

PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE JURY OF THE PARISH OF NATCHITOCHEs,
STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN A REGULAR MEETING HELD, THURSDAY,

February 19, 2009

5:00 P. 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 Thursday, February 19, 2009 at five o'clock (5:00) p.m.

The Invocation was given by Juror Mimi Stoker, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Juror William Hymes.

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

There were absent: Gerald Longlois and 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 Dollar then stated that he would like to introduce a longtime friend, Mr. Vester Wilkerson. Mr. Wilkerson stated that since the Police Jury had voted not to pay the Veterans Service their annual money, the American Legion and the V.F.W. has decided to help the Parish on a temporary basis. He also stated that this office was needed and that the veterans and their family contribute millions of dollars and volunteer service to this community. Mr. Wilkerson went on to say that the American Legion and the V.F.W. will pay \$633.00 to the Police Jury on a quarterly basis. He then told the Jury that the American Legion will pay the first quarter and the V.F.W. will pay the second quarter. Before concluding his comments, Mr. Wilkerson told the Jury that the money comes from the volunteer work of veterans, bingo games and will be redirected from other charities. He ended his remarks by saying that it is essential that the Police Jury return to this responsibility.

On motion by Mr. Hymes, duly seconded by Mr. Jacobs, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt the minutes of the regular meeting held Thursday, January 15, 2009.

Motion Carried

President Dollar then stated that the next item on the agenda was appointing someone to the Natchitoches Parish Planning Commission to replace Mr. Dean Sinclair, who resigned. He stated that a roll call vote would be taken. On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

MR. ROBERT L. LILLY, JR.: Paige and Hymes.

MR. FRED TERASA: Martin, Collier, Stoker, Jacobs, Garrett, Huggins and Dollar.

ABSENT: Hoffpauir and Longlois.

With the vote being **two (2)** for **Mr. Lilly** and **seven (7)** for **Mr. Terasa, Mr. Fred Terasa** was appointed to the Natchitoches Parish Planning Commission to replace Mr. Dean Sinclair.

On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Garrett, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby start the process to appoint/reappoint persons to the Fire Protection District #7 Board due to Mr. Michael Marbut and Mr. Wallace Weldon's terms expiring.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Collier, duly seconded by Mr. Garrett, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby authorize the Parish Administrator to advertise for the solicitation of applications for the 2009 Title III projects and start the process for the summer youth work program and the search, rescue and emergency services.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mrs. Stoker, duly seconded by Mr. Jacobs, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby accept the report of Office of Community Services.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Jacobs, duly seconded by Mr. Paige, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby start the process to appoint/reappoint members to the Saline Lake Game and Fish Preserve Commission due to Ms. Laura Johnson and Mr. Allen Beasley's terms expiring.

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 start the process to appoint/reappoint someone to the Black Lake Game & Fish Preserve Commission due to Mr. Aubrey Matthews, Jr.'s term expiring.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Garrett, duly seconded by Mr. Huggins, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt a resolution support the Northwestern Louisiana Cancer Center, LLC and allowing the project to receive the local benefits of the Enterprise Zone Program.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Collier, duly seconded by Mr. Garrett, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt a resolution supporting the International Paper Red River/Project and allowing the project to receive the local benefits of the Enterprise Zone Program.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Huggins, duly seconded by Mr. Jacobs, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby start the process to appoint/re-appoint members to the Fire Protection District #6 Board of Directors, due to Mr. John Possoit, Mr. Robert Scott and Mr. Chuck Stoker's terms expiring.

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 amend the 2009 Budget.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Collier, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby revoke amending the Parish Zoning Ordinance exempting churches and religious organizations from the Development Permit Fees.

Motion Carried
With
Mr. Hymes
"opposing"

On motion by Mr. Jacobs, duly seconded by Mr. Paige, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby start the process to appoint someone to the Fire Protection District #2 Board of Directors.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Collier, duly seconded by Mr. Paige, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt a resolution expressing the Jury's deepest sympathy in the death of employee Marilyn R. Okere.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Garrett, duly seconded by Mr. Paige, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby appoint Mr. William Hymes as the Police Jury representative to the regional ad hoc committee beginning plan for the establishment of a Human Service District (HSD) in Northwest Louisiana.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Collier, duly seconded by Mr. Jacob, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby authorize the President to sign any and all necessary settlement and contractual documents relating to the lawsuit with the Natchitoches Parish Law Enforcement District.

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 combine next month's Work Session and Regular meeting into one meeting to be held on Monday, March 16, 2009 at five o'clock p.m.

Motion Carried

President Dollar then recognized Mr. Earl Townsend, Director of Public Works, who reported **no emergency expenditures** for the period of January 16, 2009 through February 19, 2009.

On motion by Mr. Collier, duly seconded by Mr. Huggins, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby approve expenditures for the period of January 16, 2009 through February 19, 2009 in the amount of **\$736,375.75.**

Motion Carried

President Dollar then recognized Juror Chris Paige who asked about the committee for looking into boards and commissions. President Dollar stated that since every month the Jury was appointing or re-appointing members or starting the process to make appointments to boards and commissions, he would like to appoint a committee to look into the boards and commissions that the Police Jury appoints in order to make sure we have a good process in place for these appointments. He asked if anyone wanted to volunteer. Mr. Dollar then stated that he would like to appoint Mr. Charles Huggins with him serving as Chairman of the committee, Mr. Martin and Mr. Paige. Mr. Paige then stated that he would serve on the committee but wanted to be direct about the purpose of the committee. He stated that the committee was supposed to look at some concerns in areas of organization or structure of the Jury. Mr. Paige stated that there were some problems with excessive salaries and the Jury needed to look at a lot of issues. He stated that some grants have come before this body that the Jury did not know anything about them. He then stated that he did not want to be on the committee if the committee was not going to function and make a difference. President Dollar then stated that in all honesty that was not the purpose of the committee. He stated that this matter had been discussed and he felt that personally it is a staff matter and would like to hear a report from the Parish Administrator or Treasurer either to the committee or the whole Jury. Several other comments were made concerning this matter and a motion was made to adjourn.

On motion by Mr. Collier, duly seconded by Mr. Jacobs, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session, does hereby adjourn until the next regular or called meeting of the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury.

Motion Carried

Attest:

David Dollar, President

Catherine Hamilton,
Parish Administrator