

PROCEEDINGS OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
NATCHITOCHE PARISH POLICE JURY
HELD THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2009

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 Thursday, September 17, 2009 at nine (9:00) o'clock a.m.

The invocation was given by Mrs. Stoker and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Longlois.

There were present: Honorable David Dollar, President, Police Jurors Gerald Longlois, Charles Huggins, Johnny Martin, Mimi Stoker and Fred Jacobs.

There was absent: Paige, Garrett, Hymes, Collier, and Hoffpauir.

President Dollar then stated that the purpose of this meeting was to conduct a public hearing protests or complaints concerning assessment purposes. Relative to this, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mr. Longlois, duly seconded by Mr. Jacobs, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in special and legal session convened, does hereby open the Public Hearing with the Police Jury sitting as a "Board of Review" to hear any and all protests or complaints on values of property for assessment purposes fixed by the Natchitoches Parish Assessor.

Motion Carried

President Dollar then declared the Public Hearing open and asked if anyone had any protests or complaints on values of property for assessment purposes fixed by the Natchitoches Parish Assessor? Since there were none, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mr. Longlois, duly seconded by Mrs. Stoker, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in special and legal session convened, does hereby closed the Public Hearing.

Motion Carried

President Dollar then recognzied Mr. Rick Hargis, Tax Assessor, who thanked the Jury for taking the time to come out and hold this public hearing. Mr. Hargis then presented the Jury with a report of the assessment value. He stated that the assessment value went from \$252,000,000.00 last year to \$257,000,000.00 and as of now it is 258,000,000.00. Mr. Hargis also stated that the portion the entire Parish collects went from \$202,000,000.00 to \$207,000,000.00, an increase of approximately 5 million dollars. Mr. Hargis went on to say that homestead exemption went up \$500,000.00, personal property went up a half a million dollars, public service went up 3.3 million dollars which is the largest they have ever been. Next, Mr. Hargis told the Jury that his office added 84 new homes which was down from previous year, 4 new restaurants, an office building and a bank.

He also stated that equipment was up but inventory was down. President Dollar then asked how is the public service taxed? Mr. Hargis then stated that the pipeline is a public service property and to begin with the Louisiana Tax Commission assesses them at 25% of fair market value and his office includes that value on the tax roll. President Dollar then thanked Mr. Hargis for his report.

President Dollar then recognized Parish Administrator Catherine Hamilton who told the Jury that she was contacted by representative of the Flora Community Center and Fire Protection District #5 requesting to apply for the Louisiana Governor's Assistance Program Grant. Relative to this, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mrs. Stoker, duly seconded by Mr. Jacobs, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby add to the agenda adopting a resolution authorizing the submittal of a LGAP grant for the Flora Community Center and the Fire Protection District #5.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Jacobs, duly seconded by Mr. Longlois, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt a resolution authorizing the submittal of an LGAP grant for the Flora Community Center and the Fire Protection District #5.

Motion Carried

Since there were no other business to come before the Jury, a motion was made by Mr. Jacobs, duly seconded by Mrs. Stoker, 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:

David Dollar, President

Catherine Hamilton,
Parish Administrator