

Colfax, LA  
November 12, 2020

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, November 12, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

The following members were present:

Mr. Don Arnold, Mr. Mark Ball, Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr., Mr. Brandon DuBois, Mr. Johnny Jamison, Mr. David Merrell, Mr. Arnold Murrell, Mr. Winston Robert.

The following members were absent:

None

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

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Winston Roberts to renew contract with Acadian Ambulance for emergency and non-emergency services for Grant Parish. Motion carried.

Mr. Robert Wolfe, Parish Engineer, gave an update on open projects specifically bridge inspections, culvert on Bob Frazier Road, and drainage issue on Derrick Lane.

Mr. Steven Crawford of DRC Emergency Services discussed the volume of debris pick up in the parish to date.

Motion by Mr. Johnny Jamison, seconded by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr. to open meeting to public comments. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Winston Roberts, seconded by Mr. Brandon DuBois to introduce the Amended Operating Budget for year 2020 with a Budget Hearing scheduled for December 10, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Winston Roberts to introduce the Proposed Operating Budget for 2021 with a Budget Hearing scheduled for December 10, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Mark Ball to accept the resignation of Herbert McKnight and the appointment of John Mitchum as fire chief of Grant Parish Fire District #6. Motion carried.

Mr. John Mitchum , newly appointed Fire Chief of Grant Parish Fire District #6, introduced himself to the jury.

Jena Metal contract was postponed to December's agenda as the jury is waiting to receive rates.

Motion by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr, seconded by Mr. Winston Roberts to authorize 1229 Ash Street District #3 as a hardship case. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Mark Ball, seconded by Mr. David Merrell to adopt Stephanie Lane and Matney Road into parish maintenance list. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Winston Roberts, seconded by Mr. Mark Ball to authorize 115 tons of hot mix repairs on Pollock Cemetery Road using Capital improvement funds from district #6. Motion carried.

Jury was advised of the 2021 PJAL Convention and each juror was given the option to attend in person or virtually.

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr., to move the Consolidated Gas Utility District Office to the courthouse. Motion carried

Motion by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr., seconded by Mr. Brandon DuBois to amend the agenda to add a motion introduce a Grant Parish Police Jury Organizational Chart. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr., seconded by Mr. Brandon DuBois to adopt the proposed Grant Parish Police Jury Organizational Chart. Motion carried

Motion by Mr. Johnny Jamison, seconded by Mr. Brandon DuBois to accept Mr. Billy Lutes as Grant Parish Police Jury Roads Superintendent. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Johnny Jamison, seconded by Mr. Brandon DuBois to accept Mr. Joseph Linsicombe as Grant Parish Police Jury Assistant Roads Superintendent. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Mark Ball, seconded by Mr. Winston Roberts to accept Mr. John Hayden as Grant Parish Police Jury Road Foreman/Operator. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Johnny Jamison, seconded by Mr. Brandon DuBois to accept Mr. John Bruce as Grant Parish Police Jury Road Foreman/Operator. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Johnny Jamison to accept Mr. Gene McManus as Grant Parish Police Jury Landfill Foreman/ Operator. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Mark Ball to accept Mr. Stephen Van Sickle as Office Administrator of the Consolidated Gas Utility District. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr., seconded by Mr. Brandon DuBois to amend agenda to add a motion to hire a mechanic at the Roads/Landfill department. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr., seconded by Mr. Brandon DuBois to hire mechanic for the Roads/Landfill department. Motion carried.

Grant Parish Police Jury Christmas Party will be a fish fry at the parish maintenance barn. Date and time are to be determined.

Motion by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr., seconded by Mr. Brandon DuBois to amend the agenda to add a motion to request quotes for GPS tracking on parish owned vehicles and machinery. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr., seconded by Mr. Brandon DuBois to request quotes for GPS tracking on parish owned vehicles and machinery. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Winston Roberts to amend the agenda to add a motion to allow the Equipment Committee to request bids for tandem dump truck and pot hole patcher. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Winston Roberts to allow the Equipment Committee to request bids for tandem dump truck and pot hole patcher. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Arnold Murrell, seconded by Mr. David Merrell to amend the agenda to add a motion to close the parish landfill to contractors for building materials. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Arnold Murrell, seconded by Mr. David Merrell to close the parish landfill to contractors for building materials. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Mark Ball, 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