

Colfax, LA  
December 10, 2020

The Police Jury of the Parish of Grant, State of Louisiana, met in regular session at its meeting place, the Courtroom of the Grant Parish Courthouse, 200 Main Street, Colfax, Louisiana, on Thursday, December 10, 2020 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. Arnold Murrell, Mr. Winston Roberts.

The following members were absent:

Mr. David Merrell

Motion by Mr. Johnny Jamison, seconded by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr. to open the Public Hearing to receive any opinions on the 2021 budget. Motion carried

Motion by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr., seconded by Mr. Mark Ball to adjourn the Public Hearing on the 2021 budget and enter into regular session. Motion carried

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

Motion by Mr. Johnny Jamison, seconded by Mr. Mark Ball to adopt Resolution 15-2020; Proposed Budget for the 2021 year ended December 31, 2021. Motion carried

**RESOLUTION: 15-2020**

**PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE 2021 YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021**

**WHEREAS**, the Grant Parish Police Jury has reviewed the accompanying budget.

**WHEREAS**, the Grant Parish Police Jury has found the content of the accompanying budget to be satisfactory.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, THAT THE Grant Parish Police Jury does hereby adopt the accompanying budget as the official operating budget for the year ended **December 31, 2021**

**THUS, DONE AND SIGNED**, on this 10<sup>th</sup> day in December, 2020.

(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 the 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2020.

(s) Jessie Pace  
Jessie Pace, Parish Manager  
Grant Parish Police Jury

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Johnny Jamison to adopt Resolution 16-2020; Amended Budget for the 2020 year ended December 31, 2020. Motion carried

**RESOLUTION: 16-2020**

**AMENDED BUDGET FOR THE 2020 YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020**

**WHEREAS**, the Grant Parish Police Jury has reviewed the accompanying budget.

**WHEREAS**, the Grant Parish Police Jury has found the content of the accompanying budget to be satisfactory.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, THAT THE Grant Parish Police Jury does hereby adopt the accompanying budget as the official operating budget for the year ended **December 31, 2020**

**THUS, DONE AND SIGNED**, on this 10<sup>th</sup> day in December, 2020.

(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 the 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2020.

(s) Jessie Pace  
Jessie Pace, Parish Manager  
Grant Parish Police Jury

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

Mr. Rhett A. Delrie, P.E., CFM updated the jury on debris pick up on LA Highways that run through Grant Parish.

Mr. Marcus Connella and Mr. Jeff Connella with DOTD gave an update on progress being made to the bridge on LA Highway 471.

Gabe Firment, State Representative District 22, updated the jury on RDOF reverse auction investment for rural broadband in Grant Parish and a Value Assurance Plan being offered by a company on behalf of the properties involved with the Dresser contamination in Creola.

Mr. Steven Crawford of DRC Emergency Services and Mr. Keith Forrester of Thompson Consulting Services updated the parish on debris pick up in the parish to date and how they are working together to close the project.

Motion by Mr. Winston Roberts, seconded by Mr. Brandon DuBois to open meeting to public comments. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Mark Ball, seconded by Mr. Winston Roberts to open sealed bids for open top ejector trailers. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Arnold Murrell to allow the Equipment Committee to approve specs from received bids and order 3 open top ejector trailers for the landfill. Motion carried

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Mark Ball to adopt Resolution 17-2020; Allow the Hunting of Feral Hogs on State, Private, and U.S. Forestry Service Lands all year with legal archery equipment. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 17-2020;**

**RESOLUTION ALLOWING THE HUNTING OF FERAL HOGS ON STATE, PRIVATE, AND U.S. FORESTRY SERVICE LANDS ALL YEAR WITH LEGAL ARCHERY EQUIPMENT**

**WHEREAS**, Feral Hogs are an invasive species to the United States, and

**WHEREAS**, Feral Hogs are destructive to land, vegetation and other natural species in the area, and

**WHEREAS**, Feral Hogs are reaching epidemic proportions throughout the Southern United States to include Louisiana and Grant Parish, and

**WHEREAS**, efforts to control the population through normal hunting, trapping, and other means of control have not stopped the rapid population growth due to no natural enemies, rapid birth, and extremely high survival rates.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Grant Parish Police Jury supports the use of hunters with legal archery equipment throughout the calendar year as another means of controlling the Feral Hog population on all State, Private, and U. S. Forestry Service lands.

THUS DONE, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2020 in legal session in the Grant Parish Police Jury, Parish of Grant and State of Louisiana.

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

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

CERTIFICATE

I, Sissy 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2020

(s) SissyPace  
Sissy Pace, Secretary/Treasurer

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Mark Ball to adopt Resolution 18-2020; Accept Bid Recommendations for the Police Jury's Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG DR) Louisiana Watershed Initiative (LWI) Program. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: 18-2020

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GRANT PARISH POLICE JURY

**WHEREAS**, the Grant Parish Police Jury has requested qualification statements and proposals from interested firms and individuals for 1.) Engineering Services, 2.) Grant Management and Administration Services for the Police Jury's Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG DR) Louisiana Watershed Initiative (LWI) Program; and,

**WHEREAS**, the qualification statements and proposals have been reviewed and ranked in accordance with the established Evaluation Criteria.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Pan American Engineers, LLC is hereby selected by the Grant Parish Police Jury to provide Engineering Services; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Pan American Engineers, LLC is hereby selected by the Grant Parish Police Jury to provide Grant Management and Administration Services; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the President is hereby authorized to negotiate and execute contracts for the above services.

Passed, approved and adopted this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December 2020.

(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, Secretary/Treasurer of the Grant Parish Police Jury, Louisiana, 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2020.

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

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Winston Roberts, to approve the amended 2020 budget and proposed 2021 budget of the North Louisiana Criminalistics Laboratory Commission. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Arnold Murrell to accept Jena Metals bid for scrap metal pick up. Motion carried.

Mr. Billy Lutes, Grant Parish Roads Superintendent, updated the jury on Roads/Landfill department progress and equipment issues.

Motion by Mr. Cephas Bowie Jr., seconded by Mr. Brandon DuBois to approve leave for Scott Malone from December 14, 2020 to December 31, 2020. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr., seconded by Mr. Brandon Dubois to allow Grant Parish Police Jury employees enroll in a program to obtain a Class A CDL through an employment contract. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois., seconded by Mr. Winston Roberts to approve the letter mandating Ethics and Sexual Harassment training for all Grant Parish Police Jury employees. Motion carried.

Motion by Cephas Bowie Jr., seconded by Mr. Brandon DuBois to approve merit-based pay increase for personnel effective March 2021. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Brandon Dubois, seconded by Mr. Johnny Jamison to enter into executive session to discuss personnel related matters. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Brandon Dubois, seconded by Mr. Mark Ball to enter into regular session. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Brandon Dubois, seconded by Mr. Mark Ball to pay bills as funds become available. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Brandon Dubois, seconded by Mr. Johnny Jamison to adjourn. Motion carried.