

Colfax, LA
March 12, 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, March 12, 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. Mark Ball to open the agenda to public comments on agenda items. Motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Steven McCain requested to speak on item #6, Cedar Street.

Motion by Mr. Mark Ball, 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 February of 2026.

Mr. Roy Danzy addressed the jury regarding the Michael D. Burns Shooting Complex. Property boundaries have been established through a survey proving that the Grant Parish Police Jury owns the tree line and thirty-five (35) feet beyond bordering the Judy Box property contrary to what Mr. Danzy had previously claimed. The tree line and sixty-seven (67) feet beyond on the side that borders the Ora Baxley property is also Police Jury property. He mentioned a bladder that was supposed to be installed in the ground many years ago (presumably when the landfill was opened) but that is no longer relevant as it was properly closed through the LDEQ. He also addressed the noise from the shooting. President Bowie requested that he follow proper procedures and address the MDBPSC Board of Control and allow them to address his issues.

Sheriff Steven McCain also addressed the jury regarding false claims and statements Mr. Danzy has made regarding the shooting complex and the lengths the Sheriff's Office has taken to help him.

Mr. Andrew Coombs, Water Resources Planning Specialist with the USDA advised the jury that funds have been secured to begin the planning phase of the irrigation plan for Grant Parish.

Motion by Mr. Mark Ball, seconded by Mr. Roy Edwards to contract with the USDA and NRCS with Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr. as the authorized signatory. Motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Steven McCain addressed the jury regarding Cedar Street. Due to the construction of a new structure for law enforcement and the foot traffic between the courthouse and the new structure, the Sheriff would like to purchase a portion of Cedar Street from the jury and utilize grant funds to close the area to through traffic. The jurors all agreed that if he had it surveyed and appraised, they would accept fair market value for the property.

Motion by Mr. Roy Edwards, seconded by Mrs. Jennifer Futrell to amend the agenda to include a motion to approve the sale of Cedar Street (surveyed and appraised portion only) to the Grant Parish Law Enforcement District. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mrs. Jennifer Futrell, seconded by Mr. Roy Edwards to approve the sale of Cedar Street (surveyed and appraised portion only) to the Grant Parish Law Enforcement District. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Matthew Melancon, CLECO, addressed the jury regarding the need for the jury to sign a Servitude Agreement for a portion of property on Airbase Road.

Motion by Mr. Mike Merrell, seconded by Mr. Johnny Jamison to approve the president signing a Servitude Agreement with CLECO for a specific portion of Airbase Road. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mrs. Jennifer Futrell, seconded by Mrs. Charline Roberts to amend the agenda to include a motion to approve the two recommendations from the Personnel Committee to approve payment to the CGUD employee sent home without pay for child being sick and to uphold the termination of the CGUD employee. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Mark Ball, seconded by Mr. Roy Edwards to approve the two recommendations from the Personnel Committee to approve payment to the CGUD employee sent home without pay for child being sick and to uphold the termination of the CGUD employee.

Yeas: Mr. Mark Ball, Mr. Roy Edwards, Mr. Mike Merrell, Mrs. Charline Roberts, and Mrs. Jennifer Futrell

Nays: Mr. Brandon DuBois and Mr. Johnny Jamison

Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Jennifer Futrell, seconded by Mr. Brandon DuBois to adopt Resolution 08-2026; Calling a Special Election in Grant Parish June 27, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION: 08-2026

A resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in the Parish of Grant, State of Louisiana, to authorize the renewal of special taxes therein, making application to the State Bond Commission, and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Grant, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Grant, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), that:

SECTION 1. Election Call. Subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission, and under the authority conferred by the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, including Article VI, Section 26 thereof, the applicable provisions of the Louisiana Election Code, and other constitutional and statutory authority, a special election is hereby called and ordered to be held in the Parish on **SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2026**, between the hours of seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, and at the said election there shall be submitted to all registered voters qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and laws of this State and the Constitution of the United States, the following propositions, to-wit:

**PARISHWIDE PROPOSITION NO. 1 OF 3
(HEALTH UNIT MILLAGE RENEWAL)**

Shall the Parish of Grant, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), continue to levy a special tax of 2.07 mills on all property subject to taxation in the Parish (an estimated \$167,300 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 maintaining a Health Unit, Coroner's Office, and other miscellaneous expenses incurred in the operation of these?

**PARISHWIDE PROPOSITION NO. 2 OF 3
(COURTHOUSE MILLAGE RENEWAL)**

Shall the Parish of Grant, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), continue to levy a special tax of 3.22 mills on all property subject to taxation in the Parish (an estimated \$260,200 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 maintaining the Parish Courthouse and all Courthouse Annex Buildings?

**PARISHWIDE PROPOSITION NO. 3 OF 3
(ROADS & BRIDGES MILLAGE RENEWAL)**

Shall the Parish of Grant, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), continue to levy a special tax of 8.61 mills on all property subject to taxation in the Parish (an estimated \$695,800 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 constructing, improving, repairing and maintaining public roads and bridges, title to which shall be in public?

SECTION 2. Publication of Notice of Election. A Notice of Special Election shall be published in the official journal of the Parish once a week for four consecutive weeks, with the first publication to be made not less than forty-five (45) days nor more than ninety (90) days prior to the date of the election, which Notice shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as "Exhibit A" and incorporated herein by reference the same as if it were set forth herein in full.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, prior to the publication of the Notice of Election, the President is authorized and directed to make any amendments to the foregoing propositions that may be required to comply with any state or federal regulatory agencies.

SECTION 3. Canvass. This Governing Authority shall meet at its regular meeting place, the Grant Parish Police Jury Meeting Room, 200 Main Street, Colfax, Louisiana, on **THURSDAY, JULY 9, 2026, at 5:00 P.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the results of the said special election.

SECTION 4. Polling Places. The polling places for the precincts in the Parish are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, will be the same persons as those designated in accordance with law.

SECTION 5. Election Commissioners; Voting Machines. The officers designated to serve as Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners pursuant to Section 4 hereof, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, shall hold the said special election as herein provided, and shall make due returns of said election for the meeting of the Governing Authority to be held as provided in Section 3 hereof. All registered voters in the Parish will be entitled to vote at the special election, and voting machines shall be used.

SECTION 6. Authorization of Officers. The Secretary-Treasurer of the Governing Authority is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to arrange for and to furnish to said election officers in ample time for the holding of said election, the necessary equipment, forms and other paraphernalia essential to the proper holding of said election and the President and/or Secretary-Treasurer of the Governing Authority are further authorized, empowered and directed to take any and all further action required by State and/or Federal law to arrange for the election.

SECTION 7. Furnishing Election Call to Election Officials. Certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, the Clerk of Court and *Ex-Officio* Parish Custodian of Voting Machines of Grant Parish and the Registrar of Voters of Grant Parish, as notification of the special election, in order that each may prepare for said election and perform their respective functions as required by law.

SECTION 8. Application to State Bond Commission. Application is made to the State Bond Commission for consent and authority to hold the special election as herein provided, and in the event said election carries for further consent and authority to continue to levy and collect the special taxes provided for therein. A certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the State Bond Commission on behalf of this Governing Authority, together with a letter requesting the prompt consideration and approval of this application.

SECTION 9. Employment of Counsel. This Governing Authority finds and determines that a real necessity exists for the employment of special counsel on matters related to the special election, and accordingly, Foley & Judell, L.L.P., is hereby employed as special counsel for said purpose for a term not exceeding one (1) year from the date of this resolution. The fee to be paid said special counsel shall be an amount computed at hourly rate based on the Attorney General's then current Maximum Hourly Fee Schedule, not to exceed \$2,000 in the aggregate, together with reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses, and payment for the work herein specified is hereby approved without further action of this Governing Authority as and when invoices are presented. The scope of this legal representation does not involve federal claims.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 12th day of March, 2026.

(s) Jessie Pace
Jessie Pace
Secretary-Treasurer

(s) Cephas Bowie Jr.
Cephas Bowie Jr.
President

EXHIBIT "A"

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Police Jury of the Parish of Grant, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Grant, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), on March 12, 2026, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held within the Parish on **SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2026**, and that at the said election there will be submitted to all registered voters in the Parish qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following propositions, to-wit:

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The said special election will be held at each and every polling place in the Parish, which polls will open at seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541.

The polling places at the precincts in the Parish are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law.

The estimated cost of this election as determined by the Secretary of State based upon the provisions of Chapter 8-A of Title 18 and actual costs of similar elections is \$37,500.

Notice is further given that a portion of the monies collected from the taxes described in the Propositions shall be remitted to certain state and statewide retirement systems in the manner required by law.

The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, as provided in this Notice of Special Election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, will make due returns thereof to said Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, the Grant Parish Police Jury Meeting Room, 200 Main Street, Colfax, Louisiana, on **THURSDAY, JULY 9, 2026**, at **5:00 P.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the results of the said special election. All registered voters of the Parish are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used.

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF GRANT

I, the undersigned Secretary-Treasurer of the Police Jury of the Parish of Grant, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), the governing authority of the Parish of Grant, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), do hereby certify that the foregoing pages constitute a true and correct copy of the proceedings taken by the Governing Authority on March 12, 2026, ordering and calling a special election to be held in the Parish of Grant, State of Louisiana, to authorize the renewal of special taxes therein, making application to the State Bond Commission, and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature at Colfax, Louisiana, on this, the 12th day of March, 2026.

(s) Jessie Pace
Secretary-Treasurer

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Johnny Jamison to adopt Ordinance 02/2026; Notice of Sale of Real Estate Property at Public Auction, 641 Rowena Street, Montgomery, LA 71454. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO: 02-2026
NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AT PUBLIC AUCTION
641 ROWENA STREET, MONTGOMERY, LA 71454

WHEREAS, Grant Parish Police Jury owns the following describe property describe below and in Exhibit A:

Lots Nine (9) and Ten (10) and Eleven (11) of Block Eight (8) of the Village of Montgomery, in Grant Parish, Louisiana, together with all improvements thereon situated.

being the same property acquired by the District by Ordinance No. 18 from the Village of Montgomery, Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of said Village on June 22, 1954, and Quitclaim Deed signed December 11, 1954, purchasing the following lot:

Lot Eleven (11) of Block Eight (8) of the Village of Montgomery, in Grant Parish, Louisiana, together with all improvements thereon situated.

together with all buildings, structures, and improvements now or hereafter erected on the foregoing site and all machinery, devices, apparatus, equipment, fixtures, appurtenances, or other property whatsoever now or hereafter attached to or installed in the buildings and other improvements now erected or hereafter erected on the foregoing site, including, but not limited to, all heating, plumbing, lighting, water heating, ventilating and air conditioning equipment, utility lines and equipment (whether owned individually or jointly with others), and sprinkler systems, all fixtures, accessions and appurtenances thereto, and all renewals or replacements of or substitutions for any of the foregoing, all of which property and things are hereby declared to be permanent fixtures and accessories to the foregoing site; all easements and rights of way used in connection with the foregoing site or as a means of ingress to or egress from said property; all interests of the District in and to any streets, ways, alleys, and/or strips of land adjoining the foregoing site or any part thereof; all rights, estates, powers and privileges appurtenant or incident to the foregoing; and all existing or future furniture, furnishings, equipment, and any and all other movables of any kind or character now or hereafter placed from time to time in or upon the foregoing site, and all rents, issues and profits thereof.

WHEREAS, the property described above and in Exhibit A has been has determined no longer needed for a public purpose and has been declared surplus by the Grant Parish Police Jury, and

WHEREAS, the Grant Parish Police Jury is the owner of immovable property and all improvements thereon, located at 641 Rowena Street, Montgomery, Louisiana, 71454, and

WHEREAS, Grant Parish Police Jury desires to sell the property to a buyer with the stipulation that the buyer must agree to maintain a medical facility for the benefit of the community, and

WHEREAS, selling this property will allow the Grant Parish Police Jury to comply with Louisiana state law regarding the disposition of the surplus property, and

WHEREAS, the fair market value is determined to be ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$155,000.00) in accordance with an appraisal thereof dated 8/29/2025, and

WHEREAS, Article VII, §14 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, provides that except as otherwise provided, the property or things of value of Grant Parish Police Jury shall not be loaned, pledged, or donated to or for any person, association, or corporation, public or private,

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the real property hereinafter described will be offered for sale by the Grant Parish Police Jury to the highest responsible bidder at a public auction to be conducted by Mrs. Ruth Descant, Grant Parish Sheriff's Office, at 3:00 pm, on Monday, March 16, 2026, at the Grant Parish Courthouse in the Grant Parish Police Jury Meeting Room, in Colfax, LA 71417.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that said surplus property be disposed of pursuant to Louisiana Revised Statute 33:4712, for a minimum price of ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$155,000.00), and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision of this ordinance shall be held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions herein which can be given effect without the invalid provision and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

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

YEAS: 8

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

AND THIS ORDINANCE WAS ADOPTED ON THIS 12th DAY OF March, 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, 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 12th day of March, 2026, at which a quorum was present.

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

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Roy Edwards to enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with the Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs for 2026. Motion carried unanimously.



COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
GRANT PARISH POLICE JURY
AND
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

THIS COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT is made and entered into on Grant Parish Police Jury by and between Grant Parish Police Jury, hereafter referred to as Parish/Municipality, a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana represented by Cephas Bowie, Jr., President, and the Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs (hereafter referred to as LDVA), a state agency within the Executive Branch of the State of Louisiana represented by its Secretary, Charlton Megninley.

ARTICLE I

WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statutes, including but not limited to La R.S. 29:260-262, as amended and reenacted, specifically provide enabling legislation for LDVA to estimate and recover part of the operations cost of parish Veterans' Service Offices. Specifically, La. R.S. 29:260-262 provides that LDVA shall not contribute more than seventy-five percent (75%) for the operation and maintenance of such parish Veterans' Service Offices; that police juries and municipal governing authorities may make appropriations out of funds for the purpose of providing or assisting in providing for the maintenance and operation of Veterans' Service Offices established by LDVA; that police juries and municipal governing authorities shall provide office space for the operation of Veterans' Service Offices established by LDVA pursuant to law; and the cost of providing such office space shall not be considered as any payment or contribution required toward the expense of operation and maintenance of such Veterans' Service Office space.

ARTICLE II

WHEREAS, Parish/Municipality desires to support local veterans and improve their access to benefits and services by providing for both the cost to maintain and operate Veterans' Service Offices and space to house such service offices as provided by law.

B. Obligations of Parish/Municipality

1. Parish/Municipality shall provide office space for the Veterans' Service Office that offers a safe location for LDVA employees and clients, space for private client interviews, secure storage of client files, and accessibility for disabled visitors. Said space shall be located at 200 Main Street, Colfax, LA 71417.
2. Parish/Municipality shall provide for all utilities, as well as 28.05% of phone and Internet service costs, as part of its obligation to provide space for the Veterans' Service Office.
3. Parish/Municipality shall provide funding to LDVA in the amount described herein to support the cost to operate and maintain the Veterans' Service Office.

II. FUNDING AND REPORTING

A. Compensation and Disbursement

1. Parish/Municipality shall contribute to the support of the Veterans' Service Office by paying LDVA a total of \$2,848.85 in minimum monthly payments of \$237.40.
2. Parish/Municipality shall make payments by check or electronic means only, payable to LDVA. Prior to making the first payment, Parish/Municipality shall select its preferred method and communicate the choice to LDVA.

B. Reporting

1. Upon request, LDVA shall provide an operations report on the number of veteran contacts and claims processed that period.
2. LDVA shall also include within that report any additional information that might assist in communicating and demonstrating the positive impact to the community of the services provided by LDVA.

C. Invoicing

1. LDVA shall submit to Parish/Municipality an invoice for the payment described herein on a quarterly basis.
2. Parish/Municipality may pay monthly, and shall pay LDVA the full sum of the invoiced amount no later than 30 days after receipt of this invoice.

ARTICLE III

WHEREAS, LDVA, whose physical office is located at 602 N. Fifth Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 70802, and whose official mailing address is P.O. Box 94095 Capitol Station, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 70804-0995, received funds in Fiscal Year 2026 to provide such services to veterans in Parish/Municipality.

ARTICLE IV

WHEREAS, both LDVA and Parish/Municipality desire to memorialize their respective fiscal, operational, and maintenance obligations relative to the establishment of a Veterans' Service Office in Parish/Municipality.

NOW THEREFORE, LDVA and Parish/Municipality, each having authority to do so, agree as follows:

I. OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES.

A. Obligations of LDVA

1. LDVA shall provide information to veterans residing in or near Parish/Municipality and their dependents through various outlets including but not limited to the news media, internet, reading materials, and personal consultation about benefits to which they are entitled, including medical services, compensation and pension programs, education, home loan guarantees, employment, benefits for patients in a nursing home, insurance benefits, referrals to housing and mental health providers, and last interment benefits.
2. LDVA shall provide a highly trained Veterans Assistance Counselor at said service office.
3. LDVA shall make every reasonable effort to ensure that the designated Veterans' Service Office is staffed one (1) days per week on the following days, to wit: the fourth Wednesday of the month, excluding applicable holidays, training periods, inclement weather closures, etc. LDVA will endeavor to update the parish or municipality of any office closure that may occur, should the need arise. However, in the event of staffing issues, LDVA may perform their duties remotely via virtual means as determined by LDVA needs.
4. LDVA shall designate a contact monitor to ensure that the parties meet their obligations described herein and identify said person, along with their mailing address, email address, and phone number to Parish/Municipality.

III. TERM

- A. This Cooperative Endeavor Agreement shall be in effect from January 1, 2026, to December 31, 2026.

IV. TERMINATION

- A. Parish/Municipality may terminate this Agreement at any time during the term of the Agreement by giving the Contractor written notice of its intention to terminate at least thirty (30) days before the intended date of termination. The Parish/Municipality must provide the reason for termination and reason why it cannot comply with the Louisiana Revised Statutes referenced above. Upon termination by the Parish/Municipality or the failure of Parish/Municipality to meet its obligations defined herein, LDVA may close the Veterans Service Office operated in Parish/Municipality.

V. CONTROLLING LAW

- A. The validity, interpretation, and performance of this Agreement shall be controlled by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Louisiana.

VI. LEGAL COMPLIANCE

- A. LDVA and Parish/Municipality shall comply with all federal, state, and local laws and regulations, including, specifically, but without limitation, the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics (R.S. 42:1101, *et seq.*), in carrying out the provisions of this Agreement.

VII. PUBLIC LIABILITY/INDEMNIFICATION

- A. LDVA will indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Parish, including Parish's employees and agents, from and against any and all claims or liabilities arising from the fault of LDVA, its employees, or agents in carrying out LDVA'S duties and obligations under the terms of this agreement. The Parish will indemnify, defend, and hold harmless LDVA, including LDVA'S employees, delegates, agents, and representatives from and against any and all claims or liabilities arising from the fault of Parish, its employees, or agents in carrying out the Parish's duties and obligations under the terms of this agreement. This section will survive the termination of this agreement. In the event that either party takes any action to enforce this mutual indemnity provision, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover reasonable attorney's fees and costs arising as a result thereof.

B. Nothing herein is intended, nor shall be deemed to create a third-party beneficiary to or for any obligation by any party hereto or to authorize any third person to have any action against any party hereto arising out of this Agreement.

C. LDVA is responsible for any and all insurance or other liability requirements related to the operations or activities associated with this agreement. LDVA will ensure that it has insurance coverage for any general liability claims occurring at the premise provided by the Parish as well as insurance coverage for any LDVA contents located at the premise provided by the Parish. In addition, LDVA agrees that all insurance policies required by the agreement will be primary, will include a waiver of subrogation in favor of the Parish as to workers' compensation claims, and will identify the Parish as an additional insured.

VIII. SEVERABILITY

A. If any term, covenant, condition, or provision of this Agreement or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall, at any time or to any extent, be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Agreement, or the application of such term, covenant, condition, or provision to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is held invalid or unenforceable, shall not be affected thereby, and each term, covenant, condition, and provision of this Agreement shall be valid and be enforced to the fullest extent of the law.

IX. NOTICES

A. Legal notices to the parties shall be mailed to the following persons and addresses via certified United States mail, to wit:



**Grant Parish Police Jury Cooperative Agreement Summary
2026**

	Total Parish Expenses	Parish Contribution (28.05%)
Salaries & Benefits:	\$8,193.93	\$2,298.02
Travel	\$227.37	\$63.77
Supplies	\$100.83	\$28.28
Postage, Equip. Maintenance	\$28.67	\$8.04
Telephone & Internet	\$305.11	\$85.57
Professional Services	\$83.29	\$23.36
Acquisitions	\$43.32	\$12.15
OTS Migration	\$361.70	\$101.44
Subtotal:	\$9,344.22	\$2,620.62
*Administration Expense		\$228.23
Total:		\$2,848.85

*Share of costs related to human resources, accounting, payment processing, etc. (2.5% of total state expenses)

Economic Impact of Grant Parish Veterans' Service Office:

\$16,880,822 in Compensation and Pension benefits for a veteran population of 1,388.

(According to US Department of Veterans Affairs FY24 Summary of Expenditures)

- LDVA:
Charlton J. Meginley
SECRETARY
Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs
P. O. Box 94095, Capitol Station
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9095
- GRANT PARISH POLICE JURY:
Cephus Bowie, Jr
PRESIDENT
200 Main Street
Coffax, LA 71417

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Cooperative Endeavor Agreement on the day, month, and year first written above.

SIGNATURES:

GRANT PARISH POLICE JURY

BY: Cephus Bowie, Jr.
CEPHAS BOWIE, JR, PRESIDENT

Witnessed by: Jessie Pace Dwaine Guillot
(Signature) (Signature)
Jessie Pace Dwaine Guillot
(Printed Name) (Printed Name)

LA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

BY: _____
CHARLTON J. MEGINLEY, SECRETARY

Witnessed by: _____
(Signature) (Signature)

(Printed Name) (Printed Name)

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Johnny Jamison to adopt Proclamation 07-2026; Fair Housing Month. Motion carried unanimously.

PROCLAMATION 07-2026

WHEREAS, the 58th Anniversary of the National Fair Housing Law, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, during the month of April, is an occasion for all Americans – individually and collectively – to rededicate themselves to the principle of freedom from housing discrimination whenever it exists.

WHEREAS, this law guarantees for each citizen that critical, personal element of freely of choosing a home; and

WHEREAS, a fair housing law has been passed by the State of Louisiana, and implementation of the law requires the positive commitment, involvement, and support of each of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the department and agencies of the State of Louisiana are to provide leadership in the effort to make fair housing not just an idea, but an ideal for all our citizens; and

WHEREAS, barriers that diminish the rights and limit the options of any citizen to freely choose a home will ultimately diminish the rights and limit the options of all...

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE Grant Parish Police Jury does hereby proclaim the month of April 2026, as FAIR HOUSING MONTH in the Parish of Grant, and do hereby encourage all citizens to abide by the letter and spirit of the Fair Housing Law, and ask the citizens of this parish to join in reaffirming the obligation and commitment to fair housing opportunities for all.

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

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

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 12th day of March, 2026.

GIVEN UNDER MY OFFICIAL SIGNATURE and Seal of Office on this the 12th day of March, 2026.

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

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Roy Edwards to adopt Resolution 09-2026 National Community Development Week. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION:
09-2026
NATIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WEEK

WHEREAS, the week of April 6 – April 10, 2026 has been designated as National Community Development week. Grant Parish has been a participant in the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program which funds public infrastructure, economic development, and housing programs in this community, and

WHEREAS, in this community and communities throughout the nation, forty-eight years of Community Development Block Grant Program funding has developed a strong relationship between this local government and its residents, principally those of low-to-moderate income, and

WHEREAS, this community recognizes that the Community Development Block Grant Program is a partnership of federal, state, and local government and community and business efforts, and that the services funded by the CDBG Program relies heavily on the dedication and good will of our combined efforts,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that during National Community Development Week 2026, this community will give special thanks and recognition to all participants whose hard work and devotion to the neighborhoods and their low-and moderate-income residents help ensure the quality and effectiveness of the community Development Block Grant Program, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this community, along with the service providers and others whose names are appended to this resolution, hereby petition the U.S. congress and Administration to recognize the outstanding work being done locally and nationally by the community Development Block Program, and of its vital importance to the community and to the people who lived in its lower income neighborhoods, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be conveyed to the appropriate elected and appointed officials of the federal government and that this community's name be added to the roll of those committed to the preservation and full funding of the Community Development Brock Grant Program and maintenance of its essential features over the course of the next session of Congress

Passed, approved, and adopted this 12th day of March, 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, 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, approved and adopted by the Grant Parish Police Jury on the 12th day of March, 2026.

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

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mrs. Jennifer Futrell to adopt Proclamation 08-2026; Administrative Professionals Day. Motion carried unanimously.

PROCLAMATION: 08-2026
ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONAL DAY

WHEREAS, Administrative Professionals Day highlights the major contributions of all administrative professionals to business and government; and,

WHEREAS, the work of administrative professionals requires advanced knowledge and expertise in communications, computer software, office technology, project management, organization, customer service, and other vital office management responsibilities; and,

WHEREAS, Administrative Professionals play an essential role in coordinating the office operations of businesses, government, education institutions and other organizations; and,

WHEREAS, Administrative Professionals Day is observed annually in workplaces around the world to recognize the important contributions of administrative support staff; and,

WHEREAS, Administrative Professionals Day celebrates and sheds light on the administrative professionals devoted and valued work as well as the important contributions that they make each year to our work place; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Grant Parish Police Jury does hereby proclaim that April 26, 2026 shall be known as “administrative Professional Day” saluting all the amazing administrative professionals who positively contribute to offices within this community, as well as dedicate themselves to the administrative profession.

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

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

Motion by Mr. Mike Merrell, seconded by Mr. Roy Edwards to advertise for bids on materials including but not limited to the following:

- a. Cold Mix - State Specifications by Ton
 1. FOB Plant
 2. Delivered to GPPJ maintenance shop 1141 landfill Rd., Dry Prong, La
- b. Hot Mix - State Specifications by Ton
- c. C-1, C-2, C-3, Maintenance Gravel - State Specifications by Ton
 1. FOB Plant
 2. Delivered to GPPJ maintenance shop 1141 Landfill Rd., Dry Prong, La
- d. # 2 Diesel - Off Road and On Road
- e. AC-10 State Specifications
- f. MC-30 State Specifications
- g. CRS-2 Emulsion
- h. Culverts – Metal and Plastic
- i. Grader Blades
- j. Retread Tires
- k. Tires & Tubes
 1. 610 Stone. #8 Stone, Rip Rap State Specifications by Ton
 1. FOB Plant
 2. Delivered to GPPJ maintenance shop 1141 Landfill Rd. Dry Prong, La
- m. Milled Iron Ore
 1. FOB Plant
 2. Delivered to GPPJ maintenance shop 1141 Landfill Rd. Dry Prong, La

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Mark Ball, seconded by Mr. Roy Edwards to use capital improvement funds from District 3 to overlay the remaining portion of Sparrow Lane. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Mark Ball, seconded by Mrs. Jennifer Futrell to use capital improvement funds from District 6 to overlay Waggoner from Hwy 165 to the beginning of the chip seal. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Mike Merrell, seconded by Mrs. Jennifer Futrell to split ACT 461 funds to complete Prospect Road with the remaining balance to equally come out of Capital Improvement funds from Districts 4 and 7. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Mike Merrell, seconded by Mrs. Jennifer Futrell to use Capital Improvement Funds from District 7 for Bob Frazier Road, Willett Loop, and Dry Prong Creek Road. Motion carried unanimously.

Jurors discussed changing the CD's and Capital Improvement accounts at Colfax Bank to savings account with an interest rate match condition. All jurors agreed to leave the accounts at Colfax Bank instead of changing to Louisiana Asset Management Pool.

Motion by Mr. Mark Ball, seconded by Mr. Brandon DuBois to select the following dates for advertising and accepting applications for the Registrar of Voters vacancy. Motion carried unanimously.

Ads are running 4/2/2026, 4/9/2026, 4/16/2026, & 4/23/2026

Applications are due no later than 3:00 pm on April 30th

Jurors can review applicants the week of May 4th

Interviews will be scheduled during a special meeting May 19th (tentatively beginning at 3:00)

Selection will be announced at the June 11th meeting

Mr. Cody Gongre, Roads Superintendent, addressed the jury regarding completed and upcoming projects for the Roads Department.

Motion by Mr. Mark Ball, seconded by Mr. Brandon DuBois to pay bills as funds become available. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Mark Ball to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

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