

Colfax, LA
February 12, 2026

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 12, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

The following members were present:

Mr. Mark Ball, Mr. Cephas Bowie Jr., Mr. Roy Edwards, Mr. Johnny Jamison, Mr. Brandon DuBois, Mrs. Jennifer Murrell Futrell, Mrs. Charline Roberts, and Mr. Mike Merrell

The following members were absent:

None

Motion by Mr. Mark Ball, seconded by Mr. Brandon DuBois to open the agenda to public comments on agenda items. Motion carried unanimously.

No comments were brought forth.

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Mark Ball to accept the minutes of the last meeting as published in the official journal. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Mark Ball, seconded by Mr. Brandon DuBois to announce public meeting for plans to consider adopting a resolution ordering and calling an election to be held in the Parish of Grant to authorize the levy of ad valorem taxes therein. Motion carried unanimously.

The following Announcement of Public Meeting was read aloud by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr.:

Notice is hereby given that at its meeting to be held on Thursday, March 12, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. at its regular meeting place, the Grant Parish Police Jury Meeting Room, 200 Main Street, Colfax, Louisiana, the Police Jury of the Parish of Grant, State of Louisiana, plans to consider adopting a resolution ordering and calling an election to be held in the Parish of Grant, State of Louisiana to authorize the levy of ad valorem taxes therein.

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Roy Edwards to appoint Mrs. Jessie Pace as Secretary-Treasurer / Parish Manager for a term of two years. Motion carried unanimously.

Representative Gabe Firment addressed the jury and families of Mr. Arnold Murrell and Mr. Winston Roberts and recognize their dedicated service to Grant Parish.

Sheriff Steven McCain sent a letter regarding his appreciation for the quick response and hard work of the jury employees during the winter storm.

Mr. Rick Barr and Mr. Cade Bishop of Acadian Ambulance gave the monthly call report for January of 2026. They also introduced the Numbers for Neighbors Program to provide house numbers to the first 25 applicants free of charge for Grant Parish residents. This is to help first responders find the residents quickly in an emergency.

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

Motion by Mr. Mark Ball, seconded by Mr. Johnny Jamison to amend the agenda to include a motion to accept the notification of retirement from Ms. Rita Rachal as the Grant Parish Registrar of Voters effective May 30, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Mark Ball, seconded by Mr. Brandon DuBois to accept the notification of retirement from Ms. Rita Rachal as the Grant Parish Registrar of Voters effective May 30, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr. presented the jurors with the 2026 Committee assignments to review and discuss.

Motion by Mrs. Jennifer Futrell, seconded by Mr. Roy Edwards to accept the 2026 Committee assignments. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Mark Ball, seconded by Mrs. Charline Roberts to adopt the Governor's 2026 Holiday Schedule. Motion carried unanimously.

Donation of Cedar Street to the Grant Parish Sheriff's Office has been moved to the March agenda to allow time for proper research and public notifications.

Servitude Agreement with CLECO will be discussed further at the March meeting. A representative of CLECO has been asked to attend and explain the details of the work.

Motion by Mr. Mike Merrell, seconded by Mr. Roy Edwards to accept the resignation of Mr. Carl Ray Lasyone from the Grant Parish Port Commission effective February 1, 20026. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Johnny Jamison to appoint Mr. Michael Morris to the Grant Parish Port Commission for a term of 1 year beginning February 1, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Roy Edwards, seconded by Mr. Brandon DuBois to appoint Mrs. Charline Roberts to the Grant Parish Library Board of Control effective immediately. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mrs. Jennifer Futrell to accept the resignation of Mrs. Kathy Scarborough with the Central Louisiana Human Services Board of Directors. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Johnny Jamison to appoint Mrs. Pam Gilcrease to the Central Louisiana Human Services Board of Directors. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Johnny Jamison, seconded by Mrs. Jennifer Futrell to approve the boundaries for Grant Parish Fire Protection District #3. Motion carried unanimously.

Survey of Michael D. Burns Public Shooting Complex will be discussed at the March meeting due to the survey not being complete at this time.

Motion by Mr. Mark Ball, seconded by Mr. Brandon DuBois to declare the Grant Parish Civic Center an emergency shelter for Colfax Reunion Nursing and Rehab Center. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Johnny Jamison, seconded by Mr. Mark Ball to adopt Resolution 05-2026: CEA for Landfill Road Improvements. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION
05-2026
BY THE
GRANT PARISH POLICE JURY

WHEREAS, the Grant Parish Police Jury has been informed that the State of Louisiana, Division of Administration, Facility Planning and Control (FP&C) has issued a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for Landfill Road Improvements, Planning and Construction (FP&C Project #50-J22-25-01);

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the President, Cephas Bowie, Jr. is hereby authorized to act on behalf of the Grant Parish Police Jury in all matters pertaining to this project, including certifying requests for State disbursements.

Passed, approved, and adopted this 12th day of February 2026.

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

(s) Cephas Bowie Jr.
Cephas Bowie Jr.
President
Grant Parish Police Jury

CERTIFICATE

I, Jessie Pace, Secretary/Treasurer of the Grant Parish Police Jury, Louisiana do hereby certify that the above and foregoing constitutes a true and correct copy of a Resolution passed, approved, and adopted by the Grant Parish Police Jury on the February 12, 2026.

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

Motion by Mr. Johnny Jamison, seconded by Mr. Brandon DuBois to adopt Resolution 06-2026; Engineering Firm for Landfill Road Project. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION
06-2026
BY THE
GRANT PARISH POLICE JURY

WHEREAS, the Grant Parish Police Jury has been informed that the State of Louisiana, Division of Administration, Facility Planning and Control (FP&C) has issued a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for Landfill Road Improvements, Planning and Construction (FP&C Project #50-J22-25-01);

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Pan American Engineers, LLC is hereby selected by the Grant Parish Police Jury to provide Engineering Design and Construction Observation Services; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the President is hereby authorized to negotiate and execute a contract for the above services.

Passed, approved, and adopted this 12th day of February, 2026.

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

(s) Cephas Bowie Jr.
Cephas Bowie Jr.
President
Grant Parish Police Jury

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

Motion by Mr. Mike Merrell, seconded by Mr. Roy Edwards to adopt Resolution 07-2026; Honoring the Retirement of Mr. Ray Faircloth. Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION: 07-2026
HONORING THE SERVICE OF MR. LUTHER RAY FAIRCLOTH**

WHEREAS, Mr. Luther Ray Faircloth has served with distinction and dedication as an employee of the Grant Parish Police Jury for thirteen (13) years.

WHEREAS, he has served the citizens of Grant Parish and the Police Jury with Honor and Purpose during those thirteen (13) years and.

WHEREAS, Mr. Larkin K. Gambrell will retire from service effective December 31, 2025.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Grant Parish Police Jury in recognition of his dedication and devotion, does hereby Commend and Honor Mr. Luther Ray Faircloth for thirteen (13) years of meritorious service to the Grant Parish Police Jury and the Citizens of Grant

Passed, approved, and adopted this 12th day of February, 2026

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

(s) Cephas Bowie Jr.
Cephas Bowie Jr.
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 February 12, 2026.

(s) Jessie Pace
Jessie Pace, Secretary/Treasurer

Motion by Mrs. Jennifer Futrell, seconded by Mr. Brandon DuBois to adopt Proclamation 05-2026; National Gas Utilities Worker Day. Motion carried unanimously.

**PROCLAMATION
05-2026**

WHEREAS, in 2015, the American Public Gas Association began recognizing March 18th as Natural Gas Utilities Workers Day; and

WHEREAS, the date was chosen to remember the New London, Texas school explosion that occurred on March 18, 1937, leading to the widespread odorization of natural gas and an increased emphasis on safety; and

WHEREAS, Safety is a vital aspect of natural gas distribution and the employees of distribution companies' endeavor to make natural gas delivery as safe as possible; and

WHEREAS, the attention and dedication of our utility workers is essential to ensuring the safety of natural gas distribution; and

WHEREAS, On Natural Gas Utility Workers Day and throughout the year, The Parish of Grant recognizes the vital services our natural gas utility workers provide to their community;

NOW, therefore, be it further resolved that the Grant Parish Police Jury does hereby proclaim March 18th as **NATURAL GAS UTILITIES WORKERS DAY** and expresses its appreciation for the GAS Department staff and dedication to ensuring safe delivery of natural gas within our parish.

(s) Jessie Pace
Jessie Pace
Parish Manager - Sec/Treas.
Grant Parish Police Jury

(s) Cephas Bowie Jr.
Cephas Bowie Jr.
President
Grant Parish Police Jury

STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF GRANT

I, Jessie Pace, Parish Manager of the Grant Parish Police Jury do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Proclamation adopted by the said Police Jury in regular session on the 12th day of February, 2026.

GIVEN UNDER MY OFFICIAL SIGNATURE and Seal of Office on this the 12th day of February, 2026.

(s) Jessie Pace
Jessie Pace
Parish Manager -Sec/ Treas.

Motion by Mr. Mark Ball, seconded by Mr. Roy Edwards to adopt Proclamation 04-2026; Declaring April 18-26 as Love the Boot Week in Grant Parish. Motion carried unanimously.

PROCLAMATION:
04-2026

WHEREAS, Keep Louisiana Beautiful in partnership with the office of the Lieutenant Governor started Love the Boot week in 2022 as Louisiana's largest annual litter removal and beautification effort held in all 64 parishes every April; and,

WHEREAS, Love the Book Week strives to engage businesses, local and state governments, non-profits, school, and individual citizens to work together to care for their communities; and

WHEREAS, since 2004, Keep Louisiana Beautiful has issued \$7.7 million in grants to local communities in the areas of litter abatement, waste reduction, recycling, and environmental education; and

WHEREAS, Keep Louisiana Beautiful educates and empowers future generations of environmental steward, providing tools and resources to guide understanding and actions to reduce litter, increase recycling and protect the natural areas of Louisiana, ensuring its beauty as its lasting impression; and; and

WHEREAS, Grant Parish Police Jury urges the residents of Grant Parish to do their part to collaborate with local municipalities, organizations, and any agency to help carry out the shared mission to promote personal, corporate and community responsibility for a clean and beautiful parish.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it further resolved that the Grant Parish Police Jury does hereby proclaim April 18 through April 26, 2026, as Love the Boot week in Grant Parish.

(s) Jessie Pace
Jessie Pace
Parish Manager - Sec/Treas.
Grant Parish Police Jury

(s) Cephas Bowie Jr.
Cephas Bowie Jr.
President
Grant Parish Police Jury

STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF GRANT

I, Jessie Pace, Parish Manager of the Grant Parish Police Jury do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Proclamation adopted by the said Police Jury in regular session on the 12th day of February, 2026.

GIVEN UNDER MY OFFICIAL SIGNATURE and Seal of Office on this the 12th day of February, 2026.

(s) Jessie Pace
Jessie Pace
Parish Manager -Sec/ Treas.

Motion by Mr. Mark Ball, seconded by Mrs. Charline Roberts to adopt Ordinance 01-2026; Declaring Certain Office Furniture and Equipment as Surplus. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO: 01-2026

DECLARING CERTAIN OFFICE FURNITURE, 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 does not 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: 8 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0

AND THIS ORDINANCE WAS ADOPTED ON THIS 12th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2026.

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

(s) Cephas Bowie Jr.
Cephas Bowie Jr.
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 12TH day of February, 2026, at which a quorum was present.

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

Exhibit A:
Ordinance 01-2026

Grant Parish Library:

Items to Surplus:

- 3 wall shelves
- Various office organizers and supplies
- 5 metal staplers
- Receipt paper rolls
- 6-sheet collator
- 1 pink laptop/iPad bag
- 2 money boxes without a key
- 1 old fax machine ribbon cartridge
- Old wooden chair with leather cushions
- 1 rolling computer shelf
- 4 wooden children's chairs
- 4 old book carts
- 1 large table with audio ports
- 2 tables with shelves
- 1 unassembled fake wood desk
- 2 computer tables built for two people with pull out keyboard shelves
- 1 unassembled white floor cabinet
- 1 wooden file cabinet with 3 regular drawers
- 1 children's activity table
- Wooden podium
- A small microfilm monitor
- 2 old projector screens
- Projecta Scope projector
- Old timeclock machine
- Multiple packs of typewriter ribbon and corrector tape
- Miscellaneous metal cabinet pieces and drawers

Jurors discussed recommendations from the Personnel Committee regarding employee pay during closures.

Motion by Mr. Mark Ball, seconded by Mrs. Jennifer Futrell to approve the changes to Section 10.06 Overtime & Compensation Time in the handbook as recommended by the Personnel Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Mark Ball, seconded by Mr. Johnny Jamison to approve winter storm closure pay to part time employees. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Mark Ball, seconded by Mr. Brandon DuBois to amend the agenda to include a motion to approve using Capital Improvement Funds from District 6 to pay overages on the Act 461 Crawford Loop Project. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Mark Ball, seconded by Mrs. Jennifer Futrell to approve using Capital Improvement Funds from District 6 to pay overages on the Act 461 Crawford Loop Project. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Cody Gongre, Roads Superintendent, addressed the jury regarding upcoming projects for the Roads Department.

Motion by Mr. Mark Ball, seconded by Mr. Brandon DuBois to pay bills as funds become available. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Roy Edwards to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

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