

Colfax, LA
June 10, 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, June 10, 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. Arnold Murrell, Mr. Winston Roberts.

The following members were absent:

Mr. Johnny Jamison

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

Mr. Paul Fuslier, Acadian Ambulance Operations Manager, gave the monthly call report for the parish.

Mr. William Jarrell of Morgan Goudeau and Associates updated the jury on the progress of the South Grant Sewer Project.

Mr. Keith Maxwell discussed rural broadband high speed internet, recent initiatives for funding, and implementation for Grant Parish.

Motion by MR. Cephas Bowie Jr., seconded by Mr. Mark Ball to amend the agenda to add Motion to Enter Contract with Eagleview for digital orthomosaic and oblique imagery to be used in the broadband infostructure planning using ARPA funds. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cephas Bowie Jr., seconded by Mr. Brandon DuBois to enter contract with Eagleview for digital orthomosaic and oblique imagery to be used in the broadband infostructure planning using ARPA funds. Motion carried.

Ms. Christina Henderson, District Ranger for Catahoula District of Kisatchie National Forest introduced herself to the jury, discussed plans for the Catahoula District, and updated the jury on open areas at Stewart Lake.

Mr. Rodney Johnson, LSU AG Center Associate Extension Agent, addressed the jury about renewing the cooperative agreement.

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Winston Roberts to enter into a three year cooperative agreement with the LSU Ag Center. Motion carried.

**LSU AgCenter
And the
Grant Parish Police Jury**

Cooperative Agreement to Support and Administer Louisiana Cooperative
Units Off Campus

Background:

The process of developing a well-educated citizenry involves use of formal and informal approaches by dedicated professionals. Congress in 1914 signified the national interest in assuring that informal educational opportunities needed to emanate from the knowledge generating process of the Land Grant College system by passing the Smith-Lever Act. This Act created the Cooperative Extension Service system that links Land Grant campus faculty to those seeking information in off campus locales. This is achieved via a partnership of the United States Department of Agriculture, the Louisiana State University AgCenter and local government. Police Juries, Parish Commissions and School Boards are the critical third partner for effectively identifying, developing and delivering Cooperative Extension programs. Educational needs and delivery mechanisms clearly have dynamic aspects that challenge the federal, state and local partners to work effectively in order to meet community needs. This Cooperative Agreement between the LSU AgCenter and local government acknowledges the value to clientele of all partners having a uniform understanding for programming support.

Partnership Philosophy:

- The long standing presence of Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service (LCES) faculty in the parish has established invaluable ties to the local clientele, government, and industry.
- That educational programming is most valued when developed in concert with local and area needs as expressed through the advisory committee process.
- That LSU AgCenter faculty on campus and at research stations/regional centers are an essential supplement to the technical capabilities of local LCES faculty.
- LCES faculty have, at a minimum, a baccalaureate degree, and must complete graduate level coursework with the intention that they will work toward a master's degree. LCES also provides additional technical training opportunities in order to offer local clientele enhanced information and educational programs.
- LCES faculty in parish offices may develop and deliver specialized programming of importance to surrounding parishes.
- Federal, state and local financial support is necessary to meet the needs of the community as identified by advisory committees.

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The LSU AgCenter agrees:

1. The LSU AgCenter working in the LCES format will deliver needs based, focused programs in four general categories: 1) Agriculture and Natural Resources, 2) 4-H Youth Development, 3) Family and Consumer Sciences, and 4) Community Economic Development.
2. That competent faculty and support personnel will be recruited and placed in parish offices on LSU AgCenter appointments by following LSU AgCenter Human Resources Office procedures.
3. Faculty are to be afforded training and professional improvement opportunities to assure the parish has the best technical resources available.
4. Faculty and unclassified staff in parish offices will be supervised and evaluated by the appropriate unit leader pursuant to the LSU AgCenter's employee policies and procedures.
5. To provide parish governmental units with oral and written reports from the parish AgCenter faculty on a mutually agreed to schedule but at least annually.
6. To consult with parish government units as to the program to be offered in the parish.
7. Faculty in the parish will adhere to the Policy Statements and Presidential Memoranda issued by the LSU President's Office and AgCenter campus.
8. To evaluate the need for specialized office and program delivery equipment above that provided by the parish.
9. To establish mutually beneficial billing procedures for collection of financial support for faculty and staff from parish government units.

The Parish Governmental Unit Agrees:

1. To provide suitable office space, furnishings and support facilities to LCES faculty.
2. To provide operating services support such as utilities, communication and technology charges, custodial services and office supplies.
3. To provide financial support of \$7,500.00 for research based educational programming for the parish including but not limited to: 1) Agriculture and Natural Resources, 2) 4-H Youth Development, 3) Family and Consumer Sciences, and 4) Community Economic Development.

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Local sources combined generally provide a minimum of 20% of the parish's programmatic cost.

4. That with reference to faculty vacancies due to resignation, retirement or new positions the LSU AgCenter's Office of Human Resource Management policies will be followed in the search for candidates. The LCES parish chair will assure that parish government officials are well informed during the process.

Implementation:

This Cooperative Agreement between the Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service and Grant Parish Police Jury is entered into in order to assure continued informal educational programming from the LSU AgCenter. It shall be in effect for three (3) years for the period ~~July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2024~~.

Approved:

Don Arnold - President
Grant Parish Police Jury

_____ Date

Regional Director
LSU AgCenter

_____ Date

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Motion by Mr. Mark Ball, seconded by Mr. Brandon to open the agenda to public comment.
Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr., seconded by Mr. Mark Ball to accept the Governor's holiday schedule. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Winston Roberts to adopt Ordinance 03-2021; The Transfer of Excess Property to the Grant Parish Sheriff's Office. Motion carried.

AND

A certain piece, parcel and tract of land located in Grant Parish, Louisiana, more particularly described as follows: Begin at the Northernmost corner of Block 10 of the Town of Colfax for a point of beginning, and run S25°02'E for 67.39', thence run S64°58'W for 65.44', thence N25°02'W for 67.3', thence run N64°58'E for 65.44', back to the point of beginning, as shown on Certificate of Survey dated 10-3-98 by Stephen Barrett Gremillion, labeled G.P.P.J. thereon and outlined in red. A copy of said survey is attached hereto.

Which is not needed for public purposes.

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

ORDINANCE 03-2021:

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING CERTAIN IMMOVABLE PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED OR NECESSARY FOR PUBLIC USE TO WHICH IT WAS DESIGNED OR DEDICATED, TO REVOKE THE DESIGNATION OR DEDICATION OF SAID PROPERTY FOR PUBLIC USE; TO RECOGNIZE THAT THE SAID IMMOVABLE PROPERTY IS NEEDED BY THE GRANT PARISH LAW ENFORCEMENT DISTRICT OF THE PARISH OF GRANT, STATE OF LOUISIANA FOR PUBLIC USE, AND AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF SAID PROPERTY TO THE SAID GRANT PARISH LAW ENFORCEMENT DISTRICT AND AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE GRANT PARISH POLICE JURY TO CONVEY TITLE TO THE GRANT PARISH LAW ENFORCEMENT DISTRICT AND EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT AND TRANSFER AND SIGN ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS, AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

WHEREAS, under the laws of the State of Louisiana, the said Police jury of the Parish of Grant has the right to declare certain immovable property no longer needed or necessary for public purpose and to revoke the designation or dedication of said property when it is no longer needed and is authorized to sell or transfer said property to another political subdivision of the State of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, the Grant Parish Police Jury is the owner of the following described property:

A certain parcel of land located in Lot One (1) of Block 47 of the Town of Colfax, Grant Parish, Louisiana, fronting 68' on Old Highway 71, and on Main St., and being an area of 68' x 178.5', and being more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at the Northwest corner of Block 47 at the intersection of Fifth Street with Old Highway 71, and run in an easterly direction along said Old Highway 71 for a distance of 85 feet for a point of beginning, thence from said point of beginning continue to run in an easterly direction a distance of 68' along the said Old Highway 71, thence at right angles in a southerly direction a distance of 178.5', thence westerly a distance of 68', thence in a northerly direction and parallel to Fifth Street a distance of 178.5' back to the point of beginning said tract of land being rectangular in shape and being 68' x 178.5 in area.

Said parcel of land being a part of Lot 1 of Block 47 of the Town of Colfax as shown on the Map of Colfax, La., on file in the Office of the Clerk of Court, in Colfax, Louisiana.

Section 1.

That the above described property is no longer needed or necessary for public use for which it was designated or dedicated, and further considering that the property is in need of repair and maintenance, and the fact that the Grant Parish Police Jury is legally obligated to provide office space and utilities for the coroner, the Grant Parish Police Jury hereby revokes said designation or dedication of said property for public use and further recognizes that said immovable property is needed by the Grant Parish Law Enforcement District for public use, and that the Grant Parish Law Enforcement District is willing to assume the repair and maintenance of said property, as well as provide office space and utilities for the Grant Parish Coroner.

Section 2.

That the Grant parish Police Jury further authorizes the President of the Grant Parish Police Jury to transfer title of the above-described property to the Grant Parish Law Enforcement District and to execute the transfer and sign all necessary documents pertaining to said transfer of property.

Section 3.

That the terms and conditions of said transfer shall be the agreement and acceptance of the Grant Parish Law Enforcement District of the obligation to repair and maintain said property and to provide office space and utilities to the Grant Parish Coroner.

Section 4.

That this ordinance shall become effective immediately after its adoption.

Section 5.

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

Introduced on the 20th day of May, 2021.

NOTICE PUBLISHED one (1) time in the official journal on June 3rd, 2021.

FINALLY APPROVED AND ADOPTED on the 10th day of June, 2021 by the affirmative vote:

YEAS: Mr. Mark Ball, Mr. Cephas Bowie Jr., Mr. Arnold Murrell, Mr. David Merrell, Mr. Winston Roberts, Mr. Brandon DuBois

NAYS: none

ABSTAIN: Johnny Jamison

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

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

I, Jessie Pace, 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 10th day of May, 2021 at which a quorum was present.

GIVEN UNDER MY OFFICIAL SIGNATURE and seal of office on this the 10th day of May, 2021.

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

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Winston Roberts to adopt Ordinance 04-2021; to Declare Certain Public Works Vehicles and Equipment as Surplus. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 04-2021
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

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Grant Parish Police Jury to comply with Louisiana state law regarding the disposition of the surplus property, and

WHEREAS, the value of any item of said movable property does not exceed \$5,000.00, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Grant Parish Police Jury in regular session convened that the movable property described in attached Exhibit A is hereby declared not needed for public use and therefore surplus, and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that said surplus property be disposed of pursuant to Louisiana Revised Statute 33:4712, and that should no bids be received on any item of surplus property, the items are to be sold as scrap, and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision of this ordinance shall be held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions herein which can be given effect without the invalid provision and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

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

YEAS: 6 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1

AND THIS ORDINANCE WAS ADOPTED ON THIS 10th DAY OF JUNE, 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, Secretary/Treasurer of the Grant Parish Police Jury, do hereby certify the foregoing is a true and correct copy of an Ordinance adopted by the said Police Jury in a regular session on the 20th day of May, 2021, at which a quorum was present.

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

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Winston Roberts to introduce Notice With Intent to Sell TBD Allen Street, Dry Prong, Louisiana, 71423. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Winston Roberts, seconded by Mr. Brandon DuBois to table rate increases for the Aloha and Civic Center until June agenda. Motion carried.

Mr. Don Arnold addressed the jury regarding updated road maps for each district.

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Winston Roberts to approve specifications for new truck for the Grant Parish Health Unit. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Winston Roberts to transfer old Grant Parish Health Unit truck to Grant Parish Roads Department once new truck is received. Motion carried.

Mr. Vincient Jordan was selected as the new Assistant Road Superintendent.

Motion by Mr. Mark Ball, seconded by Mr. Brandon DuBois to amend the agenda to allow the Parish Manager and Roads Superintendent to select a temporary secretary for the parish maintenance and landfill department on a 90-day basis at \$10.00 an hour. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr., seconded by Mr. Brandon DuBois to allow the Parish Manager and Roads Superintendent to select a temporary secretary for the parish maintenance and landfill department on a 90-day basis at \$10.00 an hour. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Winston Roberts to amend the agenda to give Randall DuBois a three percent merit increase for his outstanding dedication and performance. Motion carried

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Mark Ball to give Randall DuBois a three percent merit increase for his outstanding dedication and performance. Motion carried.

Mr. Cody Gongre, Grant Parish Police Jury Roads Superintendent, updated the Jury on progress and projects for the Roads/Landfill Departments.

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

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Winston Roberts to adjourn. Motion carried.