

**DETENTION CENTER COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
August 11th, 2026**

The Detention Center Commission met this date at 2:00 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: John Belton (Union Parish District Attorney) and Chief Bim Coulbertson (Farmerville Chief of Police). Also present: Warden Adams and Victoria Dorgan (Union Parish Transitional Work Program Director).

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. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Hutto to adopt the minutes of the May 12th, 2026 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

TWP Director's Comments.

Mrs. Dorgan reported on the following:

- TWP Workers - 86
- DG Foods - PSSI – 3
- Trash Guys – 4
- UPPJ – 2
- HOR – 51
- Marine – 2
- Fayette – 9
- HOR Days - 15

Mrs. Dorgan presented a detailed written report outlining the current status of the Work Release Program. The report included information regarding inmates who are currently employed and their respective employers, inmates who are being submitted for employment opportunities, and inmates who are awaiting placement. Mrs. Dorgan stated that she anticipates the work release population will reach approximately 100 inmates by the end of September.

Mrs. Dorgan also shared a photograph of Edward Washington receiving an award from Fayette. Mr. Washington is an inmate who participates in the TWP program and was selected as Employee of the Month for July at the Arcadia facility.

In an email from Kolby Carnett, Mr. Washington was recognized for his outstanding work ethic and positive attitude. Mr. Carnett stated, “Mr. Washington’s relentless dedication to his work has not gone unnoticed. He is one of the first to arrive to work and one of the last to leave. His positive attitude and ability to perform any task with a smile on his face are only a few of the positive traits he possesses. We value the work he does and appreciate you allowing him to work with us.”

Warden’s Comments.

Warden Adams reported on the following:

- DOC inmates – 270
- Pretrial inmates – 138
- Female inmates – 21
- 4 illegals – 2 male and 2 female
- 3 – Stick outs
- Commissary, phone cards and NCIC profit for the month
- Bank account balances

Financial Report.

The Secretary/Treasurer provided the commission members with the following:

- May to July - Revenue and Expense Reports
- May to July - 2026 Overtime Reports
- 2024, 2025 and 2026 Overtime Comparison

The Secretary/Treasurer highlighted the following items in the Revenue and Expense Report:

- DOC income through July 31
- TWP income through July 31
- Food costs
- Professional fees/Audit Fees
- Cash in bank balance
- Investment account balance

Mr. Pilgreen questioned whether any excess funds from Inmate Welfare can be transferred to the UPDC operating fund to offset expenses. Mrs. Strickland stated that a transfer had been done in the past. Funds can be transferred from Inmate Welfare as long as the funds are transferred back to the UPDC operating fund. **Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Hutto to accept the financial report (May – July 2026) and authorize a monthly 25% transfer from Inmate Welfare to the UPDC operating fund (25% of the TWP accounting invoice). Motion carried unanimously.**

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.

Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Hutto to retain Gold, Weems, Bruser, Sues & Rundell as UPDC counsel for *HomeWAV, LLC vs. Union Parish Detention Center, et al – Civil Suit No. C-5424*. Motion carried unanimously.

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

UNION PARISH DETENTION CENTER COMMISSION RESOLUTION 2026-001

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF WARDEN ADAM'S
REASONABLE AND NECESSARY LEGAL FEES IN CONNECTION WITH
*HOMEWAV, LLC V. UNION PARISH DETENTION CENTER, ET AL.,
DOCKET NO. C-52424, 3RD JDC.*
PARISH OF UNION, STATE OF LOUISIANA**

At a duly noticed meeting of the Union Parish Detention Center Commission (the "Commission") held on the 11th day of August, 2026, upon motion duly made and seconded, the following Resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission does not condone or ratify Warden Adams signing the purported 2023 HomeWAV contracts without Commission approval.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, nevertheless, we find that he has been sued in his individual capacity for conduct purportedly arising out of the course and scope of his position as Warden, although the Detention Center believes he acted without authorization in signing the purported 2023 HomeWAV contracts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, accordingly, we find it appropriate, and in furtherance of a public purpose, for the Detention Center to fund Warden Adams' reasonable and necessary legal fees in this litigation based on Warden Adams being sued for conduct purportedly arising out of his position as Warden, subject to the Commission's right to discontinue funding.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED on the 11th day of August, 2026, by the following vote:

YEAS: Pilgreen, Hutto and Gates

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Belton and Coulbertson

s/ Paula H. Strickland
Paula H. Strickland
Secretary/Treasurer
Union Parish Detention Center Commission

s/ Dusty J. Gates
Dusty J. Gates, Sheriff
Chairman
Union Parish Detention Center Commission

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned Secretary of the Union Parish Detention Center Commission, certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Commission at a duly noticed meeting held on the 11th day of August, 2026, at which a quorum was present and voting, and that this Resolution has not been amended, modified, or rescinded and remains in full force and effect.

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

Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Hutto to authorize Gold, Weems, Bruser, Sues & Rundell to discuss with HomeWAV a settlement option with UPDC – which the Union Parish Detention Center Commission will discuss at a later date. Motion carried unanimously.

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 11th day of August, 2026.

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