

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

April 20, 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, April 20, 2005 at nine o'clock (9:00) a.m.

The invocation was given by Pastor Conway Jones, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Juror Gayle Potts-Roque.

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

There were absent: Charles Cloud 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.

On motion by Mr. Collier, duly seconded by Mr. Hymes, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt the minutes of the regular meeting held Wednesday, March 16, 2005.

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 amend the motion to authorize the President to sign the necessary forms to submit a grant to the Louisiana Office of Rural Development Bridge Repair Grant Program to repair Bridge #600188, the Old River Bridge to include the amount of \$90,000.00.

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

**YES**: Garrett, Hymes and Roque.

**NO**: Barrios, Huggins, Collier, Masters and Paige.

**ABSENT**: Cloud and Hoffpauir

With the vote being five (5) no and three (3) yes, the motion to failed.

Motion Failed

A motion was then made by Mrs. Roque to adopt a resolution authorizing the President to sign the necessary forms to submit a grant to the Louisiana Office of Rural Development Bridge Repair Grant Program to repair Bridge #600188, the Old River Bridge but died for lack of a second.

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:

Motion Carried

President Paige then declared the Public Hearing open. He then asked if there were anyone present to voice any comments or objections relative to the removal of 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. President Paige then recognized Mr. Bob Lang who stated to the Jury that he was a residence on this road and that he was in favor of the removal of this road because of all the criminal activities and other unwanted activities that was taken place on this road. President Paige then recognized several other residents who echoed the same concerns as Mr. Lang.

President Paige also recognized Nathaniel Williams who was representing a client of his who was opposing the removal. Mr. Williams stated that his client owned property on this road and was interesting in developing this property in the future. On behalf of his client, he asked the Jury not to take the described portion of the Hargis Road out of the Parish Road system.

President Paige then asked if there were anyone present who wanted to make comments or objections relative to the following: changing the speed limit on P. R. #318, the Westwind Church Road from 20 mph to 25 mph, removing 7,182 feet or 1.36 miles of road and two bridges #600075 and #600076 on P. R. #547A, the Burkett Slough Road, out of the Parish Road System and revoking any public dedication to unnamed roads that is situated in Blocks 11, 22, 23, 26, 27 and fractional 9, 10, 24, and 25 of the Town of Marthaville and being situated in Section 28, Township 9 North, Range 10 West. Since there were no other comments or objections, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mr. Collier, duly seconded by Mr. Masters, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby 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 adopt an ordinance changing the speed limit on P. R. #318, the Westwind Church Road, from 20 mph to 25 mph.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Hymes, duly seconded by Mrs. Barrios, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby remove 7,182 feet or 1.36 miles of road and two bridges #600075 and #600076 on P. R. #547A, the Burkett Slough Road, out of 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 revoke any public dedication to unnamed roads that is situated in Blocks 11, 22, 23, 26, 27 and fractional 9, 10, 24, and 25 of the Town of Marthaville and being situated in Section 28, Township 9 North, Range 10 West.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mrs. Roque, duly seconded by Mrs. Barrios, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby amend Section 11-6.1 - Vehicles Prohibited Except By Permit, changing the tonnage from 20 tons to 10 tons on all Parish roads.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Hymes, duly seconded by Mrs. Barrios, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby appoint Mr. Robert E. Bamberg to the Fire Protection District #8 Board of Directors for a two-year term.

Motion Carried

President Paige then stated that the next item on the agenda was to appoint someone to the Natchitoches Parish Hospital Board of Directors due to the resignation of Mr. Frankie Ray Jackson, Sr. After a brief discussion ensued relative to this appointment, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mrs. Barrios, duly seconded by Mr. Huggins, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby table appointing someone to the Natchitoches Parish Hospital Board of Directors

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

**TABLE:** Garrett, Barrios, Huggins, Hoffpauir and Roque.

**NOT TO TABLE:** Hymes, Collier and Paige.

**ABSENT:** Cloud and Hoffpauir

With the vote being **five (5) to table** and **three (3) not to table**, the motion to table appointing someone to the Natchitoches Parish Hospital Board of Directors passed.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mrs. Barrios, duly seconded by Mr. Huggins, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt a resolution rejecting the bids for construction of improvements to the Natchitoches Shooting Range.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mrs. Roque, duly seconded by Mrs. Barrios, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby appoint someone to the Natchitoches Parish Tourist Commission to replace Mr. Kent Gresham due to his continuous absences.

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

**THERESA GIBSON**: Garrett, Barrios, Hymes, Huggins, Collier, Masters, Roque and Paige.

**LORI TATE**: None

**ABSENT**: Cloud and Hoffpauir.

With the vote being **eight (8)** for **Theresa Gibson** and **zero (0)** for **Lori Tate**, Mrs. Theresa Gibson was appointed to serve on the Natchitoches Parish Tourist Commission.

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 members to the Natchitoches Parish Fire Protection District #1 Board of Directors.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Hymes, duly seconded by Mrs. Barrios, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt a resolution proclaiming the month of April as Fair Housing Month.

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 approve the recommendation of the OCS Executive Director in the selection of Mrs. Judie Barnum as the NPPJOCS Head Start Director.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mrs. Roque, duly seconded by Mr. Garrett, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby start the process to appoint someone to the Natchitoches Parish Fire Protection District #4, due to the resignation of Mr. Wayne Daigle.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Huggins, duly seconded by Mr. Collier, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby start the process to adopt a noise ordinance for the Parish of Natchitoches.

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 amend the NPPJ Personnel Policy and Procedures Manual by adopting a Transitional Policy to allow injured employees to return to work on a light duty basis.

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 authorize employees of the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury to attend Defensive Driving Courses.

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 authorize transferring \$10,000.00 from the General Fund (Planning Fees) to Fund 351 - Disability Ramp.

Motion Carried

With

Mrs. Roque and

Mrs. Barrios

"opposing"

On motion by Mr. Hymes, duly seconded by Mrs. Barrios, 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 March, 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 Mr. Hymes, duly seconded by Mr. Masters, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby authorize the Director of Public Works to purchase four (4)dozens of beaver traps in the amount of \$960.00.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Hymes, duly seconded by Mrs. Barrios, 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. #347, the Cox Road, from thirty five (35) mph to fifteen (15)mph.

Motion Carried

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

On motion by Mrs. Roque, duly seconded by Mrs. Barrios, 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 March 17, 2005 through April 20, 2005, in the amount of \$1,223.65.

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 approve expenditures for the period of March 17, 2005 through April 20, 2005 in the amount of \$986,130.29.

Motion Carried

President Paige then asked Juror Collier to say a prayer before adjourning the meeting. He also asked him to mention Juror Jessie Hoffpauir and Juror Charles Cloud who were absent at the meeting due to being in the hospital.

President Paige then recognized Parish Administrator Catherine Hamilton who asked the Jury to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel. Relative to this, the following action was taken:

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

Motion Carried

After resuming regular session, the following action was taken:

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On motion by Mr. Masters, duly seconded by Mr. Huggins, 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