

Colfax, LA
April 9, 2026

The Police Jury of the Parish of Grant, State of Louisiana, met in regular session at its meeting place, the Grant Parish Police Jury Meeting Room, 200 Main Street, Colfax, Louisiana, on Thursday, April 9, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

The following members were present:

Mr. Mark Ball, Mr. Cephas Bowie Jr., Mr. Roy Edwards, Mr. Johnny Jamison, Mr. Brandon DuBois, Mrs. Jennifer Murrell Futrell, Mrs. Charline Roberts, and Mr. Mike Merrell

The following members were absent:

None

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Mike Merrell to open the agenda to public comments on agenda items. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Caiden Paige would like to speak on item #6, SWYFT Fiber.

Motion by Mr. Johnny Jamison, seconded by Mr. Brandon DuBois to accept the minutes of the last meeting as published in the official journal. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Cade Bishop of Acadian Ambulance gave the monthly call report for March of 2026.

Mr. Keith Maxwell addressed the jury regarding the First Responders exemption data from other parishes. Jurors agreed to refer the item to the Finance Committee to review the information and decide whether to pursue the item.

Mr. Mark Ball briefly discussed his understanding of the Grant Parish Restoration Act and the concerns that jurors had regarding the Federal Prison buyback program and the possibility of the jury and school board overseeing the Kisatchie National Forest. All jurors agreed that they need more information before they could give an opinion on the proposed act.

Mr. Jason Williams, Vice President of Construction, SWYFT Fiber, discussed the completion of 123 miles of fiber that has been installed in Grant Parish to service 2,500 homes. The next project will be for the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program known as GUMBO 2.0 and will be kicking off in July 2026. This will be an additional 78 miles in Grant from Pollock, Bentley, and Rock Hill all South to the Rapides Parish line.

Mr. Caiden Paige discussed his frustration with trying to gain access to SWYFT fiber at his home for the past year. After hearing the many different avenues he has tried to get in touch with someone who can connect his home, Mr. Williams gave Mr. Paige his number and agreed to investigate the issues he is having.

Mrs. Bonita Armour, Grant Parish ADA, addressed the jury regarding changes in the laws that have been made to the process of selling adjudicated property. Jurors agreed to freeze the sale of all adjudicated property until a new process can be established to meet the requirements of the changes in the laws.

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Roy Edwards to adopt Resolution 10-2026; Recognizing the Colfax Chronicle as the Official Journal for the Parish of Grant. Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION 10-2026;
TO APPOINT THE COLFAX CHRONICLE AS THE OFFICIAL JOURNAL FOR THE PARISH OF GRANT**

WHEREAS, THE Grant Parish Police Jury is required to select an Official Journal to publish official proceedings of the Parish of Grant.

WHEREAS, the Colfax Chronicle is the only qualified newspaper under La. R.S. 43:142A.

WHEREAS, the Police Jury is obligated to select as its official journal a newspaper published in an office physically located in the parish governed by the Police Jury.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Grant Parish Police Jury appoint the Colfax Chronicle as the official journal for Grant Parish for the unexpired term through April 9, 2027.

(s) Jessie Pace
Jessie Pace
Parish Manager- Secretary/Treasurer
Grant Parish Police Jury

(s) Cephas Bowie Jr.
Cephas Bowie Jr.
President
Grant Parish Police Jury

CERTIFICATE

I, Jessie Pace, Secretary/Treasurer/Parish Manager of the Grant Parish Police Jury do hereby certify that the above to be true and correct copy of the Resolution adopted by the said Jury in regular session on April 9TH, 2026, at which a quorum was present.

Given under my Official Signature and Seal of Office on this 9TH day of April, 2026.

(s) Jessie Pace
Jessie Pace
Parish Manager -Secretary/Treasurer
Grant Parish Police Jury

Motion by Mr. Mark Ball, seconded by Mrs. Jennifer Futrell to amend the agenda to include a motion to sell a portion of Cedar Street to the Grant Parish Law Enforcement District for the appraised value. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mrs. Jennifer Futrell, seconded by Mr. Mark Ball to sell a portion of Cedar Street to the Grant Parish Law Enforcement District for the appraised value. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Josh Peavy, Monadic, LLC, and Mrs. Charlene Anderson addressed the jury and showed them the new website. They would like to request some of the tourism funds to be utilized to help pay for the rebuilding of the website. This item has been referred to the Finance Committee for review.

Motion by Mr. Mark Ball, seconded by Mr. Roy Edwards to enter executive session to discuss potential litigation. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Johnny Jamison to return to regular session. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mrs. Jennifer Futrell to open sealed bids. Motion carried unanimously.

Bids were open but not all bids were quoted the same. The secretary/treasurer will place all information on a spreadsheet and the Finance Committee will review the information and make a recommendation to the jury.

Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr. presented a hardship case in District #3 but after reviewing all information provided, the property does not meet the ownership requirement. A letter will be mailed to the requestor.

Agenda item regarding the approval of gas rates has been deferred to the May agenda pending legal approval of the resolution.

Mrs. Sissy Pace, Parish Manager, discussed courthouse security and the funding needed to provide full time security personnel. Item was referred to the Finance Committee for review.

Mrs. Charline Roberts requested an increase in rates paid to jury commissioners. Parish Manager will research who sets the rates and item will be revisited at the May meeting.

Mrs. Sissy Pace, Parish Manager, requested tree trimming of the oak tree at the Health Unit for safety of groundskeeping. Jurors approved.

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois to purchase a new truck for the Health Unit and transfer the old truck to the public works department. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Cody Gongre, Roads Superintendent, addressed the jury regarding completed and upcoming projects for the Roads Department. He requested new transfer trailers due to the others being damaged and not wanting to properly close. Item was referred to the finance committee for review.

Motion by Mrs. Jennifer Futrell, seconded by Mrs. Charline Roberts to pay bills as funds become available. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mrs. Charline Roberts, seconded by Mr. Brandon DuBois to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Disclaimer: These minutes are not official until adopted by the jury at the next meeting.