

Colfax, LA
November 13, 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, November 9, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

The following members were present:

Mr. Mark Ball, Mr. Cephas Bowie Jr., Mr. Winston Roberts, Mr. Johnny Jamison, and Mr. Don Arnold, Mr. Brandon DuBois, and Mr. Arnold Murrell

The following members were absent:

Mr. David Merrell

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

Mr. Jeffery Pogue; Operations Manager of Acadian Ambulance gave the monthly call report for the month of October in Grant Parish.

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr. to open the meeting to public comment. Motion carried.

Mrs. Cynthia Cotton addressed the jury regarding their decision to abandon the unmaintained portion of Chester McKay Road.

Mr. Gene McGlothlin addressed the jury regarding his account of the unmaintained portion of Chester McKay Road had been recently graded.

Mr. Wes Lemoine addressed the jury regarding his account of the unmaintained portion of Chester McKay Road had been recently graded.

It was explained to Mrs. Cotton that the jury's motion to abandon the unmaintained portion of Chester McKay Road was passed and held at the October monthly meeting. Per the opinion of the jury's legal counsel, the law provides that the police jury may revoke and set aside the dedication of roads dedicated to public use. The jury clearly stated in the previous monthly meeting that the portion of maintained road lies 1350 feet (or 0.256 miles) from U.S. Highway 165.

Motion by Mr. Don Arnold, seconded by Mr. Johnny Jamison to introduce the amended budget for the year 2024 with a budget hearing scheduled for December 14, 2023 at 5:00 pm. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Don Arnold, seconded by Mr. Brandon DuBois to introduce the proposed budget for the year 2024 with a scheduled hearing for December 14, 2023 at 5:00 pm. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Arnold Murrell, seconded by Mr. Johnny Jamison to approve Resolution 30-2023; Honoring the Retirement of Mr. Gene C. McManus. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: 30-2023

HONORING THE SERVICE OF MR. GENE C. MCMANUS

WHEREAS, Mr. Gene C. McManus, has served with distinction and dedication as an employee of the Grant Parish Police Jury for twenty-three (23) years and seven (7) months.

WHEREAS, he has served the citizens of Grant Parish and the Police Jury with Honor and Purpose during those twenty-three (23) years and seven (7) months.

WHEREAS, Mr. Gene C. McManus resigned from service effective October 31, 2023.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Grant Parish Police Jury in recognition of his dedication and devotion, does hereby Commend and Honor Mr. Gene C. McManus for twenty-three (23) years and seven (7) months of meritorious service to the Grant Parish Police Jury and the Citizens of Grant

Passed, approved, and adopted this 9th day of November, 2023.

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

(s) Mark Ball
Mark Ball
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 November 9th, 2023.

(s)Jessie Pace
Jessie Pace, Secretary/Treasurer

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Winston Roberts to auction adjudicated property, Ordinance 4-2023; 619 Old Jefferson Highway, Montgomery, LA 71454. Motion carried.

Auction held and sold to Mr. Kenneth Cameron.

Mr. Colby Delahoussaye, Employee Benefits Sales Consultant of HUB International Gulf South Limited, discussed the 2024 employee healthcare insurance renewal quote with BCBSLA and how there would be no premium increase for the 2024 year.

Motion by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr., seconded by Mr. Don Arnold to select Blue Cross Blue Shield of Louisiana as the healthcare company for the 2024 year as recommended by the Personnel Committee. Motion carried.

The jury discussed the recently lifted burn ban and decided not to reinstate it with the weather forecasting multiple days of rain across the parish.

The jury discussed the currently maintained portion of Jackson Road in District 5. Measured to be 1181' x 16' (.224 miles) beginning at Rock Hill Road.

Motion by Mr. Mark Ball, seconded by Mr. Don Arnold to update the road maintenance records to reflect 1181' x 16' (.224 miles) beginning at Rock Hill Road, as being the maintained portion of Jackson Road. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Don Arnold, seconded by Mr. Johnny Jamison to consider the unmaintained section of Jackson Road in District 5 to be abandoned. Motion carried.

The jury discussed a hardship case from District 5 that needs a small amount of pit run and some grading on his driveway for medical and emergency vehicles to access the home. This is for a bilateral amputee.

Motion by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr., seconded by Mr. Winston Roberts to approve the hardship case in District 5. Motion carried.

Mr. Winston Roberts discussed using Capital Improvement funds from District 6 to blacktop Laura Lane.

Motion by Mr. Winston Roberts, seconded by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr. to use Capital Improvement funds District 6 to blacktop Laura Lane. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Johnny Jamison to introduce Ordinance 5-2023; Declaring Certain Vehicles and Equipment as surplus. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO: 05-2023

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 may 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: _____ NAYS: _____ ABSENT: _____

AND THIS ORDINANCE WAS ADOPTED ON THIS _____th DAY OF _____, 2023.

Jessie Pace
Secretary-Treasurer
Grant Parish Police Jury

Mark Ball
President
Grant Parish Police Jury

CERTIFICATE

I, Jessie Pace, 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 ___TH day of _____, 2023, at which a quorum was present.

Jessie Pace
Secretary/Treasurer
Grant Parish Police Jury

Mr. Cody Gongre, Roads Superintendent, updated the jury on projects from the Landfill and Roads Departments.

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

Mr. Brandon DuBois discussed the need for a pad foot roller for the Roads Department.

Motion by Mr. Johnny Jamison, seconded by Mr. Brandon DuBois to amend the agenda to include a motion to purchase a pad foot roller for the Roads Department with funds from LGAP and the pay can fund. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Winston Roberts, seconded by Mr. Arnold Murrell to purchase a pad foot roller for the Roads Department with funds from LGAP and the pay can fund. Motion carried.

Mr. Johnny Jamison discussed the need to possibly modify the way permits are issued for logging due to the damage being done to parish roads from the weight of the log trucks. The matter has been deferred for further discussion.

Motion by Mr. Winston Roberts, seconded by Mr. Johnny Jamison to adjourn. Motion carried.