

Colfax, LA
August 9, 2024

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 8, 2024 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. Roy Edwards, and Mr. Mike Merrell

The following members were absent:

Mr. Winston Roberts

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Johnny Jamison to open the agenda to public comment. No comments were brought forth.

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

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr. to adopt Resolution 17-2024; Recognizing the Boys 12 U Baseball Team for Being Undefeated District Champions, Winning the 2024 Division II State Championship, and Traveling to Bossier City as Team Louisiana in the World Series. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION
17-2024

To Honor and Congratulate the Grant 12U Ozone DYB Allstar Baseball Team

WHEREAS, the Grant Parish Police Jury is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful athletic teams that bring honor to Grant Parish and serve as ambassadors for this parish in their pursuit of excellence; and

WHEREAS, the Grant 12U Ozone DYB Allstar Baseball Team achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2024 season as undefeated District Champions, Winning the 2024 Division II State Championship, and traveling to Bossier City as Team Louisiana in The World Series; and

WHEREAS, championships are achieved only through hard work, dedication, and the ability to work together as a team and excel with a cooperative spirit; these young men exhibited each of these rare qualities during their championship season; and

WHEREAS, the Grant 12U Ozone DYB Allstar Baseball Team was guided by the leadership of Coach Frankie Coleman, Coach Jordan Craig, and Coach Paul Chambers; and

WHEREAS, team members Ashton Dubois, Brycen Otwell, Isaac Kelly, Justin Sayer, Jared Craig, Bentley Albert, Corey Coleman, Levi Futrell, Jace Mott, Mason Burnaman, and Kayden Crooks have shown the utmost dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Grant Parish Police Jury finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the Grant 12U Ozone DYB Allstar Baseball Team and congratulate the players, coaching staff, team support staff, administrators, and fans for being undefeated District Champions, Winning the 2024 Division II State Championship, and traveling to Bossier City as Team Louisiana in The World Series.

The Grant Parish Police Jury adopted the above Resolution during regular session convened on Thursday, August 8, 2024.

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 regular session convened on August 8, 2024 at which a quorum was present.

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

(s) Mark Ball
Mark Ball
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 August, 2024.

(s) Jessie Pace
Jessie Pace
Grant Parish Police Jury

Head football coach Jarvis Felton with the Grant High School Gridiron Club addressed the jury regarding the growing demand and economic impact of sports along the District 33 corridor and the need for funds to keep up with the growth in the sports at Grant High School.

Mr. Jeff Pogue, Operations Manager of Acadian Ambulance, gave the July call report for the parish.

157 calls for an ambulance / 144 emergency transports

13 Air Med launches / 4 transports

Mr. Dan Fletcher Grant Parish Coroner, addressed the jury regarding the increase in monthly expenses and the need for 4 or 5 iPads for Deputy Coroners to utilize instead of using their own personal devices. He will get a cost estimate and present to the jury at the September meeting. He will also present a possible budget for office expenses to the Finance Committee.

Ms. Velma Fletcher, Hospital District #7 spoke to the jury regarding her appreciation for the Hospital District and the many years she served. She praised the quality of healthcare that is now available in Hospital District #7 and resigned her position on the board.

Mr. Steven Kimball; CPA with Rozier, McKay and Willis, presented the audit report for the 2023 budget year.

Motion by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr., seconded by Mr. Arnold Murrell to allow HUB International to get quotes for Medicare Supplemental policies for retirees that qualify for Medicare. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr., seconded by Mr. Brandon DuBois to amend the agenda to add Mr. Bill Dean of Pan American Engineers, LLC to update the jury on projects within the parish. Motion carried.

Mr. Bill Dean, P.E., Pan American Engineers, LLC., updated the jury on projects within the parish: Lonnie's Landing Road is 98% complete as they are still working on the ditch issues, South Grant Sewer expansion is moving forward with the grant funds, US Fish and Wildlife is working on culvert replacement for Racetrack Road, and the grant to replace a portion of the gas lines in the parish has been applied for.

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Johnny Jamison to adopt Resolution 12-2024; calling for Special Election for Renewal of Ad Valorem Tax for Fire District #7. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 12-2024

A resolution approving the holding of an election in Fire District No. Seven of Grant Parish, Louisiana, on Saturday, December 7, 2024, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Fire District No. Seven of Grant Parish, Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Fire District No. Seven of Grant Parish, Louisiana (the "District"), adopted a resolution on July 11, 2024, calling a special election in the District on Saturday, December 7, 2024, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein; and

WHEREAS, the governing authority of the District has requested that this Police Jury, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Grant, State of Louisiana, give its consent and authority for the District to hold the aforesaid election, and in the event that the election carries to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein; and

WHEREAS, as required by Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, it is now the desire of this Police Jury to approve the holding of said election and in the event that the election carries, to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Grant, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of said Parish, that:

SECTION 1. In compliance with the provisions of Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, and in accordance with the request of the Board of Commissioners of Fire District No. Seven of Grant Parish, Louisiana, this Police Jury hereby approves the holding of an election in the District, on Saturday, December 7, 2024, at which election there will be submitted the following proposition, to-wit:

**FIRE DISTRICT NO. SEVEN
PROPOSITION (RENEWAL)**

Shall Fire District No. Seven of Grant Parish, Louisiana (the "District") continue to levy a special tax of 15 mills (the "Tax") on all property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated \$27,600 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the Tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2025 and ending with the year 2034, for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, improving, operating and maintaining the fire protection facilities of the District, including all necessary equipment, provided that a portion of the Tax proceeds is required to be contributed to state and statewide retirement systems as provided in R.S. 11:82?

SECTION 2. In the event the election carries, this Police Jury does hereby further consent to and authorize the District to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Mark Ball, Mr. Roy Edwards, Mr. Brandon DuBois, Mr. Johnny Jamison, Mr. Arnold Murrell, Mr. Mike Merrell, Mr. Cephas Bowie Jr.

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Winston Roberts

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 8th day of August, 2024.

(s) Jessie Pace
Secretary-Treasurer

(s) Mark Ball
President

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF GRANT

I, the undersigned Secretary-Treasurer of the Police Jury of the Parish of Grant, State of Louisiana, do hereby certify that the foregoing pages constitute a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by said Police Jury on August 8, 2024, approving the holding of an election in Fire Protection District No. Seven of Grant Parish, Louisiana, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature at Colfax, Louisiana, on this, the 8th day of August, 2024.

(s) Jessie Pace
Secretary-Treasurer

Motion by Mr. Arnold Murrell, seconded by Mr. Roy Edwards to adopt Proclamation 04-2024; National Senior Citizens Day. Motion carried.

**PROCLAMATION: 04-2024
SENIOR CITIZEN'S DAY**

WHEREAS, President Ronald Regan declared August 21st 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, 2024 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 8th day of August 2024.

GIVEN UNDR MY OFFICIAL SIGNATURE and Seal of Office on this the 8th day of August 2024.

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

Motion by Mr. Arnold Murrell, seconded by Mr. Johnny Jamison to adopt Resolution 16-2024; 2024-2025 In Support of LGAP Application. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 16-2024
IN SUPPORT OF 2024-2025 LGAP APPLICATION**

WHEREAS, The Grant Parish Police Jury will file an application for funds from the 2024-2025 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 8th day of August, 2024 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 8th day of August, 2024

(s) Jessie Pace
Jessie Pace, Secretary/Treasurer

Mr. Joe Baldwin was to discuss with the jury which portions of Carter Road in District 8 are public and private. No one was at the meeting for the discussion.

Mr. Roy Edwards discussed the current speed limit on Hudson Road in District 8 and the need for it to be lowered.

Motion by Mr. Roy Edwards, seconded by Mr. Brandon DuBois to lower the speed limit on Hudson Road from 35 to 20 mph. Motion carried.

The jury discussed the current speed limit on the section of road starting at Barney Durand ending at the intersection of Clear Creek and Camp Livingston.

Motion by Mr. Mike Merrell, seconded by Mr. Arnold Murrell to set speed limit to 25 mph on the section of road starting at Barney Durand ending at the intersection of Clear Creek and Camp Livingston. Motion carried.

Mr. Steven McKay discussed renaming C O Brodhead Road to McKay Farms Road in honor of his late father.

Motion by Mr. Johnny Jamison, seconded by Mr. Brandon DuBois to rename C O Brodhead Road to McKay Farms Road. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Roy Edwards to enter executive session to discuss litigation with Little Rivers Timberlands with Bonita Amour. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Johnny Jamison, seconded by Mr. Brandon DuBois to enter back into regular session. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Roy Edwards, seconded by Mr. Brandon DuBois to abandon the portion of Reservoir Road that lies South of Norris Road in Georgetown. Motion carried.

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

- A bushhog and limbing tractor are in the shop for repairs
- The paver is totally down and in the shop for repairs

- In need of a transfer trailer but cost has significantly increased. Cody is to get an estimate on repairing the transfer trailer that needs to be replaced and parish manager will look for funding to purchase a new trailer. Item will be placed on the September agenda for the jury to discuss and decide.

Motion by Mr. Roy Edwards, seconded by Mr. Johnny Jamison to pay bills as funds become available. Motion carried.

Mr. Mike Merrell delivered compliments of residents on Rob Wallace Road as the ditching crew did an excellent job.

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

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