

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

November 20, 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, November 20, 2008 at five o'clock (5:00) p.m.

The Invocation was given by Juror Chris Paige, 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 Mr. Robert Davis who asked the Jury not to take the Sid Johnson Road out of the Parish Road System. After a brief discussion, the Jury told Mr. Davis that a public hearing would be held at the next Work Session to hear all comments or objections concerning the removal of this road.

On motion by Mr. Collier, duly seconded by Mr. Hymes, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt the minutes of the regular meeting held Thursday, October 16, 2008.

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 a resolution allowing Raising Cane's Restaurant, LLC, Project #20080898, to participate in the local benefits of the Enterprise Zone.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Garrett, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby re-start the process to appoint persons to the Natchitoches Parish Planning Commission due to Mr. Charles McNeely and Mr. Newton "Sonny" Powell, Jr.'s term expiring.

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 re-appoint Mr. Ronald Corkern to the Natchitoches Parish Hospital Board of Directors, due to his term expiring.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mrs. Stoker, duly seconded by Mr. Hymes, 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. Hymes, duly seconded by Mr. Collier, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby award bids received Wednesday, November 19, 2008, for the purchase of a used dump truck to the low bidder, Timmons Truck Center, Alexandria, Louisiana, in the amount of \$57,700.00.

Motion Carried

A brief discussion then ensued relative to purchasing the other dump truck. Mrs. Hamilton then stated that the Jury would have to re-advertise for the purchase of the other dump truck. President Huggins then recognized Mr. Collier who stated that he would like to offer authorizing Mrs. Hamilton to look into purchasing another dump truck off state contract. Relative to this, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mr. Hymes, duly seconded by Mr. Collier, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby add to the agenda authorizing Mrs. Hamilton to look into purchasing a dump truck off state contract.

Motion Carried

After several comments and questions from the Jurors, Mr. Townsend stated that his department could use another dump truck. 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 authorize Mrs. Hamilton to purchase a dump truck off state contract for 2009.

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 award bids received Wednesday, November 19, 2008, for materials and supplies for the Parish Highway Department as follows:

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 authorize the re-advertisement for bids proposals for crushed stone and glauconite.

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 award the bid for 5/8" grader blades to the only bidder, Doggett Machinery Services of Shreveport, Louisiana, in the amount of \$122.00 per set of 100 and \$118.00 per set of 200.

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 award the bid for hot mix asphalt to the only bidder Madden Contracting Company in the amount of \$76.00 per ton.

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 award the bid for Lightweight Aggregate to the only bidder, Big River Industries of Erwinville, Louisiana, in the amount of \$28.00 per cubic yard.

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 reject the bid for liquid asphalt and authorize the re-advertisement for said product.

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 award the bid for lumber, timber and piling to the only bidder, Kennedy Sawmill, Inc of Shreveport, Louisiana.

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 award the bid for metal culverts to the overall low bidder, Contech Constructions Products, Inc. of Shreveport, Louisiana.

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 award the bid received for oils and greases to the only bidder, Lott Oil Company of Natchitoches, Louisiana.

Motion Carried
With
Mr. David Dollar
"abstaining"

On motion by Mr. Hymes, duly seconded by Mr. Collier, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby award the bid received for Sweeping, laying and rolling of hot mix to the only bidder, J. D. Lites & Son of Many, Louisiana, in the amount of \$18.00 per ton.

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 authorize the re-advertisement for sealed bid proposals for washed gravel and winn rock.

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 approve health insurance for 2009 with PGRMA, Option 2 - Managed Care Option.

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 approve life and dental insurance for the year 2009 with Metlife.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Hymes, duly seconded by Mr. Paige, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby approve proposal from Arthur Gallagher Risk Management Services, Inc. for workers compensation, auto, property, inland marine, crime coverage and public official liability insurance for the year 2009.

Motion Carried

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On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Collier, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby amend the 2008 budget.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Dollar, duly seconded by Mr. Hymes, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby authorize 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 once the new negotiated price have been offered.

Motion Carried

President Paige then recognized Mr. Paige who asked if the Jury was legally obligated to house the offices in the Courthouse? He then stated that the Jury housed everybody and they are still needing extra space. Mrs. Hamilton then told the Jury that State law mandates the Jury to house the offices located in the Courthouse. Mr. Hoffpauir then asked if there were any offices that the Jury was not mandated by law to provide? Mrs. Hamilton stated that the Museum and Genealogy Office was the only ones not mandated by law. Mrs. Stoker then stated that she had read the orange book over and agreed that the Jury was mandated to furnish these offices.

President Huggins then read the agenda item regarding the removal of the Sid Johnson Road. Mrs. Hamilton stated that Mr. Townsend had stated that to his knowledge no one would be landlocked but Mr. Martin is stating otherwise. Mr. Robert Davis then asked if the gates could be taken down. A lengthy discussion ensued and 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 start the process to remove .28 miles of P. R. #102, the Sid Johnson Road, out of the Parish Road System.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Dollar, duly seconded by Mrs. Stoker, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby allow the Cane River National Heritage to use the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury name in their landscape brochure.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Dollar, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby approve the construction of a compactor site in Powhatan behind the Village Hall.

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 amend the Parish Development Permit ordinance.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Dollar, duly seconded by Mr. Collier, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby authorize the payment of \$26,532.34 to IRS.

Motion Carried

President Huggins then recognized Mr. Hoffpauir who stated that it was his understanding that an IRS Representative stated that we did not have to pay and now another is saying we have to pay the money. Ms. Miley then stated that it was also her understanding that for the year 2005 the Jury would not have to pay anything and now they are saying we have to pay. Ms. Miley also stated that we are still in the appeal process and that we may not have to pay. She then stated that Senator Landrieu, Senator Vitter and Representative McCrery had been contacted to assist with this problem.

President Huggins then recognized Mr. Earl Townsend, Director of Public Works, who reported no emergency expenditures for the period of October 17, 2008 through November 20, 2008.

On motion by Mr. Hymes, duly seconded by Mr. Paige, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby approve expenditures for the period of October 17, 2008 through November 20, 2008 in the amount of **\$935,243.93.**

Motion Carried

President Huggins then recognized the Parish Administrator who told the Jury that she was requesting that the administration office be allowed to close in order to catch up paperwork. Mrs. Hamilton stated that since her office is short of three persons, the staff needed extra time to complete the paperwork necessary to close out this year. Mrs. Hamilton also stated that the telephone and visitors in and out of the office made it very difficult to complete tasks. She then stated that by closing the door to the public would give her staff the time needed to complete various tasks. After a brief discussion, it was agreed that Mrs. Hamilton be allowed to close the door to the public on Friday afternoon once it was announced to the public.

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