

Colfax, LA  
November 13, 2025

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, November 13, 2025 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, and Mr. Mike Merrell

The following members were absent:

Mr. Winston Roberts

Motion by Mr. Johnny Jamison, seconded by Mr. Roy Edwards to open agenda to public comments on agenda items. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Mark Ball opened the agenda to public comments. Mr. Steven Sutton of Pafford EMS, accompanied by Mr. Greg Pafford, introduced himself to the jury and discussed the services they offer. He stated that Pafford specializes in rural EMS and they service 8 parishes in Louisiana and 25 counties in Mississippi. They pride themselves in meeting response times, staffing, and resource allocations. They also have aircrafts stationed in Ruston, Natchez, and Alexandria.

No other speakers or comments were brought forward.

Mr. Rick Barr, Operations Supervisor with Acadian Ambulance Service presented the monthly call report for October. 198 emergency transports

Acadian Ambulance participated in the Louisiana Pecan Festival and held National First Responders Day at the Grant Parish Civic Center.

Jurors discussed the renewal contract with Acadian Ambulance. Mr. Christian Dennis, Operations Manager for Central Louisiana, spoke to the jury regarding their contract renewal. Acadian is set to add satellite office in Pollock and report all excess times to the jury at the monthly meetings.

Motion by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr., seconded by Mr. Roy Edwards to renew the Acadian Ambulance contract through December 20, 2029. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Emily Veuleman, CPA, Rozier McKay & Willis, discussed the operating budget for 2026 and amended budget for 2025.

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Roy Edwards to introduce the amended budget for the year 2025 with a hearing scheduled for December 11, 2025 at 5:00 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Mike Merrell to introduce the proposed budget for the year 2026 with a hearing scheduled for December 11, 2025 at 5:00 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Erin Stokes, Superintendent for Grant Parish School Board, updated the jury about the Secure Rural Schools Fund Meeting with House Speaker Mike Johnson. She accompanied FFA Students from Grant High School including Emma DeBusk, President, Natalie Netherland, Vice President, and Connor Smith, Treasurer. The students spoke to the jury regarding what an honor it was to advocate for rural America. Each student spoke about their most memorable moments from Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Solider in Arlington National Cemetery, to navigating the subway, and flying for the first time. Jurors let them know that they are very proud of them and it is an honor to have had them represent us in Washington.

Mr. Cade Fletcher, GPSO Chief Civil Deputy, discussed the Louisiana Asset Management Pool with the jury. LAMP is a local government investment pool created to provide Louisiana political subdivisions with a secure and liquid alternative for investing their funds. As of December 31, 2024, LAMP had over 906 participants and its assets exceeded its liabilities by

over \$5.4 billion. The Finance Committee will meet and further discuss the possibility of participating.

Motion by Mr. Johnny Jamison, seconded by Mr. Mike Merrell to sign the expedited Temporary Housing and Shelter Assistance Program permitting form. Motion carried unanimously.

Jurors reviewed the list of materials for 2026 bids.

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Roy Edwards to approve the list of materials for 2026 bids. Motion carried unanimously.

Jurors reviewed currently insured auto and equipment for renewal quote. It will be confirmed for the December meeting.

Motion by Mr. Mike Merrell, seconded by Mr. Roy Edwards to move the renewal date on auto policy from 3/1/2026 to 4/1/2026 to coincide with the property and equipment policies. Motion carried unanimously.

Jurors discussed the possibility of implementing a burn ban for Grant Parish but after looking at the weather and predicted rainfall no motion was made.

Jurors reviewed a request to add the end of Claudes Road to the parish maintenance system. Signatures were reviewed and it was determined that the road would need to be brought up to the required specs for at the cost of the landowners, and all landowners would need to sign the petition before the request could be considered.

Mr. Cody Gongre, Grant Parish Roads Superintendent, updated the jury on projects from the Landfill and Roads Departments.

-Crawford Loop is in progress and Bush Road is next for asphalt projects

Motion by Mr. Johnny Jamison, seconded by Mr. Brandon DuBois to pay bill as funds become available. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Johnny Jamison to amend the agenda to include a motion to introduce Ordinance 06-2025; to Declare the Montgomery Family Medical Clinic located at 641 Rowena Street in Montgomery as Surplus Property with the stipulation that the buyer must agree to maintain a medical facility. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr. to introduce Ordinance 06-2025; to Declare the Montgomery Family Medical Clinic located at 641 Rowena Street in Montgomery as Surplus Property with the stipulation that the buyer must agree to maintain a medical facility. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO: 06-2025  
DECLARING 641 ROWENA STREET, MONTGOMERY, LA 71454 AS IMMOVABLE SURPLUS

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 will 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 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 for it is the desire of the Grant Parish Police Jury to comply with Louisiana state law regarding the disposition of the surplus property, and

WHEREAS, the fair market value of ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$155,000.00) in accordance with an appraisal thereof dated 8/29/20, 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 any

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Grant Parish Police Jury in regular session convened that the *immovable* property described in attached Exhibit A is hereby declared not needed for public use and therefore surplus, and

BE IT FURTHER 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: \_\_\_\_\_ NAYS: \_\_\_\_\_ ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

AND THIS ORDINANCE WAS ADOPTED ON THIS       <sup>th</sup> DAY OF January, 2026.

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Jessie Pace  
Secretary-Treasurer  
Grant Parish Police Jury

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Mark Ball  
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       <sup>TH</sup> day of January, 2026, at which a quorum was present.

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Jessie Pace  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Grant Parish Police Jury

Mr. Mike Merrell requested an update on the cameras at the Bentley dump site and asked that Surveillance in Use signs be posted.

Mr. Roy Edwards requested cameras at the Selma and Red Hill dump sites.

- Sissy Pace will look into solar cameras for areas that we are unable to run electricity

Mr. Johnny Jamison requested cameras at the shooting complex

- Will get quote from Bit Happens since they are already on state contract
- Electrician has been donating time and materials to the complex and will be asked to run wiring to the shooting houses for fans in the summer

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Roy Edwards to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

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