

Colfax, LA  
June 9, 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, June 8, 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

Motion by Mr. Arnold Murrell, seconded by Mr. Johnny Jamison to open the agenda to public comments on agenda items. Motion carried.

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

Mr. Keith Maxwell, Grant Parish Assessor, discussed the 2023 millage rates and the process to roll up or keep the current rates.

Motion by Mr. Don Arnold, seconded by Mr. Brandon Dubois to adopt Resolution 15-2023; Millage Rates for 2023 Tax Year. Motion carried.

#### RESOLUTION 15-2023

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2023 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by Parish of Grant

#### MILLAGE

General Alimony	4.34 Mills
Roads and Bridges	8.31 Mills
Courthouse Maintenance	3.11 Mills
Health Unit	2.00 Mills
Library	10.54 Mills
Fire District No. 1	20.43 Mills
Fire District No. 2	13.01 Mills
Fire District No. 3	14.54 Mills
Fire District No. 4	9.82 Mills
Fire District No. 5	11.59 Mills
Fire District No. 6	12.99 Mills
Fire District No. 7	12.93 Mills

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of Grant, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2023, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full; the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

**YEAS:** 8  
**NAYS:** 0  
**ABSTAINED:** 0  
**ABSENT:** 0

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

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

#### CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the resolution adopted at the board meeting held on June 8, 2023, at which meeting a quorum was present and voting.

Colfax, Louisiana, this 8<sup>th</sup> of June, 2023.

(s) Jessie Pace  
Jessie Pace  
Secretary/Treasurer/Parish Manager

Mr. William Jarrell of Morgan, Goudeau and Associates did not attend the meeting.

Motion by Mr. Johnny Jamison, seconded by Mr. David Merrell to adopt Resolution 14-2023; Authorizing and Approving Execution of Equipment – Lease Purchase Agreement with Cadence Equipment Finance for the 2024 Mack Dump Truck. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 14-2023**

**AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING EXECUTION OF AN  
EQUIPMENT - LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH CADENCE EQUIPMENT FINANCE, A DIVISION OF  
CADENCE BANK**

WHEREAS, Grant Parish Police Jury (the "Governing Body") of Grant Parish Police Jury Louisiana (the "Lessee"), acting for and on the behalf of the Lessee hereby finds, determines, and adjudicates as follows:

1. The Lessee desires to enter into an Equipment Lease - Purchase Agreement with the Lease Schedule and Exhibits attached thereto in substantially the same form as attached hereto as Exhibit "A" (collectively, the "Agreement") with Cadence Equipment Finance, a division of Cadence Bank (the "Lessor"), for the purpose of leasing with an option to purchase the equipment as described therein for the total cost specified therein (the "Equipment").
2. It is in the best interest of the public purposes of the Lessee that the Lessee lease with an option to purchase the Equipment pursuant to and in accordance with the terms of the Agreement; and
3. It is necessary for the Lessee to approve and authorize the Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by this Governing Body for and on behalf of the Lessee as follows:

Section 1. The Agreement and Exhibits attached thereto in substantially the same form as attached hereto as Exhibit "A" by and between the Lessor and the Lessee is hereby approved Ad Jessie Pace (the "Authorized Officer") is hereby authorized and directed to execute said Agreement on behalf of the Lessee.

Section 2. The Agreement is being issued in calendar year 2023.

Section 3. Neither any portion of the gross proceeds of the Agreement nor the Equipment identified to the Agreement shall be used (directly or indirectly) in a trade or business carried on by any person other than a governmental unit, except for such use as a member of the general public.

Section 4. No portion of the rental payments identified in the Agreement (a) is secured, directly or indirectly, by property used or to be used in a trade or business carried on by a person other than a governmental unit, except for such use as a member of the general public, or by payments in respect of such property; or (b) is to be derived from payments (whether or not to the Lessee) in respect of property or borrowed money used or to be used for a trade or business carried on by any person other than a governmental unit.

Section 5. No portion of the gross proceeds of the Agreement are used (directly or indirectly) to make or finance loans to persons other than governmental units.

Section 6. The Authorized Officer is further authorized for and on behalf of the Governing Body and the Lessee to do all things necessary in furtherance of the obligations of the Lessee pursuant to the Agreement, including execution and delivery of all other documents necessary or appropriate to carry out the transactions contemplated thereby in accordance with the terms and provisions thereof.

Section 7. The Lessee desires to designate the Agreement as a "qualified tax-exempt obligation" of the Lessee, as defined in Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "Code"). The aggregate face amount of all tax-exempt obligations (excluding private activity bonds other than qualified 501(c)(3) bonds) issued or to be issued by the Lessee and all subordinate entities thereof during the current calendar year is not reasonably expected to exceed \$10,000,000. The Lessee and all subordinate entities thereof will not issue or enter into in excess of \$10,000,000 of tax-exempt obligations (including the Agreement, but excluding private activity bonds other than qualified 501(c)(3) bonds) during the current calendar year, without first obtaining an opinion of nationally recognized counsel in the area of tax-exempt municipal obligations acceptable to the Lessor that the designation of the Agreement as a "qualified tax-exempt obligation" will not be adversely affected.

Passed, approved and adopted this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.

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

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

CERTIFICATE

I, Jessie Pace, Secretary/Treasurer of the Grant Parish Police Jury, 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.

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

Motion by Mr. David Merrell, seconded by Mr. Johnny Jamison to introduce Ordinance 3-2023; to Geographically Merge Precincts 7-4 (West Part) and 7-3 with the polling location being Bentley United

Pentecostal Church and 7-6 into 7-4 (East Part) with the polling location being Sims Community Center. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 03-2023

An Ordinance to geographically merge precincts, and establish polling places; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, the Grant Parish Police Jury adopted Ordinance 04-2022 to divide precincts and adopt a redistricting plan after the 2020 Federal Decennial Census;

WHEREAS, the Grant Parish Police Jury hereby certifies that the Grant Parish Police Jury, the Grant Parish School Board and the Louisiana Legislature have completed redistricting following the 2020 Federal Decennial Census;

WHEREAS, the Grant Parish Police Jury, divided a number of precincts in the adoption of its redistricting plan;

WHEREAS, the Grant Parish Police Jury adopted Ordinance 05-2022 to geographically merge certain precincts after adoption of its redistricting plan in accordance with R.S. 18:532.1.

WHEREAS, the Grant Parish Police Jury deems it in the best interest of the electoral process to geographically merge additional precincts in accordance with R.S. 18:532.1.

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GRANT PARISH POLICE JURY THAT:

**SECTION 1**

The following Precincts are hereby geographically merged:

**1. Precincts 7-4 (part) and 7-3 are geographically merged into new Precinct 7-3**

Only the portion of Precinct 7-4 that is west of the corporate limits of Pollock shall be geographically merged with Precinct 7-3

The polling location for Precinct 7-3 shall be:

Bentley United Pentecostal Church  
19548 US-167, Dry Prong, LA 71423

**2. Precincts 7-4 (part) and 7-6 are geographically merged into new Precinct 7-6**

The remainder of Precinct 7-4 that is not geographically merged with Precinct 7-3 shall be geographically merged with Precinct 7-6

The polling location for Precinct 7-6 shall be:

Sims Community Center  
369 Airbase Rd, Pollock, LA 71467

Date of Enactment – This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon approval.

WHEREUPON THIS ORDINANCE WAS ADOPTED TO A VOTE AND RESULTED IN THE FOLLOWING:

YEAS

NAYS:

ABSENT:

AND THIS ORDINANCE WAS ADOPTED ON THIS \_\_\_ th DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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

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Mark Ball  
President  
Grant Parish Police Jury

CERTIFICATE

I, , 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 a regular session on the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023, at a quorum.

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

Motion by Mr. Don Arnold, seconded by Mr. Johnny Jamison to adopt Resolution 16-2023; to Raise the Speed Limit on South Tower Road to 35 Miles Per Hour. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 16-2023**

**A RESOLUTION TO RAISE THE SPEED LIMIT ON SOUTH TOWER ROAD TO 35 MILES PER HOUR**

WHEREAS, pursuant to RS 32:41 & RS 33:1236, gives Police Juries and other governing authorities powers to establish speed limits on any public road within their territorial limits; and,

WHEREAS, these powers will further the best interest of the parish and the parish road systems; and,

WHEREAS, it would better serve of the residents and travelers on South Tower Road to increase the speed limit to 35 miles per hour; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Grant Parish Police Jury does hereby authorize that the speed limit on South Tower Road be raised from 25 miles per hour to 35 miles per hour.

Passed, approved and adopted this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.

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

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

CERTIFICATE

I, Jessie Pace, Secretary/Treasurer of the Grant Parish Police Jury, 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.

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

Motion by Mr. Don Arnold, seconded by Mr. Johnny Jamison to adopt Resolution 17-2023; Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Louisiana Department of the Treasury, State of Louisiana. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION  
17-2023**

Cooperative Endeavor Agreement  
Louisiana Department of the Treasury  
State of Louisiana

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Grant Parish Police Jury that its President, Mark Ball, is hereby authorized as the signatory party to execute “Louisiana Department of the Treasury and the State of Louisiana Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for Act 170 of 2022 Regular Legislative Session of the Louisiana Legislature Program” on behalf of Grant Parish.

The Grant Parish Police Jury adopted the above Resolution during regular session convened on Thursday, June 8, 2023.

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Jessie Pace, Parish Manager of the Grant Parish Police Jury, State of Louisiana, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of a RESOLUTION adopted by the Police Jury of the Parish of Grant, State of Louisiana, in regular session convened on June 8, 2023 at which a quorum was present.

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

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

STATE OF LOUISIANA  
PARISH OF GRANT

GIVEN UNDER MY OFFICIAL SIGNATURE and Seal of Office on this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.

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

Mr. Don Arnold discussed utilizing Capital Improvement Funds from District #8 for Mudville Road and Buck Grand Staff Road.

Motion by Mr. Don Arnold, seconded by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr. to utilize Capital Improvement Funds from District #8 for Mudville Road and Buck Grand Staff Road. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Don Arnold to amend the agenda to add Motion to purchase a roller, two rotary cutters, a tilt trailer, and a pressure washer. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Johnny Jamison to purchase a new Hamm Roller from Doggett Machinery at the quoted state contract price. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Winston Roberts, seconded by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr. to purchase two Bush Hog rotary cutters from Goldman Equipment at the quoted state contract price. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Winston Roberts to purchase a new pressure washer. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Johnny Jamison, seconded by Mr. Don Arnold to purchase a 20-24 foot pintle hitch trailer for the roller.

Yeas: Cephas Bowie Jr., Mr. Brandon DuBois, Mr. Arnold Murrell, and Mr. Winston Roberts

Nays: Mr. David Merrell  
Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Johnny Jamison, seconded by Mr. Arnold Murrell to pay bill as funds become available. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. David Merrell to adjourn. Motion carried.