

Colfax, LA  
March 11, 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, March 11, 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. Johnny Jamison, seconded by Mr. Winston Roberts to accept the minutes of last meeting as published in the official journal. Motion carried.

Mr. Jeff Pogue, Acadian Ambulance Operations Manager, gave the annual call report for the parish.

Mr. James P. Lemoine, Grant Parish District Attorney, addressed the jury about Fire District #6

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

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Winston Roberts to open meeting to public comments. Motion carried.

Mr. Matt Johns; Rapides Area Planning Commission, addressed the jury regarding their available assistance with the Louisiana Watershed Initiative

Motion by Mr. Johnny Jamison, seconded by Mr. Winston Roberts to approve Resolution 5-2021; Honoring the Retirement of Rueben Scott Malone. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: 5-2021

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF MR. RUEBEN SCOTT MALONE

WHEREAS, Mr. Rueben Scott Malone, has served with distinction and dedication as an employee of the Grant Parish Police Jury for twenty-five (25) years.

WHEREAS, he has served the citizens of Grant Parish and the Police Jury with Honor during those twenty-five (25) years.

WHEREAS, Mr. Rueben Scott Malone will retire from service effective March 12, 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. Rueben Scott Malone for twenty-five (25) years meritorious service to the Grant Parish Police Jury and the Citizens of Grant

Passed, approved and adopted this 11<sup>TH</sup> day of March, 2021.

(s) Sissy 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 March 11, 2021.

(s) Jessie Pace  
Jessie Pace, Secretary/Treasurer

Motion by Mr. Cephas Bowie Jr., seconded by Mr. Arnold Murrell to adopt Proclamation 1-2021; April 2021 Fair Housing Month. Motion carried.

PROCLAMATION

01-2021

WHEREAS, the 53<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the National Fair Housing Law, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, during the month of April, is an occasion for all Americans – individually and collectively – to rededicate themselves to the principle of freedom from housing discrimination whenever it exists.

**WHEREAS**, this law guarantees for each citizen that critical, personal element of freely of choosing a home; and

**WHEREAS**, a fair housing law has been passed by the State of Louisiana, and implementation of the law requires the positive commitment, involvement, and support of each of our citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the department and agencies of the State of Louisiana are to provide leadership in the effort to make fair housing not just an idea, but an ideal for all our citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, barriers that diminish the rights and limit the options of any citizen to freely choose a home will ultimately diminish the rights and limit the options of all...

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, THAT THE Grant Parish Police Jury does hereby proclaim the month of April 2021, as FAIR HOUSING MONTH in the Parish of Grant, and do hereby encourage all citizens to abide by the letter and spirit of the Fair Housing Law, and ask the citizens of this parish to join in reaffirming the obligation and commitment to fair housing opportunities for all.

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

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

STATE OF LOUISIANA  
PARISH OF GRANT

I, Jessie Pace Parish Manager of the Grant Parish Police Jury do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Proclamation adopted by the said Police Jury in regular session on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of March 2021.

GIVEN UNDR MY OFFICIAL SIGNATURE and Seal of Office on this the 11<sup>th</sup> day of March 2021.

(s) Jessie Pace  
Jessie Pace  
Parish Manager

**Motion by Mr. Arnold Murrell, seconded by Mr. Johnny Jamison to adopt Resolution 6-2021; Declaring April 5-9 2021 National Community Development Week. Motion carried.**

RESOLUTION 6-2021

NATIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WEEK

WHEREAS, the week of April 5 – April 9, 2021 has been designated as National Community Development week. Grant Parish has been a participant in the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program which funds public infrastructure, economic development, and housing programs in this community, and

WHEREAS, in this community and communities throughout the nation, forty-seven years of Community Development Block Grant Program funding has developed a strong relationship between this local government and its residents, principally those of low-to-moderate income, and

WHEREAS, this community recognizes that the Community Development Block Grant Program is a partnership of federal, state, and local government and community and business efforts, and that the services funded by the CDBG Program relies heavily on the dedication and good will of our combined efforts,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that during National Community Development Week 2021, this community will give special thanks and recognition to all participants whose hard work and devotion to the neighborhoods and their low-and moderate-income residents help ensure the quality and effectiveness of the community Development Block Grant Program, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this community, along with the service providers and others whose names are appended to this resolution, hereby petition the U.S. congress and Administration to recognize the outstanding work being done locally and nationally by the community Development Block Program, and of its vital importance to the community and to the people who lived in its lower income neighborhoods, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be conveyed to the appropriate elected and appointed officials of the federal government and that this community's name be added to the roll of those committed to the preservation and full funding of the Community Development Brock Grant Program and maintenance of its essential features over the course of the next session of Congress

Passed, approved and adopted this 11<sup>th</sup> day of March, 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 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 11<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021.

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

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

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Mark Ball to amend the agenda to accept the resignation of Eddie Gongre, Constable, District A. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Mark Ball to accept the resignation of Mr. Eddie Gongre, Constable, District A. Motion carried

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Winston Roberts to amend the agenda to appoint Mr. Terry James, Constable, District A. Motion carried

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Winston Roberts to appoint Mr. Terry James, Constable, District A. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Winston Roberts, seconded by Mr. Mark Ball to adopt Ordinance 01-2021; To Abandon Section of Dogwood Acres, Reverting Ownership Back to Neighboring Property Owners. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 01-2021

TO ABANDON A SECTION OF SOUTH DOGWOOD LANE AS SHOWN ON ATTACHED SURVEY BY STEPHEN BARRETT GREMILLION, DATED MAY 10<sup>TH</sup> 1993, HIGHLIGHTED IN YELLOW AND OUTLINED IN RED. BEING APPROXIMATELY THE LAST 599.4 FEET OF SAID ROAD ON THE PLAT ATTACHED HERETO.

WHEREAS, under the laws of the State of Louisiana, the said Police Jury of the Parish of Grant has the right to abandon any road, street, or alleyway, or part of a road, street, or alleyway, when the same is abandoned or no longer needed for public purposes, with the said abandonment resulting in all of the soil covered by and embraced in the road, street or alleyway up to the center line thereof reverting to the then present owner or owners of the land contiguous thereto.

WHEREAS, a section of South Dogwood Lane as shown on attached survey by Stephen Barrett Gremillion on May 10<sup>th</sup> 1993, highlighted in yellow and outlined in red. Being a part of Lots 6,7,8 & 9 of Dogwood Acres Subdivision situated in the NW ¼ of the NE ¼ of section 8, T 5N-R 1W, Grant Parish.

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

**SECTION I**

This unimproved section or road also referred to as Dogwood Lane being approximately the last 599.4 feet of said road as shown highlighted in yellow and outlined in red.

Being a section of an unimproved road with pavement ending on the south end of highlighted portion at approximately: N31.429780, W-092.490461. South Dogwood Ln terminates at the north end of highlighted portion at: N31.431280, W-092.490386. Grant Parish, Louisiana.

Be and the same is hereby abandoned as a road, street, alleyway, or public thoroughfare and said property is to accrue to and become the property of the then present owner or owners of the land contiguous thereto as authorized by law.

**SECTION II**

That all ordinances or parts of ordinances conflicting herewith are hereby repealed.  
Introduced on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021.

FINALLY APPROVED AND ADOPTED on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021, by the affirmative Vote of:  
YEAS: Don Arnold, Mark Ball, Cephas Bowie Jr., Brandon DuBois, Johnny Jamison David Merrell, Arnold Murrell, Winston Roberts

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

(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 11<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021 at which a quorum was present.

GIVEN UNDER MY OFFICIAL SIGNATURE and seal of office on this the 11<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021.

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

Motion to approve expanding Georgetown city limits was deferred to the April agenda.

The jury discussed the removal of the historical marker in front of courthouse regarding the Colfax Riot. Subject was deferred to the Building Committee and the April Agenda.

Mrs. Rita Rachal; Grant Parish Registrar of Voters, discussed the Grant Parish election redistricting.

The jury discussed adopting new parish road maps. Matter is on hold until Thompson Consulting Services finalizes their roads list and maps for review.

The jury discussed new phone system for the Grant Parish Health Unit. They will acquire two more quotes before decision will be made.

Motion by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr., seconded by Mr. Brandon Dubois to amend the agenda to amend Section VIII, 8.01, paragraph three of the Grant Parish Employee Handbook & Policies to change verbiage from "Grant Parish Police Jury" to read "Supervisor" instead. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr., seconded by Mr. Brandon Dubois to amend Section VIII, 8.01, paragraph three of the Grant Parish Employee Handbook & Policies to change verbiage from "Grant Parish Police Jury" to read "Supervisor" instead. Motion carried.

Yeas: Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr., Mr. Johnny Jamison, Mr. Arnold Murrell, Mr. Winston Roberts, Mr. Brandon Dubois, Mr. Mark Ball  
Nays: Mr. David Merrell

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

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Mark Ball to adjourn. Motion carried.