

Colfax, Louisiana  
January 10, 2019

The Police Jury of the Parish of Grant, State of Louisiana, met in regular session at its meeting place, the Police Jury Meeting Room of the Parish Courthouse, 200 Main Street, Colfax, Louisiana, on Thursday, January 10, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

The following members were present:

Mr. Don Arnold, Mr. Carl Ray Lasyone, Mr. Brandon Dubois, Mr. Arnold Murrell, Mr. Winston Roberts, Mr. Brittain Carroll, Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr. and Mr. David Merrell.

The following members were absent:

None

Motion by Mr. Winston Roberts, seconded by Mr. Brandon Dubois to nominate Mr. Arnold Murrell as President of the Grant Parish Police Jury for the year 2019.

Motion by Mr. David Merrell, seconded by Mr. Carl Ray Lasyone to nominate Mr. Don Arnold as President of the Grant Parish Police Jury for the year 2019.

Vote taken on Mr. Arnold Murrell as President:

Yeas: Mr. Winston Roberts, Mr. Brandon Dubois, Mr. Britton Carroll and Mr. Arnold Murrell  
Nays: Mr. David Merrell, Mr. Carl Ray Lasyone, Mr. Cephas bowie, Jr., Mr. Don Arnold

Vote taken on Mr. Don Arnold as President of the GPPJ for 2019:

Yeas: Mr. David Merrell, Mr. Carl Ray Lasyone, Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr. and Mr. Don Arnold  
Nays: Mr. Winston Roberts, Mr. Brandon Dubois, Mr. Britton Carroll and Mr. Arnold Murrell

Nominations for President were taken again.

Motion by Mr. Winston Roberts, seconded by Mr. Britton Carroll to nominate Mr. Arnold Murrell as President of the Grant Parish Police Jury for the year 2019.

Motion by Mr. David Merrell, seconded by Mr. Carl Ray Lasyone to nominate Mr. Don Arnold as President of the Grant Parish Police Jury for the year 2019.

Vote taken on Mr. Arnold Murrell as President:

Yeas: Mr. Winston Roberts, Mr. Brandon Dubois, Mr. Britton Carroll and Mr. Arnold Murrell  
Nays: Mr. David Merrell, Mr. Carl Ray Lasyone, Mr. Cephas bowie, Jr., Mr. Don Arnold

Vote taken on Mr. Don Arnold as President of the GPPJ for 2019:

Yeas: Mr. David Merrell, Mr. Carl Ray Lasyone, Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr. and Mr. Don Arnold  
Nays: Mr. Winston Roberts, Mr. Brandon Dubois, Mr. Britton Carroll and Mr. Arnold Murrell

At this point, the current President presided over the rest of the meeting.  
Mr. Arnold Murrell asked for nominations for Vice-President.

Motion by Mr. Winston Roberts to nominate Mr. Cephas Bowie for Vice-President. Mr. Bowie declined the nomination.

Motion by Mr. Carl Ray Lasyone, seconded by Mr. Don Arnold to nominate Mr. David Merrell as Vice-President.

There being no other nominations, Mr. David Merrell was elected as Vice-President.

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

Mr. Jeff Pogue Operations Manager with Acadian Ambulance gave the monthly report for December, 2019. He advised the Jurors to contact him if they have any questions or concerns.

Mr. Robert Wolfe presented parish maps to each Juror and asked that they clarify the parish roads listed in their districts. He also gave an update on the Fish and Wildlife project.

Motion by Mr. Brandon Dubois, seconded by Mr. Don Arnold to adopt Resolution 01-2019; Honoring the Retirement of Ruth Wheat, Consolidated Gas Utilities District. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION  
01-2019

Honoring Retirement of Ruth W. Wheat of the Consolidated Gas Utilities Districts

WHEREAS, Ms. Ruth W. Wheat has served with distinction and dedication as an Employee of the Grant Parish Police Jury for thirty-four (34) years.

WHEREAS, she has served the citizens of Grant Parish and the Police Jury with Honor and Integrity during those thirty-four (34) years. Whereas, Ruth W. Wheat has retired from service effective January 3, 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Grant Parish Police Jury in recognition of her dedication and devotion, does hereby Commend and Honor Ruth W. Wheat for Thirty-four (34) years of meritorious service to the Grant Parish Police Jury and the Citizens of Grant.

(s) Cynthia Jamison  
Cynthia Jamison  
Sec/Treas/Parish Manager  
Grant Parish Police Jury

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

CERTIFICATE

I, Cynthia Jamison, Secretary/Treasurer/Parish Manager of the Grant Parish Police Jury do hereby certify that the above to be true and correct copy of the Resolution adopted by the said Jury in regular session on January 10, 2019, at which a quorum was present.

Given under my Official Signature and Seal of Office on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2019.

(s) Cynthia Jamison  
Cynthia Jamison  
Sec/Treas/ Parish Mgr.  
Grant Parish Police Jury

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Don Arnold:

**RESOLUTION 02-2019**

A resolution providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the result of the special election held in the Parish of Grant, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, December 8, 2018, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Grant, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Grant, State of Louisiana, that:

SECTION 1. Canvass. This Governing Authority does now proceed in open and public session to examine the official tabulations of votes cast at the special election held in the Parish of Grant, State of Louisiana, on SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2018, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein, and said Governing Authority does further proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the special election.

SECTION 2. Procès Verbal. A *Procès Verbal* of the canvass of the returns of said election shall be made and a certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who shall record the same in his office; another certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Clerk of Court and *Ex-Officio* Recorder of Mortgages in and for the Parish of Grant, who shall record the same in the Mortgage Records of said Parish; and another copy thereof shall be retained in the archives of this Governing Authority.

SECTION 3. Promulgation of Election Result. The result of said election shall be promulgated by publication in the manner provided by law.

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

MEMBERS:                      YEAS:      NAYS:      ABSENT:      ABSTAINING:

Brandon DuBois	<u>X</u>	---	---	---
Carl Ray Lasyone	<u>X</u>	---	---	---
Cephas Bowie, Jr.	<u>X</u>	---	---	---
Arnold Murrell	<u>X</u>	---	---	---
Britton Carroll	<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 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2019.

<u>(s) Cynthia Jamison</u> Secretary-Treasurer	<u>(s) Arnold Murrell</u> President
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PROCÈS VERBAL AND PROCLAMATION OF THE CANVASS OF THE VOTES CAST AT THE SPECIAL ELECTION HELD IN THE PARISH OF GRANT, STATE OF LOUISIANA, ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2018.

BE IT KNOWN AND REMEMBERED that on Thursday, January 10, 2019, at five o'clock (5:00) p.m., at its regular meeting place, the Police Jury Meeting Room, 200 Main Street, Colfax, Louisiana, the Police Jury of the Parish of Grant, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Grant, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), and being the authority ordering the special election held therein on Saturday, December 8, 2018, with the following members present:

Mr. Don Arnold, Mr. Carl Ray Lasyone, Mr. Brandon Dubois, Mr. David Merrell, Mr. Arnold Murrell, Mr. Winston Roberts, Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr., Mr. Britton Carroll.

There being absent: None;

did, in open and public session, examine the official certified tabulations of votes cast at the said election, and did examine and canvass the returns of the said election, there having been submitted at said election the following proposition, to wit:

LIBRARY TAX RENEWAL PROPOSITION

Shall the Parish of Grant, State of Louisiana (the "Parish") levy a special tax of ten and fifty-four hundredths (10.54) mills on all property subject to taxation in the Parish (an estimated \$516,400 reasonably 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 2020 and ending with the year 2029, for the purpose of maintaining, supporting and operating public libraries in the Parish?

There was found by said count and canvass that there was a total of **1,231** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** the Proposition and a total of **771** votes cast **AGAINST** the Proposition, as hereinabove set forth, and it was further found and determined that there was a majority of **460** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** the Proposition as hereinabove set forth.

Therefore, the Governing Authority did declare and proclaim and does hereby declare and proclaim in open and public session that the Proposition as hereinabove set forth was duly **CARRIED** by a majority of the votes cast by the qualified electors voting at the said special election held in the Parish on Saturday, December 8, 2018.

Results by precinct are available from the Secretary-Treasurer of this Governing Authority during regular business hours or via the Louisiana Secretary of State's website (voterportal.sos.la.gov).

**Exhibit "A"** attached hereto and made a part of this *Procès Verbal* is a copy of the Notice of Special Election and proof of publication thereof.

THUS, DONE AND SIGNED at Colfax, Louisiana, on this, the 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2019.

ATTEST:	<u>(s) Arnold Murrell</u> President
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(s) Cynthia Jamison  
Secretary-Treasurer

**EXHIBIT "A"**

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Police Jury of the Parish of Grant, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Grant, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), on August 9, 2018, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held within the Parish on **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2018**, and that at the said election there will be submitted to all registered voters in the Parish qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

**LIBRARY TAX RENEWAL PROPOSITION**

Shall the Parish of Grant, State of Louisiana (the "Parish") levy a special tax of ten and fifty-four hundredths (10.54) mills on all property subject to taxation in the Parish (an estimated \$516,400 reasonably 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 2020 and ending with the year 2029, for the purpose of maintaining, supporting and operating public libraries in the Parish?

Said special election will be held at each and every polling place in the Parish of Grant, which polls will open at seven o'clock (7:00) a.m., and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541.

The polling places at the precincts in the Parish are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law.

Notice is further given that a portion of the monies collected from the tax described in the Proposition shall be remitted to certain state and statewide retirement systems in the manner required by law.

The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, as provided in this Notice of Special Election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, will make due returns thereof to said Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, the Police Jury Meeting Room, 200 Main Street, Colfax, Louisiana, on **THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 2019**, at **FIVE O'CLOCK (5:00) P.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election. All registered voters of the Parish are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used.

THUS, DONE AND SIGNED at Colfax, Louisiana, on this, the 9<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2018.

ATTEST:

(s) Arnold Murrell  
President

(s) Cynthia Jamison  
Secretary-Treasurer

**PROCLAMATION**

I, the undersigned President of the Police Jury of the Parish of Grant, State of Louisiana, the governing authority of the Parish of Grant, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), do hereby declare, proclaim and announce that the proposition submitted at the special election held in the Parish on Saturday, December 8, 2018, was CARRIED by a majority of the votes cast at the said special election, all as described and set out in the above *Procès Verbal*.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Colfax, Louisiana, on this, the 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2019.

(s) Arnold Murrell  
President

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF GRANT

I, the undersigned Secretary-Treasurer of the Police Jury of the Parish of Grant, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), the governing authority of the Parish of Grant, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), do hereby certify that the foregoing pages constitute a true and correct copy of the proceedings and *Procès Verbal* made by said Governing Authority on January 10, 2019, providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the result of the special election held in the Parish on Saturday, December 8, 2018, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature at Colfax, Louisiana, on this, the 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2019.

(s) Cynthia Jamison  
Secretary-Treasurer

Motion by Mr. Don Arnold, seconded by Mr. David Merrell to accept the Louisiana Crime Lab Budget. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Don Arnold, seconded by Mr. David Merrell to adopt Ordinance 08-2018; Concerning the safety of Landowners and Hunters Hunting on Federal Lands Bordering Privately Owned Lands Only. Motion carried.

Ordinance 08-2018  
LANDOWNERS AND HUNTERS SAFETY

WHEREAS, an Ordinance concerning the safety of landowners and hunters who are hunting on federal lands bordering private owned lands only is needed.

WHEREAS, all state and federal laws which are currently in effect must be followed.

BE IT ORDAINED, that hunting or discharging a firearm or any weapon capable of taking human life, causing injury or property damage shall be prohibited as follows:

- A. In or within one hundred fifty (150) yards of any residence, building or developed site, occupied or semi-occupied area or any place or manner in whereby any person or property is exposed to injury or damage.
- B. Hunting or discharging any of the stated devices across or within Fifty (50) feet of the centerline of any parish road is strictly prohibited.

NOTE; That any person who violates this ordinance shall be subject to fines as follows:

First offence shall be Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars.  
Second offence shall be one-hundred fifty (\$150.00) dollars  
Third offence shall be two hundred fifty (\$250.00) dollars

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall take effect upon its adoption and first publication of the same.

The foregoing was read and considered then adopted as a whole on this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2019 by the following votes:

Yeas: Mr. Don Arnold, Mr. Carl Ray Lasyone, Mr. Bradon Dubois, Mr. David Merrell, Mr. Arnold Murrell, Mr. Winston Roberts, Mr. Cephias Bowie, Jr., Mr. Britton Carroll

Nays: None

Absent and not voting: None

(s) Cynthia Jamison  
Cynthia Jamison  
Secretary/Treasurer/Parish Manager  
Grant Parish Police Jury

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

CERTIFICATE

I, Cynthia Jamison, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing constitutes a true and correct copy of an Ordinance passed and adopted by the Grant Parish Police Jury in regular session on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2019 at which a quorum was present.

GIVEN UNDER MY OFFICIAL SIGNATURE and seal of office on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2019.

(s) Cynthia Jamison  
Cynthia Jamison  
Secretary/Treasurer/Parish Manager  
Grant Parish Police Jury

Motion by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr., seconded by Mr. Carl Ray Lasyone to adopt Ordinance 09-2018; To abandon a section of Pinckley Road beginning at its intersection with Forda Tademy Road which ends at the Cruikshank Cemetery.

ORDINANCE NO. 09-2018

TO ABANDON A SECTION OF PINCKLEY ROAD BEGINNING AT ITS INTERSECTION WITH FORDA TADEMY ROAD. APPROXIMATELY 0.2 MILES FROM THE INTERSECTION OF BAGDAD LOOP AND FORDA TADEMY ROAD, TRAVERSING SOUTH APPROXIMATELY 0.3 MILES TO THE A PIPE GATE WHICH ENDS AT THE CRUIKSHANK CEMETERY. THIS ROAD IS LOCATED IN SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 5NORTH; RANGE 2 WEST, NORTH OF RED RIVER, GRANT PARISH.

WHEREAS, under the laws of the State of Louisiana, the said Police Jury of the Parish of Grant has the right to abandon any road, street, or alleyway, or part of a road, street, or alleyway, when the same is abandoned or no longer needed for public purposes, with the said abandonment resulting in all of the soil covered by and embraced in the road, street or alleyway up to the center line thereof reverting to the then present owner or owners of the land contiguous thereto.

WHEREAS, a section of Pinckley Road beginning at its intersection with Forda Tademy Road, approximately 0.2 miles from the intersection of Bagdad Loop and Forda Tademy Road, Traversing South approximately 0.3 miles to a pipe gate which ends at the Cruikshank Cemetery, Grant Parish, Louisiana. This road is located in section 6, Township 5North; Range 2 West, North of Red River, Grant Parish, Louisiana.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Grant in legal session acting therein:

SECTION I

This unimproved section or road also referred to as Cruikshank Cemetery Road, Forida/Forda Tademy or Pinckley Road, described as follows:

Being a section of an unimproved road beginning at its intersection With Forda Tademy Road, approximately 0.2 miles from the intersection of Bagdad Loop and Forda Tademy Road, Traversing South approximately 0.3 miles to a pipe gate which ends at the Cruikshank Cemetery, Grant Parish, Louisiana. This road is located in section 6, Township 5 North; Range 2 West, North of Red River, Grant Parish, Louisiana.

Be and the same is hereby abandoned as a road, street, alleyway, or public thoroughfare and said property is to accrue to and become the property of the then present owner or owners of the land contiguous thereto as authorized by law.

SECTION II

That all ordinances or parts of ordinances conflicting herewith are hereby repealed.

Introduced on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2018.

FINALLY APPROVED AND ADOPTED on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2019, by the affirmative Vote of:

YEAS: Mr. Don Arnold, Mr. Carl Ray Lasyone, Mr. Brandon Dubois, Mr. Britton Carroll, Mr. Arnold Murrell, Mr. Winston Roberts, Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr., Mr. David Merrell

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

(s) Cynthia Jamison  
Cynthia Jamison  
Secretary-Treasurer

(s) Arnold Murrell  
Arnold Murrell  
President

Grant Parish Police Jury

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I Cynthia Jamison, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing constitutes a true and correct copy of an Ordinance passed and adopted by the Grant Parish Police Jury in regular session on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2019 at which a quorum was present.

GIVEN UNDER MY OFFICIAL SIGNATURE and seal of office on this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2019.

(s) Cynthia Jamison  
Cynthia Jamison  
Secretary-Treasurer  
Grant Parish Police Jury

Motion by Mr. Winston Roberts, seconded by Mr. Brandon Dubois to re-schedule the February 14, 2019 Police Jury meeting to February 21, 2019, at 5:00 p.m. in the Grant Parish Police Jury meeting room. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Brandon Dubois, seconded by Mr. David Merrell to amend the agenda to add discuss sealed bids. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Brandon Dubois, seconded by Mr. David Merrell to discuss sealed bids. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Brandon Dubois, seconded by Mr. David Merrell to re-advertise to accept sealed bids on the 2012 and 2013 surplus garbage trucks with a minimum bid set at \$35,000.00 each. Bids to be opened at the February 21, 2019 Police Jury meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Don Arnold, seconded by Mr. Carl Ray Lasyone to amend the agenda to add executive session to discuss personnel. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Don Arnold, seconded by Mr. Carl Ray Lasyone to enter into executive session to discuss personnel. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Don Arnold, seconded by Mr. David Merrell to return to regular session. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Don Arnold, seconded by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr., to add to amend the agenda to add accept the recommendation from the utilities committee regarding operations of the gas office and permit office. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Don Arnold, seconded by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr., to accept the recommendation from the utilities committee to combine the Project Administrator and Office Administrator of the gas office with pay adjustment to the Project Administrator of \$250 per pay period and to combine the operations of the gas office and the permit office.

Yeas: Mr. Don Arnold, Mr. Carl Ray Lasyone, Mr. David Merrell, Mr. Arnold Murrell, Mr. Winston Roberts, Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr.

Nays: Mr. Brandon Dubois, Mr. Britton Carroll

Motion by Mr. Winston Roberts, seconded by Mr. Carl Ray Lasyone to pay bills as funds become available. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Winston Roberts, seconded by Mr. Don Arnold to adjourn. Motion carried.