

PROCEEDINGS OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
NATCHITOCHE PARISH POLICE JURY  
HELD THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2005

4:00 P.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, October 13, 2005 at four O'clock p.m.

The invocation was given by Juror Tom Collier followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Juror Joey Cox.

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

There were absent: None.

President Paige then stated that they were aware of the large crowd that was in attendance and that Mrs. Rebecca Lavespere had come to the office about speaking on the FEMA trailers in their neighborhood. President Paige stated he had explained to Mrs. Lavespere that the special meeting was about garbage disposal, however, in all fairness, if the crowd had a spokesperson to speak they could do so at this meeting and that the rest of them could speak on Monday at the Work Session. President Paige then recognized Mrs. Lavespere who told the Jury she had Mrs. Young to place a packet in each Juror box before the Monday meeting. She also stated that residents from each subdivision in the area had gotten together to express their concerns as outlined in the packet. Mrs. Lavespere stated that they had been given the run around from FEMA. President Paige then recognized Mrs. Barrios who explained to the crowd that the reason the Jury could not hear from

everyone at this meeting was due to something on the agenda that had a deadline. Mrs. Barrios also stated that she had read their letters and hope they realize that this matter is not in the hands of the Jury and that the Jury is watching this matter closely. President Paige then recognized Mr. Anthony LaCour who stated that one of their members, Mr. John Brittain, had received calls from Senator Vitter, Senator Landrieu and Representative McCrery and told him that the Police Jury could put a stop to the placement of mobile homes in the area. President Paige then stated that this matter will be discussed Monday night and if Mr. Brittain had a resolution for the Jury he could bring it to the meeting.

President Paige then stated that Mr. Joe Irchirl, Superintendent of Solid Waste, had requested to go into Executive Session. Relative to this, 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 go into Executive Session for personnel reasons.

Motion

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After resuming regular session, no action was taken regarding the Executive Session.

President Paige then recognized Mr. Joe Irchirl who informed the Jury that the contract with IESI ends December 31, 2005 and the garbage tax ends in 2010. He stated that the Jury profited nothing from the Compactor Station, in fact, the Jury was losing money. Mr. Irchirl went on to say that to renew the contract for five years was too long and a year would be better. He then

recommended hiring a Parish Enforcement Officer. President Paige then recognized several Jurors who asked questions about the cost difference to renew one-year compared to renewing for five years. President Paige then recognized Mr. Ronnie French of IESI who told the Jury that IESI was not interested in renewing the contract for one year but with five years the Jury would get \$50,000.00 per year in royalties instead of the \$9,000.00 per year. Several Jurors asked questions in order to get clarification as to what IESI was proposing. Mr. Clay Clavo of IESI told the Jury if they renew the contract for one year with the option to renew for the next three years they would get nothing but if they renew the contract for five years they would get \$50,000.00 per year, \$250,000 for the five year period. After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed that the Jury would renew the contract for five years subject to changes that included the contractor maintaining the oil separator and increasing the royalties. Relative to this, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mr. Hoffpauir, duly seconded by Mrs. Barrios, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby enter into a five year agreement with IESI subject to resolution of the contract issues stated.

Motion

Carried

President Paige then stated that the next item on the agenda was to authorize the Director of Public Works to proceed with the remaining special projects. He then recognized Mr. Bobby Deen, Director of Public Works, who told the Jury that there was a small amount of money left in special projects that he wanted to complete. Mrs. Wendy Davis, Parish Treasurer, then asked to go into Executive Session. Relative to this, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mr. Masters, duly seconded by Mr. Collier, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and

legal session convened, does hereby go into Executive Session for personnel reasons.

Motion

Carried

After resuming regular session, President Paige then recognized several Jurors who asked Mr. Deen about the special projects. After a brief discussion, the following action was taken:

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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 the Director of Public Works to proceed with the remaining special projects.

Motion

Carried

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President Paige then stated that Mr. Bob Lang had requested the Jury to declare a burn ban in Natchitoches Parish due to the dry season. Relative to this, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mrs. Roque, duly seconded by Mrs. Barrios, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby add declaring a burn ban in Natchitoches Parish to the agenda.

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 declare a burn ban in the Parish of Natchitoches due to the dry season.

Motion

Carried

President Paige then asked Mr. Cloud to do a closing prayer.

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

ATTEST:

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Chris Paige, President

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Catherine Hamilton,  
Parish Administrator

October 25, 2005

Mr. Jeff Peckham, Region Vice-President  
IESI, LA CORP.  
6125 Airport Freeway, Suite 202  
Haltom City, TX 76117

Re: Solid Waste Contract  
Natchitoches Parish

Dear Mr. Peckham:

This is to advise that at a special meeting of the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury held Thursday, October 13, 2005, the Jury adopted a resolution to renew the contract with IESI for a five year period with several changes. The Jury has also asked that the District Attorney review the contract to make the changes they requested and any other changes that he deemed necessary.

Please note that as soon as the District Attorney returns the contract, we will mail IESI a copy of the new contract for your viewing.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to call.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

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Catherine Hamilton,  
Parish Administrator

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