

The Lincoln Parish Police Jury met in special session on Tuesday, November 29, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the Police Jury Conference Room, Ruston, Louisiana. Present were: Theresa Wyatt, District One; Hazel Hunter, District Two; Richard I. Durrett, District Three; TJ 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.

ABSENT: None

President Durrett called the meeting to order. Joe Henderson delivered the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Annette Straughter offered a motion, seconded by Hazel Hunter, 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

President Durrett called for public comments on agenda items. Mr. Bill Smith was present to express concerns about setting the date and time for the 2023 meetings for anything other than the second Tuesday at 7:00 pm.

Under Committee Reports, Mrs. Straughter stated that the Health and Welfare Committee met on November 3 and November 21, 2022. Administrator Doug Postel provided an update on the Health Hub Project. The Lewis property heirs have accepted the offers extended and the Acts of Sale have been issued. Mr. BJay Durrett is continuing to work on the full acquisition of the Rabb property. The additional NLMC property is being surveyed. Annette Straughter offered a motion seconded by Logan Hunt, to approve the report for the November 3, 2022 meeting. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

Doug Postel stated that at the November 21, 2022, Health and Welfare Committee that an option to consider the possible donation or purchase of an existing building from Northern Louisiana Medical Center after they construct a new facility was presented. He also provided an update on the Health Hub project. The Lewis property Acts of Sale have been signed and executed. BJay Durrett has a Private Investigator attempting to locate the additional heirs to the Rabb property. The additional Northern Louisiana Medical Center property has been surveyed and we are awaiting the legal descriptions. We will need to work with the City on the revocation of streets and alleys. Lewis Jones has the contact information for the state attorney for DHH and is drafting a letter in reference to the

mental health building. Annette Straughter offered a motion to approve the report, seconded by Hazel Hunter. 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 and Benefits Committee met at 5:00 pm this day and the Committee recommends:

1. Appoint the Personnel/Payroll Director as the ADA Compliance Officer.
2. Appoint Mr. Richard Aillet to the Lincoln Parish Fire Protection District #1 for a two-year appointment.
3. Announce two vacancies for the Tremont Water System
4. Announce five vacancies for the Waterworks District #2

Mr. Henderson offered the report in the form of a motion, seconded by Sharyon Mayfield. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

Logan Hunt stated that the Public Works Committee met at 5:30 PM this day and the Committee recommends:

1. Accepting the low bid from Irrigation Mart for culvert materials for a one-year term
2. Accepting the low bid from Ruston Rock-It for gravel materials and LJ Haddox for crushed concrete for a one-year term
3. Accepting the low bid from Reladyne for gas/diesel for a one-year term
4. Accepting the low bid from Amethyst for hot mix for a six-month term

Mr. Hunt offered his report in the form of a motion, seconded by Skip Russell. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

The next item on the agenda was to consider and take action, if appropriate, to authorize the conveyance to the City of Ruston the interest of the Police Jury in the North Parking Area of the Federal Building Tract located on Vienna Street in Ruston. Annette Straughter offered a motion, seconded by Sharyon Mayfield, to authorize the conveyance. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

Item number five on the agenda was to set the meeting dates and times for 2023. Doug Postel stated that his suggestion would be to set the meeting dates and times for the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm with the exception of March and October which would be the third Tuesday at 7:00 pm. Logan Hunt offered a motion, seconded by Matt Pullin to approve the suggested meeting dates and times.

After a lengthy discussion, Mr. Durrett repeated the motion to set the 2023 meeting dates and times for the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm except for March and October which would be the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm. The motion failed with the following roll-call vote:

	Yay	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Wyatt	<u>      </u>	<u>XX</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Hunter	<u>      </u>	<u>XX</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Durrett	<u>      </u>	<u>XX</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Cranford	<u>XX</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Hunt	<u>XX</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Scriber	<u>XX</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Pullin	<u>XX</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Russell	<u>      </u>	<u>XX</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Henderson	<u>      </u>	<u>XX</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Melton	<u>      </u>	<u>XX</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Mayfield	<u>      </u>	<u>XX</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Straughter	<u>      </u>	<u>XX</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>

Joe Henderson offered a motion, seconded by Sharyon Mayfield, to set the 2023 meeting dates and times for the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm. The motion carried with the following roll-call votes:

	Yay	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Wyatt	<u>XX</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Hunter	<u>XX</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Durrett	<u>XX</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Cranford	<u>      </u>	<u>XX</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Hunt	<u>XX</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Scriber	<u>XX</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Pullin	<u>XX</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Russell	<u>XX</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Henderson	<u>XX</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>

Melton	<u>XX</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Mayfield	<u>XX</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Straughter	<u>XX</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>

The last item on the agenda was to take action, if necessary, on the Health and Welfare Committee Report. Doug Postel stated that the jury needed to decide if they wanted to construct a new building for the Health Hub or if the jury wanted to consider the offer from North Louisiana Medical Center to purchase an existing building. He stated that the hospital would be out of their building within four years. (Skip Russell left the meeting.)

Annette Straughter offered a motion, seconded by Sharyon Mayfield, to move forward with the current plans for the Health Hub. Logan Hunt stated that he would like to consider the option of purchasing a current building, which would save some of the ARPA money to invest in other areas of the parish. Hazel Hunter stated that she believes the health unit is in dire need of a new building and she would like to see the jury move forward. Mr. Durrett called for a vote on the motion to move forward with the current plans for the Health Hub. The motion carried with the following votes:

	Yay	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Wyatt	<u>XX</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Hunter	<u>XX</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Durrett	<u>XX</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Cranford	<u>XX</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Hunt	<u>      </u>	<u>XX</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Scriber	<u>XX</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Pullin	<u>      </u>	<u>XX</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Russell	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>XX</u>	<u>      </u>
Henderson	<u>XX</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Melton	<u>XX</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Mayfield	<u>XX</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Straughter	<u>XX</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>

Mr. Postel reminded the jurors about Lincoln Lights Up the Pines and that the December meeting will be at the Library Event Center. The meeting was adjourned with no further business to come before the Jury.

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 Doug Postel  
 Parish Administrator

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 Richard I. Durrett  
 Police Jury President