

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

June 21, 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, June 21, 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 J. D. Garrett.

There were present: The Honorable Mrs. Alice Barrios, Joey Cox, Chris Paige, J. D. Garrett, William Hymes, Charles Huggins, Charles Cloud, Tom Collier Jr., Jessie Hoffpauir and Doug Masters.

There was absent: Gale-Potts Roque.

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. Cox, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt the minutes of the regular meeting held Thursday, May 17, 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 start the process to change the speed limit on P.R. #345, the Cason Road, from 35 mph to 25 mph.

Motion Carried

On motion by, Mr. Collier duly seconded by, Mr. Cox that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby declare Friday, June 29, 2007 as Employee Appreciation Day for employees of the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury.

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 re-appoint Mr. Edgar Roge to the Waterworks District #2 Board of Directors due to his term expiring.

Motion Carried

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On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Hoffpauir, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby approve entering into lease agreements with Mrs. Donna Dyson Jordan (Marthaville) and Mr. R. D. Rushing (Ashland) for the leasing of their property for compactor sites.

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 start the process to re-appoint someone to the Natchitoches Parish Tourist Commission Board, due to Mr. Greg Friedman and Mr. Jay Sharplin's terms ending.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Barrios, duly seconded by Mr. Hymes, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby approve entering into an agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation & Development for the re-surfacing of a portion of two roads, Johnson Chute Road and Posey Road.

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 designate the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury Office of Community Services as the official public agency to administer funds to the poor and necessitous in Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana, and authorize President Alice Barrios and Sharon Harris, Executive Director, to sign any and all contracts, reports, requests for funds, and/or any other documents necessary to provide the above services on behalf of the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury.

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 purchase of a van under \$20,000.00 for the NPPJ Summer Youth Work Program.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Hymes, duly seconded by Masters, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby approve the report of the Office of Community Services for the month of May, 2007.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Hoffpauir, duly seconded by Mr. Garrett, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt a resolution requesting the Committee for Good Government to approach the Mayor and Council of the City of Natchitoches and the Chamber of commerce requesting them to join in hand with the Police Jury to form a city/Parish form of government.

Motion Carried

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

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

On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Garrett, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby authorize the Purchasing Agent to purchase off State Contract or advertise for bids two tractors, cutter and ditcher for the Parish Highway Department.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Hymes, duly seconded by Cox, 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. # 540, the Wilkerson Road, from 35 mph to 25 mph

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Masters, duly seconded by Paige, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby authorize the President to sign the necessary papers for the Bellwood Church Bridge completion.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Masters, duly seconded by Cox, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby accept the donation of a tank car culvert and material from the Bellwood Church Bridge site and reinstall on the Janie-Gorum Road.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Hymes, duly seconded by Mrs. Barrios, 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. #546, the Sisson Road from 35 mph to 25 mph.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Hymes, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with the Town of Campti to lease a certain tract of land in Sections 29 and 31, T11N, Range 7 West at no charge to construct a mini compactor station.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Cloud, duly seconded by Hymes, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby authorize the Director of Public Works to purchase and distribute maintenance gravel on parish roads from budgeted line items funds.

Motion Carried

This concluded action on the report of the Highway steering Committee.

On motion by Mr. Hymes, duly seconded by Masters, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby approve entering into a Cooperative Agreement with the LSU Ag Center and allocate **\$9,310.00** on a year to year basis.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Masters, duly seconded by Hymes, 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 May 18, 2007 through June 21, 2007, in the amount of **\$2,628.32.**

Motion Carried

President Barrios then recognized Director of Public Works Earl Townsend who told the Jury that he had spoken with Mr. Wilson Cedars concerning the Connie Drive Project. He stated that he told Mr. Wilson that the property owner would not allow the Jury to fix the drainage problem in the area because the contractor had not finished with his work. Mr. Townsend then stated that Mr. Cedar told him they needed a letter from the Jury authorizing them to proceed with the project. After comments from several Jurors, the Jury instructed the Administrator to request an opinion from the District Attorney regarding this matter.

On motion by Mr. Hoffpauir, duly seconded by Masters, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby approve expenditures for the period of May 18, 2007 through June 21, 2007, in the amount of **\$1,564,281.74.**

Motion Carried

President Barrios then told the Jury that she would like to schedule the special meeting to discuss trash collection system for Monday, July 9, 2007. She also stated that she would like to move the July work session and regular meeting up one week to the dates Monday, July 9, 2007 and Thursday, July 12, 2007. After a brief, discussion, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Hymes, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby add to the agenda moving the July Work Session to Monday, July 9, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. and the Regular meeting to Thursday, July 12, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. and schedule the special meeting with IESI to discuss the trash collection system to Monday, July 9, 2007 at 5:00 p.m.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Cloud, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby approve moving the July Work Session to Monday, July 9, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. and the Regular meeting Thursday, July 12, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. and schedule the special meeting with IESI to discuss the trash collection system to Monday, July 9, 2007 at 5:00 p.m.

Motion Carried

President Barrios then asked Mr. Hymes to say a prayer before closing.

Since there was no other business to come before the Jury, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mr. Cox, 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

ATTEST:

Alice Barrios, President

Catherine Hamilton,
Parish Administrator