

TO: Lincoln Parish Police Jury

FROM: Finance Committee

SUBJECT: Committee Report

The Finance Committee of the Lincoln Parish Police Jury met in the Lincoln Parish Police Jury Meeting Room, 100 West Texas Avenue, Ruston, Louisiana, Tuesday, September 8, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. Present were: Dan Lord, Chair; Chris Garriga, and Diane Richards.

ABSENT: Matt Pullin and Lynda Henderson

Chair Dan Lord called the meeting to order and delivered the invocation.

Chris Garriga offered a motion, seconded by Diane Richards, to approve the Agenda as presented. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Lord, Garriga, and Richards

Chair Lord called for Public Comments on Agenda items. William Faulkner asked if any consideration would be given to funding a spay/neuter program and was advised that this meeting was for the purpose of receiving budget requests from various agencies for budget development purposes.

First item on the Agenda was to receive the 2027 budget requests from the following Departments:

Lincoln Parish Museum: Rick Godley was present to request assistance in funding for the restoration of the museum. No specific dollar amount was requested.

Bayou Lake D'Arbonne Commission: A letter was received requesting a continuance of the current annual funding in the amount of \$1,800.00.

Sparta Groundwater Commission: A letter was received requesting a continuance of the current annual funding in the amount of \$2,500.

Council on Aging: A letter was received requesting a continuance of the current annual funding in the amount of 5,000.00

Lincoln Total Community Action: Ms. Angela Taylor, Program Director, was present requesting a continuance of the current annual funding in the amount of \$10,000.00.

LSU Cooperative Extension Service: Amanda Simmons and Jeannie Crnkovic were present to request a continuance of the current annual funding in the amount of \$27,500.00.

IT Department: Brent Kennimer, IT Manager, was present to request a continuance of the current annual funding in the amount of \$20,000.00.

Lincoln Parish GIS: Brent Kennimer, IT Manager, was present to request a continuance of the current annual funding in the amount of \$25,000.00.

Registrar of Voters: A letter was received requesting a continuance of the current annual funding in the amount of \$58,000.00.

Lincoln Parish Coroner: A letter was received requesting a continuance of the current funding in the amount of \$68,000.00

Lincoln Parish District Attorney: Cary Brown, newly-elected District Attorney, presented a formal request for a \$210,500.00 funding increase, which would raise the annual allocation from \$300,000.00 to \$510,500.00. Mr. Brown stated that parish growth has correlated with rising crime rates, creating a severe back log, with the active case load standing at 217 cases per prosecutor. This has led to delayed prosecutions with the Detention Center being at maximum capacity and many pre-trial inmates being housed at outside facilities, incurring substantial overflow costs for the parish. Mr. Brown stated that the goal of the funding increase is to expand operational capacity, reduce pre-trial wait times, and alleviate Detention Center overflow costs by hiring an additional Assistant District Attorney, a full-time Investigator, a full-time Victim Witness Coordinator, and a full-time Paralegal. Mr. Brown also requested that the Police Jury review the feasibility of moving the District Attorney's staff onto the Parishes employee health insurance plan.

Northeast Delta Human Services Authority: Ms. Violet Lee was present requesting a continuance of the current annual funding in the amount of \$5,000.00.

Third Judicial District Court: Judge Tommy Rogers was present to request a continuance of the current annual funding in the amount of \$152,000.00, to include cost of living raises for the Court Reporters if authorized by the Police Jury.

Keep Lincoln Parish Beautiful: A letter was received requesting a continuance of the current annual funding in the amount of \$7,500.00.

Lincoln Parish Health Unit: A letter was received requesting a continuance of the current annual funding in the amount of \$33,200.00.

Chair Dan Lord called for Public Comments. There were none.

There being no other business to come before the Committee, Chris Garriga offered a motion, seconded by Diane Richards, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Courtney Hall
Parish Administrator

Dan Lord
Chair