

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

November 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, November 15, 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 William Hymes.

There were present: The Honorable Mrs. Alice Barrios, J. D. Garrett, William Hymes, Tom Collier Jr., Jessie Hoffpauir, and Gale Potts-Roque.

There was absent: Joey Cox, Chris Paige, Charles Huggins, Charles Cloud and Doug Masters.

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. Garrett, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt the minutes of the regular meeting held Thursday, October 18, 2007 and the special meeting held Monday, October 29, 2007.

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 conduct a public hearing with the Police Jury Sitting as a "Board of Review" to hear any and all protests or complaints on values of property for assessment purposes fixed by the Natchitoches Parish Tax Assessor.

Motion Carried

President Barrios then declared the public hearing open. She asked if there were any protests or complaints. Since there was no protests or complaints, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mr. Hymes, 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

On motion by Mr. Hymes, duly seconded by Mrs. Roque, 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 of Directors, due to Mr. Rickey Harper resigning.

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 re-appoint Mrs. Peggy Braxton to the Natchitoches Parish Housing Board, due to her term expiring.

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 approve a letter of engagement from Johnson, Thomas and Cunningham for audit services for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2007.

Motion Carried
With
Mr. Collier
"abstaining"

On motion by Mrs. Roque, duly seconded by Mr. Garrett, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby approve the health insurance proposal for FY 2008 to CCMSI through the Parish Risk Government Management Agency.

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 life and dental insurance proposal for FY 2008 to Metlife Insurance Company.

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 workers compensation, auto, property, inland marine, crime coverage and public official liability insurance for FY 2008 through Arthur Gallagher Risk Management Service.

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 purchasing agent to advertise for sealed bid proposals for materials and supplies for the Parish Highway Department for 2008.

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 appoint Ms. Lori Woodard 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 Mr. Collier, duly seconded by Mr. Hymes, 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 October, 2007.

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 start the process to change the speed limit on P. R. #920, the Kisatchie Mora Road, from 35 mph to 25 mph.

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 Option 1 of the proposed hours of operation for the Compactor sites.

President Barrios then stated that she would like to see the hours at the main compactor station stay open until 8:00 p.m. She stated that she had been requested by residents in her district to keep it open later hours because 4:30 p.m. was not longer enough. Mrs. Barrios then stated that she would prefer 8:00 p.m. but could live with the 6:30 p.m. closure. Mr. Townsend then stated that if the hours were to be extended then someone had to be there to man the site for two hours per day. After a lengthy discussion, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mr. Hoffpauir, duly seconded by Mrs. Roque, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby authorize hiring a person to work at the Natchitoches Parish Main Compactor Station for two hours per day at \$6.50 per hour.

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 approve the report of the Director of Public works for emergency expenditures for the period of October 19, 2007 through November 15, 2007, in the amount of **\$820.99**.

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 expenditures for the period of October 19, 2007 November 15, 2007, in the amount of **\$1,522,316.24.**

Mr. Hymes then left the meeting and since there was no quorum President Barrios adjourned the meeting.

ATTEST:

Alice Barrios, President

Catherine Hamilton,
Parish Administrator