The Police Jury of the Parish of Grant, State of Louisiana, met in Special Session at its meeting place, of the Grant Parish Police Jury Meeting Room, 200 Main Street, Colfax, Louisiana, on Thursday, August 26, 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. Johnny Jamison, Mr. Winston Roberts.

The following members were absent:

Mr. Arnold Murrell

Motion by Mr. David Merrell, seconded by Mr. Winston Roberts to move the November meeting of the Grant Parish Police Jury to November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 due to the original date being Veterans Day. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Johnny Jamison, seconded by Mr. Winston Roberts to approve contributing \$1,000,000 (one million dollars) of the American Rescue Plan Act to have high speed broadband internet installed throughout Grant Parish. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. David Merrell, seconded by Mr. Mark Ball to approve Resolution 16-2021; appointing Jessie Pace, Secretary/Treasurer as authorized signatory for right of way contract with Cleco to have electricity at the Airbase Road Dump Site. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cephas Bowie Jr., seconded by Mr. Johnny Jamison to approve letter of support for the Rapides Planning Commission's Areas of Persistent Poverty Program. Motion carried.

The Police Jury discussed the issue of resuming Federal Offshore Leasing in the Gulf of Mexico and will be sending a letter of support to all Senators, Congressman and State Representatives.

The Police Jury discussed the possibility of adding State Highways 3169, 502, and 524 (the west side of Hwy 165 only) to the Parish Road Maintenance List. No decision was made until further information is gathered.

The Police Jury discussed purchasing a new pot hole patching machine. Item was deferred to the September Agenda.

Motion by Mr. Mark Ball, seconded by Mr. David Merrell to amend the agenda to add motion to obtain bids on a new garbage truck. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. David Merrell, seconded by Mr. Winston Roberts to obtain bids on a new garbage truck with previously approved specs. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Mark Ball to enter into executive session. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Mark Ball to enter back into regular session. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Winston Roberts to adjourn. Motion carried.