

THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
LINCOLN AND UNION PARISHES
STATE OF LOUISIANA

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July 27, 2022

Mr. Richard Durrett and
Mr. Doug Postel
Lincoln Parish Police Jury
Ruston, Louisiana 71270

**RE: *Budget Requests from the Judges' Office
For LPPJ Budget of 2023***

Dear Mr. Durrett and Mr. Postel:

We respectfully request the following be considered for funding in the budget of 2023 of the Lincoln Parish Police Jury, to-wit:

1. Funding be continued for the court reporters, Sara Jo Hood and Weita Gaskin for 2023; if there is a cost of living raise given to employees of the Lincoln Parish Police Jury that they also be given that cost of living raise. We request also that the court reporter's retirement and insurance benefits be paid. We also request that when a court reporter is ill or all court reporters are in court with their judge and we have to hire a court reporter to fill in on an Ad Hoc/Pro Tempore case that their contract amounts be paid by the Police Jury.
2. A reminder that the Court Reporter equipment needs continual repairing and updating for the future and possibly replaced in all three courtrooms when needed.
3. We request that video conferencing equipment be placed in Courtroom Number 1 and Courtroom Number 2, in that order, so that we can better utilize video conference capabilities, be more efficient and save expenses of transportation of incarcerated individuals.
4. We request that the Police Jury install a door to our Family in Need of Services (FINS) office in the Courthouse Annex and that both offices (the Court Reporter Office and the FINS Office) have separate lighting.
5. We are requesting that our office receive funds from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 that has been sent to your office for distribution. The Treasury is launching this much-needed relief to:
 - Replace lost public sector revenue to strengthen support for vital public services and help retain jobs. *(this section qualifies the Judges' Office)*

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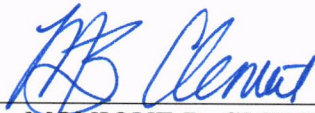
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Please see attached formula that was given to us to determine how much our office could receive. That total amount \$75,539.50 which is what we request. Documentation is also attached.

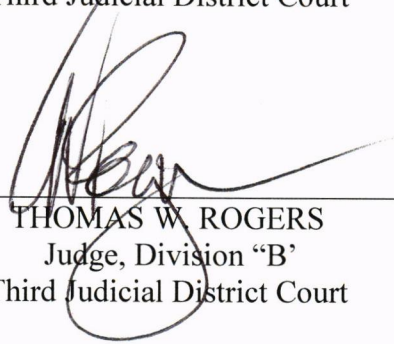
As always, we appreciate the services furnished to us by the Police Jury and our relationship with you. We look forward to serving with you to meet the needs of the citizens of this parish in the future.

Thanking you in advance for your attention to these matters, we are very truly yours.

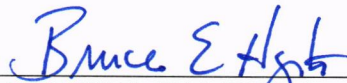
Sincerely,



MONIQUE B. CLEMENT
Judge, Division "A"
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Judge, Division "B"
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Judge, Division "C"
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