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August 25, 2017

Mr. Randy Roberson and  
Mr. Courtney Hall  
Lincoln Parish Police Jury  
Ruston, Louisiana 71270

**RE: *Budget Requests from the Judges' Office  
For LPPJ Budget of 2018***

Dear Mr. Roberson and Mr. Hall:

We respectfully request the following be considered for funding in the budget of 2018 of the Lincoln Parish Police Jury, to-wit:

1. Funding be continued for the court reporters, Connie Frazier and Weita Gaskins for 2018: if there is a cost of living raise given to employees of the Lincoln Parish Police Jury that they also be given that cost of living raise. We request also that the court reporter's retirement and insurance benefits be paid. If this has not been paid in the past, our office should be reimbursed for the amounts not paid. We also request that when a court reporter is ill or all court reporters are in court with their judge and we have to hire a court reporter to fill in on an Ad Hoc/ProTempore case that they get paid by the Police Jury.
2. Funding for the Juvenile/Family Counselor for Lincoln and Union Parishes be continued for 2018 and that the position is to remain with Rick Emerson and Henry Hamilton as an independent contractors;
3. A reminder that the Court Reporter equipment and audio need to be completely replaced in all three courtrooms. This has become critical, especially with regard to jury trials. A power surge recently put the system in the annex out of commission for a day. We will need our court reporters to review proposals for the equipment to insure it will meet their requirements.
4. Upgrade on the jury room on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the courthouse. Please go and look at this room. Our suggestions are:

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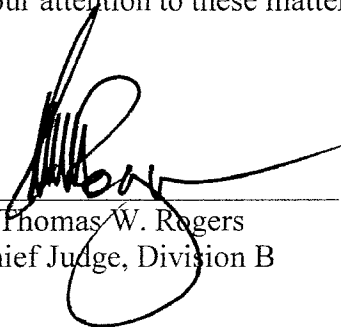
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- New table (we have taped this table several times because it is coming apart)
- (16) new comfortable chairs
- Paint the room and the baseboards
- A new smaller table to put a coffee maker and microwave.
- A bigger refrigerator. Not a full size one but a little bigger than what we have so we can put full bottles of water in there.
- New large trash can in bathroom.


As always, we appreciate the services furnished to us by the Police Jury and our relationship with you. We look forward to serving with you to meet the needs of the citizens of this parish in the future.

Thanking you in advance for your attention to these matters, I am very truly yours.

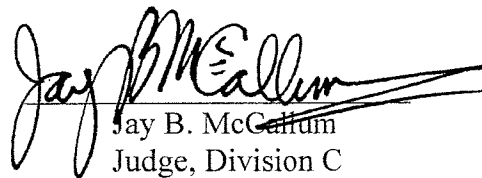
Sincerely,



Thomas W. Rogers  
Chief Judge, Division B



Cynthia T. Woodard  
Judge, Division A



Jay B. McCallum  
Judge, Division C