

State of Louisiana

Parish of Grant In the Name and By the Authority of The Police Jury of Grant Parish

*Motion by Mr. Arnold Murrell, seconded by Mr. Mark Ball and carried to adopt
the following Resolution:*

RESOLUTION 4-2022

WHEREAS, the Grant Parish Police Jury seeks to enforce any and all available remedies it may have and to seek any damages it may be entitled to related to misappropriation of funds in certain bank accounts and that a real necessity exists to pursue its rights and remedies;

WHEREAS, the Grant Parish Police Jury acknowledges that there may be an apparent or actual conflict of interest that would impact the legal representation of the Police Jury by its general counsel, the Grant Parish District Attorney's Office, a "real necessity exists" for the employment of special counsel to represent the Parish's interest therein.

WHEREAS, the Grant Parish Police Jury seeks to retain outside counsel with specific expertise to handle this matter on a contingency fee basis, as the Parish does not possess the resources to pay the potential attorney fees on an hourly basis, nor the potential expenses in advance;

WHEREAS, the Grant Parish Police Jury has sought to retain and has agreed to a proposed contingency fee contract with attorney, J. R. Whaley of Whaley Law Firm, subject to the provisions of LSA-R.S. 42:263. Said Contract calls for a flat fee of \$5,000.00 for preliminary investigation and exploration of settlement opportunities, with a maximum contingency of 25% should litigation be necessary, with Grant Parish Police Jury receiving credit for the initial payment of \$5,000.00 against the contingent percentage fee;

WHEREAS, the Grant Parish Police Jury acknowledges that LSA-R.S. 42:263 requires a specific resolution and approval of the Louisiana Attorney General before retaining such specific outside counsel;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Grant Parish Police Jury in a duly conveyed session on February 10, 2022, voted formally to approve the contingency fee contract and to formally request that the Louisiana Attorney General approve the hiring of such special counsel pursuant to the proposed contingency fee contract as is required by LSA-R.S. 42:263;

This resolution was declared adopted on February 10, 2022 at its regular meeting where a Quorum was present. The vote was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Winston Roberts, Mr. Mark Ball, Mr. David Merrell,
Mr. Arnold Murrell

NAYS: Mr. Brandon DuBois, Mr. Cephas Bowie Jr., Mr. Johnny Jamison

ABSTAIN: Mr. Don Arnold

APPROVED: 

DON ARNOLD, PRESIDENT GRANT PARISH POLICE JURY

ATTEST:  JESSE PACE, SECRETARY