

September 10, 2019

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 10, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. Present were: Skip Russell, Chair; Hazel Hunter, Jody Backus, Joe Henderson, and Nancy Wilson.

Skip Russell called the meeting to order and delivered the invocation.

Joe Henderson offered a motion, seconded by Nancy Wilson, to approve the Agenda as presented. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Russell, Hunter, Backus, Henderson, and Wilson.

The committee received 2020 budget requests from the following Departments:

Lincoln Total Community Action: Ms. Pam Harris and Mrs. Clotill Smith were present to request a continuance of the current funding of \$15,000.00

Bayou Lake D'Arbonne Commission: No request was received. Current funding is \$1,800.00

Sparta Groundwater Commission: Richard Durrett was present to request a continuance of the current annual funding of \$2,500.00.

Department of Veteran Affairs: No request was received. Current funding is \$5,000.00.

Council on Aging: Ms. Michelle Wright was present to request a continuance of the current annual funding of \$5,000.00

IT Department: Tracy Calloway was present to request a continuance of the current annual funding of \$20,000.00.

Lincoln Parish GIS: Tracy Calloway was present to request a continuance of the current annual funding of \$25,000.00.

Juvenile Assistance Program: Judge Tommy Rogers was present to withdraw a request for funding for the program.

Third Judicial District Court: Judge Tommy Rogers was present to request funding in the amount of \$137,700.00, an increase of \$2,700.00 over current annual funding.

LSU Cooperative Extension Service: Amanda Simmons was present to request a continuance of the current funding of \$20,000.00

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

Registrar of Voters: Dianna Stone was present to request funding of \$25,321.00, an increase of \$980.00 from current funding.

Lincoln Parish Coroner: A letter was received requesting a continuance of the current annual funding of \$60,483.00

Lincoln Parish District Attorney: Assistant District Attorney Lewis Jones was present to request a continuance of the current annual funding in the amount of \$244,660.00.

Trailblazer: A letter was received requesting funding in the amount of \$2,500.00, an increase of \$250.00 from current funding.

Keep Lincoln Parish Beautiful: Lindsey Gouedy was present to request a continuance of the current funding in the amount of \$7,500.00.

4 Paws: Mrs. Sue Martin was present to request funding of \$36,000.00, an increase of \$12,000.00 over current annual funding.

Northeast Delta Human Services Authority: Angela Williams was present to request a continuance of the current annual funding of \$1,530.00

Lincoln Parish Health Unit: Suzanne Blackwelder was present to request continued funding in the amount of \$18,500.00.

After discussion, the Committee agreed to take the budget requests for the year 2020 under advisement. There being no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Courtney Hall
Parish Administrator

Skip Russell
Chair

September 10, 2019

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, Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at 6:45 p.m. Present were: David Hammons, Chair, Theresa Wyatt, Bobby Bennett, Skip Russell and Annette Straughter.

David Hammons called the meeting to order and delivered the invocation.

Annette Straughter offered a motion, seconded by Bobby Bennett, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Wyatt, Bennett, Hammons, Russell, and Straughter

First on the agenda was to consider approving the final plat for Douglas Meadows Subdivision, Mr. Tim Hammett and Mr. Neal DeForest were present for questions. After discussion, Skip Russell offered a motion, seconded by Theresa Wyatt, to approve the final plat for Douglas Meadows Subdivision. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Wyatt, Bennett, Hammons, Russell, and Straughter

Next on the agenda was to consider establishing a 30 miles per hour speed limit on Gum Bottom Road. Annette Straughter offered a motion, seconded by Bobby Bennett, to set the speed limit on Gum Bottom Road to 30 miles per hour. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Wyatt, Bennett, Hammons, Russell, and Straughter

After further discussion and with no other business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned.

Courtney Hall
Parish Administrator

David Hammons
Chair

The Lincoln Parish Police Jury met in regular session on Tuesday, September 10, 2019, at 7:00 p.m., at its regular meeting place in the Courthouse, Ruston, Louisiana. Present were: Theresa Wyatt, District One; Hazel Hunter, District Two; Bobby Bennett, District Three; 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 Annette Straughter, District Twelve.

ABSENT: Randy Roberson, District Four.

In the absence of President Randy Roberson, Vice-President Joe Henderson called the meeting to order and Jody Backus delivered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

YEAS: Wyatt, Hunter, Bennett, Hammons, Pullen, Backus, Russell, Henderson, Wilson, Mayfield, Straughter

Mr. Henderson called for any public comments on the agenda. There were none.

Sharyon Mayfield offered a motion, seconded by Hazel Hunter, to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2019 regular meeting. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Wyatt, Hunter, Bennett, Hammons, Pullen, Backus, Russell, Henderson, Wilson, Mayfield, Straughter

Following a brief description of procedural requirement for conducting a Board of Review and holding the necessary public hearings for the property tax assessment process for the year 2019, Annette Straughter offered a motion, seconded by Sharyon Mayfield, to recess the regular meeting and reconvene as the Property Tax Assessment Board of Review for the year 2019. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Wyatt, Hunter, Bennett, Hammons, Pullen, Backus, Russell, Henderson, Wilson, Mayfield, Straughter

Mr. Henderson explained the purpose of the Public Hearings as being to consider the complaints of qualified persons as provided by the L.R.S. 47:1992; further to make determinations as being necessary and proper relative to the assessment of real and personal property for the year 2019 in Lincoln Parish.

The Board was advised that an official protest letter had been timely received from Aaron's Rents, Inc., Assessment No 100056. A representative was not present on behalf of Aaron's Rents, Inc. to present oral comments regarding the assessment. Parish Tax Assessor Sheila Bordelon was then recognized. Mrs. Bordelon explained the assessment and presented supporting information.

Annette Straughter offered a motion, seconded by Theresa Wyatt, to uphold the assessment. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Wyatt, Bennett, Hammons, Backus, Russell, Henderson, Wilson, Mayfield, Straughter

ABSTAINED: Hunter, Pullen

The Board was advised that an official letter had been timely received from Regency Intrastate Gas, LLC, Assessment No(s) 101348, 102097, 105534, 100950. A representative was not present on behalf of Regency Intrastate Gas, LLC to present oral comments regarding the assessments. Parish Tax Assessor Sheila Bordelon was then recognized. Mrs. Bordelon explained the assessment and presented supporting information.

Bobby Bennett offered a motion, seconded by David Hammons, to uphold all of the assessments. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Wyatt, Bennett, Hammons, Backus, Russell, Henderson, Wilson, Mayfield, Straughter

ABSTAINED: Hunter, Pullen

Annette Straughter offered a motion, seconded by David Hammons, to certify the Assessment List as prepared by the Tax Assessor to the Louisiana Tax Commission. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Wyatt, Bennett, Hammons, Pullen, Backus, Russell, Henderson, Wilson, Mayfield, Straughter

ABSTAINED: Hunter

Sharyon Mayfield offered a motion, seconded by David Hammons, to adjourn the Board of Review and reconvene the regular Police Jury meeting. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Wyatt, Hunter, Bennett, Hammons, Pullen, Backus, Russell, Henderson, Wilson, Mayfield, Straughter

Under Resolutions, Bobby Bennett offered a motion, seconded by Skip Russell, to authorize signatories on contracts between the Humanitarian Enterprises of Lincoln Parish and the Louisiana Housing Corporation.

RESOLUTION 19-12

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lincoln Parish Police Jury does hereby authorize Martene Thissel, Interim Director, and Holly Lowry, Parish Treasurer, to sign contracts and amendments to the contracts and review claims on behalf of the H.E.L.P Agency/Lincoln Parish Police Jury and Louisiana Housing Corporation.

/s/ Randy Roberson
Randy Roberson
Parish President

The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Wyatt, Hunter, Bennett, Hammons, Pullen, Backus, Russell, Henderson, Wilson, Mayfield, Straughter

Skip Russell offered a motion, seconded by Sharyon Mayfield, to authorize the President, to sign funding agreements for hazard mitigation and public assistance.

RESOLUTION 19-13

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Randy Roberson, President, be and he is hereby authorized to sign applications, contracts, funding agreements or any other documents associated with Hazard Mitigation Grant Program HMPG 1786-022-0002 and Public Assistance associated with the April 25, 2019 Tornado Event.

/s/ Randy Roberson
Randy Roberson
Parish President

The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Wyatt, Hunter, Bennett, Hammons, Pullen, Backus, Russell, Henderson, Wilson, Mayfield, Straughter

Holly Lowry, Parish Treasurer, presented the budget to actual comparison report on the General Fund and additional major funds.

Under Committee Reports, Skip Russell stated that the Finance Committee met on this day at 6:00 p.m. and the Committee recommends:

1. The Committee received budget requests from various agencies for the 2019 Budget, Mr. Russell reported that all requests were taken under advisement.

Skip Russell offered a motion, seconded by Hazel Hunter, to approve the minutes of the Finance Commitment. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Wyatt, Hunter, Bennett, Hammons, Pullen, Backus, Russell, Henderson, Wilson, Mayfield, Straughter

David Hammons stated that the Public Works Committee met this day at 6:45 p.m. and the Committee recommends:

1. Approving the final plat for Douglas Meadows Subdivision.
2. Establishing a 30 miles per hour speed limit on Gum Bottom Road.

David Hammons offered a motion, seconded by Bobby Bennett, to approve the minutes for the Public Works Committee. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Wyatt, Hunter, Bennett, Hammons, Pullen, Backus, Russell, Henderson, Wilson, Mayfield, Straughter

Annette Straughter offered a motion, seconded by Hazel Hunter, to adopt an ordinance to set forth a 30 mile per hour speed limit on Gum Bottom Road.

ORDINANCE NO. 420-19-0

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 184-98-(4) OF THE PARISH OF LINCOLN STATE OF LOUISIANA PROVIDING THAT THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE PARISH OF LINCOLN, STATE OF LOUISIANA, BE AMENDED BY REVISING CHAPTER 6, MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, TO ADD A SECTION TO BE NUMBERED 6-4.14 AND TO DEFINE THE OFFENSE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE POLICE JURY OF LINCOLN PARISH, LOUISIANA, IN REGULAR SESSION CONVENED THIS 10th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2019:

SECTION 1

That the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Lincoln, State of Louisiana, be amended by adding a section to be number 6-4.14 to read as follows:

Sec. 6-4.14 Speed Limits – Gum Bottom Road

“No motor vehicle, as defined by Louisiana law, shall be operated at a speed in excess of 30 miles per hour on Gum Bottom Road.”

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/ Randy Roberson
Randy Roberson
Parish President

The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Wyatt, Hunter, Bennett, Hammons, Pullen, Backus, Russell, Henderson, Wilson, Mayfield, Straughter

After various reports from Department Heads and no other business to come before the Jury, the meeting was adjourned.

Courtney Hall
Parish Administrator

Randy Roberson
President