

REGULAR MEETING UNION PARISH POLICE JURY

Farmerville, Louisiana

July 1st, 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: Michael Holley, Glenn Hutto, Ben Bridges, Russell Wade, Jeremy Hobbs, Brenda Abercrombie and Andrew J. Ford, Jr. Absent: Curtis Moses and Nathan Pilgreen. 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. Ford 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.

President Hutto asked that everyone remember the family of Inez Griffin who recently passed away. Mrs. Griffin was from the Sardis community.

Mr. Ford thanked everyone for the prayers for his daughter, Jesikah Ford. Ms. Ford recently completed her cancer treatment and rang the bell on June 24th, 2025.

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

Motion Mr. Holley, seconded by Mr. Ford to adopt the minutes of the June 2nd, 2025 regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion Mr. Wade, seconded by Mr. Ford to hire Jylon Fields for full-time employment at the Landfill with his time being counted back to his original hire date of March 26th, 2025. His full-time status is effective July 7th, 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. Holley, seconded by Mr. Ford to hire Max Aycock for full-time employment at the Road Department with his time being counted back to his original hire date of April 8th, 2025. His full-time status is effective July 14th, 2025 and at that time he is eligible for all police jury benefits including retirement, insurance, vacation, sick leave and holiday. Motion carried unanimously.

There was no action taken on the full-time employment of Vontrenze Adams.

Motion Mr. Holley, seconded by Mrs. Abercrombie, that the following action should be taken on the road material bids for the period of July 1st, 2025 through December 31, 2025:

- Gasoline and diesel fuel should be awarded to Sun Coast Resources, LLC.
- Aviation Fuel – No bid received.
- CRS-2 Asphalt Emulsion should be awarded to Asphalt Products Unlimited and ERGON based upon the best price, availability, hauling, location of job and quantity needed.
- AEP Asphalt Emulsion Prime should be awarded to Asphalt Products Unlimited (only bidder).
- MC-30 Cutback Asphalt should be awarded to Asphalt Products Unlimited and ERGON based upon the best price, availability, hauling, location of job and quantity needed.
- AC-10 Asphalt should be awarded to Asphalt Products Unlimited (only bidder).
- Spiral Metal Culverts – Bid should be awarded to Tri-State, Coburn's and Co-Heir Drainage based upon the best price, availability, hauling, location of job and quantity needed.
- Polyethylene pipe should be awarded to Tri-State, Irrigation Mart, Core and Main, Coburn's and Co-Heir Drainage Products based upon the best price, availability, hauling, location of job and quantity needed.
- Concrete Pipe – Bid should be awarded to Core and Main, Coburn's and Co-Heir Drainage Products based upon the best price, availability, hauling, location of job and quantity needed.
- Hot Mix and Cold Mix – Bid should be awarded to Dreher Contracting, Amethyst Construction and Diamond B based upon the best price, availability, hauling, location of job and quantity needed.
- Maintenance rock, oversize rock, clay gravel, fill sand, pea gravel, and concrete sand should be awarded to Arkansas Gravel, Standard Gravel, R.E. Bentz, Ivy Brothers and Marco Farms, LLC based upon the best price, availability, hauling, location of job and quantity needed.
- Crushed concrete should be awarded to L.J. Haddox & Sons (only bidder).
- Granite rock should be awarded to R. E. Bentz, Inc. – only bidder.
- Leachate Collection Sand – No bid was received for Leachate Collection Sand.
- Daily alternative cover for landfill should be awarded to Space Savers and Enviro Services, LLC based upon the best price, availability, hauling, location of job and quantity needed.
Bid for alternative cover is for the period of July 1st, 2025 through June 30th, 2026.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Wade, seconded by Mr. Bridges to enter into a Polling Place Lease Agreement with North Union Fire District. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Ford to authorize travel for the Registrar of Voter and the Chief Deputy to attend the following events: Annual Election Academy in Baton Rouge on July 16th and July 17th; ROV Association Summer Workshop in St. Martinville on July 29th and July 30th. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mrs. Abercrombie, seconded by Mr. Wade to approve the use of the Courthouse parking lot on August 1st, 2025 for a fundraiser for Elizabeth Futch. Motion carried unanimously.

Recommendations from the Road Committee

The Road Committee was unable to meet due to a lack of a quorum.

Recommendations from the Finance Committee

Mr. Wade reported that the Finance Committee met earlier at 3:00 PM. The Finance Committee has four recommendations.

Motion Mr. Wade, seconded by Mrs. Abercrombie to approve travel for the Justices of the Peace and Constables to attend the conference in Shreveport. Conference starts at noon on September 24th and ends on September 25th. Travel is approved for those Justices of the Peace and Constables who did not attend the conference in Lake Charles. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Wade, seconded by Mr. Holley to approve a pay increase for Larry Davis. Mr. Davis has been promoted to a heavy equipment operator. Mr. Davis' pay will increase from \$15 to \$16 effective July 7th, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Wade, seconded by Mr. Hobbs to approve a \$2,000 donation to Zion's Community Outreach Ministries for the purchase of backpacks and school supplies to be given to the needy. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Wade, seconded by Mr. Bridges to lower the minimum balance transfer threshold to 3.25 million (Landfill to Road). Motion carried unanimously.

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

Third Judicial District Judge Bruce Hampton addressed the jury regarding the temporary relocation. Judge Hampton thanked the Police Jury for the relocation process. Court is being held at the Annex until the Detention Center Visitors Building can be wired for video and sound. Judge Hampton said there have been no issues so far with court being held at the Annex. Judge Hampton thanked the jurors, Mrs. Strickland, Mr. Fields and the rest of the maintenance department for the relocation process. Judge Hampton also thanked Lisa Ford and Leslie Burke their efforts as well.

There being no further business to come before the Jury, the President declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Mrs. Abercrombie, seconded by Mr. Ford on this the 1st day of July, 2025.

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

s/ Glenn Hutto
Glenn Hutto, President
Union Parish Police Jury