

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 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

The following members were present:

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

The following members were absent: None

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

Mr. Jeffery Pogue; Operations Manager of Acadian Ambulance gave the monthly call report for the month of June in Grant Parish.

Mr. William Jarrell of Morgan Goudeau and Associates sent a letter updating the jury on the South Grant Sewer Project.

Mr. Mark Ball read information that was sent by Mr. Russell Turnage about current operations at the South Grant Sewer plant.

Motion by Mr. Johnny Jamison, seconded by Mr. Arnold Murrell to enter executive session with Mr. J.R. Whaley to discuss litigation with bank of Montgomery. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Arnold Murrell, seconded by Mr. Mark Ball to enter back into regular session. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois seconded by Mr. Johnny Jamison to open the agenda to public comment. Motion carried.

Mrs. Mae Despino, Office Manager/Treasurer of Central Grant Water Systems, Inc., addressed the jury and requested funds for the second round of the Water Sector Program. She was advised that according to Resolution 23-2021 those funds were only obligated for the first round of Water Sector applications and it was a conditional funding commitment that expired on February 28, 2022. All ARPA Funds have now been obligated to other projects.

Motion by Mr. Mark Ball, seconded by Mr. Cephas Bowie Jr. to amend the agenda to add motion to adopt Resolution 11-2022; Capital Improvement Program. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Cephas Bowie Jr. to adopt Resolution 11-2022; Capital Improvement Program. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Cephas Bowie Jr., and carried to adopt the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION: 11-2022
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 the accompanying list of projects as its capital improvement plan for the three-year period from 2023-2025.

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

District – 1
South Hargis Road
Old Levee Road
Dunn Road

District - 2
Fairfield Road
O’Quinn Spur Road
Lake Road

District - 3
Bush Road
Bagdad Loop
River Road

District - 4
Ferguson Loop
Flagon Road
Springhill Road

District – 5
Hudson Creek
Parsonage Road
Coleman Road

District – 6
East Meade
Crawford Loop
Walker Ferry Road

District – 7
Airbase Road
Dyson Creek
Bob Frazier Road

District – 8
Camp Hardtner Road
Selma Loop/Boston Old River
Dyson Creek 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 11th day of August, 2022.

(s)Jessie Pace
Jessie Pace
Parish Manager/Sec./Treas
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 11th day of August, 2022.

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

Mr. Jonathan Bolen of the Rapides Area Planning Commission addressed the jury on the Rural Public Transit Cooperative Pilot Program. A centrally coordinated public transportation system developed to improve the efficiency and fulfill unmet rural public transportation demand in the Central Louisiana region.

Motion by Mr. Winston Roberts, seconded by Mr. Mark Ball to authorize the President to sign the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for funds appropriated in act 170 of the 2022 regular session to construct a new building for voting precincts 2-5 and 8-1 for districts 2 and 8. Motion carried.

Motion by Cephas Bowie Jr., seconded by Mr. Mark Ball to donate a tract of land to the Town of Colfax:

Yeas: Mr. Mark Ball, Mr. Johnny Jamison, Mr. Arnold Murrell, Mr. Cephas Bowie Jr., Mr. Winston Roberts

Nays: Mr. Brandon DuBois, Mr. David Merrell
Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 14-2022

GRANT PARISH POLICE JURY ACT OF DONATION TO THE TOWN OF COLFAX

WHEREAS, the Grant Parish Police Jury, a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana, is authorized to donate Parish property to the Town of Colfax, a municipality of the State of Louisiana; and,

WHEREAS, the Grant Parish Police Jury intends to donate to the Town of Colfax the following described property:

A tract containing ±0.021 acres, more or less, located in Section 30, Township 7 North, Range 3 West, Grant Parish, Louisiana; all as more particularly described and shown on Exhibit “A”, which is attached hereto and made part hereof.

WHEREAS, in 1992, the Grant Parish Police Jury received a grant to construct water system improvements to the Town of Colfax water distribution system in the unincorporated community of Grant Parish known as “The Rock”; and,

WHEREAS, the subject parcel described above was acquired by the Grant Parish Police Jury in 1992 for the purposes of constructing a water booster pump station in the 1992 Water System Improvements Project; and,

WHEREAS, the Grant Parish Police Jury constructed a water booster pump station in the 1992 Water System Improvements Project on the subject parcel and the Town of Colfax has been operating the booster pump station as an integral component of the Town of Colfax water distribution system since the construction of the station; and,

WHEREAS, the 1992 Water System Improvements Project grant’s requirements have long since expired, and the donation and transfer of the subject parcel described above from the Grant Parish Police Jury to the Town of Colfax will result in a public benefit of continued water service to the users in “The Rock” area; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Grant Parish Police Jury hereby donates the subject parcel described above to the Town of Colfax.

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that the Parish President, is hereby authorized to execute, on behalf of the Parish, any and all documents necessary for the Act of Donation consistent with this Resolution, and the Secretary/Treasurer is hereby authorized to attest to any document signed in the Parish’s name.

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

YEAS: Mr. Mark Ball, Mr. Johnny Jamison, Mr. Arnold Murrell, Mr. Cephas Bowie Jr.

Mr. Winston Roberts

NAYS: Mr. Brandon DuBois, Mr. David Merrell

ABSENT: None

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Grant Parish Police Jury in regular session convened on the 11th day of August 2022.

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

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

I, Jessie Pace, Secretary/Treasurer of the Grant Parish Police Jury, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is true and correct copy of the resolution adopted by the Grant Parish Police Jury, meeting in regular session on Thursday, August 11th, 2022 at which meeting a quorum was present and voting.

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

Motion to enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with the Village of Georgetown for Reservoir Road was tabled indefinitely due to language in the original land use permit.

Motion by Mr. Johnny Jamison, seconded by Mr. Arnold Murrell to approve the Grant Parish Firing Range Committee as recommended by the Recreation Committee. Motion carried.

The jury discussed road work proposed by parish engineers for Clear Creek Road and it will be placed in the maintenance work roation.

Mr. Cody Gongre, Roads Superintendent addressed the jury regarding:

1. RAC program projects,
2. Increase of stone prices starting in September
3. Maintenance being performed on locks in river
4. Fralick Road closing the week of August 29th for road repairs
5. Limbing tractor Controls being down for a while

Motion by Mr. Winston Roberts seconded by Mr. Mark Ball to pay bills as funds become available. Motion carried.

Closing comments by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr:

1. Mr. Bobby Chelette was selected as Governor's appointee for the Grant Parish Port Commission
2. Ms. Edwina Ricks' passing has left an open spot on the Grant Parish Library Board
3. Considering possible grant to add a rock weir for Bayou Darrow
4. Parish drainage project with FEMA Hazard Mitigation is moving forward
5. Iatt Lake giant salvinia project is still being worked on

Motion by Mr. Arnold Murrell, seconded by Mr. Mark Ball to amend the agenda to add motion to ask the Library Board for a five percent administrative fee in return for services provided by the parish's administrative office. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cephas Bowie Jr., seconded by Mr. Winston Roberts to ask Library Board for a five percent administrative fee in return for services provided by the parish's administrative office. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Winston Roberts, seconded by Mr. Johnny Jamison to adjourn. Motion carried.