

The Lincoln Parish Police Jury met in regular session on Tuesday, October 8, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the Police Jury Meeting Room, 100 West Texas Avenue, Ruston, Louisiana. Present were: Greg Williams, District One; Karen Ludley, District Two; Dan Lord, District Three; Logan Hunt, District Five; Glenn Scriber, District Six; Matt Pullin, District Seven; Joe Henderson, District Nine; Milton Melton, District Ten; Diane Richards, District Eleven; and Annette Straughter, District Twelve.

ABSENT: T.J. Cranford, District Four; Chris Garriga, District Eight

President Scriber called the meeting to order and Milton Melton delivered the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dan Lord offered a motion, seconded by Annette Straughter to approve the Agenda as printed. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Williams, Ludley, Lord, Hunt, Scriber, Pullin, Henderson, Melton, Richards, and Straughter

President Scriber called for Public Comments on Agenda Items. There were none.

Milton Melton offered a motion, seconded by Greg Williams, to approve the Minutes of the September 10, 2024 regular meeting. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Williams, Ludley, Lord, Hunt, Scriber, Pullin, Henderson, Melton, Richards, and Straughter

Annette Straughter offered a motion, seconded by Dan Lord, to approve the Minutes of the October 1, 2024 special meeting. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Williams, Ludley, Lord, Hunt, Scriber, Pullin, Henderson, Melton, Richards, and Straughter

Joe Henderson reported that the Finance Committee met this day at 5:30 PM and the Committee recommends:

1. Approving the 2025 budget requests as presented.

Joe Henderson offered a motion, seconded by Dan Lord, to approve the minutes of the Finance Committee. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Williams, Ludley, Lord, Hunt, Scriber, Pullin, Melton, Richards, and Straughter

ABSTAINED: Henderson

Diane Richards reported that the Employee Recognition Committee met this day at 5:45 PM and the Committee recommends:

1. Holding the Christmas Party on December 12, 2024 at Lincoln Hall.
2. Using same caterer and menu as last year.
3. Tasking Administrative Staff with entertainment and theme.

Diane Richards offered a motion, seconded by Dan Lord, to approve the minutes of the Employee Recognition Committee. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Williams, Ludley, Lord, Hunt, Scriber, Pullin, Henderson, Melton, Richards, and Straughter

Greg Williams reported that the Public Works Committee met this day at 6:00 PM and the Committee recommends:

1. Authorize advertisement for bids for gasoline, diesel fuel, gravel, culvert materials, and hot mix.

2. Recommending the abandonment of Cantrell Road and Liggin Buff Road and calling Public Hearing for November 12, 2024 at 7:00 P.M.
3. Approving preliminary plat for Red Haven Ridge, Unit 2.
4. Approving the preliminary plat for Pylant Road Subdivision.

Matt Pullin offered a motion, seconded by Milton Melton, to approve the minutes of the Public Works Committee. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Williams, Ludley, Lord, Hunt, Scriber, Pullin, Henderson, Melton, Richards, and Straughter

Logan Hunt reported that the Economic Development and Planning Committee met this day at 6:30 PM and the Committee recommends:

1. Entering into a consulting services contract with Hunt, Guillot, and Associates for long range transportation planning in the amount of \$249,835.00.
2. Entering into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Lincoln Health Foundation and the City of Ruston for a Lincoln Parish Healthcare Study in the amount of \$50,000.00.
3. Appointing the following members to the Industrial Development Board of the Parish of Lincoln, Inc.
 - Lucius McGehee, Jr.
 - Quaneshia T. Hamms
 - Melanie Koskie
 - Jay Guillot
 - Sid Moller
 - Mike Kilgore
 - Dub Holland

Logan Hunt offered a motion, seconded by Annette Straughter, to approve the minutes of the Economic Development and Planning Committee. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Williams, Ludley, Lord, Hunt, Scriber, Henderson, Melton, Richards, and Straughter

ABSTAINED: Pullin

Next item on the Agenda was the Ruston-Lincoln Convention and Visitors Bureau 2024 Amended Budget and 2025 Proposed Budget. Mrs. Amanda Carrier with the Ruston-Lincoln Convention and Visitors Bureau presented the budgets. Logan Hunt offered a motion, seconded by Matt Pullin, to approve the 2024 Amended Budget. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Williams, Ludley, Lord, Hunt, Scriber, Pullin, Henderson, Melton, Richards, and Straughter

Annette Straughter offered a motion, seconded by Karen Ludley, to approve the 2025 Proposed Budget for the Ruston-Lincoln Convention and Visitors Bureau. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Williams, Ludley, Lord, Hunt, Scriber, Pullin, Henderson, Melton, Richards, and Straughter

Next item on the Agenda was the Sparta Groundwater Commission Report presented by Ms. Lindsey Gouedy, Executive Director.

Announcement of term expirations for Boards and Commissions was made.

Next item on the agenda was re-appointment of Mr. Bill Davis to the Lincoln Parish Communications District for a four-year term.

Resolution No. 2024-50

BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of Lincoln Parish,
Louisiana, convened in Regular Session this
8th day of October, 2024 that

Bill Davis

Is hereby and herewith appointed, COMMISSIONER
Lincoln Parish Communications District
Lincoln Parish, Louisiana,

For the term of October 8, 2024 – October 8, 2028

Signed and Sealed this 8th day of October, 2024

LINCOLN PARISH POLICE JURY

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/s/ Courtney Hall
Courtney Hall
Parish Administrator

/s/ Glenn Scriber
Glenn Scriber
Parish President

Next item on the Agenda was to adopt a Resolution for the Off System Bridge Annual Certification. Annette Straughter offered a motion, seconded by Matt Pullin, to approve the Off System Bridge Annual Certification.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-51

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 Lincoln Parish in accordance with those Standards is delegated by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to Lincoln Parish.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing authority of Lincoln Parish (herein referred to as the Parish) that the Parish in regular meeting assembled does hereby certify to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (herein referred to the DOTD) that for the period 1 October, 2023 through 30 September, 2024:

1. The Parish has performed all interim inspections on Parish owned or maintained bridges in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards.
2. Bridges owned or maintained by the Parish have been structurally analyzed and rated as to the safe load capacity in accordance with AASPHTO Manual for Maintenance Inspection of Bridges. The load information that has been determined by the I-A DOTD for all bridges where the maximum legal load under Louisiana State law exceeds the load permitted under the operating rating as determined above has been critically reviewed by the Parish. Load posting information has been updated by the Parish to reflect all structural changes, any obsolete structural ratings or any missing structural ratings.
3. Parish owned or maintained bridges which require load posting or closing are load posted or closed in accordance with the table in the DOTD Engineering Directives and Standards Manual Directive No. 1.1.1.8 All DOTD supplied load posting information concerning a bridge has been critically reviewed by the Parish Engineer prior to load posting.
4. 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 La. DOTD are noted. These stipulations are prerequisites to participation by the Parish in the Off-System Bridge Replacement Program.

/s/ Glenn Scriber
Glenn Scriber
President
Lincoln Parish Police Jury

The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Williams, Ludley, Lord, Hunt, Scriber, Pullin, Henderson, Melton, Richards, and Straughter

Michael Sutton, Treasurer, presented the budget report.

Reports were also heard from various Department Heads.

There being no Public Comments, and no further business to come before the body, Annette Straughter offered a motion, seconded by Dan Lord, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Williams, Ludley, Lord, Hunt, Scriber, Pullin, Henderson, Melton, Richards, and Straughter

Courtney Hall
Parish Administrator

Glenn Scriber
Parish President