

The Lincoln Parish Police Jury met in Special Session on Monday, September 15, 2008, at 4:00 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; Annie Brown, District Ten; Sharyon Mayfield, District Eleven and R. D. "Mickey" Mays, District Twelve.

Absent: Joe Henderson, District Nine

President Mickey Mays called the meeting to order and Annie Brown delivered the invocation.

Sharyon Mayfield offered a motion, seconded by Roy Glover, to approve the Agenda as presented. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Henderson

President Mickey Mays stated that the purpose of the meeting was to convene as a Board of Review for tax assessment purposes for the year 2008 and to address any other business that may come before the Body.

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 2008, David Hammons made a motion, seconded by Annie Brown, that the Police Jury recess the regular meeting and reconvene as the Property Assessment Board of Review for the year 2008. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Henderson

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 2008 in Lincoln Parish.

The Board was advised that an official protest letter had been timely received from La Rue of Ruston, Assessment/Tax Bill Number: 100290200. President Mays recognized Mrs. La Rue who presented her objections to the assessment and evaluation of her property and presented reasons for her objection.

At this time, Parish Tax Assessor Pam Jones was recognized. Mrs. Jones explained the assessment for La Rue of Ruston, Assessment/Tax Bill Number: 100290200, and presented supporting information. Mrs. Jones asked the Board to uphold this assessment.

Theresa Wyatt offered a motion, seconded by Mike Franklin, that no changes be made to the property tax assessment of La Rue of Ruston, Assessment/Tax Bill Number: 100290200, as prepared by the Lincoln Parish Tax Assessor.. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

NAYS: Glover and Mayfield

ABSENT: Henderson

The Board was advised that an official protest letter had been timely received from Tony Klein of Marvin Poer and Company, representing Ruston Vista 1995, Assessment/Tax Bill Number: 200829475.

At this time, Parish Tax Assessor Pam Jones was recognized. Mrs. Jones explained the assessment for Ruston Vista 1995, Assessment/Tax Bill Number: 200829475, and presented supporting information. Mrs. Jones asked the Board to uphold this assessment.

Skip Russell offered a motion, seconded by Annie Brown, that the property tax assessment listing of Ruston Vista 1995, Assessment/Tax Bill Number: 200829475, as prepared by the Lincoln Parish Tax Assessor be sent to the tax commission. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Henderson

The Board was advised that an official protest letter had been timely received from Tony Klein of Marvin Poer and Company, representing Charleston Square Co., Assessment/Tax Bill Number: 10081100.

At this time, Parish Tax Assessor Pam Jones was recognized. Mrs. Jones explained the assessment for Charleston Square Co., Assessment/Tax Bill Number: 10081100, and presented supporting information. Mrs. Jones asked the Board to uphold this assessment.

Skip Russell offered a motion, seconded by Annie Brown, that the property tax assessment listing of Charleston Square Co., Assessment/Tax Bill Number: 10081100, as prepared by the Lincoln Parish Tax Assessor be sent to the tax commission. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Henderson

The Board was advised that an official protest letter had been timely received from Tony Klein of Marvin Poer and Company, representing Royal Crest Apartments Partnership., Assessment/Tax Bill Number: 100433060.

At this time, Parish Tax Assessor Pam Jones was recognized. Mrs. Jones explained the assessment for Royal Crest Apartments Partnership., Assessment/Tax Bill Number: 100433060, and presented supporting information. Mrs. Jones asked the Board to uphold this assessment.

Skip Russell offered a motion, seconded by Annie Brown, that no changes be made in the property tax assessment listing of Royal Crest Apartments Partnership., Assessment/Tax Bill Number: 100433060, as prepared by the Lincoln Parish Tax Assessor. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Henderson

The Board was advised that an official protest letter had been timely received from Justin Livingston of K.E. Andrews and Company, representing Enerven Corporation.

At this time, Parish Tax Assessor Pam Jones was recognized. Mrs. Jones explained the assessment of property owned by Enerven Corporation and presented supporting information. Mrs. Jones asked the Board to uphold these assessments.

Annie Brown offered a motion, seconded by Sharyon Mayfield, that no changes be made in the property tax assessment listing of Enerven Corporation, as prepared by the Lincoln Parish Tax Assessor. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Henderson

The Board was advised that an official protest letter had been timely received from Justin Livingston of K.E. Andrews and Company, representing CDM Resource Management.

At this time, Parish Tax Assessor Pam Jones was recognized. Mrs. Jones explained the assessment of property owned by CDM Resource Management and presented supporting information. Mrs. Jones asked the Board to uphold these assessments.

Skip Russell offered a motion, seconded by David Hammons, that no changes be made in the property tax assessment listing of CDM Resource Management, as prepared by the Lincoln Parish Tax Assessor. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Henderson

After a brief discussion, Sharyon Mayfield made a motion, seconded David Hammons, that the 2008 property assessment list as prepared by the Lincoln Parish Tax Assessor be certified and submitted to the Louisiana Tax Commission in accordance with the law. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Henderson

There being no other business to come before the Board of Review for 2008, Roy Glover offered a motion, seconded by Annie Brown, that the Property Assessment Board of Review for the year 2008 adjourn and that the Lincoln Parish Police Jury reconvene in regular session pursuant to the adjournment of said Board. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Henderson

Allessandra Jerrolleman, an Associate for James Lee Witt, was present and gave a presentation on the Hazard Mitigation Final Scoping Project. No action was taken.

Next on the agenda was discussion on the solid waste sales tax rededication proposition. Mickey Mays offered a motion, seconded by Annie Brown, to seek an opinion from the Attorney General on the sales tax rededication proposition. After a discussion on what the dedication would involve, the motion failed with the following votes:

YEAS: Backus, Russell, and Mays

NAYS: Wyatt, Hunter, Bennett, Franklin, Hammons, Glover,  
Brown, and Mayfield

ABSENT: Henderson

Annie Brown made a motion, seconded by Skip Russell, to cancel the solid waste sales tax proceeds rededication election. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Henderson

Andy Shealy gave a report on the Lincoln Parish Library Events Center. Mr. Shealy recommended proceeding with the previously approved plan for the Lincoln Parish Library Events Center. Bobby Bennett made a motion, seconded by Sharyon Mayfield, to follow the recommendation of Counsel Andy Shealy and to proceed with the approved plans for the Library Events Center, the motion carried with the following votes:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Henderson

Under other business, Andy Shealy updated the Police Jurors on a lawsuit concerning Girl Scout Road, reporting that a decision was rendered in favor of the Police Jury.

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

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Dennis E. Woodward  
Parish Administrator/Engineer

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R. D. "Mickey" Mays  
President