

July 13, 2021

The Lincoln Parish Police Jury entered into a public hearing for the purpose of receiving public comments regarding the millage rates and the proposed resolution to roll the millage rates forward on Tuesday, July 13, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Present were: Hazel Hunter, District Two; Richard Durrett, District Three; T.J. Cranford, District Four; Logan Hunt, District Five; Glenn Scriber, District Six; Matt Pullin, District Seven; Skip Russell, District Eight; Joe Henderson, District Nine; Milton Melton, District Ten; Sharyon Mayfield, District Eleven; Annette Straughter, District Twelve. ABSENT: Theresa Wyatt, District One.

President Richard Durrett stated that three millage rates are eligible for roll forward: General Alimony, Parish Road and Bridge Construction, Parish Road and Maintenance. The total increase revenue to this roll forward millage rate is \$30, 241.00 of that amount \$21,615 for Roads and Bridges.

Mr. Durrett then opened the floor for public comments regarding the millage rates and the proposed resolution to roll the millage rates forward.

Skip Russell asked about dollar amount per person, per year. Mr. Durrett stated it was less than one dollar per person and then closed the public hearing with no other comments.

Richard Durrett called the regular Police Jury meeting to order and Logan Hunt delivered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Hazel Hunter offered a motion, seconded by Sharyon Mayfield to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

ABSENT: Wyatt

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

Next item on the agenda was approval of minutes for June 8, 2021. Logan Hunt offered a motion, seconded by Glenn Scriber, to approve the minutes as printed. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

ABSENT: Wyatt

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. Accept the bids on a chip spreader from Doggett Machinery Services for \$348,973.00.
2. Approving revision of the Animal Control ordinance.

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

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

ABSENT: Wyatt

Next item on the agenda was to consider and review adjusting and levying tax millage rates for 2021. Matt Pullin offered a motion, seconded by Joe Henderson, to adopt an resolution adjusting and levying tax millage rates for 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-24

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Lincoln Parish Police Jury of the Parish of Lincoln, Louisiana, in a public meeting held on July 13, 2021, 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 **adjusted** millage rates be and they are hereby levied upon the dollar of the assessed valuation of all property subject to ad valorem taxation within said Parish for the year 2021, for the purpose of raising revenue:

MILLAGE

For General Parish Purposes (General Alimony Tax) on all taxable property inside the corporate limits of the City of Ruston, Louisiana	1.67 mills
For General Parish Purposes (General Alimony Tax) on all taxable property outside the corporate limits of the City of Ruston, Louisiana	3.35 mills
For the Construction, Improvement and/or Hard Surfacing of Public Roads and Bridges In Lincoln Parish, Louisiana	4.39 mills
For the Maintenance and/or Improvements of Public Roads and Bridges Throughout Lincoln Parish, Louisiana	4.39 mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Assessor of the Parish of Lincoln, shall extend upon the assessment roll for the year 2021 the taxes herein levied, and the tax collector of said Parish shall collect and remit the same to said taxing authority in accordance with law.

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

MEMBER	YEA	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAINED
Theresa Wyatt			<b>X</b>	
Hazel Hunter	<b>X</b>			
Richard Durrett	<b>X</b>			
T.J. Cranford	<b>X</b>			
Logan Hunt	<b>X</b>			
Glenn Scriber	<b>X</b>			
Matt Pullin	<b>X</b>			

Skip Russell	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Joe Henderson	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Milton Melton	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Sharyon Mayfield	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Annette Straughter	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>

Next item on the agenda to consider setting forth adjusted millage rates and rolling forward millages not to exceed maximum authorized millages for 2021. Matt Pullin offered a motion, seconded by Annette Straughter, to adopt a resolution setting forth adjusted millage rates and rolling forward millages not to exceed maximum authorized millages for 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-25

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Lincoln Parish Police Jury of the Parish of Lincoln, Louisiana, in a public meeting held on July 13, 2021, 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 taxing district voted to increase the millage rate(s), but not in excess of the prior year's maximum rate(s), on all taxable property shown on the official assessment roll for the year 2021, and when collected, the revenues from said taxes shall be used only for the specific purposes for which said taxes have been levied. Said millage rate(s) are:

<u>Adjusted Rate</u>	<u>2021 Levy</u>	
For General Parish Purposes (General Alimony Tax) on all taxable property inside the corporate limits of the City of Ruston, Louisiana	1.67 mills	1.68 mills
For General Parish Purposes (General Alimony Tax) on all taxable property outside the corporate limits of the City of Ruston, Louisiana	3.35 mills	3.37 mills
For the Construction, Improvement and/or Hard Surfacing of Public Roads and Bridges in Lincoln Parish, Louisiana	4.39 mills	4.41 mills
For the Maintenance and/or Improvements of Public Roads and Bridges Throughout Lincoln Parish, Louisiana	4.39 mills	4.41 mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Assessor of the Parish of Lincoln, shall extend upon the assessment roll for the year 2021 the taxes herein levied, and the tax collector of said Parish shall collect and remit the same to said taxing authority in accordance with law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by no less than two-thirds of the total membership of the taxing authority voting in favor as required by Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B). The votes were:

MEMBER	YEA	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAINED
Theresa Wyatt			<b>X</b>	
Hazel Hunter	<b>X</b>			
Richard Durrett	<b>X</b>			
T.J. Cranford		<b>X</b>		
Logan Hunt	<b>X</b>			
Glenn Scriber	<b>X</b>			
Matt Pullin	<b>X</b>			
Skip Russell	<b>X</b>			
Joe Henderson	<b>X</b>			
Milton Melton	<b>X</b>			
Sharyon Mayfield	<b>X</b>			
Annette Straughter	<b>X</b>			

Next item on the agenda was to revise Resolution 21-21 creating the Lincoln Parish Broadband Commission to include two at-large members and adding term limits of 3 years. Doug Postel, Parish Administrator, noted that it was recommended to include at-large members to the commission who have broadband expertise. After discussion, Annette Straughter offered a motion, seconded by Logan Hunt, to approve the revision of Resolution 21-21, to include two at-large members and adding term limits of 3 years. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

ABSENT: Wyatt

Next item on the agenda was to discuss and take action if necessary, treasurer position. President Richard Durrett read the following statement:

"At the present time, it is recommended that the Jury not fill the position of full-time Parish Treasurer. The Jury will continue to contract with Laura Hartt on an hourly basis as an Internal Auditor. It is recommended that the Jury approve a new position of Financial Manager. This individual will handle the majority of the daily financial management of the Jury. The job description will be subject to approval under New Business. The Administrator will continue to serve as the Interim Treasurer. In addition, it is recommended that the Jury contract for outsourcing of payroll services. This will be handled under New Business. This statement does not require Jury action."

After discussion, no action was taken.

Next item on the agenda was to approve job description for financial manager position. After discussion, Skip Russell offered a motion, seconded by Sharyon Mayfield, to approve the job description for the financial manager position. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

ABSENT: Wyatt

Next item on the agenda was to authorize outsourcing of payroll services. After discussion, Annette Straughter offered a motion, seconded by Sharyon Mayfield, to authorize outsourcing of payroll services. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

ABSENT: Wyatt

Next item on the agenda was to consider appointment of Mr. Shannon Reeves, Sr. to the Ruston Lincoln Convention and Visitors Bureau to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Marc Newman through December 31, 2022. Joe Henderson offered a motion, seconded by Annette Straughter, to appoint Mr. Shannon Reeves, Sr. to the Ruston Lincoln Convention and Visitors Bureau through December 31, 2022.

**Resolution No. 2021-26**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of Lincoln Parish, Louisiana, convened in Regular Session this 13th day of July, 2021 that

**Mr. Shannon Reeves, Sr.**

Is hereby and herewith appointed, COMMISSIONER Lincoln Parish Convention and Visitor’s Bureau Lincoln Parish, Louisiana,

For the term of July 13, 2021 – December 31, 2022

Signed and Sealed this 13th day of July, 2021

LINCOLN PARISH POLICE JURY

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/s/ Doug Postel  
Doug Postel  
Parish Administrator

/s/ Richard I. Durrett  
Richard I. Durrett  
President

The motion carried with the following votes:

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

ABSENT: Wyatt

Next item on the agenda was the adoption of ordinance for sale of Adjudicated Property Parcel No. 21184321025. Logan Hunt offered a motion, seconded by Annette Straughter, to adopt an ordinance for sale of Adjudicated Property Parcel No. 21184321025.

**ORDINANCE NO. 455-21-0**

***AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AN ACT OF SALE BY THE PARISH OF LINCOLN TO SELL ADJUDICATED PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS PARCEL 21184321025: NINETY (90)***

**FEET OFF AND ACROSS THE ENTIRE SOUTH SIDE OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED TRACT OF LAND: BEGINNING TWENTY (20) FEET, SOUTH OF THE SOUTHWEST (SW) CORNER OF BLOCK "K", ACCORDING TO THE ORIGINAL PLAT OF THE TOWN OF SIMSBORO, LOUISIANA, AND RUNNING THENCE SOUTH TWO HUNDRED TEN (210) FEET THENCE EAST ONE HUNDRED TWENTY (120) FEET, THENCE NORTH TWO HUNDRED TEN (210) FEET, THENCE WEST ONE HUNDRED TWENTY (120) FEET, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, SITUATED IN THE NORTHEAST QUARTER (NE ¼) OF SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW ¼), SECTION TWENTY-ONE (21), TOWNSHIP EIGHTEEN (18) NORTH, RANGE FOUR (4) WEST, LINCOLN PARISH, LOUISIANA, TOGETHER WITH ALL BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS SITUATED ON THE SAID NINETY (90) FEET. BEING THE IDENTICAL PROPERTY ACQUIRED BY BASCOM B. RUSSELL, JR. FROM HUMBLE OIL REFINING COMPANY BY ACT FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT IN AND FOR LINCOLN PARISH, LOUISIANA, UNDER FILE NUMBER C-47113 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 103, PAGE 166, OF CONVEYANCE RECORDS OF LINCOLN PARISH, LOUISIANA, 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 THE MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO**

**WHEREAS**, the immovable property described below was adjudicated to the Parish of Lincoln on May 24, 2004, 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 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 \$6,666.66 and

**WHEREAS**, the Parish of Lincoln has received a written offer to purchase said property from Donald White for the consideration of \$15,000.00, 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 July 12, 2021 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 #21184321025, having a municipal address of 2696 Martha Street, Simsboro, Louisiana, and more fully described as:

*NINETY (90) FEET OFF AND ACROSS THE ENTIRE SOUTH SIDE OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED TRACT OF LAND: BEGINNING TWENTY (20) FEET, SOUTH OF THE SOUTHWEST (SW) CORNER OF BLOCK "K", ACCORDING TO THE ORIGINAL PLAT OF THE TOWN OF SIMSBORO, LOUISIANA, AND RUNNING THENCE SOUTH TWO HUNDRED TEN (210) FEET THENCE EAST ONE HUNDRED TWENTY (120) FEET, THENCE NORTH TWO HUNDRED TEN (210) FEET, THENCE WEST ONE HUNDRED TWENTY (120) FEET, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, SITUATED IN THE NORTHEAST QUARTER (NE ¼) OF SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW ¼), SECTION TWENTY-ONE (21), TOWNSHIP EIGHTEEN (18) NORTH, RANGE FOUR (4) WEST, LINCOLN PARISH, LOUISIANA, TOGETHER WITH ALL BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS SITUATED ON THE SAID NINETY (90) FEET. BEING THE IDENTICAL PROPERTY ACQUIRED BY BASCOM B. RUSSELL, JR. FROM HUMBLE OIL REFINING COMPANY BY ACT FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT IN AND FOR LINCOLN PARISH, LOUISIANA, UNDER FILE NUMBER C-47113 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 103, PAGE 166, OF CONVEYANCE RECORDS OF LINCOLN PARISH, LOUISIANA*

- 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: Hunter, Durrett, Cranford, Hunt, Scriber, Pullin, Russell, Henderson, Melton, Mayfield, and Straughter

ABSENT: Wyatt

Next item on the agenda was to authorize president to execute and file application with LADOTD for aid and assistance for the H.E.L.P Agency. Doug Postel, Parish Administrator, stated that this funding will help with the agency's vans. After discussion, Annette Straughter offered a motion, seconded by Hazel Hunter, to authorize the president to execute and file application with LADOTD for aid and assistance. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

ABSENT: Wyatt

Next item on the agenda was a LGAP resolution for submittal of application for North Chatham Road Area Sewer District and Blueberry Hills Treatment Plants. Joe Henderson offered a motion, seconded by Annette Straughter, to authorize a LGAP resolution for submittal of application for North Chatham Road Area Sewer District and Blueberry Hills Sewer District Treatment Plants.

### **RESOLUTION 21-27**

#### **LINCOLN PARISH POLICE JURY**

The following Resolution was offered by Joe Henderson, who moved for its adoption at the normally scheduled council meeting of the Lincoln Parish Police Jury this date, July 13, 2021.

**"WHEREAS**, the Lincoln Parish Police Jury has need for rehabilitation/repairs to the exterior coatings of the North Chatham Road Area Sewage District Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Blueberry Hills Sewage District Wastewater Treatment Plant; and

**WHEREAS**, neither the Lincoln Parish Police Jury, nor the North Chatham Road Area Sewage District and Blueberry Hills Sewage District have sufficient unappropriated funds on hand for the required capital improvement project, and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, in accordance with the requirements of the Louisiana Government Assistance Program, the Lincoln Parish Police Jury does hereby support and cordially request grant authorization to execute and submit an application for the 2020-2021 Louisiana Government Assistance Program funding.

FURTHER, that Richard I. Durrett, as Jury President, be and he is hereby authorized to sign the application, contract, and all Requests for Payment or other documents required by the Louisiana Government Assistance Program (LGAP); and



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FURTHER, that Doug Postel, Administrator, be and he is hereby authorized to serve as the Certifying Officer to attest to the signature of Richard I. Durrett as authorized signatory."

The motion for adoption of this Resolution was seconded by Annette Straughter and by affirmative vote of 11 to 0, with one absent was declared adopted by the Lincoln Parish Police Jury this 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021.

/s/ Richard I Durrett  
Richard I. Durrett, President

The motion carried with the following votes:

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

ABSENT: Wyatt

Next item on the agenda was to adopt a resolution in support of the library millage.

### **Resolution 21-28**

WHEREAS, an election will be held October 9, 2021 for the renewal of a 4.49 mil property tax for 10 years to provide funds for equipment, supplies, maintenance, operation, construction, and support of the Lincoln Parish Library; and,

WHEREAS, this millage has not increased in the last twenty-five years; and,

WHEREAS, said revenues generated by the 4.49 mil tax constitute 97% of the library's total budget; and,

WHEREAS, the library provides daily library services 7 days a week, 66 hours a week through a branch and outreach van; a book collection of over 110,700 volumes and over 5,200 current magazines and newspapers in stock; approximately 22,600 DVDs and Blu Rays as well as 7,100 audio books; digital access to movies, music, books and audio books totaling over 1,000,000 items; access to 39 digital databases for literacy, education, and research as well as in house reference and information assistance and telephone and online messaging reference services; story times, crafts, and STEAM programming for children and teens; summer reading programs and year-long reading challenges for all ages; senior citizen, assisted living, day care and home bound outreach services; young adult collections and reading spaces; interlibrary loan through which library materials are borrowed from other libraries for Lincoln Parish Library patrons (member of Trail Blazer Library System and Green Gold Library System); 45 public use computers; 20 mobile internet hot spots for checkout; special collections including a fully equipped genealogy department and an extensive large print collection; 5 public access study rooms and a large community meeting space as well as a full scale rentable event facility which can host over 1,000 attendees.

WHEREAS, the library will cease to function without the renewal of this millage since the library has no alternative funds for operation.

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of Lincoln Parish, Louisiana, convened in regular session this 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021, that it does hereby and herewith support the renewal of a 4.49 mil property tax for 10 years to provide funds for equipment, supplies, maintenance, operation, construction, and support of the Lincoln Parish Library.

/s/ Richard I Durrett

Richard I. Durrett, President

After discussion, Logan Hunt offered a motion, seconded by Milton Melton, to adopt a resolution in support of the library millage. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

ABSENT: Wyatt

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 items on the agenda were the Detention Center Expansion, Administrators and Department Head Reports.

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

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Doug Postel  
Parish Administrator

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Richard I. Durrett  
Parish President