

Colfax, LA
April 16, 2026

The Library Board of Control of the Parish of Grant, State of Louisiana, met in regular session at the Grant Parish Police Jury Meeting Room, 200 Main Street, Colfax, Louisiana, on Thursday, April 16, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

The following members were present:

Mr. Brandon DuBois, Mr. Cephas Bowie Jr., Mrs. Jennifer Futrell, and Mr. Johnny Jamison

The following members were absent:

Mr. Roy Edwards, and Mr. Mark Ball

Motion by Mr. Cephas Bowie Jr., 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. Johnny Jamison, seconded by Mrs. Jennifer Futrell to accept the minutes of the last meeting as published in the official journal. Motion carried unanimously.

Board members reviewed and discussed the monthly financial report, statistical report, and Head Librarian's report.

- o Received a \$10,000.00 grant for humanities to apply towards utilities or staffing
- o Applied for a \$750.00 grant to digitize older information
- o State Park Passes are active
- o Expanding Outreach to the local nursing homes
- o Received several applications for the Montgomery and Georgetown branches
- o Requested the board to consider purchasing a second vehicle for the library to utilize for branch coverage and outreach (Finance Committee will discuss)
- o Head Librarian will create a policy to set a wage increase for certifications earned by library employees for the board to review

Building Updates:

- Colfax
 - o AK Williams completed repairs and are submitting an estimate to seal the lower outside from water seeping in
 - o Red River Glass came and measured for automatic doors. Board agreed to only replace outside doors and prop the inside doors open during public hours
 - o Evaluate handicap parking on the other side of the library for patrons who are unable to use the shared parking on the courthouse side
 - o Find out how many cameras are at each building and if we can adjust some for better outside coverage & check with the municipalities to see what cameras they may have in in the area to cover the outside parking areas of their libraries
- Dry Prong
 - o Mayor Landry was asked about the status of the building repairs and said once the other project is completed, they will begin on the library. Mr. Brandon DuBois requested a letter be sent certified requiring 90 days for repairs to be made.
- Georgetown
 - o Mayor Huntsberry is going to try to find or purchase a suitable building

- o We need to find a place to store all library books, furniture, and supplies in the meantime
- o Mr. Brandon DuBois requested a letter be sent certified requiring 90 days for a suitable space to avoid closure of the library

Ms. Amanda White, Grant Parish Rural Advocate of DART (Domestic Abuse Resistance Team) addressed the board regarding the many services offered to help families including crisis intervention, shelter, counseling, legal advocacy, children's services, and community education.

Board members discussed current personnel positions and agreed that all increases need to wait until September of each year while discussing budget and possible wage increases for the upcoming year.

Motion by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr., seconded by Mrs. Jennifer Futrell to hire a new Bookmobile/Technical Services employee full time at \$11.33 per hour effective 4/27/2026. Motion carried unanimously.

Board members reviewed the Summer Events Calendar.

Motion by Mrs. Charline Roberts, seconded by Mrs. Jennifer Futrell to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

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