

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

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

The invocation was given by Juror J. D. Garrett, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Hubert Huggins.

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

There were absent: William Hymes.

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.

President Paige stated that Mr. Warren Privette of, Martco Limited Partnership Plywood Plant, Chopin, Louisiana had asked to speak to the Jury once again concerning the permitting fees. He told the Jury that there was a meeting yesterday concerning the payment of permit fees by Marco Limited Partnership. President Paige also stated that the District Attorney met with them on this matter to advise the Jury the proper way to handle the situation. The District Attorney also stated if the Jury wanted to change the system they had in place, they could go back later and put a cap on the amount of fees that could be charged to industries to keep the growth and prosperity's coming to our parish. President Paige then asked if anyone had any questions about the fees in place. He also stated the floor was open and asked if the jury was ready to vote. Mr. Hoffpauir stated he was in favor of taking away the fee but was against taking it away just for Martco. He also stated if the Jury wanted to take the fees off for everyone later that would be okay. Mr. Hoffpauir went on to say that he felt it would have to be voted and decided on by the whole jury at a later date. President Paige then recognized Mrs. Roque who asked Mr. Privette if that would be acceptable. Mr. Privette stated that it was his understanding and his request on behalf of Martco to ask for a waiver of the fees. Mr. Privette also stated that it was possible that the company should be grandfather since the expansion is on the site of the original plant. He went on to say that the future progress of industry would offset the permitting fee. President Paige asked if anyone else had any comments. Mrs. Roque stated, in reference to the meeting yesterday, she thought they had come to an agreement. President Paige stated how the jury wants jobs to come to Natchitoches Parish but the fees and the amount of asking is absorbent, no other parish is asking that. President Paige stated it was not

Martco's mistake, it was the Jury's mistake. He went on to say, when the fees were put together, the jury did not have the foresight of a company wanting to come here and with that type of growth. President Paige stated Rapides Parish only asks for twenty five to thirty thousand dollars because they have a placed a cap on the fees. He went on to say some of the jurors want to cut the fee out totally, although the money has gone to fix roads and bridges in the parish. President Paige stated we could not go to Mike Smith or Taylor Townsend for money because Baton Rouge apparently has no money and that the Jury needs to generate some kinds of funds for the Parish. President Paige suggested there be another meeting to put something in place where large companies will pay a certain amount due to the jobs they are bringing to the parish. Mrs. Barrios stated since Martco is willing to work with us there should be something done by the Jury to work with them on the permitting fees. Mrs. Barrios stated to Mr. Privette, the Jury would be willing to work with them on the fees. Mr. Hoffpauir stated he was told there was a twenty-five dollar permitting fee for Martco. President Paige then stated that was inaccurate and unfair tax that no one gets anything out of. Mrs. Roque stated that due to economic development and future jobs for Natchitoches Parish she would like to make a motion with the permitting fee being Zero dollars. Mr. Privette stated they had all the equipment to start the project and was waiting on the Jury to allow them to start the project either with or without the permit fees. President Paige stated today was the day to vote and there would be a vote today. Mrs. Roque told the Jury that the District Attorney suggested there be a variance on the fees so Martco could go ahead and start the project of building the new plant. She went on to say that she would like to ask for a waiver due to Martco bringing infrastructure to Natchitoches Parish. President Paige stated if someone would like to amend the motion they would be able to do so. He then recognized Mr. Collier who stated there had been many people who have commended the planning fees and there have been many people who complain about having to pay large fees. He also went on to say the Jury should waive all planning fees until they could restructure the whole planning fee issue. Mr. Huggins stated the jury should cancel all planning fees effective immediately until it could be restructured, and put a cap on the fees. President Paige stated the Jury had been charging people fees and maybe open to some legal issues. Mr. Collier then stated again that the jury should waive them all until they are restructured. Relative to this, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mr. Huggins, duly seconded by Mr. Garrett, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby cancel all permitting fees until they are restructured.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Masters, duly seconded by Mr. Garrett, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt the minutes of the special meeting held Thursday, October 13, 2005 and the regular meeting held Wednesday, October 19, 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 certifying the bidding procedures of the Louisiana Revised Statutes 38:2211 for the Connie Drive Subdivision.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Hoffpauir, duly seconded by Mr. Cox, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt a resolution authorizing the President to sign the necessary forms to submit a grant to the Governor's Office of Rural Development Program to make repairs to the Marthaville Community Center in the amount of \$10,000.00.

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 approve Workers Compensation and Health (Option 1) insurance with the current carrier, PGRMA, and life insurance with the current carrier, MetLife, for 2006.

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 re-appoint Mr. John A. Nicholas to the Natchitoches Parish Fire Protection District #5 Board, due to his term expiring.

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 conduct a Public Hearing to hear any and all comments relative to adopting an ordinance for protection against public water supply contamination.

Motion Carried

President Paige then declared the public hearing open. He then asked if there were any comments or objections relative to adopting an ordinance for protection against public water supply contamination. Since there were no comments or objections, 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 closed the public hearing.

Motion Carried

Relative to the above, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mr. Huggins, duly seconded by Mr. Collier, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby table action on adopting an ordinance for protection against public water supply contamination.

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 amend 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

On motion by Mr. Masters, 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 Fire Protection District #4 Board, due to the resignation of Mr. W. E. Dowden, Jr.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Hoffpauir, 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 persons to the Fire Protection District #7, due to Mr. Wallace Weldon and Mr. Johnnie Sims' terms expiring.

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 not approve the list of property submitted by FEMA.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Cox, duly seconded by Mr. Collier, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt a support resolution for the residents of Fulton Road in objection to the placement of FEMA mobile homes.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Hoffpaiur, duly seconded by Mrs. Roque, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt a resolution authorizing the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury to file for an LCDBG Economic Development Program Grant for Martco Limited Partnership Plywood Plant with the Louisiana Department of Economic Development.

Motion Carried

Mrs. Hamilton stated there was only one company who submitted a bid for the administrative consultant and that was Frye-Magee & Associates, Inc. She also stated that two firms submitted proposals for Engineering services and they were Meyer, Meyer, LaCroix & Hixson, Inc. and BALAR Associates, Inc. Relative to this, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mrs. Roque, duly seconded by Mr. Hoffpauir, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt resolutions selecting Frye-Magee & Associates, Inc as the administrative consultant and the firm of Meyer, Meyer, LaCroix & Hixson, Inc. for engineering services for the purpose of assisting in the development of the LCDBG Economic Development Program and implementation of the project.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Collier, duly seconded by Mr. Cox, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby authorize the Parish Administrator to re-advertise for the position of Parish Treasurer through the media and other sources.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Huggins, duly seconded by Mrs. Barrios, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby authorize the advertisement of bids for the replacement of the HVAC for the Natchitoches Parish Library.

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 accept the report of the Office of Community Services for the month of October, 2005.

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 accept the report of the Director of Public Works who reported no emergency expenditures for the period of October 20, 2005 through November 16, 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 approve expenditures for the period of October 20, 2005 through November 16, 2005 in the amount of \$1,052,585.12.

Motion Carried

President Paige then said a prayer before closing.

On motion by Mr. Collier, 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

Chris Paige, President

Catherine Hamilton,
Parish Administrator