

Colfax, LA  
October 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, October 12, 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, Mr. Arnold Murrell, and Mr. David Merrell

The following members were absent:

None

Motion by Mr. Don Arnold, seconded by Mr. Brandon DuBois to open the meeting to public comment. Motion carried.

Mrs. Cynthia Cotton addressed the jury regarding a right of way to a recently purchased parcel on an unmaintained portion of Chester McKay Road. Landowners of the encompassing property are against the police jury taking that portion of the road back into the parish road maintenance system. After listening to discussion from both sides and reviewing signed and notarized affidavits that the landowners of the encompassing property provided, the jury moved to item IX on the agenda.

Motion by Mr. Don Arnold, seconded by Mr. Johnny Jamison to keep the currently maintained portion of Chester McKay Road in the parish maintenance system (approx. 1350 feet from Highway 165) and declare the remaining portion abandoned.

Yeas: Mr. Winston Roberts, Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr., Mr. Brandon DuBois, Mr. Arnold Murrell

Nays: Mr. David Merrell

Motion carried.

After a request by Mr. Arnold Murrell, the jury will consult with their legal counsel as to their position with this matter. Motion was not rescinded and carries as is.

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

Mr. Dan Fletcher, Grant Parish Coroner, updated the jury on current issues with the Coroner's Office. He requested that Deputy Coroners receive reimbursement for mileage on personal vehicles, to consider looking for a new van that the department can use as the current van has an excess of 95,000 miles, and to restock some missing supplies and equipment.

Ms. Aimee White, Mayor of Creola, requested the jury to allow a parcel of property located on Rogers Drive to be annexed into Creola corporation limits. The jury will consult with legal their council before making their decision at the November meeting.

Ms. Christina Lord, Regional Medical Director, Office of Public Health Region VI introduced herself to the jury and discussed upcoming events for Grant Parish including free flu shots.

Ms. Kristin Delahoussaye was unavailable to present on Zoom at this time.

Motion by Mr. Don Arnold, seconded by Mr. Winston Roberts to adopt Resolution 27-2023; Issuance of Bonds to Finance Loans to First Time Home Buyers Within Grant Parish. Motion carried.

#### RESOLUTION 27-2023

**WHEREAS**, the Commission, on August 17, 2023, duly authorized the issuance and sale of the Bonds in accordance with law and the Commission's Rules and Regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bonds are classified as exempt facility bonds under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "**Code**") and the provisions of Section 147(f)(2)(A), (B) and (E) of the Code require that issuance of the Bonds be approved by the "applicable elected representative" of the governmental unit which issues such bonds or on whose behalf such bonds are issued and by the "applicable elected representative" of such other Participating Jurisdictions that have executed a CEA with the Authority under the provisions of the Act; and

**WHEREAS**, (the "**Governmental Unit**") has executed a CEA with the Authority to permit the financing of loans to first-time homebuyers within geographic area of the Governmental Unit; and

**WHEREAS**, the applicable elected representative (the "**Approving Representative**") of the Governmental Unit for purposes of approving the Bonds is the Mark Ball/Parish President and

**WHEREAS**, in compliance with the requirements of the Code, Notice of Public Hearing (attached as **Exhibit "A"** hereto), was published in (i) The Advocate, Baton Rouge, Louisiana on September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023, (ii) The Daily Advertiser, Lafayette, Louisiana on September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023, (iii) the Houma Courier, Houma, Louisiana on September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023, (iv) the Lake Charles American Press, Lake Charles, Louisiana on September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023, (v) The News Star, Monroe, Louisiana on September 8, 2023, (vi) the Times-Picayune, New Orleans, Louisiana on September

8<sup>th</sup>, 2023, (vii) The Times, Shreveport, Louisiana on September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023, and (viii) The Town Talk, Alexandria, Louisiana on September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023, and

**WHEREAS**, in compliance with the requirements of the Code, the public hearing with respect to the issuance of said Bonds was held on September 18, 2023, at 1:00 p.m., Louisiana Time, at 601 St. Ferdinand Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, and simultaneously held by teleconference with a toll-free number 1-888-475-4499 and guest access code 994-030-3250 in accordance with Rev. Proc. 2022-20 after due notice thereof was published in the official journal of the Authority and in the aforementioned publications sufficient to inform the public within the geographic area of the Participating Jurisdictions of the subject, date and place of said public hearing; and

**WHEREAS**, no objections were raised by any person present at the said hearing or by any person participating by teleconference relative to the issuance of the Bonds; and

**WHEREAS**, the undersigned, Approving Representative of the Participating Jurisdiction, desires to approve the issuance of the Bonds for the purposes of the Code;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the undersigned does hereby certify that the Chief elected executive officer/governing authority Governing authority of the Participating Jurisdiction, hereby approves, and confirms the issuance of the Bonds. The Authority, and its officers, are authorized to cause this certificate to be filed of record in the transcript of proceedings for the Bonds and to file a copy thereof with any State or Federal agency, board or commission as may be required by any applicable State or Federal laws, rules, or regulations.

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

(s) Mark Ball  
Mark Ball  
President  
Grant Parish Police Jury

#### CERTIFICATE

I, Jessie Pace, do hereby 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 this 12<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023.

(s) Jessie Pace  
Jessie Pace, Secretary/Treasurer

Motion by Mr. Don Arnold, seconded by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr. to adopt Resolution 29-2023; Honoring Mr. Reed Perilloux for His Civic and Social Service to Grant Parish. Motion carried.

#### **RESOLUTION 29-2023**

##### **In Honor of Mr. Reed Perilloux's Civic and Social Service in Grant Parish**

**WHEREAS**, it is most fitting to commend Mr. Reed Perilloux on the occasion of his one hundredth birthday and to recognize November 3-10, 2023 as "Reed Perilloux Week"; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Reed Perilloux was born 1923 and grew up in Montz, Louisiana, a town just north of New Orleans; he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps the day after the attack on Pearl Harbor and served under "Chesty" Puller, a decorated Marine and eventual three-star general; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Perilloux is also highly decorated veteran with numerous honors to his credit; he earned his first Purple Heart after being stabbed by a bayonet during a surprise attack by Japanese soldiers on his marine camp; he earned his second Purple Heart during the Battle of Peleliu, when his squad was struck by a mortar round; he also contracted malaria on countless occasions during his time serving in the Pacific Theater; and

**WHEREAS**, ten days after returning from war, Mr. Perilloux married Madeline Petrolia, with whom he went on to have three children, Madeline, Eileen, and Chip; he also took advantage of the G.I. Bill and earned a bachelor's degree in physical education from the formerly-named Southwestern Louisiana Institute of Liberal and Technical Learning; he went on to earn a master's degree from Northwestern State University, and later took doctoral-level course at Louisiana State University; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Perilloux accepted a teaching position at Colfax High School in 1951; in addition to his teaching role, he also served as the head coach of the school's basketball and baseball teams; despite having never played basketball, he taught himself the game using a book written by the legendary Coach Adolph Rupp and eventually lead Colfax to state championship in 1962 and 1963; during his twenty-year coaching tenure, the basketball team amassed over seven hundred wins; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to his work as an educator and coach, Mr. Perilloux served as scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 168 in Colfax; he had the privilege of pinning twenty-six Eagle Scouts during his time serving Troop 168; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Perilloux was eventually promoted to administrative roles as his career as an educator progressed; he was first named principal of Dry Prong High School, and he was later appointed as the inaugural principal of the newly constructed Grant High School; he accepted this prestigious assignment of leading Grant Parish's flagship high school with poise fit for a man of his quality and served with honor from 1979 until 1983; he then returned to Colfax to work for the Grant Parish Sheriff's Office, where he served fifteen years and organized vital programs including the D.A.R.E Program and Triad; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Perilloux is among the last surviving World War II veterans in Grant Parish; he is a pillar of Grant Parish whose lifetime of service to his country, state, and community warrants the highest degree of recognition.

**THEREFORE**; the Grant Parish Police Jury does hereby commend Reed Perilloux on the occasion of his one hundredth birthday and recognize November 3-10, 2023 as “Reed Perilloux Week” in Grant Parish, and do hereby extend sincerest wishes that Mr. Perilloux continue to prosper and enjoy good health for many years to come

#### 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 special session convened on October 12, 2023 at which a quorum was present.

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

(s) Mark Ball  
Mark Ball  
President  
Grant Parish Police Jury

STATE OF LOUISIANA  
PARISH OF GRANT

GIVEN UNDER MY OFFICIAL SIGNATURE and Seal of Office on this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023.

(s) Jessie Pace  
Jessie Pace  
Grant Parish Police Jury

Mr. Mark Ball, Grant Parish Police Jury President, announced there will be a ceremony on Friday, November 3, 2023 at 11:30 at the tree in the center of the town park/walking trail that will be dedicated in his honor.

The jury discussed Resolution 28-2023; Revised Parish Wide Burn Ban and agreed that the burn ban will stay in effect and State Fire Marshal guidelines will be monitored to consider changes

The jury discussed potential projects and funding sources for the Capital Outlay program.

Motion by Mr. Winston Roberts, seconded by Mr. Don Arnold to amend the agenda to add allow a \$1,000,000.00 Landfill Road Repairs and Improvements project be submitted for Capital Outlay with funds from LATCF to be utilized for matching funds. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Don Arnold to allow a \$1,000,000.00 00 Landfill Road Repairs and Improvements project be submitted for Capital Outlay with funds from LATCF to be utilized for matching funds.

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

Nays: Mr. David Merrell

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Winston Roberts to amend the agenda to add allow a \$1,000,000.00 Courthouse Repairs and Improvements project be submitted for Capital Outlay with funds from ARPA and LATCF to be utilized for matching funds. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Don Arnold to allow a \$1,000,000.00 Courthouse Repairs and Improvements project be submitted for Capital Outlay with funds from ARPA and LATCF to be utilized for matching funds. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Johnny Jamison, seconded by Mr. Don Arnold to adopt Resolution 25-2023; Annual Certification of Compliance with State of Louisiana Off System Bridge Replacement Program. Motion carried.

#### RESOLUTION 25-2023

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, 2023 through September 30, 2024, 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. Johnny Jamison being seconded by Mr. Don Arnold and was adopted by the following vote on this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of October 2023:

YEAS: Mr. Brandon DuBois, Mr. Don Arnold, Mr. Johnny Jamison, Mr. Arnold Murrell, Mr. David Merrill, Mr. Cephas Bowie Jr., Mr. Winston Roberts

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

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

(s) Mark Ball  
Mark Ball  
President  
Grant Parish Police Jury

STATE OF LOUISIANA  
PARISH OF GRANT  
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(s) Jessie Pace  
Jessie Pace  
Grant Parish Police Jury

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Johnny Jamison to adopt Resolution 26-2023; Annual Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for the Federal Off System Bridge Rehabilitation and Replacement Program. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION**  
**26-2023**

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 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**CERTIFICATION**

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Grant Parish Police Jury

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

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

Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr. spoke to the jury about the remodel and reopening of the Montgomery Branch of the Grant Parish Library. Members of the Library Board and Police Jury will attend a private viewing at the end of the month.

Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr. spoke to the jury about agenda items from the Personnel Committee Meeting that included employee annual pay rate increases.

Motion by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr., seconded by Mr. Winston Roberts to amend the agenda to include a motion to approve a 3% pay increase across the board for Grant Parish Police Jury employees beginning January 1, 2024 and promotional increases for the 5 employees discussed who have had a change in job description or have been nominated by their supervisors for a merit based pay increase. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr., seconded by Mr. Winston Roberts to approve a 3% pay increase across the board for Grant Parish Police Jury employees beginning January 1, 2024. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr., seconded by Mr. Arnold Murrell to approve a merit based pay increase for the 5 employees discussed who have had a change in job description or have been nominated by their supervisors beginning with the October 27, 2023 payroll. Motion carried.

Mr. Mark Ball advised the jurors that there is a meeting with the Pelican Institute on October 17, 2023 at Colfax Baptist Church at 6:00 p.m. and invited them all to attend.

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