

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

August 21, 2008

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, August 21, 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 David Dollar.

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.

On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Longlois, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt the minutes of the regular meeting held Thursday, July 17, 2008 and the special meetings held Wednesday, July 23, 2008 and Thursday, July 31, 2008.

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 start the process to appoint/reappoint members to the Natchitoches Parish Planning Commission due to Mr. Charles McNeely and Mr. Travis Guin's terms expiring.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Garrett, duly seconded by Mr. Paige, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby start the process to appoint someone to the Natchitoches Parish Port Commission due to the resignation of Mr. Calvin Braxton.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Martin, duly seconded by Mr. Collier, 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 #8 of the Parish of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, on Tuesday, November 4, 2008, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein.

Motion Carried

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On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mrs. Stoker, 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 #3 of the Parish of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, on Tuesday, November 4, 2008, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein.

Motion Carried

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On motion by Mr. Jacobs, duly seconded by Mr. Dollar, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby canvass the votes of the special election held Saturday, July 19, 2008.

Motion Carried

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

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Longlois, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby amend the name of Ward 1, Precinct 9 and 9A from the NCHS Girls Gym to the NCHS Boys Gym.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Martin, duly seconded by Mr. Collier, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt a resolution authorizing the President to sign the necessary forms to submit a grant to the Louisiana Government Assistance Program to make needed repairs to the Pace Community Center, in the amount of \$15,000.00.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Jacobs, duly seconded by Mrs. Stoker, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt a resolution authorizing the President to sign the necessary forms to submit a grant to the Louisiana Government Assistance Program for the Natchitoches Parish Fire Protection District #5 to purchase two (2) Thermal Imagers, in the amount of \$25,000.00.

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 enter into a lease agreement with Mr. Charlie Churchman (Bayou Camitte Lands, LLC) to use a portion of his land behind the NPSO South Sub-Station located off Highway 1 South for a fenced in bin site for two years.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Martin, duly seconded by Mr. Collier, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt a resolution authorizing the President to sign the necessary forms to submit a grant to the Louisiana Government Assistance Program for the Sandy Point Water System to come into compliance with the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals in the amount of \$35,243.60.

Motion Carried

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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 a resolution accepting the final approval by the Louisiana Statewide Flood Program on the Connie Drive Project.

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 select Nowlin and Associates as the Engineering Firm for the Industrial Drive Project.

Motion Carried

President Huggins then stated that the next item on the agenda was to amend the budget. He then asked Parish Treasurer Debbie Miley to come forward and discuss the budget. Ms. Miley told the Jury that she had made additional cuts in the General Fund and Criminal Court Fund and there was nothing left to cut. Ms. Miley also stated that with the transfer of monies from the General Fund to the Criminal Court Fund along with the estimated revenues would balance the Criminal Court Fund. After several questions and comments, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mr. Hymes, duly seconded by Mr. Dollar, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby approve amending the budgets.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Collier, duly seconded by Mr. Dollar, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby authorize the Parish Administrator to send a certified letter to IESI requesting information concerning the scale, cost per ton, and manner in which costs are determined.

Motion Carried

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 of appointing a Committee to study and recommend potential new forms of governance for Natchitoches Parish.

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

YES: Longlois, Dollar, Martin, Stoker and Huggins.

NO: Paige, Garrett, Hymes, Collier, Hoffpauir and Jacobs.

ABSENT: None.

With the vote being **five (5) yes** and **six (6) no**, the motion to start the process of appointing a committee to study and recommend potential new forms of governance failed.

Motion Failed

On motion by Mrs. Stoker, duly seconded by Mr. Jacobs, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby authorize the District Attorney to submit a response to the lawsuit filed by Sheriff Victor Jones.

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 authorize the President to sign any and all documents necessary concerning the lawsuit filed by Sheriff Victor Jones.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Garrett, duly seconded by Mr. Jacobs, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby approve the NPPJOCS Head Start Calendar for the 2008-2009 program year.

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 appoint Mr. Dan Dyess to the Natchitoches Parish Fire Protection District #6 Board of Commissioners.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Collier, duly seconded by Mr. Longlois, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby authorize paying the medical cost of parish inmates from the Health Unit Fund for 2008 and 2009.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Garrett, duly seconded by Mr. Longlois, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby authorize paying the telephone bills out of the Government Building Fund for the remainder of 2008.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Dollar, duly seconded by Mr. Longlois, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby authorize the reinstatement of using hard checks for payroll instead of electronic deposits until the first month of 2009.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Longlois, duly seconded by Mr. Jacobs, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt a resolution authorizing the President to sign the necessary forms to submit a grant to the Louisiana Government Assistance Program for the Flora Community Center for improvements in the amount of \$25,000.00.

Motion Carried

President Huggins then read the next item on the agenda concerning the Line of Credit. He asked Parish Treasurer to bring the Jury up to date concerning this Matter. Ms. Miley told the Jury that Mr. Huggins, Mr. Collier and herself had met with a representative of Exchange Bank & Trust Company to explain the Jury's situation and see if would be possible to obtain the Line of Credit. Ms. Miley then told the Jury that the representative stated that it may be possible to grant the Line of Credit but he would have to speak with the Loan Commission, the Bond Commission and several others before getting back in touch with the Jury. After a brief discussion, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mr. Collier, duly seconded by Mrs. Stoker, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby authorize the President to secure and sign a 90 day Line of Credit from the Exchange Bank & Trust Company in the amount of \$100,000.00.

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

YES: Longlois, Paige, Garrett, Dollar, Hymes, Martin, Collier, Hoffpauir, Stoker, Jacobs and Huggins.

NO: None.

ABSENT: None.

With the vote being **eleven (11)** voting **yes** and **zero (0)** voting **no**, the motion to authorize the President to secure and sign a 90 day Line of Credit from Exchange Bank & Trust Company in the amount of \$100,000.00 passed.

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 the report of the Director of Public works for emergency expenditures for the period of July 18, 2008 through August 21, 2008, in the amount of \$1,402.88.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mrs. Stoker, duly seconded by Mr. Jacobs, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby approve expenditures for the period of July 18, 2008 through August 21, 2008 in the amount of **\$1,360,900.36.**

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Hoffpauir, duly seconded by Mr. Jacobs, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session, 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