

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

October 16, 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, October 16, 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, 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 then recognized Ms. Cindy Sutton, Director of the Cane River National Heritage Center, who asked the Jury to allow the Cane River National Heritage to use the Police Jury name on their promotion brochure. Ms. Sutton stated that it would not obligate the Jury in any manner by placing their name of the brochure. After a brief discussion, it was agreed to place this item on the November agenda for further discussion and consideration.

On motion by Mr. Hymes, duly seconded by Mr. Collier, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt a resolution of appreciation for NPPJ Highway Department Employee, Mr. Ira "Buffalo" Sowell, on his retirement.

Motion Carried

President Huggins then asked Mr. Ira Lee Sowell to please step forward. He then presented Mr. Sowell with Plaque congratulating him on his retirement after working 31 years with the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury. President Huggins then asked Mr. Jacobs to read and present the resolution of appreciation to Mr. Sowell. Mr. Sowell then thanked the Jury.

President Huggins then recognized Parish Administrator Catherine Hamilton who told the Jury that the Louisiana Police Jury Association was asking parishes to adopt a resolution of support for Amendment #4 that will be on November 4, 2008 ballot. Mrs. Hamilton stated that, if passed, this amendment would increase the severance tax maximum amount remitted to parishes from \$850,000 to \$2,850,000 by July 1, 2010. Relative to this, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mr. Dollar, duly seconded by Mr. Hymes, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby add to the agenda adopting a resolution endorsing and supporting the passage of Amendment #4 on the statewide election ballot.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Dollar, duly seconded by Mr. Jacobs, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt a resolution endorsing and supporting the passage of Amendment #4 on the statewide election ballot.

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 adopt the minutes of the regular meeting held Thursday, September 18, 2008.

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 re-start the process to appoint someone to the Natchitoches Parish Planning Commission due to Mr. Charles McNeely's term expiring.

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 start the process to appoint someone to the Natchitoches Parish Planning Commission due to Mr. Newton "Sonny" Powell, Jr.'s term expiring.

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 to appoint/reappoint someone to the Natchitoches Parish Hospital Board of Directors, due to Mr. Ronald Corkern's term expiring.

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 Office of Community Services.

On motion by Mr. Hoffpauir, duly seconded by Mr. Longlois, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby re-appoint Mrs. Robin Leyva to the Natchitoches Parish Tourist Commission, due to her term expiring.

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 authorize the District Attorney to proceed with terminating the Shooting Range lease between the Natchitoches Sportsman's Association and the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury.

Motion Carried
With
Mr. Dollar
"opposing"

On motion by Mr. Jacobs, duly seconded by Mr. Longlois, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby re-appoint Mr. George Culpepper and Mr. Ralph Hernandez persons to the Fire Protection District #5 Board of Directors, due to their terms expiring.

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 approve the leasing of a 2006 John Deere cab dozer from Doggett Machinery Services in the amount of \$1,057.50 per month for thirty six (36) months.

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 the advertising of bid proposals for the purchase of a used 14 yard dump truck for the Parish Highway Department.

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 adopt a resolution authorizing the issuance of bonds not exceeding Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) to Waterworks District #2 for water improvements.

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 authorize the Treasurer to seek proposal for life, health and dental, workers compensation, auto, property, inland marine, crime coverage and public official liability insurance for the year 2009.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Hymes, duly seconded by Mr. Jacobs, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby declare the Jury's scrap iron surplus and authorizing the sale of material.

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 authorize the purchasing agent to advertise for sealed bid proposals for materials and supplies for the Parish Highway Department for 2009.

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 add Winn Rock to the list of materials and supplies for the Parish Highway Department.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Hymes, duly seconded by Mr. Hoffpauir, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby table authorizing the President to sign the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation, and Tourism, Office of State Museum for the rental of the Old Courthouse.

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 adopt a Three-year Capital outlay Plan for the Highway Department.

Motion Carried

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President Huggins then recognized Mr. Earl Townsend, Director of Public Works, who reported no emergency expenditures for the period of September 19, 2008 through October 16, 2008.

On motion by Mr. Dollar, duly seconded by Mr. Garrett, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby approve expenditures for the period of September 19, 2008 through October 16, 2008 in the amount of **\$1,084,075.75.**

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Longlois, duly seconded by Mr. Dollar, 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