

PROCEEDINGS OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
NATCHITOCHE PARISH POLICE JURY
HELD TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2005

9:00 A.M.

The Police Jury of the Parish of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, met in special session in the Police Jury Board Room of the Natchitoches Parish Courthouse, on Tuesday, December 27, 2005 at nine (9:00) o'clock a.m.

The invocation was given by Juror Tom Collier followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Director of Public Works Bobby Deen.

There were present: Honorable Chris Paige President, Police Jurors J. D. Garrett, Alice Barrios, Charles Huggins, Tom Collier, Jr., and Doug Masters.

There were absent: Joey Cox, William Hymes, Charles Cloud, Jessie Hoffpauir and Gale Potts-Roque.

President Paige then stated that the purpose of this meeting was to discuss the position of Parish Treasurer. He then asked Ms. Jameica Bernestine to please step forward. Ms. Bernestine then asked to go into Executive Session for personnel reasons. A brief discussion then ensued as to whether or not the reason was legitimate. It was then stated that professional competence was the reason for the executive session. Relative to this, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mrs. Barrios, duly seconded by Mr. Collier, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in special and legal session convened, does hereby go into Executive Session for personnel reasons.

Motion Carried

After resuming regular session, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mr. Collier, duly seconded by Mrs. Barrios, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in special and legal session convened, does hereby appoint Assistant Treasurer Jamecia Bernestine as interim Parish Treasurer for ninety (90) days with a \$1,000.00 increase in pay and authorize Ms. Frederica Lacey to assist her with a \$500.00 increase with pay.

Motion Carried

President Paige then stated that the next item on the agenda was rescinding the appointment of John W. Luster to the Natchitoches Parish Hospital Board of Directors due to a conflict of interest. He stated that the Jury has a responsibility to make sure things are done right and legal. He stated that once the Ethics Board gives its opinion, the burden is placed on the Jury to make sure it is corrected. President Paige then asked Mr. John Luster if he had anything to say concerning this matter. Mr. Luster then told the Jury as he stated in his previous conversation with them that if the Ethics Board ruled there was

a conflict of interest, he would no longer receive payments from the billboards and as the Hospital Board Attorney. After a brief discussion, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mr. Huggins, duly seconded by Mr. Masters, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in special and legal session convened, does hereby table rescinding the appointment of John W. Luster to the Natchitoches Parish Hospital Board of Directors due to a conflict of interest and start the process to appoint someone else to the Board to fill the vacancy.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Huggins, duly seconded by Mr. Collier, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in special and legal session convened, does hereby adopt a resolution requesting 600 yards of reclaimed asphalt from the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to use on parish roads.

Motion Carried

President Paige then asked Coach Garrett to do a prayer before closing the meeting.

On motion by Mr. Masters, duly seconded by Mrs. Barrios, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury in special and legal session convened, does hereby adjourn until its next regular or called meeting.

ATTEST:

Chris Paige, President

Catherine Hamilton,
Parish Administrator