

September 9, 2025

TO: Lincoln Parish Police Jury

FROM: Finance Committee

SUBJECT: Committee Report

The Finance Committee of the Lincoln Parish Police Jury met in the Lincoln Parish Police Jury Meeting Room, 100 West Texas Avenue, Ruston, Louisiana, Tuesday, September 9, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. Present were: Dan Lord, Matt Pullin, Chris Garriga, and Diane Richards.

ABSENT: Joe Henderson

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

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

YEAS: Lord, Pullin, Garriga, and Richards

Acting Chair Lord called for Public Comments on Agenda items. There were none.

First item on the Agenda was to receive the 2026 budget requests from the following Departments:

Lincoln Parish Museum: Rick Godley was present to request funding in the amount of \$15,000.00. Mr. Godley also requested that the Police Jury consider replacing two missing historical markers at an estimated cost of \$3,500.00 each.

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

Sparta Groundwater Commission: A letter was received requesting a continuance of the current annual funding in the amount of \$2,500.00.

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

Lincoln Total Community Action: A letter was received requesting a continuance of the current annual funding in the amount of \$10,000.00.

LSU Cooperative Extension Service: Amanda Simmons and Jeannie Crnkovic were present to request annual funding in the amount of \$27,500.00, an increase of \$5,000.00.

IT Department: Jackson Matthews, GIS Director, was present to request a continuance of the current annual funding in the amount of \$20,000.00.

Lincoln Parish GIS: Jackson Matthews, GIS Director, was present to request a continuance of the current annual funding in the amount of \$25,000.00.

Registrar of Voters: A letter was received requesting funding in the amount of \$58,800.00, an increase of \$3,900.00.

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

Third Judicial District Court: Judge Monique B. Clement was present to request a continuance of the current annual funding of \$148,200, with cost of living raises for the Court Reporters should the jury grant them.

Lincoln Parish District Attorney: James Buckley, Assistant District Attorney, was present to request a continuance of the current annual funding of \$300,000.00.

Northeast Delta Human Services Authority: A letter was received requesting a continuance of the current annual funding of \$5,000.00.

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

Lincoln Parish Health Unit: Melissa Brown, Regional Program Manager, was present to request a continuance of the current annual funding. Due to the construction and completion of a new facility costs are estimated at \$33,200.00.

IDB: Rick Chandler, Chief Public Defender, was present requesting monthly funding in the amount of \$15,000.00 or \$180,000.00 annually.

Next item on the Agenda was to consider, and take action if necessary, amending the 2025 Budget for the Bridge Replacement and Road Improvement Fund to reflect deletion of the Rabb Road Bridge Replacement Project (\$548,466.00 credit). After discussion, Matt Pullin offered a motion, seconded by Chris Garriga, to recommend amending the 2025 Budget, to reflect the deletion of the Rabb Road Bridge Replacement Project.

Acting Chair Dan Lord called for Public Comment. There were none.

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

Courtney Hall
Parish Administrator

Dan Lord
Acting Chair