

Colfax, LA  
August 14, 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, August 14, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

The following members were present:  
Mr. Mark Ball, Mr. Cephas Bowie Jr., Mr. Brandon DuBois, Mr. Johnny Jamison, Mr. Arnold Murrell, Mr. Winston Roberts, Mr. Roy Edwards, and Mr. Mike Merrell

The following members were absent:  
None

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Johnny Jamison to open agenda to public comments on agenda items. Motion carried unanimously.  
No comments brought forth.

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

Ms. Amy Guidry, Operational Coordinator with Acadian Ambulance Service presented the monthly call report for April. 224 calls for an ambulance with 175 transports  
5 calls for Air Med with 1 transport

Motion by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr., seconded by Mr. Johnny Jamison to adopt Proclamation 05-2025; National Senior Citizens Day. Motion carried unanimously.

**PROCLAMATION: 05-2025**  
**SENIOR CITIZEN'S DAY**

**WHEREAS**, President Ronald Regan declared August 21<sup>st</sup> 1988 as National Senior Citizens Day, celebrating and recognizing Senior Citizens nationally and locally in the country;

**WHEREAS**, National Senior Citizen Day was created to support and honor Senior Citizens showing them true appreciation for their achievements; and

**WHEREAS**, Senior Citizens have great wisdom, work ethic and experiences that they have gained from their hard-earned knowledge and serve us by contributing to the betterment of our community; and

**WHEREAS**, Senior Citizens have achieved so much for their families, communities and country laying a great foundation of hard work and good ethics creating a better world; and

**WHEREAS**, Senior Citizens are a fine example of resourcefulness, responsibility, integrity, competence and determination which shaped our community and they continue to serve as volunteers making their presence felt for the benefit of others; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED**, That the Grant Parish Police Jury, do hereby proclaim and recognize August 21, 2025 as Senior Citizens Day with the need for acknowledgement of the great generation of Senior Citizens that have demonstrated such dedication to this Parish.

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

(s) Mark Ball  
Mark Ball  
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 14<sup>th</sup> day of August 2025.

GIVEN UNDR MY OFFICIAL SIGNATURE and Seal of Office on this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of August 2025.

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

Mr. Brandon DuBois discussed the millage rates with the jurors explaining that while some funds are still struggling, other funds have excess in their accounts. After meeting with Hospital District #1 and discussing their income vs operating expenses, they decided not to levee a tax this upcoming year. They also discussed the excess funds currently being held by the Grant

Parish Library. Without lowering their budget or cutting any services, the millage rate could be cut in half for the upcoming year. This in conjunction with the Hospital District’s decision would save the tax payers over half of a million dollars. He then proposed to levee the Grant Parish Library at 5.01 mils.

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Johnny Jamison to adopt Resolution 20-2025; Millage Rates for 2025 Tax Year.  
Yeas: Mr. Brandon DuBois, Mr. Johnny Jamison, Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr., Mr. Arnold Murrell, and Mr. Winston Roberts  
Nays: Mr. Mike Merrell  
Mr. Roy Edwards abstained from voting

**RESOLUTION: 20-2025**  
*BE IT RESOLVED, that the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2025 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by Grant Parish Police Jury:*

<u>MILLAGE</u>	
General Alimony	4.13 Mills
Roads and Bridges	7.90 Mills
Courthouse Maintenance	2.96 Mills
Health Unit	1.90 Mills
Library	5.01 Mills
Fire District No. 1	20.24 Mills
Fire District No. 2	12.56 Mills
Fire District No. 3	13.42 Mills
Fire District No. 4	9.20 Mills
Fire District No. 5	11.03 Mills
Fire District No. 6	11.81 Mills
Fire District No. 7	12.26 Mills

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

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

YEAS: 5  
NAYS: 1  
ABSTAINED: 1  
ABSENT: 0

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

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

**CERTIFICATE**

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the resolution adopted at the board meeting held on June 11, 2024, at which meeting a quorum was present and voting.

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

Motion by Mr. Winston Roberts, seconded by Mr. Johnny Jamison to adopt Resolution 21-2025; In Support of LGAP Application. Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION 21-2025  
IN SUPPORT OF 2025-2026 LGAP APPLICATION**

**WHEREAS,** The Grant Parish Police Jury will file an application for funds from the 2025-2026 LGAP program.

**WHEREAS,** the LGAP program requires a resolution by the Governing body in support of the application,

**NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Grant Parish Police Jury hereby supports filing and funding of the application to be filed by the Grant Parish Police Jury for funds to be used for Road System Maintenance Material Assistance Plan.

**THUS DONE,** this 14<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2025 in legal session in the Grant Parish Police Jury, Parish of Grant, and State of Louisiana.

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

(s) Mark Ball  
Mark Ball  
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 14<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2025

(s) Jessie Pace  
Jessie Pace, Secretary/Treasurer

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Roy Edwards to adopt Resolution 22-2025; Capital Improvement Program. Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION: 22-2025**  
**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS, RS:48:755** requires the Grant Parish Police Jury to adopt a capital improvement program

**WHEREAS,** the Grant Parish Police Jury has undertaken a study of the needs of the various parish roads for the purpose of identifying the most critical needs, and

**WHEREAS,** based on the study undertaken, the Grant Parish Police Jury has developed a list of projects that may reasonable be completed within the current and two succeeding years,

**BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Grant Parish Police Jury hereby approves using capital improvement funds for approved projects for the three-year period from 2025-2028.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Grant Parish Police Jury hereby prioritizes its projects appearing on the accompanying list as follows:

**District – 1**

Fletchers Loop  
East Lewis Road  
Old Levee Road

**District - 2**

Lemoine Cut Off Road  
Slayter Nichols Road  
Iatt Dam Road

**District - 3**

Bush Road  
Kateland Road  
(LA 8 – Bayou Darrow)  
River Road

**District - 4**

Flaggon Road  
Williams  
Springhill Road

**District – 5**

Bethel Church Road  
Palmer Road  
Grays Creek Road

**District – 6**

Beeson  
Barron Road  
Windywood Lane  
Walker Ferry Road

**District – 7**

Airbase Road  
Dyson Creek  
Bob Frazier Road

**District – 8**

McKay Road  
Lincecum Church Road  
Rambo Road

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that any revenue designated for capital improvement in excess of the amount necessary to complete the accompanying projects will be carried forward to fund future capital improvement programs.

**THUS, DONE AND SIGNED,** this 14<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2025.

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

(s) Mark Ball  
Mark Ball  
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 14<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2025.

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

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Arold Murrell to open the HVAC bids for the Grant Parish Civic Center. Motion carried unanimously.

Johnny Williams Plumbing LLC - \$44,834.00  
Cenla Heating and Cooling - \$60,000

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois seconded by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr. to accept Johnny Williams Plumbing LLC to replace the HVAC systems at the Grant Parish Civic Center. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Johnny Jamison, seconded by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr. to select Ahearn-Alecha Architecture to provide Engineering/Architectural and related technical services pertaining to the wind retrofit of the 911 Communication Center Project 4590-0003. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jamie Hyde addressed the jury regarding the difficulty he has had obtaining a sewer permit from the state's sanitarian in Grant Parish.

Motion by Mr. Mike Merrell, seconded by Mr. Winston Roberts to introduce permanently removing the bridge on Oak Grove from the parish maintenance list and allowing it to be barricaded on both sides. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Cody Gongre, Grant Parish Roads Superintendent, updated the jury on projects from the Landfill and Roads Departments. Property owners on the end of Claude's Road in District 2 have contacted the jury regarding adding their end to the parish maintenance system. Jurors agreed that if the landowners brought the road up to specs and signed over the right of way, the jury would consider having it inspected by an engineer to be maintained.

Motion by Mr. Winston Roberts, seconded by Mr. Arnold Murrell to pay bill as funds become available. Motion carried unanimously.

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.**