

The Lincoln Parish Police Jury met in regular session on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Police Jury Meeting Room, 100 West Texas Avenue, Ruston, Louisiana. Present were: Greg Williams, District One; Karen Ludley, District Two; Dan Lord, District Three; Logan Hunt, District Five; Glenn Scriber, District Six; Matt Pullin, District Seven; Chris Garriga, District Eight; Joe Henderson, District Nine; Milton Melton, District Ten; Diane Richards, District Eleven; and Annette Straughter, District Twelve

ABSENT: T.J. Cranford, District Four

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

Dan Lord offered a motion, seconded by Milton Melton to approve the Agenda as printed. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Williams, Ludley, Lord, Hunt, Scriber, Pullin, Garriga, Henderson, Melton, Richards, and Straughter

President Scriber called for Public Comments on Agenda Items. There were none.

Dan Lord offered a motion, seconded by Chris Garriga, to approve the Minutes of the April 8, 2025 regular meeting. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Williams, Ludley, Lord, Hunt, Scriber, Pullin, Garriga, Henderson, Melton, Richards, and Straughter

Chris Garriga reported that the Personnel and Benefits Committee met this day at 5:00 PM and recommends the following:

1. Approving the new organizational chart as presented.

Chris Garriga offered a motion, seconded by Karen Ludley, to approve the minutes of the Personnel and Benefits Committee. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Williams, Ludley, Lord, Hunt, Scriber, Pullin, Garriga, Henderson, Melton, Richards, and Straughter

Milton Melton reported that the Public Property and Buildings Committee met this day at 5:15 PM and recommends the following:

1. Entering into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Boys and Girls Club of North Louisiana for use of space at the Police Jury Complex I.

Milton Melton offered a motion, seconded by Dan Lord, to approve the minutes of the Public Property and Buildings Committee. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Williams, Ludley, Lord, Hunt, Scriber, Pullin, Garriga, Henderson, Melton, Richards, and Straughter

Greg Williams reported that the Public Works Committee met this day at 5:30 PM and recommends the following:

1. Recommending the abandonment of the following roads: Holstead, Lester, Skinner, and Grover and calling a Public Hearing for June 10, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. to receive public comment.
2. Approving the engagement of Shuler Consulting Company for services related to acquisition of generators and approve advertisement for bids.
3. Award the bid for Pea Ridge Road Drainage improvements to the low bidder, The Mabry Company, LLC in the amount of \$591,635.00.
4. Approving the preliminary plat for Oak Tree Subdivision Units 2 and 3.
5. Declare various items as surplus property and authorize advertisement for bids.

Greg Williams offered a motion, seconded by Annette Straughter, to approve the minutes of the Public Works Committee. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Williams, Ludley, Lord, Hunt, Scriber, Pullin, Garriga, Henderson, Melton, Richards, and Straughter

Dan Lord offered a motion, seconded by Annette Straughter, to open a Public Hearing to receive public comments on adoption of ordinance to authorize the collection and rate of a local hospital assessment as authorized by Section 1, Subpart D-1 of Part 1 of Chapter 5-E of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, Comprised of La. RS.40:1245.1 through 1248.10. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Williams, Ludley, Lord, Hunt, Scriber, Pullin, Garriga, Henderson, Melton, Richards, and Straughter

President Scriber called for Public Comments. Mr. Bill Jones and Dr. Rel Gray made comments.

Annette Straughter offered a motion, seconded by Dan Lord, to close the Public Hearing. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Williams, Ludley, Lord, Hunt, Scriber, Pullin, Garriga, Henderson, Melton, Richards, and Straughter

Matt Pullin offered a motion, seconded by Annette Straughter, to adopt an ordinance authorizing the collection and rate of a local hospital assessment.

**PARISH OF LINCOLN,
STATE OF LOUISIANA
MAY 13, 2025**

ORDINANCE NO. 482-25-

An ordinance authorizing the participation in the Local Healthcare Provider Participation Program by the Parish of Lincoln, State of Louisiana, and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

WHEREAS, Subpart D-1 of Part I of Chapter 5-E of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other statutory authority supplemental thereto (the "Act"), creates and provides for a local healthcare provider participation program for the purpose of financing state and local healthcare expenditures under Medicaid through an assessment on certain local healthcare providers within a parish; and

WHEREAS, local hospital assessments will result in an increase of the federal matching funds paid annually to certain local healthcare providers to be used to pay healthcare costs, maintain access to healthcare, and expand access to healthcare; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Lincoln, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), wishes to participate in a healthcare provider participation program pursuant to the Act;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Lincoln, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of the Parish, that:

SECTION 1. Annual Assessment. For the privilege of operating in the Parish, there is levied upon certain local healthcare providers, pursuant to the Act, a Local Hospital Assessment for each fiscal year. The rate of the assessment for each fiscal year shall be in accordance with La. R.S. 40:1248.8 and will be provided annually by resolution of the Police Jury of the Parish of Lincoln, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority").

SECTION 2. Adoption of State Law. The Local Hospital Assessment shall be levied, collected and used, or refunded to paying certain local healthcare providers, 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 incorporated by reference.

SECTION 3. Payments. The Local Hospital Assessment levied herein shall be due annually and may be paid in quarterly installments. Any payment not paid within thirty days of the due date shall be deemed delinquent. Interest at the rate of one-quarter (0.25) percent per month may 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. All penalties and interest attributable to delinquent Local Hospital Assessment payments will be deposited and made part of the local provider participation fund.

SECTION 4. Local Hospital Assessment Fund. There is hereby created the "Local Hospital Assessment Fund" in which to deposit the Local Hospital Assessments received by the Parish. The Governing Authority shall designate one or more banks as a depository for the Local Hospital Assessment payments received by the parish. A bank designated as a depository serves until a successor is designated.

The Governing Authority may select an appropriate entity to collect the Local Hospital Assessment payments in accordance with La. R.S. 40:1248.9. The amount of annual fees for collecting the Local Hospital Payments that may be paid for each fiscal year shall be in accordance with La. R.S. 40:1248.8 and 40:1248.9 and will be approved annually by resolution of the Governing Authority.

SECTION 5. Authorized Use of Funds. Monies in the Local Hospital Assessment Fund shall not be commingled with other funds of the Parish. Excess monies in the Local Hospital Assessment Fund in any given fiscal year may be carried forward to the following fiscal year.

Monies in the Local Hospital Assessment Fund may be used only as permitted for one or more of the following purposes or as allowed by La. R.S. 40:1248.7:

1. To fund intergovernmental transfers from the Parish to the State of Louisiana (the "State") to provide the nonfederal share of a program of Medicaid payments that benefit hospitals in the Parish.
2. To pay the allowable administrative expenses of the Parish associated exclusively with activities authorized by La. R.S. 40:1248.1 through 1248.10. The amount of allowable administrative expenses of the Parish may not exceed the amount stated in La. R.S. 40:1248.8(D).
3. To refund a portion of a Local Hospital Assessment payment collected in error from certain local healthcare providers.
4. To refund certain local healthcare providers the proportionate share of money received by the Parish from the Louisiana Department of Health that is not used to fund the nonfederal share of Medicaid payment program payments.

SECTION 6. Additional Authorizations. The Governing Authority, through the Police Jury President and the Parish Administrator, is authorized to take all other actions necessary to implement the requirements of the Act.

SECTION 7. Conflicts. To the extent any section of this Ordinance is inconsistent with or conflicts with the Louisiana Revised Statutes, the Louisiana Revised Statutes will control.

SECTION 8. Publication. A copy of this Ordinance shall be published immediately after its adoption in one issue of the official journal of the Parish.

SECTION 9. Section Headings. The headings of the various sections hereof are inserted for convenience of reference only and shall not control or affect the meaning or construction of any of the provisions hereof.

SECTION 10. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

This ordinance having been submitted to a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

MEMBER	YEA	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAINED
Greg Williams	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Karen Ludley	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Dan Lord	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
T.J. Cranford	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Logan Hunt	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Glenn Scriber	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Matt Pullin	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Chris Garriga	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Joe Henderson	<u> </u>	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Milton Melton	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Diane Richards	<u> </u>	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Annette Straughter	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

And the ordinance was declared adopted on this, the 13th day of May, 2025.

/s/ Courtney Hall
Courtney Hall
Parish Administrator

/s/ Glenn Scriber
Glenn Scriber
President

(Chris Garriga leaves meeting).

Next item on the Agenda was to adopt an Ordinance for Sale of Adjudicated Parcel No. 25184000075. Annette Straughter offered a motion, seconded by Dan Lord, to adopt the ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 483-25-0

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AN ACT OF SALE BY THE PARISH OF LINCOLN TO SELL ADJUDICATED PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS PARCEL# 25184000075: BEG AT NE CORNER OF SE OF NW, SEC 25-18-4, RUN S. 408', E. 318', N. 99' TO E. R/W OF PAR. RD. FOR POB, THEN E. 259', N. 99', W. 181', TO E/S OF PAR. RD. THEN S. 38 DEG. 14' W ALONG E/S OF PAR. RD. 126' TO POB; 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 June 18, 2013, 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, in accordance with L.A. R.S. 47:2202 the Parish of Lincoln has set a minimum bid for public sale at \$3,327.00; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Lincoln has received a written offer to purchase said property from Sheila Thomas for the consideration of \$3,328.00 at the time of sale and has been accepted by the Lincoln Parish Police Jury; and

WHEREAS, the property described herein below was scheduled for public auction on April 28, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

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 # 25184000075 bearing municipal address of 216 Igoe Inn Road and 220 Igoe Inn Road, Grambling, LA and more fully described as:

Parcel# 25184000075 / Assessment 10330 - BEG AT NE CORNER OF SE OF NW, SEC 25-18-4, RUN S. 408', E. 318', N. 99' TO E. R/W OF PAR. RD. FOR POB, THEN E. 259', N. 99', W. 181', TO E/S OF PAR. RD. THEN S. 38 DEG. 14' W ALONG E/S OF PAR. RD. 126' TO POB.

Municipal Address: 216 Igoe Inn Road, 220 Igoe Inn Road, Grambling, LA

- 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: Williams, Ludley, Lord, Hunt, Scriber, Pullin, Henderson, Melton, Richards, and Straughter

Annette Straughter offered a motion, seconded by Dan Lord, to adopt millage rates for 2025.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-23

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Lincoln Parish Police Jury of the Parish of Lincoln, Louisiana, in a public meeting held on May 13, 2025, which meeting was conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Law and the additional requirements of Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B), that the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2025 tax roll on all property subject to taxation:

MILLAGE

For General Parish Purposes (General Alimony Tax) on all taxable property inside the corporate limits of the City of Ruston, Louisiana	1.68 mills
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For General Parish Purposes (General Alimony Tax) on all taxable property outside the corporate limits of the City of Ruston, Louisiana	3.37 mills
For the Construction, Improvement and/or Hard Surfacing of Public Roads and Bridges Throughout Lincoln Parish, Louisiana	4.41 mills
For the Maintenance and/or Improvements of Public Roads and Bridges Throughout Lincoln Parish, Louisiana	4.41 mills
For the purpose of providing funds for equipment, supplies, maintenance, operation, construction and support of a public library and its branch or branches in the Parish.	3.80 mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of Lincoln, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2025, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

YEAS: Williams, Ludley, Lord, Hunt, Scriber, Pullin, Henderson, Melton, Richards, and Straughter

/s/ Courtney Hall
Courtney Hall
Parish Administrator

/s/ Glenn Scriber
Glenn Scriber
President

Next item on the Agenda was to adopt a resolution committing matching funds in the amount of \$358,600.00 for bridge replacements on Mitchell and Shady Grove Roads.

RESOLUTION #24 of 2025

On motion made by Annette Straughter and seconded by Matt Pullin, the Lincoln Parish Police Jury adopted the following Resolution:

“**WHEREAS**, the Lincoln Parish Police Jury has been awarded the “Bridge Replacements on Mitchell and Shady Grove Roads” project through the State of Louisiana Capital Outlay Act 485 of the Year 2021; and

WHEREAS, Facility Planning and Control requires a minimum of twenty-five (25%) percent matching funds and/or in-kind match for FP&C Project No. 50-J31-21-01:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lincoln Parish Police Jury hereby commits and verifies the availability of \$358,600.00 in matching funds and/or in-kind contributions for the construction of this project. Furthermore, the Jury hereby commits to paying all engineering fees, any additional engineering fees, and any change order to cover any construction costs over the State funding. The Jury understands the limit of State funding for this project and its obligation for funding potential change orders beyond the funds estimated herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Glenn Scriber, Jury President, or Courtney Hall, Parish Administrator, have the authority to sign all documents with regard to Facility, Planning & Control Project #50-J31-21-01.”

By affirmative vote of 10 to 0, the foregoing resolution was declared adopted by the Jury this 13th day of May, 2025.

/s/ Courtney Hall
Courtney Hall
Parish Administrator

/s/ Glenn Scriber
Glenn Scriber
President

YEAS: Williams, Ludley, Lord, Hunt, Scriber, Pullin, Henderson, Melton, Richards, and Straughter

Logan Hunt offered a motion, seconded by Milton Melton, to adopt a certificate evidencing public approval of bonds to be issues by Capital Area Finance Authority pursuant to section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended and authori the President to sign certificate.

**CERTIFICATE OF Lincoln Parish
EVIDENCING PUBLIC APPROVAL OF BONDS
PURSUANT TO Section 147(f) OF THE
INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED**

WHEREAS, the Capital Area Finance Authority (the “**Authority**”), a public trust created pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 2-A of Title 9 of the Louisiana Revised Statues of 1950, as amended (R.S. 9:2341-9:2347, inclusive) (the “**Act**”) has, by resolution dated April 16, 2025, in accordance with the requirements of the Act, and the Rules and Regulations of the Louisiana State Bond Commission (the “**Commission**”), duly authorized the issuance of not exceeding of Capital Area Finance Authority Revenue Bonds in one or more series (the “**Bonds**”) to finance loans to first-time homebuyers with the jurisdictional parishes of the Authority and such other governmental units (the “**Participating Jurisdictions**”) whose governing authority authorized and directed the execution of a cooperative

endeavor agreement (a “CEA”) with the Authority under the provisions of the Act and other applicable constitutional and statutory authorities; and

WHEREAS, THE Commission, on May 15, 2025, duly authorized the issuance and sale of the Bonds in accordance with law and the Commission’s Rules and Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Bonds are classified as exempt facility bonds under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”) and the provisions of Section 147(f)(2) (A), (B) and (E) of the Code require that issuance of Bonds be approved by the “applicable elected representative” of the governmental unit which issues such bonds or on whose behalf such bonds are issued and by the “applicable elected representative” of such other Participating Jurisdictions that have executed a CEA with the Authority under the provisions of the Act; and

WHEREAS Lincoln Parish (the “**Governmental Unit**”) has executed a CEA with the Authority to permit the financing of loans to first-time homebuyers with geographic area of the Governmental Unit; and

WHEREAS, the applicable elected representative (the “**Approving Representative**”) of the Governmental Unit for purposed of approving the Bonds is **Glenn Scriber** and

WHEREAS, in compliance with the requirements of the Code, Notice of Public Hearing (attached as **Exhibit “A”** hereto), was publishing in (i) The Advocate, Baton Rouge, Louisiana on April 23, 2025, (ii) The Daily Advertiser, Lafayette, Louisiana on April 23, 2025, (iii) the Houma Courier, Houma, Louisiana on April 23, 2025, (iv) the Lake Charles American Press, Lake Charles, Louisiana on April 23, 2025, (v) The News Star, Monroe, Louisiana on April 23, 2025, (vi) the Times-Picayune, New Orleans, Louisiana on April 23, 2025, (vii) The Times, Shreveport, Louisiana on April 23, 2025, and (viii) The Town Talk, Alexandria, Louisiana on April 23, 2025, and

WHEREAS, in compliance with the requirements of the Code, the public hearing with respect to the issuance of said Bonds was held on May 5, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., Louisiana Time, at 601 St. Ferdinand Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, and simultaneously held by teleconference using the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9940303250?omn=88470185621> or by dialing US toll-free: (833) -928-4610; meeting ID: 994 030 3250 in accordance with Rev. Proc. 2022-20 after due notice thereof was published in the official journal of the Authority and in the aforementioned publications sufficient to inform the public within the geographic area of the Participating Jurisdictions of the subject, date and place of said public hearing; and

WHEREAS, no objections were raised by any person present at the said hearing or by any person participating by teleconference relative to the issuance of the Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned, Approving Representative of the Participating Jurisdiction, desires to approve the issuance of the Bonds for the purposes of the Code;

NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned does hereby certify that the chief elected executive officer/governing authority of the Participating Jurisdiction, hereby approves and confirms the issuance of the Bonds. The Authority, and its officers, are authorized to cause this certificate to be filed of record

in the transcript of proceedings for the Bonds and to file a copy thereof with any State or Federal agency, board or commission as may be required by any applicable State or Federal laws, rules or regulations.

The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Williams, Ludley, Lord, Hunt, Scriber, Pullin, Henderson, Melton, Richards, and Straughter

/s/ Courtney Hall
Courtney Hall
Parish Administrator

/s/ Glenn Scriber
Glenn Scriber
President

Mr. Michael Sutton, Treasurer, gave the budget report.

Greg Williams offered a motion, seconded by Karen Ludley, to authorize travel reimbursements related to attendance of Police Jury Association of Louisiana Legislative Day, that was held from May 6-7, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Williams, Ludley, Lord, Hunt, Scriber, Pullin, Henderson, Melton, Richards, and Straughter

Reports and Announcements were heard from the Administrator and Department Heads.

With no other business to come before the Jury, Logan Hunt offered a motion, seconded by Milton Melton, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Williams, Ludley, Lord, Hunt, Scriber, Pullin, Henderson, Melton, Richards, and Straughter

Courtney Hall
Parish Administrator

Glenn Scriber
President