

The Lincoln Parish Police Jury met in regular session on Tuesday, May 11, 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; T.J. Cranford, District Four; Logan Hunt, District Five; Glenn Scriber, District Six; Matt Pullin, District Seven; Skip Russell, District Eight; Milton Melton, District Ten; Annette Straughter, District Twelve.

ABSENT: Joe Henderson, District Nine; Sharyon Mayfield, District Eleven

Richard Durrett called the meeting to order, delivered the invocation, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first item on the agenda was approval of agenda. Milton Melton offered a motion, seconded by Logan Hunt, to amend the agenda, to include under Old Business- Item 4. A- Discuss and take action if necessary the existing lease on the Complex II building. The motion was voted on by roll call:

MEMBER	YAY	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAINED
WYATT	X			
HUNTER	X			
DURRETT	X			
CRANFORD	X			
HUNT	X			
SCRIBER	X			
PULLIN	X			
RUSSELL	X			
HENDERSON			X	
MELTON	X			
MAYFIELD			X	
STRAUGHTER	X			

The motion passed unanimously.

Next item on the agenda was to approve the agenda as amended. Milton Melton offered a motion, seconded by Theresa Wyatt, to approve the agenda as amended. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

ABSENT: Henderson, Mayfield

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

Next item on the agenda was approval of minutes for April 13, 2021. Annette Straughter offered a motion seconded by Milton Melton, to approve the April 13, 2021 regular meeting minutes as printed. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

ABSENT: Henderson, Mayfield

Next item on the agenda was committee reports, Matt Pullin stated that the Public Works Committee met on this day at 6:30 p.m. and the Committee reports and recommends:

1. Review the plat for Douglas Meadows Phase II.
2. Approve adding the Detention Center parking lot to the Capital Improvement Program and authorize contracting engineering.
3. Approve the Town of Choudrant's request for assistance to fill potholes on multiple town roads.
4. Tabling the request for assistance for the Town of Simsboro regarding an adjudicated property until legal recourse is provided.
5. Approve the Village of Vienna's request for assistance to fill potholes in the Fleur de Lis subdivision.

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

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

ABSENT: Henderson, Mayfield

Next item on the agenda were presentations. Mr. Matt Johns of the Louisiana Watershed Initiative, Region 2 and Mrs. Karen Cupit of the Louisiana Watershed Initiative, Region 3, were present for presentations, questions and comments.

Next item on the agenda was to discuss the existing lease on the Complex II building. Mr. Doug Postel, Parish Administrator, explained that he was in negotiations with Dollar General. It was recommended to have a 3 year agreement with Dollar General and omit the 6 month clause from the lease agreement. After discussion, Theresa Wyatt offered a motion, seconded by Sharyon Mayfield, to remove the 6 month clause. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

ABSTAIN: Russell

ABSENT: Henderson, Mayfield

Next item on the agenda was a presentation of the exit audit by Mrs. Laura Hartt. Skip Russell offered a motion, seconded by Sharyon Mayfield, to accept the exit audit. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

ABSENT: Henderson, Mayfield

Next item on the agenda was a request for non-emergency extension of time to complete the annual audit by Mrs. Laura Hartt. Mrs. Hartt requested approval to apply for an extension to complete the annual audit. After discussion, Annette Straughter offered a motion, seconded by Milton Melton, to approve the request for non-emergency extension to complete the annual audit. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

ABSENT: Henderson, Mayfield

Next item on the agenda was an audit engagement letter(s) received from William Hulse. Mr. William Hulse C.P.A. was present. Theresa Wyatt offered a motion, seconded by Hazel Hunter, to approve an audit engagement letter received from William Hulse. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

ABSENT: Henderson, Mayfield

Next item on the agenda was to discuss and take action, amending section 3.6b of Ordinance 177-97-(8)- Prohibiting Bottle Clubs. Landon Hunt of the Lincoln Parish Sheriff's Office was present to explain the events leading to prohibiting bottle clubs. After discussion, Annette Straughter offered a motion, seconded by Glenn Scriber, to amend section 3.6b of Ordinance 177-97-(8)- prohibiting bottle clubs. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

ABSENT: Henderson, Mayfield

Next item on the agenda was authorize advertisement for hot mix to be picked up at the bidder's plant. It was noted the bid was good for 6 months. Matt Pullin offered a motion, seconded by Annette Straughter, to authorize advertisement for hot mix to be picked up at the bidder's plant for the remainder of 2021. After discussion, the motion carried with the following votes:

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

ABSENT: Henderson, Mayfield

Next item on the agenda was to accept bids for culverts due to withdrawal. It was noted that Tri-State Culvert withdrew their bid due to supply shortage. A new bid sheet was presented. Theresa Wyatt offered a motion, seconded by Annette Straughter, to accept the low bids for culverts from Co-Heir Drainage, Kedco, and Irrigation Mart depending on the size of culverts. After discussion, the motion carried with the following votes:

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

ABSENT: Henderson, Mayfield

Next item on the agenda was to accept bids for bridge replacement for Eaves Road and Walnut Creek Road. Matt Pullin offered a motion, seconded by T.J. Cranford, to accept the low bid \$679,434.12 from Specialty Trackhoe and Dozier Service, Inc. for bridge replacement in accordance with plans and specifications. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

ABSENT: Henderson, Mayfield

Next item on the agenda was the budget reports. Mrs. Laura Hartt gave a budget to actual comparison report on the General Fund and additional major funds.

Next item on the agenda were departmental reports and administrator's report.

Next item on the agenda was to approve travel for NaCo, Prince George's County, Maryland for July 9-12, 2021. Theresa Wyatt offered a motion, seconded by Hazel Hunter, to approve travel to for NaCo, to be held in Prince George's County, Maryland, on July 9-12, 2021. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

ABSENT: Henderson, Mayfield

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

Doug Postel
Parish Administrator

Richard I. Durrett
Parish President