

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, February 6, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

The following members were present:

Mr. Mark Ball, Mr. Cephas Bowie Jr., Mr. Brandon DuBois, Mr. Johnny Jamison, Mr. Arnold Murrell, Mr. Winston Roberts, Mr. Roy Edwards, and Mr. Mike Merrell

The following members were absent:

None

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Johnny Jamison to open the meeting to public comments on agenda items. Motion carried unanimously.

No discussions were brought forth

Motion by Mr. Arnold Murrell, seconded by Mr. Roy Edwards to accept the minutes of the last meeting as published in the official journal. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jeff Pogue, Operations Manager of Acadian Ambulance, gave the January call report for the parish.
156 calls for an ambulance / 138 emergency transports
3 Air Med launches / 1 transports

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Roy Edwards to adopt the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire. Motion carried unanimously.

The jury discussed the proposed 2025 Committee assignments.

Motion by Mr. Arnold Murrell, seconded by Mr. Brandon DuBois to approve the 2025 Committee assignments. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Johnny Jamison, seconded by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr. to adopt the Governor's 2025 Holiday Schedule. Motion carried.

2024 Holiday Schedule

Holiday	Always On...	Current Year Date
New Year's Day	January 1 st	Wednesday, January 1, 2025
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	3 rd Monday in January	Monday, January 20, 2025
Mardi Gras	Tuesday before Ash Wednesday	Tuesday, March 4, 2025
Good Friday	Friday before Easter	Friday, April 18, 2025
National Memorial Day	Last Monday in May	Monday, May 26, 2025
Juneteenth Day*	June 19 th	TBA – June 2025
Independence Day	July 4 th	Friday, July 4, 2025
Labor Day	1 st Monday in September	Monday, September 1, 2025
Pecan Festival	1 st Friday in November	Friday, November 7, 2025
Veteran's Day	November 11 th	Tuesday, November 11, 2025
Thanksgiving Day	4 th Thursday in November	Thursday, November 27, 2025
Acadian Day	4 th Friday in November	Friday, November 28, 2025
Christmas Eve*	December 24 th	Wednesday, December 24, 2025
Christmas Day	December 25 th	Thursday, December 25, 2025
New Year's Day	January 1 st	Thursday, January 1, 2026

* The governor may also proclaim other days as holidays, and these days will be confirmed on the list as the Legal Proclamations are made. These additional holidays may include Memorial Day, Juneteenth Day, Acadian Day (the Friday after Thanksgiving), the day before or after Christmas Day, and the day before or after New Year's Day.

The jurors discussed the Grant Parish Mobile Home Park Regulations and whether revisions to these regulations had to be approved by the jury or could the Grant Parish Planning Commission make revisions on their own. Jurors will seek a legal opinion and discuss again.

Motion by Mr. Johnny Jamison, seconded by Mr. Brandon DuBois to declare the Grant Parish Civic Center an Emergency Shelter for Colfax Reunion Rehabilitation Center. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Johnny Jamison, seconded by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr. to adopt Proclamation 02-2025; National Gas Utilities Workers Day. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Roy Edwards, seconded by Mr. Brandon DuBois to allow drawing funds up to \$1,500.00 from a district's capital improvement fund on the agreed upon state funded projects from that district only if necessary to cover overages due to price increases on materials needed for the projects in that district. No funds can be drawn any other district account. Motion carried unanimously.

Jurors discussed the current rules for building permits and electrical inspections on reconnects, upgrades, solar panel installations, generator installations, and relocation of service poles. Jurors agreed that the only time a permit or electrical inspection is needed is for new service. A letter will be drafted by the Parish Manager to the electric companies and presented to the jury at the March meeting for approval.

Motion by Mr. Johnny Jamison, seconded by Mr. Winston Roberts to take Spider Lake Drive in District 2 out of the parish road maintenance system. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Arnold Murrell, seconded by Mr. Winston Roberts to use Capital Improvements funds from District 4 for:

- A. Robertson Road
- B. Briggs Road
- C. Springhill Road

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Mike Merrell, seconded by Mr. Roy Edwards to use Capital Improvement funds from District 7 to hard top following:

- A. Dry Prong dumpsite
- B. Bentley dumpsite
- C. Gore Road

Motion carried unanimously.

Jurors discussed installing a dusk to dawn light at the OK's dumpsite. Mr. Johnny Jamison suggested the jury obtain a quote from CLECO and the jury revisit the subject at the March meeting.

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

Motion by Mr. Arnold Murrell, seconded by Mr. Roy Edwards to pay bills as funds become available. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Disclaimer: These minutes are not official until adopted by the jury at the next meeting.