

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

May 17, 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, May 17, 2006 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 Juror William Hymes.

There were present: Honorable Alice Barrios, President, Police Jurors: Joey Cox, J. D. Garrett, Chris Paige, William Hymes, Charles Huggins, Charles Cloud, Tom Collier, 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 stated the first item of business were to present some awards. She then recognized Mr. Bobby Deen who gave some background as to why the awards were being presented. Mr. Deen stated that sometime back in April, the Sheriff's Department called him to report a flood on the St. John's Church Road, where a funeral was taking place. He stated that there were about 55 cars with approximately 150 people stuck in the high rising water. Mr. Deen then stated that he placed a call to Mr. Alvin Welch and Mr. Brandon Berryman and ask them to assist him in attempting to retrieve the people and vehicles off the St. John Church Road where water was all over the roadway. Mr. Deen also stated that Mr. Berryman and Mr. Welch went over and beyond the call of duty in getting the people out of the water and then assisted them in getting the vehicles out. Mr. Deen stated that these two gentlemen needed to be recognized for a job well done. President Barrios then presented Mr. Alvin Welch and Mr. Brandon Berryman with awards of recognition. She then asked Mr. Leon Augustus to please step forward. President Barrios stated that Mr. Augustus was retiring after 16 years of service from the Parish's Solid Waste department. She then presented Mr. Augustus with a plaque congratulating him on his retirement. President Barrios also invited everyone to cake and coffee after the meeting in honor of Mr. Augustus retirement.

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 the minutes of the regular meeting held Wednesday, April 17, 2006 and the special meeting held Thursday, April 27, 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 appoint Mr. John Gregory and Mr. Don Vercher to the Natchitoches Parish Fire Protection District #1 Board due to two (2) members resigning.

Motion Carried

Since no Juror was interested in being appointing to serve on the Council on Aging Board, President Barrios stated that she and Mrs. Hamilton would attend the meetings in order to keep the Jury up to date on the Council.

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 adopt a resolution adopting the Parishwide Hazard Mitigation Plan.

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 start the process to appoint someone to the Natchitoches Parish Tourist Commission Board due to Mr. Luke Frederick's term expiring in July, 2006.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Collier, duly seconded by Mr. Paige, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt a resolution ordering and calling a special election to levy a ½% parishwide sales and used tax with 50% paying for the cost of inmate care and senior care services and 50% for Parish roads and bridges.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Garrett, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby appoint the Natchitoches Times as the official journal for Natchitoches Parish.

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 adopt a resolution congratulating Mr. Leon Augustus on his retirement.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Hymes, duly seconded by Mrs. Roque, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby declare Friday, June 30, 2006 as Employee Appreciation Day for the employees of the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Hymes, duly seconded by Mr. Paige, 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 April, 2006.

Motion Carried

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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 welcoming back the Graduates of the Lincoln Institute, the Natchitoches Parish Training School and Central High School between the years 1913 and 1970.

Motion Carried

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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 Mr. Hymes, duly seconded by Mr. Paige, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby approve a fifty-cent (.50) per hour increase for Police Jury employees.

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 approve the request from the Extension service for an additional \$6,000.00 in salary.

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 suspend the current pay charts for Police Jury employees.

Motion Carried

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

President Barrios then recognized Mr. Douglas Masters, Chairman of the Highway Steering-Solid Waste 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. Collier, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby authorize the Director of Public Works to enter into an agreement with Mr. McGlothlin to remove dirt from his property to place on the McGlothlin road.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Garrett, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby request each Juror that is interested in a pilot site for a mini Compactor Station to submit a description of the property to the Parish Administrator for consideration.

Motion Carried

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

On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Masters, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby approve emergency expenditures from the report of the Director of Public works for the period of April 18, 2006 through May 17, 2006 in the amount of \$2,687.60.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Paige, 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 April 18, 2006 through May 17, 2006, in the amount of \$944,356.47.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Cox, 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