

Colfax, LA
May 20, 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, May 20, 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. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Johnny Jamison to accept the minutes of last meeting as published in the official journal. Motion carried.

Mr. Robert Wolfe, Parish Engineer, was unable to attend the May meeting.

Mr. Paul Fuslier, Acadian Ambulance Operations Manager, was unable to attend the May meeting.

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

Motion by Mr. Cephas Bowie Jr., seconded by Mr. Brandon DuBois to amend the agenda to add Motion to give the parish president authorization to submit an LCDBG Application for roads. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Arnold Murrell, seconded by Mr. David Merrell to authorize the parish president to submit an LCDBG application for roads. Motion carried.

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

Mr. Maurice Baron from District 5, Mr. Thomas Smith from District 3, and Ms. Lisa Smith from District 6 discussed road and drainage conditions. Jurors from each district will look into problems.

Motion by Mr. Cephas Bowie Jr., seconded by Mr. Arnold Murrell to increase permit fees from \$50.00 to \$100.00 for residential properties and \$300.00 for commercial properties effective July 1, 2021. Motion carried.

Yeas: Mr. Cephas Bowie Jr., Mr. Arnold Murrell, Mr. Johnny Jamison, Mr. Mark Ball

Nays: Mr. Brandon DuBois, Mr. David Merrell, Mr. Winston Roberts.

Motion by Mr. Johnny Jamison, seconded by Mr. Arnold Murrell to increase the meter deposit for standard new gas service from \$225.00 to \$500.00 and upgrades will increase from \$100.00 to \$500.00. The initial deposit will stay the same. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cephas Bowie Jr., seconded by Mr. Johnny Jamison to amend the agenda to include Motion to charge \$800.00 fee for new gas service with a 415 meter. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cephas Bowie Jr. seconded by Mr. Arnold Murrell to charge \$800.00 fee for service and installation of a 415 meter. Motion carried.

Yeas: Mr. Cephas Bowie Jr., Mr. Johnny Jamison, Mr. Arnold Murrell, Winston Roberts, Mark Ball.

Nays: Brandon DuBois, David Merrell.

Motion by Mr. Cephas Bowie Jr., seconded by Mr. Johnny Jamison to approve Mr. Cody Gongre as the new Grant Parish Roads Superintendent and approve back pay for Mr. Gongre retroactive for April 13th. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr., seconded by Mr. Brandon DuBois to amend the agenda to add motion to advertise for Assistant Roads Superintendent and approve selection made by Parish Manager and Road Superintendent and approve 5% raise for Parish Manager. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cephas Bowie Jr., and seconded by Mr. Johnny Jamison to advertise for Assistant Road Superintendent and to approve selection made by Parish Manager and Road Superintendent. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cephas Bowie Jr., seconded by Mr. Brandon DuBois to approve 5% raise for Parish manager. Motion failed.

Yeas: Mr. Brandon DuBois, Mr. Cephas Bowie Jr.

Nays: Mr. Johnny Jamison, Mr. Arnold Murrell, Mr. David Merrell, Mr. Winston Roberts.

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Winston to adopt Resolution 08-2021; Authorizing the Secretary/Treasurer to sign the Governor's Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness Small Project Closeout Certification for disasters #4228, #4263 & #1786. Motion carried.

Motion to introduce Ordinance 03-2021; The Transfer of Excess Property to Sheriff's Department. Item carried to the June agenda.

Discussion of rate increases for the Aloha and Civic center has been deferred until the June meeting.

The Jury spoke about GPS tracking and agreed that it would be too expensive at this time.

The Jury discussed turning in updated road maps for each district.

The Jury discussed the of placement of a speed bump on Price Road.

Motion by Mr. Arnold Murrell, seconded by Mr. Mark Ball to adopt Ordinance 02-2021; In Opposition of Speed Bumps in Grant Parish. Motion carried.

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

Nays: Mr. Winston Roberts, Mr. David Merrell.

Motion by Mr. David Merrell, seconded by Mr. Mark Ball to abandon undeveloped streets in Bentley. Motion carried.

Mr. Cody Gongre Roads Superintendent gave landfill and roads update to the Jury.

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Winston Roberts to amend the agenda to surplus two (2) F150 trucks, a rotary broom and laydown machine. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Johnny Jamison, seconded by Mr. Mark Ball to surplus two (2) F150 trucks, a rotary broom and laydown machine. Motion carried. Ordinance carried to June agenda.

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

Motion by Mr. Johnny Jamison, seconded by Mr. Mark Ball to adjourn. Motion carried.