

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

December 20, 2006

9:00 A. 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 Wednesday, December 20, 2006 at nine o'clock (9:00) a.m.

The invocation was given by Juror J. D. Garrett, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Juror Jessie Hoffpauir.

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

There was 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.

President Barrios then recognized District Attorney Van Kyzar who told the Jury that he was there to make a presentation to the Jury. He stated for many years his office has made contributions to the Jury to help with the expenses of the General Fund and that this year was no difference. He then presented a check to President Barrios and the Jury in the amount of \$35,000.00. President Barrios then thanked him for the presentation. Several comments were then made from other Jurors thanking him for the good working relationship his office had provided to the Jury.

On motion by Mr. Hymes, duly seconded by Mr. Collier, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt the minutes of the regular meeting held Wednesday, November 15, 2006 and the special meeting held Monday, December 11, 2006.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Collier, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby re-appoint the following members to the El Camino East/West Corridor Board:

Mr. Tommy Johnson, Alternate
Mr. Joe Sampite, Alternate
Mr. J. W. Scarborough, Member
Dr. Leland Scogins, Member

Motion Carried

On motion by Mrs. Roque, duly seconded by Mr. Hymes, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt an ordinance amending Chapter Six of the Parish of Natchitoches Code of Ordinances relative to construction and building codes, to adopt certain codes, to provide for issuance of permits, to provide for enforcement, to provide for penalties for violations, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

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, 2006.

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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 President to sign the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the State of Louisiana relative to the Capital Outlay Project, Rural Road Repairs.

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 change the regular meeting of the Police Jury from the third Wednesday of each month at nine (9:00) o'clock a.m. to the third Thursday of each month at 5:00 p.m.

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

YES: Paige, Garrett, Barrios, Hymes, Huggins, Collier, Hoffpauir, and Roque.

NO: Cox, Cloud and Masters.

ABSENT: None.

With the vote being **eight (8) yes** and **three (3) no**, the motion to change the regular meeting date and time passed.

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 the 2007 Consolidated Budget.

Motion Carried

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On motion by Mr. Garrett, 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 November, 2006.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mrs. Roque, duly seconded by Mr. Masters, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby award the bids received Monday, December 18, 2006, for materials and supplies for the Parish Highway Department to the low and overall low bidders as follows:

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 award workers compensation insurance for 2007 to Burch, Marcus, Pool, Krupp and Daniel.

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 award auto, property, inland marine, crime coverage and public official liability insurance for 2007 to Burch, Marcus, Pool, Krupp and Daniel.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mrs. Barrios, duly seconded by Mrs. Roque, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt a resolution authorizing the re-advertisement for public bids for the construction of a waterline along Lime Kiln road.

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 reject bids received Thursday, December 8, 2006 for the sale of two portable buildings located in Stonewall, Louisiana.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Hymes, duly seconded by Mr. Cox, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt a resolution authorizing the Parish Assessor to engage Brian A Eddington, Attorney at Law as the legal counsel relative to the litigation filed by Tennessee Gas Pipeline challenging the Assessor reassessed valuation for the tax years 2000-2003.

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 approve emergency expenditures from the report of the Director of Public works for the period of November 16, 2006 through December 20, 2006 in the amount of \$370.52.

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 approve expenditures for the period of November 16, 2006 through December 20, 2006, in the amount of \$965,573.21.

Motion Carried

President Barrios then recognized Juror Tom Collier who stated that the Governor of Louisiana had issued a proclamation declaring Tuesday, January 2, as a paid holiday for employees of the State of Louisiana. Mr. Collier stated that he would like the Jury to do the same for the Parish employees. Relative to this, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mr. Collier, duly seconded by Mr. Paige, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby add to the agenda declaring Tuesday, January 2, 2007, as a paid holiday for parish employees.

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 declare Tuesday, January 2, 2007, as a paid holiday for parish employees.

Motion Carried

Police Juror Charles Cloud then said a prayer before the President closed the meeting.

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

Motion Carried

ATTEST:

Alice Barrios, President

Catherine Hamilton,
Parish Administrator