

**PROCEEDINGS OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE**  
**NATCHITOCHE PARISH POLICE JURY**  
**HELD WEDNESDAY, JULY 23, 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 Wednesday, July 23, 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 Jessie Hoffpauir.

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

There was absent: Mimi Stoker

President Huggins then stated that the purpose of this meeting was to discuss and amend and cut the General Fund and Criminal Court Budgets. He then recognized Mr. Bob Black, Parish Librarian, who asked the Jury not to rededicate the Library Tax. Mr. Black stated that they had worked hard to pass the tax and felt that it should be used for the Library purpose only. President Huggins then recognized Judge Rick Harrington who stated that he is aware of the pre-trial problem and is willing to help where he could. Judge Harrington also stated that he would get with the Parish Treasurer to look at the budget. President Huggins then recognized Judge Dee Hawthorne who told the Jury that she has looked into ways to save money. President Huggins then recognized District Attorney Van Kyzar who told the Jury that his office had given money back to the Police Jury to help offset expenses. President Huggins then recognized Sheriff Victor Jones who stated that he realized that there is a serious problem but it has been coming for a long time. Sheriff Jones also stated that it was not his responsibility to pay for this out of his funds and asked if the Jury was going to pay the bills that were submitted for payment?

President Huggins then stated that the next item on the agenda was to adopt a resolution to submit Parish land to the Louisiana State Mineral Board. He then recognized District Attorney Van Kyzar who stated that the Jury could submit the whole Parish or a portion of the Parish. After a brief discussion, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mr. Collier, duly seconded by Mr. Hoffpauir, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt a resolution to authorize the Natchitoches Parish President and/or Administrator to request the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, Office of the State Mineral board, to lease a portion of certain mineral interests owned by the Parish of Natchitoches and located in the northern part of the Parish and to sign any and all documents relating to said matter.

Motion Carried

President Huggins then recognized Mr. Dollar who stated that he would like to make the motion concerning the rededication of millage taxes for the health unit and library. Mr. Dollar stated that he would like to make the motion in order to vote against the rededication. Relative to this, 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 adopt a resolution calling an election to rededicate the Health Unit and Library millage taxes.

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

**YES**: Garrett

**NO**: Longlois, Dollar, Hymes, Martin, Collier, Hoffpauir, Jacobs and Huggins.

**ABSENT**: Stoker; (Paige was absent for the vote).

With the vote being **one (1) yes** and **eight (8) no**, the motion to adopt a resolution calling an election to rededicate the Health Unit and Library millage taxes failed.

Motion Failed

President Huggins then recognized Mr. Jim Sandefur, Insurance Representative, who spoke to the Jury about information concerning health insurance. He stated that the Jury could change the plan but he would not recommend changing the plan until renewal time.

After several comments from Jurors, it was then requested that the Parish Administrator and Parish Treasurer would come up with a list of budget cuts for the Jury to discuss at the next meeting.

President Huggins then recognized Mrs. Penny Neitte who stated that the Highway Department was having a problem with bridge inspection. She stated that she had received a proposal from someone who does bridge inspection work for the State and was willing to do the inspection for the Parish. After a brief discussion, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mr. Collier, duly seconded by Mr. Longlois, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in special and legal session convened, does hereby add to the agenda to approve hiring Right of Way Acquisition Group, LLC to do bridge inspection for the Parish at \$1,200.00 per tract.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Collier, duly seconded by Mr. Longlois, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in special and legal session convened, does hereby approve hiring Right of Way Acquisition Group, LLC to do bridge inspection for the Parish at \$1,200.00 per tract.

Motion Carried

Since there were no other business to come before the Jury, a motion was made by Mr. Dollar, 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:

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Charles Huggins, President

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Catherine Hamilton,  
Parish Administrator