

The Lincoln Parish Police Jury met in regular session on Tuesday, October 14, 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; T.J. Cranford, District Four; Logan Hunt, District Five; Glenn Scriber, District Six; Matt Pullin, District Seven; Chris Garriga, District Eight; Milton Melton, District Ten; and Diane Richards, District Eleven

ABSENT: Joe Henderson, District Nine; Annette Straughter, District Twelve

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

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

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

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

Dan Lord offered a motion, seconded by Milton Melton, to approve the Minutes of the September 9, 2025 regular meeting. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

Diane Richards reported that the Employee Recognition Committee met this day at 3:30 PM and conducted the following business:

1. Received an updated financial report.
2. Determined the date and location for the employee Christmas Party will be December 16, 2025, at 6:00 PM, at Lincoln Hall
3. Tasked Administration with determining menu and entertainment

Diane Richards offered a motion, seconded by Karen Ludley, to approve the minutes of the Employee Recognition Committee. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

Greg Williams reported that the Public Works Committee met this day at 4:00 PM and recommends the following:

1. Authorize advertisement for bids for the following:
 - Gas/Diesel (1 Year)
 - Gravel (1 Year)

- Culverts (1 Year)
 - Hot Mix Maintenance (6 Months)
 - Generator Project
2. Award low bid for hot mix overlays to Amethyst Construction, in the amount of \$1,275,471.55.
 3. Award the low bid for a dump truck to Bruckner's Truck and Equipment in the amount of \$169,412.00.
 4. Approve setting speed limits for Parish Park Road to 25 MPH and Mt. Harmony Church Road to 35 MPH.
 5. Set sewer rates for 2026 at \$46.00 per month.
 6. Approving the Mary E.K. Freeland Unit No. 2 Subdivision Plat.
 7. Approving the Mondy Road Estates Subdivision Plat with contingencies.
 8. Approving the Ruston-Lincoln Realty Subdivision Plat with variances.
 9. Approving assistance to the Village of Simsboro for right-of-way trimming.

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

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

Dan Lord reported that the Finance Committee met this day at 4:20 PM and recommends the following:

1. Approving the 2026 budget requests as presented.

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

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

Chris Garriga reported that the Public Safety and Emergency Services Committee met this day at 4:40 PM and recommends the following:

1. Accepting EMS Long-Range Planning proposal from Emergency Services Consulting International in the amount of \$58,329.00.

Chris Garriga offered a motion, seconded by Dan Lord, to approve the minutes of the Public Safety and Emergency Services Committee. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

Milton Melton reported that the Public Property and Buildings Committee met this day at 5:00 PM and conducted the following business:

1. Received a project presentation for the Park/Greenspace Project adjacent to the Courthouse.
2. Authorized the submittal of a funding application to DEQ-Clean Water State Revolving Fund for the Park/Greenspace Project.
3. Authorized the engagement of Shuler Consulting Company for the Park/Greenspace Project.
4. Authorized Change Order to Lincoln Builders for site preparation at the Health Hub in the amount of \$109,540.00.
5. Declared various furniture items from Library as surplus property and authorized advertisement for bids.

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, Cranford, Hunt, Scriber, Pullin, Garriga, Melton, and Richards

T.J. Cranford reported that the Solid Waste and Recycling Committee met this day, at 5:30 PM and conducted the following business:

1. Received a Solid Waste Master Plan Update from Kessler Consulting Company, Inc.
2. Amended the contract for Solid Waste Master Plan to include municipalities and a potential new landfill.
3. Authorized Requests for Proposals for landfill tipping fees.

T.J. Cranford offered a motion, seconded by Karen Ludley, to approve the minutes of the Solid Waste and Recycling Committee. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

The first order of New Business was to consider amending the Lincoln Parish Code of Ordinances Section 4-7 to allow the possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages at the Library Events Center.

Sec. 4-7.- Public possession or consumption.

It shall be unlawful for any person to consume or possess any alcohol beverage of any kind on any street or highway or in any public space, including, but not limited to, any property owned by the parish, except for the Lincoln Parish Library Events Center located at 910 North Trenton Street, Ruston, Louisiana, provided that such possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages at the Library Events Center complies with the Library Events Center policies and rules approved by the Lincoln Parish Police Jury.

Following discussion, the ordinance was voted on by roll call:

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

The motion passes.

The following resolution was offered by Dan Lord and seconded by Karen Ludley:

RESOLUTION 25-31

A resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in the Parish of Lincoln, State of Louisiana, to authorize the renewal of special taxes 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, APRIL 18, 2026**, 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 propositions, to-wit:

PROPOSITION NO. 1 OF 2

(MILLAGE RENEWAL)

Shall the Parish of Lincoln, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), continue to levy a special tax of 4.41 mills on all property subject to taxation within the Parish (an estimated \$2,481,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2027 and ending with the year 2036, for the maintenance and/or improvement of public roads and bridges throughout the Parish?

PROPOSITION NO. 2 OF 2

(MILLAGE RENEWAL)

Shall the Parish of Lincoln, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), continue to levy a special tax of 4.41 mills on all property subject to taxation within the Parish (an estimated \$2,481,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2027 and ending with the year 2036, for the construction, improvement and/or hardsurfacing of public roads and bridges throughout the Parish?

SECTION 2. Publication of Notice of Election. A Notice of Special Election shall be published in 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 propositions 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, 100 West Texas Avenue, Ruston, Louisiana, on **TUESDAY**,

MAY 12, 2026, at 6:00 P.M., and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the results 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 taxes 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.

SECTION 9. Employment of Counsel. This Governing Authority finds and determines that a real necessity exists for the employment of special counsel on matters

related to the special election, and accordingly, Foley & Judell, L.L.P., is hereby employed as special counsel for said purpose for a term not exceeding one (1) year from the date of this resolution. The fee to be paid said special counsel shall be an amount computed at hourly rate based on the Attorney General's then current Maximum Hourly Fee Schedule, not to exceed \$1,000 in the aggregate, together with reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses, and payment for the work herein specified is hereby approved without further action of this Governing Authority as and when invoices are presented. The scope of this legal representation does not involve federal claims.

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

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

ABSENT: Henderson and Straughter

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 14th day of October, 2025.

/s/ Courtney Hall
Parish Administrator

/s/ Glenn Scriber
President

Next item on the Agenda was to adopt a resolution providing for Annual Off-System Bridge Program Certification. Dan Lord offered a motion, seconded by Chris Garriga, to adopt the resolution.

RESOLUTION 25-32

WHEREAS, the Code of Federal Regulations, as enacted by the United States Congress, mandates that all structures defined as bridges located on all public roads shall be inspected, rated for safe load capacity, and posted in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards, and that an inventory of these bridges be maintained by each state; and

WHEREAS, the responsibility to inspect, rate, and load post those bridges under the authority of Lincoln Parish, in accordance with those Standards, is delegated by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to Lincoln Parish.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF LINCOLN PARISH, LOUISIANA, convened in Regular Session on the 8TH day of October, 2024 that it does hereby certify to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) that for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026:

1. The Parish will perform all interim inspections on all parish-owned or maintained bridges in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards and Specifications for the National Bridge Inventory;
2. All bridges owned or maintained by the Parish will be structurally analyzed and rated by the Parish as to the safe load capacity in accordance with the American

Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Manual for Bridge Evaluation. The load posting information that has been determined by DOTD for all bridges where the maximum legal load under Louisiana State Law exceeds the load permitted under the operating rating as determined above will be critically reviewed by the Parish. Load posting information will be updated by the Parish to reflect all structural changes, any obsolete structural ratings, or any missing structural ratings;

3. All Parish-owned or maintained bridges which require load posting or closing will be load posted or closed in accordance with the table in the DOTD Load Rating Directives. All DOTD supplied load posting information concerning a bridge has been critically reviewed by the Parish Engineer prior to load posting; and
4. All bridges owned or maintained by the Parish are shown on the attached list in the format specified by the DOTD. Corrections to data supplied to the Parish by the DOTD are noted.
5. All bridges owned and maintained by the Parish are accessible to DOTD for all routine bridge inspections. Parish will clear vegetation as required upon DOTD request.

These stipulations are prerequisites to participation by the Parish in the Off-System Bridge Replacement Program.

/s/ Courtney Hall
Parish Administrator

/s/ Glenn Scriber
President

The motion carried with the following votes:

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

Next item on the Agenda was to adopt resolution re-authorizing the service fee collected by Louisiana Office of Motor Vehicles. Dan Lord offered a motion, seconded by Milton Melton, to adopt the resolution.

Resolution 25-33

Whereas, on July 1, 2015, a new six year driver's license was implemented;

And, Whereas, as a result of this action, the State of Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of Motor Vehicles, is projecting a decrease in the number of customers needing to visit their local field office;

And, Whereas, this reduction in the number of customers will have a direct negative financial impact on the amount of service fees collected and remitted to the Lincoln Parish Police Jury;

And, Whereas, the Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections and the Lincoln Parish Police Jury have entered into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement whereby said

service fees will be used to offset costs incurred by the Police Jury for housing the local Motor Vehicle Office;

And, Whereas, in an effort to offset this decrease in revenue, Act 765 of the 2014 Legislative Session was amended to allow an increase in the service fee collected on behalf of the Lincoln Parish Police Jury, not to exceed four dollars and fifty cents,

Now, Therefore, BE It Resolved, that the Lincoln Parish Police Jury authorizes the Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of Motor Vehicles, to immediately begin the collection of the maximum authorized service fee of four dollars and fifty cents.

/s/ Courtney Hall
Parish Administrator

/s/ Glenn Scriber
President

The motion carried with the following votes:

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

Next item on the Agenda was to adopt resolution adopting a Procurement Policy in compliance with State of Louisiana 2025-2026 Community Development Block Grant Program. Matt Pullin offered a motion, seconded by Milton Melton, to adopt the resolution.

PROCUREMENT POLICY

RESOLUTION

BY THE

LINCOLN PARISH POLICE JURY

WHEREAS, the Lincoln Parish Police Jury has been afforded the opportunity to apply and participate in the State of Louisiana 2025-2026 Community Development Block Grant Program administered by the Division of Administration; and,

WHEREAS, the STATE requires the establishment of uniform procedures in compliance with OMB Circular A-102;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Lincoln Parish Police Jury, that the attached policy entitled “Procurement Policy” is hereby adopted.

Passed, approved and adopted this 14th day of October, 2025.

/s/ Courtney Hall
Parish Administrator

/s/ Glenn Scriber
President

The motion carried with the following votes:

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

Next item on the Agenda was to adopt resolution authorizing the submittal of funding application through the State Revolving Fund Loan Program for Courthouse Public Park/Greenspace Project. Logan Hunt offered a motion, seconded by Matt Pullin, to adopt the resolution.

RESOLUTION 2025-35

WHEREAS, the **Lincoln Parish Police Jury**, proposes a public park adjacent to the existing Lincoln Parish Courthouse Complex in downtown Ruston creating an environmentally friendly green space in a highly developed area; and

WHEREAS, loans and/or grants for this project may be available through the State Revolving Fund loan program operated by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the **Jury Members** of the **Lincoln Parish Police Jury** that:

Section 1. **Glenn Scriber, President**, is hereby authorized to submit a pre-application, application and issue debt in the amount of \$4,100,000.00 to the Department of Environmental Quality on behalf of the **Lincoln Parish Police Jury** for the purpose of placing this project on the Comprehensive Priority List for funding through the State Revolving Loan Fund program; and,

Section 2. **Glenn Scriber, President** is further authorized to furnish such additional information as may reasonably be requested in connection with the pre-application; and,

Section 3. The **President** is hereby designated as the Official Project Representative for the **Lincoln Parish Police Jury** for any project that may result from the submission of the pre-application.

/s/ Courtney Hall
Courtney Hall
Parish Administrator

/s/ Glenn Scriber
Glenn Scriber
President

The motion carried with the following votes:

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

Next item on the Agenda was to appoint Mr. Logan Hunt to the Lincoln Health Foundation for a 3-Year Term.

Resolution No. 2025-36

BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of Lincoln Parish,
Louisiana, convened in Regular Session this
14th day of October, 2025 that

Mr. Logan Hunt

Is hereby and herewith appointed, COMMISSIONER
Lincoln Health Foundation
Representing the Lincoln Parish Police Jury
Lincoln Parish, Louisiana,

For the term of October 14, 2025 – October 14, 2028

Signed and Sealed this 14th day of October, 2025

LINCOLN PARISH POLICE JURY

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/s/ Courtney Hall
Courtney Hall
Parish Administrator

/s/ Glenn Scriber
Glenn Scriber
President

The motion carried with the following votes:

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

Next item on the Agenda was to authorize release of a Request for Qualifications for engineering services related to emerging contaminants funding for Mt. Olive Waterwork District. After discussion, Dan Lord offered a motion, seconded by Matt Pullin, to authorize the request.

The motion carried with the following votes:

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

Next item on the Agenda was an announcement of upcoming Board and Commission Term Expirations for the following candidates:

- Dr. Amanda Norris-Library Board of Control (12/8/2025)
- Jan Canterbury-Library Board of Control (01/01/2026)
- Dr. Tiffany Bates- Northeast Delta Human Services Authority (12/31/2025)
- Richard Aillet-Fire Protection District No. 1 (01/01/2026)
- Billy Jack Talton (deceased)-Waterworks District No. 2 (12/31/2025)
- John Sutton-Greater Ward One Waterworks District (12/31/2025)
- Adarian Williams (GSU)-Ruston/Lincoln CVB (12/31/2025)
- Gerald Jordan (La Tech)-Ruston/Lincoln CVB (12/31/2025)

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

Under Other Business and Reports, Mr. Troy Brooks and Mrs. Alana Belton of the Lincoln United Community Coalition presented a report.

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

President Scriber called for Public Comment. There were none.

With no other business to come before the Jury, Dan Lord offered a motion, seconded by T.J. Cranford, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Courtney Hall
Parish Administrator

Glenn Scriber
President