

TO: Lincoln Parish Police Jury
FROM: Economic Development and Planning Committee
SUBJECT: Committee Report

The Economic Development and Planning Committee of the Lincoln Parish Police Jury met in the Police Jury Meeting Room, 100 West Texas Avenue, Ruston, Louisiana, Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. Present were: Logan Hunt, Chair; Greg Williams, Matt Pullin, Chris Garriga, and Annette Straughter.

Logan Hunt called the meeting to order and delivered the invocation.

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

YEAS: Williams, Hunt, Pullin, Garriga, and Straughter

Chairman Hunt called for Public Comments on Agenda Items. There were none.

Chairman Hunt began discussion concerning immediate planning priorities. Mr. Gerald Long, Governmental Consultant, was present to provide information on how Lincoln Parish could receive assistance with submitting grant applications for funding through the federal government. Immediate priorities identified were assisting the Lincoln Parish Fire District with their needs, addressing Solid Waste collection issues, and animal control. Following discussion, Chris Garriga offered a motion, seconded by Matt Pullin, to authorize the President and his designee to meet with the Mayor of the City of Ruston to discuss an animal control partnership. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Williams, Hunt, Pullin, Garriga, and Straughter

Next, the Committee members discussed identification and planning related to long-term priorities. Chairman Hunt recommended that the Jury engage assistance from a firm experienced in developing strategic long-term planning. Following further discussion, Matt Pullin offered a motion, seconded by Chris Garriga, to authorize the Administrator to identify, contact, and engage a firm with an expertise in developing long-range strategic plans. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Williams, Hunt, Pullin, Garriga, and Straughter

There being no other business to come before the Committee, Milton Melton offered a motion, seconded T.J. Cranford, to adjourn the meeting. The vote was unanimous and the meeting was adjourned.

Courtney Hall
Parish Administrator

Logan Hunt
Committee Chair