

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

October 19, 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, October 19, 2005 at nine o'clock (9:00) a.m.

The invocation was given by Mr. John Freeman, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Juror Doug Masters.

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 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 Mr. Collier, 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, September 21, 2005.

Motion Carried

President Paige introduced Mr. Warren Privette, Corporate Manager, Government Affairs of Roy O. Martin Lumber Company, LLC., who requested the Jury adopt a resolution endorsing Martco Limited Partnership, Plywood Plant at Chopin, Louisiana, Expansion Project to participate in the benefits of the Louisiana Quality Jobs Program. Mr. Privette spoke on behalf of Martco Partnership, Plywood Plant and stated they were looking at placing a second and smaller plywood mill, that would be handling smaller diameter trees, next to the one on site in Chopin, Louisiana. Mr. Privette stated it would be permanent and a \$60 billion plus investment. He also estimated employment created would be about 300 craftsman to build and 90 to a 100 plus permanent jobs with the company. Mr. Privette went on to say this is due to increase for timber demands, which are benefits for landowners, loggers, and truck drivers, among other people. Mr. Privette stated that Natchitoches Parish was blessed with an abundant amount of timber, and the area could support the additional timber mill. Mr. Privette also stated that a smaller tree would mean an earlier income for timber owners. Mrs. Roque then asked for the date of operation. Mr. Privette stated they would start driving pillion next month and the plant should be up and running in about eighteen months.

On motion by Mr. Hymes, duly seconded by Mrs. Roque, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt a resolution endorsing Martco Limited Partnership, Plywood Plant at Chopin, Louisiana, Expansion Project to participate in the benefits of the Louisiana Quality Jobs Program.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mrs. Barrios, duly seconded by Mr. Cox, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby appoint the following person to the Natchitoches Parish Tourist Commission, due to the resignation of Mr. Arthur Welch.

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

Mrs. Robin Leyva: Garrett, Barrios, Huggins, Cloud, Collier, Hoffpauir, Masters, Roque, Paige.

Mrs. Charmin Chance-Hudnall: Cox, Hymes.

With the vote being **nine (9) for Leyva** and **two (2) for Hundall**, Mrs. Robin Leyva was appointed to serve on the Natchitoches Parish Tourist Commission Board.

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 reappoint Dr. Ada Jared to the Natchitoches Parish Library, due to her term expiring.

Motion Carried

President Paige then stated that the next item on the agenda was to conduction a public hearing to amend the Parish Zoning Ordinance. 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 conduct a Public Hearing to hear any and all comments relative to amending Parish Zoning Ordinance 6-91 (II) B.1 prohibiting modular homes from R-1 districts as requested by the Natchitoches Parish Planning Commission.

Motion Carried

President Paige then declared the Public Hearing open. He then asked if anyone had any comments, objections or statements they would like to make concerning amending the Parish Zoning Ordinance prohibiting modular homes from R-1 districts. District Attorney Van Kyzar stated that there was a corporation cited last year for not being permitted when construction started and not having a zoning clearance. District Attorney Kyzar stated a corporation filed a motion in district court alleging that the zoning ordinance does not prohibit zoning clearance for modular homes for R-1 residential districts but does prohibit manufactured mobile homes. He stated that the trial court ruled the motion was balanced and R-1 does not prohibit modular homes. District Attorney Kyzar stated there was a distinctive difference between a modular home and a manufactured house. He then stated that if the Jury was going to prohibit modular homes in R-1 districts they would have to amend the Zoning Ordinance. President Paige then recognized Mr. Tom Tubre, President of TKTMJ, who stated that his company was the one who placed the

modular home at the corner of Laird Fletcher Road and Highway 494. Mr. Tubre advised the Jury of how a modular home differentiates from a manufactured home or mobile home. Mr. Tubre then stated there should be more details added into the ordinance than to just say no to modular homes. He stated if there were going to be districts with no modular homes there should also be a district for manufactured homes. Mr. Tubre stated he would like the ordinance to remain as it is with modular homes permitted in R-1 districts. President Paige then recognized Mr. Hymes who stated he would like to bring this matter back before the Planning Commission and meet on this again. President Paige stated the Jury would have to come out of public hearing and asked Mr. Kyzar to return to the meeting when they decided to meet on this issue again. Relative to this, the following action was taken:

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

Motion Carried

It was agreed by the Jury that this matter would be discussed at the next Work Session.

On motion by Mrs. Roque, duly seconded by Mr. Collier, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt the budget revisions for 2005.

Motion Carried
With
Mr. Paige
Mr. Hoffpauir
Mrs. Barrios
"Opposing"

On motion by Mr. Collier, duly seconded by Mr. Masters, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby authorize the Parish Administrator to advertise for the position of Parish Treasurer.

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/reappoint someone to the Natchitoches Parish Fire Protection District #5 Board due to Mr. John A Nicholas, II term expiring.

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 approve paying the Coordinating and Development Corporation membership dues in the amount of \$14,221.00.

Motion Carried

President Paige then recognized Mrs. Sharon Harris, Executive Director of OCS, who requested the Jury to adopt a resolution declaring the month of October as Head Start Awareness Month. President Paige stated there would be a proclamation written.

On motion by Mr. Hoffpauir, 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 September, 2005.

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 adopt a resolution requesting state and federal public officials to abide by all parish laws for anything being put into Natchitoches Parish.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Cox, duly seconded by Mrs. Roque, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby table hiring a grant writer in 2006 for Natchitoches Parish.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Garrett, duly seconded by Mr. Hymes, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session, does hereby approve emergency expenditures for the period of September 22, 2005 through October 19, 2005 in the amount **\$5,241.59.**

Motion Carried

Director of Public Works Bobby Deen also stated that the **\$5,241.59** should be reimbursed by FEMA.

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 expenditures for the period of September 22, 2005 through October 19, 2005 in the amount of **\$927,896.01.**

Motion Carried

President Paige then recognized Mr. Hymes who informed the Jury that the plaque on the new addition to the Natchitoches Regional Medical Center would include the Police Jury information.

President Paige then asked Mr. Cloud to say a prayer before closing.

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

Motion Carried

Chris Paige, President

Catherine Hamilton,
Parish Administrator