

Colfax, LA
October 8, 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, October 8, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

The following members were present:
Mr. Cephas Bowie Jr., Mr. Mark Ball, Mr. Johnny Jamison, Mrs. Charline Roberts, Mr. Brandon DuBois and Mrs. Jennifer Murrell Futrell

The following members were absent:
Mr. Roy Edwards and Mr. Mike Merrell

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Mark Ball to open the agenda to public comments on agenda items. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mrs. Charline Roberts, 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, Paramedic Field Supervisor of Acadian Ambulance gave the monthly call report for September of 2026.
211 emergency calls, 24 non-emergency calls
Mr. Bishop updated the jury that the Town of Pollock has provided a staging area for them to maintain a second unit in the parish and he reminded jurors of National First Responders Day on October 23, 2026 at the Grant Parish Civic Center from 9am – 2pm.

Motion by Mr. Mark Ball, seconded by Mrs. Jennifer Futrell to approve a request to levy an ad valorem tax renewal for Recreation District #2 on the April 27, 2027 ballot. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mrs. Jennifer Futrell, seconded by Mrs. Charline Roberts to approve Resolution 23-2026; Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr. as signatory for Capital Outlay funds for Courthouse Improvements. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 23-2026;

SIGNATORY FOR FP&C CEA FOR COURTHOUSE IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS, the Grant Parish Police Jury has been informed that the State of Louisiana, Division of Administration, Facility Planning and Control (FP&C), Capital Outlay has issued a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for Courthouse Improvements, Phase I, Planning and Construction (FP&C Project #50-J22-26-01);

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the President is hereby authorized to act on behalf of the Grant Parish Police Jury in all matters pertaining to this project, including certifying requests for State disbursements.

Passed, approved, and adopted by the President and Police Jury of the Grant Parish Police Jury, Louisiana on this 8TH day of October, 2026.

CERTIFICATION

I, Jessie Pace, Parish Manager 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 special session convened on October 8, 2026 at which a quorum was present.

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

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

STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF GRANT

GIVEN UNDER MY OFFICIAL SIGNATURE and Seal of Office on this the 8th day of October, 2026.

(s) Jessie Pace
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Grant Parish Police Jury

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Johnny Jamison to adopt Resolution 24-2026; Annual Cooperative Endeavor Agreement Federal Off System Bridge Rehabilitation and Replacement Program. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 24-2026;
ANNUAL COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT FEDERAL OFF SYSTEM BRIDGE
REHABILITATION AND REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Code of Federal Regulations, as enacted by the United States Congress, mandates that all structures defined as bridges located on all public roads shall be inspected, rated for safe load capacity, and posted in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards, and that an inventory of these bridges be maintained by each state; and

WHEREAS, the responsibility to inspect, rate, and load post those bridges under the authority of Grant Parish, in accordance with those Standards, is delegated by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to Grant Parish.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GRANT PARISH POLICE JURY OF GRANT PARISH, LOUISIANA, convened in Regular Session on the 8TH day of October, 2026, that it does hereby certify to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) that for the period of January 1, 2027, through December 31, 2027:

1. The Parish will perform all interim inspections on all parish-owned or maintained bridges in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards and Specifications for the National Bridge Inventory.
2. All bridges owned or maintained by the Parish will be structurally analyzed and rated by the Parish as to the safe load capacity in accordance with the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Manual for Bridge Evaluation. The load posting information that has been determined by DOTD for all bridges where the maximum legal load under Louisiana State Law exceeds the load permitted under the operating rating as determined above will be critically reviewed by the Parish. Load posting information will be updated by the Parish to reflect all structural changes, any obsolete structural ratings, or any missing structural ratings.
3. All Parish-owned or maintained bridges which require load posting or closing will be load posted or closed in accordance with the table in the DOTD Load Rating Directives. All DOTD supplied load posting information concerning a bridge has been critically reviewed by the Parish Engineer prior to load posting.
4. All bridges owned or maintained by the Parish are shown on the biannual list provided by the DOTD. The Parish shall respond to these biannual reports with corrections or concurrence.
5. All bridges owned and maintained by the Parish are accessible to DOTD for all routine bridge inspections. Parish will clear vegetation as required upon DOTD request.

These stipulations are prerequisites to participation by the Parish in the Off-System Bridge Replacement Program.
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Motion by Mr. Mark Ball, seconded by Mrs. Charline Roberts to appoint Ms. Frances Macpherson and Mr. Clyde Lemmons to the Fire Protection District #5 Board as recommended by the Emergency Preparedness Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Mark Ball, seconded by Mrs. Charline Roberts to amend the agenda to include a motion to set the speed limit on Hooper Road to 35mph from the Grant Parish line to the Grant Parish end effective immediately. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mrs. Jennifer Futrell, seconded by Mr. Mark Ball to set the speed limit on Hooper Road to 35mph from the Grant Parish line to the Grant Parish end effective immediately. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Mark Ball, seconded by Mrs. Jennifer Futrell to appoint Mr. Michael Kerry to the Hudson Creek Volunteer Fire Department in the vacancy created by the passing of Mr. Bill Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mrs. Charline Roberts, seconded by Mrs. Jennifer Futrell to add Ms. Nina Herndon, Ms. Kassie Cruse, and Mrs. Sheila Jackson to the Grant Parish Youth and Planning Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Mark Ball, seconded by Mrs. Charline Roberts to approve using Capital Improvement funds from Districts 4 & 5 for Gray's Creek Road Improvements. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

Motion by Mrs. Charline Roberts, seconded by Mrs. Jennifer Futrell to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

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