

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

May 15, 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, May 15, 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 President Charles Huggins.

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

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 Huggins recognized Sheriff Victor Jones who told the Jury that he would like to speak about the good news first. He stated that it was his understanding that the Jury had voted to call an election for a tax for the inmate care cost and that he and his department will be supporting the tax. Sheriff Jones then stated that he wanted to address the Jury as a whole to find out whether or not the Jury would be able to pay for the inmate care costs. Police Juror Dollar stated that we had been trying to meet with some of your folks for quite some time to get some of these numbers together and that he do think there is a difference of opinion about the cost of care that the Jury is required to pay. Mr. Dollar also stated that he would love to sit down with his staff and attorney to discuss this matter and was seeking some direction as to what he needed to do concerning this matter. After a lengthy discussion, it was stated that the Jury did not have any funds to pay for the inmates.

President Huggins then recognized Mr. Ronald Corkern, Chairman of the Natchitoches Regional Medical Center Board, who told the Jury that he was at the meeting on a hospital matter but wanted to discuss the inmate care cost. He stated that the Jury needed to get a tax passed and that he would do anything he could to help pass the tax. Mr. Corkern gave the Jury some suggestions that may help them to pass the tax. Mr. Corkern then told the Jury that the Hospital Board has passed a resolution authorizing the sale of 10 million dollars bonds to construct a new nursing home. After a lengthy discussion from several Jurors, Mr. Huggins stated that this matter would be placed on next month's agenda.

On motion by Mr. Hymes, duly seconded by Mr. Jacobs, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt the minutes of the regular meeting held Thursday, April 17, 2008.

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 revoke the public dedication of rights of way and easements in the Lambre Estates Subdivision.

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 accept the report of the Office of Community Services.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Collier, duly seconded by Mr. Hoffpauir, 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 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. He then asked if there were any comments or objections relative to amending Section 17.6-D2 of the Natchitoches Parish Code of Ordinances concerning public dedicated right of way. Since there were no comments or objections, the following action was taken:

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

Motion Carried

President Huggins then read the next item on the agenda relative to adopting an ordinance 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. It was then stated that since Assistant District Attorney Kip Fair was absent, this matter would be placed on next month's agenda for consideration. Relative to this, the following action was taken

On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Collier, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby table adopting an ordinance 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

On motion by Mr. Hoffpauir, duly seconded by Mr. Collier, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby start the process to change the name of the J. Miller Road to the Kenneth Long Road.

On motion by Mr. Jacobs, duly seconded by Mr. Hymes, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby award the bids received Monday, May 12, 2008 for the sale of the old Cloutierville Little League Ballpark to the highest bidder, Mr. Glen St. Andry of Natchitoches, Louisiana, in the amount of \$12,000.00.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Hymes, duly seconded by Mr. Longlois, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby authorize enclosing an area in the Judges Law Library to house the computer server in the amount of approximately \$10,000.00.

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 start the process to appoint members to the Natchitoches Parish Fire Protection District #4 Board.

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 adopt a resolution approving the holding of an election in Fire Protection District #1 in the Parish of Natchitoches, Louisiana on Saturday, July 19, 2008, to renew and authorize the levy of an annual parcel fee in the amount of \$25.00.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Hymes, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby table re-appointing Mr. Dan Dyess to the Natchitoches Parish Fire Protection District #6 Board, due to his term expiring.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Jacobs, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby reinitiate the Children Planning Board and authorizing the Board to work with Ms. Sharon W. McCall to find resources for various Programs.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Hymes, duly seconded by Mr. Dollar, 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 Fire Protection District #3 Board of Directors.

Motion Carried

President Huggins then recognized Director of Public Works Earl Townsend who presented the following report for emergency expenditures for the period of April 17, 2008 through May 15, 2008 in the amount of \$113.53.

On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Collier, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby approve expenditures for the period of April 17, 2008 through May 15, 2008 in the amount of \$866,892.90.

Motion Carried

President Huggins then recognized the Parish Treasurer who told the Jury that the payment to IRS was going to be much lower than she had anticipated. She stated that the staff had been in contact with several vendors who returned their forms that resulted in a lower payment. After a brief discussion, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Hoffpauir, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby add to the agenda approving the payment to IRS and authorizing the president to sign the necessary papers.

Motion Carried

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 payment to IRS and authorize the president to sign the necessary papers.

Motion Carried

President Huggins then recognized the Parish Administrator who told the Jury that the District Attorney had rendered his opinion and that the Jury was properly authorized to place the waste disposal station at its present location. President Huggins then recognized Mr. Earl Townsend who asked if the Jury would consider putting a compactor station instead of the bins. Parish Treasurer Debbie Miley stated that she had budgeted for one possible two compactor stations for the year. She stated that she was trying to wait until the latter part of the year to know for sure if the Jury would be able to afford the second one. After a brief discussion, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Hoffpauir, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby add to the agenda authorizing the placement of a compactor station at the location in Provencal.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Hoffpauir, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby authorize the placement of a compactor station at the location in Provencal.

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 adjourn until the next regular or called meeting of the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury.

Motion Carried

ATTEST:

Charles Huggins, President

Catherine Hamilton,
Parish Administrator