

The Lincoln Parish Police Jury met in regular session on Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the Police Jury Meeting Room, 100 West Texas Avenue, Ruston, Louisiana. Present were: Karen Ludley, District Two; Dan Lord, District Three; T.J. Cranford, District Four; Logan Hunt, District Five; Matt Pullin, District Seven; Chris Garriga, District Eight; Joe Henderson, District Nine; Milton Melton, District Ten; and Diane Richards, District Eleven.

ABSENT: Greg Williams, District One; Glenn Scriber, District Six; and Annette Straughter, District Twelve

Karen Ludley offered a motion, seconded by Dan Lord, to nominate Joe Henderson as President Pro-Tempore. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Ludley, Lord, Cranford, Hunt, Pullin, Garriga, Henderson, Melton, and Richards

President Pro-Tempore Henderson called the meeting to order and Diane Richards delivered the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Karen Ludley offered a motion, seconded by Diane Richards to approve the Agenda as printed. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Ludley, Lord, Cranford, Hunt, Pullin, Garriga, Henderson, Melton, and Richards

President Pro-Tempore Henderson called for Public Comments on Agenda Items. There were none.

Milton Melton offered a motion, seconded by Dan Lord, to approve the Minutes of the October 8, 2024 regular meeting. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Ludley, Lord, Cranford, Hunt, Pullin, Garriga, Henderson, Melton, and Richards

Karen Ludley offered a motion, seconded by Dan Lord, to approve the Minutes of the October 30, 2024 special meeting. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Ludley, Lord, Cranford, Hunt, Pullin, Garriga, Henderson, Melton, and Richards

Chris Garriga reported that the Personnel and Benefits Committee met this day at 4:30 PM and the Committee recommends:

1. Approving Option II of the compensation study as recommended.
2. Approving a 2.5% raise for employees not receiving adjustments from the compensation study.
3. Tabling Library Board of Control Board member recommendations.

Logan Hunt offered a motion, seconded by Matt Pullin, to approve the minutes of the Personnel and Benefits Committee. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Ludley, Lord, Cranford, Hunt, Pullin, Garriga, Henderson, Melton, and Richards

Joe Henderson reported that the Finance Committee met on this day at 5:15 PM and the Committee recommends:

1. Approving the Lincoln Parish Library 2024 Amended and the 2025 Proposed Budgets.
2. Approving the Lincoln Parish Police Jury 2024 Amended and the 2025 Proposed Budgets.

Joe Henderson offered a motion, seconded by Matt Pullin, to approve the minutes of the Finance Committee. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Ludley, Lord, Cranford, Hunt, Pullin, Garriga, Henderson, Melton, and Richards

Logan Hunt reported that the Health and Welfare Committee met this day at 6:00 PM and the Committee recommends:

1. Approving the H.E.L.P. 2024 Amended and 2025 Proposed Budgets.

Logan Hunt offered a motion, seconded by Dan Lord, to approve the minutes of the Health and Welfare Committee. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Ludley, Lord, Cranford, Hunt, Pullin, Garriga, Henderson, Melton, and Richards

Milton Melton reported that the Public Works Committee met this day at 6:15 PM and the Committee recommends:

1. Approving the final plat for Red Haven Ridge Subdivision, Unit 2 with contingencies.
2. Approving the final plat for Pylant Road Subdivision with contingencies.
3. Awarding low bid for hot mix to Amethyst Construction.
4. Awarding low bid for gasoline and diesel fuel to Suncoast Resources.
5. Rejecting all bids for gravel materials and authorizing advertisement for re-bid.
6. Awarding the low bids for culvert materials to Irrigation Mart and KedCo.
7. Authorizing advertisement for bids for Pea Ridge Road Box Culverts.
8. Authorizing advertisement for bids for Shady Grove bridge replacement.

Chris Garriga offered a motion, seconded by Matt Pullin, to approve the minutes of the Public Works Committee. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Ludley, Lord, Cranford, Hunt, Pullin, Garriga, Henderson, Melton, and Richards

As there was no quorum for the Economic Development and Planning Committee, no reports or recommendations were required.

Dan Lord offered a motion, seconded by Chris Garriga, to convene a Public Hearing for the purpose of receiving comments on the abandonments of Cantrell and Liggin Bluff Roads. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Ludley, Lord, Cranford, Hunt, Pullin, Garriga, Henderson, Melton, and Richards

President Pro-Tempore Joe Henderson called for Public Comments concerning the abandonments of Cantrell and Liggin Bluff Roads. There were none.

Milton Melton offered a motion, seconded by Dan Lord, to close the Public Hearing and reconvene the Police Jury meeting. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Ludley, Lord, Cranford, Hunt, Pullin, Garriga, Henderson, Melton, and Richards

Next item on the Agenda was to consider and take action if necessary, adopting a resolution for the abandonment for Cantrell Road. Parish Administrator Courtney Hall reported that the originator of the request, Mr. Dennis Cantrell, had since asked that his request be withdrawn. Following discussion, no action was taken.

Next item on the Agenda was to consider and take action if necessary, adopting a resolution abandoning Liggin Bluff Road. After discussion, T.J. Cranford offered a motion, seconded by Dan Lord, to adopt a resolution abandoning Liggin Bluff Road as requested by landowners with property within the easements of Liggin Bluff Road.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-53

WHEREAS, the right-of-way servitude for Liggin Bluff Road was requested to be abandoned as a parish maintained road by owners of property within the easements of Liggin Bluff Road; and,

WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statute 48:701 provides that parish governing authorities of the state may revoke and set aside the dedication of all roads, streets and alleyways laid out and dedicated to public use, within their respective limits, when the roads, streets or alleyway have been abandoned or are no longer needed for public purposes; and,

WHEREAS, the Police Jury of Lincoln Parish has properly advertised in the Official Journal and notified surrounding property owners of the request for abandonment of Liggin Bluff Road; and

WHEREAS, the owners of property within the easements of Liggin Bluff Road voiced no opposition in the Public Hearing held by the Police Jury and the Police Jury has determined that Liggin Bluff Road is no longer needed for public purposes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of Lincoln Parish, Louisiana convened in regular session this 12th day of November, 2024, and in accordance with the terms of provisions of Louisiana Revised Statute 48:701, that the dedication of the right-of-way servitude for Liggin Bluff Road is hereby revoked and set aside, and that the parcel of ground dedicating this right-of-way shall revert to the present owner, or owners, of land contiguous thereto in accordance with law.

/s/ Courtney Hall
Courtney Hall
Parish Administrator

/s/ Glenn Scriber
Glenn Scriber
President

The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Ludley, Lord, Cranford, Hunt, Pullin, Garriga, Henderson, Melton, and Richards

Next item on the Agenda was a presentation by Ms. Sarah Parkman, Resource Development Manager of United Way.

Next item on the Agenda was to authorize purchase of Health Hub furniture on state contract. Matt Pullin offered a motion, seconded by Milton Melton, to authorize purchase of Health Hub furniture on state contract. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Ludley, Lord, Cranford, Hunt, Pullin, Garriga, Henderson, Melton, and Richards

Next item on the Agenda was an Introduction of Ordinance For Sale of Adjudicated Property Parcel No. 24184BEN010.

ORDINANCE NO. ____

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AN ACT OF SALE BY THE PARISH OF LINCOLN TO SELL ADJUDICATED PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS PARCEL# 24184BEN010: W 1/2 OF W 1/2 OF SE OF NW ON PLAT OF SURVEY, LESS 8.009 AC DON. TO JAMES E. FRANKLIN: 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 THER MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO

WHEREAS, the immovable property described below was adjudicated to the Parish of Lincoln on June 17, 2009, 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 \$3,145.91; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Lincoln has received a written offer to purchase said property from _____ for the consideration of \$ _____ 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 November 06, 2024 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 # 2418BEN010, bearing no municipal address, and more fully described as:

Parcel # 24184BEN010 / No Municipal Address: Located on Bennett Road

BRIEF LEGAL: W ½ OF W ½ of SE of NW on plat of survey, less 8.009 ac Don. To James E. Franklin.

- 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:

NAYS:

ABSTAINED:

ABSENT:

Matt Pullin offered a motion, seconded by Diane Richards, to approve the Humanitarian Enterprises of Lincoln Parish 2024 Amended Budget. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Ludley, Lord, Cranford, Hunt, Pullin, Garriga, Henderson, Melton, and Richards

Karen Ludley offered a motion, seconded by Matt Pullin, to approve the Humanitarian Enterprises of Lincoln Parish 2025 Proposed Budget. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Ludley, Lord, Cranford, Hunt, Pullin, Garriga, Henderson, Melton, and Richards

Matt Pullin offered a motion, seconded by Chris Garriga, to approve the Lincoln Parish Police Jury 2024 Amended Budget. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Ludley, Lord, Cranford, Hunt, Pullin, Garriga, Henderson, Melton, and Richards

Karen Ludley offered a motion, seconded by Diane Richards, to approve the Lincoln Parish Police Jury 2025 Proposed Budget. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Ludley, Lord, Cranford, Hunt, Pullin, Garriga, Henderson, Melton, and Richards

Milton Melton offered a motion, seconded by Dan Lord, to approve scheduling a Public Hearing on December 10, 2024, at 7:00 PM for the purpose of receiving public comments on the proposed 2025 Police Jury Budget. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Ludley, Lord, Cranford, Hunt, Pullin, Garriga, Henderson, Melton, and Richards

Michael Sutton, Treasurer, presented the budget report.

Reports were also heard from various Department Heads.

There being no Public Comments, and no further business to come before the body, Karen Ludley offered a motion, seconded by Dan Lord, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Ludley, Lord, Cranford, Hunt, Pullin, Garriga, Henderson, Melton, and Richards

Courtney Hall
Parish Administrator

Joe Henderson
President Pro-Tempore