

PROCEEDINGS OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
NATCHITOCHEES PARISH POLICE JURY
HELD THURSDAY, AUGUST 3, 2006

10:00 A.M.

The Police Jury of the Parish of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, met in special session in the Police Jury Board Room of the Natchitoches Parish Courthouse, on Thursday, August 3, 2006 at ten o'clock (10:00) a.m.

The invocation was given by Juror J.D. Garrett followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Juror Charles Huggins.

There were present: Honorable Alice Barrios, President, Police Jurors Chris Paige, J. D. Garrett, William Hymes, Charles Huggins, Charles Cloud, Tom Collier, Jr., Jessie Hoffpauir, and Gale Potts-Roque.

There were absent: Joey Cox and Doug Masters.

President Barrios then ask for visitors who were attending to come to the podium to speak. Ms. Patricia Hunter came forward to speak about the Cloud Crossing Road. Mr. Hymes stated they would get with Mr. Deen in reference to the road and further discuss the problem with him. President Barrios then asked Ms. Hunter if she would like to return to the August 14, 2006 Highway Steering-Solid Waste meeting to discuss this issue further so that the correct action can be taken.

President Barrios then stated the purpose of this meeting was to discuss the cost of inmate care due to the fact there was an outstanding invoice for June being in the amount of \$55,691.75 and July in the amount of \$55,745.75. Parish Treasurer Debbie Miley then stated there was a balance of \$49,184. President Barrios then stated there was some discussion with Sheriff Jones, and the meeting was called to discuss how this would be paid. District Attorney Van Kyzar advised the jury of some of the legal issues pertaining to inmate care cost. He further advised the jury of several reasons inmates could not be released from jail.

On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mrs. Barrios, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in special and legal session convened, does hereby authorize the District Attorney look into cost of other police jury's and if there is a mandated cost along with actual cost for inmate care.

Motion Carried

Mr. Paige stated other parishes had hired and investigator in order to help move the process along, and it would be a good idea for Natchitoches Parish to do the same. This process would save the parish money, and make the process easier. The budget for inmate care cost is \$400,000.00 and as of today the cost of inmate care for this year is \$350,815.37, leaving a balance of \$49,184.63 and a bill of \$110,00.00. District Attorney Van Kyzar stated that female inmates cost was more than male inmates, and there were cases that could be taken care of without placing the person in jail. A lengthy discussion ensued and the following action was taken.

On motion by, Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Huggins, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury in special and legal session convened, does hereby take the cash balance of \$137,206.00 from general fund to pay for inmate care cost.

Motion Carried
"Opposed"
Mr. Hoffpauir
Mrs. Barrios
"Abstain"
Mr. Cloud

On motion by Mr. Collier, duly seconded by Mr. Cox, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury in special and legal session convened, does hereby adjourn until its next regular or called meeting.

ATTEST:

Alice Barrios, President

Catherine Hamilton,
Parish Administrator