

September 9, 2014
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TO: Lincoln Parish Police Jury
FROM: Finance Committee
SUBJECT: Committee Report

The Finance Committee of the Lincoln Parish Police Jury met in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Third Floor, Lincoln Parish Courthouse, Tuesday, September 9, 2014, at 5:00 p.m. Present were: Jody Backus, Chair; Theresa Wyatt, Hazel Hunter, Skip Russell, Joseph Henderson, and Ronny Walker.

ABSENT: None

Jody Backus called the meeting to order and delivered the Invocation.

Joe Henderson offered a motion, seconded by Skip Russell, to approve the agenda. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Wyatt, Hunter, Backus, Russell, Henderson and Walker

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The Committee received 2015 budget requests from the following Departments:

Lincoln Total Community Action: Annie Brown was present to request funding in the amount of \$1,500.00, an increase of \$1,000.00 over current annual funding.

Bayou Lake D'Arbonne Commission: Noel James was present to request a continuance of the current annual funding of \$1,800.00.

Council on Aging: A letter was received requesting a continuance of the current annual funding of \$5,000.00.

Sparta Groundwater Commission: Rick Hohlt was present to request funding in the amount of \$5,000.00, an increase of \$2,500 over current funding.

Elisha Ministries: Gloria Mays, Executive Director, was present to request funding in the amount of \$5,000.00.

Department of Veterans Affairs: A letter was received requesting funding in the amount of \$7,032.00, an increase of \$2,032 over current funding.

Coordinating and Development: A letter was received requesting funding of \$10,721.00.

IT Department: Jackson Matthews was present to request a continuance of the current annual funding in the amount of \$14,000.00.

Juvenile Assistance Program: Judge McCallum was present to request a continuance of the current annual funding in the amount of \$15,278.00.

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Lincoln Parish Clerk of Court: A letter was received requesting a continuance of the current annual funding in the amount of \$22,800.00.

Lincoln Parish GIS: Jackson Matthews was present to request a continuance of the current annual funding in the amount of \$25,000.00.

Registrar of Voters: Dianna Stone was present to request funding of \$27,114.00, an increase of \$1,865.00 from current funding.

LA Cooperative Extension Service: Gary Stockton was present to request funding in the amount of \$31,500.00, an increase of \$15,500.00.

Lincoln Parish Coroner: Dr. Michael Belue was present to request funding in the amount of \$55,608.00, an increase of \$2,000.00 over current funding.

Third Judicial District Court: A letter was received to request funding of \$122,120.00, an increase of \$2,975.00 and that Court Reporters be given the same percentage raise as other parish employees.

Lincoln Parish District Attorney: A letter was received requesting a continuance of the current annual funding in the amount of the \$244,660.00.

Four Paws: A letter was received requesting funding in the amount of \$1,000.00.

Ruston Behavioral Health Center: Sheryl Muwwakkil was present to request a continuance of funding in the amount of \$1,530.

Keep Lincoln Parish Beautiful: Requested a continuance of the current annual funding in the amount of \$5,000.00.

Lincoln Parish Health Unit: Mr. Jeff Toms was present to request funding in the amount of \$41,400.00, an increase of \$22,900.00 over current funding.

The Committee agreed to take the budget requests for the year 2015 under advisement. There being no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Courtney Hall
Parish Administrator

Jody Backus
Chair

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, Third Floor, Lincoln Parish Courthouse, September 9, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. Present were: Randy Roberson, Chair; Hazel Hunter, Bobby Bennett, Skip Russell, Nancy Wilson and Ronny Walker.

ABSENT: None

Randy Roberson called the meeting to order and delivered the invocation.

Ronny Walker offered a motion, seconded by Nancy Wilson, to approve the Agenda. There being no public comment, the motion was voted upon and carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Hunter, Bennett, Roberson, Russell, Wilson, and Walker

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

First on the Agenda was to consider authorizing a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Lincoln Parish Police Jury and the L.S.U. Extension Service allowing the Extension Service to utilize Police Jury owned property on Big Creek Road for a 4-H sponsored shooting skills program. Following discussion on the matter, Skip Russell offered a motion, seconded by Ronny Walker, to authorize and approve entering into a cooperative endeavor agreement with the L.S.U. Extension Service. There being no public comment, the motion was voted upon and carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Hunter, Bennett, Roberson, Russell, Wilson, and Walker

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Parish Administrator Courtney Hall began a discussion concerning updating the Parish Ordinance requirements for rabies vaccinations to allow for a 3-year inoculation. Following discussion and minor changes, Ronny Walker offered a motion, seconded by Bobby Bennett, to approve updating the Lincoln Parish Animal Vaccination Ordinance as presented. There being no public comment, the motion was voted upon and carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Hunter, Bennett, Roberson, Russell, Wilson, and Walker

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Ronny Walker offered a motion, seconded by Bobby Bennett, to authorize an appraisal of a 60 acre tract of land on Big Creek Road currently owned by Weyerhauser with the intent to purchase said tract. There being no public comment, the motion was voted upon and carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Hunter, Bennett, Roberson, Russell, Wilson, and Walker

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Courtney Hall and Highway Superintendent Jerry Doss gave updates on various projects occurring throughout the parish. There being no other business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned.

Courtney Hall
Parish Administrator

Randy Roberson
Committee Chair

The Lincoln Parish Police Jury met in regular session on Tuesday, September 9, 2014, at 7:00 p.m., at its regular meeting place in the Courthouse, Ruston, Louisiana. Present were: Theresa Wyatt, District One; Hazel D. Hunter, District Two; Bobby Bennett, District Three; Randy Roberson, District Four; David Hammons, District Five; Walter Pullen, District Six; Jody Backus, District Seven; Skip Russell, District Eight; Joe Henderson, District Nine; Nancy Wilson, District Ten; Sharyon Mayfield, District Eleven and Ronny Walker, District Twelve.

Absent: None

President Hazel Hunter called the meeting to order and Ronny Walker delivered the invocation.

Sharyon Mayfield offered a motion, seconded by Bobby Bennett, to approve the Agenda. There being no public comment on the matter the motion was voted upon and carried with the following votes:

Yeas: Wyatt, Hunter, Bennett, Roberson, Hammons, Pullen, Backus, Russell, Henderson, Wilson, Mayfield, Walker

Nays: None

Absent: None

The President asked for public comments on the agenda as approved. There were no public comments by anyone in attendance.

David Hammons offered a motion, seconded by Bobby Bennett, to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2014 meeting. There being no public comment on the matter the motion was voted upon and carried with the following votes:

Yeas: Wyatt, Hunter, Bennett, Roberson, Hammons, Pullen, Backus, Russell, Henderson, Wilson, Mayfield, Walker

Nays: None

Absent: None

Following a brief discussion of the outline of procedural requirements for conducting a Board of Review and holding the necessary public hearings for the property tax assessment process for the year 2014, Jody Backus made a motion, seconded by Ronny Walker, that the Police Jury recess the regular meeting and reconvene as the Property Assessment Board of Review for the year 2014. The motion was voted upon and carried with the following votes:

Yeas: Wyatt, Hunter, Bennett, Roberson, Hammons, Pullen, Backus, Russell, Henderson, Wilson, Mayfield, Walker

Nays: None

Absent: None

The purpose for conducting the public hearing was explained as being to consider the complaints of qualified persons as provided by Louisiana Revised Statutes 47:1992; and further, to make determinations as being necessary and proper relative to the assessment of real and personal property for the year 2014 in Lincoln Parish.

The Board was advised that an official protest letter had been timely received from CEV Ruston, LP, Assessment Number 32842.

At this time, Parish Tax Assessor Sheila Bordelon was recognized. Mrs. Bordelon explained the assessment of property owned by CEV Ruston, LP, and presented supporting information. Mrs. Bordelon asked the Board to uphold the assessments. President Hunter recognized Ms. Sarah Chaney representing CEV Ruston, LP who presented objections to the assessment and evaluation of the property and presented reasons for the objection.

After a brief discussion, Theresa Wyatt made a motion, seconded by Ronny Walker, that no changes be made to the 2014 property tax assessment of CEV Ruston, LP, Assessment Number 32842 as prepared by the Lincoln Parish Tax Assessor. The motion was voted upon and carried with the following votes:

Yeas: Wyatt, Hunter, Bennett, Roberson, Hammons, Pullen, Backus, Russell, Henderson, Wilson, Walker
Nays: Mayfield
Absent: None

The Board was advised that an official protest letter had been timely received from Lowe's Home Center #2418, Assessment Number 102979. No one was present to present any oral comments regarding the assessment and evaluation. Parish Assessor Sheila Bordelon was recognized. Mrs. Bordelon explained the assessment of property owned by Lowe's Home Center #2418 and presented supporting information. Mrs. Bordelon asked the Board to uphold the assessment.

After discussion, Ronny Walker made a motion, seconded by Randy Roberson, that no changes be made to the 2014 property tax assessment of Lowe's Home Center #2418, Assessment Number 102979. The motion was voted upon and carried with the following votes:

Yeas: Wyatt, Hunter, Bennett, Roberson, Hammons, Pullen, Backus, Russell, Henderson, Wilson, Mayfield, Walker
Nays: None
Absent: None

The Board was advised that an official protest letter had been timely received from Blueline Rental, LLC, Assessment Numbers, 100558, 103456 and 103468. No one was present to present oral comments regarding the assessment and evaluation of this property. Parish Tax Assessor Sheila Bordelon was then recognized. Mrs. Bordelon explained the assessment of property owned by Blueline Rentals, and presented supporting information. Mrs. Bordelon asked the Board to uphold these assessments.

After discussion, Ronny Walker made a motion, seconded by Bobby Bennett, that no changes be made to the 2014 property assessment of Blueline Rental, LLC, Assessment Numbers 100558, 103465, and 103468. The motion was voted upon and carried with the following votes:

Yeas: Wyatt, Hunter, Bennett, Roberson, Hammons, Pullen, Backus, Russell, Henderson, Wilson, Mayfield, Walker
Nays: None
Absent: None

The Board was advised that an official protest letter had been timely received from Lincoln Family Housing, Assessment Number 9378. President Hunter recognized Ms. Pansy Sanford representing Lincoln Family Housing, who presented objections to the assessment and evaluation of the property and presented reasons for the objection. The President then recognized Tax Assessor Sheila Bordelon who explained the assessment of property owned by Lincoln Family Housing, and presented supporting information. Mrs. Bordelon asked the Board to uphold these assessments.

After discussion, Joe Henderson made a motion, seconded by Ronny Walker, that no changes be made to the 2014 property tax assessment of Lincoln Family Housing, Assessment Number 9378. The motion was voted upon and carried with the following votes:

Yeas: Wyatt, Hunter, Bennett, Hammons, Pullen, Backus, Russell, Henderson, Wilson, Mayfield, Walker
Nays: None
Absent: None

Abstained: Roberson

Randy Roberson offered a motion, seconded by Walter Pullen, that the 2014 property assessment list as prepared by the Lincoln Parish Assessor be certified and submitted to the Louisiana Tax Commission in accordance with the law. The motion was voted upon and carried with the following votes:

Yeas: Wyatt, Hunter, Bennett, Roberson, Hammons, Pullen, Backus, Russell, Henderson, Wilson, Mayfield, Walker

Nays: None

Absent: None

There being no other business to come before the Board of Review for 2014, Joe Henderson offered a motion, seconded by Sharyon Mayfield, that the Property Assessment Board of Review for the year 2014 adjourn and that the Lincoln Parish Police Jury reconvene in regular session pursuant to the adjournment of said Board. The motion was voted upon and carried with the following votes:

Yeas: Wyatt, Hunter, Bennett, Roberson, Hammons, Pullen, Backus, Russell, Henderson, Wilson, Mayfield, Walker

Nays: None

Absent: None

The President convened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 335-14-(0) – an Ordinance to Authorize the Sale of Immovable Property to Kirk J. Reynolds. No one was present to speak in favor or against said ordinance. There being no comments, Joe Henderson offered a motion, seconded by Ronny Walker, to close the public hearing, adopt the ordinance and furthermore to authorize the President to sign all necessary documents and address all matters relative thereto.

Yeas: Wyatt, Hunter, Bennett, Roberson, Hammons, Pullen, Backus, Russell, Henderson, Wilson, Mayfield, Walker

Nays: None

Absent: None

Travis Napper with the Ruston-Lincoln Convention and Visitor's Bureau was present to present the 2014 Amended Budget and 2015 Proposed Budgets of the Bureau. Following discussion, Ronny Walker offered a motion, seconded by Walter Pullen, to approve the 2014 Amended Budget. The motion was voted upon and carried with the following votes:

Yeas: Wyatt, Hunter, Bennett, Roberson, Hammons, Pullen, Backus, Russell, Henderson, Wilson, Mayfield, Walker

Nays: None

Absent: None

Skip Russell offered a motion, seconded by Jody Backus, to approve the 2015 Proposed Budget. The motion was voted upon and carried with the following votes:

Yeas: Wyatt, Hunter, Bennett, Roberson, Hammons, Pullen, Backus, Russell, Henderson, Wilson, Mayfield, Walker

Nays: None

Absent: None

Next on the Agenda was the introduction of the Third Judicial District Court, Division B Candidates. Mr. Tommy Rogers, Mr. Tyler Storms, and Mr. Lewis Jones who were all present to answer questions from the jurors.

Next on the agenda was to consider an Enterprise Zone Endorsement Resolution for Penntex North Louisiana, LLC. Jerry Moore of the Sales and Use Tax Office was present to explain the different options available to the Jurors. Following discussion, Jody Backus offered a motion, seconded by Randy Roberson to adopt a resolution endorsing the participation of Penntex North Louisiana, LLC in the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program without the local sales tax rebate.

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-21

RESOLUTION STATING Lincoln Parish Police Jury's ENDORSEMENT OF PENNTEX NORTH LOUISIANA, LLC TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BENEFITS OF THE LOUISIANA ENTERPRISE ZONE PROGRAM;

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Act 901 of 1981, Act 337 of 1982, Act 433 of 1987, Act 1024 of 1992, Act 581 of 1995, and Act 624 and Act 647 of 1997, and Act 977 of 1999;

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program offers significant incentives for economic development to some of the most distressed areas in the State; and

WHEREAS, the Police Jury of Lincoln Parish states this endorsement is in agreement with the Overall Economic Development Plan for the Parish of Lincoln; and

WHEREAS, the attached Enterprise Zone map has been marked to show the location of the business being endorsed; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program requirements, the Police Jury of Lincoln Parish, Louisiana agrees:

1. To participate in the Enterprise Zone Program
2. To assist the Department in evaluating progress made in any enterprise zone within its jurisdiction

BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of Lincoln Parish, Louisiana, in regular and legal session convened this 9th day of September, 2014 that, Penntex North Louisiana, LLC is endorsed to participate in the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

The motion was voted on and carried with the following votes:

Yeas: Wyatt, Hunter, Bennett, Roberson, Hammons, Pullen, Backus, Russell, Henderson, Wilson, Mayfield, Walker

Nays: None

Absent: None

Skip Russell offered a motion, seconded by Bobby Bennett, to approve a resolution authorizing the President to execute contract documents regarding Mondy Road and Dick's Store Road project.

Resolution 2014-22

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lincoln Parish Police Jury convened in Regular Session this 9th day of September, 2014 does hereby authorize the President to sign all documents in association with Mondy Road and Dick's Store Road Safety Improvement Project.

The motion was voted on and carried with the following votes:

Yeas: Wyatt, Hunter, Bennett, Roberson, Hammons, Pullen, Backus, Russell,
Henderson, Wilson, Mayfield, Walker

Nays: None

Absent: None

Jody Backus stated that the Finance Committee met at 5:00 PM this day to receive requests for the 2015 Budget. Mr. Backus stated that all requests were taken under advisement. Jody Backus offered a motion, seconded by David Hammons to approve the minutes of the Finance Committee. The motion was voted upon and carried with the following votes:

Yeas: Wyatt, Bennett, Roberson, Hammons, Pullen, Backus, Russell, Wilson,
Mayfield, Walker

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: Hunter and Henderson

Randy Roberson stated that the Public Works Committee met at 6:00 PM this day and the Committee recommends:

1. Authorizing entering into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the L.S.U. Extension Service allowing them use of designated Police Jury property for a shooting sports program.
2. Updating the Lincoln Parish Animal Vaccination Ordinance.
3. Authorizing an appraisal of a 60 acre tract of land on Big Creek Road.

Randy Roberson offered a motion, seconded by Skip Russell, to approve the minutes of the Public Works Committee. The motion was voted upon and carried with the following votes:

Yeas: Wyatt, Hunter, Bennett, Roberson, Hammons, Pullen, Backus, Russell,
Henderson, Wilson, Mayfield, Walker

Nays: None

Absent: None

Under other business, Homeland Security Director Kip Franklin reminded the jury about the upcoming WIPPTREX training scenario to be held on October 9, 2014. There being no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Courtney Hall
Parish Administrator

Hazel Hunter
Parish President