

Colfax, LA
May 14, 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, May 14, 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. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Johnny Jamison to open the agenda to public comments on agenda items. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Cade Bishop of Acadian Ambulance gave the monthly call report for April of 2026.

Mr. Charles Moore spoke on item #4, Burial site

Mr. Jonny Fryer, Mr. Marty Floyd, Ms. Rebecca Triche, Chief Libby Rogers, Mr. Dan DeWitt all spoke in opposition of item #5, Grant Restoration Act

Mr. Charles Carpenter, spoke in support of item #5, Grant Restoration Act

Motion to vote on the Grant Restoration Act as it is proposed was voted on individually. All jurors voted unanimously in opposition of the Grant Restoration Act as proposed.

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Roy Edwards to adopt Proclamation 10-2026; Recognizing May 17-23, 2026 as Public Works Week in Grant Parish. Motion carried unanimously.

PROCLAMATION 10-2026

WHEREAS, public works professionals focus on infrastructure, facilities, and services that are of vital importance to the public health, high quality of life, and well-being of the people of Grant Parish; and,

WHEREAS, our community relies heavily on Public Works to sustain our overall public health, quality of life and general well-being; and

WHEREAS, the infrastructure, facilities, and services could not be provided without the dedicated efforts of public works professionals, who are engineers, managers, and employees. These individuals are responsible for rebuilding, improving, and protecting our Parish's water supply, water treatment and solid waste systems, public buildings, and other structures and facilities essential for our citizens; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest for the citizens, civic leaders, and children in Grant Parish to gain knowledge and maintain ongoing interest and understanding of the importance of public works and public works programs in their respective communities; and,

WHEREAS, the 66th annual National Public Works theme "Rooted in Service, Powered by Community" acknowledges that the roots of service run deep in public works; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Grant Parish Police Jury does hereby proclaim the week of May 17-23, 2026 as Public Works Week. The Grant Parish Police Jury calls upon the citizens, businesses, and civic organizations to pay tribute to our Public Works employees and to recognize the substantial contributions they make to the health, safety, and quality of life for 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 14th day of May, 2026.

GIVEN UNDER MY OFFICIAL SIGNATURE and Seal of Office on this the 14th day of May 2026.

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

Motion by Mr. Mark Ball, seconded by Mrs. Charline Roberts to introduce Ordinance 04-2026; Declaring the Coroner's van as surplus. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO: 04-2026

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: _____ NAYS: _____ ABSENT: _____

AND THIS ORDINANCE WAS ADOPTED ON THIS 11th DAY OF JUNE, 2026.

Jessie Pace
Secretary-Treasurer
Grant Parish Police Jury

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 11TH day of June, 2026, at which a quorum was present.

Jessie Pace
Secretary/Treasurer
Grant Parish Police Jury

Motion by Mr. Mark Ball, seconded by Mr. Brandon DuBois to adopt Resolution 11-2026; To Maintain Permit Requirements for South Grant Sewer Project. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-2026

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN TO STATE THEIR INTENT TO MAINTAIN PERMIT REQUIREMENTS AS SET FORTH BY NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM TO PREVENT WASTEWATER PERMIT VIOLATIONS AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Program (MWPP) is a program developed by the Environmental Protection Agency to prevent wastewater permit violations and to maximize the useful lives of the publicly-owned treatment works (POTW) through effective operation and maintenance, financial management and reduced wastewater flows and loadings by ensuring timely planning and financing for future needs prior to the occurrence of wastewater permit violations; and,

WHEREAS, Grant Parish Police Jury is required by NPDES Permit No. LA0127205 to submit information found in the audit each year along with a resolution from the governing body outlining specific action for the wastewater treatment plant located at the end of Allison Street; and,

WHEREAS, Grant Parish Police Jury identified the following items during the most recent audit

- The wastewater treatment plant's construction completed in 2022 and the age of the plant is not a concern.
- There was only one permit violation for 2025, which occurred in October 2025 when the weekly maximum for Fecal Coliform Bacteria was exceeded due to a chlorine ejector failure.

WHEREAS, Grant Parish Police Jury employs C3 Environmental Services LLC to oversee the operation of the treatment and collection system. Mr. Chris Chapman is certified in Wastewater Treatment and Collection IV.

WHEREAS, Grant Parish Police Jury Board continue to monitor compliance of the effluent through the DMRs and authorize personnel to make necessary changes in operational procedures to achieve compliance; and

WHEREAS, Grant Parish Police Jury Board are aware of effluent permit limits and the need to have certified operators operating the treatment and collection system; and

WHEREAS, Grant Parish Police Jury Board approve the MWPP audit, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by Grant Parish Police Jury Board in legal session convened, that the Board hereby authorizes the Grant Parish Police Jury to state their intent to maintain permit requirements as set forth by National Pollution Discharge Elimination System to prevent wastewater permit violations.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at Colfax, Louisiana, this 14th day of May, 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, 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 14th day of May, 2026.

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

Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr. presented a hardship case in District #3 but due to medical circumstances involving the requestor, the item has been tabled to later in the year.

Motion by Mr. Mark Ball, seconded by Mr. Roy Edwards to approve using Capital Improvement funds from each respective district to complete the following RAC projects:

District 2 - Rob Wallace

District 5 - Parsonage Road

District 6 - Perry Loop

District 7 - Rock Hill Road

District 8 - Old Hwy 165

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Mark Ball, seconded by Mrs. Charline Roberts to approve using Capital Improvement Funds from District 7 to asphalt Bell Road. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mrs. Jennifer Futrell, seconded by Mr. Brandon DuBois to *not* participate in the First Responder's Exemption Program at this time per the recommendation of the Finance Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Mike Merrell to continue auto coverage with RISCUM per the recommendation of the Finance Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mr. Roy Edwards to approve the 2026 materials bid list per the recommendation of the Finance Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Johnny Jamison, seconded by Mrs. Charline Roberts to approve the commercial flat rate of \$50.00 for each pick up truck or 16 foot trailer load or \$100.00 for each garbage truck load from the municipal trash brought to the transfer station. No other contractors are allowed to dump at our transfer station per the recommendation of the Finance Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mrs. Charline Roberts, seconded by Mr. Mark Ball to asphalt front parking lot of Pollock Elementary per the recommendation of the Finance Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve courthouse security per the recommendation of the Finance Committee was deferred to June meeting.

Motion by Mr. Mark Ball, seconded by Mr. Roy Edwards to approve a payment of \$5,000.00 to Grant Parish Chamber of Commerce from the tourism fund per the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

Yeas: Mr. Mark Ball, Mr. Roy Edwards, Mr. Johnny Jamison, Mrs. Jennifer Murrell Futrell, Mrs. Charline Roberts, and Mr. Mike Merrell
Nays: Mr. Brandon DuBois
Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded Mrs. Jennifer Futrell to approve moving quarterly employee random drug testing to twice a year, per the recommendation of the Finance Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Cody Gongre, Roads Superintendent, addressed the jury regarding Act: 461 being completed, and the Roads Department would be starting on Capital Improvement Projects.

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois seconded by Mrs. Jennifer Futrell to pay bills as funds become available. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Brandon DuBois, seconded by Mrs. Jennifer Futrell to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

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