

Colfax, LA
February 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, February 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. Winston Roberts, Mr. Roy Edwards, and Mr. Mike Merrell

The following members were absent:

None

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Roy Edwards to open the meeting to public comments on agenda items. Motion carried.

No discussions were brought forth

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

Mr. Jeff Pogue, Operations Manager of Acadian Ambulance, gave the January call report for the parish.
168 calls for an ambulance / 151 emergency transports
7 Air Med launches / 0 transports

Motion by Mr. Winston Roberts, seconded by Mr. Arnold Murrell to adopt the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr., seconded by Mr. Brandon DuBois to appoint Mrs. Jessie Pace as Secretary/Treasurer/Parish Manager for a term of two (2) years. Motion carried.

Michelle Agent of Pan American Engineers, LLC discussed bids received for the CDBG Grant for the Lonnie's Landing Road project. After review and evaluation of the bids received, Pan American recommended awarding the contract for the Base Bid plus Additive Alternate No 1 to Turner & Turner Contracting, LLC of Alexandria, LA as they are the low bidder, in the amount of \$675,436.69.

Motion by Mr. Winston Roberts, seconded by Mr. Brandon DuBois to adopt Resolution 1-2024; FY 2022 LCDBG Lonnie's Landing Project. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 1-2024;
FY 2022 LCDBG Lonnie's Landing Project**

WHEREAS, the Grant Parish Police Jury received the following Bids on Wednesday, February 7, 2024 for the Street Improvements (Lonnie's Landing Reconstruction) FY 2022 LCDBG project:

Contractor	Base Bid	Additive Alternate No. 1
1. Turner & Turner Contracting, LLC	\$ 651,843.09	\$23,593.60
2. Diamond B Construction Co, LLC	\$720,850.00	\$44,100.00
3. Pineland Equipment Group, LLC	\$768,230.00	\$13,850.00
4. Regional Construction, LLC	\$864,370.00	\$35,000.00
5. T.L. Construction, LLC	\$928,990.00	\$47,440.00
6. Gilchrist Construction Co., LLC	\$1,041,300.00	\$48,000.00

WHEREAS, the Bids have been checked and tabulated by Pan American Engineers, LLC, with a recommendation of award being made to the low Bidder;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the contract for said construction is hereby awarded to the low Bidder, Turner & Turner Contracting, LLC for the Base Bid plus Additive Alternate No. 1 in the amount of \$675,436.69 contingent upon the following:

1. Concurrence of Award from CDBG Program.
2. Receipt of approved "Verification of Wage Decision(s) and Contractor Eligibility - Form B-5" from the State of Louisiana, Division of Administration, Office of Community Development.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President is hereby authorized to execute contracts and change orders between the Grant Parish Police Jury and the successful Bidder.

Passed, approved, and adopted this 8th day of February, 2024.

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

_(s) Mark Ball _____
 Mark Ball
 President
 Grant Parish Police Jury

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 February, 2024.

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

The jury discussed the proposed 2024 Committee assignments.

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Winston Roberts to approve the 2024 Committee assignments. Motion carried.

The jury discussed candidates Mr. Mike Smith and Mr. Eddie Lewis, Jr. for Member at Large on the Executive Board of the Police Jury Association of Louisiana.

No motion made.

Motion by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr., seconded by Mr. Roy Edwards to accept Mr. Tony Vets' resignation from the Grant Parish Library Board. Motion carried.

Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr. expressed sincere thanks and appreciation to Mr. Tony Vets for his ten years of service on the Grant Parish Library Board.

Motion by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr., seconded by Mr. Johnny Jamison to appoint Ms. Tracy Geisel to the Grant Parish Library Board. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Arnold Murrell, seconded by Mr. Mike Merrell to adopt the Governor's 2024 Holiday Schedule. Motion carried.

2024 Holiday Schedule

Holiday	Always On...	Current Year Date
New Year's Holiday	January 1	Monday, January 1, 2024
Inauguration Day	Once every 4 years, Baton Rouge	Monday, January 8, 2024
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	3rd Monday in January	Monday, January 15, 2024
Mardi Gras	Tuesday before Ash Wednesday	Tuesday, February 13, 2024
Good Friday	Friday before Easter	Friday, March 29, 2024
National Memorial Day	Last Monday in May	Monday, May 27, 2024
Independence Day	July 4	Thursday, July 4, 2024
Labor Day	1st Monday in September	Monday, September 2, 2024

Holiday	Always On...	Current Year Date
General Election Day	Tuesday, after the first Monday in November, every two years	Tuesday, November 5, 2024
Veteran's Day	November 11	Monday, November 11, 2024
Thanksgiving Day	4th Thursday in November	Thursday, November 28, 2024
Christmas Holiday	December 25	Wednesday, December 25, 2024
New Years Day	January 1	Wednesday, January 1, 2025

* The governor may also proclaim other days as holidays, and these days will be confirmed on the list as the Legal Proclamations are made. These additional holidays may include Memorial Day, Juneteenth Day, Acadian Day (the Friday after Thanksgiving), the day before

or after Christmas Day, and the day before or after New Year's Day.

[PROCLAMATION 197 JBE 2023](#) - New Years Holiday - January 2, 2024

Motion by Mr. Johnny Jamison, seconded by Mr. Brandon DuBois to declare the Grant Parish Civic Center an Emergency Shelter for Colfax Reunion Rehabilitation Center. Motion carried.

Mr. Winston Roberts and Mr. Mike Merrell discussed the need to overlay Crawford Loop.

Motion by Mr. Mike Merrell, seconded by Mr. Winston Roberts to approve using Capital Improvement funds from Districts 6 & 7 to overlay Crawford Loop. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr., seconded by Mr. Arnold Murrell to amend the agenda to include Motion to use Capital Improvement funds from District 3 to replace a cross drain culvert on River Road.

Motion by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr., seconded by Mr. Johnny Jamison to approve using Capital Improvement funds from District 3 to replace a cross drain culvert on River Road. Motion carried.

Mr. Cody Gongre, Grant Parish Roads Superintendent, updated the jury on current projects from the Landfill and Roads departments including the completion of work on River Road and Hudson Creek Road, and upcoming work on Hooper Road and Lake Road.

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

Mr. Mark Ball updated the jury regarding the gas leak on South Tower Road. Complications with locating the pipe and waiting on materials has delayed progress. Plans are to have results from the DOTTIE request, materials in, and equipment on site for repairs to begin Monday morning.

Mr. Mike Merrell would like for the jury to participate in a parish wide litter clean up day this Spring/Summer. Details will be discussed at a later date.

Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr. updated the jury on the drainage project through FEMA and requested a meeting between the Road/Bridges Committee and the Levee Board to discuss the condition and maintenance of levee roads.

Mr. Brandon DuBois discussed the recent surplus equipment that the jury sent to auction and the need for the Equipment Committee to meet and discuss the purchase of two new motor graders.

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Johnny Jamison to amend the agenda to include Motion to give the Equipment Committee permission to write specs and advertise for bids to purchase two new motor graders. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr. to give the Equipment Committee permission to write specs and advertise for bids to purchase two new motor graders. Motion carried.

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.