



LINCOLN PARISH POLICE JURY REGULAR MEETING

Lincoln Parish Police Jury

Tuesday, April 14, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Police Jury Meeting 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- Mr. Glenn Scriber

Approval of Agenda

Public Comments on Agenda Items

Minutes of Prior Meeting

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Committee Reports

2. Public Works Committee

New Business

3. [Adjudicated Property Program 2026 Update](#), Ms. Wesley Johnson, E & P Consulting Services, LLC
4. [Adopt New Ordinance Providing For Sale of Adjudicated Properties](#)
5. [Adopt Resolution Appointing Mr. Bobby Jackson To Waterworks District No. 3 Board For Five-Year Term](#)
6. [Adopt Resolution Formally Adopting Lincoln Parish Long-Range Transportation Plan](#)
7. [Crochet Litigation Update](#), Mr. Doug Nielson (Nelson, Zentor, Sartor, and Snellings LLC)

Budget Reports

Other Business and 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, Ruston, Louisiana, Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at 5:00. p.m. Present were: Greg Williams, Chair, Dan Lord, T.J. Cranford, Milton Melton, and Diane Richards

Chair Greg Williams called the meeting to order, and Milton Melton delivered the Invocation.

Dan Lord offered a motion, seconded by Milton Melton, to approve the Agenda as presented. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Williams, Lord, Cranford, Melton, and Richards

Chair Williams called for Public Comments on Agenda Items. There were none.

First item on the Agenda was to consider and take action if necessary, setting speed limits on Water Tank Road. Director of Operations Kevin Klepzig presented the results of a speed limit survey and recommended that the speed limit be set at 45 miles per hour from La. Highway 3061 to its intersection with Fourth Street and at 35 miles per hour from Fourth Street to the intersection of La. Highway 146. After discussion, T.J. Cranford offered a motion, seconded by Dan Lord, to set the speed limit as recommended. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Williams, Lord, Cranford, Melton, and Richards

Next item on the Agenda was to authorize advertisement for bids for asphalt materials. Dan Lord offered a motion, seconded by Milton Melton, to authorize the advertisement. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Williams, Lord, Cranford, Melton, and Richards

Chair Williams called for Public Comments. There were none.

There being no other business to come before the Committee, Dan Lord offered a motion, seconded by Milton Melton, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Courtney Hall
Parish Administrator

Greg Williams
Committee Chair

TO: Lincoln Parish Police Jury
FROM: Solid Waste & Recycling Committee
SUBJECT: Committee Report

The Solid Waste & Recycling Committee of the Lincoln Parish Police Jury met in the Police Jury Meeting Room, 100 West Texas Avenue, Ruston, Louisiana, Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at 5:10 p.m. Present were: T.J. Cranford, Chair, Karen Ludley, Dan Lord, and Logan Hunt

ABSENT: Lynda Henderson

Chair T.J. Cranford called the meeting to order and Dan Lord delivered the Invocation.

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

YEAS: Ludley, Cranford, Lord, and Hunt

Chair Cranford called for Public Comments on Agenda Items. There were none.

First item on the Agenda was to take action on bids received for construction of Cell B and authorize president to sign documents related thereto. Bob Myers of the Riley Company of Louisiana, Inc. was present to recommend approving the low bid from Lemoine Industrial Group, LLC of Plaquemine, La in the amount of \$865,195.80. After discussion, Dan Lord offered a motion, seconded by Karen Ludley, to approve the bid and authorize president to sign documents. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Ludley, Cranford, Lord, and Hunt

Next item on the Agenda was to authorize purchase of equipment. Dan Lord offered a motion, seconded by Karen Ludley, to authorize the purchase of two live floor trailers with an estimated cost of \$90,000.00 each. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Ludley, Cranford, Lord, and Hunt

Dan Lord offered a motion, seconded by Karen Ludley, to authorize the purchase of a day cab truck with an estimated cost of \$140,000.00. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Ludley, Cranford, Lord, and Hunt

Chair Cranford called for Public Comments. There were none.

There being no other business to come before the Committee, Karen Ludley offered a motion, seconded by Dan Lord, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Courtney Hall
Parish Administrator

T.J. Cranford
Committee Chair

TO: Lincoln Parish Police Jury
FROM: Personnel and Benefits Committee
SUBJECT: Committee Report

The Personnel and Benefits Committee of the Lincoln Parish Police Jury met in the Police Jury Meeting Room, 100 West Texas Avenue, Ruston, Louisiana, Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at 5:20 p.m. Present were: Chris Garriga, Chair, Greg Williams, Karen Ludley, T.J. Cranford, and Logan Hunt

Chair Chris Garriga called the meeting to order and Matt Pullin delivered the Invocation.

Karen Ludley offered a motion, seconded by Logan Hunt, to approve the Agenda. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Williams, Ludley, Cranford, Hunt, and Garriga

Chair Garriga called for Public Comments on Agenda Items. There were none.

The first item on the Agenda was to consider candidates for the Waterworks District No. 3 Board. After discussion, Greg Williams offered a motion, seconded by Logan Hunt, to recommend appointing Mr. Bobby Jackson to the Waterworks District No. 3 for a five-year term. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Williams, Ludley, Cranford, Hunt, and Garriga

Next item on the Agenda was an announcement of upcoming board and commission vacancies for the Lincoln Parish Library Board of Control. No action was taken.

Chair Garriga called for Public Comments. There were none.

There being no other business to come before the Committee, T.J. Cranford offered a motion, seconded by Karen Ludley, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Courtney Hall
Parish Administrator

Chris Garriga
Committee Chair

The Lincoln Parish Police Jury met in regular session on Tuesday, March 10, 2026 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; Lynda Henderson, District Nine; Milton Melton, District Ten; Diane Richards, District Eleven; and Annette Straughter, District Twelve.

President Scriber called the meeting to order, and Logan Hunt delivered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dan Lord offered a motion, seconded by Chris Garriga, to approve the Agenda as presented. The motion was voted upon and carried with the following votes:

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

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

Milton Melton offered a motion, seconded by Dan Lord, to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2026 Regular Meeting. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

Greg Williams reported that the Public Works Committee met this day at 5:00 PM and conducted the following business:

1. Recommended that the speed limit on Water Tank Road be set at 45 miles per hour from La. Hwy 3061 to its intersection with Fourth Street and at 35 miles per hour from Fourth Street to the intersection of La. Hwy 146.
2. Authorize advertisement for bids for asphalt materials.

Greg Williams offered a motion, seconded by Karen Ludley, 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, Henderson, Melton, Richards, and Straughter

T.J. Cranford reported that the Solid Waste and Recycling Committee met this day at 5:10 PM and conducted the following business:

1. Awarded bid for construction of Cell B to Lemoine Industrial Group, LLC in the amount of \$865,195.80.
2. Authorize the purchase of two live floor trailers in the amount of \$90,000 each.
3. Authorize the purchase of a day cab truck in the amount of \$140,000.00.

T.J. Cranford offered a motion, seconded by Dan Lord, 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, Henderson, Melton, Richards, and Straughter

Chris Garriga reported that the Personnel and Benefits Committee met this day at 5:20 PM and conducted the following business:

1. Recommend appointing Mr. Bobby Jackson to the Waterworks District No. 3 for a five-year term.
2. Announced upcoming vacancies for the Lincoln Parish Library Board of Control.

Chris Garriga offered a motion, seconded by Karen Ludley, to approve the minutes of the Personnel and Benefits Committee. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

Logan Hunt reported that the Economic Development and Planning Committee met this day at 5:30 PM and conducted the following business:

1. Mr. Mike Causey of Hunt, Guillot, and Associates, LLC presented the Long-Range Transportation Plan.

Logan Hunt offered a motion, seconded by Annette Straughter, to approve the minutes of the Economic Development and Planning Committee. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

Under New Business, Mr. David Wells and interim Fire Chief Joe Dan Martin with the City of Ruston Fire Department presented the Jury with an annual ambulance service report.

Next item on the Agenda was to authorize the Parish Administrator to negotiate and purchase property located at 201 S. Vienna Street and execute documents related thereto. After discussion, T.J. Cranford offered a motion, seconded by Annette Straughter, to approve the authorization. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

Annette Straughter offered a motion, seconded by Dan Lord, to adopt a resolution authorizing the President to execute an entity-state agreement with LA DOTD regarding bridge replacement on Spring Creek Road.

RESOLUTION NO 26-13

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE POLICE JURY PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE AN ENTITY-STATE AGREEMENT WITH THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT (DOTD) FOR THE OFF-SYSTEM BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, Louisiana DOTD has allocated funds necessary to finance the replacement of the bridge located on Spring Creek Road over Wafer Creek, in Lincoln Parish, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the Project is identified as State Project No. H.015455.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IN RESOLVED by the Lincoln Parish Police, in regular session convened, that the Police Jury President is hereby authorized to execute the Entity-State Agreement and any subsequent related documents, including amendments, with the Louisiana DOTD for the aforementioned project.

/s/Courtney Hall
Courtney Hall
Parish Administrator

/s/Glenn Scriber
Glenn Scriber
Police Jury President

The motion carried with the following votes:

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

Next item on the Agenda was to adopt a resolution of support for Mt. Zion Water System Application for emergency funding through Community Water Enrichment Fund. After discussion, Annette Straughter offered a motion, seconded by Dan Lord, to adopt the resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-14

LINCOLN PARISH POLICE JURY

The following Resolution was offered by Annette Straughter who moved for its adoption at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Lincoln Parish Police Jury held this date, March 10, 2026.

"WHEREAS, the Lincoln Parish Police Jury is committed to providing safe potable water to all citizens of Lincoln Parish; and

WHEREAS, the Mt. Zion Water System has an immediate need for the replacement of water mains along LA-563 in the area referred to as the Big Creek bottoms; and

WHEREAS, the replacement of these mains will provide for safer, more reliable potable water to all users of the Mt. Zion Water System; and

WHEREAS, neither the Lincoln Parish Police Jury, nor the Mt. Zion Water System have sufficient unappropriated funds on hand for the required capital improvement project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, in accordance with the requirements of the Community Water Enrichment Fund (CWEF) Program, the Lincoln Parish Police Jury does hereby support and cordially request grant authorization to execute and submit an emergency application to the Community Water Enrichment Fund (CWEF) Program.

FURTHER, that Glenn Scriber, President, or Courtney Hall, Parish Administrator, be authorized to sign the application, contract, and all Requests for Payment or other documents required by the Community Water Enrichment Fund (CWEF) Program; and

FURTHER, that Michael Sutton, Parish Treasurer, be and he is hereby authorized to serve as the Certifying Officer to attest to the signatures of Glenn Scriber and Courtney Hall as authorized signatories."

The motion for adoption of this Resolution was seconded by Dan Lord and by affirmative vote of 12 to 0 was declared adopted by the Lincoln Parish Police Jury this day 10th of March, 2026.

/s/ Courtney Hall
Courtney Hall
Parish Administrator

/s/ Glenn Scriber
Glenn Scriber
Parish President

The motion carried with the following votes:

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

Next item on the Agenda was to adopt an Ordinance setting forth speed limits on Water Tank Road. Dan Lord offered a motion, seconded by Milton Melton to adopt the ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 42 (TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES) OF THE PARISH OF LINCOLN STATE OF LOUISIANA PROVIDING THAT THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE PARISH OF LINCOLN, STATE OF LOUISIANA, BE AMENDED, TO ADD A SECTION TO BE NUMBERED ____ AND TO DEFINE THE OFFENSE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE POLICE JURY OF LINCOLN PARISH, LOUISIANA, IN REGULAR SESSION CONVENED THIS 10th DAY OF MARCH, 2026:

SECTION 1

That the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Lincoln, State of Louisiana, be amended by adding a section to be number 42.36 to read as follows:

Sec. 42-36 Speed Limits – Water Tank Road

“No motor vehicle, as defined by Louisiana law, shall be operated at a speed in excess of 45 miles per hour on that section of Water Tank Road between La. Hwy 3061 and Fourth Street and at a speed in excess of 35 miles per hour on that section of Water Tank Road between Fourth Street and La. Hwy 146.”

SECTION 2

That the limit of speed referred to hereinabove shall be duly posted and displayed by means of appropriate highway speed limit signs.

SECTION 3

That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4

That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its promulgation.

/s/Courtney Hall
Courtney Hall
Parish Administrator

/s/Glenn Scriber
Glenn Scriber
Police Jury President

The motion carried with the following votes:

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

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

Under travel, TJ Cranford offered a motion, seconded by Dan Lord, to authorize travel for highway department employees for diesel technician training in Dallas, Texas from May 4-8, 2026. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

Dan Lord offered a motion, seconded by TJ Cranford, to authorize travel for the NACo conference in New Orleans, Louisiana from July 17-20, 2026.

The motion carried with the following votes:

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

Other Reports and Announcement were heard from the Administrator and Department Heads.

President Scriber called for Public Comment. Ms. Sandra Dupree gave a report on the Black Expo at the Lincoln Parish Library.

There being no further business to come before the Police Jury, Annette Straughter offered a motion, seconded by Chris Garriga, to adjourn the meeting. The vote was unanimous, and the meeting was adjourned.

Courtney Hall
Parish Administrator

Glenn Scriber
Police Jury President

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February 20, 2026

Lincoln Parish Police Jury
100 W Texas Avenue, #301
Ruston, LA 71270

RE: Adjudicated Property Program 2026 Update

To Police Jurors/Assistant District Attorneys:

There are big changes with respect to the collection of tax liens in Louisiana starting this year. We have been actively monitoring and involved behind the scenes regarding portions of ACT 774 (2024) and ACT 411 (2025) that will directly affect political subdivisions. The new law allows political subdivisions to continue to sell adjudicated property through local ordinance. For this reason, the manner in which you are currently selling non-warranty deeds to currently existing adjudicated property can continue and we look forward to continuing to assist you with these sales.¹ That said, there will be no new adjudicated property created. The 2026 tax auction will result in tax lien certificates being auctioned and those that receive no bid will be left to the political subdivision. We are prepared to assist you with ways to appropriately deal with these No Bid Certificates.

Meanwhile, the new law also offers a new option for transferring currently adjudicated property:

Conversion of the adjudicated property to a tax lien certificate and sale or donation to a third party.

This new option is not necessarily the best route for ALL adjudicated property because it requires the recipient of the tax lien certificate to go through a foreclosure process set forth in the new law (La. RS 47:2266.1) in court. However, because this route should result in an insurable/marketable title, it may be a better option for some properties and some acquirers. Redevelopment Authorities, investors and individuals or entities interested in or needing title insurance sooner than later may want to use this new option.

¹ Recent Attorney General opinion (25-0140) relates to the collection of future ad valorem taxes and does not address the sale of previously adjudicated property.

We have attached an Ordinance that re-establishes your adjudicated property program and also addresses this new option. Along with the new Ordinance, we have provided you with a new Memorandum of Understanding between us so that we can continue to assist with the transfer of these properties regardless of which option is selected. *Please reach out if you have questions or would like a word version of the Ordinance and MOU.*

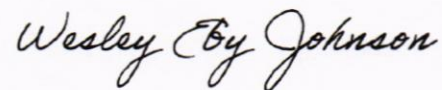
Additionally, we will be speaking at the Louisiana Tax Assessor's Conference and offer no cost training on ACT 774 (2024) and Act 411 (2025) to you, and we encourage you to reach out to schedule a training. Our only request is that you provide the space for the training and invite neighboring political subdivisions to attend. Additionally, we have provided low cost trainings to political subdivisions who do not use our services directly, and we will continue to offer that service.

Finally, we want to reiterate our thanks to you for using E & P Consulting Services, LLC as your adjudicated property sales consultant. We began the business in 2013 and assisted with the sales of a few adjudicated properties in North Louisiana that first year. Over ten years later, we now have the privilege of working directly with sixteen (17) parishes and four (4) cities. Additionally, we provide notice work for property purchasers/donees in other political subdivisions whose programs require the adjudicated property acquirer to conduct their own research and notice.

We know that the convention schedule for the 2026 Police Jury Association Convention is packed with activities, but if this is a good time for any jurors or staffers to visit with us regarding the adjudicated property program and/or the new laws, please reach out so that we can schedule a time to meet or just to say hello prior to the conference. As always, we recognize that each parish and city in the state is unique and we learn something new and different from our work with each of you. We appreciate your allowing us to assist you and look forward to more great years to come.

VB

Sincerely,



Wesley Eby Johnson

_____, seconded by _____ offered the following ordinance for adoption.

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR SALE OF ADJUDICATED PROPERTIES;
AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

WHEREAS, the Parish of Lincoln has an interest in the health, safety and welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, numerous properties have been adjudicated to the Parish for nonpayment of taxes; and

WHEREAS, ACT 819 was enacted by the 2008 Legislative Session, revising La. R.S. 47:2121, *et seq.* to establish procedures for the sale of adjudicated properties, and the Parish of Lincoln has operated an adjudicated property program and desires to re-establish and adopt such procedures in order to place such adjudicated properties back into the economic stream of commerce for the benefit of its communities

WHEREAS, ACT 774 and ACT 411 were enacted by the 2024 and 2025 Legislative Sessions, respectively, to expand such opportunities, and R.S.47:2201, authorizes a political subdivision to adopt general ordinances governing the public sales and donations of adjudicated property and/or the issuance of a tax lien certificate for adjudicated property held by the political subdivision

NOW THEREFORE:

I. ADMINISTRATION

Lincoln Parish Police Jury hereby re-establishes the Lincoln Parish Adjudicated Property Program, which shall be administered by the Lincoln Parish Police Jury (hereinafter "LPPJ" or "Parish"). The Parish shall either handle the process internally or shall contract with a third party administrator or management company (hereinafter "Management Company") to administer the sale or donation of adjudicated properties in the Parish.

This ordinance applies to "adjudicated property" defined in statute as "property of which tax sale title is acquired by a political subdivision pursuant to La. R.S. 47:2196 prior to January 1, 2026." La. R.S. 47:2122 ACT 774 (2024)

II. PRE-AUCTION PROCESS

A. Initiation of the Sale of Adjudicated Property or of a Converted Tax Lien Certificate

The Parish shall make best efforts to acquire a list of names and addresses of adjudicated properties from the tax roll records and make such list available to the public. The list shall be forwarded to the Management Company.

Pursuant to La. R.S 47:2203 and 47:2204, the sale of adjudicated property or of a tax lien certificate resulting from the conversion of adjudicated property to a tax lien certificate may be prompted by individual interest (whether it be a natural person or juridical person) or at the request of the Parish, at any time.

An individual or entity submitting a request for the sale of specific property shall submit an application with a certified check or money order for a determined amount for each piece of property. This fee will be considered a portion of the administrative fee for the work performed to prepare and sell the identified adjudicated property or to prepare and sell tax lien certificate for the converted adjudicated property. It shall be fully refundable to the interested purchaser until a **Written Offer to Bid** containing the minimum bid has been accepted and signed.

Upon receipt of application and administrative fee, a preliminary investigation shall be conducted to confirm that the property has been adjudicated, has not been redeemed and has not been determined to be needed for a public purpose. The Parish or Management Company shall communicate, as necessary, with the office of the tax collector and tax assessor for the purpose of calculating the Minimum Bid (set forth below) and shall prepare and provide the interested purchaser with a **Written Offer to Bid** containing the minimum bid figure.

Lincoln Parish hereby establishes that there is no minimum bid at the public sale of an adjudicated property or of a converted tax lien certificate; however, unless circumstances demand otherwise, recommended bidding should not be less than the lesser of the total amount of statutory impositions or two-thirds of the assessed value based on the tax assessor's valuation.

The decision to sell adjudicated property or adjudicated property converted to a tax lien certificate will be made at the time that the **Written Offer to Bid** is made. If adjudicated property is donated, the decision to donate either adjudicated property or to convert the property to a tax lien certificate prior to donation will be made as a part of the Parish's decision to agree to the donation. The Parish or Management Company will provide information regarding the difference between the two processes; however, the interested purchaser will be advised to seek legal counsel regarding the decision between the options. No Information conveyed by the Parish or Management Company as part of the Adjudicated Property Program is intended to serve as legal advice.

After a written minimum bid offer is signed and returned or a decision to donate is made, the Parish or Management Company shall prepare the property or tax lien certificate for sale or donation as follows:

1. **Notice to Interest Holders** - Title research shall include a review of documents from the public record for purpose of determining the identity and current address of each owner or owners of the property, each tax notice party, the owner or owners of the property at the time of an initial tax sale, a lessee of the property whose lease or notice thereof has been recorded, and any other person or entity holding an interest in the property including any mortgage, privilege or other encumbrance.

Adjudicated Property - If the decision to sell adjudicated property is made, the Parish or Management Company, shall send notice to these individuals that they have until the filing of the act transferring the property to redeem the property or otherwise challenge in a court of competent jurisdiction the potential sale. Additionally, the notice will advise the recipient that the act will not be filed until six months from the date of notice for properties adjudicated less than five (5) years or sixty (60) days from the date of the notice for properties adjudicated for more than five years. No properties will be sold or donated or converted to tax lien certificates for sale or donation until three (3) years have passed from the time that the tax sale deed has been filed in the conveyance records. The Parish or Management Company shall also cause this notice to be published in the official journal of the Parish of Lincoln.

Tax Lien Certificate - If the decision to convert adjudicated property to a tax lien certificate is made, the Parish or Management Company, shall prepare the conversion document, file the tax lien certificate in the Mortgage records; send a notice confirming with La. RS 47:2156(C) to all identified tax lien auction parties; and prepare and submit an affidavit of costs to the tax collector.

2. **Public Notice of Auction** - A public sale of the adjudicated property or tax lien certificate by auction shall be advertised at least twice in the official journal for the Parish of Lincoln, once at least thirty days prior to the date of the public sale, and once no more than seven days prior to the date of the public sale. The notice shall provide for the minimum bid, the time and date of in-person bidding, as well as other terms of bidding or sale.

III. BIDDING AND PUBLIC SALE

Except as otherwise provided in this ordinance, the auction shall be governed by R.S. 9:3151 *et seq.* Following notice of sale being published in the official journal of the Parish of Lincoln the following shall occur:

A. Public Auction

Public auction of adjudicated property shall be held at the Lincoln Parish office located at 100 W Texas Avenue, #301, Ruston, LA 71270, and shall be handled by the office of Parish Secretary/Treasurer. All bid amounts are subject to final approval by the Parish Police Jury. The Parish is hereby authorized to accept and/or reject any or all bids, and to execute any and all documents necessary to finalize the sale of properties sold pursuant to these procedures. If in any event a property is not sold at such public auction, the property shall remain adjudicated to the Parish.

B. Terms for Sale of Adjudicated Property or Sale of Tax Lien Certificates

All Acts of Sale of adjudicated property shall contain provisions, acceptable in form and substance to the Parish, which provide that all such sales shall be for cash and shall be without warranty of title and without any warranty of merchantability or fitness; shall be "as is, where is"; that it shall be the obligation of the purchaser to obtain title insurance, if it is desired; that all such sales shall be subject to such encumbrances, liens, mortgages, real charges or other burdens reflected in the public records; and that the Act of Sale for such adjudicated property shall contain a condition which shall require the purchaser of such property to improve/renovate/make use of the tract, to the satisfaction of the administration, within 365 days of the passage of the Act of Sale and that, if the purchaser fails to timely comply with this provision, the Parish Police Jury shall have the right to rescind, dissolve or cancel the sale.

All acts of sale of tax lien certificates shall contain provisions, acceptable in form and substance to the Parish, which provide that all sales are for cash and without further obligation by the Parish or Management Company to perform any enforcement or foreclosure activities on behalf of the purchaser of the lien as a part of the conversion of the adjudicated property to the tax lien certificate and subsequent sale of the lien. Risks associated with the purchase of a tax lien certificate resulting from the conversion of adjudicated property shall be borne entirely by the purchaser of the lien.

C. Closing Transaction for Non-Warranty Adjudicated Deed

Within 10 business days of the auction or as reasonable a time period thereafter, closing a sale of adjudicated property should occur. Such date may be extended by mutual agreement of the Parish or Management Company and the potential purchaser or based on the Parish or Management Company's determination that the closing should occur at a later date in the best interest of the Parish. Management Company will confirm that the property has not been redeemed prior to the closing and in communication with the tax collector's office. Closings shall be overseen or arranged by the Management Company to be held at the offices of Management Company or in Lincoln Parish. However, purchaser may agree to execute the documents at a more agreeable location, at purchaser's expense. At closing, the purchaser shall pay the net purchase price for the property as well as all fees to be charged by the Clerk of Court and the balance of any administrative fees still owed. All sales of adjudicated property are made without warranties whatsoever, except for warranty against eviction based on prior alienation by the political subdivision. Purchaser has the right to obtain title insurance, if available, at its sole cost and expense. All minerals and mineral rights shall be reserved by the Parish if allowed by law. Cash Sales may contain additional reservations, requirements, restrictions, rights of way, and servitudes imposed by the Parish.

Within 10 business days of the auction of a tax lien certificate or as reasonable a time period thereafter, the payment for the certificate should be made by the buyer along with the fee for the filing of the tax lien certificate in the Mortgage records. The Parish shall authenticate the assignment of the tax lien certificate and the Management Company shall file the assignment of the tax lien certificate with the recorder of mortgages.

All proceeds shall be paid pro rata to holders of statutory impositions and governmental liens, unless otherwise agreed. Disbursement of funds to the City/Parish Tax Collector with instructions from the City/Parish Tax Collector will be made by the Parish or Management Company. Any excess amount shall be retained by the Parish or shall be dispersed as determined appropriate by the mutual agreement of the governmental entities.

D. Purchaser's Affidavit

Contemporaneously with or subsequent to the filing of the sale or donation of adjudicated property, an affidavit conforming to La. R.S. 47:2208 shall be filed by the Purchaser or Management Company on behalf of the purchaser. The filing of the affidavit shall operate as a cancellation, termination, release, or erasure of record of all statutory impositions of all political subdivisions then due and owing, of all governmental liens, and of all interests, liens, mortgages, privileges, and other encumbrances recorded against the property sold and listed in the affidavit. Upon filing of the affidavit, the recorder of mortgages or the recorder of conveyances shall treat and mark as canceled, terminated, released, or erased, all those liens, privileges, mortgages or other encumbrances canceled, terminated, released or erased insofar as they affect the property. Purchaser shall be responsible for recording and paying any other recording fees, including, without limitation, fees for recording any affidavits.

IV. LOT NEXT DOOR PROGRAM

Lincoln Parish Police Jury hereby further authorizes the Parish to sell any eligible adjudicated property or converted lien to an adjoining landowner for the price set by the Parish without public bidding provided that the landowner can establish that he or she has maintained the adjudicated property for a period of one year prior to the sale. In the event that more than one adjoining land owner has maintained the property for a period of more than one year, the property will be auctioned to the adjoining landowners. Additionally, in situations involving a property having owners in indivision with percentages of the tax bill being taxed to different individual(s)/entity(ies) because of past tax sale(s) can be considered a Lot Next Door Owner if the sale will result in a larger percentage of the property being taxed to one owner in the future.

V. DONATION OF PROPERTY

The Lincoln Parish Police Jury hereby further authorizes the Parish, to the extent allowed by the Louisiana Constitution, to donate any eligible adjudicated property to be used only for purposes allowed by the Louisiana Constitution.

VI. SEVERABILITY

If any provision contained in this ordinance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions which can be given effect without the invalid provision, and to this end, the provisions established herein are declared severable.

This ordinance becomes effective in accordance with dates set forth herein and five (5) days after publication in the Official Journal.

The above ordinance was introduced on the _____

The ordinance was submitted to a roll call vote, and the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: (0)
NAYS: (0)
ABSTAIN: (0)
ABSENT: (0)

The ordinance was adopted this _____ day of _____, 2026.

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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Ordinance _____ adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Lincoln Parish Police Jury held on _____, in which a quorum was present and voting and that the ordinance adopted is still in effect and has not been rescinded or revoked.

Signed at _____, Louisiana on the _____

_____, Recording Secretary

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE LINCOLN PARISH POLICE JURY FORMALLY ADOPTING THE LINCOLN PARISH LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN.

WHEREAS, the Lincoln Parish Police Jury recognizes the importance of a safe, efficient, and well-maintained transportation network for the economic development and quality of life of its residents; and,

WHEREAS, the Police Jury authorized a comprehensive review of its existing transportation infrastructure and future needs, resulting in the development of the "Lincoln Parish Long-Range Transportation Plan" prepared in cooperation with Hunt, Guillot, and Associates, LLC and the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development; and,

WHEREAS, the comprehensive plan development process included robust public engagement to identify top-priority needs, including roadway maintenance, safety improvements, traffic congestion management, and bicycle/pedestrian pathways; and,

WHEREAS, the final Long-Range Transportation Plan identifies prioritized projects intended to guide the parish's infrastructure investments over the next 20 years; and

WHEREAS, adoption of this plan is necessary to secure federal and state funding from agencies that require projects to be part of a formally adopted plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Lincoln, State of Louisiana, that:

1. Adoption: The Lincoln Parish Long-Range Transportation Plan, dated January 2026, is hereby formally adopted as the official long-range transportation guide for Lincoln Parish.
2. Implementation: The Police Jury authorizes the Parish Administrator and designated staff to utilize this plan for prioritizing infrastructure projects and submitting applications for federal and state funding.
3. Review: The Plan shall be reviewed periodically to ensure its continued relevance to the transportation needs of the parish.

Courtney Hall
Parish Administrator

Glenn Scriber
Parish President