## DETENTION CENTER COMMISSION MINUTES OF MEETING July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025

The Detention Center Commission met this date at 3:30 P.M. in the Union Parish Police Jury meeting room, Union Parish Courthouse Annex, Farmerville, Louisiana. Present were: Glenn Hutto (Union Parish Police Jury President), Nathan Pilgreen (Union Parish Police Jury) and Sheriff Dusty Gates (Union Parish Sheriff). Absent: John Belton (Union Parish District Attorney) and Chief Bim Coulbertson (Farmerville Chief of Police). Also present: Warden Adams.

Sheriff Gates called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Mr. Pilgreen led the group in prayer. Roll call was taken. Sheriff Gates asked if anyone in the audience would like to register for public comment to speak.

Motion made by Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Hutto and declared adopted by unanimous vote to approve the agenda.

Motion made by Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Hutto to approve the minutes of the March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025 meeting.

## TWP Director Report

Victoria Dorgan, TWP Director, presented a TWP report.

- 56 Active Work Release Inmates
- Trash Guys 4 Work Release Inmates
- PSSI (S Force Sanitation) 8 Work Release Inmates
- UPPJ 2 Work Release Inmates
- House of Raeford 28
- Marine -4
- Fayette 10

## Warden's Report

Donnie Adams, UPDC Warden, presented a brief report.

- DOC inmates 250
- Pretrial inmates 133
- Females 16
- Profit received for Commissary, Phone Cards and Video Visitation

## Financial Report

The Secretary/Treasurer presented a six (6) months financial report.

- Cash in bank balance
- Investment account balance
- DOC Income
- TWP Income
- Materials/Supplies Large amount spent due to building maintenance
- Computer/IT Large amount spent due to new computers and additional IT work needed
- Training Employees attending more training

A brief discussion was held regarding the UPDC liaison position. Warden Adams said that it has been several years since he has had any contact with Johnny Creed regarding his capacity as liaison. Motion Mr. Hutto, seconded by Mr. Pilgreen to terminate the liaison position held by Johnny Creed. Motion carried with the following vote:

Hutto Yes to terminate Pilgreen Yes to terminate

Gates No Vote

Motion carried with a vote of two to terminate and one no vote.

No action was taken on the NCIC Correctional Communications Subscriber Agreement.

Motion Mr. Hutto and seconded by Mr. Pilgreen for the Commission to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation. Roll call vote: YEAS 3, NAYS 0, ABSENT 2.

Motion made by Mr. Pilgreen and seconded by Mr. Hutto for the Commission to come out of executive session and to return to the meeting; no action taken in executive session. Roll call vote: YEAS 3, NAYS 0, ABSENT 2.

Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Hutto to authorize the law firm of Gold Weems to negotiate a potential resolution with HomeWav for the non-exclusive use of their equipment. Motion carried unanimously.

A brief discussion was held regarding the Assistant Warden position. Warden Adams is recommending Captain Tiara Banks for the position. Captain Banks has eleven (11) years' worth of experience in the correction field with half of those years at the Union Parish Detention Center. Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Hutto to promote Tiara Banks to the Deputy Warden position with a yearly salary of \$60,000 effective July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025. This is a salaried position and Mrs. Banks will not receive overtime. Motion carried unanimously.

In accordance with Union Parish Police Jury Ordinance 549, time for public comment was given. No public comments were made.

There being no further business to come before the commission, Sheriff Gates declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Mr. Hutto, seconded by Mr. Pilgreen, on this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2025.

Sheriff Dusty Gates, Chairman Paula Strickland, Secretary/Treasurer