

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

September 20, 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, September 20, 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, Charles Huggins, Jessie Hoffpauir, and Doug Masters.

There was absent: William Hymes, Charles Cloud, Tom Collier Jr., and Gale Potts-Roque.

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, August 16, 2007 and the special meeting held Monday, August 27, 2007.

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 adopt the Annual Certification of Compliance with State of Louisiana, Off System Bridge Replacement Program.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Hoffpauir, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt a resolution declaring Friday, October 12, 2007 as Creole Heritage Day in Natchitoches Parish.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Masters, duly seconded by Mr. Hoffpauir, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby appoint Mr. Danny Welch to the Fire Protection District #2 Board to replace Mr. Roy Fredericks, who resigned.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Masters, 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 Fire Protection District #2 Board to replace Mr. Lawrence Sampey, who resigned.

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 adopt a resolution supporting Camp Minden as the final site for the Regional Training Institute.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Garrett, duly seconded by Mr. Cox, 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 August, 2007.

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 authorize the Parish Treasurer to make budget adjustments of items approved during the period of January 22, 2007 through August 16, 2007.

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 accept the proposal of People State Bank for the placement of an ATM machine in the Parish Courthouse.

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 select the Cedar Grove Road Project as the project for the LCDBG Program 2007-2008.

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 table adopting a resolution of support requesting Mrs. Teresa Gibson to work with Ms. Valandra Eugenia Matthews and allow her to remain in the housing unit.

Motion Carried

President Barrios then asked the Parish Administrator to present the report of the Highway Steering-Solid Waste Committee:

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 declare the list of equipment from the Parish Highway Department surplus equipment and authorize the sale of said equipment at the next Kelvin Kelly's auction on Saturday, September 22, 2007.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Garrett, duly seconded by Mr. Cox, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby authorize the Director of Public Works to fix the Alvin Dowden Extension once Mr. Keith Scoggins has move his mailbox to the other side.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Hoffpauir, 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 August 13, 2007 through September 20, 2007, in the amount of **\$1,936.35.**

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 approve expenditures for the period of August 13, 2007 through September 20, 2007, in the amount of **\$1,309,153.84.**

Motion Carried

President Barrios then recognized Mr. Kip Fair, Assistant District Attorney, who spoke to the Jury on the information that was requested concerning abolishing boards. He stated that if the Jury abolish a board they would also be abolishing the district. Mr. Fair told the Jury in order to remove a person from a board you must have a just cause reason. Mr. Paige then stated that with the information presented Mrs. Barrios and the Administrator should set up a meeting with Fire Protection District #5 to assist with the problems they are having in the District. Mr. Fair then told the Jury he had not received all the paperwork on the ownership of the MLK Head Start Building but should receive the information by next week. Mr. Paige then stated that the Head Start Program would lose the \$130,000.00 allocated to the purchase of this building by the first of October if the money had not been spent. Mr. Fair then stated that the Jury should adopt a resolution authorizing the President or the Administrator to sign whatever papers necessary for the purchase of this building. Relative to this, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Garrett, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby add to the agenda authorizing the Police Jury President and Parish Administrator to sign any and all documents necessary for the purchase of the MLK Head Start Building located on Martin Luther King Drive.

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 authorize the Police Jury President and Parish Administrator to sign any and all documents necessary for the purchase of the MLK Head Start Building located on Martin Luther King Drive.

Motion Carried

Since there was no other matters to discuss, the following action was taken:

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

Motion Carried

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

ATTEST:

Alice Barrios, President

Catherine Hamilton,
Parish Administrator