

The Lincoln Parish Police Jury met in regular session on Tuesday, October 12, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. at the Lincoln Parish Library Events Center, Ruston, Louisiana. Present were: Theresa Wyatt, District One; Hazel Hunter, District Two; Richard I. Durrett, District Three; Logan Hunt, District Five; Glenn Scriber, District Six; Matt Pullin, District Seven; Skip Russell, District Eight; Joe Henderson, District Nine; Milton Melton, District Ten; Sharyon Mayfield, District Eleven; Annette Straughter, District Twelve.

ABSENT: T.J. Cranford, District Four

President Durrett called the meeting to order and Skip Russell delivered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Annette Straughter offered a motion, seconded by Joe Henderson to amend the agenda to change the date in Item 9 from November 15, 2021 to November 16, 2021. The motion carried with the following roll-call votes:

MEMBER	YEA	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAINED
Theresa Wyatt	X			
Hazel Hunter	X			
Richard I. Durrett	X			
T.J. Cranford			X	
Logan Hunt	X			
Glenn Scriber	X			
Matt Pullin	X			
Skip Russell	X			
Joe Henderson	X			
Milton Melton	X			
Sharyon Mayfield	X			
Annette Straughter	X			

Milton Melton offered a motion, seconded by Joe Henderson, to approve the agenda as amended. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Wyatt, Hunter, Durrett, Hunt, Scriber, Pullin, Russell, Henderson, Melton, Mayfield, and Straughter

ABSENT: Cranford

President Durrett called for public comment on agenda items. There were none.

Next item on the agenda was approval of minutes for September 14, 2021. Annette Straughter offered a motion, seconded by Milton Melton, to approve the minutes as printed. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Wyatt, Hunter, Durrett, Hunt, Scriber, Pullin, Russell, Henderson, Melton, Mayfield, and Straughter

ABSENT: Cranford

Next item on the agenda was committee reports. Skip Russell stated that the Insurance Committee met at 5:45 PM this day and the Committee recommends:

1. Accepting the renewal of property insurance with One Beacon.
2. Accepting the renewal for group health insurance with United Healthcare.

Skip Russell offered a motion, seconded by Joe Henderson, to accept the report and approve the recommendations of the Insurance Committee. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Wyatt, Hunter, Durrett, Hunt, Scriber, Pullin, Russell, Henderson, Melton, Mayfield, and Straughter

ABSENT: Cranford

Matt Pullin stated that the Public Works Committee met on this day at 6:00 pm and the Committee recommends:

1. Authorizing the emergency purchase of two tank car culverts.
2. Authorizing piggyback purchase by Ouachita Parish Police Jury for an Etnyre Chip Spreader.
3. Approving the purchase of one new heavy-duty tractor truck for the Solid Waste Department.
4. Approving Change Order No. 1 for Walnut Creek and Eaves Road Bridges for an increased amount of \$17,746.50.
5. Approving the Substantial Completion for Walnut Creek and Eaves Road Bridges.
6. Approving assistance for work at the Choudrant High School softball field, contingent on Highway Department Schedule.

Matt Pullin offered a motion, seconded by Annette Straughter, to accept the report and approve the recommendations of the Public Works Committee. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Wyatt, Hunter, Durrett, Hunt, Scriber, Pullin, Russell, Henderson, Melton, Mayfield, and Straughter

ABSENT: Cranford

Joe Henderson stated that the Personnel and Benefits Committee met at 6:15 this day and the Committee recommends:

1. Appointing Mr. Kyle Warner to the Greater Ward One Waterworks District for a five-year term.
2. Appointing Mr. Benjamin A. Thomas to Waterworks District One for a five-year term.
3. Designating Ms. LaTonya Lacey as the ADA Officer for the Lincoln Parish Police Jury.
4. Amending the Holiday Schedule to include Juneteenth and eliminating Mardi Gras.

Resolution No. 21-48

BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of Lincoln Parish,
Louisiana, convened in Regular Session this
12th day of October, 2021 that

Mr. Kyle Warner

Is hereby and herewith appointed, COMMISSIONER
Greater Ward One Waterworks District
Lincoln Parish, Louisiana,

For the term of October 12, 2021 – October 12, 2026

Signed and Sealed this 12th day of October, 2021

LINCOLN PARISH POLICE JURY

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/s/ Doug Postel
Doug Postel
Parish Administrator

/s/ Richard I. Durrett
Richard I. Durrett
Police Jury President

Resolution No. 21-49

BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of Lincoln Parish,
Louisiana, convened in Regular Session this
12th day of October, 2021 that

Mr. Benjamin Thomas

Is hereby and herewith appointed, COMMISSIONER
Waterworks District #1
Lincoln Parish, Louisiana,

For the term of October 12, 2021 – October 12, 2026

Signed and Sealed this 12th day of October, 2021
LINCOLN PARISH POLICE JURY

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/s/ Doug Postel
Doug Postel
Parish Administrator

/s/ Richard I. Durrett
Richard I. Durrett
Police Jury President

Joe Henderson offered a motion, seconded by Sharyon Mayfield, to accept the report and approve the recommendations of the Personnel and Benefits Committee. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Wyatt, Hunter, Durrett, Hunt, Scriber, Pullin, Russell, Henderson, Melton, Mayfield, and Straughter

ABSENT: Cranford

Skip Russell stated that the Finance Committee met at 6:30 PM this day and the Committee recommends:

1. Approving funding in the amount of \$6,000.00 for Lincoln Total Community Action.
2. Approving funding in the amount of \$1,800.00 for Bayou Lake D'Arbonne Commission.
3. Approving funding in the amount of \$2,500.00 for the Sparta Groundwater Commission.
4. Approving funding in the amount of \$7,917.00 for the Department of Veteran Affairs.
5. Approving funding in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the Council on Aging.
6. Approving funding in the amount of \$20,000.00 for the Lincoln Parish IT Department.
7. Approving funding in the amount of \$25,000.00 for Lincoln Parish GIS.
8. Approving funding in the amount of \$137,700.00 for the Third Judicial District Court.
9. Approving funding in the amount of \$20,000 for the LSU Cooperative Extension Services.
10. Approving funding in the amount of \$50,000.00 for the Registrar of Voters.
11. Approving funding in the amount of \$60,483.00 for the Lincoln Parish Coroner.
12. Approving funding in the amount of \$244,660 for the Lincoln Parish District Attorney.
13. Approving funding in the amount of \$2,500.00 for Trailblazer.
14. Not funding 4-Paws for the year 2022.
15. Approving funding in the amount of \$7,500.00 for Keep Lincoln Parish Beautiful.
16. Approving funding in the amount of \$1,530.00 for the Northeast Delta Human Services Authority.
17. Approving funding in the amount of \$18,500.00 for the Lincoln Parish Health Unit.
18. Approving a 2.5% salary increase for Police Jury employees.

Skip Russell offered a motion, seconded by Joe Henderson, to accept the report and approve the recommendations of the Finance Committee. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Wyatt, Hunter, Durrett, Hunt, Scriber, Pullin, Russell, Melton, and Mayfield

ABSENT: Cranford

ABSTAIN: Henderson and Straughter

Under Old Business Administrator Doug Postel introduced an ordinance for adjudicated property, parcel number 25183086301 that sold through the Lot Next Door Program in the amount of \$1,663.86. Joe Henderson offered a motion, seconded by Logan Hunt, to approve the ordinance for the sale of parcel number 25183086301.

ORDINANCE NO. 456-21-0

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AN ACT OF SALE BY THE PARISH OF LINCOLN TO SELL ADJUDICATED PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS: PARCEL NO. 25183086301 IN ACCORDANCE WITH LA R.S. 47: 2202 T SEQ. AND TO AUTHORIZE THE LINCOLN PARISH POLICE JURY PRESIDENT TO SIGN ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND TO ADDRESS THEIR MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO

WHEREAS, the immovable property described below was adjudicated to the Parish of Lincoln on May 1, 2002, for nonpayment of taxes; and

WHEREAS, the three (3) year period for redemption provided by Art. 7, §25 of the Louisiana Constitution has elapsed, as well as the five (5) year redemption period established by Parish Ordinance No: 337-14-0 and the owner of record has failed to redeem the adjudicated property; and

WHEREAS, LA R.S. 47: 2202 *et seq.* provides that the Parish may sell adjudicated property in accordance with law after the expiration of the period for redemption; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Lincoln has declared the property described below surplus and not needed for a public purpose and to dispose of said property in accordance with LA R.S. 47:2202, *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Lincoln has received a written offer to purchase said property from Felicia Alexander Gray, for the consideration of \$1,663.86 (One Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-Three Dollars and Eighty-Six Cents) cash, has been accepted by the Lincoln Parish Police Jury; and

WHEREAS, the property described herein below will be purchased through the Parish “Lot Next Door” program and is therefore exempt from the public bidding requirement.

NOW BE IT ORDAINED by the Lincoln Parish Police Jury, that any Act of Sale of the below described property shall contain the following conditions and requirements:

- 1) This property described as Lincoln Parish Parcel #25183086301, with no municipal address located on Second Avenue, Ruston, LA and more fully described as:

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- 2) This property shall be sold in accordance with LS-R.S. 47:2201 *et. seq.*, without any warranty, from either the Parish or Management Company, whatsoever, even as to the return of the purchase price.
- 3) The sale shall be on a form approved by the Parish Attorney and that the sales price is paid by certified funds at the time of the sale.
- 4) The sale shall include a reservation of all mineral rights to the Parish, but shall convey all surface rights.
- 5) The following shall be completed prior to closing of sale:
 - a. E&P Consulting Services, LLC shall certify in writing to the Parish Attorney that they have examined the mortgage records, conveyance records, probate and civil suit records of the Parish of Lincoln and that attached to this certification will be a written list of names and last known addresses of all owners, mortgagees, and any other person who may have a vested or contingent interest in the property, or who has filed a request for notice as provided in the former provisions LS-R.S. 33:4720.17(B), as indicated in those records.
 - b. E&P Consulting Services, LLC will provide notice to those persons identified in accordance with LS-R.S. 47:2201 *et. seq.* Proof of said notice will be filed in the conveyance records of Lincoln Parish immediately after the Act of Sale.
 - c. At the time of closing, the E&P Consulting Services, LLC will certify in writing to Parish Attorney and Clerk of Court that the number of days mandated by LS-R.S. 47:2201 *et. seq.* has elapsed since the above required notice was made or attempted and that the property has not been redeemed by the payment of the taxes owed.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, by the Lincoln Parish Policy Jury, that the Police Jury President is hereby authorized to execute a Cash Sale of the above described adjudicated property to the highest acceptable bidder. The Cash Sale shall contain all of the above conditions and requirements and shall be executed within the timelines specified. The above ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Wyatt, Hunter, Durrett, Hunt, Scriber, Pullin, Russell, Henderson, Melton, Mayfield, and Straughter

ABSENT: Cranford

The second item under Old Business was an ordinance for the sale of adjudicated properties, parcel number 22183989258 that sold through the Lot Next Door Program in the amount of \$2,685.33. Milton Melton offered a motion, seconded by Glenn Scriber, to approve the ordinance for the sale of parcel number 22183989258.

ORDINANCE NO. 457-21-0

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AN ACT OF SALE BY THE PARISH OF LINCOLN TO SELL ADJUDICATED PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS: PARCEL NO. 22183989258 IN ACCORDANCE WITH LA R.S. 47: 2202 T SEQ. AND TO AUTHORIZE THE LINCOLN PARISH POLICE JURY PRESIDENT TO SIGN ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND TO ADDRESS THEIR MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO

WHEREAS, the immovable property described below was adjudicated to the Parish of Lincoln in 1997, for nonpayment of taxes; and

WHEREAS, the three (3) year period for redemption provided by Art. 7, §25 of the Louisiana Constitution has elapsed, as well as the five (5) year redemption period established by Parish Ordinance No: 337-14-0 and the owner of record has failed to redeem the adjudicated property; and

WHEREAS, LA R.S. 47: 2202 *et seq.* provides that the Parish may sell adjudicated property in accordance with law after the expiration of the period for redemption; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Lincoln has declared the property described below surplus and not needed for a public purpose and to dispose of said property in accordance with LA R.S. 47:2202, *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Lincoln has received a written offer to purchase said property from Smith Holdings & Enterprises, LLC, for the consideration of \$2,685.33 (Two Thousand Six

Hundred Eighty-Five Dollars and Thirty-Three Cents) cash, has been accepted by the Lincoln Parish Police Jury; and

WHEREAS, the property described herein below will be purchased through the Parish “Lot Next Door” program and is therefore exempt from the public bidding requirement.

NOW BE IT ORDAINED by the Lincoln Parish Police Jury, that any Act of Sale of the below described property shall contain the following conditions and requirements:

- 6) This property described as Lincoln Parish Parcel #22183989258, with no municipal address located on Turner Street, Ruston, LA and more fully described as:

BEG. AT NW/C OF LOT DESCR. IN BK. 32-544, RUN N. 96', E. 96', S. 96' W. 96' TO POB

- 7) This property shall be sold in accordance with LS-R.S. 47:2201 *et. seq.*, without any warranty, from either the Parish or Management Company, whatsoever, even as to the return of the purchase price.

- 8) The sale shall be on a form approved by the Parish Attorney and that the sales price is paid by certified funds at the time of the sale.

- 9) The sale shall include a reservation of all mineral rights to the Parish, but shall convey all surface rights.

- 10) The following shall be completed prior to closing of sale:

- d. E&P Consulting Services, LLC shall certify in writing to the Parish Attorney that they have examined the mortgage records, conveyance records, probate and civil suit records of the Parish of Lincoln and that attached to this certification will be a written list of names and last known addresses of all owners, mortgagees, and any other person who may have a vested or contingent interest in the property, or who has filed a request for notice as provided in the former provisions LS-R.S. 33:4720.17(B), as indicated in those records.

- e. E&P Consulting Services, LLC will provide notice to those persons identified in accordance with LS-R.S. 47:2201 *et. seq.* Proof of said notice will be filed in the conveyance records of Lincoln Parish immediately after the Act of Sale.

- f. At the time of closing, the E&P Consulting Services, LLC will certify in writing to Parish Attorney and Clerk of Court that the number of days mandated by LS-R.S. 47:2201 *et. seq.* has elapsed since the above required notice was made or

attempted and that the property has not been redeemed by the payment of the taxes owed.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, by the Lincoln Parish Policy Jury, that the Police Jury President is hereby authorized to execute a Cash Sale of the above described adjudicated property to the highest acceptable bidder. The Cash Sale shall contain all of the above conditions and requirements and shall be executed within the timelines specified. The above ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Wyatt, Hunter, Durrett, Hunt, Scriber, Pullin, Russell, Henderson, Melton, Mayfield, and Straughter

ABSENT: Cranford

The first item under New Business was a resolution confirming the election date change and establishing a new date to canvass the returns of said election. Mr. Postel stated that the resolution was necessary in order to have the canvassing of the election returns for the election to be held on November 13, 2021. Joe Henderson offered a motion, seconded by Annette Straughter, to approve a resolution confirming an election date change pursuant to executive order of the Governor; establishing a new date to canvass the returns of the election; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

RESOLUTION 21-50

A resolution confirming an election date change pursuant to Executive Order of the Governor; establishing a new date to canvass the returns of the election; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

WHEREAS, the Police Jury of the Parish of Lincoln, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Lincoln, State of Louisiana, heretofore called for an election to be held on Saturday, October 9, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Governor issued Executive Order Number 2021 JBE 13 on September 9, 2021 (said Executive Order, with any supplements or modifications, herein the "Executive Order"), to reschedule elections due to the Statewide State of Emergency caused by Hurricane Ida;

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

SECTION 1. This Governing Authority acknowledges the change in the election date, pursuant to the Executive Order, from October 9, 2021 to November 13, 2021.

SECTION 2. This Governing Authority shall meet at its regular meeting place, the Police Jury Meeting Room, Third Floor, 100 West Texas Avenue, Ruston, Louisiana, on MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2021, at FIVE FIFTEEN O'CLOCK (5:15) P.M., and shall examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election.

SECTION 3. All provisions of the election call resolution previously adopted by this Governing Authority, other than the change in the election date and the canvass date, shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. The President and/or Parish Administrator are further authorized, empowered and directed to take any and all further action required by State and/or Federal authorities to conduct the election.

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

MEMBERS:	YEAS:	NAYS:	ABSENT:	ABSTAINING:
Theresa Wyatt	<u>XX</u>	_____	_____	_____
Hazel D. Hunter	<u>XX</u>	_____	_____	_____
Richard I. Durrett	<u>XX</u>	_____	_____	_____
T.J. Cranford	_____	_____	<u>XX</u>	_____
Logan Hunt	<u>XX</u>	_____	_____	_____
Glenn Scriber	<u>XX</u>	_____	_____	_____
Matt Pullin	<u>XX</u>	_____	_____	_____
Skip Russell	<u>XX</u>	_____	_____	_____
Joe Henderson	<u>XX</u>	_____	_____	_____
Milton Melton	<u>XX</u>	_____	_____	_____
Sharyon Mayfield	<u>XX</u>	_____	_____	_____
Annette Straughter	<u>XX</u>	_____	_____	_____

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 12th day of October, 2021.

/s/ Doug Postel
Parish Administrator

/s/ Richard I. Durrett
President

President Durrett then announced a special meeting to canvass the election to be held November 16, 2021 at 5:15pm.

Next on the agenda was to the annual certification for the off-system bridge program. Mr. Postel that this is a requirement of DOTD to be in compliance with the off-system bridge program that the parish participates in. Logan Hunt offered a motion, seconded by Milton Melton, to adopt the off-system bridge annual certification.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-53

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, 2020 through 30 September, 2021:

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 LA 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/ Richard I. Durrett
Richard I. Durrett
Lincoln Parish Police Jury President

The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Wyatt, Hunter, Durrett, Hunt, Scriber, Pullin, Russell, Henderson, Melton, Mayfield, and Straughter

ABSENT: Cranford

Next on the agenda was to adopt a resolution expressing the condolences of the Lincoln Parish Police Jury on the passing of former Police Juror, Mr. Bobby Bennett. Mr. Postel read the resolution in its entirety, Skip Russell offered a motion, seconded by Sharyon Mayfield to adopt the resolution on the passing of Mr. Bobby Bennett.

Resolution 21-52

A Resolution

To express the condolences of the Lincoln Parish Police Jury upon the death of Mr. Bobby Bennett of Dubach.

WHEREAS, Bobby Bennett passed away on October 1, 2021 at the age of 80 in Dubach, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Bobby Bennett served multiple terms as Police Juror of District 3 in Lincoln Parish from January of 1988 to December of 2019; and

WHEREAS, Bobby Bennett represented the citizens of District 3 with honor and distinction, serving on many Police Jury Committees, including Adjudicated Property, Economic Development, Health and Welfare, Joint Ambulance, Long Range Planning, Parks, Recreation and Tourism, Personnel/Benefits, Public Property and Buildings, Public Works, Rural Fire Protection, Solid Waste, Sparta, Subdivision Code of Ordinances, Utilities Franchise; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln Parish has greatly benefited from the services and leadership of Bobby Bennett,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Lincoln Parish Police Jury convened in regular session this 12th day of October 2021, that it does hereby express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Bobby Bennett and does hereby express enduring appreciation for his services and contributions to Lincoln Parish.

/s/ Doug Postel

/s/ Richard I. Durrett

Doug Postel
Parish Administrator

Richard I. Durrett
Police Jury President

The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Wyatt, Hunter, Durrett, Hunt, Scriber, Pullin, Russell, Henderson, Melton, Mayfield, and Straughter

ABSENT: Cranford

The last two items of new business were the introduction of two ordinances for the sale of Adjudicated Property for parcel number 05174FXT020 and parcel number 07173000008. No action was taken.

Financial Manager Michael Sutton presented a budget to actual report.

The last items on the agenda were the Department Head Reports and Administrator's Report.

With no other business to come before the jury, the meeting was adjourned.

Doug Postel
Parish Administrator

Richard I. Durrett
Parish President