

## REGULAR MEETING UNION PARISH POLICE JURY

Farmerville, Louisiana

April 14<sup>th</sup>, 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, Glenn Hutto, Ben Bridges, Russell Wade, Jeremy Hobbs, Brenda Abercrombie and Andrew Ford, Jr. Absent: None. Also present was James Buckley, Assistant District Attorney. The President called the session to order and welcomed all guests. Mr. Ford offered the invocation and Mr. Pilgreen 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.

Mr. Moses addressed the public regarding utilizing the Betty Street Community Center once a month as a flea market. Booth space would be rented out and individuals could sell home made goods as well as craft items. Mr. Moses also suggested the inmates growing and selling produce.

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

**Motion Mr. Moses, seconded by Mr. Ford to adopt the minutes of the March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026 regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.**

Veronica Evans, Section 8 Director, presented a Utility Allowance Schedule prepared by RKB2 Consultants in Abilene, Texas which compares various utility rates in Union Parish. The process involves collecting necessary data from electric, gas and water companies, which service Union Parish in order to compute the utility allowance schedules for single family houses, mobile homes and apartments. If a ten (10%) variance is determined compared to the previous year rates, a new study is completed. **Motion Mr. Wade, seconded by Mr. Moses to accept the rate study prepared by RKB2 Consultants. Motion carried with Mr. Pilgreen abstaining.**

A discussion was held regarding the in-lieu millage. Mr. Wade addressed the Jury and stated that the Jurors will have to get out and educate the public on the millage. He emphasized that if the millage does not pass, then there will be no money for road work. Mr. Wade explained that a loss of approximately two million dollars from the road budget would effectively eliminate the road department. He provided an example, noting that in the event of a washed-out culvert, there would be no funds available for repairs. Instead, the road would have to be closed and a detour established.

He further stated that the only alternative method to fund the road department would be through a sales tax; however, the parish is already at a 12% sales tax rate. Increasing the sales tax further could negatively impact local businesses and discourage economic growth.

Mr. Wade urged jurors to visit their respective communities to explain the millage and ensure that residents understand its purpose and impact.

Additionally, Mr. Wade remarked that the previous failure of the millage renewal, though significant, ultimately provided valuable feedback. He stated that the outcome made it clear that the public expects a different approach, which is reflected in the proposed in-lieu millage. He emphasized that the new structure is designed to be fair across all districts.

The Union Parish Police Jury is not the problem when it comes to high taxes. The jury receives 10 to 15 percent of the taxes. The jury is expected to keep up 1000 miles of road, all government buildings, fund the District Attorney, fund the Sheriff's Office, etc. The money is not there.

Mrs. Abercrombie stated that she agrees with what Mr. Wade is saying, and that the new proposal is great, but she has to do what her people want that voted for her. She stated that when her constituents call her, she will ask them to look at what amounts went to schools, hospitals, roads, etc. But she has to vote the way her constituents ask her to.

Mr. Hobbs said that he is also voting the way his constituents want him to.

**The following resolution was offered by Mr. Pilgreen and seconded by Mr. Bridges:**

#### **RESOLUTION 2026-001**

A resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in the Parish of Union, State of Louisiana, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein, making application to the State Bond Commission, and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Police Jury of the Parish of Union, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Union, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), that:

**SECTION 1. Election Call.** Subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission, and under the authority conferred by the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, including Article VI, Section 26 thereof, the applicable provisions of the Louisiana Election Code, and other constitutional and statutory authority, a special election is hereby called and ordered to be held in the Parish on **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2026**, between the hours of six o'clock (6:00) a.m. and eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, and at the said election there shall be submitted to all registered voters qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and laws of this State and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

#### **PROPOSITION (IN-LIEU MILLAGE)**

Shall the Parish of Union, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), levy a 12 mills tax on all property subject to taxation in the Parish (an estimated \$2,173,000 reasonably expected to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2027 and ending with the year 2036, with the revenues therefrom to be used for the purpose of constructing, improving and maintaining public roads and bridges throughout Union Parish, Louisiana, said tax to be in lieu of and completely replace (i) a 5.13 mills tax and (ii) a 6.15 mills tax authorized to be levied pursuant to an election held on December 10, 2016?

**SECTION 2. Publication of Notice of Election.** A Notice of Special Election shall be published in the official journal of the Parish once a week for four consecutive weeks, with the first publication to be made not less than forty-five (45) days nor more than ninety (90) days prior to the date of the election, which Notice shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as "Exhibit A" and incorporated herein by reference the same as if it were set forth herein in full.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, prior to the publication of the Notice of Election, the President is authorized and directed to make any amendments to the foregoing propositions that may be required to comply with any state or federal regulatory agencies.

**SECTION 3. Canvass.** This Governing Authority shall meet at its regular meeting place, the Police Jury Meeting Room of the Courthouse Annex, 303 E. Water Street, Farmerville, Louisiana, on **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2026, at 6:00 P.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election.

**SECTION 4. Polling Places.** The polling places for the precincts in the Parish are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, will be the same persons as those designated in accordance with law.

**SECTION 5. Election Commissioners; Voting Machines.** The officers designated to serve as Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners pursuant to Section 4 hereof, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, shall hold the said special election as herein provided, and shall make due returns of said election for the meeting of the Governing Authority to be held as provided in Section 3 hereof. All registered voters in the Parish will be entitled to vote at the special election, and voting machines shall be used.

**SECTION 6. Authorization of Officers.** The Secretary-Treasurer of the Governing Authority is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to arrange for and to furnish to said election officers in ample time for the holding of said election, the necessary equipment, forms and other paraphernalia essential to the proper holding of said election and the President and/or Secretary-Treasurer of the Governing Authority are further authorized, empowered and directed to take any and all further action required by State and/or Federal law to arrange for the election.

**SECTION 7. Furnishing Election Call to Election Officials.** Certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, the Clerk of Court and *Ex-Officio* Parish Custodian of Voting Machines of Union Parish and the Registrar of Voters of Union Parish, as notification of the special election, in order that each may prepare for said election and perform their respective functions as required by law.

**SECTION 8. Application to State Bond Commission.** Application is made to the State Bond Commission for consent and authority to hold the special election as herein provided, and in the event said election carries for further consent and authority to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein. A certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the State Bond Commission on behalf of this Governing Authority, together with a letter requesting the prompt consideration and approval of this application.

**SECTION 9. Employment of Counsel.** This Governing Authority finds and determines that a real necessity exists for the employment of special counsel on matters related to the special election, and accordingly, Foley & Judell, L.L.P., is hereby employed as special counsel for said purpose for a term not exceeding one (1) year from the date of this resolution. The fee to be paid said special counsel shall be an amount computed at hourly rate based on the Attorney General's then current Maximum Hourly Fee

Schedule, not to exceed \$2,000 in the aggregate, together with reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses, and payment for the work herein specified is hereby approved without further action of this Governing Authority as and when invoices are presented. The scope of this legal representation does not involve federal claims.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Moses, Pilgreen, Holley, Hutto, Bridges, Wade and Ford

NAYS: Hobbs and Abercrombie

ABSENT: None

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026.

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

s/ Glenn Hutto  
Glenn Hutto  
President  
Union Parish Police Jury

EXHIBIT "A"

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION**

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Police Jury of the Parish of Union, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Union, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), on April 14, 2026, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held within the Parish on **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2026**, and that at the said election there will be submitted to all registered voters in the Parish qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

**PROPOSITION  
(IN-LIEU MILLAGE)**

Shall the Parish of Union, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), levy a 12 mills tax on all property subject to taxation in the Parish (an estimated \$2,173,000 reasonably expected to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year ), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2027 and ending with the year 2036, with the revenues therefrom to be used for the purpose of constructing, improving and maintaining public roads and bridges throughout Union Parish, Louisiana, said tax to be in lieu of and completely replace (i) a 5.13 mills tax and (ii) a 6.15 mills tax authorized to be levied pursuant to an election held on December 10, 2016?

The said special election will be held at each and every polling place in the Parish, which polls will open at six o'clock (6:00) a.m. and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541.

The polling places at the precincts in the Parish are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law.

The estimated cost of this election as determined by the Secretary of State based upon the provisions of Chapter 8-A of Title 18 and actual costs of similar elections is \$5,700.

Notice is further given that a portion of the monies collected from the tax described in the Proposition shall be remitted to certain state and statewide retirement systems in the manner required by law.

The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, as provided in this Notice of Special Election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, will make due returns thereof to said Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, the Police Jury Meeting Room of the Courthouse Annex, 303 E. Water Street, Farmerville, Louisiana, on **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2026, at 6:00 P.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election. All registered voters of the Parish are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used.

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### CERTIFICATE

#### STATE OF LOUISIANA PARISH OF UNION

I, the undersigned Secretary-Treasurer of the Police Jury of the Parish of Union, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), the governing authority of the Parish of Union, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), do hereby certify that the foregoing pages constitute a true and correct copy of the proceedings taken by the Governing Authority on April 14, 2026, ordering and calling a special election to be held in the Parish of Union, State of Louisiana, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein, making application to the State Bond Commission, and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature at Farmerville, Louisiana, on this, the 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026.

*s/ Paula H. Strickland*  
**Paula H. Strickland**  
**Secretary/Treasurer**

**The following resolution was offered by Mr. Bridges and seconded by Mr. Ford:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-002**

A RESOLUTION OF THE UNION PARISH POLICE JURY AUTHORIZING GLENN HUTTO, PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL AGREEMENTS AND DOCUMENTS WITH THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT – OFFICE OF MULTIMODAL COMMERCE ON PERTAINING TO THE UNION PARISH AIRPORT

**WHEREAS**, the Union Parish Police Jury, as the governing body responsible for the operation and management of Union Parish Airport, seeks to ensure the efficient execution of official agreements and documents necessary for airport operations, development, and funding; and

**WHEREAS**, such documents include, but are not limited to, applications, grant agreements, capital improvement plans, local funding matches, enrollment forms, and other related documents required for state programs; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the Union Parish Police Jury to designate a qualified individual to act on its behalf to execute such agreements and documents to facilitate timely and effective administration of airport-related activities; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE UNION PARISH POLICE JURY:**

1. **Authorization:** That **GLENN HUTTO** is hereby authorized and empowered to act as the official representative of the Union Parish Police Jury to execute, on its behalf, all necessary agreements, supplemental agreements, project applications, sponsor certifications, local funding matches, enrollment and certification forms, and other related documents required for the operation, maintenance, and development of Union Parish Airport.
2. **Scope of Authority:** The authority granted herein includes the ability to sign, submit, and certify the accuracy and completeness of all such documents, ensuring compliance with applicable state and local regulations.
3. **Effective Date:** This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and shall remain in effect for one year or until revoked or modified by subsequent action of the Union Parish Police Jury.
4. **Notification:** The Union Parish Police Jury shall provide an original of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and Development – Office of Multimodal Commerce, as required, to confirm Glenn Hutto’s authority to act on behalf of the Union Parish Police Jury.

**ADOPTED this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026, by the Union Parish Police Jury with the following vote:**

YEAS: Moses, Pilgreen, Holley, Hutto, Bridges, Wade, Hobbs, Abercrombie and Ford  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None

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

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

**ATTEST:**

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

**The following resolution was offered by Mr. Holley and seconded by Mr. Ford:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-003**

A RESOLUTION OF THE UNION PARISH POLICE JURY AUTHORIZING GLENN HUTTO, PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL AGREEMENTS AND DOCUMENTS WITH THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT – PERTAINING TO WHITE OAK LANE OVER EDMONDS CREEK

**WHEREAS**, the Union Parish Police Jury, as the governing body responsible for the operation and management of Union Parish, seeks to ensure the efficient execution of official agreements and documents necessary for development and funding; and

**WHEREAS**, such documents include, but are not limited to, applications, grant agreements, capital improvement plans, local funding matches, enrollment forms, and other related documents required for state programs; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the Union Parish Police Jury to designate a qualified individual to act on its behalf to execute such agreements and documents to facilitate timely and effective administration of activities; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE UNION PARISH POLICE JURY:**

5. **Authorization:** That **GLENN HUTTO** is hereby authorized and empowered to act as the official representative of the Union Parish Police Jury to execute, on its behalf, all necessary agreements, supplemental agreements, project applications, sponsor certifications, local funding matches, enrollment and certification forms, and any other related documents.
6. **Scope of Authority:** The authority granted herein includes the ability to sign, submit, and certify the accuracy and completeness of all such documents, ensuring compliance with applicable state and local regulations.
7. **Effective Date:** This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and shall remain in effect for one year or until revoked or modified by subsequent action of the Union Parish Police Jury.
8. **Notification:** The Union Parish Police Jury shall provide an original of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and Development, as required, to confirm Glenn Hutto's authority to act on behalf of the Union Parish Police Jury.

**ADOPTED this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026, by the Union Parish Police Jury with the following vote:**

YEAS: Moses, Pilgreen, Holley, Hutto, Bridges, Wade, Hobbs, Abercrombie and Ford  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None

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

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

**ATTEST:**

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

**The following ordinance was introduced by Mr. Ford and seconded by Mr. Bridges:**

**ORDINANCE # 993**

**AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE POLLING PLACE FOR  
PRECINCT 17 (WARD 5 FIRE DEPARTMENT)**

**WHEREAS,** The Union Parish Police Jury is required to maintain polling places in said Parish,

**WHEREAS**, the Ward 5 Fire Station located at 11616 Highway 15 is no longer assessable due to the relocation of the fire station,

**NOWHEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the **UNION PARISH POLICE JURY**, acting as the Governing Authority of Union Parish, Louisiana that the following place be changed:

Precinct 17 (Ward 5 Fire Department) at 11616 Highway 15 **to** Ward 5 Fire Department at 11314 Highway 15, Downsville, Louisiana 71234

The foregoing ordinance was introduced by Mr. Ford, who moved its adoption and duly seconded by Mr. Bridges and was then adopted by the following YEA and NAY vote:

YEAS: Moses, Pilgreen, Holley, Hutto, Bridges, Wade, Hobbs, Abercrombie and Ford  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None

**WHEREUPON**, the foregoing Ordinance was duly adopted this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026.

*s/ Paula H. Strickland*  
Paula H. 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 April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at which meeting a quorum was present. Given under my Official Signature and Seal of Office on this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026.

*s/ Paula H. Strickland*  
**Paula H. Strickland**  
**Secretary/Treasurer**

**Motion Mr. Wade, seconded by Mr. Moses to approve travel for the Jurors and staff to attend Legislative Day in Baton Rouge on April 28<sup>th</sup> and April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.**

Recommendations from the Finance Committee

Mr. Wade reported that the Finance Committee met earlier at 1:00 PM. The Finance Committee has one recommendation.

**Motion Mr. Wade, seconded by Mr. Hobbs to authorize the President to negotiate with Weyerhaeuser for the purchase of Clear Branch Landing and Lonnie King Landing. Motion carried unanimously.**

Recommendations from the Personnel Committee

Mr. Pilgreen reported that the Personnel Committee met earlier at 3:00 PM. The Personnel Committee has three recommendations.

**Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Bridges to adopt the Safety Boot Policy as presented to the Personnel Committee. Motion carried with Pilgreen and Abercrombie opposing.**

**Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Ford to approve the pay increase submitted by the Road Superintendent in the Personnel Committee. Motion carried with Bridges opposing.**

**Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Ford to hire Caleb Dendy for full-time employment at the Landfill with his time being counted back to his original hire date of January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026. His full-time status is effective April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026 and at that time he is eligible for all police jury benefits including retirement, insurance, vacation, sick leave and holiday. Motion carried unanimously.**

Recommendations from the Landfill Committee

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

**Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mrs. Abercrombie to enter into a five-year lease agreement with Green Land & Investments, LLC (Pepper Green) in the amount of \$3,500 per year. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mrs. Abercrombie to authorize the Secretary/Treasurer to advertise for thirty-two (32) front load containers just like the ones that are currently being used at the Landfill. Motion carried unanimously.**

Recommendations from the Road Committee

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

**Motion Mr. Holley, seconded by Mr. Bridges to enter into a ROW agreement with Claiborne Electric for a 100-foot ROW on Betty Street. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Holley, seconded by Mr. Wade to authorize the rental of an Asphalt Paver machine for \$14,000 a month. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Holley, seconded by Mr. Wade to approve the request from Reeves Memorial Hospital with Reeves Memorial Hospital paying for the cost of the materials plus one week rental of the Asphalt Paver machine. Motion carried unanimously.**

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

**There being no further business to come before the Jury, the President declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Moses on this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026.**

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

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