

The Police Jury of the Parish of Grant, State of Louisiana, met in regular session at its meeting place, the Police Jury Meeting Room of the Parish Courthouse, 200 Main Street, Colfax, Louisiana on Thursday, April 11, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

The following members were present:

Mr. Don Arnold, Mr. Carl Ray Lasyone, Mr. Brandon Dubois, Mr. Arnold Murrell, Mr. Winston Roberts, Mr. Britton Carroll, Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr. and Mr. David Merrell.

The following members were absent:

None

Motion by Mr. Arnold Murrell, seconded by Mr. Carl Ray Lasyone to accept the minutes of the last meeting as published in the official journal. Motion carried.

Mr. Jeff Pogue, Operations Manager with Acadian Ambulance, gave the monthly report on calls and transports for the month of March, 2019.

Mr. Dustin Carter with Neblett, Beard & Arsenault spoke to the Jury about the National Opioid epidemic and the effects that it has on the parish.

Motion by Mr. Winston Roberts, seconded by Mr. Britton Carroll to adopt Resolution 09-2019; Authorizing the Grant Parish Police Jury, to engage and employ the services of Neblett, Beard & Arsenault, L.L.C. and other law firms for the legal services relating to opioid litigation. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 09-2019

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE GRANT PARISH POLICE JURY, THROUGH ITS PRESIDENT DON ARNOLD, TO ENGAGE AND EMPLOY THE SERVICES OF NEBLETT, BEAR AND ARSENAULT, L.L.C. AND OTHER LAW FIRMS FOR LEGAL SERVICES RELATING TO OPIOID LITIGATION AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO:

WHEREAS, Grant Parish desires to bring an action against the manufacturers, distributors, providers and/or others within the stream of commerce that provide prescription opiates for damages to the Grant Parish arising out of aggressive marketing and distribution of opiates; and

WHEREAS, the firm of Neblett, Beard and Arsenault, as lead counsel, has the requisite subject matter expertise and experience to pursue such claims and will provide the services needed on a contingency fee basis at no cost to the Parish: and

WHEREAS, all legal services provided will be in coordination with the Grant Parish Police Jury, or its Legal Department or designee.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Grant Parish Police Jury that President Don Arnold is hereby authorized to enter in the attached agreement between the Grant Parish Police Jury and Neblett, Beard and Arsenault, L.L.C. and other law firms.

This resolution having been submitted in writing, introduced and was then submitted to vote as a whole, the vote thereon being as follows:

AYES: Mr. Arnold Murrell, Mr. Carl Ray Lasyone, Mr. Brandon Dubois, Mr. David Merrell, Mr. Don Arnold, Mr. Winston Roberts, Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr., Mr. Britton Carroll

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

And the Resolution was declared ADOPTED on the 11th day of April, 2019.

(s) Cynthia Jamison _____
Cynthia Jamison
Secretary/Treasurer/Parish Manager
Grant Parish Police Jury

(s) Don Arnold _____
Don Arnold
President
Grant Parish Police Jury

I, Cynthia Jamison, Secretary/Treasurer/Parish Manager of the Grant Parish Police Jury do hereby certify that the above to be a true and correct copy of the Resolution adopted by the said Jury in regular session on April 11, 2019.

(s) Cynthia Jamison
Cynthia Jamison
Secretary/Treasurer/Parish Manager
Grant Parish Police Jury

Mr. Robert Wolfe gave an update on the projects that he is currently working on.

Ms. Bonita Scoggins, Director of the Grant Council on Aging spoke to the Jury about the programs that the Center provides for the elderly. She also informed the Jury that Senate Bill No. 174, if passed, would increase annual appropriation for the councils on aging.

Motion by Mr. Carl Ray Lasyone, seconded by Mr. Cephas bowie, Jr., to support Senate Bill No. 174. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Carl Ray Lasyone, seconded by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr., to declare June 6, 2019 as Senior Citizens Day. Motion carried.

Mr. Steve Colwell informed the Jury that the owner of the Natchitoches Times is purchasing the Colfax Chronicle.

Motion by Mr. Carl Ray Lasyone, seconded by Mr. Arnold Murrell to adopt Resolution 07-2019; To appoint the Colfax Chronicle as the official Journal of Grant Parish. Motion carried.

Resolution 07-2019

TO APPOINT THE COLFAX CHRONICLE AS THE OFFICIAL JOURNAL FOR THE PARISH OF GRANT

WHEREAS, the GPPJ was informed that the Colfax Chronicle, the official journal of GPPJ would be closing and not publish any future issues, and on March 29, 2019 the GPPJ adopted Resolution 06-2019 to appoint The Jena Times as the official journal for the parish of Grant for the remainder of the year ending June 30, 2019.

WHEREAS, the GPPJ has been informed that the Colfax Chronicle has announced it will not be closing, and has resumed publication as of this date.

WHEREAS, the Colfax Chronicle is the only qualified newspaper under La. R.S. 43:142A.

WHEREAS, the Police Jury is obligated to select as its official journal a newspaper published in an office physically located in the parish governed by the Police Jury.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Grant Parish Police Jury rescind Resolution 06-2019.

and re-appoint the Colfax Chronicle as the official journal for Grant Parish for the unexpired term through June 30, 2019.

(s) Cynthia Jamison
Cynthia Jamison
Secretary-Treasurer
Grant Parish Police Jury

(s) Don Arnold
Don Arnold
President
Grant Parish Police Jury

CERTIFICATE

I, Cynthia Jamison, Secretary/Treasurer/Parish Manager of the Grant Parish Police Jury do hereby certify that the above to be true and correct copy of the Resolution adopted by the said Jury in regular session on April 12, 2019, at which a quorum was present.

Given under my Official Signature and Seal of Office on this 12th day of April, 2019.

(s) Cynthia Jamison
Cynthia Jamison
Sec/Treas/ Parish Mgr.
Grant Parish Police Jury

Motion by Mr. David Merrell, seconded by Mr. Carl Ray Lasyone to adopt Ordinance 02-2019; To designate a weight limit of 3 tons for vehicles on J.W. Green Road. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 02-2019

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE WEIGHT OF VEHICLES ON THE PARISH ROAD AS FOLLOWS:

J. W. Green Road – located approximately 2.6 miles North of the Pollock city limits on Highway 165, Section 30, Township 7N, Range 1E, and running East to Highway 524 for approximately .03 miles.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Police Jury of the Parish of Grant, State of Louisiana, in regular legal session convened, as follows, to-wit:

SECTION 1. No vehicle, passenger or freight, carrying shall operate on or over the Parish Road known as the above described road and located in the Parish of Grant, Louisiana, at a Load weight greater than three (3) tons.

SECTION 2. Any person who violates any of the provisions of this Ordinance, any person who aides, abets, or assist therein, shall be subject to a five hundred dollars (\$500.00) fine per violation, thirty (30) days in jail per violation, or both per violation.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall be deemed to be in addition to and supplementary to any other traffic Ordinance here-tofore adopted by this Police Jury: provided, however, that any Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and the first publication of same, the public health and safety requiring same.

The foregoing was read and considered section by section, the adopted as a whole on this the 9th day of May, 2019, by the following votes:

YEAS: Mr. Arnold Murrell, Mr. Carl Ray Lasyone, Mr. Brandon Dubois, Mr. David Merrell, Mr. Don Arnold, Mr. Winston Roberts, Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr., Mr. Britton Carroll

NAYS: None

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: None

This Ordinance having received a majority in favor OF was declared adopted this the 11th day of April, 2019.

(s) Cynthia Jamison
Cynthia Jamison
Secretary – Treasurer
Grant Parish Police Jury

(s) Don Arnold
Don Arnold
President
Grant Parish Police Jury

Motion by Mr. Carl Ray Lasyone, seconded by Mr. David Merrell to introduce Ordinance 03-2019; To reduce the speed limit on Landfill Road for the first mile off of Highway 122. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Britton Carroll, seconded by Mr. Arnold Murrell to adopt Proclamation to designate fair Housing Month April, 2019. Motion carried.

PROCLAMATION
NATIONAL FAIR HOUSING MONTH

WHEREAS, the 51st 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; and

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 2019, 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) Cynthia Jamison
Cynthia Jamison
Secretary - Treasurer

(s) Don Arnold
Don Arnold
President

STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF GRANT

I, Cynthia Jamison, 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 11th day of April 2019.

GIVEN UNDR MY OFFICIAL SIGNATURE and Seal of Office on this the 11th day of April 2019.

(s) Cynthia Jamison
Cynthia Jamison
Secretary - Treasurer

Motion by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr., seconded by Mr. Arnold Murrell to adopt Proclamation to designate April 22-26, 2019 as National Community Development Week. Motion carried.

PROCLAMATION

APRIL 22-26, 2019 AS NATIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WEEK

WHEREAS, the Community Development Block Grant Program has operated since 1974 to provide local governments with the resources required to primarily meet the needs of low- and moderate-income persons; and

WHEREAS, the Community Development Block Grant Program is among the few remaining Federal programs available to address the needs of low- and moderate-income persons and small cities; and

WHEREAS, the community Development Block Grant Program has provided the state of Louisiana with important and flexible assistance to meet the needs of low- and moderate-income residents of small cities by funding sewer, water and street improvements projects, economic development projects and other public improvement projects; and

WHEREAS, Congress and the nation acknowledge the critical value of the Community Development Block Grant Program and the significant projects that rely on its funds for support; and

WHEREAS, the week of April 22 – 26, 2019, has been reserved for recognition and appreciation of the Community Development Block Grant Program

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE Grant Parish Police Jury does hereby proclaim the month of April 2019, 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) Cynthia Jamison
Cynthia Jamison
Secretary – Treasurer
Grant Parish Police Jury

(s) Don Arnold
Don Arnold
President
Grant Parish Police Jury

STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF GRANT

I, Cynthia Jamison, 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 11th day of April 2019.

GIVEN UNDER MY OFFICIAL SIGNATURE and Seal of Office on this the 11th day of April 2019.

(s) Cynthia Jamison
Cynthia Jamison
Parish Manager

Motion by Mr. David Merrell, seconded by Mr. Arnold Murrell to adopt Resolution 08-2019: To designate April 22-26, 2019 as National Community Development Week. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 08-2019

NATIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WEEK

WHEREAS, the week of April 22 – April 26, 2019 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-five 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 2019, 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 11th day of April, 2019.

(s) Cynthia Jamison
Cynthia Jamison
Secretary – Treasurer

(s) Don Arnold
Don Arnold
President

CERTIFICATE

I, Cynthia Jamison, 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 11th day of April, 2019.

(s) Cynthia Jamison
Cynthia Jamison
Secretary – Treasurer
Grant Parish Police Jury

Motion by Mr. David Merrell, seconded by Mr. Carl Ray Lasyone to introduce Ordinance 03-2019; To establish a legal speed limit on Suzy Lane of fifteen (15) mph. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. David Merrell, seconded by Mr. Britton Carroll to open bids for materials. Motion carried.

The following bids were received:



2090 Industrial Park Rd / P.O. BOX 7618 / ALEXANDRIA, LA 71303
OFFICE: (318) 427-1381 / (318) 443-5686 FAX: (318) 427-1481

April 8, 2019

Grant Parish Police Jury
200 Main St. Courthouse Bldg.
Colfax, LA 71417

We are pleased to quote, upon your request, April 2019 bids for the following materials meeting the Department of Transportation and Development Specification as follows:

Hot Mix-Type AC-30	\$58.50 per ton FOB plant
Cold Mix	\$85.00 per ton FOB plant

The above price does not include sales tax. Our terms are net 30 days.

We look forward to serving your account.

Sincerely

Jeffrey R. Davis
Sales Representative

Ergon Asphalt & Emulsions, Inc.

April 4, 2019

Grant Parish Police Jury
200 Main Street
Courthouse Building
Colfax, LA 71417

RE: 12 month bid

We are pleased to bid the following price for the next 12 months, May 1, 2019 through April 30, 2020.

CRS-2	\$1.68/gal. FOB
Freight	\$1072.00 per load

All materials bid are delivered in truck transport quantities.

Two hours free time will be allowed at unloading. All time in excess of free time will be charged at the rate of \$85.00 per hour thereafter.

We appreciate the opportunity to bid the above product and look forward to future business with you.

Sincerely,

ERGON ASPHALT & EMULSIONS INC.

Mark Hartman
Area Sales Manager
225-397-8143

FMT AGGREGATES LLC
2360 5TH ST
MANDEVILLE LA 70471

April 11, 2019

FMT ALEXANDRIA YARD located at 5845 old Boyce rd Boyce la 71409 proposes the following prices for the described products listed for your upcoming fiscal year for Grant Parish Police Jury.

PRICES ARE PER TON

	FOB (Yard)	Delivered (1141 Landfill RD Dry Prong La)
610 (base)	\$26.75	\$32.75
#7 washed	\$29.25	\$36.00
#8 washed	\$29.25	\$36.00
RIP RAP (La 30)	\$34.00	\$40.50
#57	\$28.25	\$34.75

Thank You for choosing FMT AGGREGATES

Johnny Pasentine



3-29-19

Motion by Mr. Winston Roberts, seconded by Mr. Brandon Dubois to accept all bids. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Brandon Dubois, seconded by Mr. Arnold Murrell to declare the following as Surplus Property and place in public auction:

- 1992 Turbo Case BackHoe 580 VIN: J60206041
- 1992 310D John Deere Backhoe VIN: T0310DA785274
- 1998 410E John Deere Backhoe VIN: 842002
- 2003 Ford F-150 VIN: 2FTRX18W63CA95677

Motion by Mr. Winston Roberts, seconded by Mr. Britton Carroll to advertise for bids for an Asphalt Paving Machine. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Winston Roberts, seconded by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr., to authorize the Equipment Committee to meet and accept the lowest bid for the Asphalt Paving Machine. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Arnold Murrell, seconded by Mr. Carl Ray Lasyone, to amend the agenda to add authorize the Equipment Committee to rent an Asphalt Paving Machine if one is needed before bids can be received for the purchase of one. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Brandon Dubois, seconded by Mr. David Merrell to authorize the Equipment Committee to rent an Asphalt Paving Machine if one is needed before bids can be received for the purchase of one. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Winston Roberts, seconded by Mr. Britton Carroll to amend the agenda to add advertise for bids for lawn maintenance for the Medical Clinic/Health Unit. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Brandon Dubois, seconded by Mr. Arnold Murrell to advertise for bids for lawn maintenance for the Medical Clinic/Health Unit. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Mr. David Merrell, seconded by Mr. Brandon Dubois to adjourn. Motion carried.