

REGULAR MEETING UNION PARISH POLICE JURY

Farmerville, Louisiana

March 10th, 2026

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, Jeremy Hobbs, Brenda Abercrombie and Andrew Ford, Jr. Absent: Glenn Hutto. Also present was James Buckley, Assistant District Attorney. The Vice-President called the session to order and welcomed all guests. Mr. Bridges offered the invocation and Mrs. Abercrombie 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.

The Secretary/Treasurer made the following announcement:

“Notice is hereby given that at its meeting to be held on Tuesday, April 14, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at its regular meeting place, the Police Jury Meeting Room of the Courthouse Annex, 303 E. Water Street, Farmerville, Louisiana, the Police Jury of the Parish of Union, State of Louisiana, plans to consider adopting a resolution ordering and calling an election to be held in the Parish of Union, State of Louisiana to authorize the levy of ad valorem taxes therein.”

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

Motion Mr. Wade, seconded by Mr. Ford to adopt the minutes of the February 10th, 2026 regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The Secretary/Treasurer presented the Budget to Actual Revenue and Expense report for the month of February. All financial information was emailed on March 3rd for review prior to the meeting. The Secretary/Treasurer reported on the following:

- Three interfund transfers
 - \$25,000 – Bridge appropriation
 - \$500,000 – Road maintenance appropriation
 - \$250,000 – Landfill operation appropriation
- Revenues collected for General Fund
- Road Maintenance expenditures
 - Equipment repairs
 - Equipment purchased
 - Materials/supplies purchased
- Sales tax collections
- Tipping/Container fees

Motion Mr. Wade, seconded by Mr. Moses to adopt the Revenue and Expenditures Report for the month of February. Motion carried unanimously.

The Secretary/Treasurer presented a budget amendment request in the amount of \$85,445.29. The amount would come from Tipping Fees (Fund 13) and be deposited to the General Fund (Fund 01) and then to the Capital Improvement Fund (Fund 06). The Capital Improvement Fund is short \$85,445.29 for the Union Parish Courthouse HVAC Repair Project. The Secretary/Treasurer presented a spreadsheet that detailed the expenditures for the project. The Secretary/Treasurer reported that \$98,969.77 has been spent out of the General Fund. **Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Moses to approve the requested budget amendment in the amount of \$85,445.29. Funds to be moved from Fund 13 to Fund 01 and then to Fund 06. Motion carried unanimously.**

Jody Broussard addressed the jury regarding orphan and abandoned wells in Louisiana. Mr. Broussard gave a brief overview on the following:

- Current scope and acceleration of the orphan well issue in Louisiana as well as Union Parish
- Presented key findings from LSU Center for Energy Studies
- Urged residents to contact their legislators regarding grant funds to fund the orphan well project

No action taken.

Motion Mr. Moses, seconded by Mr. Hobbs to issue a Certificate of Substantial Completion to Mechanical Systems & Services, LLC for the Union Parish Courthouse HVAC Project. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mrs. Abercrombie, seconded by Mr. Ford to approve the request from the Union Parish Tourist Commission to reappoint the following:

- **Joseph Cusimano for a one-year term – term ending 12/31/26**
- **Judith Tabor for a four-year term – term ending 12/31/29**
- **Earl Roberts for a four-year term – term ending 12/31/29**

Motion carried unanimously.

A brief discussion was held regarding authorizing the Secretary/Treasurer to advertise for the partial closure of Alton Auger Road at the intersection of Dollar-Reppond Road and Alton Auger Road. **Motion Mrs. Abercrombie, seconded by Mr. Moses to authorize the Secretary/Treasurer to advertise for the partial closure of Alton Auger Road at the intersection of Dollar-Reppond Road and Alton Auger Road. During the discussion phase, Mr. Pilgreen stated that a discussion was held in the back earlier during the Road Committee. Mr. Pilgreen has spoken with the other land owner and Mr. Pilgreen stated that the other land owner is not interested in closing that portion of the road.**

Motion carried with the following Roll Call Vote:

	Yes to advertise	No to not advertise	Absent
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		

The Secretary/Treasurer calculated the votes. Motion carried with six in favor, two against and one absent.

A brief discussion was held regarding Senator Cassidy’s FY2027 Appropriations request form. The Secretary/Treasurer stated that last year the jury applied for a Homeland Security Warehouse that would hold a conference room as well as several offices. The offices would house someone from 911, sanitation and UPPJ building official. The project is shelf ready. The Secretary/Treasurer stated that this is still an urgent need for the community. **Motion Mr. Wade, seconded by Mr. Bridges to resubmit the “Union Parish Police Jury – Homeland Security EOC Operations Center Project” for the Senator Cassidy FY2027 appropriations request. Motion carried unanimously.**

Recommendations from the Landfill Committee

Mr. Bridges reported that the Landfill Committee met at 4:00 PM and have two recommendations.

Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mrs. Abercrombie to hire Lyle Equipment to repair the Tanna Compactor’s AC system and relocate the condenser in the amount of \$4,300. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Pilgreen to hire Koorsen Fire & Security to recharge the fire suppression system in the Tanna compactor in the amount of \$5,300. Motion carried unanimously.

Recommendations from the Road Committee

Mr. Holley reported that the Road Committee met at 5:00 PM and do not have any recommendations.

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

There being no further business to come before the Jury, the Vice-President declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Mr. Wade, seconded by Mrs. Abercrombie on this the 10th day of March, 2026.

s/ Paula Strickland

**Paula Strickland, Secretary/Treasurer
Union Parish Police Jury**

s/ Mike Holley

**Mike Holley, Vice-President
Union Parish Police Jury**