

TO: Lincoln Parish Police Jury
FROM: Public Property & Buildings Committee
SUBJECT: Committee Report

The Public Property & Buildings Committee of the Lincoln Parish Police Jury met in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Third Floor, Lincoln Parish Courthouse, Tuesday, May 13, 2008 at 4:30 p.m. Present were: Roy Glover, Chair; Hazel Hunter, Jody Backus, Sharyon Mayfield, and Mickey Mays.

Absent: Annie Brown

Chair Roy Glover called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.

Hazel Hunter offered a motion, seconded by Sharyon Mayfield, to approve the Agenda. The motion passed with the following votes:

YEAS: Hunter, Glover, Backus, Mayfield, and Mays

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Brown

Annie Brown entered the meeting.

Mike Walpole was present and gave a presentation on the Lincoln Parish Library Events Center, taking into consideration recommendations made by the Police Jury during the last meeting. No actions were taken.

There being no other business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned.

Dennis E. Woodward
Parish Administrator/Engineer

Roy Glover
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, Tuesday, May 13, 2008, at 5:00 p.m. Present were: Mike Franklin, Chair; Bobby Bennett, Hazel Hunter David Hammons, Jody Backus, Joe Henderson, and Mickey Mays.

ABSENT: None

Chair Mike Franklin called the meeting to order and Hazel Hunter delivered the invocation.

Hazel Hunter asked to amend the Agenda, adding item number VII, Resurfacing of Central Street. Mickey Mays offered a motion, seconded by Hazel Hunter to approve the amended agenda. The motion passed with the following vote:

YEA: Hunter, Bennett, Franklin, Hammons, Backus, Henderson, and Mays

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

First on the Agenda was consideration of the final plat for The Woodlands subdivision. After discussion, David Hammons made a motion, seconded by Hazel Hunter to table the item until provisions can be made to maintain the community sewer system. The motion passed with the following votes:

YEA: Hunter, Bennett, Franklin, Hammons, Backus, Henderson, and Mays

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

Next on the Agenda was consideration of a resolution with the LDOTD concerning Tech Drive and Tiger Drive. Jody Backus made a motion, seconded by Joe Henderson, to approve the resolution pending the approval of Simsboro. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEA: Hunter, Bennett, Franklin, Hammons, Backus, Henderson, and Mays

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

Next on the Agenda was authorization to purchase a small excavator on state contract. After discussion, Bobby Bennett made a motion, seconded by Mike Franklin, to authorize the purchase. The motion passed with the following votes:

YEA: Hunter, Bennett, Franklin, Hammons, Backus, Henderson, and Mays

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

Hazel Hunter introduced her amendment to the Agenda asking for a support letter to the City of Grambling, asking Ambling Construction to have Central Street repaired. Hazel Hunter made a motion, seconded by Mickey Mays, to send a letter of support. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEA: Hunter, Bennett, Franklin, Hammons, Backus, Henderson, and Mays

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

There being no other business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned.

Dennis E. Woodward
Parish Administrator/Engineer

Mike Franklin
Chair

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

The Personnel Committee of the Lincoln Parish Police Jury met in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Third Floor, Lincoln Parish Courthouse, Tuesday, May 13, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. Present were: Joe Henderson, Chair; Hazel Hunter, Roy Glover, Jody Backus, Skip Russell and Mickey Mays.

ABSENT: None

Joe Henderson called the meeting to order and delivered the invocation.

Mickey Mays made a motion, seconded by Hazel Hunter, to approve the agenda. The motion passed with the following votes:

YEAS: Hunter, Glover, Backus, Russell, Henderson, and Mays

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Skip Russell made a motion, seconded by Mickey Mays, to schedule a meeting on June 9, 2008, at 5:00 PM, to interview the Human Resource Consultants. The motion passed with the following votes:

YEAS: Hunter, Glover, Backus, Russell, Henderson, and Mays

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Next on the Agenda was a discussion on the qualifications and job description for the Highway Superintendent. No changes were made to the qualifications or job description and an advertisement was approved to run in the Official Journal. A request was made on behalf of Jeff Frasier to allow another employee to take a vehicle home so that he would have help for callouts in emergency situations and not be doing it alone which is a potentially hazardous situation. No objections were voiced.

There being no other business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned.

Dennis E. Woodward
Parish Administrator/Engineer

Joe Henderson
Chair

TO: Lincoln Parish Police Jury

FROM: Solid Waste and Recycling Committee

SUBJECT: Committee Report

The Solid Waste and Recycling Committee of the Lincoln Parish Police Jury met in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Third Floor, Lincoln Parish Courthouse, Tuesday, May 13, 2008, at 6:00 p.m. Present were: Theresa Wyatt, Chair; Hazel Hunter, Bobby Bennett, Mike Franklin, David Hammons, Roy Glover, and Mickey Mays.

ABSENT: None

Chair Theresa Wyatt called the meeting to order and Skip Russell delivered the invocation.

Theresa Wyatt made a motion to amend the Agenda, adding Item Nine, The Safety of the Pit Burner and its Current Permits. David Hammons made a motion, seconded by Hazel Hunter to accept the amended agenda. The motion passed with the following votes:

YEAS: Wyatt, Hunter, Bennett, Franklin, Hammons, Glover, and Mays

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

First on the Agenda was a discussion on the authorization of an off-road container site on LA 821. Mr. Russell spoke about the location of the site and public comments were accepted at this time. Mr. Bruce Allen, Mr. Bobby Dowling, Mr. Parks, Mrs. Betty Parks, Mr. Ed Griswall, Mr. John Emory, and Ms. Mary Alice Billberry were all present. After discussion, no actions were taken on this item.

Bobby Dowling then gave a presentation on behalf of Keep Lincoln Parish Beautiful.

Fire Chief Dennis Ford was present to discuss placement of dumpster site at the fire stations. After discussion, the decision was made that no dumpsters would be placed on the fire station sites.

Next on the agenda was authorization to piggy-back on the contract of Tensas Parish to purchase a motor grader. Mike Franklin made a motion, seconded by David Hammons, to authorize the piggy-back for a motor grader. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Wyatt, Hunter, Bennett, Franklin, Hammons, Glover, and Mays

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Deputy Sasser was present and gave a brief report on litter abatement. Sherriff Stone was present and stated that he expected Deputy Sasser to write more tickets for litter in the future.

The safety and permit status on the pit burner was next on the agenda. Andy Shealy recommended that the Police Jury send a letter addressing the safety of the pit burner to Mr. Crochet.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned.

Dennis E. Woodward
Parish Administrator/Engineer

Theresa Wyatt
Chair

The Lincoln Parish Police Jury met in regular session on Tuesday, May 13, 2008, at 7:00 p.m., at its regular meeting place in the Courthouse, Ruston, Louisiana. Present were: Theresa Moore Wyatt, District One; Hazel D. Hunter, District Two; Bobby Bennett, District Three; Mike Franklin, District Four; David Hammons, District Five; Roy Glover, District Six; Jody Backus, District Seven; R. G. "Skip" Russell, District Eight; Joe Henderson, District Nine; Annie Brown, District Ten; Sharyon Mayfield, District Eleven; and R. D. "Mickey" Mays, District Twelve.

ABSENT: None

President Mickey Mays called the meeting to order and Joe Henderson delivered the invocation.

Sharyon Mayfield made a motion, seconded by Hazel Hunter, to approve the Agenda. The motion carried with the following vote:

YEAS: Wyatt, Hunter, Bennett, Franklin, Hammons, Glover, Backus, Russell, Henderson, Brown, Mayfield, and Mays

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Skip Russell made a motion, seconded by Joe Henderson, to accept the minutes of the April 8, 2008, meeting. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Wyatt, Hunter, Bennett, Franklin, Hammons, Glover, Backus, Russell, Henderson, Brown, Mayfield, and Mays

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Skip Russell made a motion, seconded by Joe Henderson, to re-appoint Diana Humphries to the Library Board of Control.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-18

BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of Lincoln Parish,

Louisiana, convened in Regular Session this

13th day of May, 2008 that

DIANA HUMPHRIES

Is hereby and herewith reappointed, MEMBER

LINCOLN PARISH LIBRARY BOARD OF CONTROL

Lincoln Parish, Louisiana,

For the term of January 9, 2008 – January 9, 2013

Signed and Sealed this 13th day of May, 2008

LINCOLN PARISH POLICE JURY

The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Wyatt, Hunter, Bennett, Franklin, Hammons, Glover, Backus,
Russell, Henderson, Brown, Mayfield, and Mays

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Jody Backus made a motion, seconded by Sharyon Mayfield, to authorize the advertisement for oil and gas lease. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Wyatt, Hunter, Bennett, Franklin, Hammons, Glover, Backus,
Russell, Henderson, Brown, and Mayfield

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: Mays

Skip Russell made a motion, seconded by Annie Brown, to accept the bid of Diversified Railcar for railroad tank cars. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Wyatt, Hunter, Bennett, Franklin, Hammons, Glover, Backus,
Russell, Henderson, Brown, Mayfield, and Mays

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Bobby Bennett made a motion, seconded by Mike Franklin, to authorize advertisement on hot and cold mix. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Wyatt, Hunter, Bennett, Franklin, Hammons, Glover, Backus,
Russell, Henderson, Brown, Mayfield, and Mays

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Sharyon Mayfield made a motion, seconded by Mike Franklin, to adopt a resolution to support permanent funding for Sparta Groundwater Conservation District Commission.

RESOLUTION 2008-19

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING SUPPORT FOR THE SPARTA GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSION'S EFFORTS TO SECURE PERMANENT FUNDING OF SAID COMMISSION'S OPERATIONS; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO,

Whereas, the Sparta Groundwater Conservation District was created by the State of Louisiana to direct efforts to preserve the Sparta Aquifer, the primary source of potable water for North Central Louisiana;

Whereas, the impact of the depletion of the Sparta Aquifer poses a threat to not only the health and welfare of citizens of North Central Louisiana but also to the economy of the region;

Whereas, the impact of the depletion of the Sparta Aquifer on North Central Louisiana is of vital importance to the whole State of Louisiana;

Whereas, the State of Louisiana has not yet provided a permanent source of funding for the Sparta Groundwater Conservation District's operations;

Whereas, the Commission is in need of permanent funding to establish programs necessary to preserve the Sparta Aquifer;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lincoln Parish Police Jury hereby requests support of Representative Rick Gallot's efforts to secure permanent funding of the Commission's operations from the State of Louisiana;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Lincoln Parish Police Jury hereby requests that the local governments, citizens, and industries that rely on the Sparta Aquifer for potable water lend their support to Representative Gallot's effort;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be mailed to each Representative and Senator representing the District in the Louisiana Legislature; and to the Governor of the State of Louisiana.

The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Wyatt, Hunter, Bennett, Franklin, Hammons, Glover, Backus,
Russell, Henderson, Brown, Mayfield, and Mays

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Annie Brown made a motion, seconded by Roy Glover, to adopt a resolution supporting House Bill 420. The motion carried with the following votes:

RESOLUTION 2008-20

WHEREAS, House Bill No. 420 has been introduced by Representative Rick Gallot in the 2008 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature; and

WHEREAS, House Bill No. 420 would allow voters to approve an amendment to Article VII, Section 4(D)(3) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to increase the maximum amount of the severance tax on certain natural resources which is remitted to parish government; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment would increase the maximum amount of the severance tax imposed and collected by the State on natural resources, other than sulphur, lignite, and timber, which is remitted to the parish government authority where the severance occurs from \$850,000 to \$2,850,000; and

WHEREAS, the vehicles used in the extraction and transportation of natural resources is a primary factor in the deterioration of parish roads and bridges; and

WHEREAS, it is difficult for parishes to recoup the cost of repairing roads and bridges from the contractors that extract and transport natural resources in their parish; and

WHEREAS, most parishes have a limited number of sources for funds to repair their roads and bridges; and

WHEREAS, the safety of the citizens of a parish and visitors can be compromised because of the damage done to parish roads and bridges because of the extraction and transportation of natural resources; and

WHEREAS, an increase in the limit of severance tax remitted to the parish government authority would provide much needed funds to the parishes that are impacted the most by the extraction and transportation of natural resources

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE POLICE JURY OF LINCOLN PARISH, LOUISIANA, in Regular Session convened on the 13th day of May, 2008, that it does hereby support House Bill No. 420 filed by The Honorable Rick Gallot in the 2008 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature which will allow the voters to decide if the Constitution of Louisiana should be amended and the amount of severance tax remitted to parish government's authorities should be increased to \$2,850,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to all members of the Lincoln Parish Legislative Delegation respectfully requesting their support and assistance in this matter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution also be forwarded to the Police Jury Association of Louisiana.

I, DENNIS E. WOODWARD, Parish Administrator, Lincoln Parish Police Jury, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Police Jury of Lincoln Parish, Louisiana, convened in regular session on the 13th day of May, 2008 at which meeting a quorum was present.

GIVEN UNDER MY OFFICIAL Signature and Seal of Office this 16th of May, 2008.

/s/ Dennis E. Woodward
DENNIS E. WOODWARD
ADMINISTRATOR/ENGINEER
LINCOLN PARISH POLICE JURY

YEAS: Wyatt, Hunter, Bennett, Franklin, Hammons, Glover, Backus, Russell, Henderson, Brown, Mayfield, and Mays

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

David Hammons made a motion, seconded by Annie Brown, to adopt a resolution supporting Senate Bill 121. The motion carried with the following votes:

RESOLUTION 2008-21

WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 121 has been introduced by Senator Reggie P. Dupre, Jr. in the 2008 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 121 would increase the contract limit to the sum of \$200,000.00 per project for all public entities and authorize public entities to use their regular maintenance employees when the cost of the work per project does not exceed \$200,000.00, including labor and materials; and

WHEREAS, since the contract limit was set at \$100,000 the cost of construction material has increase dramatically; and

WHEREAS, for most public entities the revenues they receive have not increased as dramatically as the cost of construction materials; and

WHEREAS, the administrative cost related to bidding a small project are a higher portion of the total cost than they would be for a large project; and

WHEREAS, many public entities have regular maintenance employees and equipment on hand that can work on small projects through their regular employment allowing them to increase the number of projects completed for the same cost which benefits the tax payers they represent.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE POLICE JURY OF LINCOLN PARISH, LOUISIANA, in Regular Session convened on the 13th day of May, 2008, that it does hereby support Senate Bill No. 121 filed by The Honorable Reggie P. Dupre, Jr. in the 2008 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature which would increase the contract limit from \$100,000 to \$200,000 per project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to all members of the Lincoln Parish Legislative Delegation respectfully requesting their support and assistance in this matter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution also be forwarded to the Police Jury Association of Louisiana.

I, DENNIS E. WOODWARD, Parish Administrator, Lincoln Parish Police Jury, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Police Jury of Lincoln Parish, Louisiana, convened in regular session on the 13th day of May, 2008 at which meeting a quorum was present.

GIVEN UNDER MY OFFICIAL Signature and Seal of Office this 16th of May, 2008.

/s/ Dennis E. Woodward
DENNIS E. WOODWARD
ADMINISTRATOR/ENGINEER
LINCOLN PARISH POLICE JURY

YEAS: Wyatt, Hunter, Bennett, Franklin, Hammons, Glover, Backus, Russell, Henderson, Brown, Mayfield, and Mays

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Roy Glover stated that the Public Property and Buildings Committee met 4:30 p.m. this day and the Committee took no action.

Mike Franklin stated that the Public Works Committee met at 5:00 p.m. this day and the Committee recommends:

1. Tabled approval of final plat The Woodlands subdivision until an agreement is reached on maintaining the community sewer system.
2. Approving a resolution with the LDOTD concerning Tech Drive and Tiger Drive pending the approval of the Town of Simsboro.
3. Authorize piggy-back on Tensas Parish contract for a small excavator.
4. Authorize letter of support for the repair work on Central Street in Grambling.

Hazel Hunter made a motion, seconded by Annie Brown to approve the minutes. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Wyatt, Hunter, Bennett, Franklin, Hammons, Glover, Backus,

Russell, Henderson, Brown, Mayfield, and Mays

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Mike Franklin made a motion, seconded by David Hammons, to adopt the resolution with the LDOTD concerning Tech Drive and Tiger Drive pending the approval of the Town of Simsboro.

Resolution 2008-22

WHEREAS, The Lincoln Parish Police Jury is agreeable to conditionally accept ownership of whatever rights the State of Louisiana may own in and to the following described property and accept all future liabilities associated therewith for its operation and maintenance as a parish road:

State route LA 817-2 in its entirety from its west intersection with state route US 80 proceeding north on Tiger Drive to its intersection with South Railroad Avenue, from its intersection with Tiger Drive proceeding east on South Railroad Avenue to its intersection with Rose Street and from its intersection with South Railroad Avenue proceeding south on Rose Street to its east intersection with state route US 80 for a total length of approximately 0.36 mile.

WHEREAS, The Lincoln Parish Police Jury is agreeable to accept ownership of whatever rights the State of Louisiana may own in and to the aforesaid described property if and only when the Department of Transportation and Development accepts ownership of whatever rights Louisiana Tech University may own in and to the following described property and all future liabilities associated therewith for its operation and maintenance as a state route:

The portion of Tech Drive from its intersection with Railroad Avenue proceeding south approximately 0.23 mile to its intersection with state route LA 3012 known as Barnett Springs Road.

WHEREAS, The Lincoln Parish Police Jury is agreeable to accept ownership of whatever rights the State of Louisiana may own in and to the aforesaid described property if and only when the Department of Transportation and Development accepts ownership of whatever rights the City of Ruston may own in and to the following described property and all future liabilities associated therewith for its operation and maintenance as a state route:

The portion of Tech Drive from its intersection with West Alabama Avenue and the continuation of state route LA 544 proceeding south approximately 0.15 mile to its intersection with Railroad Avenue.

RESOLVED, That the Lincoln Parish Police Jury will accept ownership of whatever rights the State of Louisiana may own in and to the aforesaid described property as a binding agreement between the State of Louisiana and the Parish of Lincoln provided the Department of Transportation and Development complies with the conditions described herein within 180 days of the adoption of this resolution.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Lincoln Parish Police Jury authorizes the presiding President of the Lincoln Parish Police Jury to execute the instruments to transfer the aforesaid property described herein once the conditions of this agreement are met.

On motion by Mike Franklin and seconded by David Hammons, the above and foregoing resolution was declared duly adopted on this the 13 day of May 2008.

Mickey Mays, President
Lincoln Parish Police Jury

Dennis Woodward, Administrator
Lincoln Parish Police Jury

I hereby certify the above and aforementioned resolution was adopted by the Lincoln Parish Police Jury in regular session convened on May 13, 2008 at which a quorum was present, given under my official signature and seal of office this 13 day of May, 2008.

Dennis Woodward, Administrator

The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Wyatt, Hunter, Bennett, Franklin, Hammons, Glover, Backus,
Russell, Henderson, Brown, Mayfield, and Mays

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Joe Henderson stated that the Personnel/Benefits Committee met at 5:30 p.m. this day and the Committee recommends:

1. Consider HR Proposals at a 5:00 PM meeting on June 9, 2008.
2. Discussed qualifications for Highway Superintendent.

Joe Henderson made a motion, seconded by Sharyon Mayfield, to approve the minutes. The motion passed with the following votes:

YEAS: Wyatt, Hunter, Bennett, Franklin, Hammons, Glover, Backus,
Russell, Henderson, Brown, Mayfield, and Mays

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Theresa Wyatt stated that the Solid Waste and Recycling Committee met on May 5, 2008, with the mayors and representatives to discuss solid waste collection. No actions were taken at this meeting. She also stated that the Committee met at 6:00 p.m. this day and the Committee recommends:

1. Took no action on location of an off road container site on LA 821
2. Bobby Dowling, chairman Keep Lincoln Parish Beautiful made a presentation.
3. Fire Chief Dennis Ford discussed the problems with placing dumpsters at Fire Stations.
4. Authorize piggy back purchase on Tensas Parish contract to purchase motor grader.
5. Deputy Rob Sasser and Sherriff Mike Stone discussed the need to write more tickets for litter violations, setting a goal of at least 8 per month.
6. Agreed to write a letter to the owner of the pit burner to inform him of the safety hazards.

Hazel Hunter made a motion, seconded by David Hammons, to approve the minutes. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Wyatt, Hunter, Bennett, Franklin, Hammons, Glover, Backus,
Russell, Henderson, Brown, Mayfield, and Mays

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Under other business was a travel request from the Registrar of Voters. Skip

May 13, 2008

Ruston, LA

Russell made a motion, seconded by Annie Brown, to allocate the money for Sharon Parnell to travel to Auburn, Alabama and Dallas, Texas, to continue education for certification. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Wyatt, Hunter, Bennett, Franklin, Hammons, Glover, Backus,
Russell, Henderson, Brown, Mayfield, and Mays

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

James Ramsaur stated that the Xterra went very well. Angela Manning was present and informed the Jury on how the Crawfish Run went and to mention the Memorial Day event at the Expo during Memorial Day weekend. Dennis Woodward mentioned that maintenance on the courthouse was scheduled to begin with the replacement of carpets on the first floor. Mickey Mays stated that he wanted to find out what the economic impact is on big events such as the Xterra and Crawfish Run. He also mentioned a letter to Governor Bobby Jindal thanking them for support on the Graphic Packaging Sparta Initiative.

There being no other business to come before the Police Jury, the meeting was adjourned.

Dennis E. Woodward
Parish Administrator/Engineer

R. D. "Mickey" Mays
President