

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

January 17, 2008

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, January 17, 2008 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 David Dollar.

There were present: The Honorable Charles Huggins, Gerald Longlois, Chris Paige, J. D. Garrett, David Dollar, William Hymes, Johnny Martin, Tom Collier Jr., Jessie Hoffpauir, Mimi Stoker and Fred Jacobs.

There were 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. Hymes, 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, December 20, 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 appoint Mr. Chris Paige and Mr. Charles Huggins as the two representatives to serve on the Board of Directors of the Coordinating and Development Corporation for the 2008 year.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Longlois, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby start the process to appoint/reappoint someone to the Natchitoches Parish Planning Commission due to Mr. George Minturn and Mr. Willie Valrie terms' expiring.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Hymes, duly seconded by Mr. Paige, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby appoint Mr. Leslie Bayonne to the Natchitoches Parish Planning Commission to replace Mr. Fred Jacobs.

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 start the process to appoint/reappoint someone to the Natchitoches Parish Library Board due to Mrs. Edwina Lewis and Ms. Jimmye Holmes terms' 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 start the process to appoint/reappoint someone to the Natchitoches Parish Housing Authority due to Mrs. Elizabeth Dalton and Dr. Richard Galloway terms' expiring.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Hymes, duly seconded by Mr. Collier, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby appoint Mr. Mike Wilson to the Natchitoches Parish Housing Authority Board, due to Mr. Collier resigning.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Hoffpauir, duly seconded by Mr. Hymes, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby re-appoint Mr. Johnny Sims and Mr. Joe Hays to the Natchitoches Parish Fire Protection District #7 Board due to their terms' expiring and start the process to appoint someone to replace Mr. Wayne O'Con for a one year period.

Motion Carried

President Huggins then stated that since there were several persons interested in serving on the Fire Protection District #5 Board, a roll call vote would be taken:

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

CAROL O'QUINN: Longlois, Dollar, Martin, Hoffpauir, Stoker, Jacobs, Huggins.

ANTOINETTE FOREST: Paige, Garrett, Hymes, Martin and Colllier.

JOHN GROCE: None.

DARRELL "BUSTER" ROQUE: Longlois, Paige, Garrett, Dollar, Hymes, Collier, Hoffpauir, Stoker, Jacobs and Huggins.

With the vote being **seven (7) for O'Quinn, five (5) for Forest, zero (0) for Groce and ten (10) for Roque, Mrs. Carol O'Quinn and Mr. Darrell "Buster" Roque** was selected to serve on the Natchitoches Parish Fire Protection District #5 Board.

On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Hymes, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby appoint Ms. Carol O'Quinn and Mr. Darrell "Buster" Roque to the Fire Protection District #5 Board of Directors, due to Mr. John Nichols term's expiring and Mr. Fred Jacobs being elected as a Police Juror.

Motion Carried

A brief discussion then ensued concerning comments and complaints about matters involving Fire Protection District #5. Juror Paige then asked that a letter be sent to Fire Protection District #5 informing them that Mr. John Nicholas could no longer serve as Acting Fire Chief. Several comments were made and relative to this, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Dollar, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby add to the agenda authorizing the Parish Administrator to send a formal letter to the Natchitoches Fire Protection District #5 Board informing them that Mr. John Nicholas could no longer serve as Acting Fire Chief nor no other capacity with the Fire District until two years have passed.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Dollar, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby authorize the Parish Administrator to send a formal letter to the Natchitoches Fire Protection District #5 Board informing them that Mr. John Nicholas could no longer serve as Acting Fire Chief nor no other capacity with the Fire District until two years have passed.

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 a resolution urging the Louisiana Police Jury Association to urge the Louisiana Legislature to amend the law requiring candidates qualifying for office to be subject to criminal background checks.

Motion Carried

Relative to the next item on the agenda requesting the Jury to purchase telephone equipment for the Extension Office, a motion was made by Mr. Garrett to purchase telephone equipment but died due to a lack of a second.

On motion by Mr. Dollar, 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 December, 2007.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Dollar, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby select Praeses LLC as the company to provide access to an Internet-based application software and services for the Building Code Enforcement System and authorize paying them from the Louisiana Governor's Office of Homeland Security Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) Reimbursable Grant in the amount of \$67,000.00, pending requested revisions to agreement.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Hymes, duly seconded by Mr. Collier, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby start the process to appoint/re-appoint someone to the Fire Protection District #8 Board of Directors, due to Mr. Edward Conlay's term expiring.

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 Report of the Director of Public works for emergency expenditures for the period of December 21, 2007 through January 17, 2008 in the amount of **\$632.58**.

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 December 21, 2007 through January 17, 2008, in the amount of **\$1,315,148.77**.

President Huggins then stated that the Jury had been contacted by Mr. Harold Singletary who was interested in leasing some property to construct a compactor station for the Oak Grove area. President Huggins then recognized Mr. Earl Townsend, Director of Public Works who stated that he had looked at the property and felt it would be a good area for the site. Mr. Townsend stated that the property was located on the corner of Highway 504 and Eight Mile Loop. Relative to this, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mr. Dollar, duly seconded by Mr. Collier, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby add to the agenda authorizing the President to enter into an agreement with Mr. Harold Singletary to lease his property on Highway 504 and Eight Mile Loop to construct a compactor site.

On motion by Mr. Hoffpauir, duly seconded by Mr. Dollar, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby authorize the President to enter into an agreement with Mr. Harold Singletary to lease his property on the corner of Highway 504 and Eight Mile Loop to construct a compactor site in the amount of \$2,000.00 per year.

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

ATTEST:

Charles Huggins, President

Catherine Hamilton,
Parish Administrator