

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

February 16, 2005

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, February 16, 2005 at nine o'clock (9:00) a.m.

The invocation was given by Juror Alice Barrios, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Parish Administrator Catherine Hamilton.

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

There were absent: None.

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.

On motion by Mrs. Roque, duly seconded by Mrs. Barrios, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt the minutes of the regular meeting held Wednesday, January 19, 2005.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Hymes, duly seconded by Mr. Huggins, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby start the process to appoint/reappoint someone to the Natchitoches Parish Planning Commission due to Mr. Dean Sinclair's term expiring.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mrs. Barrios, duly seconded by Mr. Garrett, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt a resolution authorizing the President to enter into an Agreement with N&A, Inc. for engineering services for the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant FY2004-2005 LASTEP Program.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Huggins, duly seconded by Mr. Masters, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby tabled appointing a member of the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury to serve on the Twin Valley RC&D Board.

Motion Carried

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

FOR: Huggins, Cloud, Hoffpauir, Masters, and Roque

ABSENT: Garrett, Barrios, Hymes, Collier and Paige.

With the vote being five (5) for and five (5) against, the motion was lost.

Motion Failed

After a brief discussion, it was suggested that the item to appoint a member of the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury to the Twin Valley RC&D be added to the next special or regular meeting agenda.

On motion by Mr. Collier, duly seconded by Mr. Mr. Cloud, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby re-appoint Mr. Aubrey Matthews, Jr. to the Northwest Louisiana Fish and Game Preserve Commission.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Hymes, duly seconded by Mr. Cloud, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt a resolution authorizing the award of a construction contract for improvements to the Natchitoches Parish Fire District #2.

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 following:

- a. Change the speed limit on P. R. #527B, the Antley Road, from 35 mph to 20 mph.
- b. Remove 851 feet or 0.16 mile of P. R. #463C, the A. Bruce Road, from the Parish Road System.

Since there were no comments or objections, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mr. Collier, 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. Huggins, duly seconded by Mrs. Roque, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt an ordinance to change the speed limit on P. R. #527B, the Antley Road, from 35 mph to 20 mph.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Huggins, duly seconded by Mr. Garrett, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby remove 851 feet or 0.16 mile of P. R. #463C, the A. Bruce Road, from the Parish Road System.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mrs. Barrios, duly seconded by Mrs. Roque, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt an ordinance creating a Children and Youth Planning Board for Natchitoches Parish as mandated by Act 555 of 2004 of the Louisiana Legislature.

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 create an Employee Council to represent the perspective of employees.

Motion Carried

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On motion by Mrs. Roque, duly seconded by Mr. Hymes, 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 January, 2005.

Motion Carried

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President Paige then recognized Mr. Tom Collier, 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 Mrs. Roque, duly seconded by Mr. Garrett, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby donate some of the rift raft from the Compactor Station to the Oak Grove Walking Trail Park.

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 remove 3730 feet or 0.71 mile of P. R. #505, the Hargis Road from the dam down to the Fire District 6 Fire Station from the Parish Road System.

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 authorize the Treasurer to transfer \$82,500.00 from the Sales Tax Budget to the Road Maintenance Budget to fund its Deficit.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Cloud, duly seconded by Mr. Masters, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby authorize the Purchasing Agent to advertise for sealed bid proposals 64 six (6)yard containers for the solid waste department.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mrs. Roque, duly seconded by Mr. Cloud, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby accept the donation of materials from Specialty Contractors.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Hymes, duly seconded by Mr. Cloud, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby authorize Mr. Bobby Deen, Director of Public Works, to find out whether or not a gate could be placed on the Bayou Blue Road off Highway 120 once it is taken out of the Parish Road System.

Motion Carried

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

On motion by Mr. Collier, duly seconded by Mrs. Barrios, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby start the process to appoint someone to the Natchitoches Parish Hospital Board of Directors to fill the vacancy created by the illness of Mr. Frankie Ray Jackson, Sr.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Barrios, duly seconded by Mrs. Roque, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby authorize the hauling of five (5) loads of dirt to Natchitoches Central High School hot houses.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Collier, duly seconded by Mr. Masters, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby start the process to appoint/ reappoint members to the Fire Protection District #8 Board of Directors.

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 start the process to change the speed limit on P. R. #318, the Westwind Church Road, from 20 mph to 25 mph.

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 accept the report of the Director of Public Works for emergency expenditures for the period of January 20, 2005 through February 16, 2005 in the amount of **\$75.10.**

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Collier, duly seconded by Mrs. Roque, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby approve expenditures for the period of January 20, 2005 through February 16, 2005 in the amount of **\$702,121.11.**

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Huggins, duly seconded by Mr. Garrett, 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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Chris Paige, President

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Catherine Hamilton,  
Parish Administrator