

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

April 19, 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, April 19, 2007 at five o'clock (5:00) p.m.

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

There were present: The Honorable Mrs. Alice Barrios, Joey Cox, Chris Paige, J. D. Garrett, William Hymes, Charles Huggins, Charles Cloud, Tom Collier jr., Jessie Hoffpauir, Doug Masters, Gale Potts-Roque.

There was absent: None.

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. Collier, duly seconded by Mr. Cox, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt the minutes of the regular meeting held Thursday, March 15, 2007.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Cox, duly seconded by Mrs. Roque that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby appoint Dr. Albert Wurster to the Natchitoches Parish Fire Protection District # 6 Board due to Mr. Wiley J. Perry resigning.

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 allow Port Pictures to use the Clerk of Court Office as a shooting location for a movie and authorize the President to sign location agreement associated with this production.

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 award bid received on Thursday, April 15, 2007, for the purchase of two (2) trucks for the Natchitoches Parish Health Unit to the only bidder, Natchitoches Ford in the amounts of \$17,112.00 and \$19,348.00.

On motion by Mr. Cloud, duly seconded by Mrs. Roque, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt a resolution awarding the bids received on Friday, March 2, 2007 for the LA 480 Project to the low bidder, Regional Construction of Natchitoches, Louisiana, in the amount of **\$1,781,289.45**.

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 award the bid received on Wednesday, April 18, 2007, for the Sweeping, Laying and Rolling of Hot Mix Asphalt to the only bidder J. D. Lites and Sons of Many, Louisiana, in the amount of **\$15.00 per ton**.

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 award the bid received on Wednesday, April 18, 2007, for the purchase of Hot Mix Asphalt to the only bidder, Madden Contracting Company of Natchitoches, Louisiana, in the amount of **\$51.50 per ton**.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Cox, that the Natchitoches Parish Police jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby conduct a Public Hearing on Thursday, May 17, 2007 for the levying of taxes for 2007.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Masters, that the Natchitoches Parish Police jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt a resolution to hold a special election for the renewal of the Public Library, Public Building, Health Unit and Road District # 40 Millages.

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 authorizing the Tax Assessor to engage Attorney Brian A. Eddington as legal counsel for the on-going litigation over the assessment and ad valorem taxation to Tennessee Gas Pipeline.

Motion Carried

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Motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Cox, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt a proclamation declaring the week of April 22-28, 2007 as National County Government Week in the Parish of Natchitoches.

Motion Carried

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

Relative to the above report, 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 start the process to change the speed limit on Marie Street in Point Place from 35 mph to 25 mph.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Cloud, duly seconded by Mr. Hoffpauir, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby declare equipment from the Parish Highway Department surplus property and authorize the sale of said equipment on April 21, 2007.

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 allocating \$ 25,000.00 from the General Fund for the La Highway 480 project that will be reimbursed by the LADOTD.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Cloud, duly seconded by Mrs. Roque, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby approve entering into an intergovernmental agreement with the Village of Ashland to haul and spread gravel on roads within their municipality.

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 purchase to two culverts for the Jim King Road in the amount of \$9,600.00.

Motion Carried

This concluded action on the report of the Highway steering Committee.

On motion by Mrs. Roque, duly seconded by Mr. Collier, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby select the NPPJ Summer Youth Program and the Search, Rescue and Emergency services Program for the 2007 Title III Projects.

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 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 Project.

Motion Carried

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On motion by Mr. Cox, duly seconded by Mr. Paige, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby enter into a lease agreement with Mr. James Stacy to use his property on Highway 494 as a Mini Compactor Station.

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 Purchasing Agent to seek proposals and/or seek sealed bid proposals for the purchase of a small SUV for the Parish Planning Office.

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 award the bids received Wednesday, April 18, 2007, for the purchase of a pothole patcher truck to the low bidder, LA Machinery of Bossier City, Louisiana in the amount of \$133,984.22, pending DA opinion concerning Covington Sales concerns.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Cloud, duly seconded by Mr. Hymes, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt a resolution requesting funds from the Natchitoches Regional Medical Center Foundation Board for the Disability Ramps Program.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mrs. Roque, duly seconded by Mrs. Barrios, 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 March 15, 2007 through April 19, 2007 in the amount of **\$403.16**.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mrs. Roque, 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 March 15, 2007 through April 19, 2007, in the amount of **\$1,517,148.21**.

Motion Carried

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

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