

ROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE JURY OF THE PARISH OF NATCHITOCHES,
STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN A REGULAR MEETING HELD, MONDAY,

June 20, 2011

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, June 20, 2011 at five o'clock (5:00) p.m.

The Invocation was given by Juror William Hymes, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Juror Fred Jacobs.

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

There were absent: David Dollar and Jessie Hoffpauir.

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

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 Longlois then stated that he was going to drop down to Agenda Item #11 because Ms. Jennifer Perkins had to leave. He then recognized Ms. Perkins who asked the Jury to adopt an ordinance to enforce a Burn Ban. She stated that the Jury could issue a burn ban but the Sheriff office could not enforce the burn ban. Relative to this, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Collier, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby start the process to adopt a burn ban ordinance for public safety.

Motion Carried

Ms. Perkins then stated that the Jury needed to adopt an emergency ordinance to ban the sell of fireworks for public safety. Mr. Kip Fair then told the Jury that the City had adopted a burn ban on fireworks in the City that the Jury could model. He stated that since it was an emergency the Jury could adopt the ordinance. It was agreed that the Jury would use the city's ordinance. After a brief discussion, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mr. Hymes, duly seconded by Mr. Martin, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby add to the agenda adopting an emergency ordinance to prohibit the sale of fireworks during a burn ban for public safety.

Motion Carried

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On motion by Mr. Hymes, duly seconded by Mr. Jacobs, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt an emergency ordinance to prohibit the sale of fireworks during a burn ban for public safety.

Motion Carried

President Longlois then recognized the visitors. Mr. Kip Fair told the Jury he was present to represent the Developers and some of the homeowners of Lambre's Gin. He stated that there was some issues concerning putting some gates in Lambre's Gin and he wanted to see what procedures was taken. He stated that he had requested some information from Mrs. Catherine and wanted to go on record as making the request. Mr. Fair stated that this was not the reason he was present but he wanted to let the Jury know what was coming up. Mr. Rickey LaCour told the Jury that they had followed the proper procedures for installing the gates. Mr. Fair then stated that they had a meeting with the association to try and work things out. He stated that it was a good meeting but they have not gotten there yet. He also stated that they were questioning who owned the property where the gates would be installed. Mr. John Bernard stated that he bought into the subdivision and was not notified that they were going to install gates.

President Longlois then asked if anyone was present from East Natchitoches. Since no one was present, he then asked if anyone was present from St. Mary's School. The coaches and a majority of the Baseball Team appeared before the Jury for the presentation of an award. Relative to this, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mrs. Stoker, duly seconded by Mr. Jacobs, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt a proclamation congratulating the St. Mary's Tigers as Champions of the 2011 Louisiana Class 1A Baseball Tournament.

Motion Carried

President Longlois then presented an award to the St. Mary's Tigers congratulating them on winning the 2011 Louisiana Class 1A Baseball Tournament. The coaches and players then thanked the Jury for their award.

Since no one was present from East Natchitoches Junior High School the following action was taken:

On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Garrett, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt a proclamation congratulating the East Natchitoches Junior High School Lady Eagles as Champions of the 2011 Louisiana Middle School Girls Basketball State Tournament.

Motion Carried

The Jury then asked Coach Garrett to present the award to the Lady Eagles of East Natchitoches Junior High School.

President Longlois then recognized Mr. Jeff Greed, Project Development Manager of Gulf GEO Exchange, who presented the pamphlets to the Jury and the visitors concerning energy efficient homes. He gave a brief report on rebates homeowners could receive once they replaced their window with approved ones. He also spoke about ways the Jury could replace their HVAC systems and could pay for it with the savings they would receive on their bills. Mr. Greer then asked if they could do a feasibility study for the Parish at no cost. He stated that they would also submit an application for the parish. Dr. Tony Lakins then presented some charts to see what the US Department of Energy has put out to show their goals. He stated they were looking to do feasibility studies that would be a good candidate for the project. After this discussion, it was agreed that this matter would be put on next month meeting.

President Longlois then asked if there was any new business. He then recognized Mrs. Stoker who told the Jury that the Supreme Court had ruled in the Jury favor and that the other party had 30 days to respond. Mr. Jacob stated that Mr. Floyd would be sending copies of the maps for the Jury this Thursday. President Longlois then recognized the Parish Administrator who requested to add to the agenda adopting a resolution expressing the Jury's sympathy to the family of one of its retirees, Mr. Albert Moss, Jr., who died on Thursday, June 16, 2011.

Relative to this, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Collier, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby add to the agenda adopting a resolution expressing its sympathy to the family of the late Mr. Albert Moss, Jr.

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 adopt a resolution expressing its sympathy to the family of the late Mr. Albert Moss, Jr.

On motion by Mr. Paige, 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 Monday, May 16, 2011, the Special meetings held Monday, June 6, 2011 and Monday, June 13, 2011.

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 table calling the proposition election to place before the voters of Natchitoches Parish the Home Rule Charter drafted by the Natchitoches Parish Home Rule Charter Commission as required by Louisiana Revised Statute 33:1395.2.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Collier, duly seconded by Mrs. Stoker, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby award the bids received for three (3) Stationary Compactors with 40 cubic yard octagon compaction containers for the Parish Highway Department to the low bidder meeting specifications, B & C Body of Dallas, Texas, in the amount of \$56,595.00.

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 table calling a special election to exempt ad valorem tax, in addition to the homestead exemption, the next seventy-five thousand dollars of value of property owned and occupied by a veteran with a service-connected disability rating of one hundred percent (100%) in the Parish of Natchitoches.

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 table authorizing the President to sign the contracts with IESI for the collecting and disposing of solid waste.

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 select streets and physical accessibility as projects for the FY 2012-FY 2013 LCDBG Application.

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 adopt a Citizen Participation Plan/Citizen Complaint Procedure and appointing Catherine Hamilton as the Citizen Compliant Officer for compliance with the LCDBG Program.

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 authorize the President to proceed with the procurement and selection of professional services for the purpose of assisting in the development of the LCDBG application(s) and implementation of the project(s).

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 appoint the Natchitoches Times as the official journal for Natchitoches Parish for the period beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012.

Motion Carried

Since Mr. Dollar was absent, President Longlois asked Mr. Jacobs to present the Report of Finance and Budget Committee held Wednesday, June 8, 2011.

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Relative to the above, the following action was taken:

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 revising the 2011 Budget.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Collier, duly seconded by Mr. Martin, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby approve allowing several employees to return to the 40 hour work week, effective June 1, 2011.

Motion Carried

This concluded action on the report of the Finance and Budget Committee.

President Longlois then recognized Mrs. Miley, who presented the Report of Parish Treasurer.

Mrs. Miley then presented the Jury with a copy of the Cash Summary report and asked if they had any questions. She also stated that Head Start and OCS looked okay but a couple of their programs still had a deficit in them. Ms. Miley then gave a brief report of the inmates housed at the Natchitoches Parish Detention Center. After a brief discussion, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mrs. Stoker, duly seconded by Mr. Collier, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby accept the Treasurer's report.

Motion Carried

President Longlois then recognized Mr. Ricky LaCour, who introduced himself to the Jury and stated to the Jury that he was interested in serving on the Planning Commission. Relative to this, the following action was taken:

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 to the agenda appointing Mr. Ricky LaCour to the Natchitoches Parish Planning Commission.

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 appoint Mr. Ricky LaCour to the Natchitoches Parish Planning Commission for a four year period.

Motion Carried

The Jury then congratulated Mr. Lacour on his appointment.

President Longlois then recognized Ms. Sharon Harris, Executive Director of the NPPJ OCS Headstart Department, who presented her reports. She then asked the Jury if they had any questions. Relative to this, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mrs. Stoker, duly seconded by Mr. Collier, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt the school calendar for the NPPJOCS Head Start Program.

Motion Carried

Ms. Harris went on to update the Jury about all the OCS/Head Start Programs. After several questions, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mr. Jacobs, duly seconded by Mr. Martin, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby accept the reports of the Office of Community Services/Head Start Programs.

Motion Carried

President Longlois then recognized Mr. Earl Townsend, Director of Public Works, who reported emergency expenditures for the period of May 17, 2011 through June 20, 2011 in the amount of \$722.63. Relative to this, the following action, was taken:

On motion by Mr. Jacobs, duly seconded by Mr. Paige that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby approve emergency expenditures for the period of May 17, 2011 through June 20, 2011 in the amount of \$722.16.

Mr. Townsend then told the Jury he had a couple of items that needed to be added to the agenda. He stated that the first one was to award the bid received for the purchase of limb truck and the second one was to lease some property in Flora to build another compactor station.

Relative to this, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mrs. Stoker, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby add to the agenda authorizing entering into a lease agreement with Mr. Burton Weaver for the purpose of building a Compactor Station in Flora.

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 authorize entering into a lease agreement with Mr. Burton Weaver for the purpose of building a Compactor Station in Flora.

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 add to the agenda awarding bids received on Thursday, June 16, 2011 for the purchase of a limb truck for the Parish Highway Department.

Motion Carried

On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Collier, that the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby award bids received on Thursday, June 16, 2011 for the purchase of a limb truck for the Parish Highway Department to the low bidder, Petersen Industries, in the amount of \$116,428.00.

On motion by Mr. Collier, duly seconded by Mrs. Stoker, 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:

Gerald Longlois, President

Catherine Hamilton,
Parish Administrator