

PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE JURY OF THE PARISH OF NATCHITOCHES,  
STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD, WEDNESDAY,

July 19, 2006

9:00 A. M.

The Police Jury of the Parish of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, met in regular and legal session in their regular meeting place, the Police Jury Board Room of the Natchitoches Parish Courthouse, on Wednesday, July 19, 2006 at nine o'clock (9:00) a.m.

The invocation was given by Juror J. D. Garrett, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Juror Charles Huggins.

There were present: Honorable Alice Barrios, President, Police Jurors: Joey Cox, J. D. Garrett, Chris Paige, William Hymes, Charles Huggins, Charles Cloud, Tom Collier, Doug Masters and Gale Potts-Roque.

There was absent: Jessie Hoffpauir.

The Police Jury of the Parish of Natchitoches was then duly convened as the governing authority of said parish by the President who stated that the Police Jury was ready for the transaction of business.

President Barrios then recognized Mr. Juanita Jones and Mr. Doc Couty, Representatives of the Council on Aging, who told the Jury that they were planning several fundraising events to help raise \$95,000.00 for the Council on Aging. She stated that they were aware that the Jury had no money to contribute but ask each individual Juror to contribute personally. President Barrios then recognized Mr. Paige who stated that the Jury should meet with the DOTD to help solve this problem. President Barrios then stated that she would get the Parish Administrator to set up a meeting with the DOTD and Council on Aging.

On motion by Mr. Hymes, duly seconded by Mr. Garrett, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt the minutes of the regular meeting held Wednesday, June 21, 2006 and the special meeting held Monday, July 10, 2006.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Masters, duly seconded by Mr. Hymes, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby start the process to appoint someone to the Natchitoches Parish Fire Protection District #4 Board due to Mr. Anthony Masters resigning.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Garrett, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby approve the Natchitoches/DeSoto Parish Head Start Calendar for 2006-2007.

Motion Carried

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On motion by Mrs. Roque, duly seconded by Mr. Paige, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt a resolution to reject bids for materials and contractor construction of a water line along Lime Kiln Road.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Hymes, duly seconded by Mr. Garrett, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby approve the submittal of grant by the Old Courthouse Museum to replace the Lantern in Courthouse courtyard.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Cloud, duly seconded by Mr. Collier, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby amend **Section 6-2 (E) - Annual Leave** of the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury Personnel Policy and Procedures Manual.

Motion Carried

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On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Garrett, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby accept the report of the Office of Community Services for the month of June, 2006.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mrs. Roque, duly seconded by Mr. Hymes, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby conduct a public hearing to hear any and all comments or objections relative to the levying of taxes for the year 2006 as follows:

Adopt the adjusted millage rates  
for the tax year 2006.

Motion Carried

President Barrios then declared the public hearing open. She then asked if there were any comments or objections relative to adopting the adjusted millage rates. Since there were no comments or objections, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mr. Hymes, duly seconded by Mrs. Roque, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby close the public hearing.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Collier, duly seconded by Mr. Hymes, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt the adjusted millage rates for the tax year 2006.

Motion Carried

President Barrios then read the next item on the agenda concerning the hiring of an applicant for the position of Director of Public Works. She then read aloud a letter from the District Attorney advising them to revote on the matter due to the previous vote being an improper vote. President Barrios then recognized Mr. Paige who asked who requested the opinion from the District Attorney. Mr. Paige then stated that the District Attorney had stated previously that he would not render opinions to individual Jurors but to the Jury as a whole. Mr. Paige then asked who requested the opinion? President Barrios then recognized Mr. Charles Cloud who stated that he called and asked to meet with the District Attorney because he did not understand the vote. Mr. Cloud stated that he talk with several Jurors who also stated that they did not understand the vote and they asked to meet with the District Attorney also. President Barrios told Mr. Cloud that she wished he would have said this at the last meeting. President Barrios then recognized the Parish Administrator who told the Jury that the District Attorney asked her to meet with him concerning this matter. She stated that the District Attorney stated that a roll call vote needed to be taken in order for each Juror vote to be recorded. Mr. Paige then repeated that in the past the District Attorney had advised that he will not render an opinion for individual Jurors. President Barrios then stated that a roll call vote would be taken on the list of applicants interviewed for the position of Director of Public Works.

On a roll call vote, the vote was thereon as follows:

**EARL TOWNSEND:** Cox, Huggins, Cloud, Collier and Masters.

**BRYCE JOHNSTON:** Paige, Garrett, Hymes, Roque and Barrios.

**ABSENT:** Jessie Hoffpauir

With the vote being **five (5)** for Earl Townsend and **five (5)** for Bryce Johnston, President Barrios stated that the matter would be tabled due to a tie.

President Barrios then recognized Mr. Doug Masters, Chairman of the Highway Steering-Solid Waste Committee, who presented the following report:

Relative to the above report, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mr. Cloud, duly seconded by Mrs. Barrios, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby authorize the Director of Public Works to complete the skin patching on P. R. #319, the Pardee Road, as previously authorized from the 2003-06 Capital Outlay Plan.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Hymes, duly seconded by Mr. Garrett, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby authorize the Director of Public Works to start the process to realign P. R. #305A, the Sheriff Bailey Road.

Motion Carried

This concluded action on the report of the Highway Steering-Solid Waste Committee.

On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mrs. Roque, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby approve emergency expenditures from the report of the Director of Public works for the period of June 22, 2006 through July 19, 2006 in the amount of **\$512.92**.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Hymes, duly seconded by Mr. Collier, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby approve expenditures for the period of June 22, 2006 through July 19, 2006, in the amount of **\$883,087.01**.

Motion Carried

President Barrios then stated that we had another visitor who wanted to introduce herself and offer assistance. She then recognized Ms. Amy Kathleen Smith of Senator David Vitter's Office. Ms. Smith told the Jury it was a pleasure to be in attendance at the meeting and offered her assistance to the Jury. President Barrios then asked her to meet with Mr. Doc Couty after the meeting to see if Senator Vitters could help the Council on Aging. Ms. Smith stated that she would be happy to do so and presented her business card to each Juror.

President Barrios then asked Mr. Cloud to say a prayer before closing.

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Since there was no other business to discuss, the following action was taken:

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

Motion Carried

ATTEST:

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Alice Barrios, President

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Catherine Hamilton,  
Parish Administrator