

The Lincoln Parish Police met in regular session, Tuesday, April 13, 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; Joe Henderson, District Nine; Milton Melton, District Ten; Sharyon Mayfield, District Eleven; Annette Straughter, District Twelve.

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

Annette Straughter offered a motion, seconded by Logan Hunt, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

Mr. Durrett called for public comments. There were none.

Next item on the agenda was approval of minutes for March 9, 2021. Sharyon Mayfield offered a motion seconded by Hazel Hunter, to approve the March 9, 2021 regular meeting minutes as printed. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

Next item on the agenda were committee reports, Matt Pullin stated that the Public Works committee met on this day at 6:00 p.m. and the committee recommends:

1. Authorize adopting an ordinance amending section 6-4.13 (speed limit) of the Lincoln Parish Code of Ordinances setting forth a 25 mile per hour speed limit on Baxter Road.
2. Authorize entering into a rental agreement for a front-end loader at a cost of \$5,291.39 per month per unit with River City Hydraulics.
3. Authorize a resolution for DOTD to conduct a traffic study at Tarbutton Road and Highway 150.
4. Reviewed the following preliminary plats: The Roberson Property, Stowe Ridge Subdivision and The Reserve at Moore's Dairy.
5. Authorize requests for assistance for Dubach, Grambling and Simsboro.

Matt Pullin offered a motion, seconded by Joe Henderson, 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, Henderson, Melton, Mayfield, and Straughter

Joe Henderson stated that the Personnel/Benefits committee met on this day at 6:30 p.m. and the committee recommends:

1. Appoint Mr. Robert Flowers II to the Northeast Delta Human Services Authority for a 3-year term.
2. Table recommendations to the Library Board of Control and allow candidates to be interviewed.
3. Approve adopting the Electronic Device Acceptable Use Policy.
4. Approve adopting revised Purchasing Policy.
5. Approve adopting revised Vehicle Use Policy.

Joe Henderson offered a motion, seconded by Hazel Hunter, to accept the report and approve the recommendations of the Personnel/Benefits committee. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

Next item on the agenda was a public hearing to consider adoption of resolution ordering and calling an election to authorize renewal of ad valorem tax for Library. Skip Russell offered a motion, seconded by Hazel Hunter, to enter into public hearing. 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.

Mr. Durrett called for public comment. There was one.

Skip Russell offered a motion, seconded by Annette Straughter, to close the public the hearing. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

In conjunction with Item #4, Item #9-to consider and take action with respect to adopting a resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in the Parish of Lincoln, State of Louisiana, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein; making an application to the State Bond Commission and providing for other matters in connection therewith. Theresa Wyatt offered a motion, seconded by Sharyon Mayfield, to adopt a resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in the Parish of Lincoln, State of Louisiana, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein; making an application to the State Bond Commission and providing for other matters in connection therewith. Mr. Durrett called for public comment.

The following resolution was offered by Theresa Wyatt and seconded by Sharyon Mayfield:

RESOLUTION

A resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in the Parish of Lincoln, State of Louisiana, to authorize the continuation of a special tax therein; making application to the State Bond Commission and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Lincoln, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Lincoln, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), that:

SECTION 1. Election Call. Subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission, and under the authority conferred by the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, including Article VI, Section 26 thereof, the applicable provisions of the Louisiana Election Code, and other constitutional and statutory authority, a special election is hereby called and ordered to be held in the Parish on **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2021**, between the hours of seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, and at the said election there shall be submitted to all registered voters qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and laws of this State and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION (MILLAGE CONTINUATION)

Shall the Parish of Lincoln, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), be authorized to levy and collect a special tax of four and forty-nine hundredths (4.49) mills on all property subject to taxation in Lincoln Parish (an estimated \$2,158,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of ten (10) years, beginning

with the year 2021 and ending with the year 2030, 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?

SECTION 2. Publication of Notice of Election. A Notice of Special Election shall be published in *The Ruston Daily Leader*, a newspaper of general circulation within the Parish, published in Ruston, Louisiana, and being the official journal of the Parish, once a week for four consecutive weeks, with the first publication to be made not less than forty-five (45) days nor more than ninety (90) days prior to the date of the election, which Notice shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as "Exhibit A" and incorporated herein by reference the same as if it were set forth herein in full.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, prior to the publication of the Notice of Election, the President is authorized and directed to make any amendments to the foregoing proposition that may be required to comply with any state or federal regulatory agencies.

SECTION 3. Canvass. This Governing Authority shall meet at its regular meeting place, the Police Jury Meeting Room, Third Floor, 100 West Texas Avenue, Ruston, Louisiana, on **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2021**, at **SEVEN O'CLOCK (7:00) P.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election.

SECTION 4. Polling Places. The polling places for the precincts in the Parish are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, will be the same persons as those designated in accordance with law.

SECTION 5. Election Commissioners; Voting Machines. The officers designated to serve as Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners pursuant to Section 4 hereof, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, shall hold the said special election as herein provided, and shall make due returns of said election for the meeting of the Governing Authority to be held as provided in Section 3 hereof. All registered voters in the Parish will be entitled to vote at the special election, and voting machines shall be used.

SECTION 6. Authorization of Officers. The Parish Administrator of the Governing Authority is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to arrange for and to furnish to said election officers in ample time for the holding of said election, the necessary equipment, forms and other paraphernalia essential to the proper holding of said election and the President and/or Parish Administrator of the Governing Authority are further authorized, empowered and directed to take any and all further action required by State and/or Federal law to arrange for the election.

SECTION 7. Furnishing Election Call to Election Officials. Certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, the Clerk of Court and *Ex-Officio* Parish Custodian of Voting Machines of Lincoln Parish and the Registrar of Voters of Lincoln Parish, as notification of the special election, in order that each may prepare for said election and perform their respective functions as required by law.

SECTION 8. Application to State Bond Commission. Application is made to the State Bond Commission for consent and authority to hold the special election as herein provided, and in the event said election carries for further consent and authority to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein. A certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the State Bond Commission on behalf of this Governing Authority, together with a letter requesting the prompt consideration and approval of this application.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

MEMBERS:	YEAS:	NAYS:	ABSENT:	ABSTAINING:
Theresa Wyatt	XX	_____	_____	_____
Hazel D. Hunter	XX	_____	_____	_____
Richard Durrett	XX	_____	_____	_____
T.J. Cranford	XX	_____	_____	_____
Logan Hunt	XX	_____	_____	_____
Glenn Scriber	XX	_____	_____	_____
Matt Pullin	XX	_____	_____	_____
Skip Russell	XX	_____	_____	_____
Joe Henderson	XX	_____	_____	_____
Milton Melton	XX	_____	_____	_____
Sharyon Mayfield	XX	_____	_____	_____
Annette Straughter	XX	_____	_____	_____

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 13th day of April, 2021.

/s/Doug Postel
 Doug Postel
 Parish Administrator

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

EXHIBIT "A"

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Police Jury of the Parish of Lincoln, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Lincoln, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), on April 13, 2021,

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held within the Parish on **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2021**, and that at the said election there will be submitted to all registered voters in the Parish qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION
(MILLAGE CONTINUATION)

Shall the Parish of Lincoln, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), be authorized to levy and collect a special tax of four and forty-nine hundredths (4.49) mills on all property subject to taxation in Lincoln Parish (an estimated \$2,158,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2021 and ending with the year 2030, 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?

Said special election will be held at each and every polling place in the Parish of Lincoln, which polls will open at seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541.

The polling places at the precincts in the Parish are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law.

The estimated cost of this election as determined by the Secretary of State based upon the provisions of Chapter 8-A of Title 18 and actual costs of similar elections is \$48,800.

Notice is further given that a portion of the monies collected from the tax described in the Proposition shall be remitted to certain state and statewide retirement systems in the manner required by law.

The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, as provided in this Notice of Special Election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, will make due returns thereof to said Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, the Police Jury Meeting Room, Third Floor, 100 West Texas Avenue, Ruston, Louisiana, on **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2021**, at **SEVEN O'CLOCK (7:00) P.M.**, and shall then and there in

open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election. All registered voters of the Parish are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Ruston, Louisiana, on this, the 13th day of April, 2021.

ATTEST:

/s/ Richard I. Durrett
President

/s/ Doug Postel
Parish Administrator

Next item on the agenda was the LCDBG public hearing to obtain views on the housing and community development needs of Lincoln Parish and to discuss the submission of an application for funding under the State of Louisiana FY 2022/2023 Community Development Block Grant Program. Annette Straughter offered a motion, seconded by Joe Henderson, to enter into LCDBG public hearing. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

Mr. Thomas Magee of Frye Magee was present for discussion and questions. Annette Straughter offered a motion, seconded by Milton Melton, to close the public hearing and reconvene the Police Jury meeting. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

Next item on the agenda was to discuss and take action on a resolution opposing state centralized sales tax collection. Doug Postel, Parish Administrator explained that the Police Jury Association has chosen not to take action. After discussion, Milton Melton offered a motion, seconded by Hazel Hunter, to remove the resolution from the table and reconsider it. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

After further discussion, Skip Russell offered a motion, seconded by Sharyon Mayfield, to authorize a resolution opposing state centralized sales tax collection. 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.

Resolution 21-17

A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION OF ALL PROPOSED LEGISLATION THAT TRANSFERS THE ADMINISTRATION AND COLLECTION OF LOCAL SALES & USE TAXES TO THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE.

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the State of Louisiana grants local governments the right to levy and collect local sales and use taxes;

WHEREAS, House Bill 199 to create the State and Local Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Commission was introduced in the 2021 Regular Legislative Session that would transfer collection responsibility of local sales and use tax levies to the state; and

WHEREAS, local taxing authorities possess the best knowledge and experience to properly collect its own taxes and have a proven record of proactive advancements in the areas of enforcement, audit coverage, dispute resolution, reporting technology and successful litigation; and

WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana's budget issues do not offer prospects for the Department of Revenue to have sufficient resources to provide the necessary taxpayer assistance, enforcement programs and training of its employees on the specific application of local sales and use tax ordinances without significant cost contributions from local governments, thereby resulting in the direct and indirect loss of local tax receipts; and

WHEREAS, many local taxing authorities have issued bonded indebtedness guaranteed by the passage locally adopted sales and use tax levies, collection of said levies the direct responsibility of local governments, and which transfer of that responsibility to a state agency may generate legal challenges and jeopardize future bond issues; and

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WHEREAS, the central local collector in each parish is directly responsible to the local taxing authorities and their elected officials for the performance of local tax administration, uncertainty exists as to who in the State and Local Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Commission will be accountable to local taxing authorities for the performance of such critical local tax administration,

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the members of the Lincoln Parish Police Jury, that each member of the legislative delegation for the Parish of Lincoln is urged to vigorously oppose House Bill 199 as written; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent forthwith to said legislators so that they will be made aware of our position on this matter.

/s/ Richard I. Durrett
Richard I. Durrett
Lincoln Parish Police Jury President

Next item on the agenda was appointment of Mr. Robert Flowers II to the Northeast Delta Human Services Authority for a 3-year term. Joe Henderson offered a motion, seconded by Sharyon Mayfield, to appoint Mr. Robert Flowers II to the Northeast Delta Human Services Authority.

The motion carried with the following votes:

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

Resolution No. 2021-18

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

Mr. Robert Flower II

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

For the term of April 13, 2021 – April 13, 2024

Signed and Sealed this 13th day of April, 2021

LINCOLN PARISH POLICE JURY

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/s/ Doug Postel
Doug Postel
Parish Administrator

/s/ Richard I. Durrett
Richard I. Durrett
Police Jury President

Matt Pullin offered a motion, seconded by Milton Melton, to table appointments to the Library Board. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

Next item on the agenda was accept bids on two railroad tankcars, culverts (10'x60') and two transfer trailers. Matt Pullin offered a motion, seconded by Milton Melton, to accept the low bid of \$31,800.00 from Railroad Yard, Inc. for two railroad tankcars. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

Annette Straughter offered a motion, seconded by Theresa Wyatt, to accept the low bid of \$152,738.00 from Trail Co. for two transfer trailers. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

Next item on the agenda was to authorize advertisement for furnishing and delivering asphalt materials for road repair and construction. Annette Straughter offered a motion, seconded by Hazel Hunter, to authorize advertisement for furnishing and delivering asphalt materials for road repair and construction. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

Next item on the agenda was to authorize approval of new Lincoln Parish Police Jury logo design. Devon Cannon, Administrative Assistant and Kevin Klepzig, Assistant Administrator presented the Jury with 3 different logo designs. After discussion, for option #1: Wyatt, Hunter, Durrett, Cranford, Hunt, Scriber, Pullin, Russell, Henderson and Melton and for option #3: Mayfield and Straughter. Theresa Wyatt offered a motion, seconded Hazel Hunter, to approve the option #1 for the new Lincoln Parish Police Jury Logo. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

NAYS: Straughter

Next item on the agenda was to discuss and take action if necessary for 4 PAWS CEA. It was noted that the CEA was not signed in the beginning of the year. Theresa Wyatt

offered a motion, seconded by Joe Henderson, to authorize a resolution establishing a Cooperation Endeavor Agreement with 4 PAWS for animal control services. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 21-20

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lincoln Parish Police Jury convened in Regular Session this 13th day of April 2021 does hereby authorize the Police Jury President, Richard I. Durrett, to sign the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with 4-Paws Rescue, Inc. for animal control services.

/s/ Richard I. Durrett
Richard I. Durrett
Police Jury President

Next item on the agenda was the introduction of ordinance for sale of adjudicated property parcel no. 19183000110. Kevin Klepzig, Assistant Parish Administrator noted that the property was located on 120 Humphrey Street in Grambling, La. After discussion, Annette Straughter offered a motion, seconded by Joe Henderson, to approve the introduction of ordinance for sale of adjudicated property parcel no. 19183000110. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

Next item on the agenda was the adoption of ordinance for sale of adjudicated property parcel no. 31182174014. It was noted that the property was on Pecan Street in Ruston, La. Skip Russell offered a motion, seconded by Annette Straughter, to adopt an ordinance for sale of adjudicated property parcel no. 31182174014. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

Next item on the agenda was to adopt a resolution for the creation of Lincoln Parish Broadband Commission. Skip Russell offered a motion, seconded by Logan Hunt, to adopt a resolution for the creation of Lincoln Parish Broadband Commission. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

RESOLUTION 21-21

To create the Lincoln Parish Broadband Commission to study the current impediments to rural access to broadband service, to devise solutions to achieve parishwide access to broadband high-speed internet service, and to seek funding sources for such access.

WHEREAS, in the modern economy, rural broadband is a lifeline to quality of life and economic opportunity; and

WHEREAS, while broadband high-speed internet service is abundantly available in Louisiana cities, it is woefully absent in the rural areas of the state; and

WHEREAS, according to the federal government, eighty percent of the twenty-four million American households who lack reliable, affordable, high-speed internet are in rural areas; and

WHEREAS, the federal government, through various agencies, is currently making investments in broadband infrastructures to help transform rural America, providing innovation and technology to increase economic competitiveness and opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the federal government currently provides loans and grants to increase high-speed internet access in rural areas; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln Parish Police Jury supports Federal and State efforts to expand rural broadband service; and

WHEREAS, a commission to study and seek solutions concerning rural access to broadband service would be the best way to obtain funding for achieving parishwide access to high-speed internet broadband service.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lincoln Parish Police Jury hereby creates the Lincoln Parish Broadband Commission to study the current impediments to rural access to broadband service in Lincoln Parish, to devise solutions to achieve parishwide access to high-speed internet broadband service, and to seek funding sources for such access.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall be comprised of the following members:

1. The Lincoln Parish Sheriff or his/her designee
2. The Lincoln Parish School Board Superintendent or his/her designee
3. One representative from rural private or charter schools
4. The President of Grambling State University or his/her designee

5. The President of Louisiana Tech University or his/her designee
6. One representative of rural healthcare providers
7. One representative from the Grambling Chamber of Commerce
8. The Mayor of the City of Ruston or his/her designee
9. One representative of the Lincoln Parish Police Jury
10. One representative of rural Lincoln Parish municipality mayors
11. One representative from the agriculture industry
12. One representative from the forestry industry
13. One representative from rural utility providers
14. One representative from minority business owners
15. One representative from faith-based organizations

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that task force members shall be Lincoln Parish residents or be employees or owners of businesses in Lincoln Parish.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that task force members shall serve without compensation or reimbursement of expense.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a majority of the membership of the task force constitutes a quorum.

/s/ Richard I. Durrett

Richard I. Durrett

Police Jury President

Next item on the agenda was to adopt an ordinance amending section 6-4.13 (speed limits) of the Lincoln Parish Code of Ordinances setting forth 25 mile per hour speed limit on Baxter Road. Skip Russell offered a motion, seconded by Milton Melton, to adopt an ordinance amending section 6-4.13 (speed limits) of the Lincoln Parish Code of Ordinances setting forth 25 mile per hour speed limit on Baxter Road. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 452-21-(6)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 184-98-(4) OF THE PARISH OF LINCOLN STATE OF LOUISIANA PROVIDING THAT THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE PARISH OF LINCOLN, STATE OF LOUISIANA, BE AMENDED BY REVISING CHAPTER 6, MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, TO ADD A SECTION TO BE NUMBERED 6-4.13 AND TO DEFINE THE OFFENSE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE POLICE JURY OF LINCOLN PARISH, LOUISIANA, IN REGULAR SESSION CONVENED THIS 13th DAY OF APRIL, 2021:

SECTION 1

That the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Lincoln, State of Louisiana, be amended by adding a section to be number 6-4.13 to read as follows:

Sec. 6-4.13 Speed Limits – Baxter Road

“No motor vehicle, as defined by Louisiana law, shall be operated at a speed in excess of 25 miles per hour on Baxter Road.”

SECTION 2

That the limit of speed referred to hereinabove shall be duly posted and displayed by means of appropriate highway speed limit signs.

SECTION 3

That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4

That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its promulgation.

/s/ Doug Postel
Doug Postel
Parish Administrator

/s/ Richard I. Durrett
Richard I. Durrett
Police Jury President

Next item on the agenda was to adopt a resolution authorizing Administrator to enter into rental agreement for a front-end loader. Joe Henderson offered a motion, seconded by Hazel Hunter, to adopt a resolution authorizing the administrator to enter into a rental agreement with River City Hydraulics for a front-end loader at a cost of \$5,291.39 per month per unit. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 21-22

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lincoln Parish Police Jury convened in Regular Session this 13th day of April 2021 does hereby authorize the Parish

Administrator, Doug Postel, to enter into a contract with River City Hydraulics for a front end loader.

/s/ Richard I. Durrett
Richard I. Durrett
Police Jury President

Next item on the agenda was to adopt a resolution to DOTD for traffic study at Tarbutton Road and Highway 150. Annette Straughter offered a motion, seconded by Hazel Hunter, to adopt a resolution to DOTD for traffic study at Tarbutton Road and Highway 150. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

Resolution 21-23

A RESOLUTION TO URGE AND REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT TO TAKE ACTION TO PROVIDE GREATER SAFETY AND TO MINIMIZE TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS AT THE INTERSECTION OF LOUISIANA HIGHWAY 150, AND TARBUTTON ROAD IN RUSTON, LINCOLN PARISH, LOUISIANA.

WHEREAS, this intersection in Ruston, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana is a dangerous intersection and has been the site of multiple accidents; and

WHEREAS, this intersection is a heavily traveled area; and

WHEREAS, action to provide greater safety to the motoring public at this intersection is needed.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lincoln Parish Police Jury does hereby request the Department of Transportation and Development to take action to provide greater safety to the motoring public and to minimize traffic accidents at the intersections of Louisiana Highway 150, and Tarbutton Road in Ruston, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana by means of additional signing or signaling to enhance motorist awareness to impending danger.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development and the Lincoln Parish Legislative Delegation.

/s/ Richard I. Durrett
Richard I. Durrett
Lincoln Parish Police Jury President

Next item on the agenda was to adopt an Electronic Device Acceptable Use Policy. The new policy includes sections covering Data Protection and Security; User Responsibility; Lost, Damaged, or Stolen Devices; and Safeguarding and E-Safety. Milton Melton offered a motion, seconded by Joe Henderson, to adopt an Electronic Device Acceptable Use Policy. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

Next item on the agenda was to adopt an updated Purchasing Policy. Changes to the policy include removal of references to outdated forms, adding the ability to submit quotes via email, adjusting the minimum Public Works bid to \$250,000.00, and adding provisions for Extreme Emergency Purchasing. Sharyon Mayfield offered a motion, seconded by Annette Straughter, to adopt an updated Purchasing Policy. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

Next item on the agenda was to adopt the updated Vehicle Use Policy. Changes to the policy include requiring driver signature on policy, requiring fire extinguisher and first aid kit in all vehicles, establishing mileage reimbursement in accordance with the state travel guidelines, establish the minimum driving age at 21, requiring a MVR release, establishing required alcohol and drug testing, and allowing use of cell phone hand-free devices. Milton Melton offered a motion, seconded by Hazel Hunter, to adopt the updated Vehicle Use Policy. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

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 departmental reports.

Next item on the agenda was a report on the archery range from Mr. Glenn Scriber.

Next item on the agenda was a report on the Lincoln Parish Park Festival by Ms. Annette Straughter.

Next item on the agenda was a report by the Administrator.

Next item on the agenda was current litigation on Crochet v. Lincoln Parish Police Jury.

Annette Straughter offered a motion, seconded by Joe Henderson, to enter into executive session to discuss pending litigation.

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.

Annette Straughter offered a motion, seconded by Hazel Hunter, to close executive session and reconvene regular meeting. 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.

Annette Straughter offered a motion, seconded by Hazel Hunter, to authorize the Administrator to reach out to Mr. George Snelling, to represent the Lincoln Parish Police Jury in litigation. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

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

Doug Postel
Parish Administrator

Richard I. Durrett
Parish President