

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

April 17, 2008

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 Thursday, April 17, 2008 at five o'clock (5:00) p.m.

The invocation was given by Juror Tom Collier, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Juror Fred Jacobs.

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

There was absent: William Hymes

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. Collier, duly seconded by Mr. Paige, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt the minutes of the regular meeting held Wednesday, April 17, 2008.

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-start the process to appoint/re-appoint someone to the Natchitoches Parish Housing Authority, due to Mrs. Elizabeth Dalton's term's expiring.

Motion Carried
With
Mr. Dollar
"Abstaining"

On motion by Mr. Collier, duly seconded by Mr. Paige, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby accept the report of Office of Community Services.

Motion Carried

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On motion by Mr. Hoffpauir, duly seconded by Mr. Paige, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby open a public hearing to hear any and all comments or objections relative to amending Section 17.6 - D 2 by creating part (a) of the Natchitoches Parish Code of Ordinances requiring any new Subdivision development and the land owner of said subdivision shall publicly dedicate a right of way to the Parish to meet the minimum roadway requirements and same shall be placed on a plat of survey and said subdivision.

Motion Carried

President Huggins then declared the public hearing open and asked if there were anyone present who would like to comment on the matter. Since no one came forward, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mr. Hoffpauir, duly seconded by Mr. Paige, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby close the public hearing.

Motion Carried

President Huggins then declared the public hearing closed.

No action was taken on the above matter, due to the fact, that it would be addressed at another public hearing in May.

On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Dollar, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt a proclamation declaring the week of April 14-18, 2008, as National County Government Week in the Parish of Natchitoches.

Motion Carried

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On motion by Mr. Dollar, duly seconded by Mr. Collier, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt a resolution requesting members of the Natchitoches Parish Legislative Delegation to support local administration and collection of sales and use taxes.

Motion Carried

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On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Garrett, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby start the process to levy millage tax rates for 2008.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Longlois, duly seconded by Mr. Dollar, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt a resolution requesting Assistant District Attorney, Mr. Kip Fair, to look into the option of selling the Natchitoches Regional Medical Center (Natchitoches Parish Hospital).

Motion Carried
with
Mr. Paige
"Abstaining"

On motion by Mr. Hoffpauir, duly seconded by Mr. Jacobs, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt a resolution proclaiming the month of April as Fair Housing Month.

Motion Carried

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On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Collier, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby conduct a public hearing to hear any and all Comments or objections relative to changing the name of P. R. #920D, from the Creppell Road to the Kile Road.

Motion Carried

President Huggins then declared the public hearing open. He asked if there were any comments or objections. He then recognized Mr. Dollar who asked if the residents who lived on the Creppell Road had any objections. It was then stated that the residents and the 911 System were already using the Kile Road. Since there were no other comments or objections, 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 close the public hearing.

President Huggins then declared the public hearing closed.

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

On motion by Mr. Dollar, duly seconded by Mr. Longlois, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby change the name of P. R. #920D, from the Creppell Road to the Kile Road.

Motion Carried

President Huggins then read the next item on the agenda relative to starting the process to adopt an ordinance to ban the use of deer dogs for hunting in Natchitoches Parish. Several persons from the audience wanted to comment on the subject. President Huggins then recognized the President of the Fox Association who stated that they had fought the issue in Baton Rouge and was in opposition of the Jury adopting this ordinance. It was then stated that this matter would be discussed at a public hearing in May. After several comments from Jurors and people in the audience, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mrs. Stoker, duly seconded by Mr. Dollar, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby start the process to adopt an ordinance banning the use of deer dogs for hunting in Natchitoches Parish.

On a roll call vote, the vote was taken, with the vote being as follows:

YES: Dollar, Stoker and Huggins.

NO: Hoffpauir and Jacobs.

ABSTAINING: Longlois, Paige, Garrett, Martin and Collier.

ABSENT: Hymes.

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With the vote being **three (3) yes, two (2) no and five (5) abstaining**, the motion to start the process to adopt an ordinance banning the use of deer dogs for hunting in Natchitoches Parish passed.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Jacobs, duly seconded by Mr. Dollar, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby approve changing the hours of operation of the Parish Highway Department to four-ten hour days.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Jacobs, duly seconded by Mr. Longlois, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt a resolution authorizing the sale of the Cloutierville Little League Ballpark with a minimum price of \$10,000.00.

Motion Carried
 With
 Mr. Paige
 Mr. Garrett
 "Abstaining"

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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 revising the 2008 General Fund and Disability Ramp Budgets.

Motion Carried

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On motion by Mr. Dollar, duly seconded by Mr. Longlois, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby start the process to conduct a public hearing to hear any and all comments relative to removing a portion of the Ray Carpenter Road out of the Parish Road System.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Hoffpauir, duly seconded by Mr. Jacobs, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby present a Peoples Involvement Award to Mr. Bill Powell and Mr. Doyle Pleasant for their assistance in helping the Parish during an emergency caused by a recent storm.

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 deny the payment of claims from accidents involving from Ms. Ruby Cliff and Ms. Wanda Eddy.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Collier, duly seconded by Mr. Jacobs, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby authorize Mr. Kip Fair to write a letter to the attorney of Mr. John Roberston informing them that the Jury do not have the funds to pay the Judgment.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Longlois, duly seconded by Mr. Collier, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby appoint Mr. Fred Jacobs to the 911 Commission.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Hoffpauir, duly seconded by Mr. Longlois, 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 April 17, 2008 through April 16, 2008 in the amount of **\$3,039.38.**

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Dollar, duly seconded by Mr. Paige, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby approve expenditures for the period of April 17, 2008 through April 16, 2008 in the amount of **\$866,889.90.**

Motion Carried

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On motion by Mr. Hoffpauir, duly seconded by Mr. Jacobs, 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