

Colfax, LA  
October 15, 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, October 15, 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. Johnny Jamison, seconded by Mr. Mark Ball to accept the minutes of last meeting as published in the official journal. Motion carried.

Mr. Paul Fuslier, from Acadian Ambulance gave the monthly report and discussed renewing the current contract for emergency and non-emergency services for Grant Parish. Deferred to the November agenda for approval.

Mr. Robert Wolfe, Parish Engineer gave an update to the jury on all open parish projects.

Motion by Mr. Johnny Jamison, seconded by Mr. Brandon DuBois to open meeting to public comments. Motion carried.

Sheriff Steven McCain spoke with the jury about parish emergency services, new emergency response vehicles for the parish and discussed efforts between the Sheriff's Office and Police Jury in regards to recent hurricanes.

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

Mrs. Candy Christophe addressed the jury regarding her candidacy for Congressional District 5

Mr. Al Roe discussed a new recreational board for Prosect Ball Park, the jury will support the decision.

Mr. Jamie Hyde addressed jury about Jena metals purchasing metal debris from landfill. Item was deferred to the Road and Bridges Committee.

The resignation of Herbert McKnight and appointment of John Mitchum as Fire Chief for fire district 6 has been referred to the Grant Parish District Attorney's Office and will be added to November's agenda pending a resolution.

Motion by Mr. Arnold Murrell, seconded by Mr. Mark Ball to adopt Resolution 13-2020; Annual Certification of Compliance with state of Louisiana Off System Bridge Replacement Program. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION  
13-2020**

Annual Certification of Compliance  
With State of Louisiana  
Off System Bridge Replacement Program

WHEREAS, the Federal Government has mandated that all structures defined as bridges located on public roads shall be inspected, rated for safe load capacity and posted in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards and that an inventory of these bridges be maintained by each state; and

WHEREAS, the responsibility to inspect, rate and load post said bridges is under the authority of Grant Parish in accordance with those standards and is delegated by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to the Grant Parish Police Jury;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Grant Parish Police Jury hereby certified to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development that for the period of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021, that the Parish of Grant has and will continue to comply with all NBIS/FHWA/DOTD requirements regarding performance of interim inspections, calculating the load carrying capacity, and load posting/closure of deficient bridges under their jurisdiction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Parish Manager be authorized to submit a copy of this Certification to the District Maintenance Engineer for his file documentation.

This Resolution was considered section by section and as a whole and upon motion by

Mr. Arnold Murrell being seconded by Mr. Mark Ball and was adopted by the following vote on this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of October 2020:

YEAS: 7  
NAYS:0  
ABSENT: 0

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

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

STATE OF LOUISIANA  
PARISH OF GRANT

GIVEN UNDER MY OFFICIAL SIGNATURE and Seal of Office on this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020.

(s) Jessie Pace  
Jessie Pace  
Grant Parish Police Jury

Motion by Mr. Johnny Jamison, seconded by Mr. Cephas Bowie Jr., to adopt Resolution 14-2020; Annual Cooperative Endeavor Agreement Federal Off System Bridge Rehabilitation and Replacement Program. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Johnny Jamison seconded by Mr. Cephas Bowie Jr. and carried to adopt the following Resolution.

**RESOLUTION  
14-2020**

Cooperative Endeavor Agreement  
Federal Off System Bridge  
Rehabilitation and Replacement Program

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Grant Parish Police Jury that said Police Jury, hereby authorizes its Parish Manager, Jessie Pace as the signatory party to execute "State of Louisiana" Department of Transportation and Development, Cooperative Endeavor Agreement, Federal Off-System Bridge Rehabilitation and Replacement Program, "Grant Parish" on behalf of Grant Parish.

The Grant Parish Police Jury adopted the above Resolution during regular session convened on Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Jessie Pace, Parish Manager of the Grant Parish Police Jury, State of Louisiana, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of a RESOLUTION adopted by the Police Jury of the Parish of Grant, State of Louisiana, in regular session convened on October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at which a quorum was present.

(s) Jessie Pace  
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Ditch work on Derrick Lane has been deferred to parish engineer and will be discussed again in November

Motion by Mr. Cephas Bowie Jr., seconded by Mr. Brandon Dubois to enter into executive session to discuss personnel matters.  
Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Brandon Dubois, seconded by Mr. Cephas Bowie to return to regular session. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr., seconded by Mr. Brandon Dubois to find Sarah Phillips in violation of Grant Parish Police Jury policy in reference to misuse of company time. Motion carried.

Yays: Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr., Mr. Brandon Dubois, Mr. Johnny Jamison and Mr. Don Arnold  
Nays: Mr. Arnold Murrell, Mr. Winston Roberts, and Mr. Mark Ball  
Mr. David Merrell recused himself.

Motion by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr., seconded by Mr. Johnny Jamison to find Mike Merrell in violation of Grant Parish Police Jury policy in reference to misuse of company time. Motion carried.

Yays: Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr., Mr. Johnny Jamison, Mr. Brandon Dubois, and Mr. Don Arnold  
Nays: Mr. Arnold Murrell, Mr. Winston Roberts, and Mr. Mark Ball  
Mr. David Merrell recused himself.

Motion by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr., seconded by Mr. Johnny Jamison to terminate Sarah Phillips. Motion carried.

Yays: Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr., Mr. Johnny Jamison, Mr. Brandon Dubois, and Mr. Don Arnold  
Nays: Mr. Arnold Murrell, Mr. Winston Roberts, and Mr. Mark Ball  
Mr. David Merrell recused himself.

Motion by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr., seconded by Mr. Johnny Jamison to terminate Mike Merrell. Motion carried.

Yays: Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr., Mr. Johnny Jamison, Mr. Brandon Dubois, and Mr. Don Arnold  
Nays: Mr. Arnold Murrell, Mr. Winston Roberts, and Mr. Mark Ball  
Mr. David Merrell recused himself.

Motion by Mr. Cephas Bowie Jr., seconded by Mr. Brandon DuBois to pay bill as funds become available. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Johnny Jamison, seconded by Mr. Brandon Dubois to adjourn. Motion carried.