

The Lincoln Parish Police Jury met in regular session on Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room, 100 West Texas Avenue, 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; and Annette Straughter, District Twelve.

President Durrett called the meeting to order, and Annette Straughter delivered the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Logan Hunt offered a motion, seconded by Annette Straughter, to amend the Agenda to add Item 14- Consider, And Take Action If Necessary, Approval of Change Order No. 3 for the Park Bike Trails Hub Construction. The motion was voted on by roll call:

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

The motion passed unanimously and the Item was added to the Agenda.

Joe Henderson offered a motion, seconded by Hazel Hunter, to approve the Agenda as amended. The motion was voted on by roll call:

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

The motion passed unanimously.

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

Annette Straughter offered a motion, seconded by Hazel Hunter, to approve the October 9, 2023 Regular Meeting minutes. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

Milton Melton offered a motion, seconded by Glenn Scriber, to approve the November 2, 2023 Special Meeting minutes. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

Under Committee Reports, Annette Straughter reported that the Health and Welfare Committee met on this day at 6:00 p.m. and the Committee recommends:

1. Approving the 2023 Amended Budget for the H.E.L.P. Agency.
2. Approving the 2024 Proposed Budget for the H.E.L.P. Agency.

Annette Straughter offered a motion, seconded by Sharyon Mayfield, to approve the Health and Welfare Committee report. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

Skip Russell reported that the Finance Committee met on this day at 6:15 p.m. and the Committee recommends:

1. Approving the Lincoln Parish Library 2023 Amended Budget and 2024 Proposed Budget.
2. Approving the Lincoln Parish Police Jury 2023 Amended Budget and the 2024 Proposed Budget.

Skip Russell offered a motion, seconded by Hazel Hunter, to approve the Finance Committee report. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

ABSTAIN: Henderson

T.J. Cranford reported that the Solid Waste Committee met on this day at 6:45 p.m. and the Committee recommends:

1. Approving a 2-year contract extension with the Union Parish Police Jury for disposal of solid waste.
2. Declaring the following items as surplus property and authorize advertisement for bids:
  - 1) Item 1  
Seventy-seven (77) Dumpsters  
Min. Bid: \$0.035 per lb.
  - 2) Item 2  
Peerless Live Floor Trailer  
S# 1PLE04522XPK28056  
Min. Bid: \$2,500.00
  - 3) Item 3  
2006 Ford E350 Van  
VIN# 1FBSS31L06HB15967  
Min. Bid: \$10,000.00
  - 4) Item 4  
2015 ITI Live Floor Trailer  
S# 1Z92B4528FT199094  
Min. Bid: \$10,000.00
  - 5) Item 5  
2005 International 7300 Room Loader  
VIN# 1HTWAAAAR45J145363  
Min. Bid: \$5,000.00

6) Item 6  
1998 Cardinal 135 Ton Scales  
Min. Bid: \$1,000.00

7) Item 7  
Bobcat 3650 Sx5  
S# B3C317126  
Min. Bid: \$3,500.00

T.J. Cranford offered a motion, seconded by Sharyon Mayfield, to approve the Solid Waste and Recycling Committee report. 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 Joe Henderson, to approve the Humanitarian Enterprises of Lincoln Parish 2023 Amended Budget. 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 Hazel Hunter, to approve the Humanitarian Enterprises of Lincoln Parish 2024 Proposed Budget. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

Glenn Scriber offered a motion, seconded by Matt Pullin, to approve the Lincoln Parish Police Jury 2023 Amended Budget. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

ABSTAIN: Henderson

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

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

ABSTAIN: Henderson

Annette Straughter offered a motion, seconded by Milton Melton, to schedule a Public Hearing on December 12, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. for Budget Adoption. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

Under New Business was the Introduction of an Ordinance for Sale of Adjudicated Property- Parcel No. 26203839190.

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

***AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AN ACT OF SALE BY THE PARISH OF LINCOLN TO SELL ADJUDICATED PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS: PARCEL NO. 26203839190 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 THEIR MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO***

**WHEREAS**, the immovable property described below was adjudicated to the Parish of Lincoln in 1993, 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**, the Parish of Lincoln has received a written offer to purchase said property from Dorothy & Lonnie Thomas, for the consideration of \$2,464.00 (Two Thousand Four Hundred Sixty Four Dollars and No Cents) cash, has been accepted by the Lincoln Parish Police Jury; and

**WHEREAS**, the property described herein below will be purchased through the Parish “Lot Next Door” program and is therefore exempt from the public bidding requirement.

**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 # 26203839190, with no municipal address located in Dubach, LA and more fully described as:

BEG. AT THE SEC OF LOUIS MCCOLLISTER'S LOT AND RUN S. 100', W. 115', N. 100', E. 115' TO POB, ALL IN NW OF SW, SEC. 26-20-3.

- 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.

Next item on the Agenda was to authorize assignment of mineral leases #13594 and #10520 from Comstock Resources, Inc. to Dixie Lake Royalty, LLC (56%) and Sabine Holdings, LP

(44%). Courtney Hall, Interim Parish Administrator recommended authorizing the assignment of mineral leases. Logan Hunt offered a motion, seconded by Milton Melton, to authorize the assignment. 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 consider and take action if necessary, a request for an Industrial Tax Exemption from Weyerhaeuser NR Company. After discussion, Logan Hunt offered a motion, seconded by Sharyon Mayfield, to authorize the request for Industrial Tax Exemption from Weyerhaeuser NR Company. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

ABSTAIN: Pullin

Next item on the agenda was to consider and take action if necessary, Change Order No. 3 pertaining to the Park Bike Trails Hub Construction. Mr. Hall explained that the Change Order would remove two ramps resulting in a cost reduction in the amount of \$13,585.00 and recommended approving the Change Order. Annette Straughter offered a motion, seconded by Hazel Hunter, to authorize the change order. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

Parish Treasurer Michael Sutton presented the budget report.

Following various reports, Annette Straughter offered a motion, seconded by Hazel Hunter, to adjourn the meeting. 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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Courtney Hall  
Interim Parish Administrator

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Richard I. Durrett  
Police Jury President