

## **REGULAR MEETING UNION PARISH POLICE JURY**

**Farmerville, Louisiana  
August 5<sup>th</sup>, 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, Glenn Hutto, Ben Bridges, Russell Wade, Jeremy Hobbs, Brenda Abercrombie and Andrew 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. Holley offered the invocation and Mr. Bridges 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 recognized a few special guests in attendance: Former Police Juror, Johnny Buckley, his wife Jeanette and granddaughter.

**Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Bridges and declared adopted by unanimous vote of the Jury to approve the agenda with the following addition:**

**#17 – Discuss and take action, if necessary, regarding a 15 MPH speed limit on Civic Club Road.**

**Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Ford to adopt the minutes of the July 1<sup>st</sup> and July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 meetings. Motion carried unanimously.**

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

**President Glenn Hutto authorized the payment and distribution of the 2024-2025 Two Percent (2%) Fire Protection Rebate checks based on the parish's population as compiled by the Louisiana State University and Agriculture and Mechanical College Agriculture Center, Department of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness. For the districts that had a representative attending this meeting, the representative was given the district's check by the juror representing the fire district. The amounts of the checks are shown below:**

<b>Fire Protection District</b>	<b>LA 2% Rebate</b>
Junction City Volunteer Fire Department	\$5,957.06
Lillie Volunteer Fire Department	\$1,888.75
Spearsville Volunteer Fire Department	\$9,860.02
Ward 5 Volunteer Fire Department	\$19,121.30

Farmerville Volunteer Fire Department	\$33,194.42
Marion Volunteer Fire Department	\$4,975.89
Bernice Volunteer Fire Department	\$17,008.49
Rocky Branch/Crossroads	\$10,702.56
Spencer-West Sterlington Volunteer Fire Department	\$5,397.16
Northeast Union Fire District	\$16,982.16
North Union Fire District	\$5,239.18
Sadie-Tiger Bend Fire District	\$14,494.02
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$144,821.01</b>

**Motion Mr. Holley, seconded by Mr. Moses to grant a Quietus on the 2024 Tax Roll.  
Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Wade, seconded by Mr. Bridges to hire Chad Higginbotham for full-time employment at the Road Department with his time being counted back to his original hire date of May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025. His full-time status is effective August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025 and at that time he is eligible for all police jury benefits including retirement, insurance, vacation, sick leave and holiday. Motion carried unanimously.**

**No action taken on the full-time employment of Jory Hudson.**

**The following resolution was introduced by Mr. Wade and seconded by Mr. Holley:**



**UNION PARISH RESOLUTION 2025 - 006  
ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH STATE OF  
LOUISIANA OFF SYSTEM BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the Code of Federal Regulations, as enacted by the United States Congress, mandates that all structures defined as bridges located on all public roads shall be inspected, rated for safe load capacity, and posted in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards, and that an inventory of these bridges be maintained by each state; and

**WHEREAS**, the responsibility to inspect, rate, and load post those bridges under the authority of Union Parish, in accordance with those Standards, is delegated by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to Union Parish.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the governing authority of Union Parish, Louisiana, convened in Regular Session on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of August, that it does hereby certify to

the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) that for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026:

1. The Parish will perform all interim inspections on all parish-owned or maintained bridges in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards and Specifications for the National Bridge Inventory;
2. All bridges owned or maintained by the Parish will be structurally analyzed and rated by the Parish as to the safe load capacity in accordance with the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Manual for Bridge Evaluation. The load posting information that has been determined by DOTD for all bridges where the maximum legal load under Louisiana State Law exceeds the load permitted under the operating rating as determined above will be critically reviewed by the Parish. Load posting information will be updated by the Parish to reflect all structural changes, any obsolete structural ratings, or any missing structural ratings;
3. All Parish-owned or maintained bridges which require load posting or closing will be load posted or closed in accordance with the table in the DOTD Load Rating Directives. All DOTD supplied load posting information concerning a bridge has been critically reviewed by the Parish Engineer prior to load posting; and
4. All bridges owned or maintained by the Parish are shown on the attached list in the format specified by the DOTD. Corrections to data supplied to the Parish by the DOTD are noted.
5. All bridges owned and maintained by the Parish are accessible to DOTD for all routine bridge inspections. Parish will clear vegetation as required upon DOTD request.

These stipulations are prerequisites to participation by the Parish in the Off-System Bridge Replacement Program.

Roll Call 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			
A.J. Ford, JR.	x			

**WHEREUPON**, the motion was declared duly adopted by unanimous vote of the Jury this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2025.

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

*s/ Glenn Hutto*  
**GLENN HUTTO**  
**PRESIDENT**  
**UNION PARISH POLICE JURY**

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**STATE OF LOUISIANA**  
**PARISH OF UNION**

I, **Paula H. Strickland**, Secretary/Treasurer of the Police Jury of Union Parish, Louisiana, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of one (1) motion adopted by the Union Parish Police Jury in regular session on August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at which meeting a quorum was present. Given under my official Signature and Seal of Office on this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2025.

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

Recommendations from the Finance Committee  
Mr. Wade reported that the Finance Committee met earlier at 3:00 PM. The Finance Committee has one recommendation.

**Motion Mr. Wade, seconded by Mr. Bridges to charge a monthly rental fee of \$250 for the T-hangers at the Union Parish Airport. Motion carried unanimously.**

Recommendations from the Personnel Committee  
Mr. Pilgreen reported that the Personnel Committee met earlier at 3:30 PM. The Personnel Committee has one recommendation.

**Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Holley to move Alan Ates to District 1 Supervisor at an hourly rate of \$27.00 and Scott Williams to Road Superintendent at an annual salary of \$66,560. Motion carried unanimously.**

Recommendations from the Landfill Committee  
Mr. Bridges reported that the Landfill Committee met earlier at 3:45 PM. The Landfill Committee has four recommendations.

**Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mrs. Abercrombie to adopt a Landfill Contract for all dumpers and container rental customers. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mrs. Abercrombie to adopt the Landfill Charge Account Policy. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Moses to purchase a Heated 500 Gallon Pressure Washer Trailer from EnviroServices to be used at the Landfill. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Moses to reclassify James Greg Hand and Harvey Ellis as Heavy Equipment Operators and adjust their pay accordingly. Motion carried unanimously.**

Recommendations from the Road Committee

Mr. Holley reported that the Road Committee met earlier at 4:45 PM. The Road Committee has three recommendations.

**Motion Mr. Holley, seconded by Mr. Bridges to roll forward the Off System Bridge money that was allocated by DOTD. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Holley, seconded by Mr. Bridges to approve the Preliminary Plat and Roadway Plan for Cypress Cove Subdivision based on the recommendation of Paul Riley. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Holley, seconded by Mr. Wade to approve the priority lists for 2026, 2027 and 2028 as presented to the Road Committee by Paul Riley. *Mr. Hobbs asked the following: "who came up with the Priority List and picked all of the roads."* Motion carried with a vote of 8 to 1. Mrs. Abercrombie opposed.**

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

#### **ORDINANCE # 984**

#### **AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE SPEED LIMIT OF 15 MILES PER HOUR ON CIVIC CLUB ROAD (100 FEET BEFORE FIRST CAMP TO THE END OF THE 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 Civic Club Road (100 feet before first camp to the end of the road), shall not exceed 15 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 5<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2025.

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

*s/ Glenn Hutto*  
**GLENN HUTTO**  
**PRESIDENT**  
**UNION PARISH POLICE JURY**

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

Linda Hammett, 291 Antley Road, Downs ville, addressed the Jury regarding Rocky Branch Road. Mrs. Hammett presented a petition asking the Jury to make it a priority to properly repair and maintain Rocky Branch Road.

**There being no further business to come before the Jury, the President declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Wade on this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2025.**

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

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