

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

March 15, 2007

5:00 P. 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 Thursday, March 15, 2007 at five o'clock (5:00) p.m.

The invocation was given by Rev. James Johnson, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Juror Mr. Huggins.

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

There were absent: William Hymes, Charles Cloud, Tom Collier Jr. and 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.

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 Thursday, February 15, 2007.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Huggins, duly seconded by Mr. Garrett, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby appoint Mr. Wallace Weldon to the Natchitoches Parish Fire Protection District #7 Board of Directors, due to Mr. Kenneth Megason resigning.

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 the resolution allowing Alliance Compressors, LLC, to participate in the Enterprise Zone Program.

Motion Carried

President Barrios then stated that the next item on the agenda was to consider purchasing the property of Mr. John Gibson of 1½ acre behind Rite-Way Grocery in Natchez in the amount of \$21,000.00. She then recognized Mrs. Roque who stated that there were several visitors in attendance to discuss this matter. She asked the Jury to allow these visitors to speak. President Barrios then recognized Rev. James Johnson. Rev. Johnson asked the Jury to consider purchasing this property to help the Village of Natchez residents. He stated that the current green boxes located at the park were horrible and needed to be moved. President Barrios then recognized Mr. Paige who stated that the Jury was not against helping the Village of Natchez but was against paying \$21,000.00 for the property recommended. Rev. Johnson then stated that he felt that amount was too much and asked if the Jury would consider going back to the landowner to re-negotiate for a lower price. Mrs. Barrios then recognized Mr. Huggins who stated that the amount of \$10,000.00 should be offered to Mr. Gibson. After a lengthy discussion ensued, Mrs. Roque then stated that she was ready to vote. She then offered the motion to purchase the property of Mr. John Gibson of 1½ acre behind Rite-Way Grocery in Natchez in the amount of \$21,000.00. Since no one offer a second, the motion died for lack of a second.

Mrs. Roque then left the meeting to speak with residents of the Natchez area.

On motion by Mr. Cox, duly seconded by Mr. Huggins, 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 February, 2007.

Motion Carried

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On motion by Mr. Huggins, duly seconded by Mr. Paige, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does approve the vehicle safety policy for the Natchitoches Parish Transit Program.

Motion Carried

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On motion by Mr. Huggins, duly seconded by Mr. Cox, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby approve entering into an inter-governmental agreement with the small municipalities in Natchitoches Parish for the implementation of the Louisiana Building codes.

Motion Carried

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On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Cox, that the Natchitoches Parish Police jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby approve adopting a resolution requesting the governor of Louisiana to allocate two million dollars to each parish.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Huggins, duly seconded by Mr. Paige, that the Natchitoches Parish Police jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby start the process to appoint someone to the Natchitoches Parish Fire Protection District # 6 Board due to Mr. Wiley J. Perry resigning.

President Barrios then recognized Mr. Tom Collier, Chairman of the Highway Steering Committee, who presented the following report:

On motion by Mr. Cox, duly seconded by Mrs. Roque, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby approve paying \$6,101.67 for the letting of the Emmanuel Road Bridge Project.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Cox, duly seconded by Mr. Paige, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby authorize the advertisement for sealed bid proposals for the purchase of a pothole-patching machine.

Motion Carried

This concluded actions on the report of the Highway Steering Committee.

President Barrios then recognized Mr. Earl Townsend, Director of Public Works, who reported emergency expenditures in the amount of \$3,359.86. Relative to this, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mr. Cox, duly seconded by Mr. Garrett, 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 February 15, 2007 through March 14, 2007, in the amount of \$3,359.86.

Motion Carried

Mr. Townsend then stated that the Jury had received approximately \$116,182.67 from FEMA for the repair of roads that was damaged during the October heavy rainfalls. He then asked the Jury to authorize advertising for bid proposals for hot mix asphalt and the overlaying of asphalt for parish roads. Relative to this, the following action was taken:

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Huggins, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby authorize the advertisement for sealed bid proposals for hot mix asphalt and the sweeping and overlaying of asphalt of Parish roads.

Motion Carried

President Barrios then recognized the Parish Administrator who also stated that funds from the Building Code would be coming soon. She stated that in the grant they had requested to purchase a vehicle off state contract and since the deadline to purchase one was the end of March, the Jury needed to act quickly. Relative to this, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Huggins, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby add to the agenda authorizing the purchase of a SUV off state contract for the Planning Commission.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Huggins, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby authorize the purchase of a SUV off state contract for the Planning Commission.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Huggins, duly seconded by Mr. Cox, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby approve expenditures for the period of February 15, 2007 through March 14, 2007, in the amount of **\$833,777.37.**

Motion Carried

President Barrios then recognized the Parish Administrator who stated to the Jury that they had received quotes for the replacement of two compressors in Trane chiller located in the Live Oak Building. After a brief discussion, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mr. Garrett, duly seconded by Mr. Cox, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby add to the agenda authorizing the replacement of two compressors in the Trane chiller located in the Live Oak Building in the amount of \$18,920.00.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Garrett, duly seconded by Mr. Huggins, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby authorize the replacement of two compressors in the Trane chiller located in the Live Oak Building in the amount of \$18,920.00.

Motion Carried

President Barrios then stated that an another site had been located at Hagedwood due to the problems, IESI was haveing in finding a suitable location on the previous property owner land for the compactor station. She stated that this site is located right next to the other property. President Barrios stated that this property was also a better location and the owners were interested in leasing the land to the Jury for the same amount. After a brief discussion, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mr. Cox, duly seconded by Mr. Paige, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby add to the agenda entering into a lease agreement with the owners of the McQuillin Properties located at Coldwater (Hagedwood) in Section 32-9-8 West, in the amount of \$2,000.00 per year.

Motion Carried

Relative to this the following action was taken:

On motion by Mr. Cox, duly seconded by Mr. Garrett, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby approve entering into a lease agreement with the owners of the McQuillin Properties located at Coldwater (Hagedwood) in Section 32-9-8 West, in the amount of \$2,000.00 per year.

Motion Carried

Police Juror J. D. Garrett then said a prayer before the President closed the meeting.

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

ATTEST:

Alice Barrios, President

Catherine Hamilton,
Parish Administrator

