

Colfax, LA
March 16, 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, March 16, 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. Arnold Murrell, Mr. Winston Roberts, and Mr. Johnny Jamison

The following members were absent:

None

Motion by Mr. Arnold Murrell, seconded by Mr. Brandon DuBois to open the agenda to public comment on agenda items. Motion carried. No comments were brought forth.

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

Mr. Colby Delahoussaye, of HUB International Gulf South addressed the jury regarding no rate increase to the employee health, dental, vision, or life insurance and that the insurance will now be effective January 1st of each year in lieu of April 1st.

Mr. Curtis Lewis, Regional Administrator for Office of Public Health Region VI, gave the jury an update regarding the operations and activities of the Grant Parish Health Unit.

Motion by Mr. Johnny Jamison, seconded by Mr. David Merrell to accept the resignation of Mrs. Amy Brewer as Coroner for Grant Parish effective March 1, 2023. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr., seconded by Mr. Brandon DuBois to adopt Proclamation 02-2023; Appointing a Coroner for Grant Parish effective. Motion carried.

PROCLAMATION
02-2023

WHEREAS, an anticipated vacancy has occurred in the Office of the Grant Parish Coroner effective March 1, 2023, and

WHEREAS, the Grant Parish Police Jury, in Regular Session on March 16, 2023, will make an appointment for Grant Parish Coroner until such time as an election to fill this vacancy can be duly held.

NOW THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority contained in R.S. 18:604 B(2)(a) the Grant Parish Police Jury does hereby issue notice, call and proclamation for a special primary election and special general election to be held in Grant Parish, to fill said vacancy. The Grant Parish Police Jury does fix the date of the primary election for October 14, 2023, and the date of the general election for November 18, 2023, at the times, places and manner prescribed by law. Any qualified person desiring to become a candidate for said office shall file the necessary papers required by law, with the appropriate entity in the manner and form and under the procedures and conditions required by law, during the period commencing on August 8, 2023, and ending on August 10, 2023.

NOW THEREFORE, the Grant Parish Police Jury does hereby request the Secretary of State, the Commissioner of Elections, the Board of Supervisors of Elections, the Clerk of Court, the Registrar of Voters and all other persons charged with any power, function, right, duty or responsibility in conducting elections in the Parish of Grant to exercise every lawful function and do every act necessary to conduct said elections, cause the returns thereof to be made, and in general to perform all related and incidental functions necessary to canvass and promulgate the results thereof. The above proclamation was presented by Mr. Cephas Bowie Jr., seconded by Mr. Brandon DuBois. Upon vote, the proclamation was duly adopted by the Grant Parish Police Jury in regular session on this 16th day of March, 2023

(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 Proclamation adopted at the board meeting held on March 16, 2023, at which a quorum was present and voting.

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

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Don Arnold to nominate and appoint Mr. Dan Fletcher as Coroner for Grant Parish March 1, 2023. Motion carried.

Mr. William Jarrell III, PE. of Morgan Goudeau and Associates, Inc. sent an email updating the jury on the South Grant Sewer Project.

Motion by Mr. Winston Roberts, seconded by Mr. David Merrell to adopt Resolution 3-2023; To Maintain Permit Requirements for South Grant Sewer. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 03-2023

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING GRANT PARISH
POLICE JURY TO STATE THEIR INTENT TO MAINTAIN

PERMIT REQUIREMENTS AS SET FORTH BY NATIONAL
POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM TO
PREVENT WASTEWATER PERMIT VIOLATIONS
AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Program (MWPP) is a program developed by the Environmental Protection Agency to prevent wastewater permit violations and to maximize the useful lives of the publicly-owned treatment works (POTW) through effective operation and maintenance, financial management and reduced wastewater flows and loadings by ensuring timely planning and financing for future needs prior to the occurrence of wastewater permit violations; and,

WHEREAS, Grant Parish Police Jury is required by NPDES Permit No. LA0127205 to submit information found in the audit each year along with a resolution from the governing body outlining specific action for the wastewater treatment plant located at the end of Allison Street; and,

WHEREAS, Grant Parish Police Jury identified the following items during the most recent audit

- The wastewater treatment plant's construction completed in 2022 and the age of the plant is not a concern.

- The only permit limit exceeded in 2022 was one (1) weekly average Fecal Coliform. This was during the startup of the wastewater treatment plant.

WHEREAS, Grant Parish Police Jury employs Turnage Environmental Services to oversee the operation of the treatment and collection system. Mr. Russell Turnage is certified in Wastewater Treatment and Collection IV.

WHEREAS, Grant Parish Police Jury Board continue to monitor compliance of the effluent through the DMRs and authorize personnel to make necessary changes in operational procedures to achieve compliance; and

WHEREAS, Grant Parish Police Jury Board are aware of effluent permit limits and the need to have certified operators operating the treatment and collection system; and

WHEREAS, Grant Parish Police Jury Board approve the MWPP audit, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by Grant Parish Police Jury Board in legal session convened, that the Board hereby authorizes the Grant Parish Police Jury to state their intent to maintain permit requirements as set forth by National Pollution Discharge Elimination System to prevent wastewater permit violations.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at Colfax, Louisiana, this 16th day of March, 2023.

(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, 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 16th day of March, 2023.

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

Motion by Mr. David Merrell, seconded by Mr. Winston Roberts to introduce Ordinance 1-2023; to move the polling place for Precinct 7-3. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE: 01-2023

TO MOVE THE POLLING PLACE FOR PRECINCT 7-3

WHEREAS, the voting precinct 7-3 is currently located at Bentley Church of Christ, 19072 Highway 167, Bentley, LA 71423, and

WHEREAS, the Grant Parish Police Jury has been notified that this location will no longer be available for use as a polling place, and

WHEREAS, Pastor Bruce Maxwell has authorized the use of the Bentley United Pentecostal Church located at 19578 Highway 167, Dry Prong, LA 71423 as a polling place for precinct 7-3, and

WHEREAS, this location will better serve the public as a polling place for precinct 7-3, and

WHEREAS, the Bentley United Pentecostal Church would provide safe and comfortable conditions for the voters and the polling commissioners,

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Grant Parish Police Jury does hereby authorize the moving of the polling place for precinct 7-3 to the Bentley United Pentecostal Church located at 19578 Highway 167, Dry Prong, LA 71423 upon approval by the Secretary of State

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 _____ DAY OF _____.

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

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 a regular session on the ____ day of _____, _____, at a quorum.

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

Motion by Mr. Winston Roberts, seconded by Mr. Don Arnold to appoint Kathy Scarborough to the Central Louisiana Human Services District (CLHSD) Board of Directors from April 13, 2023 through April 12, 2026. Motion carried.

Yeas: Mr. Cephas Bowie Jr., Mr. Brandon DuBois, Mr. Arnold Murrell, and Mr. Johnny Jamison

Nays: None

Mr. David Merrell recused himself

Mr. Don Arnold discussed the possibility of reducing the number of Grant Parish Constable and Justice of the Peace Districts to 4 instead of 5. The jurors will do further research and re visit at another time.

Motion by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr., seconded by Mr. Don Arnold to approve the Governor’s 2023 Holiday Schedule. Motion carried.

Holiday	Always on	Current Year Date
<i>New Years Holiday</i>	<i>January 1</i>	<i>Monday, January 2, 2023</i>
<i>Inauguration Day</i>	<i>Once every 4 years, Baton Rouge</i>	<i>TBA 2024</i>
<i>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</i>	<i>3rd Monday in January</i>	<i>Monday, January 16, 2023</i>
<i>Mardi Gras</i>	<i>Tuesday before Ash Wednesday</i>	<i>Tuesday, February 21, 2023</i>
<i>Good Friday</i>	<i>Friday before Easter</i>	<i>Friday, April 7, 2023</i>
<i>National Memorial Day*</i>	<i>Last Monday in May</i>	<i>TBD 2023</i>
<i>Juneteenth Day*</i>	<i>June 19th</i>	<i>Friday, June 16, 2023</i>
<i>Independence Day</i>	<i>July 4th</i>	<i>Tuesday, July 4, 2023</i>
<i>Labor Day</i>	<i>1st Monday in September</i>	<i>Monday, September 4, 2023</i>
<i>General Election Day</i>	<i>Tuesday, after the first Monday in November, every 2 years</i>	<i>TBA – 2024</i>
<i>Veteran’s Day</i>	<i>November 11</i>	<i>Friday, November 10, 2023</i>
<i>Thanksgiving Day</i>	<i>4th Thursday in November</i>	<i>Thursday, November 23, 2023</i>
<i>Acadian Day*</i>	<i>4th Friday in November</i>	<i>TBA – 2023</i>
<i>Christmas Eve*</i>	<i>Day before Christmas</i>	<i>TBA – 2023</i>
<i>Christmas Holiday</i>	<i>December 25</i>	<i>Monday, December 25, 2023</i>
<i>New Years Holiday*</i>	<i>December 31 / January 1</i>	<i>TBA</i>

** The governor may also proclaim other days as holidays, and these days will be confirmed on the list as the legal Proclamations are made. These additional holidays may include Memorial Day, Juneteenth Day, Acadian Day (the Friday after Thanksgiving), the day before Christmas Day, and the day before or after New Year’s Day.*

Motion by Mr. Johnny Jamison, seconded by Mr. David Merrell to advertise for bids on the following:

NOTICE

The Grant Parish Police Jury will receive sealed bids until 5:00PM Thursday, April 13, 2023 in the Police Jury meeting room, Courthouse Building, Colfax, Louisiana and publicly open same for the Purchase of the following:

**Cold Mix - State Specifications by Ton - FOB Plant
 Delivered to Grant Parish Police Jury Maintenance shop at 1141 Landfill Road, Dry Prong, Louisiana**

Hot Mix - State Specifications by Ton

**C-1, C-2, C-3, Maintenance Gravel - State Specifications by Ton - FOB Plant
 Delivered to Grant Parish Police Jury Maintenance shop at 1141 Landfill Road, Dry Prong, Louisiana**

**# 2 Diesel - Off Road and On Road
 Delivered to Grant Parish Police Jury Maintenance shop at 1141 Landfill Road, Dry Prong, Louisiana**

AC-10 State Specifications

MC-30 State Specifications

CRS-2 Emulsion

610 Stone. #8 Stone, Rip Rap State Specifications by Ton - FOB Plant

Delivered to Grant Parish Police Jury Maintenance Shop at 1141 Landfill Road, Dry Prong, Louisiana

SEALED BIDS MAY BE ACCEPTED AT 200 MAIN STREET, COLFAX, LA. 71417

The Grant Parish Police Jury reserves the right to reject any and all bids and waive informalities.

**Mark Ball
President
Grant Parish Police Jury
200 Main Street Courthouse
Colfax, Louisiana 71417**

Motion carried.

Mr. Brandon DuBois discussed needed repairs to the current tractor truck and the purchase of a new tractor truck. As discussed at the Finance Committee Meeting, the cost to repair or replace the motor in the truck is in excess of the value of the truck. It was recommended to go before the full jury for a vote.

Motion by Mr. Don Arnold, seconded by Mr. Brandon DuBois to amend the agenda and add a motion to surplus Unit 77, Western Star tractor truck. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. David Merrell to surplus Unit 77, Western Star tractor truck. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Winston Roberts, seconded by Mr. Johnny Jamison to advertise for bids for a replacement tractor truck. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Don Arnold, seconded by Mr. Winston Roberts to accept \$15,000 in arrears along with the current payment for 2023 in the amount of \$5,000 from the Town of Colfax for the Aloha-Rigolette/Bayou Darrow Maintenance Project. Motion carried.

The jury discussed entering into an intergovernmental agreement with Mr. Garland Brossette, Mayor of Colfax, and Mr. Steven McKay of Rozier McKay & Willis, Auditor for the Town of Colfax, regarding future payments for the Aloha-Rigolette/Bayou Darrow Maintenance Project. It was agreed to have the Town of Colfax and the Grant Parish Police Jury sign the agreement moving forward.

Motion by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr., seconded by Mr. Winston Roberts to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the Town of Colfax regarding future payments for the Aloha-Rigolette/Bayou Darrow Maintenance Project. Motion carried.

The jury discussed selling the parking lot located on Third Street in Colfax to the Grant Parish Sheriff's Office. The parking lot was appraised for \$12,000 and the jury asked that the following language be included in the bill of sale: with the stipulation that the parking lot will remain a parking lot unless it comes before the jury for a vote.

Motion by Mr. Don Arnold, seconded by Mr. Winston Roberts to sell the parking lot located at TBD Third Street Colfax, LA 71417 to the Grant Parish Sheriff's Office with requested stipulation for the appraised value of \$12,000. Motion carried.

Mr. Cody Gongre, Grant Parish Roads Superintendent, updated the jury on projects from the Roads and Landfill Department.

Motion by Mr. Don Arnold, seconded by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr. to accept a 3% administrative fee from the Grant Parish Library retroactive to 1/1/2023 with the stipulation that the library has the option to withdraw from the agreement for the upcoming year annually with a six-month written notice. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Arnold Murrell, seconded by Mr. Don Arnold to amend the agenda to add a motion to implement the revised pay scale for the Grant Parish Police Jury according to the March 2023 adjustments. Motion carried.

Motion to implement the revised pay scale for the Grant Parish Police Jury according to the March 2023 adjustments was moved to the April agenda to allow all jurors time to review.

Mr. Winston Roberts advised the jury that per Mr. Rick McGuffey of Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries, they are going to open the gates of Hardwater Lake from July 1, 2023 through October 1, 2023 to assist in the control of giant salvinia and moss.

Mr. Brandon DuBois advised the jury that per Mr. Rick McGuffey of Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries, they are going to lower the water in Nantachie Lake from late summer through early fall.

Mr. Don Arnold advised the jury that the work has begun to bring broadband to Grant Parish. Construction was to begin in Georgetown on March 17, 2023. He also gave an update from the Finance Committee throughout the meeting regarding the Aloha-Rigolette /Bayou Darrow Maintenance Project funds with the Town of Colfax, selling the parking lot to the Sheriff's Department, the 3% administrative fee from the Grant Parish Library, requesting legislation to get a portion of court cost fees dedicated to courthouse security, and funding for the new tractor truck.

Mr. Johnny Jamison advised the jury that the pad work has begun for the new voting precinct on Landfill Road.

Mr. Mark Ball advised the jury that per Mr. Rick McGuffey of Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries will perform a 4 foot draw down in Iatt Lake this Summer.

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

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Don Arnold to adjourn. Motion carried.