

In accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 33:1226, as amended, the following persons who were duly elected to serve as members of the Lincoln Parish Police Jury representing their respective districts in Lincoln Parish, Louisiana, for the 2016-2020 term of office met in regular session Monday, January 11, 2016, at 5:30 p.m., at its regular meeting place in the Courthouse, Ruston, Louisiana, for the purpose of taking the Oath of Office: 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; R. G. "Skip" Russell, District Eight; Joe Henderson, District Nine; Nancy Wilson, District Ten; Sharyon Mayfield, District Eleven; and Annette Straughter, District Twelve.

Absent: None

Mrs. Hazel Hunter called the meeting to order and Jody Backus delivered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Mrs. Linda Cook, Clerk of Court, was present and administered the Oath of Office to the jurors.

Skip Russell offered a motion, seconded by Bobby Bennett, to approve the Agenda. The motion was voted upon and carried with the following votes:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mrs. Hunter 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 Walter Pullen, to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2015 meeting. The motion was voted upon and carried with the following votes:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

The Honorable John Belton, District Attorney and Parish Legal Counsel, was asked to preside as acting Chairman for the purpose of electing officers for the year 2016. Mr. Belton, acting as Chairman, stated that the first order of business was the election for the office of President and that nominations were in order. Joe Henderson nominated Jody Backus. David Hammons offered a motion, seconded by Joe Henderson to close nominations. The motion was voted upon and carried with the following votes:

Yeas: Hunter, Bennett, Roberson, Hammons, Pullen, Backus, Russell, Henderson, Mayfield and Straughter

Nays: Wyatt and Wilson

Absent: None

Chairman Belton declared Mr. Backus the duly elected president for the year 2016.

At this time acting Chairman Belton opened the floor for nominations for Vice President. Theresa Wyatt nominated Nancy Wilson. Jody Backus nominated Joe Henderson. Bobby Bennett offered a motion, seconded by Annette Straughter to close nominations. The motion was voted upon and carried with the following votes:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Chairman Belton called for votes on the Office of Vice President in the order of nomination, by a show of hands. The results were as follows:

Nominee: Mrs. Nancy Wilson
FOR: Wyatt, Roberson, Russell

Nominee: Mr. Joe Henderson
FOR: Hunter, Bennett, Hammons, Pullen, Backus, Henderson, Mayfield, and Straughter

Nancy Wilson received three (3) votes. Joe Henderson received eight (8) votes.

Acting Chairman Belton declared Joe Henderson as the duly elected Vice-President of the Lincoln Parish Police Jury for the year 2016.

At this time Chairman Belton called for nominations for the position of Parish Administrator. David Hammons nominated Courtney Hall. There were no other nominations. Walter Pullen offered a motion seconded by Annette Straughter that Mr. Hall be appointed as Parish Administrator and that his term run concurrently with that of the Police Jury, for four years. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Chairman Belton called for nominations for the position of Parish Treasurer. Joe Henderson nominated Laura Hartt for a two year term. There were no other nominations. The nomination carried with a unanimous vote.

Departing President Hazel Hunter thanked the jurors for their cooperation and support during her term. At this time President Jody Backus took over the meeting. President Backus also thanked the jurors for their support.

Next on the Agenda was to take action on bids for transfer trailers. Bobby Bennett offered a motion, seconded by Randy Roberson, to go with the low bid of Travis Body and Trailer.

FURNISHING FOUR (4) (NEW) 2016 TRANSFER (REFUSE) TRAILERS

Tuesday, January 5, 2016

Bidder	Bid Price	Deliver
Travis Body & Trailer	\$248,336.00	45 days
Mac Trailer Mfg.	\$266,884.00	130 days

The motion carried with the following votes:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Skip Russell offered a motion, seconded by Bobby Bennett, to authorize a professional services agreement with William R. Hulse Professional Accounting Corporation for auditing services. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Walter Pullen offered a motion, seconded by Randy Roberson, to authorize travel to Shreveport, LA for the Police Jury Association of Louisiana Convention, March 3-5, 2016. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Joe Henderson, offered a motion, seconded by Randy Roberson, to authorize travel for Juror Annette Straughter to Baton Rouge, LA for the Police Jury Association of Louisiana Newly Elected Officials Orientation, January 13, 2016. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Randy Roberson offered a motion, seconded by Sharyon Mayfield, to authorize travel for the Park Director to Austin, TX for the TMBRA Board Meeting. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Following Department Head reports and there being no other business to come before the Jury, the meeting was adjourned.

Courtney Hall
Parish Administrator

Jody Backus
Parish President