

Colfax, LA
May 14, 2025

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, May 8, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

The following members were present:
Mr. Mark Ball, Mr. Cephas Bowie Jr., Mr. Brandon DuBois, Mr. Johnny Jamison, Mr. Arnold Murrell, Mr. Winston Roberts, Mr. Roy Edwards, and Mr. Mike Merrell

The following members were absent:
None

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Winston Roberts to open agenda to public comments on agenda items. Motion carried unanimously.

No comments were brought forth.

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.

Ms. Amy Guidry, Operational Coordinator with Acadian Ambulance Service presented the monthly call report for April. 155 calls for an ambulance with 147 transports

Mr. Keith Maxwell, Grant Parish Assessor addressed the jury regarding Senate Bill No. 127; Additional Ad Valorem Exemption for Qualified First Responders. Jurors discussed the qualifications of a first responder according to the Act 179 definition, reviewed the limited available information that included figures from other, much larger parishes, and agreed to revisit the matter at a later date.

Ms. Kristin Delahoussaye discussed an extension for the Capital Area Financial Assistance Program for residents of Grant Parish. This program allows participating lenders to offer up to 5% in down payment assistance to first time home buyers.

Motion by Mr. Arnold Murrell, seconded by Mr. Johnny Jamison to approve the Certificate of Grant Parish Evidencing Public Approval of Bonds Pursuant to Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as Amended. Motion carried unanimously.

CERTIFICATE OF Grant Parish
EVIDENCING PUBLIC APPROVAL OF BONDS
PURSUANT TO SECTION 147(f) OF THE
INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED

WHEREAS, the Capital Area Finance Authority (the "Authority"), a public trust created pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 2-A of Title 9 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (R.S. 9:2341-9:2347, inclusive) (the "Act") has, by resolution dated April 16, 2025, in accordance with the requirements of the Act, and the Rules and Regulations of the Louisiana State Bond Commission (the "Commission"), duly authorized the issuance of not exceeding \$100,000,000 of Capital Area Finance Authority Revenue Bonds in one or more series (the "Bonds") to finance loans to first-time homebuyers within the jurisdictional parishes of the Authority and such other governmental units (the "Participating Jurisdictions") whose governing authority authorized and directed the execution of a cooperative endeavor agreement (a "CEA") with the Authority under the provisions of the Act and other applicable constitutional and statutory authorities; and

WHEREAS, the Commission, on May 15, 2025, duly authorized the issuance and sale of the Bonds in accordance with law and the Commission's Rules and Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Bonds are classified as exempt facility bonds under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") and the provisions of Section 147(f)(2)(A), (B) and (E) of the Code require that issuance of Bonds be approved by the "applicable elected representative" of the governmental unit which issues such bonds or on whose behalf such bonds are issued and by the "applicable elected representative" of such other Participating Jurisdictions that have executed a CEA with the Authority under the provisions of the Act; and

WHEREAS Grant Parish (the "Governmental Unit") has executed a CEA with the Authority to permit the financing of loans to first-time homebuyers within geographic area of the Governmental Unit; and

WHEREAS, the applicable elected representative (the "Approving Representative") of the Governmental Unit for purposes of approving the Bonds is the Mark Ball and

WHEREAS, in compliance with the requirements of the Code, Notice of Public Hearing (attached as Exhibit "A" hereto), was published in (i) The Advocate, Baton Rouge, Louisiana on April 23, 2025, (ii) The Daily Advertiser, Lafayette, Louisiana on April 23, 2025, (iii) The Houma Courier, Houma, Louisiana on April 23, 2025, (iv) The Lake Charles American Press, Lake Charles, Louisiana on April 23, 2025, (v) The New Star, Monroe, Louisiana on April 23, 2025, (vi) The Times-Picayune, New Orleans, Louisiana on April 23, 2025, (vii) The Times, Shreveport, Louisiana on April 23, 2025, and (viii) The Town Talk, Alexandria, Louisiana on April 23, 2025; and

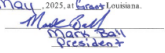
WHEREAS, in compliance with the requirements of the Code, the public hearing with respect to the issuance of said Bonds was held on May 3, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., Louisiana Time, at 601 St. Ferdinand Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, and simultaneously held by teleconference using the following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9460385249?pwd=8847018567>, or by dialing US toll-free: (833) 828-4610; meeting ID: 994 030 3250 in accordance with Rev. Proc. 2022-20 after due notice thereof was published in the official journal of the Authority and in the aforementioned publications sufficient to inform the public within the geographic area of the Participating Jurisdictions of the subject, date and place of said public hearing; and

WHEREAS, no objections were raised by any person present at the said hearing or by any person participating by teleconference relative to the issuance of the Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned, Approving Representative of the Participating Jurisdiction, desires to approve the issuance of the Bonds for the purposes of the Code;

NOW, THEREFORE, the undersigned does hereby certify that the chief elected executive officer/governing authority of the Participating Jurisdiction, hereby approves and confirms the issuance of the Bonds. The Authority, and its officers, are authorized to cause this certificate to be filed of record in the transcript of proceedings for the Bonds and to file a copy thereof with any State or Federal agency, board or commission as may be required by any applicable State or Federal laws, rules or regulations.

WITNESS my signature this 8th day of May, 2025, at Grant Parish, Louisiana.


Mark Ball
Grant Parish
President

Ms. Julie Beene-Police; Regional Administrator, Region 6, Office of Public Health, discussed the janitorial quote received for the Grant Parish Health Unit. They are requesting a commercial cleaner who is bonded, HIPAA trained, and insured. Jurors requested that they follow a bid process to give others, including the current cleaning personnel, the opportunity to submit a proposal. Ms. Beene-Police will submit the requirements to the parish manager and let the jury know once all proposals have been received. Jurors will discuss again at that time.

Jurors discussed needed changes to sewer use ordinance in regards to the billing of the Country Living Estates. The Secretary will compile a spreadsheet showing charges per unit vs charges per gallon (bulk sale rate) and present the findings at next month’s meeting.

Motion by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr., seconded by Mr. Brandon DuBois to adopt Proclamation 04-2025; National Public Works Week. Motion carried unanimously.

PROCLAMATION 04-2025

WHEREAS, public works professionals focus on infrastructure, facilities, and services that are of vital importance to the public health, high quality of life, and well-being of the people of Grant Parish; and,

WHEREAS, our community relies heavily on Public Works to sustain our overall public health, quality of life and general well-being; and

WHEREAS, the infrastructure, facilities, and services could not be provided without the dedicated efforts of public works professionals, who are engineers, managers, and employees. These individuals are responsible for rebuilding, improving, and protecting our Parish’s water supply, water treatment and solid waste systems, public buildings, and other structures and facilities essential for our citizens; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest for the citizens, civic leaders, and children in Grant Parish to gain knowledge and maintain ongoing interest and understanding of the importance of public works and public works programs in their respective communities; and,

WHEREAS, the 65rd annual National Public Works theme “People, Purpose, Presence” highlights three cornerstone ideals that motivate public works professionals to serve in their communities every day; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Grant Parish Police Jury does hereby proclaim the week of May 18-24, 2025 as Public Works Week. The Grant Parish Police Jury calls upon the citizens, businesses, and civic organizations to pay tribute to our Public Works employees and to recognize the substantial contributions they make to the health, safety, and quality of life for Grant Parish.

<u>(s) Jessie Pace</u> Jessie Pace Parish Manager - Sec/Treas. Grant Parish Police Jury	<u>(s) Mark Ball</u> Mark Ball President Grant Parish Police Jury
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**STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF GRANT**

I, Jessie Pace, Parish Manager of the Grant Parish Police Jury do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Proclamation adopted by the said Police Jury in regular session on the 8th day of May, 2024.

GIVEN UNDR MY OFFICIAL SIGNATURE and Seal of Office on this the 8th day of May 2024.

(s) Jessie Pace
Jessie Pace
Parish Manager -Sec/ Treas.

Mr. Brendon Gaspard, Pan American Engineers, discussed submitting Landfill Road for the 2026 LCDBG Grant Application for Grant Parish Police Jury for a road/street project. Landfill Road is also to be submitted for a Capital Outlay project, but would be much more cost effective through the LCDBG grant.

Motion by Mr. Winston Roberts, seconded by Mr. Arnold Murrell to approve Resolution 13-2025; to Submit Landfill Road for the 2026 LCDBG Grant Application for Grant Parish Police Jury for a road/street project. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION: 13-2025
BY
GRANT PARISH POLICE JURY, LOUISIANA

WHEREAS, the Grant Parish Police Jury has been informed that the State of Louisiana, Division of Administration, CDBG Section will be accepting applications for FY 2026/2027 Louisiana Community Development Block Grants; and,

WHEREAS, the Jury has held a public hearing to provide information on the application process and to obtain public input on potential projects;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the President is hereby authorized to submit an LCDBG application for Street Improvements to Landfill Road, including all understandings and assurances contained therein, and is directed and authorized to act as the official representative of the Grant Parish Police Jury in connection with the application and to provide such additional information as may be required.

Passed, approved and adopted this 8th day of May, 2025.

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

(s)Mark Ball
Mark Ball
President
Grant Parish Police Jury

CERTIFICATE

I, Jessie Pace, Secretary/Treasurer of the Grant Parish Police Jury, Louisiana, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing constitutes a true and correct copy of a Resolution passed and adopted by the President and Jury of the Grant Parish Police Jury on May 8, 2025.

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

Motion by Mr. Johnny Jamison, seconded by Mr. Roy Edwards to approve Resolution 14-2025; Local Funds for Engineering Services. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION:14-2025
BY
THE PRESIDENT AND JURY
GRANT PARISH POLICE JURY, LOUISIANA

WHEREAS, the Grant Parish Police Jury intends to submit an FY 2026/2027 Application for funding under the LCDBG Program for Public Facilities; and,

WHEREAS, the LCDBG regulations provide that the “cost effectiveness” ranking item can be improved if an applicant agrees to pay for all related non-construction fees; including topographical surveys, geotechnical investigations, engineering services, observation of construction, etc.; and,

WHEREAS, because of the competitive nature of the LCDBG Program, it is believed that, as a strategy to improve the Jury’s rating for grant funds, it is advisable to make the financial commitment to locally provide the funds for these costs and thereby utilizing LCDBG grant funds, if awarded, only for construction costs; and,

WHEREAS, it is estimated that the expenses that are non-construction and related to the technical services required for a LCDBG grant would total approximately 15% of the amount of grant funds awarded; excluding grant administration and technical assistance services, which are considered as a separate category in the LCDBG Program.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Jury hereby obligates and commits, as part of the LCDBG application process, to pay for engineering, observation of construction, topographic survey, geotechnical investigations, and miscellaneous related costs, all in an effort to raise the competitiveness of the Jury’s LCDBG application by improving the Application’s cost effectiveness; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Pan American Engineers, LLC is hereby selected to provide the required engineering services for fees in accordance with LCDBG guidelines; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President is hereby directed to include a copy of this resolution in the project file related to the LCDBG application to serve as documentation as to the Jury’s commitment to obligate itself to pay for all related non-construction fees; including topographical surveys, geotechnical investigations, engineering services, observation of construction, etc. utilizing local funds, when and if the LCDBG Grant Application is awarded.

Passed, approved and adopted this 8th day of May, 2025.

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

(s) Mark Ball
Mark Ball
President
Grant Parish Police Jury

CERTIFICATE

I, Jessie Pace, Secretary/Treasurer of the Grant Parish Police Jury, Louisiana do hereby certify that the above and foregoing constitutes a true and correct copy of a Resolution passed, approved, and adopted by the Grant Parish Police Jury on the May 8, 2025.

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

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Roy Edwards to approve Resolution 15-2025; Local Funds for Administration Services. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION:15-2025
BY
THE PRESIDENT AND JURY
GRANT PARISH POLICE JURY, LOUISIANA

WHEREAS, the Grant Parish Police Jury intends to submit an FY 2026/2027 Application for funding under the LCDBG Program for Public Facilities; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Grant Parish Police Jury hereby commits a sum, not to exceed \$50,000, for technical assistance, administration and grant application fees, if funded; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Pan American Engineers, LLC is hereby selected to provide the required technical assistance, administration and grant application services for fees in accordance with LCDBG guidelines; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President is hereby directed to include a copy of this resolution in the project file related to the LCDBG application to serve as documentation as to the Jury’s commitment to obligate itself to pay for all technical assistance, administration and grant application services, etc. utilizing local funds, when and if the LCDBG Grant Application is awarded.

Passed, approved and adopted this 8th day of May, 2025.

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

(s) Mark Ball
Mark Ball
President
Grant Parish Police Jury

CERTIFICATE

I, Jessie Pace, Secretary/Treasurer of the Grant Parish Police Jury, Louisiana do hereby certify that the above and foregoing constitutes a true and correct copy of a Resolution passed, approved, and adopted by the Grant Parish Police Jury on the May 8, 2025.

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

Motion by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr., seconded by Mr. Winston Roberts to approve resolution 16-2025; to select Pan American Engineers as the engineering firm for the Road Crossing Drainage Improvements Project No. 4611-0016. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION:16-2025
BY
GRANT PARISH POLICE JURY, LOUISIANA

WHEREAS, the Grant Parish Police Jury has requested qualification statements from interested firms and individuals for Engineering and Related Technical Services for the Road Crossing Drainage Improvements Project No. 4611 - 0016 funded through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) Program; and,

WHEREAS, the qualification statements have been reviewed and ranked in accordance with the established Program Criteria.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Pan America Engineers, LLC. is hereby selected by the Grant Parish Police Jury to provide Engineering and Related Technical Services; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President is hereby authorized to negotiate and execute contract(s) for the above services.

Passed, approved and adopted this 8th day of May 2025.

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

(s) Mark Ball
Mark Ball
President
Grant Parish Police Jury

CERTIFICATE

I, Jessie Pace, Secretary/Treasurer of the Grant Parish Police Jury, Louisiana, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing constitutes a true and correct copy of a Resolution passed, approved and adopted by the Grant Parish Police Jury on the 8th day of May, 2025.

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

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Winston Roberts to approve Resolution 17-2025; to Select Pan American Engineers as the Engineering Firm for the Auxiliary Power Generator Project 1 & 2. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION:17-2025
BY
GRANT PARISH POLICE JURY, LOUISIANA

WHEREAS, the Grant Parish Police Jury has requested qualification statements from interested firms and individuals for Engineering and Related Technical Services for the Parish’s Auxiliary Power Generator Project No. 1 & No. 2 funded through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) Program; and,

WHEREAS, the qualification statements have been reviewed and ranked in accordance with the established Program Criteria.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Pan America Engineers, LLC. is hereby selected by the Grant Parish Police Jury to provide Engineering and Related Technical Services; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President is hereby authorized to negotiate and execute contract(s) for the above services.

Passed, approved and adopted this 8th day of May 2025.

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

(s)Mark Ball
Mark Ball
President
Grant Parish Police Jury

CERTIFICATE

I, Sissy Pace, Secretary/Treasurer of the Grant Parish Police Jury, Louisiana, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing constitutes a true and correct copy of a Resolution passed, approved and adopted by the Grant Parish Police Jury on the 8th day of May, 2025.

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

Motion by Mr. Mike Merrell, seconded by Mr. Roy Edwards to approve Resolution 18-2025; Completion of Racetrack Road. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION:18-2025
BY
GRANT PARISH POLICE JURY, LOUISIANA

WHEREAS, a Final Inspection was conducted by Pan American Engineers, LLC on April 16, 2025 with a Date of Substantial Completion dated April 16, 2025; and,

WHEREAS, Pineland Equipment Group, LLC, the Contractor for the Racetrack Road Forestry Service Fish Crossing project has Substantially Completed the work under the Contract as recommended by the Engineer.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Contract of Pineland Equipment Group, LLC the Contractor, for said work is hereby accepted as Substantially Complete with the understanding that the final payment will be made upon satisfactory completion of any Punch List items and presentation of the Clear Lien Certificate as required by law; and,

It is **HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the signing and filing with the Clerk of Court of this Acceptance of Contract Resolution by the Grant Parish Police Jury is hereby authorized; and,

It is **HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the President is authorized to sign a Final Recap Change Order adjusting the final contract quantities and time period as necessary.

Passed, approved and adopted this 8th day of May, 2025.

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

(s) Mark Ball
Mark Ball
President
Grant Parish Police Jury

CERTIFICATE

I, Jessie Pace, Secretary/Treasurer of the Grant Parish Police Jury, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing constitutes a true and correct copy of a Resolution passed and adopted by the President and Police Jurors of the Grant Parish Police Jury on May 8, 2025.

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

Mr. Johnny Jamison updated jurors on the Michael D. Burns Public Shooting Complex.

- Soft opening coming soon. Range Safety Officers are working on their schedules.
- Policies and Procedures, Rules, and a Release and Hold Harmless Agreement have been established
- Rates to utilize the complex have been established
 - \$5.00 per person per day
 - Annual Membership of \$100.00 per year per person
 - Annual Membership for First Responders, Military, and Veterans of \$65.00 per year per person
- NRA donated supplies with a value of \$1,650.00

Mr. Jamison also discussed some ongoing final touches and materials needed.

The discussion of the Department of Transportation Development funds has been postponed for now.

The Parish Manager discussed the most recent CDBG Audit and advised jurors that Pan American Engineers presented flawlessly.

Motion by Mr. Winston Roberts, seconded by Mr. Arnold Murrell to amend the agenda to add a motion to purchase a new field truck for the Consolidated Gas Utilities Department due to the age, mileage, and needed repairs to the current truck. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Winston Roberts, seconded by Mr. Arnold Murrell to purchase a new field truck for the Consolidated Gas Utilities Department due to the age, mileage, and needed repairs to the current truck. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Winston Roberts to approve the purchase of a new odorometer for the Consolidated Gas Utilities Department. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Winston Roberts, seconded by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr. to approve an additional \$196.69 of Capital Improvement Funds from District 8 for repairs to Mudville Road. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr., seconded by Mr. Winston Roberts to amend the agenda to include a motion to approve the use of remaining funds from District 3's portion of the ACT 776 funds for repairs to Old Morning Star Road. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr., seconded by Mr. Winston Roberts to approve the use of remaining funds from District 3's portion of the ACT 776 funds for repairs to Old Morning Star Road. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to introduce Ordinance 03-2023: Declaring Certain Office Furniture, Vehicles and Equipment as Surplus. – No motion received. Will compile a list of all surplus items for the June meeting.

Mr. Cody Gongre, Grant Parish Roads Superintendent, updated the jury on projects from the Landfill and Roads Departments. He discussed the need for a cold mix trailer and will get quotes for the next meeting.

Motion by Mr. Winston Roberts, seconded by Mr. Brandon DuBois to pay bill as funds become available. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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