

The Lincoln Parish Police Jury met in regular session on Tuesday, June 14, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the Jack Beard Community Room of the Lincoln Parish Library, Ruston, Louisiana. Present were: Theresa Wyatt, District One; Hazel Hunter, District Two; Richard I. Durrett, District Three; T.J. Cranford, District Four; Logan Hunt, District Five; Glenn Scriber, District Six; Matt Pullin, District Seven; Joe Henderson, District Nine; Milton Melton, District Ten; Sharyon Mayfield, District Eleven; and Annette Straughter, District Twelve.

ABSENT: Skip Russell, District Eight

President Durrett called the meeting to order, delivered the Invocation, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sharyon Mayfield offered a motion, seconded by Annette Straughter, to amend the agenda to include approval of the Sales Tax Budget as item 7A. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

ABSENT: Russell

Mr. Durrett opened a public hearing for comments regarding the Local Hospital Enhanced Medicaid Reimbursement Program. Mr. Henderson asked where the money collected would go. Administrator Doug Postel stated that that revenue would be dedicated to wherever the jurors voted to move it. Logan Hunt suggested that the operating costs of the new Health Hub would be more significant than the current health unit and that this money should be set aside to offset those costs. Mrs. Mayfield asked if it was a guarantee that the hospital would be building new facilities in a different location. TJ Cranford stated his skepticism. With no further comments, the public hearing was closed.

Annette Straughter offered a motion, seconded by Theresa Wyatt, to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2022 meeting. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

ABSENT: Russell

Glenn Scriber stated that the Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Committee met at 5:15 pm this day and the Committee recommends:

1. Offering annual family or annual individual passes to veterans at half-price with the presentation of a DD-214.

Mr. Scriber offered his report in the form of a motion. It was seconded by Annette Straughter and carried with the following votes:

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

ABSENT: Russell

Annette Straughter stated that the Health and Welfare Committee met at 5:30 pm this day and the Committee recommends:

1. Approving an ordinance to participate in the local health care provider participation program.

ORDINANCE NO. 460-22-(0)

An Ordinance to Participate in the Local Health Care Provider Participation Program

BE IT ORDAINED that the Lincoln Parish Police Jury enacts the following Ordinance to be codified under Chapter _____, Article _____ - Local Health Care Provider Participation Program, as follows:

Sec ____-1 Local Health Care Provider Participation Program Annual Assessment

For the privilege of operating in this Parish, there is levied upon on any nongovernmental hospital, as defined by law, located within the limits of this Parish, a Local Hospital Assessment for the year 2021 and for each subsequent year at the rate of 3.5% of net patient revenue of the nongovernmental hospital's most recent Medicaid cost report.

Sec. ___-2 Adoption of State Law

The Local Hospital Assessment shall be levied, collected and used in accordance with the provisions of Louisiana Revised Statutes Title 40, Subpart D-1 of Part I of Chapter 5-E, as amended, which are adopted and made a part hereof by reference as if written in extenso.

Sec. ____-3. – Late Payments

The Local Hospital Assessment levied herein shall be due in quarterly payments on March 30, June 30, September 30, and December 30. Any payment not paid within thirty days of the due date shall be deemed delinquent.

Interest at the rate on one and one-quarter (1¹/₄) percent per month shall be added to the amount of the delinquent payment and such interest shall be computed from the due date of the payment until it is paid. Such interest may be waived for good cause shown.

This ordinance shall become effective _____, 2022.

/s/ Doug Postel
Doug Postel
Parish Administrator

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

2. Approving the selection of Lincoln Builders for the construction of the new Health Hub buildings.

Mrs. Straughter offered her report in the form of a motion. It was seconded by Sharyon Mayfield and carried with the following votes:

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

ABSENT: Russell

Logan Hunt stated that the Public Works Committee met at 6:00 pm this day and the Committee recommends:

1. Accepting the low bid from Amethyst Construction for hot mix for a period of July 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 in the amount of \$99.00 per ton.
2. Accepting the low bid from Amethyst Construction for asphaltic concrete overlays for the 2022 Capital Improvement Program in the amount of \$1,313,063.75.
3. Approving the change order number one for Burgessville Road in the amount of \$14,171.00.
4. Approving the property transfer with QuikTrip.
5. Declaring the 2007 Etnyre Chip Spreader (S#K6317) as surplus property.

Mr. Hunt offered his report in the form of a motion. It was seconded by TJ Cranford and carried with the following votes:

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

ABSENT: Russell

Joe Henderson stated that the Personnel and Benefits Committee met at 6:30 pm this day and the Committee recommends:

1. Tabling the Library Board appointments and encouraging jurors to seek appointees.
2. Appointing Tammy Walker as the Dubach representative to the North Louisiana Exhibition Center Commission for a four-year term.

Resolution No. 22-18

BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of Lincoln Parish,
Louisiana, convened in Regular Session this
14th day of June, 2022 that

Mrs. Tammy Walker

Is hereby and herewith appointed, COMMISSIONER
North Louisiana Exhibition Center Commission
Representing Dubach
Lincoln Parish, Louisiana,

For the term of June 14, 2022 – June 14, 2026

Signed and Sealed this 14th day of June, 2022

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/s/ Doug Postel
Doug Postel
Parish Administrator

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

- 3. Re-appointing Keith Canterbury as the Simsboro representative to the North Louisiana Exhibition Center Commission for a four-year term.

Resolution No. 22-19

BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of Lincoln Parish,
Louisiana, convened in Regular Session this
14th day of June, 2022 that

Mr. Keith Canterbury

Is hereby and herewith appointed, COMMISSIONER
North Louisiana Exhibition Center Commission
Representing Simsboro
Lincoln Parish, Louisiana,

For the term of June 14, 2022 – June 14, 2026

Signed and Sealed this 14th day of June, 2022

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/s/ Doug Postel
Doug Postel
Parish Administrator

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

- 4. Re-appointing Elmira McCarty as the Grambling representative to the North Louisiana Exhibition Center Commission for a four-year term.

Resolution No. 22-20

BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of Lincoln Parish,
Louisiana, convened in Regular Session this
14th day of June, 2022 that
Mrs. Elmira McCarty
Is hereby and herewith appointed, COMMISSIONER
North Louisiana Exhibition Center Commission
Representing Grambling
Lincoln Parish, Louisiana,
For the term of June 14, 2022 – June 14, 2026
Signed and Sealed this 14th day of June, 2022
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

- 5. Re-appointing Dawn Moore as the Choudrant representative to the North Louisiana Exhibition Center Commission for a four-year term.

Resolution No. 22-21

BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of Lincoln Parish,
Louisiana, convened in Regular Session this
14th day of June, 2022 that
Mrs. Dawn Moore
Is hereby and herewith appointed, COMMISSIONER
North Louisiana Exhibition Center Commission
Representing Choudrant
Lincoln Parish, Louisiana,
For the term of June 14, 2022 – June 14, 2026
Signed and Sealed this 14th day of June, 2022
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

- 6. Appointing Chris Womack as the Ruston representative to the North Louisiana Exhibition Center Commission for a four-year term.

Resolution No. 22-22

BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of Lincoln Parish,
Louisiana, convened in Regular Session this
14th day of June, 2022 that

Mr. Chris Womack

Is hereby and herewith appointed, COMMISSIONER
North Louisiana Exhibition Center Commission
Representing Ruston
Lincoln Parish, Louisiana,

For the term of June 14, 2022 – June 14, 2026

Signed and Sealed this 14th day of June, 2022

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/s/ Doug Postel
Doug Postel
Parish Administrator

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

- 7. Appointing Melanie Jones to fill the unexpired term of Shannon Frank Reeves, Sr. on the Ruston Lincoln Convention and Visitor’s Bureau Board representing Grambling State University.

Resolution No. 22-23

BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of Lincoln Parish,
Louisiana, convened in Regular Session this
14th day of June, 2022 that

Mrs. Melanie Jones

Is hereby and herewith appointed, COMMISSIONER
Ruston Lincoln Convention and Visitor’s Bureau
Representing Grambling State University
Lincoln Parish, Louisiana,

For the term of June 14, 2022 – December 31, 2022

Signed and Sealed this 14th day of June, 2022

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/s/ Doug Postel
Doug Postel
Parish Administrator

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

- 8. Tabling revisions to the employee leave policy until the next meeting.

Mr. Henderson offered his report in the form of a motion. It was seconded by Logan Hunt and passed with the following votes:

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

ABSENT: Russell

The next item on the agenda was the selection of the Official Journal. Matt Pullin offered a motion, seconded by Annette Straughter, to select Ruston Daily Leader as the official journal for a period of July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

ABSENT: Russell

The last item under new business was the approval of the Sales and Use Tax Budget for the fiscal year July 2022-June 2023. Denise Griggs was present to answer any questions. Annette Straughter offered a motion, seconded by Joe Henderson, to approve the Sales and Use Tax budget as presented. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

ABSENT: Russell

Treasurer Michael Sutton presented his budget Reports. After the Department Head reports, Mrs. Barbara Lewis was present to comment on recent school shootings and to ask what is being done to train teachers/students/the public on what steps to take in that situation. Kip Franklin, Homeland Security Director, stated that his office is open for active shooter training. With no further business to come before the Jury, the meeting was adjourned.

Doug Postel
Parish Administrator

Richard I. Durrett
Police Jury President