

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

January 19, 2010

5:00 P. M.

The Police Jury of the Parish of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, met in regular and legal session in the Police Jury Board Room of the Natchitoches Parish Courthouse, on Monday, January 19, 2010 at five o'clock (5:00) p.m.

The Invocation was given by Juror Chris Paige, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Juror Fred Jacobs.

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

There was absent: William Hymes.

The Police Jury of the Parish of Natchitoches was then 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 stated that the first item of business on the agenda would be the election of officers for the 2010 year. He declared the Office of President and Vice-President vacant. President Dollar recognized Mr. Huggins who nominated Mr. Fred Jacobs for President. This nomination was seconded by Mr. Collier. With there being no other nominations Mr. Paige moved that the nominations cease and that Mr. Jacobs be elected President of the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury by acclamation. This motion was seconded by Mr. Collier and unanimously carried. Mr. Dollar then turned the gavel over to the newly elected President, Fred Jacobs.

At this point, Mr. Jacobs sincerely thanked the Jurors for their confidence in him.

President Jacobs then stated that the floor was now open for nominations for the office of Vice-President. Mr. Paige nominated Mr. Longlois for the office of Vice-President of the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury for the year 2010. The motion was seconded by Mr. Collier. With there being no other nominations Mr. Huggins moved that the nominations cease and that Mr. Longlois be elected Vice-President of the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury by acclamation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Collier and unanimously carried. At this point, Mr. Longlois thanked the Jury for his election as Vice-President.

President Jacobs then recognized Mr. James Veuleman, III of IESI who told the Jury that he was coming back in front of them concerning independent haulers. He stated that the last time this was discussed is when Mr. Green approached the Jury. Mr. Veuleman then stated that Mr. Green was no longer with IESI. Mr. Veuleman told the Jury that he was sure they were aware of the two independent haulers that used the transfer station on a regular basis. He stated this was his reason for being there is to see if the Jury would entertain some type of charge for the haulers. Mr. Veuleman stated that Mr. Waldrup was averaging 36 tons a month and Mr. Helaire was averaging 22 tons a month during a seven month period June to December. Mr. Hoffpauir then asked if the haulers were hauling garbage from rural Natchitoches Parish? Mr. Veuleman told Mr. Hoffpauir that he was not 100% sure that they were hauling from the rural area. Mr. Hoffpauir then stated that it was his understanding that the guys that the haulers are doing a service to someone who have to dispose of their trash any way. He also stated that if you start charging the haulers a fee and they quit we still have to haul the garbage. Mr. Paige then asked Mr. Veuleman do he have proof that the haulers are not hauling Parish trash? Mr. Paige also asked how long have this been going on? He then stated if the haulers had to pay they would have to increase the residents' fee in the Parish. Mr. Paige went on to say that the haulers have to keep it at a fee that the residents can afford and it makes him think that they are going to put that charge onto the individuals, which was not agreed upon, when we originally adopted the ordinance. What is changing now? Mr. Veuleman stated that it was a deal that when IESI put in the scale, they were going to be able to charge people that brought in waste. He also stated that the new scales cost was \$120,000 dollars. And these two haulers are the only ones that are not being charged. Mrs. Hamilton then told the Jury that this was set up by the Jury a long time ago when they exempted the three haulers from being charged for hauling Parish trash to the Compactor Station. She stated that this was done because the Jury felt the haulers were hauling for people in the Parish and was helping the residents. Mr. Hoffpauir then stated that the haulers should not be hauling garbage from the City but just garbage from the Parish. He also stated that they should not be going to a grocery store in Natchitoches and if they are doing that it is wrong. Mr. Hoffpauir concluded by saying if they are not doing that, they are not really hurting the Jury. Coach Garrett then stated that the Jury needs to have a meeting with the haulers to tell them that if they haul from the City, the Jury will have to charge them and if they stay in the parish they are ok. President Jacobs then recognized Mr. Paul Waldrop who told the Jury that he hauled Parish garbage and takes it to the compactor station. He stated that he has been doing this for several years and if it comes from the City he takes it in separate and pay for the garbage. He also stated that if he do something in the City he have the customer to pay him for hauling their garbage. Mr. Waldrop then stated that his main focus was to be a service to the parish.

President Jacobs then recognized Dr. Steven Kautz who was representing the Medical Specialist Project. He stated that the project was proposed to their medical group to help with their new building on Keyser Avenue. Dr. Kautz told the Jury that it was proposed as a state tax exemption and could provide jobs to the local community. He stated that they have two doctors that are already over there and was expecting three more to enter. He then stated that they were going to create a minimal of 7 to 10 jobs.

President Jacobs then recognized Mr. Dale Colvin of SWEPCO who told the Jury that his company was going to buy out VEMCO. Mr. Colvin stated that Mimi Stoker and David Dollar had asked him to attend the Jury's meeting to tell them about the buy out of VEMCO. He stated that anyone who has been a member of Valley Electric during the last 7 years was going to get capital credits. Mr. Colvin told the Jury that the Capital credits pay is according to how long a member had been with Valley Electric, and the number of kilowatts used.

Mr. Hoffpauir then asked if they would look beyond the 10-year period or will they have to buy from Cleco? Mr. Colvin then replied that they were going to fulfill the contract that is in place, but since they had 681 units in south Arkansas and 550 in Shreveport they would not have to go out and buy from another system.

President Jacobs then recognized Mr. Dollar who stated that he would like to offer a resolution of support for SWEPCO to buy VEMCO. Relative to this, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mr. Dollar, duly seconded by Mr. Garrett, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby add to the agenda adopting a resolution of support for the purchase of VEMCO by SWEPCO.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Dollar, duly seconded by Mr. Garrett, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt a resolution of support for the purchase of VEMCO by SWEPCO.

Motion Carried
with
Mr. Hoffpauir
"abstaining"

President Jacobs then recognized Mr. Joe Darby, Immediate Past President of the Natchitoches Genealogy Office. Mr. Darby then told the Jury that the library has been operated by the Natchitoches Genealogy Historical Society for 30 years in one of the more historic building of the Parish. He stated that hundred of people from all over the world have done research. Mr. Darby then stated that he was present because they were wondering about their future home when they realized that the state contract is good through June of this Year. He also stated that the first thing is to allow them to stay where they are because it is a great location. Mr. Darby went on to say that the Genealogy Office along with other organizations could operate a museum for people to attend.

President Jacobs then recognized Mr. Van Kyzar, District Attorney, who told the Jury that they have a copy of the next greatest draft in the exhibits in which he needed to make some explanations. He stated that he started over with the draft to accommodate the code structure for the police jury. Mr. Kyzar then stated that he added things to the draft that deals with just dogs. He stated that Section 3 requires people to keep their animal on leashes and/or in cages since that is one of the biggest problems occurring in the parish. We need to make sure this is what we want to do.

On motion by Mr. Collier, duly seconded by Mr. Longlois, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby re-appoint Ms. Debbie Miley as Parish Treasurer for the period of January 14, 2010 through January 16, 2012.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Stoker, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt the minutes of the Work Session/Regular meeting held Monday, December 14, 2009.

Motion Carried

President Jacob then recognized Mr. Jack McCain, Chairman of the 911 Board, who stated that until recently his workload has increased because they have started the building plans. Mr. McCain told the Jury that he did not see a need to meet monthly but that it may need to change because of the way things were going now. He then stated that he did not agree with Mr. Paige because he felt the Board was doing a good job. Mr. McCain also stated that he thought when you deal with different services it is reasonable to have people like the fireman, fire chief, police chief and ambulance service on the Board. He then told the Jury that the Commission was originally created through the legislature and Natchitoches Parish did not create the 911 Commission and it outlined how the board would be operated. Mr. McCain then stated that if they did what Chris was suggesting, they would have to go back and get new legislation.

Mr. Paige then stated they had researched it and the responsibility lies with the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury. He also stated that this was something that the Jury adopted. Mr. Paige also told the Jury that Mrs. Martha stated that the people the Jury have on the board such as the Chief of Police, Sheriff and others would be great to have them as an advisory committee to help guide the 911 Commission.

Mr. Martin left the Meeting.

On motion by Mr. Dollar, duly seconded by Mr. Collier, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt a resolution supporting the Natchitoches Medical Specialists Project and allowing this project to receive the local benefits of the Enterprise Zone Program.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Longlois, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby appoint Mr. Doyle Bailey to the Natchitoches Parish Tourist Commission, due to Mr. Rick Seale's term expiring.

Motion Carried

President Jacobs then recognized Mrs. Sharon Harris, Executive Director of the Office of Community Services, who told the Jury she just wanted to highlight a few things. First of all, she stated that commodities would be given out on the 28th of this month. Ms. Harris stated that they did receive the ARRA fund from the CSBG in the amount of \$247,618.00 and was working with the program specialists in Baton Rouge. She also told the Jury that there are going to be some changes to the proposals reflecting job qualifications. She stated that questions came about the funding, so maybe they will be able to hire someone right now. Ms. Harris also stated that she was working with Mr. Ivan Chatelain in Baton Rouge with the ARRA funds in order to hire someone in the position to coordinate job training and someone to work with food. The main concern with the money was to maintain employment. She stated that she had been working with him to see how we can work this out since they would have to bill them for the money to have someone hired. Ms. Harris went on to say that the Head Start Program people came last week and the other group will do an on-site visit during the week of February the 7th through February the 12th to look at everything in all areas. She also stated that this group would be more thorough than the one that just came and will give them a feed back. She then told the Jury that a feed back did not mean recommendations but that a feed back will be either you are in compliance or you are not. Ms. Harris concluded her report by saying that their average daily attendance is 80%.

Mrs. Hamilton then told the Jury that the Parish Treasurer took ill a few minutes ago and had to be driven home. She presented the Treasurer report and headcount of prisoners. Relative to this, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mr. Collier, duly seconded by Mr. Dollar, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby accept the report of the Treasurer.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Longlois, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby awarding the bids received Tuesday, January 19, 2010 for Winn Rock to the only bidder Winn Rock of Winnfield, Louisiana and the bid for Glauconite to the only bidder, James Rock of Montgomery, Louisiana.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Longlois, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby re-appoint Ms. Carol O'Quinn and Mr. Buster Roque to the Fire Protection District #5 Board.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Dollar, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby table appointing someone to the Fire Protection District #10 Board due to one of their members resigning.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Dollar, duly seconded by Mr. Collier, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby designate the third Monday for Police Jury meetings.

Motion Carried

President Jacobs then recognized Parish Administrator Catherine Hamilton who told the Jury that the Janitorial Department has three janitors who have entered the drop program and out of those three persons, one may retire this year and one may finish the drop program. Mrs. Hamilton told the Jury that since one of these persons is the Head Janitor she wanted to hire someone that can come in and start training for the position. She stated in past years people was put in place after someone left and the new employee had no ideal what to do. Mrs. Hamilton then stated that she would like to hire someone to train under the Head Janitor as an assistant and move him up when the other person leaves. She then told the Jury that the Health Unit needs a male person over there to help the other persona and by transferring the employee that is not on drop over there we could hire the other person. The Jury was in agreement with the transfer but wanted to wait a little longer to hire the other person.

President Jacobs then recognized Mr. Earl Townsend who told the Jury that the Highway Department has had three break-ins and all of them occurred on the weekends while they were closed. He stated that the Sheriff Office was now involved and had notified his office on each occurrence. Mr. Townsend stated that they did not have any leads to who was responsible. He stated that with the traffic in and out at the Compactor Station, there is no way to control it by fencing off the Highway Department from IESI section. Mr. Townsend then stated that the only thing that is going to work there is a security System because his department could not continue to takes these hits. He stated that the first time, they took several thousand dollars worth of equipment and his employees were still finding stuff that is missing. Mr. Townsend told the Jury that they took ever thing that had steel wrote on it and all the saws and pole saws.

The next time they came back they took all the oil and had turned off the security cameras and motion detectors that were placed out there. Mrs. Hamilton then told the Jury that if the equipment was purchased it would cost \$8,887.41 with a monthly charge of 82.56 for the monitoring and if it was leased for 12 months it would be \$1190.00 a month, \$637.00 for 24 months, \$440.00 for 36 Months and \$371.27 for 60 months. After a brief discussion, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mr. Collier, duly seconded by Mr. Dollar, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby authorize the advertisement for sealed bid proposals for the lease purchase of security equipment for the Parish Highway Department.

Motion Carried

Mr. Townsend then told the Jury he was going to pass around a picture of a track hoe that his department was in dire need of that would help with a lot of projects. He stated that he had borrowed a trackhoe in the past but needed one for his department. Mr. Townsend stated that they had budgeted for a used one and would like to rent one until the used one is purchased. He then stated that he was asking the Jury tonight to go ahead and rent a trackhoe and advertise for sealed bids for the used track hoe.

On motion by Mr. Hoffpauir, duly seconded by Mrs. Stoker, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby authorize the rental of a track hoe and the advertisement for sealed bid proposals for the purchase of a new or used trackhoe for the Parish Highway Department.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Hoffpauir, duly seconded by Mr. Collier, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby authorize the advertisement for sealed bid proposals for the purchase of a new or used Dump truck for the Parish Highway Department.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Collier, duly seconded by Mr. Hoffpauir, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby add to the agenda authorizing the advertisement of sealed bid proposals for cold mix for the Parish Highway Department.

Motion Carried

Relative to this, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Hoffpauir, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby authorize the advertisement of sealed bid proposals for cold mix for the Parish Highway Department.

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 add to the agenda entering into an agreement with the Natchitoches Parish Detention Law Enforcement District for the spreading of cold mix for the Parish Highway Department.

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 authorize entering into an agreement with the Natchitoches Parish Detention Law Enforcement District for the spreading of cold mix for the Parish Highway Department.

Motion Carried

President Jacobs then recognized Mr. Daniel Brown of Roy O. Martin Company. Mr. Brown told the Jury that he and Blake Cooper had attended the meeting in Baton Rouge concerning the recertifying of the levee around the Martco plant. He stated that it was a big package to put out for someone to come in and recertify and reminded the Jury that they owned the levee around the Martco plant.

On motion by Mr. Dollar, duly seconded by Mr. Paige, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby authorize the advertisement for an engineer to recertify the Levee near the Martco Plant in Chopin.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Dollar, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby authorize the President to execute the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant-Economic Development Project Application and contract between the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury and Martco along with any and all documents related to the project.

Motion Carried

President Jacobs then recognized Mrs. Mimi Stoker who told the Jury that Catherine had put together a list of the water districts in the parish. She stated that it was quite a few and very often people from these water districts come before us to ask us to help with grants. Mrs. Stoker stated that the Jury appointed members to Water District #2. She then told the Jury that she thought these boards have some obligations to the Jury and once a year should come and give a report, a list of members or just something. She stated in Campti, when we had the bad weather, the Town had real issues up there with the water and it affected the head start and a lot of the citizens. She said she felt that if we gave them an opportunity to come, set it up on a monthly basis, one water board per month, we would know something about them if they came and asked the Jury for a resolution to help them with a grant. Mrs. Stoker stated that she did not like to operate in the dark with all these things and then you have people on some of these boards when they see you say "oh so and so never come to the meeting but you all reappointed him to the board." She stated that she told them that the Jury did not know that the appointee never comes to a meeting because they did not tell us. Mrs. Stoker then stated that we could have a form that they would have to fill out and come to the meeting. Mr. Longlois then stated that he knew a woman from Campti on the Sandy Point Water System that he ran into that he did not know them until they needed something.

On motion by Mr. Dollar, duly seconded by Mr. Longlois, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby start the process to appoint new members to the Natchitoches Parish Children Youth Board.

Motion Carried

President Dollar then recognized Mr. Earl Townsend, Director of Public Works, who reported no emergency expenditures for the period of December 15, 2009 through January 19, 2010.

Mr. Townsend then stated that last month Mr. Paige had asked him to follow up on the Mathis Road. He stated that the Jury had voted not to take it out of the system and on January 12, 2010 the repairs came in just under \$2,000.00. Mr. Townsend then told the Jury he met with Steve from Pilgrim Pride concerning the road and gave him the bill. He also stated that Pilgrim Pride had not renewed their permit for this year and he would not issue one until the bill has been paid. Mr. Townsend then stated that Steve told him it would take four to five weeks before the bill would be paid.

Mr. Townsend then told the Jury he had been getting a lot of calls about the Old River Bridge. He told the Jury that he could not get a contractor to give him a written estimate on repairing the bridge. He also told the Jury that the contractors are saying that the cost of the repair would only get the bridge back to a level that a pickup could only cross over and heavy loads would not be able to cross the bridge.

Mr. Townsend went on to say that the only way heavy loads could cross over was to replace the bridge and in order to do that the Jury would have to go out for bids. He then told the Jury he had received a verbal estimate of \$533,000.00 to replace the bridge.

On motion by Mr. Dollar, duly seconded by Mrs. Stoker, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby approve expenditures for the period of December 15, 2009 through January 19, 2010 in the amount of **\$1,158,376.18.**

Motion Carried

President Jacobs then stated that the Assistant District Attorney Kip Fair asked to go into Executive Session to discuss litigation.

Relative to this, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mr. Dollar, duly seconded by Mr. Paige, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby go into Executive Session to discuss litigation.

Motion Carried

Mr. Hoffpauir stated that he had to leave the meeting.

After resuming regular session, President Jacobs stated that he would go around the table. He then recognized Mr. Kip Fair who told the Jury things were picking up concerning the mineral leases, especially in the northwest part of the Parish. After a brief discussion, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mr. Dollar, duly seconded by Mr. Paige, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby add to the agenda authorizing Mr. Kip Fair to develop ordinances dealing with mineral activity in Natchitoches Parish.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Dollar, duly seconded by Mr. Paige, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby authorize Mr. Kip Fair to develop ordinances dealing with mineral activity in Natchitoches Parish.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mrs. Stoker, duly seconded by Mr. Dollar, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby add to the agenda adopting a resolution authorizing the President and/or Parish Administrator to submit the Jury's Northwest Tract properties to the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources for mineral leasing.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mrs. Stoker, duly seconded by Mr. Dollar, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt a resolution authorizing the President and/or Parish Administrator to submit the Jury's Northwest Tract properties to the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources for mineral leasing.

Motion Carried

President Jacobs then recognized Mr. Longlois who told the Jury he had a problem with reappointing boards members when we sit up here and are drowning. He stated that the Boards all have money and the Jury reappointed them and they do not help us.

President Jacobs then recognized Parish Administrator Catherine Hamilton who told the Jury that she has had numerous questions about the one- percent annual cost of living increase for the employees. She stated that she had Jurors and employees both asking about the increase. Mrs. Hamilton then told the Jury that last year the increase was not given even though the funds were available. She also stated that other agencies under the Police Jury had already given their employees increases. Mrs. Hamilton then read the cost of increase from each department for a one-percent and two-percent cost of living increase. After a brief discussion, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mr. Collier, duly seconded by Mr. Longlois, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby add to the agenda approving a 2% Cost of Living raise for the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury employees.

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 approve a two- percent cost of living increase for the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury employees.

Motion Carried
With
Mr. Dollar
"Opposing"

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

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

Motion Carried

Attest:

Fred Jacobs, President

Catherine Hamilton,
Parish Administrator