

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

August 16, 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, August 16, 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, Tom Collier Jr., Jessie Hoffpauir, Doug Masters and Gale Potts-Roque.

There was absent: Charles Cloud.

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. Bart Cotton who spoke to the Jury concerning the Robert LaCaze Road. Mr. Cotton stated that he had contacted the Highway Department several times concerning this road. After a brief discussion, the Jury instructed Mr. Townsend to get with Mr. Cotton to see what could be done to assist him with this road.

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 the minutes of the regular meeting held Thursday, July 12, 2007.

On motion by Mrs. Roque, duly seconded by Mr. Hymes that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt a resolution for canvassing the returns and declaring the result of the special election held in the Parish of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, July 21, 2007, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein.

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 adopt a resolution for canvassing the returns and declaring the result of the special election in Road District # 40 of the Parish of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, July 21, 2007, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein.

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 adopt a Citizen Participation Plan/Citizen Complaint Procedure and appoint the Parish Administrator as the Citizen Complaint Officer for compliance with the LCDBG Program.

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 adopt a resolution authorizing that the LCDBG application be submitted for public facilities for FY 2008-2009.

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 adopt a resolution authorizing the Chief Elected Official to proceed with the procurement and selection of professional services for the purpose of assisting in the development of the LCDBG application and implementation of the project.

Motion Carried

President Barrios then stated that the next item on the agenda was the appointment or re-appointment of someone to the Natchitoches Parish Tourist Commission. She then recognized Mr. Paige who nominated Ms. Lori Woodard. President Barrios then recognized Mr. Hoffpauir who nominated Mr. Jay Sharplin. Mr. Paige then moved that nominations be closed, seconded by Mr. Hoffpauir. President Barrios then asked the Parish Administrator to do a roll call vote. Relative to this, the following action was taken:

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

JAY SHARPLIN: Cox, Huggins, Collier, Hoffpauir, Masters, Roque and Barrios.

LORI WOODARD: Garrett, Paige and Hymes.

ABSENT: Cloud

With the vote being **seven (7) for Jay Sharplin** and **three (3) for Lori Woodard**, Mr. Jay Sharplin was re-appointed to the Natchitoches Parish Tourist Commission.

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 re-appoint Mr. Ted Duggan to the Waterworks District #2 Board of Directors.

Motion Carried

President Barrios then stated that the next item on the agenda was to conduct a Public Hearing to hear any comments or objections to changing the speed limits on P.R. # 345, the Cason Road, P.R. # 540, the Wilkerson Road, and P. R. # 546, the Sisson from 35 mph to 25 mph. Relative to this, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Hymes that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby conduct a public hearing to any and all comments or objections relative to changing the speed limit on P.R. # 345, the Cason Road, P.R. # 540, the Wilkerson Road, and P. R. # 546, the Sisson from 35 mph to 25 mph. On motion by Mr. Paige and duly seconded by Mrs. Roque the public hearing was closed.

Motion Carried

President Barrios then declared the Public Hearing open. She then asked if there was anyone present who would like to speak on changing the speed limit on the Cason, Wilkerson and Sisson Roads. Since there was no comments or objections, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mr. Paige and duly seconded by Mrs. Roque, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby close the public hearing.

Motion Carried

President Barrios then declared the Public Hearing closed. After closing the Public Hearing, the following action was taken:

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 an ordinance changing the speed limit on P.R. # 345, the Cason Road, from 35 mph to 25 mph.

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 adopt an ordinance changing the speed limit on P.R. # 540, the Wilkerson Road, from 35 mph to 25 mph.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Roque, duly seconded by Mr. Cox that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt an ordinance changing the speed limit on P.R. # 546, the Sisson Road from 35 mph to 25 mph.

Motion Carried

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On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Collier 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 July, 2007

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 authorize the Parish Treasurer to seek insurance proposals for 2008.

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 approve the address correction of the Ward 1, Precinct 10, the Oak Grove Methodist Church Polling Place, from 210 New Town Road to 210 Eight Mile Loop.

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 authorize requesting IESI to change the hours of operation of the Compactor Sites to 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. during the summer months and reevaluate them for the winter hours.

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 adopt resolutions authorizing the President to sign the necessary forms to submit a grant to the Louisiana Office of community Development Program for the Lena Water System, Sandy Point Water System and the Johnson Chute/Posey Road projects.

Motion Carried

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. Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Cox, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby approve transferring \$100,000.00 from Fund 106 to Fund 001.

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 approve adding an addendum to the contract with IESI for the addition of two compactor sites in the Marthaville and Natchez areas at an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00.

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 authorize the Purchasing Agent to purchase a bush hog off State Contract in the amount of \$10,729.38 by October, 2007.

Motion Carried

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

President Barrios then recognized Mr. Earl Townsend, Director of Public Works, who reported emergency expenditures for the period of July 13, 2007 through August 13, 2007 in the amount of **\$1,970.70.**

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 July 13, 2007 through August 13, 2007, in the amount of **\$1,367,653.82.**

Motion Carried

President Barrios then recognized the Parish Administrator who told the Jury that she had received a fax from the Louisiana State Treasurer Office requesting the Parish designation for Title I, II, III of the Kisatchie monies. Relative to this, 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 add to the agenda adopting a method of payment for the Kisatchie monies and declare a 15% amount to spend for Title III.

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 adopt a method of payment for the Kisatchie monies and declare a 15% amount to spend for Title III.

Motion Carried

President Barrios then asked Mr. Collier to say a prayer before closing.

On motion by Mrs. Roque, duly seconded by Mr. Hymes, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adjourn until the next regular or called meeting of the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury.

ATTEST:

Alice Barrios, President

Catherine Hamilton,
Parish Administrator