

REGULAR MEETING UNION PARISH POLICE JURY

**Farmerville, Louisiana
August 11th, 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: Nathan Pilgreen, Michael Holley, Glenn Hutto, Ben Bridges, Russell Wade, Jeremy Hobbs, Brenda Abercrombie and Andrew Ford, Jr. Absent: Curtis Moses. 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. Buckley 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.

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

Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Ford to approve the minutes of the July 14th, 2026 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Wade, seconded by Mr. Bridges to adopt the July Financial Report as presented to the Finance Committee earlier. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mrs. Abercrombie to open a public hearing regarding the proposed abandonment of Devayne Road from the Union Parish Police Jury Road System. President Hutto declared the public hearing open and asked the public if they had any comments relating to the road closure. Mrs. Strickland stated that the proposed road abandonment was published three times in the official journal and certified letters sent out to the two adjacent land owners. No further comments were made with regard to the road closure. Motion Mr. Wade, seconded by Mr. Bridges to close the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously. President Hutto declared the public hearing closed.

The following ordinance was introduced by Mr. Holley and duly seconded by Mr. Wade:



ORDINANCE # 997

AN ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO THE UNION PARISH ROAD SYSTEM PROVIDING FOR THE DELETION OF DEVAYNE ROAD.

Pursuant to Public Notice published in *The Banner*, a weekly newspaper published in Farmerville, Union Parish, Louisiana and the Official Journal of the Union Parish Police Jury on

July 23rd, 2026, July 30th, 2026 and August 6th, 2026. Public Hearing was being held by the Union Parish Police Jury at the Police Jury Meeting Room, Courthouse Annex, 303 East Water Street, Farmerville, Louisiana for the purpose of considering whether or not certain road listed in said Public Notice should be deleted from the Union Parish Road System.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Police Jury of Union Parish, Louisiana, convened in Regular Session this 11th day of August, 2026, that the following Ordinance be and the same is hereby adopted:

SECTION 1

The abandonment of Devayne Road, is found to be no longer needed for public purposes and is hereby deleted and removed from the Union Parish Road System.

SECTION 2

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage by the Union Parish Police Jury.

SECTION 3

If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause and/or phrase of this Ordinance or the application thereof is declared unconstitutional, unenforceable or invalid by the valid judgment of any court of competent jurisdiction such unconstitutionality, unenforceability or invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and/or phrases of this Ordinance, since the same would have been enacted by the Union Parish Police Jury without the incorporation in this Ordinance of any such unconstitutional, unenforceable or invalid section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase. To this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared severable.

SECTION 4

All other ordinances, or any parts thereof, which are in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

This above and foregoing Ordinance was introduced by **Mr. Holley** who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by **Mr. Wade** and after having been considered by sections was adopted by sections and as a whole by the following YEA and NAY vote:

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

WHEREUPON, the Ordinance was declared duly adopted this 11th day of August, 2026.

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

s/ Glenn Hutto
GLENN HUTTO
PRESIDENT
UNION PARISH POLICE JURY

2025-2026 Two Percent (2%) Fire Protection Rebate

President Glenn Hutto authorized the payment and distribution of the 2025-2026 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:

Junction City Fire Department	\$ 6,004.42
Lillie Volunteer Fire Department	\$ 1,894.97
Spearsville Volunteer Fire Department	\$ 9,943.01
Ward 5 Volunteer Fire Department	\$19,279.52
Farmerville Volunteer Fire Department	\$33,465.11
Marion Volunteer Fire Department	\$ 5,010.34
Bernice Volunteer Fire Department	\$17,145.65
Rocky Branch/Crossroads Fire Department	\$10,788.42
Spencer/West Sterlington Fire Department	\$ 5,436.37
NE Union Fire Department	\$17,119.02
North Union Fire Department	\$ 5,276.61
Sadie-Tiger Bend Fire Department	\$14,609.42

Motion Mr. Wade, seconded by Mr. Bridges to grant a Quietus on the 2026 Tax Roll. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Ford to hire Anthony Traylor for full-time employment at the Landfill Department with his time being counted back to his original hire date of April 6th, 2026. He has successfully completed his probationary period as of July 6th, 2026. His full-time status is effective August 17th, 2026 and at that time he is eligible for all police jury benefits including retirement, insurance, vacation, sick leave and holiday pay. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Ford to appoint Chris Burch to the Ward 5 Fire Department for a one-year term beginning August 11th, 2026 and ending August 11th, 2027; appoint Terrance Burke to the Ward 5 Fire Department for a two-year term beginning August 11th, 2026 and ending August 11th, 2028. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Hobbs, seconded by Mr. Ford to approve travel for the Registrar of Voters Chief Deputy to attend the 2026 Summer Workshop in Madisonville on August 31st – September 1st, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Ford, seconded by Mr. Wade to approve the request from the Town of Farmerville to use the Courthouse square on October 1st, 2026 for National Night Out. Motion carried unanimously.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Pilgreen and duly seconded by Mr. Hobbs:



UNION PARISH RESOLUTION 2026 - 009

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 11th day of August, that it does hereby certify to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) that for the period of January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2027:

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
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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 11th day of August, 2026.

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

s/ Glenn Hutto
GLENN HUTTO
PRESIDENT
UNION PARISH POLICE JURY

**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 11th, 2026 at which meeting a quorum was present. Given under my official Signature and Seal of Office on this the 11th day of August, 2026.

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

The following ordinance was introduced by Mrs. Abercrombie and seconded by Mr. Ford:



ORDINANCE # 998

**AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE POLLING PLACE FOR
PRECINCT 28 and 28A**

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

WHEREAS, the Spencer Fire Station located at 6439 LA-143, Spencer, Louisiana is no longer eligible to be a voting precinct due to the conditions of the building.

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

Precinct 28 and 28A (Spencer Fire Station at 6439 LA-143, Spencer, Louisiana) **to** Paron Baptist Church, 676 LA-2, Sterlington, Louisiana.

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

YEAS: Pilgreen, Holley, Hutto, Bridges, Wade, Hobbs, Abercrombie and Ford

NAYS:
ABSENT: Moses

WHEREUPON, the foregoing Ordinance was duly adopted this 11th day of August, 2026.

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

s/ Glenn Hutto
Glenn Hutto
President
Union Parish Police Jury

Recommendations from the Finance Committee

Mr. Wade reported that the Finance Committee met earlier at 3:30 PM. The Finance Committee has one (1) recommendation.

Motion Mr. Wade, seconded by Mr. Bridges to transfer \$500,000 from the LNB account to disburse to each district based on the miles of roads in that district; funds to be used for road repairs after the priority list is completed. Motion carried unanimously.

Recommendations from the Road Committee

Mr. Holley reported that the Road Committee met earlier at 4:30 PM. The Road Committee has two (2) recommendations.

Motion Mr. Holley, seconded by Mr. Pilgreen to assist the Town of Farmerville with West Street; Town of Farmerville to pay for the cost of materials and pay for the cost of a spreader if desired. The work will be performed as time permits. Motion carried unanimously.

The following ordinance was introduced by Mr. Holley and duly seconded by Mrs. Abercrombie:



ORDINANCE # 999

AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE SPEED LIMIT OF 25 MILES PER HOUR BEGINNING AT THE INTERSECTION OF GILMORE ROAD/LOCH LOMOND ROAD AND THE INTERSECTION OF LONGFIELD CEMETERY/LOCH LOMOND 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 at the intersection of Gilmore Road/Loch Lomond Road and the intersection of Longfield Cemetery/Loch Lomond Road, shall not exceed 25 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. Holley**, who moved its adoption and duly seconded by **Mrs. Abercrombie** 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 11th day of August, 2026.

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

s/ Glenn Hutto
GLENN HUTTO
PRESIDENT
UNION PARISH POLICE JURY

Recommendations from the Landfill Committee

Mr. Bridges reported that the Landfill Committee met earlier at 5:00 PM. The Landfill Committee has one (1) recommendation.

Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mrs. Abercrombie to implement the following job descriptions for Milas J. Davidson and Alan Ates:

Milas J. Davidson

- **Make sure employees are on time – if they aren't on time, leave early or waste time then employees should be written up**
- **No inmates riding in vehicle just to do errands**
- **Open the gate and close the gate – should be the first one there and the last one to leave**
- **No overtime**
- **Enforce no smoking policy in buildings, vehicles and equipment**
- **Run landfill scales when scale house operator is not there – this includes the operator's lunch, sick and vacation time**
- **Mechanic should get their own parts or equipment as needed. Parts can be ordered by superintendent, but mechanic should get his own parts**
- **Cross training must be done – routes, front load trucks, dozers and packers.**
- **Alternate safety meeting training**
- **Fully focus on the day-to-day operations and keeping Landfill DEQ compliant.**
- **Follow up on equipment being serviced – equipment on the hill should be washed and greased weekly with records; tracks are to be cleared of dirt and trash debris weekly**
- **Spend the large majority of time inside the perimeter of the Landfill**

Alan Ates

- **Oversee drivers and fill in when needed - No exceptions unless Milas is off**
- **Oversee trucks - Trucks must be washed/greased weekly and records kept**
- **Oversee sites - Make sure sites are clean and serviced**
- **Write up drivers that are arriving late and leaving early**
- **Overtime held to a bare minimum – work an 8-hour shift from 7:00 AM until 3:30 PM**
- **Do not allow inmates in the trucks except pick-up or drop-off from UPDC.**
- **Do not allow employees/inmates to waste time sitting in the truck, equipment or building**
- **Do not allow smoking in equipment, trucks or building**
- **Take water samples**
- **Contact customers for non-payments**
- **Prepare reports for monthly meetings (aging report, tonnage reports, number of employees, equipment/route updates, how many tires removed)**
- **Cross train with Milas**
- **Alternate safety meeting training**

Motion carried unanimously.

In accordance with Ordinance 549, time for public comment was given. The following individuals addressed the Jury:

- Larry Reeves (Evergreen Road) addressed the Jury regarding culverts.
- Michelle Bryan (Keep Union Beautiful) addressed the Jury regarding the annual Waterways clean-up day.
- Jackie Hill addressed the Jury regarding silhouettes being placed on the Union Parish Courthouse lawn (this item will be on the September agenda).

There being no further business to come before the Jury, the President declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Mrs. Abercrombie, seconded by Mr. Wade on this the 11th day of August, 2026.

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

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