a full investigation of the security for the issue and has not relied upon or requested that any disclosure document be prepared by or on behalf of the Issuer, and that it is purchasing the Bonds without any intention to sell any portion thereof to any person other than another financial institution.

(15) **Paying Agent:** Argent Trust Company, of Ruston, Louisiana. Fees X will/ will not be due to the Paying Agent for serving in this capacity. (If fees are to be due Paying Agent, schedule of fees is to be attached hereto and form a part of the proposal).

(16) **Bank Counsel:** Butler Snow, LLP will serve as Bank Counsel to the undersigned, at a fee not to exceed \$5,000 (may not exceed \$5,000). The fee of Bank Counsel will be paid by X the Issuer/ the undersigned.

(17) **Continuing Disclosure:** It is understood that, with respect to the Bonds, the Issuer will not be required to comply with the continuing disclosure requirements of SEC Rule 15c2-12(b).

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Hon. Police Jury of the
Parish of Union, State of Louisiana

Commitment Letter
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If the foregoing meets with your approval, please sign one copy of this offer in the space provided below and return it to the undersigned.

Yours very truly,

ORIGIN BANK:



BY: Will Lankford

Title: SVP, Treasurer

ACCEPTED BY:
PARISH OF UNION, STATE OF LOUISIANA,
ON _____, 2025.

BY: _____

PRINT NAME: _____

TITLE: _____, Union Parish Police Jury

cc: J. Hardy Andrews, Foley & Judell, L.L.P., Bond Counsel

COMMITMENT LETTER

Patricia A. Dubroc
President and CEO

Martin Walke
Vice President

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March 18, 2025

The Honorable Glen Hutto, President
Union Parish Police Jury
Post Office Box 723
Farmerville, Louisiana 71241

RE: \$850,000 of Revenue Bonds, Series 2025, of the
Parish of Union, State of Louisiana

Dear President Hutto,

Thank you for your letter requesting funding assistance through the LPFA Bond Bank Program to provide funds for paying costs associated with acquiring, constructing and improving public facilities in the Parish, including fixtures and furnishings. I am pleased to inform you the financing outlined in your letter appears to qualify for participation in the LPFA Bond Bank Program and funds for this financing are currently available. Based upon your description of the financing, we have earmarked \$212,500 to purchase a portion of the certificates of indebtedness described in your letter. These funds will be earmarked for 120 days from the date of this letter. Please let us know if your project will not move forward by the expiration of this period.

The LPFA Bond Bank Program is a voluntary program established by the LPFA Board of Trustees solely with LPFA funds to help local entities and their constituents. This Program is designed to help address local financing needs and to reduce the overall borrowing costs. The LPFA, as a public trust and public corporation, operates solely on self-generated revenue and does not receive any appropriation from the State for its operations.

We look forward to working with you and servicing the needs of the Parish.

Sincerely,

Martin Walke, CLEcD
Vice President

cc: Members, LPFA Board of Trustees
Mr. Hardy Andrews, Foley & Judell, LL.P.
The Honorable Stewart Cathey, Jr, State Senate, District 33
The Honorable Christopher Turner, State Representative, District 12



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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 "Issuer"), do hereby certify that the foregoing pages constitute a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted on May 6, 2025, by the Governing Authority of the Issuer, providing for the incurring of debt and issuance of Eight Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$850,000) of Revenue Bonds, Series 2025, of the Parish of Union, State of Louisiana; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature on this, the 6th day of May, 2025.

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

Motion Mr. Moses, seconded by Mr. Ford to authorize the Secretary/Treasurer to open a Sinking Fund entitled Series 2025 Revenue Bonds Sinking Fund. The fund is to be used for the payment of principal and interest on the Bonds. Motion carried unanimously.

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

ORDINANCE # 981

AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE SPEED LIMIT OF 30 MILES PER HOUR ON OWL CREEK ROAD (HIGHWAY 15 TO CHERRY RIDGE ROAD) 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 Owl Creek Road (Highway 15 to Cherry Ridge Road), 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. Pilgreen**, who moved 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			
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 May, 2025.

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

s/ Michael Holley
MICHAEL HOLLEY
VICE-PRESIDENT
UNION PARISH POLICE JURY

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

ORDINANCE # 982

AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE SPEED LIMIT OF 30 MILES PER HOUR ON SALEM CHURCH 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 Salem Church 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. Wade**, 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 May, 2025.

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

s/ Michael Holley
MICHAEL HOLLEY
VICE-PRESIDENT
UNION PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion Mr. Moses, seconded by Mr. Bridges to hire Elvis Nyegaard for full-time employment at the Landfill with his time being counted back to his original hire date of February 10th, 2025. His full-time status is effective May 12th, 2025 and at that time he is eligible for all police jury benefits including retirement, insurance, vacation, sick leave and holiday. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Ford to hire Jason Colvin for full-time employment at the Road Department with his time being counted back to his original hire date of February 10th, 2025. His full-time status is effective May 12th, 2025 and at that time he is eligible for all police jury benefits including retirement, insurance, vacation, sick leave and holiday. Motion carried unanimously.

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

UNION PARISH POLICE JURY
ORDINANCE # 983

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AN ACT OF SALE BY THE PARISH OF UNION TO SELL ADJUDICATED PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS: PARCEL NO. 3022018725 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 28, 2017 for nonpayment of taxes; and

WHEREAS, the three (3) year period for redemption, as well of the five (5) year redemptive period provided by Art. 7, §25 of the Louisiana Constitution has elapsed and 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 \$1,239.35 and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Union has received a written offer to purchase said property from Don E. Hill, Jr. for the consideration of \$1,239.50, 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.

This property is described as Parcel# 3022018725 bearing no municipal address and being more fully described as follows:

Parcel# 3022018725 / No Municipal Address

Brief Legal: BEGIN AT INTERSECTION OF THOMAS & HARRIS ST, RUN W 100 FT FOR P.O.B., RUN N 100 FT, W 44 FT, S 100 FT, E 44 FT TO P.O.B., AND BEGIN AT INTERSECTION OF THOMAS AND HARRIS ST FOR P.O.B., RUN N 100 FT, W 100 FT, S 100 FT, E 100 FT, TO P.O.B.

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:

- 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. Bridges**, who moved for its adoption and duly seconded by **Mr. Moses** 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 May, 2025.

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

s/ Michael Holley
MICHAEL HOLLEY
VICE-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 an ordinance adopted by said Police Jury on May 6th, 2025.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature at Farmerville, Louisiana, on this, the 8th day of May, 2025.

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

Motion Mr. Moses, seconded by Mr. Bridges to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Union Parish Police Jury and Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs concerning support for the local Veterans Affairs office (\$859.09 monthly) and authorize the President to execute any necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Moses, seconded by Mr. Bridges to authorize KSA Engineering Firm to advertise for bids for an 8-Unit T Hangar project at the Union Parish Airport. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Wade to authorize travel for office staff to attend the OPAO (Organization of Parish Administrative Officials) conference to be held in Ruston, Louisiana on July 30th to August 1st, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Moses, seconded by Mr. Ford to adopt the following Citizen Participation Plan:

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN

The Parish of Union has adopted the following Citizen Participation Plan to meet the citizen participation requirements of Section 508 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. The Parish of Union is committed through adoption of this plan to full and total involvement of all residents of the community in the composition, implementation and assessment of its Louisiana Community Development Block Grant – FY 21 Water Grant Program. Attempts will be made to reach all citizens, with particular emphasis on participation by persons of low and moderate income, residents of slum and blighted areas and of areas in which funds are proposed to be used. A copy of this plan will be made available to the public upon request.

As part of the citizen participation requirements and to maximize citizen interaction, the Parish of Union shall:

- 1) Provide citizens with reasonable and timely access to local meetings, information and records relating to the state's proposed method of distribution, as required by the Secretary, and relating to the actual use of funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended;
- 2) Provide for public hearings to obtain views and respond to proposals and questions at all stages of the community development program. These hearings will consist of the development of needs and

proposed activities and review of program performance. These hearings will be held after adequate notice, a minimum of five calendar days, at times and locations convenient to potential or actual beneficiaries with accommodations for persons with disabilities;

- 3) Provide for and encourage citizen participation with particular emphasis on participation by persons of low and moderate income who are residents of slum and blighted areas and of areas in which funds are proposed to be used;
- 4) Provide for technical assistance to groups representative of persons of low and moderate income that request such assistance in developing proposals;
- 5) Where applicable, identify how the needs of non-English speaking residents will be met in the case of public hearings; and
- 6) Provide for a formal written procedure which will accommodate a timely written response, within fifteen days where practicable, to written complaints and grievances.

Written minutes of the hearings and an attendance roster will be maintained by the Union Parish Police Jury.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Notices informing citizens of any public hearings will either appear in the official journal of the Parish of Union or posted at the Parish of Union a minimum of five calendar days prior to the hearing. In addition, notices may be publicized through local community organizations, i.e., churches, clubs, etc., and/or dissemination of leaflets in the target area. Hearings will be held at times and locations convenient to potential or actual beneficiaries with accommodations for individuals with disabilities and non-English speaking persons. Whenever possible these hearings will be held within or near the target areas, at times affording participation by the most affected residents.

I. APPLICATION

First Notice/Public Hearing

The public hearing to address LCDBG-Water Grant application submittal will be held a minimum of 30 calendar days prior to the deadline for submission of the application. The public notice for this hearing will state that the following will be discussed:

- a) The amount of funds available for proposed community development;
- b) The range of activities that may be undertaken, including the estimated amount proposed to be used for activities that will benefit persons of low and moderate income;
- c) The plans of the Parish for minimizing displacement of persons as a result of activities assisted with such funds and the benefits to be provided by the Parish to persons actually displaced as a result of such activities; and
- d) The Police Jury's prior performance of LCDBG programs funded by the State of Louisiana.

In addition, the notice shall state that all citizens, particularly low- and moderate-income residents of slum and blighted areas, are encouraged to submit their views and proposals regarding community development and housing needs. Those citizens unable to attend this hearing may submit their views and proposals to:

Parish of Union
P. O. Box 723
Farmerville, LA 71241

The notice will also state that accommodations will be made for disabled and non-English speaking individuals provided a 5-day notice is received by the Union Parish Police Jury.

Second Notice

Seven calendar days, at a minimum, prior to the deadline for submittal of the application, a second notice shall appear in the official journal informing the citizens of the following:

1. Proposed submittal date of the application;
2. Proposed objectives'
3. Proposed activities
4. Location of proposed activities;
5. Dollar amount of proposed activities; and
6. Location and hours available for application review.

In addition, the notice shall state "all citizens, particularly those affected by the proposed project, are encouraged to review the proposed application and submit any written comments on the application to:

Parish of Union
P. O. Box 723
Farmerville, LA 71241

Negative comments received will be forwarded immediately to the State's Office of Community Development, Division of Administration or the application will be withdrawn if necessary.

II. AMENDMENTS

Program amendments, which substantially alter the LCDBG-CV project from that approved in the original application, shall not be submitted to the state without holding one public hearing in accordance with the procedures outlined within this Citizen Participation Plan. Minutes of the hearing will be submitted with the request for the amendment. All interested citizens, particularly the low and moderate income, elderly, handicapped, and residents of the project area, shall be made aware and have the opportunity to comment on proposed amendments and/or submit alternative measures.

III. GRANTEE PERFORMANCE

The Parish of Union will hold one performance hearing to solicit the public's opinion of the effectiveness of the LCDBG-Water Grant Program. The manner of notification will be the same as previously described

for all public hearings. Notification will be made in the official journal approximately 7 calendar days prior to the anticipated submittal of close-out documents to the state, and will indicate the date, time, and place of the performance hearing, and invite comments and opinions on the LCDBG activities implemented under the LCDBG-Water Grant Program being closed out. The notice will also state that accommodations will be made for disabled and non-English speaking persons provided a 5-day notice is received by the Police Jury.

This notice shall invite all interested parties, particularly those low to moderate income residents in the target area to attend.

The hearing will be held no sooner than five calendar days from the publication date of said notice.

CONSIDERATION OF OBJECTION TO APPLICATION

Persons wishing to object to approval of an application by the state may make such objection known to:

Office of Community Development
Division of Administration
Post Office Box 94095
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9095

The state will consider objections made only on the following grounds:

- A. The application description of needs and objectives is plainly inconsistent with available facts and data; and,
- B. The activities to be undertaken are plainly inappropriate to meeting the needs and objectives identified by the applicant; and,
- C. The application does not comply with the requirements set forth in the state's Annual Action Plan or other applicable laws.

Such objections should include both an identification of the requirements not met and, in the case of objections relative to (1) above, the complainant must supply the data upon which he/she relied upon to support his/her objection.

BILINGUAL

Whenever a significant number of persons and/or residents of blighted neighborhoods communicate with a primary language other than English attend public hearings, the Parish will provide an interpreter for dissemination of information to them providing the Town is given sufficient notification of day(s).

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Technical assistance may be provided directly by the Parish to any citizen, particularly to low- and moderate-income persons, residents of blighted neighborhoods and minorities, who request assistance in the development of proposals and statement of views concerning the LCDBG-Water Grant Program. The local officials, administrator and engineer will conduct informational meetings with the residents of the low to moderate income areas if a written request is received by the Town with at least a one (1) week

notification. The person who conducts the technical assistance meetings will disseminate information on the program and answer all pertinent questions.

TIMELY ACCESS AND ADEQUATE INFORMATION

The Parish shall provide timely disclosure of records, information and documents related to the LCDBG program activities. Documents will be made available for copying upon request at the Parish of Union Office, Monday thru Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Such documents may include the following:

- 1) All meetings and promotional materials.
- 2) Records of hearings and meetings.
- 3) All key documents, including prior applications, letters, grant agreements, citizen participation plans, and proposed applications.
- 4) Copies of the regulations (final statements) concerning the program.
- 5) Documents regarding other important requirements, such as Procurement Procedures, Fair Housing, Equal Employment Opportunity, Uniform Act, Labor Provisions and Environmental Procedures.

CITIZEN COMPLAINT PROCEDURE

SECTION 1

It is the policy of the Parish of Union to review all complaints received by the Parish of Union.

SECTION 2

The following procedures will be followed on all complaints received by the Parish of Union:

- 1) The complainant shall notify the Parish Secretary/Treasurer of the complaint. The initial complaint may be expressed orally or by written correspondence.
- 2) The Parish Secretary/Treasurer will notify the President or designated representative of the complaint within three (3) working days.
- 3) The President or designated representative will investigate the complaint and will report the findings to the Secretary/Treasurer within five (5) working days.
- 4) The Secretary/Treasurer will notify the complainant of the findings of the President or designated representative in writing or by telephone within three (3) working days.
- 5) If the complainant is aggrieved by the decision, he must forward the complaint in writing (if previously submitted orally) to the Secretary/Treasurer who will forward the complaint and all actions taken by the President or designated representative to the appropriate council committee for their review. This will be accomplished within ten (10) working days of receipt of the written complaint.

- 6) The reviewing council committee will have ten (10) working days to review the complaint and forward their decision to the complainant in writing.
- 7) If the complainant is aggrieved with the decision of the Committee, he must notify the Secretary/Treasurer in writing that he desires to be afforded a hearing by the Police Jury. The complainant will be placed on the next regularly scheduled Parish meeting agenda. The Secretary/Treasurer will notify the complainant in writing of the date of the hearing.
- 8) The complainant must bring all relevant data, witnesses, etc., to the hearing. The Police Jury, at the hearing, will review the complaint and forward within thirty (30) days a certified copy of the minutes of the meeting at which the hearing was conducted and a decision was rendered to the complainant. If a decision is not reached at the hearing, the President will inform complainant of an appropriate date to expect a response. Within thirty (30) calendar days of reaching a decision, the complainant will be notified in writing of the decision.

Complaints concerning the general administration of the LCDBG Program may be submitted in writing directly to the:

Division of Administration
Office of Community Development
Post Office Box 94095
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9095

SECTION 3

All citizen complaints relative to Fair Housing/Equal Opportunity violations alleging discrimination shall be forwarded for disposition to the:

Louisiana Department of Justice
Public Protection Division
Post Office Box 94005
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

The complainant will be notified in writing within 10 days that, due to the nature of the complaint, it has been forwarded to the Louisiana Department of Justice.

or

Complainant may contact the Louisiana Department of Justice Public Protection Division directly at the Toll-Free Telephone number 1-800-273-5718 or 225-342-7900.

SECTION 4

The Secretary/Treasurer will maintain a file for the purpose of keeping reports of complaints.

SECTION 5

This policy does not invalidate nor supersede the personnel or other policies of the Parish which are currently adopted but is intended to serve as a guide for complaints.

SECTION 6

This policy may be amended by a majority vote at any of the Police Jury's regularly scheduled meetings.

ADOPTION

This Citizen Participation Plan is hereby adopted by Parish of Union in regular session on this 6th day of May, 2025.

Glenn Hutto, President

Date: _____

Paula Strickland, Secretary/Treasurer

Date: _____

Recommendations from the Finance Committee

The Secretary/Treasurer presented a detailed report to the Finance Committee earlier.

Motion Mr. Wade, seconded by Mr. Bridges to accept the bid from Service One Contractors in the amount of \$80,295 for the Courthouse Annex Retaining Wall Project and authorize the Secretary/Treasurer to contact Service One Contractors. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Wade, seconded by Mr. Moses to accept the bid from Roofing Solutions in the amount of \$11,560 for repairs to the Courthouse Roof and authorize the Secretary/Treasurer to contact Roofing Solutions. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Wade, seconded by Mr. Moses to authorize the Secretary/Treasurer to solicit bids for the Courthouse HVAC System. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Wade, seconded by Mr. Pilgreen to enter into a lease agreement with Joey Orten for a dumpster site on Orten Road in the Conway Community. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Wade, seconded by Mr. Moses to reduce the rent for Workforce Development from \$854 a month to \$200 a month. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Wade, seconded by Mr. Ford to contribute to the Crappie Masters Fishing Tournament and the SeaArk Fishing Tournament for a total amount of \$5,875. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Wade, seconded by Mr. Moses to accept the highest bidder on Gov Deals in the amount of \$150,000 for the oil distributor truck. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Loye Albritton, 1379 Highway 828, Farmerville, addressed the jury concerning a job at the Landfill.

Gavin Hall with Pafford Ambulance addressed the jury regarding the ambulance service.

There being no further business to come before the Jury, the Vice-President declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Moses on this the 6th day of May, 2025.

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

s/ Michael Holley
Michael Holley, Vice-President
Union Parish Police Jury