

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

October 18, 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, October 18, 2007 at five o'clock (5:00) p.m.

The invocation was given by Juror Charles Cloud, 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, Charles Cloud, Tom Collier Jr., 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.

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 the minutes of the regular meeting held Thursday, September 20, 2007 and the special meeting held Thursday, October 4, 2007.

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 approve the Coordinating and Development Corporation membership dues in the amount of **\$14,221.00**.

Motion Carried

With
Mr. Hoffpauir
"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 appoint Mr. Tom Collier to the Natchitoches Parish Housing Authority Board, to fill the vacancy created by the untimely death of Mr. John J. Lewis.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Collier, duly seconded by Mrs. Roque, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby start the process to appoint/re-appoint someone to the Natchitoches Parish Housing Board, due to Mrs. Peggy Braxton's term expiring.

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 Resolution #06-07 requesting the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to construct a turning lane at Fairview Alpha School located off Highway 71.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Cloud, duly seconded by Mr. Collier, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby appoint Mr. Huey K. Martin to the Fire Protection District #2 Board to replace Mr. Lawrence Sampey, who resigned.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mrs. Roque, duly seconded by Mr. Collier, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby start the process to appoint someone to the Natchitoches Parish Tourist Commission Board to replace Ms. Mary Beth Guin, who will not seek reappointment at the end of her term on December 15, 2007.

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 accept the report of the Office of Community Services for the month of September, 2007.

Motion Carried

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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 Resolution #07-07 expressing the Jury's deepest sympathy to the family of Mr. Frank Britton.

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 start the process to appoint someone to the Natchitoches Parish Planning Commission to fill the vacancy created by the untimely death of Mr. Frank Britton.

Motion Carried

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 N & A, Inc. as the engineering firm for the LCDBG Project 2007-2008.

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 select GNF Management Company as the Administrative Consultant for the LCDBG Project 2007-2008.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Collier, duly seconded by Mr. Huggins, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby authorize the President to sign any and all documents relative to the Capital Outlay Projects awarded to the Parish of Natchitoches.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Garrett, duly seconded by Mr. Paige, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby authorize the Purchasing Agent to seek proposals or bids necessary for the Capital Outlay Projects.

Motion Carried

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

Relative to the above report, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mrs. Roque, duly seconded by Mr. Huggins, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby accept the quote from Jerald Creamer Enterprises to repair the bridge on the Forest Service Road in the amount of \$7,840.00.

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 requesting the BESE Board and the Natchitoches Parish School Board to write a letter requesting an extension of the Grant Monies awarded for the purchase of the MLK Building to the U. S. Department of Health & Human Services, Office of Head Start.

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 give authorization to negotiate with the property owner an option to sell or expropriate the land where the Cypress Voting Precinct is located.

Motion Carried
With
Mrs. Roque
"opposing"
and Mr. Cloud
"abstaining"

President Barrios then stated that the Parish Treasurer needed to make a few more adjustments to the budget before asking the Jury for approval. She also stated that the budget would be presented at the next Work Session meeting in November. Relative to this, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mrs. Barrios, duly seconded by Mr. Collier, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby table amending the budget.

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 accept the report of the Director of Public works for emergency expenditures for the period of September 21, 2007 through October 18, 2007 in the amount of **\$704.13.**

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 approve expenditures for the period of September 21, 2007 through October 18, 2007, in the amount of **\$1,340,795.97.**

Motion Carried

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

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On motion by Mrs. Roque, duly seconded by Mr. Masters, 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