

PROCEEDINGS OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
NATCHITOCHE PARISH POLICE JURY
HELD TUESDAY, May 27, 2008

9:00 A.M.

The Police Jury of the Parish of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, met in special session in the Courtroom of the Natchitoches Parish Courthouse, on Tuesday, May 12, 2008 at nine (9:00) o'clock a.m.

The invocation was given by Juror Tom Collier followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Juror Charles Huggins.

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

There was absent: David Dollar

President Huggins then stated that the purpose of this meeting was to discuss and amend the General Fund Budget. He then recognized Parish Administrator Catherine Hamilton who told the Jury that she had been asked by several Jurors to see if cuts could be made in the General Fund to pay the Sheriff for the parish inmates. Mrs. Hamilton told the Jury that she and Mrs. Miley had come up with some adjustment that would help. She then stated that Mrs. Miley would explain what they had come up with concerning the budget.

President Huggins then recognized Mrs. Miley who told the Jury that the Parish Administrator and herself had met with Mr. Louie Bernard and asked him about the \$40,000.00 that was budgeted for his books binding. Mr. Bernard told both of them that he would not request the \$40,000.00 this year but would like the Jury to add the fund in their next year's budget. Ms. Miley then stated that she made adjustments to line item where she had put in extra for the hospitalization for new jurors. She also stated that she adjusted the dues, travel for jurors, hospitalization and retirement for assistant Das and other employees, salary for the purchasing agent. Ms. Miley also stated that these cuts would only pay for the months of April and May. Relative to this, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mr. Collier, duly seconded by Mr. Longlois, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby approve amending the General Fund Budget.

Motion Carried

Mr. Paige then brought to discuss the possibility of bringing back video poker to help fund transportation for the sick and elderly. There then ensued a discussion on the possible things the Jury should look into to help with current problems. The subject of video poker and video bingo was mentioned as a possible source. After a lengthy discussion, it was then requested that the discussion of video poker be put on the next month's agenda for consideration.

Since there were no other business to come before the Jury, a motion was made by Mr. Collier, duly seconded by Mr. Longlois, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in special and legal session convened, does hereby adjourn until its next regular or called meeting.

Motion Carried

ATTEST:

Charles Huggins, President

Catherine Hamilton,
Parish Administrator