

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

June 15, 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, June 15, 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 Juror Gale Potts-Roque.

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

There was 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 Mr. Hoffpauir, duly seconded by Mr. Garrett, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt the minutes of the regular meeting held Wednesday, May 18, 2005.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Collier, duly seconded by Mrs. Barrios, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt a resolution authorizing the advertising of bids for flood control improvements to the Connie Drive Subdivision.

Motion Carried

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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 a resolution allowing Alliance Compressors to receive the local benefits of the Enterprise Zone Program.

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On motion by Mr. Collier, duly seconded by Mrs. Roque, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt a resolution approving the holding of an election in Fire Protection District #9 for the renewal of a 10 year, 4.97 mills property tax.

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 conduct a Public hearing to hear any and all comments or objections relative to the following items:

- i. Change the speed limit on P. R. #347, The Cox Road, from thirty five (35) mph To fifteen (15) mph.
- ii. Adopt a noise ordinance for the Parish Of Natchitoches.
- iii. Amend Section: 19-2 of the Parish Code of Ordinance: Same--Depth of lines.
- iv. Appeal hearing for Ms. Ozzie Holmes who was denied the rezoning of a 4.925 acre tract of land located in Section 32, T10N, R6W from I-A to B-3 to operate a game room with low content alcohol sales on Catholic Lane.

Motion Carried

President Paige then declared the public hearing open and asked if anyone had any comment or objection to any of the items listed for the Public Hearing. President Paige then recognized Mr. Cloud who distributed pictures of what happens to people when you serve alcohol. He stated that his area did not need another business that served alcohol. President Paige then recognized Mr. Jerry Brooks who stated that Catholic Lane was an accident waiting to happen. Mr. Brooks stated that two cars could not pass on this road. Next, President Paige recognized Mr. Alvin Thomas who told the Jury that he was against the selling of alcohol and asked the Jury to vote against the rezoning. President Paige recognized Mr. Robert Williams who stated that the road condition was bad and the speed limit of 35mph is posted and if the rezoning were to pass the Jury would need to widen the road and change the speed limit. Mr. Williams also stated that this would bring more traffic to the area. President Paige then recognized Mr. Melvin Holmes who stated that this property had been in his family for many years and that they have two or three trail rides during a year. He stated that their plans were to have a game room to provide some type of entertainment. He also stated that they were not asking the Jury to upgrade the road. Since there were no other comments or objections, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mrs. Barrios, duly seconded by Mr. Hymes, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby closed the public hearing.

After closing the public hearing, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mr. Collier, duly seconded by Mr. Cloud, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt an ordinance changing the speed limit on P. R. #347, the Cox Road, from thirty-five (35) per hour to fifteen (15) mph.

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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 a noise ordinance for the Parish of Natchitoches.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Cloud, duly seconded by Mr. Huggins, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby table amending Section 19-2 of the Parish Code of Ordinance.

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 uphold the decision of the Natchitoches Parish Planning Commission denying the rezoning of 4.925 acre tract of land located in Section 32, T10N, R6W from I-A to B-3 to operate a game room with low content alcohol sales on Catholic Lane.

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 approve the top five (5) priority bridges projects.

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 authorize entering into an agreement with the Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) for the repair of priority bridges submitted to the Federal Aid Project, Bridge Discretionary Program.

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 Natchitoches Parish Planning Commission, due to Mr. Samuel Jackson resigning.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mrs. Roque, duly seconded by Mr. Collier, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby enter into an agreement with Martin Timber Company and Mark Morgan allowing the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury to haul dirt off their property to use on Parish roads.

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On motion by Mr. Collier, duly seconded by Mr. Garrett, 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 May, 2005.

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President Paige then recognized Mr. Tom Collier, Chairman of the Highway Steering-Solid Waste Committee, who presented the following report:

On motion by Mr. Huggins, duly seconded by Mr. Masters, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby table awarding the bid for a new roll off truck for the Solid Waste Department.

Motion Carried

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

President Paige then recognized Mrs. Alice Barrios, Chairman of the Finance and Budget Committee, who presented the following report:

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Relative to the above report, the following action was taken:

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 advertisement for sealed bids proposals for the purchase of a bookmobile as requested by the Natchitoches Parish Library.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mrs. Roque, duly seconded by Mr. Masters, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby authorize transferring \$1,475.64 from Fund 102, Solid Waste Reserve to Fund 104, Solid Waste.

Motion Carried

This concluded action on the report of the Finance and Budget Committee.

On motion by Mr. Cloud, duly seconded by Mrs. Roque, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt a resolution seeking an intergovernmental agreement with the Winn Parish Police Jury to request grant monies for the replacement of bridges in the Drake Salt Works Historic area located off Saline Bayou.

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 accept the Report of the Director of Public Works for emergency expenditures for the period of May 19, 2005 through June 15, 2005 in the amount of \$1,453.00.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Collier, duly seconded by Mrs. Barrios, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby approve expenditures for the period of May 19, 2005 through June 15, 2005 in the amount of \$786,634.76.

Motion Carried

President Paige then asked Mr. Garrett to say a prayer to end before the meeting was adjourned.

On motion by Mr. Hymes, duly seconded by Mr. Collier, 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:

Chris Paige, President

Catherine Hamilton,
Parish Administrator