

PROCEEDINGS OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
NATCHITOCHE PARISH POLICE JURY
HELD MONDAY, May 12, 2008

4:00 P.M.

The Police Jury of the Parish of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, met in special session in the Courtroom of the Natchitoches Parish Courthouse, on Monday, May 12, 2008 at four (4:00) o'clock p.m.

The invocation was given by Juror Tom Collier followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Juror Charles Huggins.

There were present: Honorable Charles Huggins, President, Police Jurors Gerald Longlois, Chris Paige, J. D. Garrett, David Dollar, William Hymes, Johnny Martin, Tom Collier, Jessie Hoffpauir, Mimi Stoker and Fred Jacobs.

There were absent: None.

President Huggins then stated that the purpose of this meeting was to discuss calling a parishwide election for either a sales tax or an ad valorem tax for the Parish criminal justice system, including but not limited to, prisoner detention and related costs, the coroner's office and court system.

President Huggins then recognized Mr. Hoffpauir who asked could the sales tax go above a certain level inside certain municipalities? He then recognized Mr. Jerry Osborne, Bonding Attorney with Foley & Judell who stated that the Jury was granted a special act under R.S. 33:2738.64 in which the legislature authorize the Parish to exceed a limit that the Jury would otherwise have been under. He stated that R.S. 33:2721.6 limits the sales tax under any jurisdiction to nine percent, excluding the law enforcement tax. Mr. Osborne also stated that the Jury tax would fall under the special tax authorized under R.S. 33:2738.64. President Huggins then recognized Mr. Dollar who stated that the Public Safety Committee, consisting of the District Attorney, representatives from the Indigent Defender Board, Adult Probation and Parole, Mrs. Miley and himself had met with the Judges, city police, city marshal, civil defense officers and countless time with the people at the Detention Center to discuss the Jury's situation. After a very lengthy discussion, Mr. Dollar stated that the Jury needed to put the tax before the voters for them to decide. He also stated that so far the feedback has been very positive. Mr. Paige and Mr. Hymes had concerns with the addition of the coroner's cost added to the tax. It was then agreed to strike the coroner's cost from the proposition. Relative to this lengthy discussion, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mr. Dollar, duly seconded by Mr. Longlois, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in special and legal session convened, does hereby adopt a resolution calling a special election to levy a ¼% sales and use tax to be used for the paying the local cost of the Parish Criminal Justice System including, but not limited to, prisoner detention and related costs, and the court system.

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

YES: Longlois, Paige, Garrett, Dollar, Hymes, Martin,
Collier, Stoker, Jacobs and Huggins.

NO: Hoffpauir

ABSENT: None

With the vote being **ten (10) yes** and **one (1) no**, the motion to adopt the resolution calling for $\frac{1}{4}\%$ sales tax election passed.

Motion Carried
With
Mr. Hoffpauir
voting "no"

Since there were no other business to come before the Jury, a motion was made by Mr. Collier, duly seconded by Mr. Dollar, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in special and legal session convened, does hereby adjourn until its next regular or called meeting.

Motion Carried

ATTEST:

Charles Huggins, President

Catherine Hamilton,
Parish Administrator