

The Lincoln Parish Police Jury met in regular session on Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at 6:00 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room, 100 West Texas Avenue, Ruston, Louisiana. Present were: Karen Ludley, District Two; Dan Lord, District Three; T.J. Cranford, District Four; Glenn Scriber, District Six; Chris Garriga, District Eight; Lynda Henderson, District Nine; Milton Melton, District Ten; Diane Richards, District Eleven, and Annette Straughter, District Twelve.

ABSENT: Greg Williams, District One; Logan Hunt, District Five; and Matt Pullin, District Seven

President Scriber called the meeting to order and Chris Garriga delivered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Annette Straughter offered a motion, seconded by Dan Lord, to amend the Agenda include adoption of a resolution requesting Review and Appropriate Oversight by the Louisiana Department of Health Regarding North Louisiana Medical Center. The motion was voted on by roll call:

MEMBER	YEA	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAINED
Greg Williams			X	
Karen Ludley	X			
Dan Lord	X			
T.J. Cranford	X			
Logan Hunt			X	
Glenn Scriber	X			
Matt Pullin			X	
Chris Garriga	X			
Lynda Henderson	X			
Milton Melton	X			
Diane Richards	X			
Annette Straughter	X			

The motion passed unanimously and the Agenda was amended. (Item added now 7-B)

Annette Straughter offered a motion, seconded by Milton Melton, to approve the Agenda as amended. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Ludley, Lord, Cranford, Scriber, Garriga, Henderson, Melton, Richards, and Straughter

President Scriber called for Public Comments on the Agenda as amended. There were none.

Dan Lord offered a motion, seconded by Chris Garriga, to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2026 Regular Meeting. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Ludley, Lord, Cranford, Scriber, Garriga, Henderson, Melton, Richards, and Straughter

Milton Melton reported that the Public Works Committee met this day at 5:30 PM and conducted the following business:

1. Recommended that the speed limit on Beatty Road be set at 45 per miles per hour from the northernmost intersection with La. Hwy 818 proceeding west for 4,500 ft. and at 35 miles per hour thereafter until the southern intersection with La. Hwy 818.
2. Awarded bid to Bruckner Truck Sales, Inc. for one heavy-duty cab & chassis tractor truck, in the amount of \$141,611.00.
3. Awarded bid to Trailco of I-49, LLC for two transfer refuse trailers, in the amount of \$209,490.00.

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

YEAS: Ludley, Lord, Cranford, Scriber, Garriga, Henderson, Melton, Richards, and Straughter

Under New Business, Annette Straughter offered a motion, seconded by Karen Ludley, to adopt millage rates for 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-18

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Lincoln Parish Police Jury of the Parish of Lincoln, Louisiana, in a public meeting held on May 12, 2026, which meeting was conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Law and the additional requirements of Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B), that the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2026 tax roll on all property subject to taxation:

MILLAGE

For General Parish Purposes (General Alimony Tax) on all taxable property inside the corporate limits of the City of Ruston, Louisiana	1.68 mills
For General Parish Purposes (General Alimony Tax) on all taxable property outside the corporate limits of the City of Ruston, Louisiana	3.37 mills
For the Construction, Improvement and/or Hard Surfacing of Public Roads and Bridges In Lincoln Parish, Louisiana	4.41 mills
For the Maintenance and/or Improvements of Public Roads and Bridges Throughout Lincoln Parish, Louisiana	4.41 mills
For the purpose of providing funds for equipment, supplies, maintenance, operation, construction and support of a public library and its branch or branches in the Parish.	3.80 mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of Lincoln, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2026, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

YEAS: Ludley, Lord, Cranford, Scriber, Garriga, Henderson, Melton, Richards, and Straughter

/s/ Courtney Hall
Courtney Hall
Parish Administrator

/s/ Glenn Scriber
Glenn Scriber
Parish President

Next item on the Agenda was to adopt resolution approving issuance, sale and delivery of taxable water revenue bonds of Greater Ward One Waterworks District. Parish Administrator Courtney Hall explained to the Jury that the Police Jury, as the governing authority, must approve any bonds issued by the Waterworks District to comply with state statutes. Mr. Hall also explained that the project is necessary for the public and that the District has the authority to issue the necessary bonds subsequent to Police Jury approval.

After discussion, Dan Lord offered a motion, seconded by Milton Melton, to adopt the resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-17

A resolution approving the issuance, sale and delivery of Taxable Water Revenue Bonds of Greater Ward One Waterworks District, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana, and providing for other matters relating thereto.

WHEREAS, the Board of Waterworks Commissioners of Greater Ward One Waterworks District, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of Greater Ward One Waterworks District, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana (the "District"), by resolution adopted on May 4, 2026, has authorized the issuance of not exceeding \$2, 150,000 of Taxable Water Revenue Bonds (the "Bonds") for the purpose of (i) paying a portion of the costs of constructing and acquiring improvements, extensions, renovations and replacements to the waterworks system of the District (the "System"), including appurtenant equipment, fixtures, accessories and properties, both personal and real, a work of public improvement for the District, and (ii) paying the costs of issuance of the Bonds, pursuant to the provisions Section 1430 of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, said Bonds to be secured by the income and revenues derived or to be derived from the operation of the System on a parity with the District's outstanding Water Revenue Bonds, Series 2005; and

WHEREAS, it is now the desire of the Police Jury of the Parish of Lincoln, State of Louisiana, to approve the issuance of the Bonds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Lincoln, State of Louisiana ("the Police Jury"), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Lincoln, State of Louisiana, (the "Parish") that:

SECTION 1. In compliance with the provisions of Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, and in accordance with the request of the Board of Waterworks Commissioners of the District, this Police Jury hereby approves the issuance and sale of not exceeding \$2,150,000 of Taxable Water Revenue Bonds of the District, said Bonds to be issued under the authority, for the purposes and to be payable from the sources stated in the preamble hereto. The Bonds shall bear interest at a rate or rates not to exceed 2.45% per annum, shall mature over a period not to exceed thirty (30) years from the date thereof, and shall have such additional terms and provisions as may be determined by subsequent resolution of the Board of Waterworks Commissioners of the District.

SECTION 2. Neither the Parish nor this Police Jury shall be liable in any manner for the payment of the Bonds.

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

YEAS: Ludley, Lord, Cranford, Scriber, Garriga, Henderson, Melton, Richards, and Straughter

ABSENT: Williams, Hunt, Pullin

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 12th day of May, 2026

/s/ Courtney Hall
Courtney Hall
Parish Administrator

/s/ Glenn Scriber
Glenn Scriber
Parish President

Next item on the Agenda was to authorize the land use planning and zoning component of the Long-Range Master Plan with Hunt, Guillot & Associates, LLC. After discussion, Dan

Lord offered a motion, seconded by Milton Melton, to authorize the action. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Ludley, Lord, Cranford, Scriber, Garriga, Henderson, Melton, Richards, and Straughter

Next item on the Agenda was to authorize Change Order No. 1 for Landfill Cell B Construction Project, in the amount of \$10,386.50. Mr. Bob Myers, of the Riley Co. of Louisiana, explained to the Jury the need to extend an existing French drain beyond the perimeter of Cell B to remove groundwater from the project area. Mr. Myers also gave an update on the progress of the project. After discussion, T.J. Cranford offered a motion, seconded by Dan Lord, to authorize the change order. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Ludley, Lord, Cranford, Scriber, Garriga, Henderson, Melton, Richards, and Straughter

Next item on the Agenda was to adopt an ordinance setting speed limits for Beatty Road. Dan Lord offered a motion, seconded by Milton Melton, to adopt the ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 488-26

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 42 (TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES) OF THE PARISH OF LINCOLN STATE OF LOUISIANA PROVIDING THAT THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE PARISH OF LINCOLN, STATE OF LOUISIANA, BE AMENDED, TO ADD A SECTION TO BE NUMBERED AND TO DEFINE THE OFFENSE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE POLICE JURY OF LINCOLN PARISH, LOUISIANA, IN REGULAR SESSION CONVENED THIS 12th DAY OF MAY, 2026:

SECTION 1

That the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Lincoln, State of Louisiana, be amended by adding a section to be number 42.37 to read as follows:

Sec. 42-37 Speed Limits – Beatty Road

“No motor vehicle, as defined by Louisiana law, shall be operated at a speed in excess of 45 miles per hour from the northernmost intersection with La. Hwy 818 proceeding west for 4,500 feet, or a speed in excess of 35 miles per hour thereafter until the southern intersection with La. Hwy 818.

SECTION 2

That the limit of speed referred to hereinabove shall be duly posted and displayed by means of appropriate highway speed limit signs.

SECTION 3

That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4

That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its promulgation.

/s/ Courtney Hall
Courtney Hall
Parish Administrator

/s/ Glenn Scriber
Glenn Scriber
Police Jury President

The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Ludley, Lord, Cranford, Scriber, Garriga, Henderson, Melton, Richards, and Straughter

Next item on the Agenda was to adopt a resolution requesting Review and Appropriate Oversight by the Louisiana Department of Health Regarding North Louisiana Medical Center in Lincoln Parish. Dan Lord offered a motion, seconded by T.J. Cranford, to adopt the resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-21

A RESOLUTION OF THE LINCOLN PARISH POLICE JURY REQUESTING REVIEW AND APPROPRIATE OVERSIGHT BY THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH REGARDING NORTHERN LOUISIANA MEDICAL CENTER.

Whereas, Northern Louisiana Medical Center (the hospital) is an important healthcare provider for Lincoln Parish and the surrounding areas; and

Whereas, reliable access to emergency care, inpatient care, surgery, diagnostic services, laboratory services, imaging and other hospital services is essential to the health and welfare of our citizens; and

Whereas, the Lincoln Parish Police Jury (Police Jury) has received information raising concerns about the hospital's current operations, including financial stability, staffing levels, supply availability, equipment reliability, facility conditions, and continuity of care; and

Whereas, concerns have also been raised regarding vendor obligations, supply-chain interruptions, employee confidence, and the hospital's ability to maintain the staffing, supplies, equipment and services necessary for safe patient care; and

Whereas, the Police Jury is also aware of reports concerning emergency department readiness, patient monitoring equipment, sanitation, medical waste handling, security, building conditions and other operational support issues; and

Whereas, the Police Jury does not make any final factual finding regarding these concerns, but believes the issues are serious enough to warrant review by the appropriate regulatory authority; and

Whereas, the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) is the appropriate state agency to review hospital licensing, patient safety, health standards, emergency preparedness and related operational matters.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Lincoln Parish Police Jury respectfully requests that LDH conduct a timely review of Northern Louisiana Medical Center and its current operations, including:

- The hospital's ability to maintain safe and reliable patient care.
- Staffing levels and employee stability.
- Availability of necessary medications, supplies, equipment and diagnostic resources.
- Reliability of emergency, inpatient, surgical, laboratory, imaging, cardiac, oncology/infusion, and other essential services.
- Emergency department readiness and patient monitoring systems.
- Sanitation, medical waste handling, security, facility condition, and other safety related concerns.
- Any financial, vendor, supply-chain, or solvency issues that may affect patient care.
- Compliance with applicable hospital licensing, patient safety, emergency preparedness, infection control, privacy, and Medicare requirements.

Be It Further Resolved, that the Police Jury requests that LDH evaluate whether the hospital has adequate continuity-of-care plans, transfer agreements, EMS coordination, diversion protocols, and patient notification procedures in place if any service disruption occurs; and

Be It Further Resolved, that, to the extent any matter falls outside of LDH’s direct authority, the Police Jury requests that LDH coordinate with or refer the matter to the appropriate state or federal agency; and

Be It Further Resolved, that the Police Jury requests a written response from LDH within thirty (30) days, to the extent permitted by law, identifying any steps taken or planned in response to this Resolution, and further requests reasonable periodic updates every thirty (30) days thereafter until LDH’s review is complete or until LDH determines that no further action is warranted; and

Be It Further Resolved, that this Resolution is not intended to interfere with private business operations, but is made to protect access to safe and reliable hospital care for the citizens of Lincoln Parish; and

Be It Further Resolved, that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Louisiana Department of Health, the Health Standards Section and the Lincoln Parish Legislative Delegation.

/s/ Courtney Hall
Courtney Hall
Parish Administrator

/s/ Glenn Scriber
Glenn Scriber
Parish President

The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Ludley, Lord, Cranford, Scriber, Garriga, Henderson, Melton, Richards, and Straughter

Next item on the Agenda was to adopt a resolution appointing Mr. Bill Jones to the Lincoln Parish Library Board of Control for a five-year term.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-19

BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of Lincoln Parish,
Louisiana, convened in Regular Session this
12th day of May, 2026 that

Mr. Bill Jones

Is hereby and herewith appointed, COMMISSIONER
Lincoln Parish Library Board of Control
Lincoln Parish, Louisiana,

For the term of May 12, 2026 – May 12, 2031

Signed and Sealed this 12th day of May, 2026

LINCOLN PARISH POLICE JURY

/s/Courtney Hall
Courtney Hall
Parish Administrator

/s/ Glenn Scriber
Glenn Scriber
Parish President

Annette Straughter offered a motion, seconded by Dan Lord, to adopt the resolution. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Ludley, Lord, Cranford, Scriber, Garriga, Henderson, Melton, Richards, and Straughter

Next item on the Agenda was to adopt a resolution appointing Ms. Sandra Dupree to the Lincoln Parish Library Board of Control for a five-year term.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-20

BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of Lincoln Parish,
Louisiana, convened in Regular Session this
12th day of May, 2026 that
Ms. Sandra Dupree
Is hereby and herewith appointed, COMMISSIONER
Lincoln Parish Library Board of Control
Lincoln Parish, Louisiana,
For the term of May 12, 2026 – May 12, 2031
Signed and Sealed this 12th day of May, 2026
LINCOLN PARISH POLICE JURY

/s/Courtney Hall
Courtney Hall
Parish Administrator

/s/ Glenn Scriber
Glenn Scriber
Parish President

Annette Straughter offered a motion, seconded by Dan Lord, to adopt the resolution.

The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Ludley, Lord, Cranford, Scriber, Garriga, Henderson, Melton, Richards, and Straughter

Next item on the Agenda was appointment to the Lincoln Parish Sales and Use Tax Commission to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Joe Henderson. Glenn Scriber offered a motion, seconded by Annette Straughter, to appoint Ms. Lynda Henderson, to fill the unexpired term.

Resolution No. 2026-22

BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of Lincoln Parish,
Louisiana, convened in Regular Session this
12th day of May, 2026 that
Ms. Lynda Henderson
Is hereby and herewith appointed, COMMISSIONER
Lincoln Parish Sales and Use Tax Commission
Lincoln Parish, Louisiana,
For the term of May 12, 2026 – December 31, 2027
Signed and Sealed this 12th day of May, 2026
LINCOLN PARISH POLICE JURY

/s/Courtney Hall
Courtney Hall
Parish Administrator

/s/ Glenn Scriber
Glenn Scriber
Parish President

The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Ludley, Lord, Cranford, Scriber, Garriga, Henderson, Melton, Richards, and Straughter

Mr. Michael Sutton, Treasurer, gave the budget report.

Next item on the Agenda was to authorize reimbursement of expenses related to attendance of Police Jury Association of Louisiana Legislative Day held April 28-29, 2026. Dan Lord offered motion, seconded by Annette Straughter, to approve the reimbursement of expenses. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Ludley, Lord, Cranford, Scriber, Garriga, Henderson, Melton, Richards, and Straughter

Other Business and Reports were heard from the Administrator and Department Heads.

President Scriber called for Public Comment. There was one from Ms. Stacy Faulkner concerning animal welfare and abuse.

There being no further business to come before the Police Jury, Dan Lord offered a motion, seconded by Annette Straughter, to adjourn the meeting. The vote was unanimous, and the meeting was adjourned.

Courtney Hall
Parish Administrator

Glenn Scriber
Police Jury President