

OPTION 1:

SELL THE LINCOLN PARISH DETENTION CENTER

A suggestion was made during a subcommittee meeting to place the DC on the website with pictures and announce that it was for sale.

The subcommittee identified the positives of this option in the following manner.

- There is potential to save money
- It may be possible to save on staff, maintenance, utilities, insurance, etc.

The potential problems with this option were noted by the subcommittee.

- ¼ cent sales tax funding the DC might be lost especially if the LPDC Commission were to be dissolved.
- The City of Ruston would have to build its own jail.
- The purchaser could house inmates anywhere they wanted to in the state or country.
- There would be no control over the number of accused/arrested persons placed in the DC
- Uncertain about a purchase contract stipulating the housing of parish prisoners.
- Not confident that the owner would house inmates from the parish.
- What about the issue of potential expansion by the purchasers of the DC?
- Unknown costs of what a purchaser may ask to “update” the DC facility prior to actually buying it.

A group led by the President of the Police Jury, Theresa Wyatt, Police Jury members Ronnie Walker and Bobby Bennett met with the President and CEO of LaSalle Management, William McConnell to explore any interest he might have in purchasing the Lincoln Parish DC. After discussions it was stated that LaSalle Management would not be interested in purchasing the Lincoln Parish DC.