

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

April 19, 2010

5:00 P. M.

The Police Jury of the Parish of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, met in regular and legal session in the Police Jury Board Room of the Natchitoches Parish Courthouse, on Monday, April 19, 2010 at five o'clock (5:00) p.m.

The Invocation was given by Rev. James Below, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Juror Charles Huggins.

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

There were absent: None.

Staff Present: Catherine Hamilton, Corrine Young, Debbie Miley, Greg Lemoine, Sharon Harris, Judie Barnum, Beverly Washington, Annette Johnson, Earl Townsend and Penny Niette.

The Police Jury of the Parish of Natchitoches was then 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 Jacobs then asked Mrs. Stoker, Mr. Hymes and Mr. Longlois to assist with the presentation of awards. Mrs. Stoker presented Certificates of Recognition to players and coaches of both the Lady Chiefs Basketball Team and the Lady Chiefs Powerlifting Team. Mr. Hymes presented proclamations to both the Girls Basketball and Powerlifting teams proclaiming Wednesday, April 21, 2010 as "NCHS All Champions Day" in the Parish of Natchitoches. President Jacobs then presented plaques to Coach Emma Boozman and Coach Bob Ralston congratulating them on their team achievements.

President Jacobs then recognized Head Coach Emma Boozman of the Lady Chiefs Basketball Team, who told the Jury that she appreciated the Police Jury and everyone that honored them today. She stated that it has been a great ride and they have had a wonderful time. She then stated that she had attended church yesterday and a lot of people said they were praying for the whole team. The state championship was wonderful and this is a great group of girls.

Head Coach Bob Ralston then thanked the Police Jury for recognizing the NCHS Girls Powerlifting team.

On motion by Mr. Hymes, duly seconded by a unanimously vote, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt resolutions congratulating the Lady Chiefs Basketball and Powerlifting teams as State Champions and declaring Wednesday, April 21, 2010 as "NCHS Champions Day" in the Parish of Natchitoches.

Motion Carried

President Jacobs then recognized the following persons who asked the Jury for their consideration in being appointed to Boards and Commissions created by the Police Jury:

Mr. Joe Hays step forward and told the Jury that he wanted to be re-appointed to the Fire Protection District #7 Board of Directors. Mr. Hays stated that he had been with the fire department since 1985 and would appreciate the Jury's consideration on putting him back on the board.

Mr. Johnny Sims told the Jury he was with Fire District #7 fire department and had been on the board for 44 years. He then asked the Jury to be re-appointed.

Mr. Edgar Roge' told the Jury that he has served on the Waterworks District #2 Board for the last 6 to 8 years and was asking to be re-appointed.

Mr. Merilyn Robinson stated that he was asking to be re-appointed to the Natchitoches Parish Planning Commission.

The following Children Youth Board Applicants stepped forward and asked the Jury to be appointed to the Natchitoches Parish Children Planning and Youth Board:

Ms. Gail Braudaway  
Ms. Merry Byers  
Ms. Anita Dubois  
Mr. Randall Hill  
Mrs. Gail Jones  
Ms. Tanja Legardy  
Mrs. Gwen Fontenot

Mr. Ed Ward asked the Jury to be re-appointed to the Natchitoches Parish Housing Authority Board.

### **New Business**

Mr. Jacobs then asked if there were any new business. He told the Jury that they would discuss new business instead of going around the table at the end of the agenda.

He then recognized Mr. Dollar who stated that he had something he wanted to put on next month's Agenda. Mr. Dollar stated that he would like the Jury to consider amending the health unit budget to pay for rabies and animal control. He also stated that the Jury took the step at last month meeting to get the ordinance in place and have an attorney general's opinion in support of it. Mr. Dollar then stated that the Jury have to ask Mr. Harrington to form a letter to make sure we are covered and would like to put it on next month agenda.

President Jacobs then recognized Mr. Paige who stated that he was thinking about putting something on the agenda. He stated that he got a letter about the \$100,000.00 dollars from the hospital and the Jury should submit a letter to the Library Board and to all of the Jury's various boards that may be able to help the Police Jury out.

President Jacobs told the Jury that he wanted to explain what he was trying to do with the New Business. He stated that the last three or four times we had these going around the table at the end of the meeting, it just went on and on so we are trying to to kept it down to a mininmaual down to a minimum, if we can.

Mr. Dollar then stated that if he may add, the Assistant District Attorney Harrington is looking at the open meeting law and even if you have unanimous consent to add something to the agenda, the public must have an opportunity to comment.

President Jacobs then recognize Mr. Martin who told the Jury that everyone in his district did not want the nightclub the Jury would be voting on tonight.

President Jacobs then recognized Mr. Hoffpauir who stated that he wanted to add that we adopt Wednesday the cut off day and no one should be able to add anything to the agenda after it is mailed out. He would like to put this on next month's agenda

President Jacobs then recognized Mr. Dollar who stated that he like that the media is present when the Jury is discussing these matters. He stated that sometimes the Jury has done things that took us 90 days and it should have only taken 20 minutes.

President Jacobs then recognized Mrs. Stoker who stated that for the May meeting, she would like to add Mr. Ed Gibson, President of the Natchitoches Parish Fair Board along with Lynn Lacaze as visitors. Mrs. Stoker also stated that she had met with the Fair Board two weeks ago and told the Jury if they have not been to the fair ground in the last year, they should go because they have made fast improvement. Mrs. Stoker went on to say that the Fair Board did not come to the Jury to get a penny but had all kinds of fundraisers and moneymaking projects to raise a considerable amount of money. She then told the Jury that they had a national livestock show and 7 livestock shows planned as of right now.

On motion by Mr. Hymes, duly seconded by Mr. Paige, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt the minutes of the Work Session/Regular meeting held Monday, March 15, 2010.

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 appoint the following members to the Natchitoches Parish Children Youth Planning Board:

Ms. Gail Braudaway  
Ms. Merry Byers  
Ms. Anita Dubois  
Mr. Randall Hill  
Mrs. Gail Jones  
Ms. Tanja Legardy  
Mrs. Gwen Fontenot

Motion Carried

President Jacobs then stated that the next item on the agenda was to uphold or overturn the decision of the Natchitoches Parish Planning Commission approving an application submitted by Mr. Truett A. Tirvin to rezone a 2.00 acre tract of land located in Section 5, T12N, R6W from I-A to B-3 to operate a night club on Highway 479. He then declared the Public Hearing open.

President Jacobs then recognized Mr. Martin who told the Jury he had talked with landowners around the community who have made some investments to their property and did not want to give it up.

Mrs. Stoker then asked Mr. Martin if he wanted the Jury to overturn the Planning decision.

Mr. Dollar then stated that it appears to him that the Planning Commission usually makes the decision and asked if Mrs. Corrine or someone from planning was present? Mr. Dollar stated that the Jury wanted to take the property owners in consideration and asked if there was something they were missing because folks are against it and the Jury has a group of people who made a decision.

Mrs. Corrine Young, Director of Planning and Zoning, told the Jury that there were four property owners and only one property owner came to the meeting. She stated that she never spoke with Mr. Cheatwood and he never attended any of the meetings. She then stated that most of the property owners on the petition were not in the 300 feet that by law they had to contact. The other two property owners were timber companies and they did not contact her office neither did they send a representative. Mrs. Young went on to say that Mr. Bandaries purchased the property doing the time that the club was in service and this was a question that was asked. She then stated Mr. Bandaries did raise a complaint that the sheriff office has been called out several times but there was no documentation presented to them concerning the complaints. Mrs. Young then stated that the Commission asked the Chief Building Official (CBO) Greg Lemoine to go and make an inspection of the facility and he did.

She stated that the State Fire Marshall, Mr. Robert Baker, also made an inspection of the place. She then stated that there were a couple of things that had to be corrected in order for him to open and the building did not show any signs of residential living.

Mr. Hoffpauir then stated that from what he knew today when he walked in this meeting, there is a break down. He stated that he did not even know that this matter had went back to the Planning Commission. He then asked if it had been approved or denied, was it re-advertised by the Planning Commission, between the two times it was advertised? And, was the people notified so they could go back before the Planning Commission? He then stated that the Jury had a lot of people that was in the meeting the last time this was brought to them.

President Jacobs then recognize Mr. Bandaries who told the Jury that he did want to make anyone mad. He stated that he disagreed with what was said because that was not what the Commissioners told him after the meeting. He said he was told up or down it was going to be appealed. Mr. Bandaries stated that he was told they had to vote on it and he was not losing nothing because all he had to do is appeal. Mr. Bandaries then told the Jury that they were the deciding factor. He told the Jury that another landowner, Mr. Cheatwood, has land next to this place and was unable to make it to the first meeting but was here to speak tonight. Mr. Bandaries went on to say that the people in the community did not want it to reopen. He then stated that he bought one side and the other owner brought the other and his house set there for three months while the club was being built. Mr. Bandaries then told the Jury that he had pictures to show that it was 35 feet from his porch to the steps of the night club. They have been in my pond and they have been in the front yard and they have been all over my place. Mr. Cheatwood stated that he did not want the club to re open.

President Jacobs then recognized Mr. James Nugent, owner of the club who told the Jury when he closed the bar down, there was stuff left in there. Behind Mr. Bandaries House is a pipeline, if his house burnt no one would be able to re-build there again because it is too close to the pipeline. He stated that it is not a residential area; it is really agriculture property. Mr. Nugent stated that it is not like putting the bar right by subdivision, it is out in the woods. He said that you have to pay the same thing I have to, but I was there many years before he came there and he knew what was going on because they put it in the paper and post papers on the door. Mr. Nugent then stated that it was not until the last meeting that he had something to say about it, he even told him in person. He went on to say that at the last meeting is when he shows up with all this stuff, why he did not attend the first meeting? He stated that he have lawyers and doctors that come out on motorcycles. And on Sunday they cook free food for them. Mr. Nugent then stated if they show up drunk, he would not serve them.

President Jacobs then recognized Mr. Collier who stated that it was only 2 times in 14½ years, the Jury had to come back and do anything with the Planning Commission's decision.

Since there were no more comments or objections, President Jacobs closed the Public Hearing. After closing the Public Hearing, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mr. Martin, duly seconded by Mr. Collier, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby overturn the decision of the Natchitoches Parish Planning Commission approving an application submitted by Mr. Truett A. Tirvin to rezone a 2.00 acre tract of land located in Section 5, T12N, R6W from I-A to B-3 to operate a night club on Highway 479.

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

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

NAYS: Dollar

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

With the vote being ten (10) for and one (1) against, the motion to overturn the Planning Commission's decision passed.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Hymes, duly seconded by Mr. Dollar, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt a Financial Management Resolution for the FY 2010/2011 LCDBG Economic Development project for roadway expansion and levee recertification at Martco's Chopin Industrial Site.

Motion Carried

President Jacobs read the next item on the agenda and then recognized Mrs. Stoker who told the Jury that at the last meeting, but did not have the completed grant proposal ready to ask for the Jury's approval. She stated that she had spoke with Catherine and showed it to her but because of the deadline of this grant, she had already sent it off. Mrs. Stoker also told the Jury if they did not want to apply for this money all she had to do is call the lady to track it. She told the Jury that last month Jury was eligible for up to \$100,000 dollars but the grant she put together was for \$80,000.00 to have a hazardous waste pickup day in the parish and the Parish have not had that in years. Mrs. Stoker then told the Jury that she put the package together and if anyone have questions about it, she would be glad to answer those questions. It will be October before we are notified about getting the funding. Relative to this, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mrs. Stoker, duly seconded by Mr. Dollar, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby approve the submittal of a Community Action for a Renewed Environment application through the Environmental Protection Agency for Natchitoches Parish in the amount of \$80,000.00.

Motion Carried

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On motion by Mr. Dollar, duly seconded by Mrs. Stoker, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt resolution to levy taxes for the year 2010.

Motion Carried

President Jacobs then recognized, Mr. Kurt Nixon of Coyle Engineering Co. who told the Jury that he was present just to follow up on what they had talked about last month. Mr. Ingram is trying to change the Base Flood elevation from 109 to a 108.1.

President Jacobs then recognize Mrs. Corrine Young, Planning Director, who told the Jury that she had made a call to a couple of people and then contacted, the Police Jury Association, Legal Counselor Dan Garrett. She stated that the way Mr. Garrett explained the documentation was the best form of protection and there is really little to no liability for the Police Jury.

Relative to this, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mr. Hoffpauir, duly seconded by Mr. Collier, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby change the Base Flood Elevation (BFE) from 109 feet to 108.1 for the Southwood Estates Subdivision.

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 enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Cane River National Heritage Area Commission for the leasing of the Old Courthouse Building.

Motion Carried  
With  
Mr. Paige  
Mr. Dollar  
"abstaining"

President Jacobs then stated that the next item on the agenda was to conduct a Public Hearing to hear any and all comments or objections relative to amending Ordinance #112 to restructure the Natchitoches Parish Communication District (911 Commission). President Jacobs then declared the Public Hearing open. He then told the Jury they had a meeting with some of the members on the 911 board. President Jacobs also told the Jury that the biggest problem has been the alarm systems and on the 4<sup>th</sup> of next month every one that can be present needs to be present at the 911 Commission meeting to represent your area. President Jacobs went on to say that the 911 Commission was looking at the possibility of buying enough sirens to put out over the whole parish. He then stated that the question is now how do we go about doing that? He then stated that Mr. Huggins has agreed to resign off the board in order to appoint someone from the Parish. President Jacobs also stated that the 911 Commission wanted to start the process of getting someone from the rural area to serve on the board. President Jacobs stated that they talked about people coming before the Jury to ask to be re-appointed but because these individuals are directly coming from a particular agency and they agreed that they should not have to come before the Jury to ask to be re-appointed. In particular, President Jacobs stated that the Chief of Police and the Fire Chief, the ordinance definitely gives you the individual and they should not have to come. And with all that they have discussed in the meeting to have fairness always and be fair to everyone in the parish. He then stated that the 911 Commission have made a commitment to buy all 12 sirens to go in the Parish. The Sheriff also stated that they were in the process of hiring a Director for 911 and once that individual comes aboard, the Sheriff and others may step off the board. President Jacobs then recognized Mr. David Dollar who said he thought everything was going well and it gives the Jury time to see who is being appointed like the fire chief or the mayor from one of the towns in the parish. After a brief discussion, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mr. Dollar, duly seconded by Mrs. Stoker, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby close the Public Hearing.

Motion Carried

Relative to this, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mr. Longlois, duly seconded by Mr. Dollar, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby amend Ordinance #112 to restructure the Natchitoches Parish Communication District (911 Commission).

Motion Carried

On motion by Mrs. Stoker, duly seconded by Mr. Paige, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby re-appoint Mr. Merilyn Robinson to the Natchitoches Parish Planning Commission due to his term expiring.

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 re-appoint Mr. Ed Ward to the Natchitoches Parish Housing Authority due to his term expiring.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Longlois, duly seconded by Mr. Paige, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby re-appoint Mr. Edgar Roge' to the Waterworks District #2 Board of Directors, due to his term expiring.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Hoffpauir, duly seconded by Mr. Hymes, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby start the process to appoint/reappoint persons to the Fire Protection District #7, due to Mr. Joe Hays and Mr. Johnny Sims' terms expiring.

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 approve the re-hiring of a nurse that was released and the hiring of a nursing assistant for the Natchitoches Parish Health Unit.

Motion Carried

President Jacobs then recognize Ms. Sharon Harris, Executive Director, who asked the Jury if they had any questions concerning the report that was presented. Mrs. Harris then told the Jury that under the Headstart program they had received correspondence from Dallas informing them of a cola, a cost of living increase. Mrs. Stoker then asked Mrs. Hamilton if they had discovered in one of their meeting that increase funding could go to pay down the debt? Mrs. Hamilton stated that at first they had mentioned about using the fund to pay down the debt but after checking into it, we found out it was too late. After a brief discussion, the following action was taken:

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

Motion Carried  
With  
Mr. Paige  
"abstaining"

Mrs. Harris then told the Jury that she had presented to the Jury, the Personnel Manual for the OCS Head Start employees a couple of meetings ago. She then asked if anyone had any questions concerning the changes. She also told the Jury that some of the changes come directly out of the police jury manual to make it sound right. Mr. Dollar then asked if she had any feedback from the employees? Do they understand? Ms. Sharon responded concerning the feedback from the employees, they understand. She also stated that they could not put everything into writing because some of the things are common sense. Ms. Harris went on to say that nothing has really changed just a few little items in there, such as the cell phones. She also stated that they have given everyone the old policies but could not give out the new one until it was adopted. Relative to this, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mr. Dollar, duly seconded by Mr. Longlis, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt the revisions to the NPPJ OCS-Head Start Personnel and Procedures Manual.

Motion Carried  
With  
Mr. Paige  
"abstaining"

President Jacobs then recognized Ms. Debbie Miley, Parish Treasurer Mrs. Miley who asked the Jury if they had any question concerning the budget revision. Mr. Dollar then asked if \$714.00 would be the ending balance in General Fund. Ms. Miley told the Jury that it could be \$714.00 and as of right now, general fund is ok with these line items. She then stated that the Criminal Court funds are at 48% of what she had budgeted for and the Juveniles have spent 70% of the budgeted amount. Ms. Miley then stated that after the audit comes back showing the \$165,000 in the whole, she only had \$71,000 of it and would have to find another 71,000 plus. Ms. Miley also told the Jury that the Coroner's expense is another thing that is already over the 50% mark. She then stated that the Jury has big issues. She also stated that at this time everything in the budget has come in and she did not see any downfall yet. Ms. Miley then told the Jury there will be some budget problems and she may have to make some additional revisions. She then stated that the Jury may have a little revenue with ad valorem but she has not added it yet. She stated that the reason was because she did not want to up the gun because the severance tax will very likely be down, so she was trying to play very careful at this point. She also said that it may even be next month when she will redo the revisions, but the other funds all look good. Ms. Miley then stated that Fund 410, Planning; it is getting close to not having a lot of money. She also stated that she is hearing we will have funds coming in the next month or so. In reference to inmate care cost, she stated that the bill is \$63,771.00 and it is quite a large amount from what it has been being. She then stated that they had a meeting today to discuss some possibilities that will be able to come around to help lower that Amount. She stated that the Jury is averaging 127 inmates instead the 80 that we have made the budget on. She then stated that the Jury could not continue at that rate. The Jury still have \$19,232.00 dollar outstanding, mainly for autopsies. She concluded by saying that she did not know when they were going to cut the Jury off but she was trying to pay them a little along the way.

Relative to this, the following action was taken:

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 revising the 2010 Budget.

Motion Carried

President Jacobs then recognized Mr. Deramues McCall, Owner of Paradise Funeral Home, who told the Jury that he had spoke with Ms. Miley and she explained the situation to him and he was able to understand. However, Mr. McCall stated that he has a problem with the way things are paid. He stated that he had a problem when revenue are taken from this Parish and go to another parish. He then told the Jury that he could offer Natchitoches Parish a better deal than what they currently have.

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

Motion Carried  
With  
Mr. Paige  
"abstaining"

On motion by Mrs. Stoker, duly seconded by Mr. Longlois, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt a proclamation declaring the Month of April, 2010, as National County Government Month in the Parish of Natchitoches.

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 adopt a resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in Sales Tax District #1 of the Parish of Natchitoches, Louisiana, to authorize the renewal of a 1% sales and use tax to continue maintaining and operating a solid waste collection and disposal system and for the improvement of roads in Natchitoches Parish.

Motion Carried

President Jacobs then stated that the next item on the agenda was the millage rededication. He then recognized Mr. Paige who asked if this was the only tax the Jury was going to look at? Mr. Paige stated there was the library and you have other people or funds. He then stated that he was not going to support this millage rededication if the Jury was just talking about looking at one place and should look at them all. Mr. Dollar stated that Chris is probably right, the Jury may need to look other places to get what we need. Mr. Paige also stated that he knew he had this before tonight to look over but when you are asking for taxes, people try their best to find a way to come against this body. This is what they want us to do when there is money somewhere else they want us to rededicate it. Mr. Hoffpauir stated that he thought that any tax that the Jury have in our jurisdiction, if they are taxing us at a maximum level, they are not being very provable with their money for one thing. For instance, like a lot more of their employees are getting more money than the Jury's employees. They are building surpluses in those agencies that should be put somewhere else or the tax should be rolled back to a level to sustain that operation. Some times the taxpayer is not wise when they vote for things. After a brief discussion, the following action was taken:

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 ordering and calling a special election to rededicate \$300,000 of a 3-mill Health Unit millage tax.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Hoffpauir, duly seconded by Mrs. Stoker, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby accept the report of the Director of Public Works for emergency expenditures for the period of March 16, 2010 through April 19, 2010 in the amount of \$246.04.

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 approve expenditures for the period of March 16, 2010 through April 19, 2010 in the amount of **\$ 1,255,885.32.**

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Hymes, duly seconded by Mr. Dollar, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby start the process to appoint someone to the Natchitoches Parish Tourist Commission to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Terrel Delphin, who resigned.

Motion Carried

President Jacobs then read the next item on the agenda concerning the selection of board members of the Natchitoches Parish Hospital Service District. He then recognized Mr. Hymes who stated that he did not think the Jury had the ability to make a sound decision without another opinion. Mr. Paige stated that he thought the Jury should ask the public what they think about it. He also stated that when they hear what is transpiring, half of the people here do not really know what the Jury is talking about. Mr. Dollar then stated that instead of tabling this he would like to send it for a public hearing. He stated that he was ready to move this up or down or forward and that someone from the hospital could come and explain what this is saying for the Jury and for the public. Mr. Hymes then stated that he would like for the President to meet with the attorney to make sure all the information that he shares is information that can go out to any or everyone. He also stated that he would like for the public to know what is going on because he was not sure he had all the information that could be good for the public to hear. Mr. Dollar told the Jury if they had to, the Jury could go into Executive Session to discuss the contract. The Jury could choose to open and close the public hearing and take no action. He stated the only reason he would like to move forward is because the Jury had talked about this for several years. The Jury owes it to the hospital and they owe our Parish Treasurer to try to resolve this one way or another. Mrs. Stoker then stated that she had been here when there was on opening on the Hospital Board and it only had one person to apply for it. She stated it is not like people are beating down the door to be on the Hospital Board.

After a lengthy discussion, 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 adopt an amendment to the Constitution of the Natchitoches Parish Hospital Service District dealing with the selection of future board members.

Motion Carried  
With  
Mr. Paige  
"abstaining"

On motion by Mrs. Stoker, 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 Fire Protection District #6, due to Dr. Albert Wurster's term expiring.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mrs. Stoker, duly seconded by Mr. Dollar, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt a resolution proclaiming the month of April as "Fair Housing Month" in the Parish of Natchitoches.

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 go into Executive Session to discuss personnel.

Motion Carried

After resuming regular session, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mr. Dollar, duly seconded by Mr. Hoffpauir, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adjourn until the next regular or called meeting of the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury.

Motion Carried

Attest:

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Fred Jacobs, President

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Catherine Hamilton,  
Parish Administrator