

**DETENTION CENTER COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
January 20th, 2026**

The Detention Center Commission met this date at 5:00 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: Chief Bim Coulbertson (Farmerville Chief of Police) and John Belton (Union Parish District Attorney). Also present: Warden Adams and Victoria Dorgan (Union Parish Transitional Work Program Director).

Election of Officers

Motion Mr. Hutto, seconded by Mr. Pilgreen to re-appoint Sheriff Dusty Gates as the UPDC Commission Chairman. There were no other nominations and Sheriff Dusty Gates was declared the Chairman.

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 as written.

Motion made by Mr. Hutto, seconded by Mr. Pilgreen to adopt the minutes of the October 21st, 2025 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The Secretary/Treasurer presented the proposed 2026 Union Parish Detention Center budget and the proposed 2025 amended budget. The budget was presented to the Union Parish Police Jury Finance Committee on December 2nd, 2025. The Union Parish Police Jury adopted the budgets as a whole on December 30th, 2025, but the Union Parish Detention Center Commission must also adopt the Detention Center Budget. The Secretary/Treasurer reported that the DOC/state income and TWP income are based on analyzing revenues and expenses from previous years and on what has been generated for the year 2025. The following items were discussed as it related to the budget preparation:

- Cash in bank at the end of 2025
- Investment account balance
- State funds
- TWP income increased from budgeted amount in 2025
- Explanation of revenue accounts
- New line item for Deputy Warden salary
- Professional (Folden & Company) TWP accounting increase
- AT&T fiber increase
- 7% health insurance increase
- Food increase
- Work release payment
- Potential Police Jury transfer
- Overtime for 2025

A lengthy discussion was held regarding an increase in accounting fees from Kenneth Folden & Company CPA's. A conference call was held earlier between the Secretary/Treasurer, Alayna Huckaby and Jake

Folden. Mrs. Huckaby stated that when they started the accounting for the TWP program there was only 15 participants. The number of participants has increased to approximately 70. Mrs. Huckaby informed the Secretary/Treasurer that they have hired additional employees to help with the workload. Mrs. Huckaby stated that the fees will now be based on the average number of inmates per month at \$190 per inmate. The monthly room and board revenue per inmate is approximately \$1,400.

Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Hutto to accept the 2026 proposed operating budget for the Detention Center and the 2025 proposed amended budget for the Detention Center. Motion carried unanimously.

Warden's Comments.

Warden Adams reported on the following:

- DOC inmates – 267
- Pretrial inmates – 137
- Commissary, phone cards and HomeWAV profit for the month

TWP Director's Comments.

Mrs. Dorgan reported on the following:

- TWP Workers 75
- S4 sanitation – 5
- Trash Guys – 5
- UPPJ – 3
- HOR – 52
- Marine – 2
- Fayette – 7
- Benoit Ford - 1

Motion made by Mr. Pilgreen and seconded by Mr. Hutto for the Commission to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel/security issues and 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.

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. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Hutto, on this the 20th day of January, 2026.

**Sheriff Dusty Gates, Chairman
Paula Strickland, Secretary/Treasurer**