



POLICE JURY REGULAR MEETING

Lincoln Parish Police Jury

Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at 7:00 PM

Police Jury Conference Room | 100 West Texas Avenue, Floor Three,
Ruston, LA 71270

AGENDA

In compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, individuals needing special accommodations during this meeting should notify the Lincoln Parish Police Jury at 318-513-6200 at least three working days before the meeting.

Call to Order

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance - Mrs. Hazel Hunter

Approval of Agenda

Public Comments on Agenda Items

Minutes of Prior Meeting

- [1.](#) February 14, 2023 Regular Meeting

Committee Reports

2. Health and Welfare Committee - February 15, 2023
3. Health and Welfare Committee - March 6, 2023
4. Finance Committee
5. Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Committee
6. Personnel/Benefits Committee
7. Solid Waste and Recycling Committee
8. Public Works Committee

New Business

9. Adopt Resolution Expressing Condolences of the Lincoln Parish Police Jury Upon the Death of Mr. C Reagan Sutton, Former Parish Administrator
- [10.](#) Proclamation Declaring 2023 the 150th Anniversary of Lincoln Parish
- [11.](#) Introduction of Ordinance for Sale of Adjudicated Properties – Parcel Number 29183000067
- [12.](#) Appointment to the Ruston Lincoln Convention and Visitor's Bureau - Mr. Tim Padgett, Louisiana Tech Representative (3-Year Term)
- [13.](#) Consider, And Take Action If Necessary, Amending Police Jury Purchasing Policy to Reflect Increased Dollar Thresholds
- [14.](#) Consider, And Take Action If Necessary, Entering Into Additional National Opioid Settlement and Authorizing Administrator to Execute Any Required Documents

- [15.](#) Declare Various Items of Office Furniture As Surplus Property and Authorize Advertisement For Bids

Budget Report - Mr. Michael Sutton

Other Business

- [16.](#) Consider, And Take Action If Necessary, Authorizing Travel to NACo - Austin, Texas, July 21-24, 2023

- [17.](#) Reports

Public Comments

Adjourn

TO: Lincoln Parish Police Jury
FROM: Public Works Committee
SUBJECT: Committee Report

The Public Works Committee of the Lincoln Parish Police Jury met in the Police Jury Meeting Room, 100 West Texas Avenue, Tuesday, February 14, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. Present were: Logan Hunt, Chair; Theresa Wyatt, TJ Cranford, and Glenn Scriber.

ABSENT: Matt Pullin

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

Glenn Scriber offered a motion, seconded by Theresa Wyatt, to approve the Agenda. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Wyatt, Cranford, Hunt, and Scriber

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

The first item on the agenda was to take action on railroad tank car bids. Theresa Wyatt offered a motion, seconded by Glenn Scriber to recommend authorizing the purchase of tank cars from the low bidder meeting bid specifications, The Railroad Yard, Inc, in the amount of \$136,000 and to refer this matter to the Finance Committee for required budget adjustments.

Lincoln Parish Police Jury			
BID TABULATION SHEET			
Item #:	One (1) - Five (5) Railroad Tank Car Culverts 10 ft x 60 ft		
Bid Date:	Friday, February 3, 2023 @ 9:00 a.m.		
Budgeted Amount:	\$38,000.00		
Notes:	Budget amendment will have to be made due to this increase.		
Bidder	Size	Bid	Comments
The Railroad Yard, Inc.	<i>per bid specs</i>	<i>\$136,000.00</i>	<i>\$27,200 each</i>
Gateway Pipe Inc.	<i>per bid specs</i>	<i>\$180,000.00</i>	<i>\$36,000 each</i>
Gateway Pipe Inc.	<i>Qty 6 - 10' x 50'</i>	<i>\$132,000.00</i>	<i>\$22,000 each</i>
Clark Tank Cars, LLC	<i>REJECTED</i>	<i>REJECTED</i>	<i>Received bid via email</i>
Kedco	<i>REJECTED</i>	<i>REJECTED</i>	<i>Received bid late via USPS</i>

The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Wyatt, Cranford, Hunt, and Scriber

TJ Cranford offered a motion, seconded by Theresa Wyatt, to recommend authorizing the advertisement of bids for asphalt materials. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Wyatt, Cranford, Hunt, and Scriber

Glenn Scriber offered a motion, seconded by Theresa Wyatt, to recommend authorizing the Administrator to negotiate a contract for engineering and design services for the Rabb Road Bridge Replacement Project and to execute any and all documents relative thereto. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Wyatt, Cranford, Hunt, and Scriber

(Matt Pullin entered the meeting.)

Theresa Wyatt offered a motion, seconded by Glenn Scriber, to recommend authorizing the purchase of approximately 80 acres from Corney Properties, LLC in the amount of \$220,000.00, contingent on right-of-way access, and to further recommend authorizing the President to execute any and all documents related thereto and to refer this matter to the Finance Committee for budget adjustments. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Wyatt, Cranford, Hunt, and Scriber

Next on the agenda was to consider amendments to the 2022 Capital Improvement Plan Asphaltic Concrete Overlays. Glenn Scriber offered a motion, seconded by TJ Cranford, to recommend authorizing Change Order No. 1 increasing the Contract in the amount of \$35,660.75. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Wyatt, Cranford, Hunt, and Scriber

Theresa Wyatt offered a motion, seconded by Glenn Scriber, to recommend authorizing the President to sign a Certificate of Substantial Completion for the 2022 Asphaltic Concrete Overlay Project. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Wyatt, Cranford, Hunt, and Scriber

Under other business, Theresa Wyatt inquired whether or not right-of-way access had been acquired from Mr. Michael Lyons for the Mondy Road Bridge Replacement Project. Hunter Lancaster of Shuler Consulting Company stated that right-of-way access had not been granted, however, the project was still in the engineering phase and rights-of-way should be acquired soon.

Assistant Administrator Kevin Klepzig stated that a letter had been received from the Louisiana Department of Transportation regarding the request made by Resolution 23-01 concerning safety issues at the West Bound I-20 Exit at Louisiana Highway 33. Mr. Klepzig stated that DOTD is aware of the situation and has been looking into correcting the issue and is currently waiting for the necessary parts to make repairs. He further reported that the matter should be corrected within the next few months.

Skip Russell asked about the condition of Mt. Harmony Church Road, citing concerns due to subdivision development in that area. Jerry Doss stated that the main issue is with cross drains on the gravel portion of the road and that these cross drains had recently been cleared by Highway

Department crews.

Interim Parish Administrator Courtney Hall offered congratulations to Jerry Doss and Kevin Klepzig, for making sure that all parish bridges were in full compliance with the Off-System Bridge Program for 2022.

There being no public comments or any further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned.

Courtney Hall
Interim Parish Administrator

Logan Hunt
Committee Chair

The Lincoln Parish Police Jury met in regular session on Tuesday, February 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; 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: Hazel Hunter, District Two

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

Annette Straughter offered a motion, seconded by Sharyon Mayfield, to approve the Agenda as printed. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

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

Milton Melton offered a motion seconded by Annette Straughter to approve the Minutes of the January 10, 2023 Regular Meeting. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

Glenn Scriber offered a motion seconded by Annette Straughter to approve the Minutes of the January 24, 2023 Special Meeting. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

Logan Hunt stated that the Public Works Committee met at 6:30 p. m. this day and the Committee recommends:

1. Authorizing the purchase of tank cars from the low bidder meeting bid specifications, The Railroad Yard, Inc, in the amount of \$136,000.00 and to refer this matter to the Finance Committee for budget adjustments.

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2. Authorizing the advertisement of bids for asphalt materials.
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4. Authorizing the purchase of approximately 80 acres from Corney Properties, LLC in the amount of \$220,000.00, contingent on right-of-way access, and to further recommend authorizing the President to execute any and all documents related thereto and to refer this matter to the Finance Committee for budget adjustments.
5. Authorizing Change Order No. 1 to the 2022 Asphaltic Concrete Overlay Program increasing the cost in the amount of \$35,660.75.
6. Authorizing the President to sign a Certificate of Substantial Completion for the 2022 Asphaltic Concrete Overlay Project.

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

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

The first item under New Business was an announcement of upcoming Committee vacancies. Interim Parish Administrator Courtney Hall stated that there was one pending vacancy for the Library Board of Control and two pending vacancies for the Convention and Visitor's Bureau. No action was taken.

Joe Henderson offered a motion, seconded by Annette Straughter, to adopt an Ordinance for the sale of adjudicated properties Parcel No. 20184000029.

ORDINANCE NO. 464-23-(0)

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AN ACT OF SALE BY THE PARISH OF LINCOLN TO SELL ADJUDICATED PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS PARCEL# 20184000029: IN ACCORDANCE WITH LA R.S. 47: 2202 TSEQ. AND TO AUTHORIZE THE LINCOLN PARISH POLICE JURY PRESIDENT TO SIGN ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND TO ADDRESS OTHER MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO

WHEREAS, the immovable property described below was adjudicated to the Parish of Lincoln on June 25, 2019, for nonpayment of taxes; and

WHEREAS, the three (3) year period for redemption provided by Art. 7, §25 of the Louisiana Constitution has elapsed, established by Parish Ordinance No: 337-14-(O) 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, in accordance with L.A. R.S. 47:2202 the Parish of Lincoln has set a minimum bid for public sale at \$3,539.41; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Lincoln has received a written offer to purchase said property from Ray and Geraldeen Fulkroad, for the consideration of \$3,539.41 at the time of sale and has been accepted by the Lincoln Parish Police Jury; and

WHEREAS, the property described herein below was scheduled for public auction on February 8, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

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 #20184000029, municipal address of 202 Houston Drive, Simsboro, Louisiana, and more fully described as:

Legal Description:

Simsboro, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana:

Section 20: Beginning at the intersection of the centerline of the Illinois Central Railroad (now Kansas City Southern Railroad) with the West line of the Southeast Quarter of Northeast Quarter of said Section 20 and run thence South for a distance of 405 feet for the point of beginning.

From said point of beginning, thence run South 82 degrees 40 minutes East parallel to the said railroad for a distance of 149 feet; thence run South for a distance of 200 feet; thence run North 82 degrees 40 minutes West for a distance of 19 feet; thence run South for a distance of 54 feet; thence run North 82 degrees 40 minutes West for a distance of 130 feet and to the West line of said "forty"; thence run North for a distance of 254 feet and back to the point of beginning, containing 0.85 acre, more or less, and

Beginning at the intersection of the centerline of the Illinois Central Railroad (now Kansas City Southern Railroad) with the West line of the Southeast Quarter of Northeast Quarter of said Section 20 and run thence South for distance of 405 feet; thence run South 82 degrees 40 minutes East parallel to the said railroad for a distance of 149 feet and to the point of beginning. From said point of beginning, thence run South 82 degrees 40 minutes East parallel to the said railroad for a distance of 149 feet; thence run South for a distance of 200 feet and to the North right of way line of Houston Street; thence run North 82 degrees 40 minutes West along the North right of way line of said street, for a distance of 149 feet; thence run North for a distance of 200 feet and back to the point of beginning, containing 0.68 acres, more or less.

Brief Legal:TWO TRACTS OF LAND CONTG 1.53 ACRES SIT. IN SEC. 20-18-4. (FROM ANNIE M. MCGREW) (956-326) (0300853250) SEC. 20-18-4: BEG. AT THE INTERS. OF THE C/L OF I.C. RR., (NOW KANSAS CITY SOUTHERN RR.), WITH THE W/L OF SE OF NE, SEC. 20 AND TH. RUN S. 405' FOR POB. FROM POB, RUN TH. S 82 DEG. 40' E PAR. TO SAID RR. 149', TH. RUN S. 200', TH. RUN N. 82 DEG. 40' W. 19, TH RUN S. 54', TH. RUN N. 82 DEG. 40' W. 130' AND TO THE W/L OF SAID 40, TH. RUN N. 254' AND BACK TO THE POB, CONTG. 0.85 AC. AND: BEG AT THE INTERS. OF THE C/L OF I.C. RR WITH THE W/L OF SE OF NE OF SAID SEC. 20 AND RUN TH. S. 405', TH RUN S. 82 DEG. 40' E. PAR. TO THE SAID RR. FOR 149' AND TO THE POB. FROM POB, RUN S. 82 DEG. 40' E. PAR. TO SAID RR. 149', TH. RUN S. 200', AND TO THE N. R/W LINE OF HOUSTON ST., TH. RUN N. 82 DEG. 40' W. ALONG N. R/W LINE OF SAID ST., 149', TH. RUN N. 200' AND TO POB, CONTG. 0.68 AC.

- 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. The above Ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

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

ABSENT: Hunter

/s/ Courtney Hall
Courtney Hall
Interim Parish Administrator

/s/ Richard I. Durrett
Richard I. Durrett
Police Jury President

Annette Straughter offered a motion, seconded by Logan Hunt, to adopt a Resolution authorizing Interim Parish Administrator Courtney Hall as a Signatory on Financial Accounts.

Resolution 23-04

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lincoln Parish Police Jury convened in Regular Session this 14th day of February 2023 does hereby authorize the Interim Parish Administrator, Courtney Hall, as signatory on all financial accounts of the Lincoln Parish Police Jury.

/s/ Richard I. Durrett
Richard I. Durrett
Police Jury President

The motion carried with the following votes:

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

Logan Hunt offered a motion, seconded by Milton Melton, to authorize the President to execute a Conveyance to the City of Ruston pertaining to the interest of the Police Jury in the North Parking Area of the Federal Building. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

Annette Straughter offered a motion, seconded by Glenn Scriber, to authorize the Police Jury President as signatory for the Temporary Animal Shelter Agreement with the City of Ruston. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

Glenn Scriber offered a motion, seconded by Annette Straughter, to adopt the LCDBG-CV Program Management Resolution, updating authorized individuals to perform certain functions.

Resolution 23-05

LCDBG-CV LOVE LOUISIANA OUTDOORS AND HVAC MANAGEMENT RESOLUTION UPDATE

WHEREAS, the Lincoln Parish Police Jury previously adopted the “LCDBG-CV Love Louisiana Outdoors Management Resolution” (**Resolution 22-11**) on March 8, 2022, and the “LCDBG-CV HVAC Improvements Management Resolution” (**Resolution 22-17**) on April 12, 2022, which adopted policies/plans for the program and established certain functions and coordinators for the Parish’s LCDBG-CV Programs; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary to update portions of the Resolutions stated above to authorize individuals to perform certain designated functions.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lincoln Parish Police Jury as legal recipient of the LCDBG-CV funds does hereby authorize the following actions:

SECTION I

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

WHEREAS, it is necessary under the Financial Management regulations of the LCDBG-CV program to authorize certain individuals to sign for draw downs for request for payments and to authorize one certain individual to certify the correctness of each signature; and,

WHEREAS, it is further necessary under the Financial Management regulations of the LCDBG-CV program to designate an official depository to hold LCDBG-CV funds;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Lincoln Parish Police Jury as legal authorized recipient of the LCDBG-CV funds, in regular session convened, that Courtney Hall, Michael Sutton, and Kevin Klepzig are hereby authorized to sign the "Authorized Signature Form" for Request for Payments; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Richard Durrett shall certify to the correctness of the signatures; and,

SECTION II REQUISITION OF FUNDS

WHEREAS, the State requires adequate financial management control over LCDBG-CV funds. The establishment of a Requisition of Funds policy is a vital tool to such control.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Lincoln Parish Police Jury that all invoices for work performed or materials used in relation to the LCDBG-CV Program, prior to payment, must have attached a signed pre-printed project requisition form. The form and invoice shall be approved in the following order:

1. Approval by Project Administrator for budget control
2. Approval by the Secretary/Treasurer
3. Approval by the President

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Michael Sutton and Courtney Hall are hereby authorized to sign checks written on the LCDBG-CV accounts.

SECTION III EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

WHEREAS, equal opportunity regulations of the LCDBG-CV program require the appointment by the recipient of an Equal Opportunity Officer (EEO Officer) to have the responsibility for maintaining all pertinent EEO files, submitting on a timely basis all reports, answer all related correspondence and monitor all EEO areas;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Lincoln Parish Police Jury that Courtney Hall is hereby appointed as EEO Officer for the LCDBG-CV program.

SECTION IV 504 COORDINATOR

WHEREAS, the State requires Grantees to designate a responsible person to coordinate the Lincoln Parish Police Jury efforts to comply with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Courtney Hall is appointed as Section 504 Compliance Officer.

SECTION V SECTION 3 COMPLIANCE

WHEREAS, the LCDBG-CV program requires that all grant recipients establish and adopt by resolution a Section 3 Plan and appoint a Section 3 Coordinator and certification procedures.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lincoln Parish Police Jury adopts a Section 3 Plan and appoints Courtney Hall as its Section 3 Coordinator.

SECTION VI RESIDENTIAL ANTI DISPLACEMENT

WHEREAS, the LCDBG-CV Program requires that all grant recipients adopt by resolution a Residential Anti - Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lincoln Parish Police Jury hereby reaffirms the previously adopted Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan and appoints Courtney Hall as its Coordinator.

SECTION VII LANGUAGE ACCESS PLAN

WHEREAS, there is no change to the original adopted Plan.

SECTION VIII
SECTION 504 GREVIANCE PROCEDURE

WHEREAS, there is no change to the original adopted Plan.

SECTION VIII
POLICY STATEMENT FOR COMMUNICATING INFORMATION
TO PERSONS WITH SENSORY IMPAIRMENTS

WHEREAS, there is no change to the original adopted Plan.

The motion carried with the following votes:

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

/s/ Courtney Hall
Courtney Hall
Interim Parish Administrator

/s/ Richard I. Durrett
Richard I. Durrett
Police Jury President

Courtney Hall presented the Budget Report. Under Administrator’s Report, Mr. Hall reminded the Jurors that there would be a Health and Welfare Committee Meeting on Wednesday, February 15, 2023, at 10:00 AM. Jurors then heard reports from various Departments Heads.

There being no public comments, Annette Straughter offered a motion, seconded by Milton Melton, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

Courtney Hall
Interim Parish Administrator

Richard I. Durrett
Police Jury President

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE YEAR 2023 AS THE
SESQUICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF LINCOLN PARISH,
LOUISIANA

WHEREAS, Lincoln Parish was created out of contiguous portions of the Northern Portion of Jackson Parish, the Eastern Portions of a part of the Parishes of Bienville and Claiborne, and a portion of Southwestern Union Parish by Act No. 32 of 1873; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln Parish, which was named for President Abraham Lincoln, has grown from densely wooded hills to become an important economic and educational center for North Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Vienna was incorporated in 1848, Choudrant was established in 1883, and other communities within the parish bear the names of their founders: Simsboro (1848) was named for James Monroe Sims, an early settler; Ruston (1884) was named for its founder, Robert E. Russ; Grambling (1900) named for Judd Grambling, owner of a lumber mill at that site; Dubach (1901) was named for Fred B. Dubach, a lumberman settling here from Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, education is an important resource in Lincoln Parish, evolving from the early days of the Louisiana Chautauqua Society to the establishment of two major State Universities, Louisiana Tech University and Grambling State University; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln Parish Police Jury established the Lincoln Parish Sesquicentennial Planning Committee via Resolution 22-22 to plan, develop, encourage, and coordinate the Commemoration of the One Hundred Fiftieth Anniversary of Lincoln Parish; and

WHEREAS, The Lincoln Parish Sesquicentennial Planning Committee has developed plans, programs and events associated with the One Hundred Fiftieth celebration;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lincoln Parish Police Jury does hereby proclaim the year of 2023, to be known as the SESQUICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF LINCOLN PARISH, LOUISIANA and calls upon the citizens of Lincoln Parish to celebrate the history and future of Lincoln Parish.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that official copies of this Proclamation be presented to each member of the Lincoln Parish Sesquicentennial Planning Committee and the Lincoln Parish Legislative Delegation.

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AN ACT OF SALE BY THE PARISH OF LINCOLN TO SELL ADJUDICATED PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS PARCEL# 29183000067: COMMENCING AT AN EXISTING CRESOTE FENCE POST FOUND AND ACCEPTED AS THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 18 NORTH, RANGE 3 WEST, LINCOLN PARISH, LOUISIANA; THENCE RUN N 00 DEGREES, 14' EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 660.00 FEET TO A METAL "T" FENCE POST; THENCE RUN N89 DEGREES, 38' W ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF HANNA ESTATES SUBDIVISION FOR A DISTANCE OF 685.28 FEET TO METAL "T" FENCE POST FOR THE STARTING POINT; FROM SAID STARTING POINT THENCE RUN NORTH FOR A DISTANCE OF 125.00 FEET TO A METAL "T" FENCE POST; THENCE RUN N 89 DEGREES, 38' W FOR A DISTANCE OF 289.95 FEET TO A RAILROAD SPIKE IN THE CENTER LINE OF LINCOLN PARISH ROAD NO. 102; THENCE RUN S 12 DEGREES 00' W ALONG SAID CENTER LINE FOR A DISTANCE OF 59.77 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE RUN S 10 DEGREES, 46' W ALONG SAID CENTER LINE FOR A DISTANCE OF 67.57 FEET TO A RAILROAD SPIKE; THENCE, LEAVING SAID CENTER LINE, RUN S 89 DEGREES, 38', 24 E FOR A DISTANCE OF 315.00 FEET BACK TO THE POINT-OF-BEGINNING; CONTAINING 0.87 ACRES, LINCOLN PARISH, LOUISIANA: 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 on June 1, 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, in accordance with L.A. R.S. 47:2202 the Parish of Lincoln has set a minimum bid for public sale at \$5,988.00; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Lincoln has received a written offer to purchase said property from _____ for the consideration of \$ _____ at the time of sale and has been accepted by the Lincoln Parish Police Jury; and

WHEREAS, the property described herein below was scheduled for public auction on April 4, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

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 #29183000067, with a municipal address of 575 Rodgers Road, Ruston, Louisiana, and more fully described as:

Commencing at an existing creosote fence post found and accepted as the Southeast Corner of the North One-Half of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 29, Township 18 North, Range 3 West, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana; thence run N 00 degrees, 14' East for a distance of 660.00 feet to a metal "T" fence post; thence run N89 degrees, 38' W along the North line of Hanna Estates Subdivision for a distance of 685.28 feet to metal "T" fence post for the STARTING POINT; from said starting point thence run North for a distance of 125.0feet to a metal "T" fence post; thence run N 89 degrees, 38' W for a distance of 289.95 feet to a railroad spike in the center line of Lincoln Parish Road No. 102; thence run S 12 degrees 00' W along said center line for a distance of 59.77 feet to a point; thence run S 10 degrees, 46' W along said center line for a distance of 67.57 feet to a railroad spike; thence, leaving said center line, run S 89 degrees, 38', 24 E for a distance of 315.00 feet back to the point-of-beginning; containing 0.87 acres.

- 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. The above ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSTAINED:

ABSENT:

Parcel #29183000067 575 Rodgers Road, Ruston, LA

Item #11.

Police Jury District 12 0.870 Acres Minimum Bid \$5,988.00





February 10, 2023

Lincoln Parish Police Jury
P. O. Box 979
Ruston, LA 71273-0979

Mr. Hall, President Durrett & Police Jurors:

The Ruston Lincoln Convention & Visitors Bureau has two positions that are currently vacant. In accordance with the legislation ACT No. 281 that created the CVB, those positions must be appointed and presented to the Police Jury. The one individual has been re-appointed by the authority for which the position was created.

Louisiana Tech University – Tim Padgett is up for re-appointment. Mr. Padgett originally joined the board to fill the unexpired term of Paul Kabbes and wishes to continue service on our board. Mr. Padgett is the Senior Associate Athletics Director/Business Strategy and Chief Financial Officer at LA Tech and will provide excellent representation for the university.

Grambling State University – Vacant as of 2/10/2023; CVB is seeking appointment.

The nominated candidate is aware of the state financial disclosure requirements and has agreed to comply with the state law and serve their community. Thank you for your consideration of this re-appointment as we look forward to working together for our parish.

Sincerely,

Amanda Q. Carrier
President/CEO
Ruston Lincoln Convention & Visitors Bureau

Officer. The requesting department head, official, or agency will ensure that the requisition to purchase form reflects accurately the necessary supplies, equipment, and labor required. A copy of the requisition to purchase form will be maintained by each department until the purchase is received.

Upon receipt of the requisition to purchase form, the Purchasing Officer will complete a quotation work sheet, when applicable, following the guidelines as specified below in the "Purchasing Orders" Section. The Purchasing Officer will then issue a purchase order to initiate the purchase.

Purchasing Orders:

Purchase orders shall be issued to the selected vendor after the following appropriate action: For purchases

- \$1,000 to \$30,000.00 - As part of good public policy, should obtain at least 3 written quotes. Approved by Purchasing Officer.
- \$30,000.00 to \$60,000.00 - No less than three quotes by telephone, facsimile, e-mail, or any other printable electronic form. Approved by Purchasing Officer.
- \$60,000.00 or more - Advertise for bids furnishing:
 - (1) Materials and supplies
 - (2) Public Works exceeding \$250,000.00 – As part of good public policy, should attempt to obtain at least 3 written quotes. Approved by Purchasing Officer.

If changes occur to the Louisiana Public Bid Law that affect the above mentioned thresholds, the jury will be notified and a revised policy adopted.

Under no circumstances shall procurement requirements (Requisitions or Purchase Orders) be artificially divided so as to constitute smaller purchases that would have the effect of avoiding the requirements of the aggregate dollar amounts prescribed by this section.

Items of materials, supplies and equipment that have a "single source supplier" are exempt from the above guidelines; however, prudent purchasing shall prevail.

All purchases released for bid must be approved by the jury.

Purchase Order Control Procedures:

The following steps outline the correct procedures of internal control that shall be strictly be followed concerning the administering of the purchase order:

- A copy shall be maintained by the Purchasing Officer in a historical file with any supporting documents such as prices, persons contacted, etc.

National Opioid Settlements: Teva, Allergan, CVS, Walgreens, and Walmart

Lincoln Parish, LA

Reference Number: CL-386019

***TO LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS AND SPECIAL DISTRICTS:
THIS NOTICE CONTAINS IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENTS.***

SETTLEMENT OVERVIEW

Proposed nationwide settlement agreements (“Settlements”) have been reached that would resolve opioid litigation brought by states, local political subdivisions, and special districts against two pharmaceutical manufacturers, Teva and Allergan (“Manufacturers”), and three pharmacies, CVS, Walgreens, and Walmart (“Pharmacies”). Local political subdivisions and special districts are referred to as “subdivisions.”

The Settlements require the settling Manufacturers and Pharmacies to pay billions of dollars to abate the opioid epidemic. The Settlements total over \$20 billion. Of this amount, approximately \$17 billion will be used by participating states and subdivisions to remediate and abate the impacts of the opioid crisis. Depending on participation by states and subdivisions, the Settlements require:

- Teva to pay up to \$3.34 billion over 13 years and to provide either \$1.2 billion of its generic version of the drug Narcan over 10 years or an agreed upon cash equivalent over 13 years;
- Allergan to pay up to \$2.02 billion over 7 years;
- CVS to pay up to \$4.90 billion over 10 years;
- Walgreens to pay up to \$5.52 billion over 15 years; and
- Walmart to pay up to \$2.74 billion in 2023, and all payments to be made within 6 years.

As provided under the Agreements, these figures are net of amounts attributable to prior settlements between the Defendants and certain states/subdivisions, and include amounts for attorneys’ fees and costs.

The Settlements also contain injunctive relief governing opioid marketing, sale, distribution, and/or dispensing practices.

Each of the proposed settlements has two key participation steps.

First, each eligible state decides whether to participate in each Settlement. A list of participating states for each settlement can be found at <https://nationalopioidsettlement.com>.

Second, eligible subdivisions within each participating state decide whether to participate in each Settlement. The more subdivisions that participate, the more funds flow to that state and its subdivisions. Any subdivision that does not participate cannot directly share in any of the settlement funds, even if the subdivision’s state is settling and other participating subdivisions are sharing in settlement funds. If the state does not participate in a particular Settlement, the subdivisions in that state are not eligible to participate in that Settlement.

WHO IS RUBRIS INC. AND WHAT IS THE IMPLEMENTATION ADMINISTRATOR?

The Settlements provide that an Implementation Administrator will provide notice and manage the collection of participation forms. Rubris Inc. is the Implementation Administrator for these new Settlements and was also retained for the 2021 national opioid settlements.

WHY IS YOUR SUBDIVISION RECEIVING THIS NOTICE?

Your state has elected to participate in one or more of the Settlements with the Manufacturers and/or the Pharmacies, and your subdivision may participate in those Settlements in which your state has elected to participate. This notice is also sent directly to counsel for such subdivisions if the Implementation Administrator has their information.

*If you are represented by an attorney with respect to opioid claims, please contact them. **Subdivisions can participate in the Settlements whether or not they filed a lawsuit or are represented.***

WHERE CAN YOU FIND MORE INFORMATION?

Detailed information about the Settlements, including each settlement agreement, may be found at: <https://nationalopioidsettlement.com>. This website also includes information about how the Settlements are being implemented in most states and how funds will be allocated within your state.

You are encouraged to review the settlement agreement terms and discuss the terms and benefits with your counsel, your Attorney General's Office, and other contacts within your state. Information and documents regarding the Settlements and your state allocation can be found on the settlement website at <https://nationalopioidsettlement.com>.

Your subdivision will need to decide whether to participate in the proposed Settlements, and subdivisions are encouraged to work through this process before the **April 18, 2023** deadline.

HOW DO YOU PARTICIPATE IN THE SETTLEMENTS?

The Settlements require that you take affirmative steps to "opt in" to the Settlements.

In the next few weeks, you will receive documentation and instructions from the Implementation Administrator or, in some cases, your Attorney General's Office. In order to participate in a settlement, a subdivision must sign and return the required Participation Form for that settlement.

Please add the following email addresses to your "safe" list so emails do not go to spam / junk folders: dse_na3@docusign.net and opioidsparticipation@rubris.com. Please monitor your email for the Participation Forms and instructions.

All required documentation must be signed and returned on or before **April 18, 2023**.



Notice is hereby given that the Lincoln Parish Police Jury has declared that the following described items owned by the Lincoln Parish Police Jury are no longer needed for public purposes:

LOT 1

**Misc. Desks
Min. Bid \$150**

LOT 2

**Misc. Chairs
Min. Bid \$200**

LOT 3

**Misc. Desks
Min. Bid \$150**

LOT 4

**Misc. Chairs
Min. Bid \$150**

LOT 5

**Chandelier
Min. Bid \$50**

LOT 6

**Misc. Décor. And Vacuums
Min. Bid \$75**

LOT 7

**Misc. Electronics
Min. Bid \$50**

LOT 8

**Couch
Min. Bid \$75**

LOT 9

**Misc. Décor
Min. Bid \$75**

LOT 10

**File Cabinets
Min. Bid \$100**

LOT 11

**Misc. Lights
Min. Bid \$150**

LOT 12

**Misc. Desks
Min. Bid \$100**

LOT 13

**Misc. Desks
Min. Bid \$150**

LOT 14
Misc. Chairs
Min. Bid \$100

LOT 15
Misc. Chairs
Min. Bid \$150

LOT 16
Three (3) Window Air Conditioners
Min. Bid \$50

LOT 17
Three (3) Rolling Bookshelves
Min. Bid \$75

Signed this ____ day of _____, 2023.

BY: _____

(SIGNATURE)

(PRINT NAME)

(ADDRESS)

(CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE)

(TELEPHONE NUMBER)

Notice is further given that the above described items are offered for sale to the highest bidder or bidders submitting sealed bids for the purchase of said items. Bidders must bid on each item separately. Sealed envelope shall show opening date on face and identify item being bid on. Bid Forms may be obtained from the Office of the Lincoln Parish Police Jury, 100 West Texas Ave, Ruston, Louisiana 71270. Bids will be received in the office of the Lincoln Parish Police Jury, Third Floor, Lincoln Parish Courthouse, Ruston, Louisiana, until 10:00 a.m., Friday, March 31, 2023 at which time they will be opened and publicly read. Bids can also be submitted electronically at WWW.CENTRALAUCTIONHOUSE.COM.

The following special conditions shall prevail:

- A. The above items will be sold (as is - where is) based entirely on the personal inspection and/or opinion of the purchaser and without warranty or guarantee of any kind on their actual working condition.
- B. Bids in an amount less than minimum bid values stated will not be considered.
- C. Payment must be received by Parish before any items are removed. Successful bidders must remove items within 10 days of bid award.
- D. Items can be seen on Friday, March 17, 2023, and Friday, March 24, 2023 from 11:00 am until 12:30 pm only.

The Police Jury reserves the right to reject any or all bids for just cause.

Pd dts 2 TD. : March 10th and March 17th
LINCOLN PARISH POLICE JURY
Jeri Lynn Webb
Purchasing Officer



REGISTRATION

Register through our registration portal [here](#). For questions, contact us via email or phone at 202.942.4292 or nacomeetings@naco.org and indicate “Annual Conference 2023” in the subject line.

Registration Rates

	EARLY BIRD	ADVANCED	ON-SITE
	April 17, 2023	July 3, 2023	July 4, 2023
NACo Member County	\$ 530.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 720.00
Non-Member County	\$ 750.00	\$ 840.00	\$ 1,020.00
State Associations	\$ 530.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 720.00
NACo Corporate Member	\$ 560.00	\$ 640.00	\$ 760.00
Corporate Non-Member	\$ 850.00	\$ 960.00	\$ 1,150.00
Federal or state employees only	\$ 570.00	\$ 650.00	\$ 780.00
CIO Forum Registration	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Spouse / Guest	\$ 165.00	\$ 185.00	\$ 220.00

Registration Policies

CANCELLATIONS, TRANSFERS & SUBSTITUTIONS

Registration fees include all sessions and functions that are part of the official program. Registration fees do not include transportation or hotel accommodations. Registrations cancelled by June 14 will be refunded less a \$50 administration fee. Cancellation requests made after June 14 and before July 11 will be subject to an administrative fee equal to one-

half of the registration fee (this applies to all registration types including guest and spouse fees). After July 11, requests for refunds will not be honored. Unused registrations or "no-shows" will not be refunded. All cancellations must be made in writing by emailing nacomeetings@naco.org. Telephone cancellations are not accepted.

To transfer a registration, please contact nacomeetings@naco.org and provide the name and email of the person whose registration you are transferring and the name and email address of the person to whom the registration should be reassigned.

PRESS REGISTRATION

Press registration is available for approved news outlets that submit requests for press credentials using this form. Approved credentials will be confirmed via email. For questions about press participation email nweissman@naco.org.

March 25, 2023

City of Ruston Alcohol Propositions

Proposition 1 (Currently Allowed): Grocery/Convenience Stores will be allowed to sell low-alcohol beverages.

Proposition 2 (Currently Allowed): People will be allowed to drink low-alcohol beverages at a bar.

Proposition 3: People will be allowed to drink high-alcoholic beverages at a bar.

Proposition 4: Retail stores over 15,000 square feet will be allowed to sell packaged high-alcohol content beverages only for off-site consumption.

Proposition 5 (Currently Allowed): Restaurant establishments will be allowed to sell both high and low-alcohol beverages.

NOTE:

All propositions passed would be subject to current City of Ruston ordinance restrictions.

(To see all City ordinances, visit the City of Ruston website at www.rustonla.gov)



State of Louisiana
Louisiana Department of Health
Office of Public Health

Lincoln Parish – Office of Public Health 2022

During 2022 the Office of Public Health (OPH)/ Lincoln Parish Health Unit provided clinic services to 628 Reproductive Health patients. There was an average of 845 individuals participating in the WIC program each month (2023 avg. 930) and this participation includes the issuance of \$550,000.00 in WIC benefits (food benefits). There were 1,665 immunizations given at the health unit – this number includes the 515 COVID19 vaccinations given. There were 126 TB Visits and 8 for immigration services. 324 COVID tests administered. Sanitarian Services made 1,287 field visits during the course of completing among other duties 881 retail food inspections, 102 institution inspections (day care centers, schools, detention centers, hospitals and clinics, and public buildings), conducted 125 on-site wastewater inspections, conducted 130 private premise inspections for home sale or complaint investigation, collected/shipped 9 rabies specimens, and 49 plans reviewed.

Since August 2022 – February 2023 we have participated within Lincoln Parish (12) vaccination/health fair events. The locations include: Grambling State University four times, three churches, Ruston Housing Authority, Rehab center, local business (Good Day Farm –twice) and the Open House at the Lincoln Parish Health Unit. At these events health information was provided, OTC test kits were distributed, and COVID/FLU/MonkeyPox vaccinations were offered.

Jeff Toms
Regional Administrator
Office of Public Health Region VIII

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ORIGINAL

2023 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 7

BY SENATOR CLOUD

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

LIBRARIES. Provides relative to access to certain materials in public libraries. (8/1/23)

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 25:225, relative to libraries; to provide relative to the adoption of certain library policies; to provide relative to a minor's access to sexually explicit materials; to provide for immunity; to provide relative to payments of certain expenses by governing authorities and consideration of certain applications by the State Bond Commission; to provide for definitions, terms, conditions, and procedures; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 25:225 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§225. Library policy; definitions; minor's access to sexually explicit materials; immunity; penalties

A. The legislature recognizes the fundamental right of parents to make decisions as to the care, custody, and control of their children. This fundamental right includes the right to decide the upbringing and education of children under their control. Parents have the right to guide and direct the reading, listening, and viewing choices of their minor children. Many libraries lack adequate policies addressing the access of minors to sexually explicit materials. In furtherance of this fundamental right, it is the intent of the legislature to

1 require libraries to adopt and implement policy language to limit the access of
2 minors to sexually explicit materials.

3 B. As used in this Section, the following terms shall have the following
4 meanings:

5 (1) "Digital content" means any book, e-book, audiobook, video book,
6 essay, newspaper, magazine, film, or any other library material that is provided
7 in a digital format.

8 (2) "Library patron" means an individual who is eligible to receive a
9 library card from the parish or municipal library.

10 (3) "Sexual conduct" means any of the following:

11 (a) Masturbation or lewd exhibition, actual, simulated, or animated, of
12 the genitals, pubic hair, anus, vulva, or female breast nipples.

13 (b) Sadomasochistic abuse, meaning actual, simulated, or animated,
14 flagellation, or torture by or upon a person who is nude or clad in
15 undergarments or in a costume that reveals the pubic hair, anus, vulva, genitals,
16 or female breast nipples, or in the condition of being fettered, bound, or
17 otherwise physically restrained, on the part of one so clothed.

18 (c) Actual, simulated, or animated touching, caressing, or fondling of,
19 or other similar physical contact with a pubic area, anus, female breast nipple,
20 covered or exposed, whether alone or between humans, animals, or a human
21 and an animal, of the same or opposite sex, in an act of apparent sexual
22 stimulation or gratification.

23 (d) Actual, simulated, or animated stimulation of a human genital organ
24 by any device whether or not the device is designed, manufactured, or marketed
25 for that purpose.

26 (e) Actual, simulated, or animated ultimate sexual acts, whether between
27 human beings, animals, or a human being and an animal.

28 (4) "Sexually explicit material" means textual, visual, or audio material,
29 produced in any medium, that depicts or describes sexual conduct.

1 C.(1) No later than January 1, 2024, each library established pursuant
 2 to the provisions of this Part or pursuant to the authority of a home rule charter
 3 as provided in Article VI, Section 5 of the Constitution of Louisiana shall adopt
 4 and implement a policy to limit the access of minors to sexually explicit
 5 material.

6 (2) The policy shall include, at a minimum, all of the following:

7 (a) A requirement that community standards for the population served
 8 by the library be considered when acquiring library material through donation
 9 or purchase.

10 (b) A library card system that allows a parent or guardian to select a
 11 library card that indicates whether a minor is permitted to check out sexually
 12 explicit material physically available in the library. The provision of this
 13 Subparagraph shall be satisfied by either of the following:

14 (i) Allowing a parent or guardian to select a library card that restricts
 15 a minor from checking out any library material from a collection that contains
 16 sexually explicit material.

17 (ii) Allowing a parent or guardian to select a library card that restricts
 18 a minor from checking out any library material that the library board of
 19 control has, through majority vote in an open meeting, identified as sexually
 20 explicit material.

21 (c) A library card system that allows a parent or guardian to select a
 22 library card that indicates whether a minor is permitted to check out digital
 23 content. The library shall list in the library's policy each digital content source
 24 accessible by a minor that contains sexually explicit material.

25 (d) A procedure that allows a library patron to request the
 26 reconsideration of whether a library material should be included in a library
 27 collection. The procedure shall, at a minimum, include all of the following
 28 items:

29 (i) A process to review a reconsideration request made by a library

1 patron. The review process shall include but is not limited to a written
2 determination approving or denying the request, notification to the library
3 patron making the request of the written determination, and the process to
4 appeal the determination to the library board of control.

5 (ii) A requirement that a request for reconsideration of a library
6 material that may include sexually explicit material be reviewed by the library
7 board of control. The library board of control shall determine whether the
8 library material meets the definition of sexually explicit material by majority
9 vote in an open meeting.

10 (3) The adoption of the policy required by this Subsection may be
11 satisfied by amendment to an existing library policy.

12 D. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to impose liability on an
13 employee or agent of a library.

14 E. (1) The governing authority of a parish or municipality with a library
15 that fails to adopt and implement a policy required by Subsection B of this
16 Section may withhold, during the period of noncompliance, the payments
17 required by R.S. 25:220.

18 (2) The State Bond Commission shall not consider any application
19 authorizing the incurrence of debt or any application authorizing the levy of
20 any tax where the proceeds of the debt or tax directly benefit a library that fails
21 to adopt and implement the policy required by Subsection B of this Section until
22 the library adopts and implements the policy.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Thomas L. Tyler.

SB 7 Original DIGEST 2023 Regular Session Cloud

Present law provides for the establishment of libraries by parishes and municipalities.
Proposed law defines "digital content", "library patron", "sexual conduct", and "sexually explicit material".
Proposed law requires that by January 1, 2024, each library established in accordance with present law or pursuant to a home rule charter shall adopt and implement a policy to limit

the access of minors to sexually explicit material.

Proposed law requires the policy to include, at a minimum, the following:

- (1) A requirement that community standards for the population served by the library be considered when acquiring library material through donation or purchase.
- (2) A library card system that allows a parent or guardian to select a card that indicates whether a minor is permitted to check out sexually explicit material physically available in the library. This may be accomplished by either:
 - (a) Allowing a parent or guardian to select a library card that restricts a minor from checking out any library material from a collection that contains sexually explicit material.
 - (b) Allowing a parent or guardian to select a library card that restricts a minor from checking out any library material that the library board of control has, through majority vote in an open meeting, identified as sexually explicit material.
- (3) A library card system that allows a parent or guardian to choose a library card that indicates whether a minor is permitted to check out digital content. The library is required to list in the library policy each digital content source accessible by minors that contains sexually explicit material.
- (4) A procedure that allows a library patron to request the reconsideration of whether a library material should be included in a library collection. The procedure shall include, at a minimum, the following:
 - (a) A process to review a reconsideration request. This process shall include but is not limited to a written determination approving or denying the request, a process to notify the library patron making the request of the written determination, and the process to appeal the determination to the library board of control.
 - (b) A requirement that a request for reconsideration of a library material that may include sexually explicit material be reviewed by the library board of control.

Proposed law provides for immunity of employees and agents of the library.

Proposed law allows a parish or municipality governing authority to withhold payments for maintenance costs and other expenses from a library that fails to adopt and implement the policy required by proposed law.

Proposed law prohibits the bond commission from considering any application authorizing the incurrence of debt or any application authorizing the levy of any tax where the proceeds of the debt or tax directly benefit any library that fails to adopt and implement the policy required by proposed law until the library adopts and implements the policy required by proposed law.

Effective August 1, 2023.

(Adds R.S. 25:225)

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 25

BY REPRESENTATIVES HOLLIS AND AMEDEE

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

LIBRARIES: Provides relative to parish and municipal libraries

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 25:214(A) and (B) and 215(A), relative to parish and municipal
3 libraries; to provide relative to library boards of control; to provide relative to the
4 powers granted to parish and municipal governing authorities with respect to such
5 libraries and boards; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 25:214(A) and (B) and 215(A) are hereby amended and reenacted
8 to read as follows:

9 §214. Board of control; members; appointment and terms of office

10 A. The governing authority of the municipality shall, in the ordinance
11 creating a public library, name and appoint five citizens of the municipality as a
12 board of control for such public library to serve ~~for terms of one, two, three, four,~~
13 ~~and five years, the successors of whom shall each be appointed for a term of five~~
14 years at the pleasure of the governing authority. The mayor of the municipality shall
15 be ex officio, a member of the board of control of such public library, provided
16 however that he shall have the right to designate another member of the governing
17 authority of the municipality to serve in his place and stead on the board of control
18 of such public library.

19 B. The governing authority of the parish shall, in the ordinance creating a
20 public library, name and appoint, at its option, not less than five citizens nor more

1 than seven citizens of the parish as a board of control for such parish library to serve
 2 ~~for terms of one, two, three, four, and five years, the successors of whom shall each~~
 3 ~~be appointed for a term of five years~~ at the pleasure of the governing authority. The
 4 president of the police jury shall be ex officio, a member of the board of control for
 5 such public library, provided however that the president of the police jury shall have
 6 the right to designate another member of the governing authority of the parish to
 7 serve in his place and stead on the board of control of such public library.

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9 §215. Duties and powers of the board; employment of librarian, assistants, and other
 10 employees

11 A. The board of control shall meet and organize immediately after their
 12 appointment and annually thereafter and elect a president, vice-president, secretary,
 13 and treasurer, whose duties shall be those customarily exercised by such officers.
 14 The board of control shall have authority to establish rules and regulations for its
 15 own government and that of the library not inconsistent with ~~law~~ state law or
 16 ordinances of the governing authority; to elect and employ a librarian, and, upon the
 17 recommendation and approval of the latter, to employ assistant librarians and other
 18 employees and fix their salaries and compensation; provided that no contract of
 19 employment shall be made for a longer period than four years nor with any person
 20 as head librarian who has not been certified by the State Board of Library Examiners
 21 as provided in R.S. 25:222. The head librarian may be appointed or elected secretary
 22 of the board of control. The governing authority has the power to regulate and
 23 oversee the board of control and its officers, employees, and libraries and may
 24 conduct such oversight through separate panels, commissions, or boards, which it
 25 may create for such a purpose.

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DIGEST

The digest printed below was prepared by House Legislative Services. It constitutes no part of the legislative instrument. The keyword, one-liner, abstract, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

HB 25 Original

2023 Regular Session

Hollis

Abstract: Grants parish and municipal governing authorities certain powers over local public libraries.

Present law authorizes parish and municipal governing authorities to create, by ordinance, public libraries. Requires parish and municipal governing authorities to create public libraries when petitioned by not less than 25% of the duly qualified property taxpayers of the respective parish or municipality. Further requires parish governing authorities to appoint not less than five nor more than seven citizens of the parish as a board of control and municipal governing authorities to appoint five citizens as a board of control.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law requires board of control members to serve five-year staggered terms. Proposed law instead provides that members serve at the pleasure of the governing authority.

Present law authorizes the board of control to establish rules and regulations for its own government and that of the library not inconsistent with law.

Proposed law clarifies that the board's rules and regulations cannot be inconsistent with state law and additionally provides that the rules and regulations cannot be inconsistent with ordinances of the parish or municipal governing authority.

Proposed law additionally grants the parish or municipal governing authority the power to regulate and oversee the board of control and its officers, employees, and libraries and to conduct the oversight through separate panels, commissions, or boards, which it may create for that purpose.

(Amends R.S. 25:214(A) and (B) and 215(A))