

Colfax, LA
January 12, 2023

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, January 12, 2023 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

Jessie Pace, Secretary/Treasurer opened the floor for Police Jury President nominations. Mr. Arnold Murrell nominated Mr. Mark Ball and Mr. Don Arnold seconded the nomination. **No other nomination for President were made.**

Motion by Mr. Arnold Murrell, seconded by Mr. Don Arnold to elect Mr. Mark Ball as President of the Grant Parish Police Jury. Motion carried.

Jessie Pace, Secretary/Treasurer opened the floor for Police Jury Vice President nominations. Mr. Johnny Jamison nominated Mr. Brandon DuBois and Mr. Arnold Murrell seconded the nomination. **No other nomination for Vice President were made.**

Motion by Mr. Johnny Jamison, seconded by Mr. Arnold Murrell to elect Mr. Brandon DuBois for Vice President of the Grant Parish Police Jury. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Arnold Murrell seconded by Mr. Johnny Jamison to accept the minutes of 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 parish.

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Don Arnold to open meeting to public comments. Motion carried. No one came forward with comments/concerns.

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Johnny Jamison to remove Paradise Point in Nantachie Acres from the parish road maintenance system and transferring maintenance to Mr. Richard Crain. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Johnny Jamison to adopt Ordinance 8-2022; Acquiring Ownership of the Aloha Community Center. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 08-2022

DECLARING THE INTENT OF THE PARISH, PURSUANT TO LA.R.S. 47:2236, TO ACQUIRE THE FULL OWNERSHIP INTEREST IN THE ALOHA COMMUNITY CENTER, NAMELY 1.78 AC PER PLAT IN SE OF NE AND PART OF NE OF SE, SEC. 16-7-4 WEST

WHEREAS, Tax sale title to the above-described property has been adjudicated to Grant Parish Police Jury for failure to pay property taxes;

WHEREAS, Grant Parish Police Jury now intends to acquire the full ownership interest in the above-described property.

WHEREAS, taking a full ownership interest under La.R.S. 47:2236 requires the Parish to declare by ordinance duly enacted that the Parish intends to acquire the full ownership interest of the subject property;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Grant Parish Police Jury in due, legal, and regular session convened:

SECTION 1: All of the above "Whereas" clauses are adopted as part of this Ordinance.

SECTION 2: Pursuant to La.R.S. 47:2236, the Grant Parish Police Jury does hereby declare its intent to acquire the full ownership interest in THE ALOHA COMMUNITY CENTER, NAMELY 1.78 AC PER PLAT IN SE OF NE AND PART OF NE OF SE, SEC. 16-7-4 WEST.

SECTION 3: In accordance with La.R.S. 47:2236(B), this Ordinance shall be filed with the recorder of mortgages, who shall index the names of the tax debtor and the Parish of Grant as mortgages.

SECTION 4: In accordance with La.R.S. 47:2236(C) and (D), written notice shall be given to the tax sale parties whose interest the Parish intends to be terminated and notice shall be published in the official journal of the Parish. Both notices shall state that the tax sale parties whose interest the Parish intends to be terminated shall have sixty (60) days after the date of notice, if five (5) years have elapsed from the filing of the tax sale certificate, or six (6) months after the date of notice, if five (5) years have not elapsed from the filing of the tax sale certificate, to redeem the property or otherwise challenge the acquisition in a court of competent jurisdiction. If the notice is given after the expiration of the applicable redemptive period, the notice shall constitute a notice of sale, and the sending of the notice shall constitute service of the notice of sale under Article VII, Section 25 of the Constitution of Louisiana.

SECTION 5: In accordance with La.R.S. 47:2236(E), if the property is not redeemed within said time limits, this Ordinance shall become operative and the Parish of Grant shall acquire full ownership of the property, subject only to such rights as determined by a final judgment rendered in an action filed within the time limits set forth above.

SECTION 6: In accordance with La.R.S. 47:2236(E), the Parish of Grant shall file a notice in the conveyance records indicating that it has acquired full ownership of the property in compliance with the Statute.

SECTION 7: In accordance with La.R.S. 47:2236(F), contemporaneously or subsequent to the filing of the notice required by the above Section, the Parish may file into the mortgage records the completed affidavit called for by La.R.S. 47:2236(F).

SECTION 8: In accordance with La.R.S. 47:2236(G), the filing of the above-referenced affidavit with the recorder of mortgages shall operate as a cancellation, termination, release, or erasure of record of all statutory impositions of all political subdivisions then due and owing, of all governmental liens, and of all interests, liens, mortgages, privileges, and other encumbrances recorded against the property sold and listed in the affidavit.

SECTION 9: In accordance with La.R.S. 47:2236(H), upon filing the affidavit, the recorder of mortgages or the recorder of conveyances shall treat as canceled, terminated, released, or erased, all those liens, privileges, mortgages, or other encumbrances canceled, terminated, released, or erased under La.R.S. 47:2236(G), only insofar as they affect the property.

SECTION 10: If any provision or item of this Ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared severable.

SECTION 11: All Ordinances or Resolutions, or parts thereof, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 12: This Ordinance shall take effect upon adoption.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED on this 12th day of January, 2023, by the vote of:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Jessie Pace
Jessie Pace
Parish Manager/Secretary-Treasurer
Grant Parish Police Jury

Mark Ball
Mark Ball
President
Grant Parish Police Jury

CERTIFICATE

I, Jessie Pace, Parish Manager/Secretary-Treasurer of the Grant Parish Police Jury, do hereby certify the forgoing is a true and correct copy of an Ordinance adopted by the said Police Jury in regular session on the 12th day of January, 2023, at a quorum.

Jessie Pace
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Parish Manager/Secretary-Treasurer
Grant Parish Police Jury

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Johnny Jamison to adopt Ordinance 9-2022;
Declaring certain vehicles and equipment as surplus. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 09-2022

DECLARING CERTAIN VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT AS SURPLUS

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the property described is no longer needed for the public purposes of the Grant Parish Police Jury, and

Motion by Mr. Don Arnold, seconded by Mr. Arnold Murrell to approve the quote from Bit Happens for a new surveillance camera system at the Egg Farm Road dump site. Motion carried.

Jurors discussed repairs needed to fences at the dump sites. It was decided that the jurors will visit the dump sites in their area and decide on repairs in February.

State Representative Gabe Firment, District 22, updated the jury on the new Congressional Districts, funding from the Water Sector Program, Capital Outlay funding, and Rural Broadband projects.

Mr. Cody Gongre, Grant Parish Roads Superintendent, gave an update on the Landfill and Roads departments.

Motion by Mr. Arnold Murrell, seconded by Mr. Don Arnold to amend the agenda to included Motion to open sealed bids for garbage trucks. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Arnold Murrell to open sealed bids for a new garbage truck. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Don Arnold, seconded by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr. to accept the bid from RiverCity Hydraulics in the amount of \$331,847.00. Motion carried.

Yeas: Mr. Brandon DuBois, Mr. Johnny Jamison, Mr. Arnold Murrell, and Mr. Winston Roberts

Nay: Mr. David Merrell

Mr. Brandon DuBois updated the jury on the Equipment Committee Meeting. They are working on getting specs to request bids for new dump trucks. They have also requested the roads department to get prices on a new packer and roller.

Mr. Cephas Bowie Jr. updated the jury on the Personnel Committee Meeting where pay ranges were discussed for each position and the item will be discussed at the February meeting once more information is available. He also updated the jury on the Utilities Committee Meeting where a late fee increase was discussed for delinquent accounts in the gas department. The item will be voted on at the February meeting.

Mr. Mark Ball updated the jury on the Finance Committee Meeting. The jury will purchase the mowing tractors and one dump truck from the LATCF funds and the other dump truck will be financed and paid for from the Public Works account.

Motion by Mr. Arnold Murrell, seconded by Mr. Don Arnold to pay bills as funds become available. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Don Arnold, seconded by Mr. Johnny Jamison to adjourn. Motion carried.