

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

October 18, 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, October 18, 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: Chris Paige, J. D. Garrett, Charles Huggins, Charles Cloud, Tom Collier, Jessie Hoffpauir, Doug Masters and Gale Potts-Roque.

There was absent: Joey Cox and 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 Barrios then recognized Mr. John Winston who told the Jury that he has expressed an interest in being a representative of the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury on the Board of Directors of the Natchitoches Regional Medical Center. He stated that it would be an honor to serve on this Board and if the Jury see fit he would represent the views of the Police Jury. President Barrios then recognized Mr. Graham K. Ragland who told the Jury he was also interested in being appointed to the Board of Directors of the Natchitoches Regional Medical Center.

President Barrios then recognized Mr. Bryan Wimberly who asked the Jury for their support in the Sibley Lake Watershed Individual Sewage Treatment System Improvement Project. Mr. Wimberly stated that Sibley Lake serves as a drinking water supply for the City of Natchitoches and that there was a concern of sewage discharges into the lake. He stated that this area has individual sewage treatment systems that are inefficient or defective and needed to be replaced or repaired. Mr. Wimberly also stated that these defects present nutrient, solids, and pathogen for the lake. Since there were several concerns from the Jury relative to this project, it was agreed that this item would be table until the next work session meeting.

President Barrios then asked Mr. Bobby W. Deen to please step forward. She congratulated Mr. Deen on his retirement and read the resolution presented by the Jury. Mr. Huggins then presented Mr. Deen a plaque for 10 years of loyal service to the Parish.

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, September 20, 2006.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mrs. Roque, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby re-appoint Mr. Burton Weaver to the Natchitoches Parish Library Board of Control due to Mr. Burton Weaver's term expiring.

Motion Carried

President Barrios then recognized the Parish Administrator who stated that she had received a phone call from someone questioning whether or not it would be a conflict of interest if the Jury appointed Mr. John Vandersypen to the Natchitoches Regional Medical Center Board due to the fact that his wife was an employee at the Hospital. She stated that she had contacted the Ethic Board and spoke with an attorney who told her that if the spouse had been working at the hospital less than a year it would be a violation of the nepotism law. It was then suggested that this matter be table until further clarification of the matter. Relative to this, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Collier, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby table appointing someone to the Natchitoches Parish Hospital Board of Directors to replace Mr. George Celles, IV, who resigned.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mrs. Roque, duly seconded by Mr. Huggins, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby recommend Mrs. Ernestine Hassan to the Supreme Court for Justice of the Peace, Ward 4, in Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana to serve the unexpired term of the late Mr. Hammond Hasson.

Motion Carried

There then ensued a discussion concerning the Sibley Lake Watershed Individual Sewage Treatment System Improvement Project. After several comments and concerns were voiced, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Hoffpauir, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby table supporting the Sibley Lake Watershed Individual Sewage Treatment System Improvement Project.

Motion Carried
with
Mr. Huggins
"opposing"

On motion by Mr. Huggins, 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 Tourist Commission Board due to Mr. Rick Seale's term expiring.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Cloud, duly seconded by Mr. Huggins, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby table reinstating the planning fees as revised.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mrs. Roque, duly seconded by Mr. Huggins, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt a resolution allowing Hotel St. Denis to participate in the local benefits of the Enterprise Zone.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Huggins, duly seconded by Mrs. Roque, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby approve the Coordinating and Development Corporation membership dues in the amount of \$14,221.00.

Motion Carried

President Barrios then recognized Mrs. Sharon Harris, Executive Director of the NPPJ Office of Community Services who gave an update to her program. Mrs. Harris also addressed the Jury on the status of the Rural Transit Program. President Barrios then stated that since Mrs. Harris was already at the podium they would skip to Item #18 and 19. She then read those items and asked Mrs. Harris to speak about the vans. Mrs. Harris stated that she had spoke to Ms. Michelle Horn of the LA DOTD Rural Transit Program who told her the application for the transportation program had been approved. She stated that Ms. Horn had also emailed her and Mrs. Hamilton as estimate of the cost for the vans that Council on Aging had used and the cost of a new van. She also stated that the State have two extra vans that they could use for the transportation program. There then ensued a lengthy discussion, relative to this, the following action was taken.

On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Collier, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby declare North DeSoto Head Start building surplus property and approve the sell of said property.

Motion Carried

There then ensued a lengthy discussion concerning the purchase of the vans from Council on Aging and the new vans from LADOTD. Relative to this, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Collier, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby authorize the transferring of titles and the reimbursement to the Council on Aging for three vans for the Public Transit Program in the amount of \$12,196.00, said funds to come from Fund 106.

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 authorize purchasing three (3) 2006 12 passenger vans from LADOTD in the amount of \$25,959.20 for the Public Transit Program, said funds to come from Fund 106.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Collier, duly seconded by Mr. Cloud, 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 Louisiana Office of Community Development Program to purchase a tractor with a ditcher and limb cutter in the amount of \$75,000.00.

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 establishing a Base Flood Elevation (BFE) of 118.20 feet for the Saline Lake Bayou on LA Highway 156 and property adjacent to the bayou located in Section 20, Township 12 North, Range 5 West, on the Goldonna Road.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Collier, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby table hiring a Building Official for the Planning Commission.

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 adopt a resolution congratulating Mr. Bobby W. Deen on his retirement.

Motion Carried

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On motion by Mrs. Roque, duly seconded by Mr. Hoffpauir, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby ratify adopting a proclamation declaring Friday, October 13, 2006 as Creole Heritage Day in Natchitoches Parish.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mrs. Roque, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby table the purchasing of property off Highway 494 for a compactor site.

Motion Carried

President Barrios then recognized Mrs. Roque who stated that she had met Mr. Louie Bernard, Clerk of Court, concerning the Cypress Polling place and the Point Place Voting Precinct. She stated that she and Mr. Bernard would be meeting with members of the Cypress Baptist Church in order to get them to allow the Jury the use of their building for a polling place. Mrs. Roque then stated that she would give an update next month.

On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mrs. Roque, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt a resolution awarding the bid for Roads and Rail for the Martco Plant Project to the low bidder Southern Industrial Contractors, L.L.C. in the amount of \$787,626.30.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Collier, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby approve the replacement of a compressor in the Trane Chiller located at the live oak building in the amount of \$9,925.00.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Hoffpauir, duly seconded by Mr. Garrett, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby authorize the Director of Public Works to refix the culvert on Monroe Drive.

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 authorize replacing Bridge #600102 (at Bayou Provencal) on P. R. #635, the Provencal-Robeline Road, in the amount of \$16,240.90, with the Jury purchasing the culvert.

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 authorize transferring the solid waste equipment and supplies to the Highway Department.

Motion Carried

President Barrios then stated that the next item on the agenda was to discuss the limb pit. She asked if anyone had any comments concerning this matter. Several comments were made from Jurors concerning the limb pit. After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed that this item be referred to the finance committee and brought back to the next month meeting.

On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Huggins, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby authorizing the payment to Timmons Truck Center for replacement of an engine in Packer Truck M97G.

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 approving emergency expenditures from the report of the Director of Public works for the period of September 21, 2006 through October 18, 2006 in the amount of **\$3,803.77.**

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Collier, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby approve expenditures for the period of September 21, 2006 through October 18, 2006, in the amount of **\$1,010,746.52.**

Motion Carried

President Barrios then recognized the Parish Administrator who told the Jury she had received copies of estimates for the equipment that IESI had requested to purchase for the collection and disposal of solid waste. She stated that Shreveport Mack has quoted the highest value on the equipment in the amount of **\$98,100.00** for the 2001 Mack MR and **\$44,375.00** for the 2002 International Model 4700 totaling **\$142,475.00**. Relative to this, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mr. Collier, duly seconded by Mrs. Roque, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby add to the agenda to accept the highest value for the 2001 Mack MR and the 2002 International Model 4700 in the amounts of \$98,100.00 and \$44,375.00 and allow IESI to purchase said equipment at the quoted prices.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Collier, duly seconded by Mr. Cloud, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby accept the highest value for the 2001 Mack MR and the 2002 International Model 4700 in the amounts of \$98,100.00 and \$44,375.00 and allow IESI to purchase said equipment at the quoted prices.

Motion Carried

Police Juror Charles Cloud then said a prayer before closing the President closed the meeting.

On motion by Mr. Collier, duly seconded by Mr. Cloud, 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