

REGULAR MEETING UNION PARISH POLICE JURY

Farmerville, Louisiana
September 8th, 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 and Brenda Abercrombie. Absent: Jeremy Hobbs and A.J. Ford, Jr. Also present was James Buckley, Assistant District Attorney. The President called the session to order and welcomed all guests. Mr. Hutto offered the invocation and Mr. Bridges 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.

During recognition time, Mr. Russell Wade reminded everyone of the retirement reception honoring Pat Temple, Registrar of Voters, to be held on September 10, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. in the Union Parish Police Jury Conference Room.

Senator Stewart Cathey and Representative Chris Turner also presented ceremonial checks to the Union Parish Police Jury and Union Parish Clerk of Court Dodi Eubanks. Mrs. Eubanks was presented a \$100,000 check designated for courthouse repairs. The Union Parish Police Jury was presented a check in the amount of \$1,050,000. The funding represented a combined allocation for the purchase of landfill equipment, with the remaining balance designated for needed repairs and improvements to the Union Parish Courthouse.

Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Wade and declared adopted by unanimous vote of the Jury to approve the agenda with the following addition:

- 12. Discuss and take action, if necessary, regarding a 35 MPH speed limit on a portion of Alabama Landing Road**

Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Moses to approve the minutes of the August 11th, 2026 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

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

The following resolution was offered by Mrs. Abercrombie and seconded by Mr. Wade:



UNION PARISH POLICE JURY RESOLUTION 2026-011

WHEREAS, Title 2 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 provides that cities, towns, parishes, and other political subdivisions of this State may separately or jointly acquire, establish, construct, expand, own, lease, control, equip, improve, maintain, operate, regulate, and police airports and landing fields for the use of aircraft; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana, Department of Transportation and Development, Division of Aviation (formerly the LA DOTD-OAPT) is charged by Title 2 with the responsibility for the development of aviation facilities within the State to foster air commerce and to safeguard the interests of those engaged in all phases of the aviation industry and of the general public; and,

WHEREAS, the Union Parish Police Jury hereinafter referred to as “Sponsor”, has completed an FAA and DOTD approved Master Plan, Action Plan, and/or Airport Layout Plan which outlines the specific future development of the Union Parish Airport; and, the Sponsor is desirous of implementing a portion of the approved Plan recommendations which provide for the critically needed improvements as stated below to substantially improve the safety and usability of the Airport, but does not have sufficient funds of its own required for completing the needed improvements; and,

WHEREAS, the LA DOTD, Division of Aviation is authorized by Title 2 to expend funds for the construction or enlargement of airports for the safety and advancement of aeronautics;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

SECTION I

That the Sponsor does hereby formally request that the LA DOTD, Division of Aviation provide funds required to complete the airport improvements at the Union Parish Airport specifically as described in the Capital Improvement Program Application for State Financial Assistance dated September 2026:

SECTION II

That the said LA DOTD, Division of Aviation be and is hereby assured that all necessary servitudes, rights-of-way, rights of ingress and egress and means thereof will be furnished by the Sponsor and the titles thereto will be valid and indefeasible, and that the Sponsor will assume ownership, financial reporting, and complete responsibility for the maintenance and upkeep of the airport after completion of said improvement.

SECTION III

That the Sponsor will save and hold the said LA DOTD, Division of Aviation, its officers, agents, and employees harmless from any liability or claim for damages arising out of the project, including death or injuries to third parties including, but not limited to, liability or claim for damages out of the negligence of said LA DOTD, Division of Aviation, its officers, agents, or employees, and expressly agrees to defend any suit of any nature brought against the LA DOTD, Division of Aviation as a result of this project.

SECTION IV

That the President of the Sponsor be and is hereby authorized and directed to evidence this agreement by affixing his signature at the place provided therefore on this resolution and on subsequent related documents/agreements as required by the rules and regulations of the Federal Aviation Administration and the State of Louisiana and the Clerk is hereby authorized to attest said execution.

SECTION V

That this resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption.

The President and Police Jury for the Sponsor of the Parish of Union met in regular session on this date. The aforesaid resolution was offered by **Mrs. Abercrombie** and seconded by **Mr. Wade**. The aforesaid resolution, having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

MEMBERS:	YEAS	NAYS	ABSENT	ABSTAINING
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 resolution was declared adopted on the 8th day of September, 2026.

<u>s/ Paula H. Strickland</u>	<u>s/ Glenn Hutto</u>
PAULA H. STRICKLAND	GLENN HUTTO
SECRETARY-TREASURER	PRESIDENT
UNION PARISH POLICE JURY	UNION PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion Mr. Moses, seconded by Mr. Bridges to approve the request from First Baptist Church for the use of the Courthouse Square on October 25th, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Moses, seconded by Mr. Wade to approve the request from Jackie Hill for the placement of silhouettes on the south lawn of the Union Parish Courthouse the week of September 28th – October 2nd, 2026.

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



UNION PARISH RESOLUTION 2026 – 012

WHEREAS, the Facility Planning and Control Department of the State of Louisiana, Division of Administration notified the Union Parish Police Jury by letter dated August 12th, 2026, of funds available for the Courthouse Renovations, Planning and Construction (Union Parish) FP&C No. 50-J56-26-01 that funding is available for construction;

WHEREAS, the Union Parish Police Jury has taken cognizance of the requirements assigned to the Union Parish Police Jury, and agree to fulfill the requirements of the Parish;

WHEREAS, the Union Parish Police Jury desires to move forward with the Courthouse Renovations, Planning and Construction Project as set forth in the above referred to letter;

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Union Parish Police Jury does hereby acknowledge the requirements of the Parish as outlined in the letter of August 12th, 2026, from the Facility Planning and Control Development of the State of Louisiana, Division of Administration in reference to the Courthouse Renovations, Planning and Construction (Union Parish) FP&C No. 50-J56-26-01 and agree to comply with the same;

That the Union Parish Police Jury does hereby dedicate an amount to cover all design cost and construction cost and any change orders in excess of State funding, all as is set forth in said letter of August 12th, 2026;

That the Union Parish Police Jury shall obtain all applicable (Local, State and Federal) permits and reviews for this project, as required, and will provide a copy of the same to the office of Facility Planning and control;

That the Union Parish Police Jury shall take all other such actions as are required of the Jury, pursuant to the August 12th, 2026, letter and in accordance with the Planning and Construction requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Union Parish Police Jury at a public meeting in regular session on the 8th day of September, 2026, pursuant to the vote set forth below, and signed on the dates set forth below:

MEMBERS:	YEAS	NAYS	ABSENT	ABSTAINING
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 resolution was declared duly adopted by unanimous vote of the Jury this the 8th day of September, 2026.

<u>s/ Paula Strickland</u>	<u>s/ Glenn Hutto</u>
PAULA STRICKLAND	GLENN HUTTO
SECRETARY-TREASURER	PRESIDENT
UNION PARISH POLICE JURY	UNION PARISH POLICE JURY

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

ORDINANCE # 1000

AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE SPEED LIMIT OF 35 MILES PER HOUR ON ALABAMA LANDING ROAD FROM DEAN HALE ROAD TO DEAN CHURCH 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 on Alabama Landing Road from Deal Hale Road to Dean Church Road, shall not exceed 35 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. Pilgreen**, who moved its adoption and duly seconded by **Mr. Wade** 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 8th day of September, 2026.

<u>s/ Paula Strickland</u> PAULA STRICKLAND SECRETARY-TREASURER UNION PARISH POLICE JURY	<u>s/ Glenn Hutto</u> GLENN HUTTO PRESIDENT UNION PARISH POLICE JURY
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Recommendations from the Landfill Committee

Mr. Bridges reported that the Landfill Committee met earlier at 5:30 PM. The Landfill Committee has one (1) recommendation.

Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Moses to authorize the Secretary/Treasurer to bid out the purchase of a bucket truck in an amount up to \$350,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Recommendations from the Finance Committee

Mr. Wade reported that the Finance Committee met earlier at 3:00 PM. The Finance Committee has two (2) recommendations.

Motion Mr. Wade, seconded by Mr. Holley to accept the 2025 audit presented by Melissa Bosch with Bosch and Statham. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Wade, seconded by Mr. Bridges to hire Riley Company to oversee the Union Parish Courthouse Renovations Project and communicate with the Office of Facility Planning and Control on behalf of the Union Parish Police Jury. Motion carried unanimously.

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

- Donna Guice, 375 Guice Road, addressed the Jury regarding the condition of Guice Road.
- Larry Reeves, 1575 Evergreen Road, addressed the Jury regarding road conditions.
- Michelle Bryan (Keep Union Beautiful) addressed the Jury regarding the annual Waterways clean-up day.

There being no further business to come before the Jury, the President declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Mr. Holley, seconded by Mr. Moses on this the 8th day of September, 2026.

<u>s/ Paula H. Strickland</u> Paula Strickland, Secretary/Treasurer Union Parish Police Jury	<u>s/ Glenn Hutto</u> Glenn Hutto, President Union Parish Police Jury
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