

Colfax, LA
January 21, 2021

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, January 21, 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. Brandon DuBois, Mr. Johnny Jamison, Mr. Arnold Murrell, Mr. Winston Roberts.

The following members were absent:

None

Motion by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr., seconded by Mr. Brandon Dubois to nominate Mr. Don Arnold for President of the Grant Parish Police Jury. No other nomination for President was made.

Motion by Mr. Winston Roberts to Elect by Acclimation Mr. Don Arnold as President of the Grant Parish Police Jury.

Motion by Mr. Winston Roberts, seconded by Mr. David Merrell to nominate Mr. Mark Ball for Vice President of the Grant Parish Police Jury.

Motion made by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr. to nominate Mr. Brandon Dubois for Vice President of the Grant Parish Police Jury; Mr. Brandon Dubois declined the nomination.

Motion by Winston Roberts, seconded by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr. to nominate Mr. Mark Ball for Vice President of the Grant Parish Police Jury. Motion carried.

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

Mr. Don Arnold recognized Mr. Frannon “Bubba” Dykes for his 34 years of service as a Grant Parish Constable for District E in Dry Prong.

Mr. Paul Fuselier, Community & Governmental Relations Manager of Acadian Ambulance gave the annual call report for the parish.

Mr. Robert Wolfe, Parish Engineer, gave an update on open projects in Grant Parish.

Mr. Steven Crawford of DRC Emergency Services gave an update on the closing of the parish debris pick up project.

Motion by Mr. Arnold Murrell, seconded by Mr. Brandon DuBois to open meeting to public comments. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr., seconded by Mr. Brandon Dubois to approve Resolution 1-2021; Community Water Enrichment Fund for fiscal year 2020-2021. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION
1-2021
COMMUNITY WATER ENRICHMENT FUND FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021**

WHEREAS, The parish of Grant will apply for a grant known as the Community Water enrichment Fund to be implemented by the office of Community Development for the purposes of enhancing and improving rural water systems.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Police Jury of the Parish of Grant does hereby authorize, empower and direct its President, to execute on behalf of the Parish all applications, agreements, contracts and necessary documents to complete the project.

The above Resolution was introduced at regular meeting of the Police Jury on January 21, 2021.

The Resolution having been put to a vote, the roll call vote thereupon was recorded as follows, to-wit:

AYES: Mr. Don Arnold, Mr. Brandon DuBois, Mr. Arnold Murrell,
Mr. Cephas Bowie Jr., Mr. David Merrell, Mr. Mark Ball, Mr. Winston Roberts
Mr. Johnny Jamison
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

Thereupon, Mr. Don Arnold, President, declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 8 ayes to 0 nays, this 21st day of January, 2021.

(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 21st day of January, 2021.

(s)Jessie Pace
Jessie Pace, Secretary/Treasurer

Motion by Mr. Mark Ball, seconded by Mr. Winston Roberts to approve Resolution 2-2021; To Make Jessie “Sissy” Pace Point of Contact for FEMA Project Closeouts. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION
2-2021
MAKING JESSIE “SISSY” PACE THE POINT OF CONTACT FOR FEMA PROJECT CLOSEOUT**

WHEREAS, On August 27, 2020 Hurricane Laura made landfall in Grant Parish as a Category 2 Hurricane and;

WHEREAS, On October 5, 2020 Hurricane Delta made landfall in Grant Parish as a lower Category 1 Hurricane/Tropical Storm and;

WHEREAS, the Grant Parish Police Jury filed for Public Assistance through FEMA for events 4559DR-LA and 4570DR-LA to receive funding to pay for repairs to damaged parish property, damaged parish roads, and storm debris clean up operations and;

WHEREAS, Don Arnold is currently the only signatory as the President of the Grant Parish Police Jury and;

WHEREAS, projects such as these and all secondary projects take years to complete, the Grant Parish Police Jury has a need to execute any and all documents related the closing and audit process and;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Grant Parish Police Jury does hereby authorize and direct its Secretary/Treasurer Jessie “Sissy” Pace to be the point of contact for the FEMA project closeouts.

The above Resolution was passed, approved and adopted on January 21, 2021.

(s) Jessie Pace

(s) Don Arnold

Jessie Pace
Secretary/Treasurer
Grant Parish Police Jury

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 21st day of January, 2021.

(s) Jessie Pace
Jessie Pace, Secretary/Treasurer

Motion by Mr. Winston Roberts, seconded by Mr. David Merrell to approve Resolution 3-2021; Honoring the Retirement of Mr. Louie E. McGlothlin. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: 3-2021

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF MR. LOUIE E. MCGLOTHLIN

WHEREAS, Mr. Louie E. McGlothlin, has served with distinction and dedication as an employee of the Grant Parish Police Jury for twenty-eight (28) years, (11) months.

WHEREAS, he has served the citizens of Grant Parish and the Police Jury with Honor during those twenty-eight (28) years, (11) months.

WHEREAS, Mr. Louie E. McGlothlin will retire from service effective February 1, 2021

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Grant Parish Police Jury in recognition of his dedication and devotion, does hereby Commend and Honor Mr. Louie E. McGlothlin for twenty-eight (28) years, (11) months meritorious service to the Grant Parish Police Jury and the Citizens of Grant

Passed, approved and adopted this 21TH day of January, 2021.

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

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

CERTIFICATE

I, Jessie Pace, Secretary/Treasurer of the Grant Parish Police Jury, 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 January 21, 2021.

(s) Jessie Pace
Jessie Pace, Secretary/Treasurer

Mr. Dan McClung addressed the jury about his interest in the position of Constable for District E in Dry Prong.

Motion by Mr. Johnny Jamison, seconded by Mr. Arnold Murrell to amend the agenda to include making a nomination for Constable for District E in Dry Prong. Motion Carried.

Motion by Mr. Johnny Jamison, seconded by Mr. Arnold Murrell to nominate Mr. Dan McClung for Constable for District E in Dry Prong. Motion Carried.

Motion by Mr. Winston Roberts, seconded by Mr. Mark Ball to donate the old Consolidated Gas Utilities District building to the Sheriff's Office in exchange for the cost of the morgue, utilities, phone & internet for the coroner, building insurance and maintenance on the building. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Johnny Jamison, seconded by Mr. Arnold Murrell to approve the Personnel Committee to review employee health insurances quotes and make recommendations to jury for approval. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr., seconded by Mr. Brandon Dubois to approve the Personnel Committee's recommendations for Assistant Roads Superintendent and Foreman. Motion carried.

Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr. advised the jury that the Roads Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent will continue to be eligible for overtime.

The jury discussed purchasing a new truck on state contract for the Health Unit.

Motion by Mr. Mark Ball, seconded by Mr. Brandon Dubois to defer the matter of a new truck for the Health Unit to the Equipment Committee. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Arnold Murrell, seconded by Mr. Mark Ball to approve Resolution 4-2021; in opposition of Village of Creola annexing Hwy 167

RESOLUTION: 4-2021

RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION OF VILLAGE OF CREOLA ANNEXING HWY 167

Now therefore be it resolved, that the Grant Parish Police Jury opposes the Village of Creola annexation of Hwy 167 Northward from their village limits up to and including property and businesses located at the intersection of Hwy 167 and Hwy 1241.

Thus, Done this 21TH day of January, 2021, parish of Grant and State of Louisiana.

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

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

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Jessie Pace, Secretary/Treasurer of the Grant Parish Police Jury, 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 January 21, 2021.

(s) Jessie Pace
Jessie Pace, Secretary/Treasurer

Mr. Billy Lutes, Grant Parish Roads Superintendent, gave an update on the Landfill and Roads departments.

Motion by Mr. Arnold Murrell, seconded by Mr. Johnny Jamison to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement between Grant Parish and Rapides Parish. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Mr. Arnold Murrell, seconded by Mr. Mark Ball to adjourn. Motion carried.