

Colfax, LA  
August 12, 2021

The Police Jury of the Parish of Grant, State of Louisiana, met in regular session at its meeting place, of the Grant Parish Police Jury Meeting Room, 200 Main Street, Colfax, Louisiana, on Thursday, August 12, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

The following members were present:

Mr. Don Arnold, Mr. David Merrell, Mr. Mark Ball, Mr. Cephas Bowie Jr., Mr. Johnny Jamison, Mr. Arnold Murrell, Mr. Winston Roberts.

The following members were absent:

None

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.

Mr. Paul Fuslier, Acadian Ambulance Operations Manager, addressed the jury about Covid-19 precautions being taken to keep patients and employees healthy and safe.

Mr. Craig Smith, Rapides Parish Police Jury President, addressed the jury about his candidacy for Executive Board Member of Police Jury Region VIII.

Mr. Steven Kimball addressed the jury regarding the results of the 2020 fiscal year audit.

Mr. Joshua McAllister, Winn Parish Police Jury President, addressed the jury about his candidacy for Executive Board Member of Police Jury Region VIII

Motion by Mr. Mark Ball, seconded by Mr. Arnold Murrell to open agenda to public comments. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Arnold Murrell, seconded by Mr. Brandon DuBois to adopt Resolution 13-2021; 2021-2022 in support of LGAP application. Motion carried.

#### **RESOLUTION 13-2021**

#### **IN SUPPORT OF 2021-2022 LGAP APPLICATION**

**WHEREAS**, The Grant Parish Police Jury will file an application for funds from the 2021 - 2022 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 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021 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) Don Arnold  
Don Arnold  
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 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021

(s) Jessie Pace  
Jessie Pace, Secretary/Treasurer

Motion by Mr. Arnold Murrell, seconded by Mr. Mark Ball to adopt Resolution 14-2021; Millage Rates for the 2021 Tax Year. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 14-2021

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2021 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by Parish of Grant

MILLAGE

General Alimony	4.34 Mills
Roads and Bridges	8.31 Mills
Courthouse Maintenance	3.11 Mills
Health Unit	2.00 Mills
Library	10.54 Mills
Fire District No. 1	20.43 Mills
Fire District No. 2	13.01 Mills
Fire District No. 3	14.54 Mills
Fire District No. 4	9.82 Mills
Fire District No. 5	11.59 Mills
Fire District No. 6	12.99 Mills
Fire District No. 7	11.70 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 2021, 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: 8  
NAYS: 0  
ABSTAINED: 0  
ABSENT: 0

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

(s) Don Arnold  
Don Arnold  
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 August 12, 2020, at which meeting a quorum was present and voting.

Colfax, Louisiana, this 12 day of August, 2021.

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

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Johnny Jamison to adopt Resolution 15-2021; Approving the Holding of an Election for Hospital District #1. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: 15-2021

A resolution approving the holding of an election in Hospital Service District No. 1 of the Parish of Grant, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, November 13, 2021, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Hospital Service District No. 1 of the Parish of Grant, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Hospital Service District No. 1 of the Parish of Grant, State of Louisiana (the "District"), adopted a resolution on July 21, 2021, calling a special election in the District on Saturday, November 13, 2021, to authorize the levy 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 Hospital Service District No. 1 of the Parish of Grant, State of Louisiana, this Police Jury hereby approves the holding of an election in the District, on Saturday, November 13, 2021, at which election there will be submitted the following proposition, to-wit:

HOSPITAL SERVICE DISTRICT PROPOSITION  
(MILLAGE RENEWAL)

Shall Hospital Service District No. 1 of the Parish of Grant, State of Louisiana (the "District"), continue to levy a special tax of two and thirty-one hundredths (2.31) mills on all property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated \$54,385 expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2023 and ending with the year 2032, for the purposes of maintenance and the general expenditures needed in the everyday operation of the Hospital and other miscellaneous expenses incurred in the operation of the Hospital?

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.

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

MEMBERS:	YEAS:	NAYS:	ABSENT:	ABSTAINING:
Brandon DuBois	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____
Johnny Jamison	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____
Cephas Bowie, Jr.	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____
Arnold Murrell	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____
Mark Ball	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____
Winston Roberts	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____
David Merrell	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____
Don Arnold	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021.

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

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

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 12, 2021, approving the holding of an election in Hospital Service District No. 1 of the Parish of Grant, State of Louisiana, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature at Colfax, Louisiana, on this, the 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021.

(s) Jessie Pace  
Jessie Pace  
Secretary-Treasurer

Motion by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr., seconded Mr. Arnold Murrell to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Department of Veterans Affairs from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Arnold Murrell, seconded by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr., to adopt Proclamation 3-2021; recognizing August 21 as Senior Citizens Day in Grant Parish. Motion carried.

P R O C L A M A T I O N: 03 -2021  
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 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) Don Arnold  
Don Arnold  
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 12<sup>th</sup> day of August 2021.

GIVEN UNDR MY OFFICIAL SIGNATURE and Seal of Office on this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of August 2021.

(s) Jessie Pace  
Jessie Pace  
Secretary - Treasurer

Motion by Mr. Winston Roberts, seconded by Mr. Mark Ball to approve using Capital Improvement funds from District 6 to purchase 93 tons of hot mix for George Davidson Road. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cephas Bowie Jr., seconded by Mr. Mark Ball to approve using Capital Improvement funds from District 3 to purchase chip seal and hot mix overlay for Bush Road, Patterson Road, Rose Loop, Alford Road, Murphy Road, Peters Road, Yerby Road, Sparrow Lane, Kateland Road (LA 8 end), River Road and Bagdad Loop. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Arnold Murrell, seconded by Mr. Brandon DuBois to approve using Capital Improvement funds from District 4, for repairs on Bob Johnson Road, Herman Park and Spring Hill Road. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cephas Bowie Jr., seconded by Mr. Arnold Murrell to approve leasing a portion of 1250 La 492, Colfax, for Zone Two Water. Motion carried.

The jury discussed the installation of a culvert/cross drain on Nellie Ryan Road and decided against the installation because it would not be feasible and would cause more problems to more landowners. A letter will be sent out to land owner that requested it.

Motion to approve installation of culvert/ cross drain on Nellie Ryan Road. Motion failed.

Yeas: None

Nays: Mr. Brandon DuBois, Mr. Johnny Jamison, Mr. Arnold Murrell, Mr. Winston Roberts, Mr. David Merrell, Mr. Cephas Bowie Jr.

Motion by Mr. Cephas Bowie Jr., seconded by Mr. Arnold Murrell to approve new Employee Evaluation form. Motion carried.

Mr. Cody Gongre, Grant Parish Roads Superintendent, updated the Jury on progress and projects for the Roads/Landfill Departments.

Motion by Mr. Mark Ball, seconded by Mr. Brandon DuBois to enter into executive session. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Winston Roberts, seconded by Mr. Johnny Jamison to enter back into regular session. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Johnny Jamison, seconded by Mr. Winton Roberts to amend agenda to request bids on new garbage truck. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Arnold Murrell, seconded by Mr. Johnny Jamison to request bids on new garbage truck. Motion carried.

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

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