

Colfax, LA
July 18, 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, July 10, 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. Arnold Murrell, seconded by Mr. Brandon DuBois to open agenda to public comments on agenda items. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Emily McCain complemented the sound system in the jury room and that the jurors are utilizing their microphones.

Motion by Mr. Mike Merrell, seconded by Mr. Roy Edwards 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. 192 calls for an ambulance with 155 transports
11 calls for Air Med with 0 transports

Motion by Mr. Johnny Jamison, seconded by Mr. Roy Edwards to amend the agenda to include Ms. Emily Bourgeois, CPA with Rozier, McKay & Willis, to present the 2024 Annual Financial Report. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Emily Bourgeois, CPA with Rozier, McKay & Willis presented the 2024 Annual Financial Report for the Grant Parish Police Jury. The jury received two findings: A budget variance that exceeded the 5% resulting in measures closely to monitor the expenditures near year end to prevent exceeding the amounts permitted by law, and purchasing equipment over \$60,000.00 by obtaining quotes and not following the Louisiana Public Bid Law. In the future, all equipment over the Public Bid Law threshold will be advertised for public bid before purchasing and awarded to the lowest responsible bidder.

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Roy Edwards to accept the 2024 Financial Report and findings as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Roland Hill was to discuss issues with South Grant Water, Central Grant Water and South Grant Sewer but was not present.

Mr. Dan Fletcher; Grant Parish Coroner, discussed the need for a Coroner's truck and presented estimates that he received for the truck and needed amenities.

Motion by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr., seconded by Mr. Arnold Murrell to approve purchase of a truck for the Grant Parish Coroner's Office. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Arnold Murrell, seconded by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr. to select Pan American Engineers for engineering services for Auxiliary Power Generator Project No.1 and No. 2. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Johnny Jamison, seconded by Mr. Roy Edwards to open sealed bids for pothole patcher.

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Roy Edwards to select Kenworth of Monroe as the lowest bidder and purchase pothole patcher. Motion carried unanimously.

Discuss making a recommendation to the Grant Parish Library Board of Control regarding maintenance and utilities at the Dry Prong branch. Jurors agreed that a certified letter should be

sent to the Mayor and Aldermen of Dry Prong and invite them to the August meeting of Library Board to discuss whether they wish to continue the services of the Dry Prong Library.

Motion by Mr. Johnny Jamison, seconded by Mr. Arnold Murrell to hire Orkin for the termite treatment of the old bank building as they submitted the lowest quote as recommended by the preparedness committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Johnny Jamison, seconded by Mr. Brandon DuBois to hire part time range safety officers for the Michael D. Burns Public Shooting Complex as recommended by the Preparedness Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Roy Edwards to advertise for bids to replace 2 ac units at the Grant Parish Civic Center as recommended by the Preparedness Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Jurors discussed millage rates and proposed renewals for 2025 tax year. Jurors would like to have a Finance Committee Meeting to discuss the budgets of each millage and what adjustments may need to be made.

Motion by Mr. Roy Edwards, seconded by Mr. Mike Merrell to renew Mr. David Jackson for five years as a Board Commissioner/Member and President of the board for the Grant Parish Housing Authority. Motion carried unanimously.

Jurors discussed pay increase for clerical gas employee. The Secretary/Treasurer requested a 4% merit-based increase for a clerical employee in the Gas Office resulting in a .51¢ per hour for a total of \$13.24 per hour. Mr. Cephas Bowie Jr., Mr. Brandon DuBois, and Mr. Johnny Jamison were in favor of the merit-based increase. Mr. Mike Merrell, Mr. Winston Roberts, Mr. Roy Edwards, and Mr. Arnold Murrell were against the increase at this time.

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Winston Roberts to adopt Ordinance 03-2025; Declaring Certain Office Furniture, Vehicles and Equipment as Surplus. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO: 03-2025

DECLARING CERTAIN OFFICE FURNITURE, VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT AS SURPLUS

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the property described is no longer needed for the public purposes of the Grant Parish Police Jury, and

WHEREAS, 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 value of any item of said movable property does not exceed \$5,000.00, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Grant Parish Police Jury in regular session convened that the movable 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, and that should no bids be received on any item of surplus property, the items are to be sold as scrap, 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 10th DAY OF JULY, 2025.

(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, 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 July,2025, at which a quorum was present.

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

Exhibit A:
Ordinance 03-2025

Public Works / Roads Dept:

- Unit 20 – RJ300 Broce Broom – Serial# 86861
- Unit 23 – 16ft Utility Trailer – 1C9UT1629PL347267
- Unit 56 – JD Grader Model 670G – S#1DW670GXVCE646473
- Unit 96 – 99 Ford F-800 5YD Truck – 3FEWF80C9XMA07318
- Unit 106 – 2013 Ford F150 – 1FTMF1CM7DKF43568
- Dayco Hydraulic hose and dies – 1587
- Hydraulic Hose fitting
- Air Compressor – Manchester 466231
- NAPA Air Compressor – 13D582481
- Small Air Compressor
- Miscellaneous parts

Items to Surplus and Auction from the Library:

- 2007 Dodge Sprinter van
- 11 wooden chairs (in maintenance closet)
- Round top table
- Desk fan
- Old copier
- Metal desk
- Wooden office desk
- Dehumidifier
- 3 wooden table/desks with metal legs
- 4 children's wooden chairs
- 2 armchairs with wooden legs and leather cushions
- 2 armchairs with wooden legs and cloth cushions
- Microfilm machine and table
- Podium/map drawer
- 5 drawer metal filing cabinet
- 2 drawer metal filing cabinet
- Metal AV cart
- 5 shelf wooden bookshelf
- 3 metal magazine holders
- Rolling podium
- 5 banker's boxes and 1 bigger box of empty DVD cases
- 1 box of empty audio book cases
- 3 shopping basket metal holders
- 2 end table/night stands
- 2 rolling computer desks
- 2 dresser mirrors
- 2 kid shaped metal magazine/book holder
- Old clothes drying rack
- 2 cream office chairs

Motion by Mr. Mike Merrell, seconded by Mr. Brandon DuBois to use capital improvements funds from District 5 for overlay projects on Tyson Road and Pinckard Road. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Johnny Jamison, seconded by Mr. Cephas Bowie Jr., to blacktop a portion of Fire Tower Road using capital improvement funds splitting cost between District 2 and District 5. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr., seconded by Mr. Winston Roberts to use capital improvement funds from District 3 for Kateland Road (Bayou Darrow to LA 8), Vanderlick Road, Bush Road, Bagdad Loop, and Sparrow Lane. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Winston Roberts, seconded by Mr. Mike Merrell to blacktop Crawford Loop from Alma Drive to East Meade using capital improvement funds and splitting the cost between District 6 and District 7. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Arnold Murrell, seconded by Mr. Mike Merrell to acknowledge Scott's Path off Hughart Road as a private, non-parish-maintained road in Grant Parish to establish E-911 addresses.

Yeas: Mr. Arnold Murrell, Mr. Johnny Jamison, Mr. Brandon DuBois, Mr. Roy Edwards, Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr., and Mr. Mike Merrell

Nays: Mr. Winston Roberts

Motion carried.

Mr. Cody Gongre, Grant Parish Roads Superintendent, updated the jury on projects from the Landfill and Roads departments. He discussed the need for Class A CDL drivers and if the jury is

still open to pay for classes and/or training. They discussed the different training facilities and costs associated with obtaining a Class A CDL. Jurors confirmed that the training assistance is still available on a case-by-case basis to be approved by the jury. We have one employee with a fifth wheel restriction that the jury agreed to pay the \$400.00 fee for testing and equipment rental to have the restriction removed.

Mr. Gongre discussed the cost overage on East Meade Road and requested reimbursements from District 6 and District 7 Capital Improvement funds.

Motion by Mr. Mike Merrell, seconded by Mr. Winston Roberts to approve the reimbursements to the road fund from District 6 and District 7 Capital Improvement funds. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Arnold Murrell, seconded by Mr. Johnny Jamison to amend the agenda to include Mr. Rhett Deselles, PE, CFM Pan American Engineers, LLC to discuss current parish projects. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Rhett Deselles, PE, CFM Pan American Engineers, LLC discussed current parish projects including Lonnie's Landing Road, Racetrack Road Crossing, South Grant Sewer Wastewater Collection System Improvements, FEMA Drainage Improvement Project, Generator Project, and the PHMSA Pipeline project.

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

Mr. Mike Merrell discussed the parish grading a non-parish road in Colfax and it was discussed to remove this municipal road from the rotation.

Mr. Mark Ball discussed a trailer with the Gas Department that needs redecking. The quote for \$1,075.00 was agreed upon by jurors.

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Arnold Murrell to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

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