

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

April 19, 2006

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 19, 2006 at nine o'clock (9:00) a.m.

The invocation was given by Juror Charles Cloud, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Juror Charles Huggins.

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

There were absent: 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.

President Barrios then introduced Mr. Bill Crews, Attorney, who spoke to the Jury about the Natchitoches Shooting Range. He stated that the Shooting Range was running on a month to month basis, as far as funding. Mr. Crews stated in 2002, they were informed that the wooded area around the range was considered dangerous and in order to meet NRA qualifications the trees had to be cut down. He then stated that the trees were cut and Shooting Range used the money. Mr. Crews asked the Jury to please not pursue trying to retrieve the \$13,000 made on selling the timber. Mr. Crews went on to say that the range does not have the money and the Shooting Range needed to be in operation in order for the criminal justice officer to qualify their weapons free of charge. Mrs. Barrios then suggested that the decision be tabled until the Jury receives more information from the District Attorney about the situation. President Barrios then recognized Mr. Hymes who stated that he is prepared to support the Natchitoches Shooting Range one hundred percent. He then thanked Mr. Crews for coming before the jury on this situation.

On motion by Mr. Paige, 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, March 15, 2006.

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 start the process to appoint/reappoint someone to the Natchitoches Parish Port Commission due to Mr. Calvin W. Braxton's term expiring on March 31, 2006.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Masters, 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 a ten (10) mill tax renewal in Fire Protection District #4 for the improvement of rural fire protection.

Motion Carried

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On motion by Mr. Hymes, duly seconded by Mr. Garrett, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt a resolution approving the holding of a 9.20 mills tax renewal in Fire Protection District #10 for the improvement of rural fire protection.

Motion Carried

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On motion by Mrs. Roque, duly seconded by Mr. Paige, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt a resolution approving the holding of 7.02 mills tax renewal in Fire Protection District #1 for the improvement of rural fire protection.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Huggins, duly seconded by Mr. Hymes, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt a resolution allowing Stine Lumber to participate in the local benefits of the Enterprise Zone Program.

Motion Carried

Mrs. Roque asked the resolution be amended as presented for the Parish Library millage to read 7.37.

On motion by Mrs. Roque, duly seconded by Mr. Huggins, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby seek to amend the resolution as presented with the Parish Library millage to read 7.37.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Hymes, duly seconded by Mr. Cox, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt a resolution to levy taxes for 2006 with Parish Library millage tax roll forward to the maximum allowable of 7.37 mills.

Motion Carried
With
Mr. Paige
"opposing"

On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Collier, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt a resolution authorizing the advertisement for public bids for the construction of an interconnection waterline between the Village of Saline Water System and the Chestnut-Readhimer Water System.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Garrett, duly seconded by Mr. Collier, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby reappoint Mr. Edward Conlay to the Natchitoches Parish Fire District #8 Board.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Cloud, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby table adopting a resolution requesting Senator Mike Smith and Representative Taylor Townsend to add an additional \$10.00 to the Seatbelt fine to help fund the Criminal Court System.

Motion Carried
with
Mr. Hymes
Mr. Huggins
"opposing"

On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Collier, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt a resolution proclaiming the week of April 23-29, 2006 as National County Government Week.

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 ratify the request for bids for up to seventy five (75) solid waste containers and awarding the bids received Tuesday, March 21, 2006, to the low bidder, Roll Offs USA, Durant, OK, in the amount of \$598.00 per container.

Motion Carried

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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 proclaiming the month of April as Fair Housing Month.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Hymes, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby approving and reinstating the Planning Commission Fees with the new revisions.

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

YES: Paige, Garrett, Barrios and Hymes.

NO: Cox, Huggins, Cloud, Collier, Masters and Roque.

ABSENT: Hoffpauir

With the **vote being four (4) yes** and **six (6) no**, the vote to approve and reinstate the Planning Commission Fees with the new revisions failed.

Motion Failed

President Barrios then recognized Mr. Tom Collier, Chairman of the Finance and Budget Committee, who presented the following report:

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

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 replacing the roofs on the Mechanic Shop at the Solid Waste Office, Shady Grove Community Center, Cypress Polling Place and Los Adaes Polling Place.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Cloud, duly seconded by Mr. Paige, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby approve Fitzgerald Contractors, Inc. to install the Chiller from the Parish Library to the New Parish Courthouse in the amount of \$49,500.00

Motion Carried

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

On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Garrett, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt a resolution opposing H. B. #118 2006.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mrs. Roque, duly seconded by Mr. Paige, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt a resolution approving the submittal of an application to the USDA Rural Development for the 2006 Housing Preservation Grant Program.

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 re-appoint Mr. Meryland Robinson to the Natchitoches Parish Planning Commission for a four (4) year term.

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 start the process to appoint persons to the Natchitoches Parish Fire Protection District #1 Board due to two (2) members resigning.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Garrett, duly seconded by Mr. Paige, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby approve the renewal of a lease agreement between the Natchitoches Parish School Board and the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury Office of Community Services for the leasing of property located at 415 Martin Luther King Drive.

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 authorize the President to enter into an agreement with the Kisatchie National Forest for the hiring of youths during the summer under the Title III Program.

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 accept the report of the Office of Community Services for the month of March, 2006.

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 accept the report of the Director of Public Works for emergency expenditures for the period of March 16, 2006 through April 19, 2006 in the amount of **\$1,249.94**.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Masters, duly seconded by Mr. Paige, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby approve expenditures for the period of March 16, 2006 through April 19, 2006 in the amount of **\$1,119,620.09**.

Motion Carried

Since there were no other business, President Barrios then asked Mr. Garrett to say a prayer before closing the meeting.

On motion by Mr. Hymes, 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

ATTEST:

Alice Barrios, President

Catherine Hamilton,
Parish Administrator