

Colfax, LA
September 10, 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, September 10, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

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

The following members were absent:
Mr. Brandon DuBois and Mrs. Jennifer Murrell Futrell

Motion by Mr. Johnny Jamison, seconded by Mrs. Charline Roberts to open the agenda to public comments on agenda items. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mrs. Charline Roberts, seconded by Mr. Roy Edwards to accept the minutes of the last meeting as published in the official journal. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Cade Bishop, Paramedic Field Supervisor of Acadian Ambulance gave the monthly call report for July of 2026.

203 emergency calls, 7 non-emergency calls

Mr. Bishop updated the jury that the Town of Pollock will allow Acadian Ambulance Service to use the old Pollock police station as permanent area, as long as Acadian pays utilities and all upkeep on building. Mrs. Charline Roberts and Mr. Mark Ball will attend the upcoming Town of Pollock Council meeting to share letter from the jury with Mayor Beavers and the council showing the importance of a permanent second location in the Parish.

Mr. Bishop also invited the Police Jury to celebrate National First Responders Day on October 23, 2026 at the Grant Parish Civic Center from 9am – 2pm.

Ms. Bonita Armour, with the Armour Law Firm updated the jury about the new laws and the new processes with handling and the sale of adjudicated property. Ms. Armour also spoke about E&P consulting services and what their scope of services included if the jury decided to enter into a cooperative agreement with the company.

Motion by Mr. Mark Ball, seconded by Mr. Johnny Jamison to amend the agenda to include entering into a cooperative agreement with E&P consulting services. Motion carried unanimously.

**COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT
GRANT PARISH ADJUDICATED PROPERTY PROGRAM**

BE IT KNOWN, that on this day 2026, the Grant Parish Police Jury (hereinafter the “Parish” or “Police Jury”), through its duly authorized President, and E&P Consulting Services, LLC, (hereinafter referred to as “Contractor,” “Consultant” or “Management Company”), through its duly authorized agent, do hereby enter into a cooperative agreement under the following terms and conditions:

Scope of Services

Contractor hereby agrees to serve as a provider of services for the establishment, management and operation of the Grant Parish Police Jury’s process for the sale or donation of adjudicated properties and tax lien certificates.

Payment Terms

In consideration of the services described above, the Parish hereby agrees that Management Company will be paid a flat fee for each adjudicated property sale or donation or tax lien certificate sale or donation handled by Management Company in accordance with the established Parish ordinance. Such fee will be paid by either the interested property purchaser or the successful bidder at auction or as costs by the tax debtor redeeming adjudicated property. Under no circumstances shall the Parish be liable for payment of said fees.

Oversight & Audits

The contract shall be monitored by the Secretary/Treasurer for the Police Jury. Such oversight will include a review of services summarized in a regular statement provided by the Management Company to the Police Jury. In lieu of a quarterly report, such report can be made upon request by the Attorney for the Police Jury. All instructions, directions and communication on behalf of the Police Jury shall be made through the Secretary/Treasurer to Wesley Johnson or designee on behalf of E & P Consulting.

Parish shall have the option of auditing all accounts and files of Management Company which relate to this contract.

Process

Forms and instructions shall be accessible to the public from the E & P Consulting web site or printed publications produced by E & P Consulting and provided to Grant Parish for such purposes, to include the following:

- A. Listing of all properties adjudicated to the Parish that Parish intends to sell through E & P Consulting (this list to be provided by Parish) with links to the Parish Assessor's online database.
- B. Information for Interested Property Purchasers, which shall contain instructions, disclosure of rights, and contact information.
- C. Persons questioning how to buy adjudicated property can be directed to contact E & P Consulting by Parish. Persons questioning the status/amount of their property taxes shall be instructed to contact the Parish Tax Collector’s office.

- D. The Parish ordinance does not mandate a minimum bid; however, the starting minimum bid for adjudicated property shall be the lowest of: the redemption cost or 2/3 the value of the property without appraisal as valued by the tax assessor. Until a minimum bid is offered and accepted, the interested purchaser's administrative payment is fully refundable and shall not be charged to the tax debtor as costs. In the event that a minimum bid should be lowered, the constitutional rationale for such valuation will be documented and approved. After an offer to purchase property for a minimum bid is made, administrative work begins and costs for such work must be charged to a tax debtor who redeems property (full refund would be provided to interested property purchaser in such a situation)
- E. E & P Consulting: (1) conducts all necessary abstracting and identification of tax notice party names and addresses; (2) sends all statutory notices; (3) calculates wait times in accordance with state law; (4) communicates with interested property purchasers and tax debtors as well as tax collector and tax assessor; (5) drafts and provides ordinances for sale of property; (6) drafts and sends notices of sale for publication in the official journal of the Parish of Grant (Police Jury to pay publication charges); (7) draft mortgage record affidavit; (8) draft and provide non-warranty deed for signature of the President of the Grant Parish Police Jury; (9) schedule closing and filing of documents in conveyance records (property purchaser to pay filing fees). All ordinances, deeds, affidavits, and other legal instruments are subject to review and approval by the Parish attorney.
- F. Public Auction: Public auction of adjudicated property through E & P Consulting shall be held at the Grant Parish Police Jury office located at 200 Main Street, Colfax, Louisiana, and shall be handled by the office of Police Jury Secretary/Treasurer with significant guidance by E & P Consulting. All bidders must also deposit certified funds prior to auction in same manner as initiating party. All losing bidders are refunded entire amount with only the winning party paying the administrative fee. All bid amounts are subject to final approval by the Parish. The Parish is hereby authorized to accept and/or reject any or all bids, and to execute any and all documents necessary to finalize the sale of properties sold pursuant to these procedures. If in any event a property is not sold at such public auction, the property shall remain adjudicated to the Parish. At closing, the purchaser shall pay the net purchase price, reflecting any deposit that has been made and applied to the purchase price. Upon recordation of the sale, disbursement of funds shall occur to the tax collector. All proceeds after the deduction of costs shall be paid pro rata to holders of statutory impositions and governmental liens, unless otherwise agreed within the Parish. Any excess amount shall be paid to the Police Jury. E & P Consulting can provide assistance/guidance with this process as requested including providing a script for the auctioneer who can be an employee of the police jury.
- G. Terms for Sale of Adjudicated Property: All Acts of Sale of adjudicated property shall contain provisions, acceptable in form and substance to the Parish, which provide that all such sales shall be for cash and shall be without warranty of title and without any warranty of merchantability or fitness; shall be "as is, where is"; that it shall be the obligation of the purchaser to obtain title insurance, if it is desired. All sales are made without warranties whatsoever, except for warranty against eviction based on prior alienation by the political subdivision. Purchaser has the right to obtain title insurance, if available, at its sole cost and expense. All minerals and mineral rights shall be reserved by the Parish, if allowed or required by law. Cash Sales may contain additional reservations, requirements, restrictions, rights of way, and servitudes imposed by the Parish.
- H. Tax Lien Certificates: In the event that an interested purchaser wishes to purchase a tax lien certificate, including a tax lien certificate converted from existing adjudicated property, E & P Consulting will handle the scheduling and purchase of the tax lien certificate and will charge a reasonable fee to the buyer for this service. All payments for tax lien certificates will be dispersed to the tax collector following the sale and filing of the lien in the mortgage records.

Lot Next Door Program

- A. Grant Parish Police Jury hereby further authorizes the Parish to sell any eligible adjudicated property to any adjoining landowner who has maintained the adjudicated property for a period of one year prior to the sale for a price set by the Parish without public bidding. Such price will be set and handled in the same manner as all other adjudicated property sales, but the Lot Next Door Owner allows the interested purchaser to avoid auction.
- B. In the event that there is more than one adjoining landowner interested in purchasing the property, preference will be given to the landowner whose adjoining property has homestead exemption status. If homestead status does not serve to distinguish the interested purchasers, then the land will be auctioned in the same manner as other adjudicated property.
- C. Such a sale shall be deemed a public sale, pursuant to La R.S. 47:2202(D).

Donation or Acquisition of Property

- A. The Grant Parish Police Jury may donate any eligible adjudicated property to be used only for purposes allowed by the Louisiana Constitution.
- B. Property is only eligible for donation in accordance with state law and constitution. E & P Consulting will assist in such analysis upon request.
- C. In the event that the Grant Parish Police Jury desires to acquire property for its own use, such acquisition can be handled in accordance with state law by E & P Consulting.
- D. Donations/acquisitions require a notification process that is set forth in state statute and virtually identical to the sales process with the exception of money changing hands. The Donee (recipient) of the donated/acquired land must pay E & P Consulting an administrative fee for the work associated with the donation which includes all abstracting and notification and must also pay filing fees in the conveyance records.

Termination Clause - The Parish or Management Company may terminate the contract at any time with or without cause by giving thirty (30) days written notice to the other party. The Management Company, at its option, may be allowed to complete all transactions in process.

Ownership - All records, reports, maps, documents and other material delivered or transmitted to Contractor by the Parish shall remain property of the Parish and shall be returned by the Management Company to the Parish at termination of this contract. All records, reports, documents or other material related to this contract and/or obtained or prepared by the Management Company in connection with the performance of the services contracted for herein shall be maintained by the Management Company and available for inspection.

Non-assignability - The Contractor shall not assign any interest in this contract by assignment, transfer, or novation, without prior written consent of the Parish.

Severability - If any one or more of the provisions contained in this contract shall, for any reason, be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, in whole or in part, such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability shall not affect any other provisions of this contract, and in such an event, this contract shall be construed as if such provisions had never been contained herein.

Exclusions - Pursuant to Louisiana Revised Statute 38:2227, Consultant hereby certifies that it has not been convicted of, or has not entered into a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to public bribery, corrupt influencing, extortion, money laundering or their equivalent federal crimes. The Management Company further certifies that it has not been convicted of, or has not entered into a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to theft, identity theft, theft of a business record, false accounting, issuing worthless checks, bank fraud, forgery, misapplication of payments, malfeasance in office, or their equivalent federal crimes within the five (5) years prior to submitting the proposal.

Anti-Discrimination Statement - The Management Company agrees to abide by the requirements of the following as applicable: Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended by the Equal Employment Opportunity Act of 1972, Federal Executive Order 11246 as amended, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, the Vietnam Era Veteran’s Readjustment Assistant Act of 1974, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and the Fair Housing Act of 1968 as amended, and Management Company agrees to abide by the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and as amended by the ADA Amendments Act of 2008. Contractor agrees not to discriminate in its employment practices, and will render services under this contract without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, veteran status, political affiliation, or disabilities. Any act of discrimination committed by Contractor, or failure to comply with these statutory obligations when applicable, shall be grounds for termination of this contract.

Governing Law and Venue – This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Louisiana, and venue for any action involving the Grant Parish Police Jury shall be in the 35th Judicial District Court, Parish of Grant, State of Louisiana.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED AT _____ Louisiana, on the day, month and year written below.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this agreement as of this _____ day of _____, 2026.

WITNESS #1: GRANT PARISH POLICE JURY:

Printed Name: _____

By: _____
Printed Name: _____
Title: _____

WITNESS #2:

Printed Name: _____

THUS DONE AND SIGNED AT _____ Louisiana, on the day, month and year written below.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this agreement as of this _____ day of _____, 2026.

WITNESS#1: E&P CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC:

Printed Name: _____

By: _____
Wesley Eby Johnson, Manager/Member
E&P Consulting Services, LLC

WITNESS #2:

Printed Name: _____

Motion by Mr. Mark Ball, seconded by Mr. Roy Edwards to introduce Ordinance 07-2026; to provide the sale of adjudicated properties and further providing with respect thereto. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 07-2026

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR SALE OF ADJUDICATED PROPERTIES; AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Parish of Grant has an interest in the health, safety and welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, numerous properties have been adjudicated to the Parish for nonpayment of taxes; and

WHEREAS, ACT 819 was enacted by the 2008 Legislative Session, revising La. R.S. 47:2121, et seq. to establish procedures for the sale of adjudicated properties, and the Parish of Grant has operated an adjudicated property program and desires to re-establish and adopt such procedures in order to place such adjudicated properties back into the economic stream of commerce for the benefit of its communities

WHEREAS, ACT 774 and ACT 411 were enacted by the 2024 and 2025 Legislative Sessions, respectively, to expand such opportunities, and La. R.S.47:2201, authorizes a political subdivision to adopt general ordinances governing the public sales and donations of adjudicated property and/or the issuance of a tax lien certificate for adjudicated property held by the political subdivision

NOW THEREFORE:

I. ADMINISTRATION

Grant Parish Police Jury hereby re-establishes the Grant Parish Adjudicated Property Program, which shall be administered by the Grant Parish Police Jury (hereinafter “GPPJ” or “Parish”). The Parish shall either handle the process internally or shall contract with a third-party administrator or management company (hereinafter "Management Company") to administer the

sale or donation of adjudicated properties in the Parish.

This ordinance applies to “adjudicated property” defined in statute as “property of which tax sale title is acquired by a political subdivision pursuant to La. R.S. 47:2196 prior to January 1, 2026.” La. R.S. 47:2122 ACT 774 (2024)

II. PRE-AUCTION PROCESS

A. Initiation of the Sale of Adjudicated Property or of a Converted Tax Lien Certificate

The Parish shall make best efforts to acquire a list of names and addresses of adjudicated properties from the tax roll records and make such list available to the public. The list shall be forwarded to the Management Company.

Pursuant to La. R.S 47:2203 and 47:2204, the sale of adjudicated property or of a tax lien certificate resulting from the conversion of adjudicated property to a tax lien certificate may be prompted by individual interest (whether it be a natural person or juridical person) or at the request of the Parish, at any time.

An individual or entity submitting a request for the sale of specific property shall submit an application with a certified check or money order for a determined amount for each piece of property. This fee will be considered a portion of the administrative fee for the work performed to prepare and sell the identified adjudicated property or to prepare and sell tax lien certificate for the converted adjudicated property. It shall be fully refundable to the interested purchaser until a Written Offer to Bid containing the minimum bid has been accepted and signed.

Upon receipt of application and administrative fee, a preliminary investigation shall be conducted to confirm that the property has been adjudicated, has not been redeemed and has not been determined to be needed for a public purpose. The Parish or Management Company shall communicate, as necessary, with the office of the tax collector and tax assessor for the purpose of calculating the Minimum Bid (set forth below) and shall prepare and provide the interested purchaser with a Written Offer to Bid containing the minimum bid figure.

Grant Parish hereby establishes that there is no minimum bid at the public sale of an adjudicated property or of a converted tax lien certificate; however, unless circumstances demand otherwise, recommended bidding should not be less than the lesser of the total amount of statutory impositions or two-thirds of the assessed value based on the tax assessor’s valuation.

The decision to sell adjudicated property or adjudicated property converted to a tax lien certificate will be made at the time that the Written Offer to Bid is made. If adjudicated property is donated, the decision to donate either adjudicated property or to convert the property to a tax lien certificate prior to donation will be made as a part of the Parish’s decision to agree to the donation. The Parish or Management Company will provide information regarding the difference between the two processes; however, the interested purchaser will be advised to seek legal counsel regarding the decision between the options. No Information conveyed by the Parish or Management Company as part of the Adjudicated Property Program is intended to serve as legal advice.

After a written minimum bid offer is signed and returned or a decision to donate is made, the Parish or Management Company shall prepare the property or tax lien certificate for sale or donation as follows:

1. Notice to Interest Holders - Title research shall include a review of documents from the public record for purpose of determining the identity and current address of each owner or owners of the property, each tax notice party, the owner or owners of the property at the time of an initial tax sale, a lessee of the property whose lease or notice thereof has been recorded, and any other person or entity holding an interest in the property including any mortgage, privilege or other encumbrance.

Adjudicated Property - If the decision to sell adjudicated property is made, the Parish or Management Company, shall send notice to these individuals that they have until the filing of the act transferring the property to redeem the property or otherwise challenge in a court of competent jurisdiction the potential sale. Additionally, the notice will advise the recipient that the act will not be filed until six months from the date of notice for properties adjudicated less than five (5) years or sixty (60) days from the date of the notice for properties adjudicated for more than five years. No properties will be sold or donated or converted to tax lien certificates for sale or donation until three (3) years have passed from the time that the tax sale deed has been filed in the conveyance records. The Parish or Management Company shall also cause this notice to be published in the official journal of the Parish of Grant.

Tax Lien Certificate – If the decision to convert adjudicated property to a tax lien certificate is made, the Parish or Management Company, shall prepare the conversion document, file the tax lien certificate in the Mortgage records; send a notice conforming with La. RS 47:2156(C) to all identified tax lien auction parties; and prepare and submit an affidavit of costs to the tax collector.

2. Public Notice of Auction – A public sale of the adjudicated property or tax lien certificate by auction shall be advertised at least twice in the official journal for the Parish of Grant: once at least thirty days prior to the date of the public sale, and once no more than seven days prior to the date of the public sale. The notice shall provide for the minimum bid, the time and date of in-person bidding, as well as other terms of bidding or sale.

III. BIDDING AND PUBLIC SALE

Except as otherwise provided in this ordinance, the auction shall be governed by La. R.S. 9:3151 et seq. Following notice of sale being published in the official journal of the Parish of Grant, the following shall occur:

A. Public Auction

Public auction of adjudicated property shall be held at the Grant Parish office located at 200 Main Street, Colfax, Louisiana, and shall be handled by the office of Parish Secretary/Treasurer. All bid amounts are subject to final approval by the Parish Police Jury. The Parish is hereby authorized to accept and/or reject any or all bids, and to execute any and all documents

necessary to finalize the sale of properties sold pursuant to these procedures. If in any event a property is not sold at such public auction, the property shall remain adjudicated to the Parish.

B. Terms for Sale of Adjudicated Property or Sale of Tax Lien Certificates

All Acts of Sale of adjudicated property shall contain provisions, acceptable in form and substance to the Parish, which provide that all such sales shall be for cash and shall be without warranty of title and without any warranty of merchantability or fitness; shall be "as is, where is"; that it shall be the obligation of the purchaser to obtain title insurance, if it is desired; that all such sales shall be subject to such encumbrances, liens, mortgages, real charges or other burdens reflected in the public records; and that the Act of Sale for such adjudicated property shall contain a condition which shall require the purchaser of such property to improve/renovate/make use of the tract, to the satisfaction of the administration, within 365 days of the passage of the Act of Sale and that, if the purchaser fails to timely comply with this provision, the Parish Police Jury shall have the right to rescind, dissolve or cancel the sale.

All acts of sale of tax lien certificates shall contain provisions, acceptable in form and substance to the Parish, which provide that all sales are for cash and without further obligation by the Parish or Management Company to perform any enforcement or foreclosure activities on behalf of the purchaser of the lien as a part of the conversion of the adjudicated property to the tax lien certificate and subsequent sale of the lien. Risks associated with the purchase of a tax lien certificate resulting from the conversion of adjudicated property shall be borne entirely by the purchaser of the lien.

C. Closing Transaction for Non-Warranty Adjudicated Deed

Within 10 business days of the auction or as reasonable a time period thereafter, closing a sale of adjudicated property should occur. Such date may be extended by mutual agreement of the Parish or Management Company and the potential purchaser or based on the Parish or Management Company's determination that the closing should occur at a later date in the best interest of the Parish. Management Company will confirm that the property has not been redeemed prior to the closing and in communication with the tax collector's office. Closings shall be overseen or arranged by the Management Company to be held at the offices of Management Company or in Grant Parish. However, purchaser may agree to execute the documents at a more agreeable location, at purchaser's expense. At closing, the purchaser shall pay the net purchase price for the property as well as all fees to be charged by the Clerk of Court and the balance of any administrative fees still owed. All sales of adjudicated property are made without warranties whatsoever, except for warranty against eviction based on prior alienation by the political subdivision. Purchaser has the right to obtain title insurance, if available, at its sole cost and expense. All minerals and mineral rights shall be reserved by the Parish if allowed by law. Cash Sales may contain additional reservations, requirements, restrictions, rights of way, and servitudes imposed by the Parish.

Within 10 business days of the auction of a tax lien certificate or as reasonable a time period thereafter, the payment for the certificate should be made by the buyer along with the fee for the filing of the tax lien certificate in the Mortgage records. The Parish shall authenticate the assignment of the tax lien certificate and the Management Company shall file the assignment of the tax lien certificate with the recorder of mortgages.

All proceeds shall be paid pro rata to holders of statutory impositions and governmental liens, unless otherwise agreed. Disbursement of funds to the Parish Tax Collector with instructions from the Parish Tax Collector will be made by the Parish or Management Company. Any excess amount shall be retained by the Parish or shall be dispersed as determined appropriate by the mutual agreement of the governmental entities.

D. Purchaser's Affidavit

Contemporaneously with or subsequent to the filing of the sale or donation of adjudicated property, an affidavit conforming to La. R.S. 47:2208 shall be filed by the Purchaser or Management Company on behalf of the purchaser. The filing of the affidavit shall operate as a cancellation, termination, release, or erasure of record of all statutory impositions of all political subdivisions then due and owing, of all governmental liens, and of all interests, liens, mortgages, privileges, and other encumbrances recorded against the property sold and listed in the affidavit. Upon filing of the affidavit, the recorder of mortgages or the recorder of conveyances shall treat and mark as canceled, terminated, released, or erased, all those liens, privileges, mortgages or other encumbrances canceled, terminated, released or erased insofar as they affect the property. Purchaser shall be responsible for recording and paying any other recording fees, including, without limitation, fees for recording any affidavits.

IV. LOT NEXT DOOR PROGRAM

Grant Parish Police Jury hereby further authorizes the Parish to sell any eligible adjudicated property or converted lien to an adjoining landowner for the price set by the Parish without public bidding provided that the landowner can establish that he or she has maintained the adjudicated property for a period of one year prior to the sale. In the event that more than one adjoining landowner has maintained the property for a period of more than one year, the property will be auctioned to the adjoining landowners. Additionally, in situations involving a property having owners in indivision with percentages of the tax bill being taxed to different individual(s)/entity(ies) because of past tax sale(s) can be considered a Lot Next Door Owner if the sale will result in a larger percentage of the property being taxed to one owner in the future.

V. DONATION OF PROPERTY

The Grant Parish Police Jury hereby further authorizes the Parish, to the extent allowed by the Louisiana Constitution, to donate any eligible adjudicated property to be used only for purposes allowed by the Louisiana Constitution.

VI. SEVERABILITY

If any provision contained in this ordinance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions which can be given effect without the invalid provision, and to this end, the provisions established herein are declared severable.

This ordinance becomes effective in accordance with dates set forth herein and five (5) days after publication in the Official Journal.

The above ordinance was introduced on the 10th day of September, 2026

The ordinance was submitted to a roll call vote, and the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: (0)
NAYS: (0)
ABSTAIN: (0)
ABSENT: (0)

The ordinance was adopted this _____ day of _____, 2026.

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Jessie Pace
Secretary-Treasurer
Grant Parish Police Jury

Cephas Bowie, Jr.
President
Grant Parish Police Jury

CERTIFICATE

I, Jessie Pace, Secretary/Treasurer of the Grant Parish Police Jury, do hereby certify the forgoing is a true and correct copy of an Ordinance adopted by the said Police Jury in a regular session on the ____ day of _____2026, at which a quorum was present.

Jessie Pace
Secretary/Treasurer
Grant Parish Police Jury

Ms. Amanda White; Grant Parish DART came to update the jury about the month of October being domestic awareness month, and to inform the jury and the public of various events and fundraisers that will be taking place in the parish to raise awareness.

Motion by Mr. Mark Ball, seconded by Mr. Johnny Jamison to introduce Ordinance 06-2027; creating a Grant Parish Children & Youth Services Planning Board. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO: 06 -2026
CREATING THE GRANT PARISH
CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVICES PLANNING BOARD

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 46:1941.1 et seq., as amended by Act 555 of 2004, mandates that the governing authority of each parish establish a children and youth planning board in each judicial district; and

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 46:1941.1 et seq., as amended by Act 555 of 2004, further provides that the parish’s sole responsibility is the establishment and appointment of such board and that nothing in said statute mandates that the parish is responsible for funding the operational expenses of such board; now, therefore,

THE GRANT PARISH POLICE JURY HEREBY ORDAINS, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Grant, State of Louisiana, and in accordance with the mandate of La. R.S. 46:1941.1 et seq., as amended by Act 555 of 2004, that: SECTION 1 Ch. 2, Article VI of the Code of Ordinances is hereby amended, by adding Division 19.7, entitled Children and Youth Planning Board, and Sec. 2-780.5 through 780.7 to read as follows:

DIVISION 19.7 Children and Youth Planning Board

Sec. 2-780.5 Created.
There is hereby created, in accordance with La. R.S. 46:1941.1 et seq., a board to be known as the Grant Parish Children & Youth Planning Board.

Sec. 2-780.6 Purposes and function of board
The purpose of the Grant Parish Children & Youth Planning Board is to participate in the formulation of and to prepare a comprehensive plan for services and programs for children and youth in Grant Parish as follows: to assist in the development, implementation, and operation of services which encourage positive development, diversion of children and youth from the criminal justice and the foster care system, reduction in the commitments of youth to state institutions, and providing community response to the growing rate of juvenile delinquency. The coordination and implementation of services shall include, but are not limited to prevention, early intervention, diversion, alternatives to home displacement, alternatives to incarceration, and treatment services. the assessment, alignment, coordination, prioritization, and measurement of all available services and programs that address the needs of children and youth including those at risk for, or identified with, social, emotional, or developmental problems, including, but not limited to educational failure, abuse, neglect, exposure to violence, juvenile or parental mental illness, juvenile or parental substance abuse, poverty, developmental disabilities and delinquency. The Board is intended to encourage collaborative efforts among local stakeholders for assessing the physical, social, behavioral, and educational needs of children and youth in their respective communities and for assisting in the development of comprehensive plans to address such needs. The Board shall perform all services authorized by La. R.S. 46:1941.1 et seq.

Sec. 2-780.7 Composition; terms
The Grant Parish Children and Youth Planning Board shall consist of eleven members and shall include the following:
1) Ms. Felicia Allen
2) Mrs. Mattison Brevelle
3) Mrs. Charlene Anderson
4) Mrs. Jennifer Futrell
5) Mrs. Kathy McCain

- 6) Mrs. Sissy Pace
- 7) Mrs. Hallee Parker
- 8) Mrs. Laikyn Watley
- 9) Ms. Aimee White
- 10) Mr. Cephas Bowie Jr.
- 11) Judge Warren D. Willett
- 12) Mr. John Lincecum

Members serve continuous terms until a successor is appointed by the Grant Parish Police jury. The Grant Parish Police Jury may remove and appoint members as necessary. The duties of the Board members shall be as provided in La. R.S. 46:1941.8.

WHEREUPON THIS ORDINANCE WAS ADOPTED TO A VOTE AND RESULTED IN THE FOLLOWING:

YEAS: _____ NAYS: _____ ABSENT: _____

AND THIS ORDINANCE WAS ADOPTED ON THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2026.

Jessie Pace
Secretary-Treasurer
Grant Parish Police Jury

Cephas Bowie, Jr.
President
Grant Parish Police Jury

CERTIFICATE

I, Jessie Pace, Secretary/Treasurer of the Grant Parish Police Jury, do hereby certify the forgoing is a true and correct copy of an Ordinance adopted by the said Police Jury in a regular session on the 10TH day of September 2026, at which a quorum was present.

Jessie Pace
Secretary/Treasurer
Grant Parish Police Jury

Jurors discussed the letter they received from Mr. Parrish Giles from Rapides Parish running for reelection for Executive Board Member for the Region VIII Police Jury Association of Louisiana.

Motion by Mr. Roy Edwards, seconded by Mr. Mark Ball to endorse Mr. Parrish Giles for Executive Board Member for the Region VIII Police Jury Association of Louisiana. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Rhett Desselle, PE, Pan American Engineers addressed jurors about starting the process of developing Capital Outlay projects for next year as well as deadlines and all requirements needed for certain projects. The jurors did agree to continue with list that was currently submitted and to add Landfill Phase II to the list.

Motion by Mr. Mark Ball, seconded by Mrs. Charline Roberts to appoint Mr. Hershel W. Sanders to the Board of Directors for Fire District #2. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Roy Edwards, seconded by Mr. Mark Ball to adopt Resolution 20-2026; the holding of election in Fire District #4

RESOLUTION: 20-2026

A resolution approving the holding of an election in Fire Protection District No. Four of Grant Parish, Louisiana, on Saturday, December 12, 2026, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. Four of Grant Parish, Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Fire Protection District No. Four of Grant Parish, Louisiana (the "District"), adopted a resolution on September 8, 2026, calling a special election in the District on Saturday, December 12, 2026, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein; and

WHEREAS, the governing authority of the District has requested that this Police Jury, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Grant, State of Louisiana, give its consent and authority for the District to hold the aforesaid election, and in the event that the election carries to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein; and

WHEREAS, as required by Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, it is now the desire of this Police Jury to approve the holding of said election and in the event that the election carries, to authorize the District to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Grant, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of said Parish, that:

SECTION 1. In compliance with the provisions of Article VI, Section 15 of the constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, and in accordance with the request of the Board of Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. Four of Grant Parish, Louisiana, this Police Jury hereby approves the holding of an election in the District, on Saturday, December 12, 2026, at which election there will be submitted the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION

(MILLAGE RENEWAL)

Shall Fire Protection District No. Four of Grant Parish, Louisiana (the "District"), continue to levy a special tax of 10 mills (the "Tax") on all property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated \$54,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the Tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2028 and ending with the year 2037, for the purpose of purchasing and maintaining equipment for use in the operation of the District, provided that a portion of the Tax proceeds is required to be contributed to state and statewide retirement systems as provided in R.S. 11:82?

SECTION 2. In the event the election carries, this Police Jury does hereby further consent to and authorize the District to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein. This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Mark Ball, Mr. Cephas Bowie Jr., Mr. Johnny Jamison, Mr. Mike Merrell, Mrs. Charline Roberts, Mr. Roy Edwards

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mrs. Jennifer Murrell Futrell, Mr. Brandon DuBois

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 10th day of September, 2026.

/s/ Jessie Pace
Secretary-Treasurer

/s/ Cephas Bowie, Jr.
President

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF GRANT

I, the undersigned Secretary-Treasurer of the Police Jury of the Parish of Grant, State of Louisiana, do hereby certify that the foregoing pages constitute a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by said Police Jury on September 10, 2026, approving the holding of an election in Fire Protection District No. Four of Grant Parish, Louisiana, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature, on this, the 10th day of September, 2026.

/s/ Jessie Pace
Secretary-Treasurer

Motion by Mr. Johnny Jamison, seconded by Mrs. Charline Roberts to adopt Resolution 21-2026; Community Water Enrichment Fund for fiscal year 2026-2027 Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION:
21-2026
COMMUNITY WATER ENRICHMENT FUND FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027**

WHEREAS, the parish of Grant will apply for a grant known as the Community Water enrichment Fund to be implemented by the office of Community Development for the purposes of enhancing and improving rural water systems.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Police Jury of the Parish of Grant does hereby authorize, empower and direct its President, to execute on behalf of the Parish all applications, agreements, contracts and necessary documents to complete the project.

The above Resolution was introduced at regular meeting of the Police Jury on September 10, 2026.

The Resolution having been put to a vote, the roll call vote thereupon was recorded as follows, to-wit:

AYES: Mr. Mark Ball, Mr. Cephas Bowie Jr., Mr. johnny Jamison, Mr. Mike Merrell,
Mrs. Charline Roberts, Mr. Mike Merrell, Mr. Roy Edwards

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mrs. Jennifer Murrell Futrell, Mr. Brandon DuBois

Thereupon, Mr. Cephas Bowie Jr., President, declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 6 ayes to 0 nays, this 10th day of September, 2026.

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

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

CERTIFICATE

I, Jessie Pace, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing constitutes a true and correct copy of a Resolution passed and adopted by the Grant Parish Police Jury on this 10th day of September, 2026.

(s) Jessie Pace
Jessie Pace, Secretary/Treasurer

Motion by Mr. Mark Ball, seconded by Mrs. Charline Roberts to adopt Resolution 22-2026; to make Jessie Pace signatory on all documents for ACT 961 of the 2026 regular Legislative Session – State Aid to Local government Entities. Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION
22-2026**

Cooperative Endeavor Agreement
Louisiana Department of the Treasury
State of Louisiana

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Grant Parish Police Jury that its Secretary Treasurer, Jessie Pace, is hereby authorized as the signatory party on all documents for “Louisiana Department of the Treasury and the State of Louisiana Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) ACT 961 of 2026 Regular Legislative Session – State Aid to Local Government Entities on behalf of Grant Parish.

The Grant Parish Police Jury adopted the above Resolution during regular session convened on Thursday, September 10, 2026

CERTIFICATION

I, Mark Ball, Vice President of the Grant Parish Police Jury, State of Louisiana, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of a RESOLUTION adopted by the Police Jury of the Parish of Grant, State of Louisiana, in regular session convened on September 10, 2026 at which a quorum was present.

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

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

STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF GRANT

GIVEN UNDER MY OFFICIAL SIGNATURE and Seal of Office on this the 10th day of September, 2026.

(s) Mark Ball
Mark Ball
Grant Parish Police Jury

Jurors discussed the wireless quotes obtained for wireless cameras for Walker Ferry Road, and will table for now until discussions with Roy O Martin to see other alternatives for camera views for dumpsite can be obtained.

Jurors discussed upcoming changes that will be coming with Louisiana Uniform Construction Code Commission (LUCCC) effective 1/1/27 and have tabled until the Building Committee Can hold a meeting to go over all new changes.

Mr. Jared Dunn, Chairman of Board for Fire District #5 came to speak with the Jury and update them on the reason for breakdown in communication between Fire District #5 and the Police Jury. Mr. Dunn did say due to unforeseen circumstances, the Fires District is currently in the process of trying to get everything moving in the right direction with the help of the Parish Secretary and the Police Jury. Mr. Ball did remind Mr. Dunn that if Fire District #5 needs guidance or has questions, to reach out to Mrs. Pace the Secretary/ Treasurer and she would help them with any concerns or question they may have.

Motion by Mr. Mark Ball, seconded by Mr. Roy Edwardsto accept the proposed 2026 merit increases and 2027 pay increases for jury employees as recommended by the Personnel Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Jurors discussed the rental contracts for both the Aloha and Civic Centers, jurors agreed that the Grant Parish Civic Center contracts (non-profit and for profit) in particular needed to be updated to include a \$100 cleaning fee to be refunded to lessee once the establishment has been checked

out by maintenance and has met the cleanliness requirements set forth in the contracts. Jurors agreed to defer other issues such as drainage and purchasing a new refrigerator and microwave for the Grant Parish Civic center to the Building Committee to address.

Motion by Mr. Mark Ball, seconded by Mr. Roy Edwards to update Grant Parish Civic Center contracts to included a \$100 refundable cleaning fee to be added to both non-profit and for-profit contracts. Motion carried unanimously.

Jurors discussed Act 961 projects in each district and jurors agreed that any balances owed after ACT 961 monies were used would come out of that Districts Capital Improvement funds to cover overage to add to November's agenda.

Motion by Mr. Johnny Jamison, seconded by Mrs. Charline Roberts to amend the agenda to include Rob Wallace to be paid using RAC funds from District 2 and Capital Improvement Funds for District 7. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Mark Ball, seconded by Mr. Johnny Jamison to use funds from RAC for District 2 portion of Rob Wallace and to use Capital Improvement funds from District 7 for a portion of Rob Wallace. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Cody Gongre, Roads Superintendent, addressed the jury regarding upcoming ACT 961 projects and deadlines for those projects.

Motion by Mrs. Charline Roberts seconded by Mr. Johnny Jamison to pay bills as funds become available. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mrs. Charline Roberts, seconded by Mr. Mark Ball to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

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