

Colfax, LA
October 30, 2025

The Police Jury of the Parish of Grant, State of Louisiana, met in special session at its meeting place, the Grant Parish Police Jury Meeting Room, 200 Main Street, Colfax, Louisiana, on Thursday, October 30, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

The following members were present:
Mr. Mark Ball, Mr. Cephas Bowie Jr., Mr. Johnny Jamison, Mr. Roy Edwards, and Mr. Mike Merrell

The following members were absent:
Mr. Brandon DuBois, Mr. Arnold Murrell, and Mr. Winston Roberts

Motion by Mr. Mike Merrell, seconded by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr. to open agenda to public comments on agenda items. Motion carried unanimously.
No comments brought forth.

Motion by Mr. Johnny Jamison, seconded by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr. to adopt Resolution 33-2025; Levy Fire District 2 and Fire District 7 Millage Rates for 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION: 33-2025

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2025 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by Grant Parish Police Jury:

	<u>MILLAGE</u>
Fire District No. 2	13.50 Mills
Fire District No. 7	15.00 Mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of Grant, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2025, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

YEAS: 5
NAYS: 0
ABSTAINED: 0
ABSENT: 3

(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 hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the resolution adopted at the board meeting held on October 30, 2025, at which meeting a quorum was present and voting.

(s) Jessie Pace
Jessie Pace
Secretary/Treasurer/Parish Manager

Fire District 2 and Fire District 7 Millage Rates were levied for 2025.

Motion by Mr. Roy Edwards, seconded by Mr. Johnny Jamison to declare a vacancy in District 4 due to the untimely passing of Mr. Arnold Murrell. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Johnny Jamison, seconded by Mr. Roy Edwards to adopt Proclamation 07/2025; To call a Special Election to Fill the Vacancy in the Unexpired Term of Police Juror, District 4, to be on the Ballot for the May 16, 2026 Primary Election with Qualifying Dates Being February 11, 12, 13, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

PROCLAMATION: 07-2025:

PURSUANT TO La. R.S. 18:602
ORDERING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL THE VACANCY OF POLICE JURY, DISTRICT 4, OF GRANT
PARISH

WHEREAS, on October 19, 2025, the honorable ARNOLD MURRELL, duly elected Police Juror for Grant Parish, District 4, whose term of office began on January 12, 2023 for a term of four years, passed away, creating a vacancy in the office of the Police Juror for District 4 of Grant Parish, the Louisiana Secretary of State notified the Police Jury that said vacancy must be filled by appointment on or before November 10, 2025 and a special election shall be set to fill the unexpired term;

WHEREAS, the Grant Parish Police Jury at a duly noticed and posted Special Meeting held on October 30, 2025, with a legal quorum present, have appointed Mrs. Jennifer Murrell Futrell, daughter of Mr. Arnold Murrell, to fill the vacancy pending the special election to fill the unexpired term, pursuant to La. R.S.18:602, and

WHEREAS, the death of Police Juror Arnold Murrell, has caused a vacancy in his elected office as Police Juror for District 4 of Grant Parish, and Pursuant to La. R.S.18:602, and election must be ordered and called to fill the unexpired term of the office which exceeds 18 months; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY PROCLAIMED that the Grant Parish Police Jury does hereby order and call a special election to fill the unexpired term of Police Juror for District 4, Grant Parish, Louisiana as follows:

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| (1) | <i>the Qualifying Dates:</i> | <i>February 11,12,13, 2026;</i> |
| (1) | <i>the Primary Election Date:</i> | <i>May 16, 2026;</i> |
| (2) | <i>the General Election Date:</i> | <i>June 27, 2026;</i> |

FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Proclamation shall be sent to the Louisiana Secretary of State.

<i>(s) Jessie Pace</i> <i>Jessie Pace</i> <i>Secretary / Treasurer / Parish Manager</i> <i>Grant Parish Police Jury</i>	<i>(s) Mark Ball</i> <i>Mark Ball</i> <i>President</i> <i>Grant Parish Police Jury</i>
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CERTIFICATE

I, Jessie Pace, Parish Manager, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the resolution passed at the special meeting of the Grant Parish Police Jury duly called and held at its legal domicile, 200 Main Street, in the Town of Colfax, Parish of Grant on the 30th day of October, 2025, as recorded in the minutes thereof.

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

Motion originally reflected a different primary election and qualifying dates but the Secretary of State’s Office called with update dates right before the meeting. Motion to amend the dates was made by Mr. Roy Edwards and seconded by Mr. Mike Merrell. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Roy Edwards, seconded by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr. to adopt Resolution 32; 2025 To Appoint Mrs. Jennifer Murrell Futrell to Fill the Interim Vacancy for Police Juror, District 4, Grant Parish, Created by the Passing of Mr. Arnold Murrell, Effective Immediately. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION: 32-2025
TO APPOINT MRS. JENNIFER MURRELL FUTRELL TO FILL THE INTERIM VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF THE POLICE
JUROR, DISTRICT 4
PARISH OF GRANT

WHEREAS, on October 19, 2025, the honorable ARNOLD MURRELL, duly elected Police Juror for Grant Parish, District 4, whose term of office began on January 12, 2023 for a term of four years, passed away, creating a vacancy in the office of the Police Juror for District 4 of Grant Parish, the Louisiana Secretary of State notified the Police Jury that said vacancy must be filled by appointment on or before November 10, 2025 and a special election shall be set to fill the unexpired term;

WHEREAS, the Grant Parish Police Jury at a duly noticed and posted Special Meeting held on October 30, 2025, with a legal quorum present, have appointed Mrs. Jennifer Murrell Futrell, the daughter of Mr. Arnold Murrell, to fill the vacancy pending the special election to fill the unexpired term, pursuant to La. R.S. 18:602; and

WHEREAS, the death of Police Juror ARNOLD MURRELL, has caused a vacancy in his elected office as Police Juror for District 4, of Grant Parish, and pursuant to La. R.S.18:602, and election must be ordered and called to fill the unexpired office which exceeds 18 months; and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY PROCLAIMED that the Grant Parish Police Jury does hereby appoint Mrs. Jennifer Murrell Futrell , the daughter of the honorable Arnold Murrell, to fill the vacancy and serve as the interim Police Juror for District 4 of Grant Parish, State Of Louisiana, until a special election is had as required by La. R.S. 18:602.

FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution shall be sent to the Louisiana Secretary of State.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Roy Edwards and seconded by Mr. Cephas Bowie Jr. and unanimously carried.

(s) Jessie Pace

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Secretary/Treasurer/Parish Manager

Grant Parish Police Jury

(s) Mark Ball

Mark Ball

President

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(s) Jessie Pace

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Secretary/Treasurer/ Parish Manager

Grant Parish Police Jury

Motion by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr., seconded by Mr. Mike Merrell to amend the agenda to include items that moved from the Finance Committee Meeting. Motion carried unanimously. (Discuss the Louisiana Asset Management Pool, Radio tower generator project, Fire District Boards, and Employee Health Insurance).

Motion by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr., seconded by Mr. Mike Merrell to include items that moved from the Finance Committee Meeting. Motion carried unanimously. (Discuss the Louisiana Asset Management Pool (LAMP), Radio tower generator project, Fire District Boards, and Employee Health Insurance).

The Louisiana Asset Management Pool is a non-profit investment pool for Louisiana's local government entities to invest their cash balances. It combines public policy protection with private enterprise efficiency to provide a way for these entities to collectively invest funds, aiming for capital preservation, daily liquidity, and competitive yields through professional money management. Jurors agreed to have item on the November agenda and have someone familiar with the program here to discuss it further.

Jurors discussed the radio tower at the maintenance shop and whether a generator is needed. All agreed that no generator was needed at this time and this one grant project could be cancelled.

Mr. Mark Ball discussed calls he has received from the public regarding the Fire Protection District Boards not letting the public know when they hold meetings. The Parish Manager will contact the Fire District Boards and assist them in following Louisiana's Open Meetings Laws. If needed, we will ask each Fire Chief if they can attend a special meeting and discuss the issues with them to work on a solution.

Motion by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr., seconded by Mr. Johnny Jamison to implement a \$50.00 (est) increase per pay period per employee to help offset the employee health insurance costs. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr., seconded by Mr. Roy Edwards to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

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