

Colfax, LA
October 9, 2025

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 9, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

The following members were present:

Mr. Mark Ball, Mr. Cephas Bowie Jr., Mr. Roy Edwards, Mr. Johnny Jamison, and Mr. Mike Merrell

The following members were absent:

Mr. Brandon DuBois, Mr. Arnold Murrell, and Mr. Winston Roberts

Motion by Mr. Johnny Jamison, seconded by Mr. Roy Edwards to open agenda to public comments on agenda items. Motion carried unanimously.
No comments brought forth.

Motion by Mr. Mike Merrell, seconded by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr. to accept the minutes of the last meeting as published in the official journal. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Rick Barr, Operations Supervisor with Acadian Ambulance Service presented the monthly call report for September. 206 emergency transports
Donations throughout the parish include epi pens to the schools, trauma bag to the Shooting Complex, CPR & EMR Training, and two training sponsorships

Representative Gabe Firment addressed the jury and gave a recap of the Legislative Session

Mr. Charles Carpenter addressed the jury regarding the Norma Ruth Criswell Carpenter & Clovis C. Criswell Grant Parish Restoration Act of 2025. Mr. Carpenter advised jurors that revisions will be made and presented once complete.

Motion by Mr. Johnny Jamison, seconded by Mr. Roy Edwards to amend the agenda to include a motion to approve Resolution 31-2025; To Select a Qualified Engineering Firm or Engineer, Architectural Firm or Architect (Designer) For the Wind Retrofit of the Grant Parish Emergency Operations Center (EOC), Sheriff's Admin Building Project DR 4590 - 0003 and Wind Retrofit of 911 Communication Center Project DR 4559-011. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr., seconded by Mr. Roy Edwards to approve Resolution 31-2025; To Select a Qualified Engineering Firm or Engineer, Architectural Firm or Architect (Designer) For the Wind Retrofit of the Grant Parish Emergency Operations Center (EOC), Sheriff's Admin Building Project DR 4590 - 0003 and Wind Retrofit of 911 Communication Center Project DR 4559-011. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION:31-2025
TO SELECT A QUALIFIED ENGINEERING FIRM OR ENGINEER, ARCHITECTURAL FIRM OR
ARCHITECT (DESIGNER)

WHEREAS, the Grant Parish Police Jury has requested qualification statements from interested firms and individuals to provide Engineering/Architectural and related technical services pertaining to grant funding through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA), FEMA's Public Assistance Program (PA), and possibly the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Louisiana Office of Community Development (OCD). Procurement efforts will be in accordance with Federal Code of Regulations (2CFR200) and the Parish's Federal Procurement Programs; and,

WHEREAS, The Parish has received approval of an application from FEMA for Phase I Wind Retrofit of the Grant Parish Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and the Sheriff's Administrative Buildings. This project has been designated as DR 4590-0003 by FEMA; and,

WHEREAS, in addition, the Parish has received approval of an application from FEMA for Wind Retrofit of 911 Communication Center. This project has been designated as DR 4559-011 by FEMA; and,

WHEREAS, the qualification statements have been reviewed and ranked in accordance with the established Program Criteria.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Braddock Companies, LLC is hereby selected by the Grant Parish Police Jury to provide Engineering/Architectural and related technical services; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President is hereby authorized to negotiate and execute contract(s) for the

above services.

Passed, approved, and adopted this 9th day of October 2025.

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

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

CERTIFICATE

I, Sissy 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 9th day of October, 2025.

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

Mr. Dale Whitstine, Board Member of the Michael D. Burns Public Shooting Complex addressed the jury to thank them for their work in having the shooting complex built for Grant Parish. He noted how our 4-H Shooting Team, Sheriff’s Office and constituents are much better off having a place of their own and not having to utilize the facilities of other parishes or private citizens for practice. He asked for financial support with the installation of the Range Safety Officers and other expenses that may arise in the near future. All jurors all expressed their sincere dedication to supporting the shooting complex.

Michael D. Burns Public Shooting Complex

Monday- *Closed*
Tuesday- Open to the Public 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. (5 hours)
Wednesday- *Closed to the Public Grant Parish Sheriff’s Office*
Thursday – Open to the Public 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. (5 hours)
Friday- Open to the Public 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. (5 hours)
Saturday- Open to the Public 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (8 hours)
Sunday – *Closed to the Public 4-H Shooting Sports*

Motion by Mr. Johnny Jamison, seconded by Mr. Roy Edwards to allow the jury to financially support the shooting complex if the account reaches below the needed funds to operate. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Roy Edwards, seconded by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr. to accept the resignation of Mr. Johnny Jamison from the MDBPSC Board of Control. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Johnny Jamison, seconded by Mr. Mike Merrell to accept Mr. Josh Daniels to fill vacancy on MDBPSC Board of Control. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Johnny Jamison, seconded by Mr. Roy Edwards to adopt Resolution 26-2025; Annual Certification of Compliance with State of Louisiana Off System Bridge Replacement Program. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 26-2025

WHEREAS, the Code of Federal Regulations, as enacted by the United States Congress, mandates that all structures defined as bridges located on all 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 those bridges under the authority of Grant Parish, in accordance with those Standards, is delegated by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to Grant Parish.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE POLICE JURY OF GRANT PARISH, LOUISIANA, convened in Regular Session on the 9TH day of October, that it does hereby certify to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) that for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026:

1. The Parish will perform all interim inspections on all parish-owned or maintained bridges in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards and Specifications for the National Bridge Inventory;
2. All bridges owned or maintained by the Parish will be structurally analyzed and rated by the Parish as to the safe load capacity in accordance with the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Manual for Bridge Evaluation. The load posting information that has been determined by DOTD for all bridges where the maximum legal load under Louisiana State Law exceeds the load permitted under the operating rating as determined above will be critically reviewed by the Parish. Load posting information will be updated by the Parish to reflect all structural changes, any obsolete structural ratings, or any missing structural ratings;
3. All Parish-owned or maintained bridges which require load posting or closing will be load posted or closed in accordance with the table in the DOTD Load Rating Directives. All DOTD supplied load posting information concerning a bridge has been critically reviewed by the Parish Engineer prior to load posting; and

- 4. All bridges owned or maintained by the Parish are shown on the attached list in the format specified by the DOTD. Corrections to data supplied to the Parish by the DOTD are noted.
- 5. All bridges owned and maintained by the Parish are accessible to DOTD for all routine bridge inspections. Parish will clear vegetation as required upon DOTD request.

These stipulations are prerequisites to participation by the Parish in the Off-System Bridge Replacement Program.

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 regular session convened on October 9, 2025 at which a quorum was present.

(s) Jessie Pace
Jessie Pace
Parish Manager /Secretary-Treasurer
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 9th day of October, 2025.

(s) Jessie Pace
Jessie Pace
Grant Parish Police Jury

Motion by Mr. Mike Merrell, seconded by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr. to adopt Resolution 28-2025; Annual Cooperative Endeavor Agreement Federal Off System Bridge Rehabilitation and Replacement Program. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION
28-2025

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 9th, 2025.

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 regular session convened on October 9th, 2025 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 9th day of October, 2025.

(s) Jessie Pace
Jessie Pace
Grant Parish Police Jury

Motion by Mr. Mike Merrell, seconded by Mr. Roy Edwards to adopt Resolution 29-2025; Lonnie’s Landing Substantial Completion. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION: 29-2025

BY THE
GRANT PARISH POLICE JURY

WHEREAS, Turner & Turner Contracting, LLC, the Contractor for the Street Improvements (Lonnie’s Landing Reconstruction), FY 2022 LCDBG project has Substantially Completed the work under the Contract as recommended by the Engineer.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Contract of Turner & Turner Contracting, LLC, the Contractor, for said work is hereby accepted as Substantially Complete with the understanding that the final payment will be made upon satisfactory completion of any Punch List items and presentation of the Clear Lien Certificate as required by law; and,

It is **HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the signing and filing with the Clerk of Court of this Acceptance of Contract Resolution by the Grant Parish Police Jury is hereby authorized; and,

It is **HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the President is authorized to sign a Final Recap Change Order adjusting the final contract quantities and time period as necessary.

Passed, approved and adopted this 9th day of October, 2025.

(s) Jessie Pace
Jessie Pace
Secretary/Treasurer/Parish Manager
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 9th day of October, 2025.

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

Motion by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr., seconded by Mr. Roy Edwards to adopt Resolution 30-2025; Authorizing Mrs. Jessie Pace as Signatory Party for Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for House Bill No. 460, Act 461 of 2025 Regular Legislative Session Appropriation of the Louisiana Legislative Program on Behalf of Grant Parish. Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION
30-2025**

Cooperative Endeavor Agreement
Louisiana Department of the Treasury
State of Louisiana

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Grant Parish Police Jury that its Secretary Treasurer, Jessie Pace, is hereby authorized as the signatory party to execute “Louisiana Department of the Treasury and the State of Louisiana Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for HB 460, ACT 461 of 2025 Regular Legislative Session Appropriation of the Louisiana Legislature Program” on behalf of Grant Parish.
on behalf of Grant Parish.

The Grant Parish Police Jury adopted the above Resolution during regular session convened on Thursday, October 9, 2025

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 regular session convened on October 9, 2025 at which a quorum was present.

(s) Roy Edwards
Roy Edwards
Vice President
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 9th day of October, 2025.

(s) Roy Edwards
Roy Edwards
Grant Parish Police Jury

Motion by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr., seconded by Mr. Johnny Jamison to approve the following roads for funds received from House Bill No. 460, Act 461 of 2025 Regular Legislative Session Appropriation of the Louisiana Legislative Program:

District 1
1. Hall Drive
2. Bass Road
3. Hall Subdivision Road

District 2
1. Iatt Dam Road

District 3
1. Sparrow lane

District 4
1. Prospect Road

District 5
1. Bethel Church Road
2. Palmer road

District 6
1. Crawford loop

District 7
1. Prospect Road

District 8
1. Rambo Road

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Roy Edwards, seconded by Mr. Johnny Jamison to allow the Roads Superintendent to spend up to \$2,000.00 from the corresponding districts Capital Improvement funds if needed to cover overages for the roads approved to receive funds from House Bill No. 460, Act 461 of 2025 Regular Legislative Session Appropriation of the Louisiana Legislative Program. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Johnny Jamison, seconded by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr. to adopt Ordinance 05-2025; to Abolish Ward 7 Hospital Service District. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 05-2025
ABOLISHING THE WARD SEVEN HOSPITAL SERVICE DISTRICT

WHEREAS, in accordance with Chapter 10, Part 1, Title 46 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 46:1051 et seq.), the Grant Parish Police Jury, by Ordinance adopted on the 8th day of July, 1952, created the Ward Seven Hospital Service District; and

WHEREAS, the District owned and operated a medical clinic in Montgomery, Louisiana, known as the Montgomery Family Clinic (the “Clinic”), and levied ad valorem taxes for the purpose of maintaining, improving, and operating the Clinic; and

WHEREAS, the Parish no longer has a need for the Ward Seven Hospital Service District; and

WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 15 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974 provides that the governing authority of a local governmental subdivision shall have general power over any agency heretofore or hereafter created by it, including, without limitation, the power to abolish the agency and require prior approval of any charge or tax levied or bond issued by the agency; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Brasseaux v. Vermilion Parish Police Jury, 361 So.2d 35 (La. App. 3rd Cir. 1978), the word “agency” as used in said Article VI, Section 15, includes special districts, such as a hospital service district, created by a parish governing authority; and

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 33:1415 provides in pertinent part that in any case where the governing authority of any parish or municipality shall have created or established, or shall thereafter create or establish, any board, commission, agency, district, office, government, or any unit having governmental functions, power or authority, such governing authority is hereby authorized to abolish same, provided, that where any indebtedness of any such board, commission, agency, district, office, government, or any entity whatever having governmental functions, is outstanding, the authority herein provided shall not be exercised until provision is made for the assumption of such indebtedness in the manner provided by law; and

WHEREAS, this governing authority of Grant Parish now wishes to abolish the Ward Seven Hospital Service District in accordance with said Article VI, Section 15 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, and La. R.S. 33:1415; inasmuch as the District no longer has any outstanding indebtedness, this governing authority further wishes to abolish the ad valorem tax that was renewed in March of 2023 effective January 1, 2025; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED that:

SECTION 1. Abolishment of District. In accordance with the authority granted by Article VI, Section 15 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, La. R.S. 11:1415 and other constitutional and statutory authority. The Ward Seven Hospital Service District, Parish of Grant, State of Louisiana, shall be abolished, effective upon the effective date of this ordinance. The Board of Directors of The Ward Seven Hospital District is also abolished as of the effective date of the abolishment of the district.

SECTION 2. Title to the Hospital.

Title to the following property shall be returned to the Parish of Grant:

Lots Nine (9) and Ten (10) and Eleven (11) of Block Eight (8) of the Village of Montgomery, in Grant Parish, Louisiana, together with all improvements thereon situated.

being the same property acquired by the District by Ordinance No. 18 from the Village of Montgomery, Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of said village on June 22, 1954, and Quitclaim Deed signed December 11, 1954 purchasing the following lot:

Lot Eleven (11) of Block Eight (8) of the Village of Montgomery, in Grant Parish, Louisiana, together with all improvements thereon situated.

together will all buildings, structures, and improvements now or hereafter erected on the foregoing site and all machinery, devices, apparatus, equipment, fixtures, appurtenances, or other property whatsoever now or hereafter attached to or installed in the buildings and other improvements now erected or hereafter erected on the foregoing site, including, but not limited to, all heating, plumbing, lighting, water heating, ventilating and air conditioning equipment, utility lines and equipment (whether owned individually or jointly with others), and sprinkler systems, all fixtures, accessions and appurtenances thereto, and all renewals or replacements of or substitutions for any of the foregoing, all of which property and things are hereby declared to be permanent fixtures and accessories to the foregoing site; all easements and rights of way used in connection with the foregoing site or as a means of ingress to or egress from said property; all interests of the District in and to any streets, ways, alleys, and/or strips of land adjoining the foregoing site or any part thereof; all rights, estates, powers and privileges appurtenant or incident to the foregoing; and all existing or future furniture, furnishings, equipment, and any and all other movables of any kind or character now or hereafter placed from time to time in or upon the foregoing site, and all rents, issues and profits thereof.

SECTION 3. Division of Other Assets of the District. In approving the foregoing allocations, the land and buildings constituting the Ward Seven Hospital Service District have been assigned a fair market value of \$155,000.00 in accordance with an appraisal thereof dated 08/29/20. The Grant Parish Police Jury has considered and taken into account the relative assessed valuations of the District, the proposed use of the Hospital, and the public purposes served thereby and the relative benefits to be realized by Grant Parish from the transactions approved in this ordinance. It is found and determined that the allocations of the assets of the district in the manner provided for in this ordinance are fair, equitable, reasonable, and shall not constitute a gratuitous transfer of public funds.

SECTION 4. Expenditure of Other Assets of the District. After winding down all business of the District and upon receipt by the Grant Parish Police Jury of the remaining assets, cash, and property, such assets, cash, and property shall be expended by the Grant Parish Police Jury solely for the provision of health and welfare services within Grant Parish.

SECTION 5. Effective Date: Publication. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption, and as provided by law, shall be published in the official journal of Grant Parish.

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: 5 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 3

AND THIS ORDINANCE WAS ADOPTED ON THIS 9th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2025.

(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, 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 9TH day of October, 2025, at which a quorum was present.

(s) Jessie Pace
Jessie Pace
Secretary/Treasurer

Jurors discussed issues that were found with Grant Parish Health Unit Safety Inspection. There is a hole in the floor of the building. Jurors agreed to get multiple estimates and will select a contractor for repairs.

Motion by Mr. Johnny Jamison, seconded by Mr. Roy Edwards to request a flooring / building company to inspect and repair the floor. Motion carried unanimously.

Discuss legal opinion from District Attorney on the return the operations and maintenance of Bayou Rigolette and Bayou Darrow structures to the Town of Colfax effective January 1, 2026.

Motion by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr., seconded by Mr. Johnny Jamison to return the operations and maintenance of Bayou Rigolette and Bayou Darrow structures to the Town of Colfax effective January 1, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

Jurors discussed ongoing issues with fiber optic lines on parish roads. Lines are being placed in the middle of roads and along the sides of roads creating a situation where they will be cut by motorgraders. Jurors agreed that the Secretary/Treasurer will prepare a letter and send all utility companies and remind them of the rules of obtaining a permit through the Roads Superintendent and where to lay their lines.

Jurors discuss the need for hand rails to access the stage at the Grant Parish Civic Center. Jurors agreed to allow the Secretary/Treasurer to have them installed as soon as possible for safety.

Motion by Mr. Johnny Jamison, seconded by Mr. Roy Edwards to enter in executive session to discuss litigation with Bank of Montgomery with Mr. J.R. Whaley. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Roy Edwards, seconded by Mr. Mike Merrell to enter back in to regular session. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Cody Gongre, Grant Parish Roads Superintendent, updated the jury on projects from the Landfill and Roads Departments. Cody discussed the need for new transfer trailers. The matter will be revisited after the first of the year.

Motion by Mr. Johnny Jamison, seconded by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr. to amend the agenda to include a motion to utilize LGAP Funds to purchase a new backhoe on state contract. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Johnny Jamison, seconded by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr. to utilize LGAP Funds to purchase a new backhoe on state contract. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Johnny Jamison, seconded by Mr. Roy Edwards to pay bill as funds become available. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Johnny Jamison, 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.