

PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATCHITOCHE PARISH COUNCIL
PARISH OF NATCHITOCHE, STATE OF LOUISIANA
TAKEN A REGULAR MEETING HELD, MONDAY,
July 21, 2014
5:30 p.m.

The Natchitoches Parish Council met in regular and legal session in the Council Board Room of the Natchitoches Parish Courthouse, on Monday, July 21, 2014 for regular Natchitoches Parish Council meeting at five-thirty (5:30) o'clock p.m.

The Parish of Natchitoches was then convened as the governing authority by Chairman Aaron Johnson who stated that the Parish was ready for the transaction of business.

The invocation was given by Mr. Nick Verret and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Chairman Aaron Johnson.

After the roll call there were present Chairman Aaron Johnson and Councilmen Rodney Bedgood, Ricky LaCour, Chris Paige, and John Salter.

There was absent: None.

Chairman Johnson then asked if there were any visitors who would like to speak and Mark Thomas/Jessica Broadway came to review the 2013 Audit with the Council. Ms. Jessica Broadway stated there were only three(3) minor findings. (1)Internal Controls over Program Revenues and Expenditures for the Community Services Block Grant. (2) Record Retention-Head Start CFDA. (3) Compliance with Local Government Budget Act. Ms. Broadway went over all three findings, she covered the Condition, Effect, Cause, Recommendation to correct the problems, and she also stated what the Management's Response to how the problem will be corrected.

Next visitor was Mr. Johnny Smith, he wanted to ask the what the status on his request for the council to support a Resolution that will protect and support the heritage, culture and traditions of hunting deer and other game with dogs in the Parish of Natchitoches. Councilman Salter and Bedgood told Mr. Smith that they're still trying to get responses from the timber companies and once they get all the information, they will move forward on it. The Council wants to make sure they have all the information before making a decision on this matter. They want to hear from all parties involved.

Ms Jefferson from the Coco Bed Road wanted to check the status on the funding and when the work will begin on the road. Parish President and Mr. Verret stated they're waiting on the CEA to be signed and returned back to them. They will be working on the design phase, but the actual road work will not begin until Spring. They have the money for the first phase. The \$100,000, but the \$180,000 still have to go through the Bond Commission.

There were no public comments.

On motion by Mr. John Salter, duly seconded by Mr. Ricky LaCour, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of the Natchitoches Parish Council held Monday, June 16, 2014.

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

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Salter	<u> x </u>	___	___	___
Councilman LaCour	<u> x </u>	___	___	___
Councilman Bedgood	<u> x </u>	___	__	___
Councilman Johnson	<u> x </u>	___	___	___
Councilman Paige	<u> x </u>	___	__	___

Motion Passed

Chairman Johnson stated the next agenda item to discuss was to approve to advertise for all Parish Insurance proposals.

Ms. Miley stated that all insurance are up for bids and that she's wanting this time to get a bid for a 1 year and 2 year proposal. The Council stated, they really don't see a difference but go ahead to get the 2 year bid, but this time they want all proposals sealed and only opened at the same time.

On motion by Mr. Ricky LaCour, duly seconded by Mr. Chris Paige, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby authorize to advertise for all Parish Insurance proposals. On a roll call vote the vote thereon was as follows:

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Councilman LaCour	<u> x </u>	___	___	___
Councilman Paige	<u> x </u>	___	___	___
Councilman Bedgood	<u> x </u>	___	___	___
Councilman Johnson	<u> x </u>	___	___	___
Councilman Salter	<u> x </u>	___	___	___

Motion Passed

Chairman Johnson then stated that the next item on the agenda was to consider adopting a resolution confirming the re-appointments/appointments to the following boards/commissions:

Mrs. Merry Byers for re-appointment to the Natchitoches Parish Children and Youth Planning Board.

Ms. Deanna Lynn Fowler for re-appointment to the Natchitoches Parish Children and Youth Planning Board.

Ms. Barbara Leach for re-appointment to the Natchitoches Parish Children and Youth Planning Board.

Mr. Jack L. Duty for re-appointment to the Natchitoches Parish Children and Youth Planning Board.

Ms. Nancy P. Alexander for re-appointment to the Natchitoches Parish Children and Youth Planning Board.

Ms. Tanja Legardy for re-appointment to the Natchitoches Parish Children and Youth Board.

Mr. Mark C. Swafford, Sr. for re-appointment to the Natchitoches Parish Fire District 3 Board.

Mr. Robert D. Scott for re-appointment to the Natchitoches Parish Fire District 6 Board.

Mr. William D. Musselwhite for re-appointment to the Natchitoches Parish Fire District 3 Board.

Ms. Mary Ann Motter for re-appointment to the Natchitoches Parish Fire District 3 Board.

On motion by Mr. Chris Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Ricky LaCour, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby adopt the resolution confirming the re-appointment/appointments of the following members to these boards and commissions:

Mrs. Merry Byers for re-appointment to the Natchitoches Parish Children and Youth Planning Board.

Ms. Deanna Lynn Fowler for re-appointment to the Natchitoches Parish Children and Youth Planning Board.

Ms. Barbara Leach for re-appointment to the Natchitoches Parish Children and Youth Planning Board.

Mr. Jack L. Duty for re-appointment to the Natchitoches Parish Children and Youth Planning Board.

Ms. Nancy P. Alexander for re-appointment to the Natchitoches Parish Children and Youth Planning Board.

Ms. Tanja Legardy for re-appointment to the Natchitoches Parish Children and Youth Board.

Mr. Mark C. Swafford, Sr. for re-appointment to the Natchitoches Parish Fire District 3 Board.

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Mr. William D. Musselwhite for re-appointment to the Natchitoches Parish Fire District 3 Board.

Ms. Mary Ann Motter for re-appointment to the Natchitoches Parish Fire District 3 Board.

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

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Paige	<u> X </u>	—	—	—
Councilman LaCour	<u> X </u>	—	—	—
Councilman Bedgood	<u> X </u>	—	—	—
Councilman Johnson	<u> X </u>	—	—	—
Councilman Salter	<u> X </u>	—	—	—

Motion Passed

Chairman Johnson then stated that the next item on the agenda was to consider authorizing the Parish President to execute Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for the transfer of specified State routes to the Parish of Natchitoches in exchange for capital improvements to specified Parish roads under the DOTD "Right-Sizing" Program.

On motion by Mr. Rodney Bedgood, duly seconded by Mr. Chris Paige, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby table authorizing the Parish President to execute Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for the transfer of specified State routes to the Parish of Natchitoches in exchange for capital improvements to specified Parish roads under the DOTD "Right-Sizing" Program.

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

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Bedgood	<u> X </u>	—	—	—
Councilman Paige	<u> X </u>	—	—	—
Councilman Johnson	<u> X </u>	—	—	—
Councilman LaCour	<u> X </u>	—	—	—
Councilman Salter	<u> X </u>	—	—	—

Motion Passed

Chairman Johnson stated the next item on the agenda was to conduct a public hearing to hear any and all comments or objections relative to the adoption of the following items:

- A. Consider the adoption of Ordinance #14-2014 to amend the Parish 2014 Consolidated Budget.

On motion by Mr. Ricky LaCour, duly seconded by Mr. Rodney Bedgood, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby open the public hearing.

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

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Councilman LaCour	<u>X</u>	---	---	---
Councilman Bedgood	<u>X</u>	---	---	---
Councilman Johnson	<u>X</u>	---	---	---
Councilman Paige	<u>X</u>	---	---	---
Councilman Salter	<u>X</u>	---	---	---

Motion Passed

Ms. Miley, Parish Treasurer went over all the amendments for the Parish 2014 Consolidated Budget, and she asked if any of the Councilman had any questions, there were none.

On motion by Mr. Chris Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Ricky LaCour, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby close the public hearing.

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

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Paige	<u>X</u>	---	---	---
Councilman LaCour	<u>X</u>	---	---	---
Councilman Bedgood	<u>X</u>	---	---	---
Councilman Johnson	<u>X</u>	---	---	---
Councilman Salter	<u>X</u>	---	---	---

Motion Passed

Relative to the items discussed during the public hearing, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mr. John Salter, duly seconded by Mr. Rodney Bedgood, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby adopt Ordinance #14-2014 to amend the Parish 2014 Consolidated Budget.

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

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Salter	<u>X</u>	---	---	---
Councilman Bedgood	<u>X</u>	---	---	---
Councilman Johnson	<u>X</u>	---	---	---
Councilman LaCour	<u>X</u>	---	---	---
Councilman Paige	<u>X</u>	---	---	---

Motion Passed

Chairman Johnson stated the next item on the agenda was to consider a Resolution Authorizing the Parish President to accept the donation of a tract of land by City Bank on behalf of the Parish, and to sign all documents in connection therewith.

On motion by Mr. Chris Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Rodney Bedgood, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Parish President to accept the donation of a tract of land by City Bank on behalf of the Parish, and to sign all documents in connection therewith.

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

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Paige	<u> X </u>	___	__	___
Councilman Bedgood	<u> X </u>	___	___	___
Councilman Johnson	<u> X </u>	___	__	___
Councilman LaCour	<u> X </u>	___	___	___
Councilman Salter	<u> X </u>	___	__	___

Motion Passed

Chairman Johnson stated the next item on the agenda was to consider a authorizing the Parish President to enter into a new service agreement with Schindler Elevator Corporation in connection with maintenance of Parish elevators.

On motion by Mr. Chris Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Ricky LaCour, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby authorize the Parish President to enter into a new service agreement with Schindler Elevator Corporation in connection with maintenance of Parish elevators.

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

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Paige	<u> X </u>	___	__	___
Councilman LaCour	<u> X </u>	___	___	___
Councilman Bedgood	<u> X </u>	___	__	___
Councilman Johnson	<u> X </u>	___	___	___
Councilman Salter	<u> X </u>	___	__	___

Motion Passed

Chairman Johnson stated the next item on the agenda was to consider authorizing the Parish President to enter into an agreement with Schindler Elevator Corporation in connection with its proposal to make certain repairs and upgrades to Parish elevators.

On motion by Mr. Ricky LaCour, duly seconded by Mr. Chris Paige, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby Authorize the Parish President to enter into an agreement with Schindler Elevator Corporation in connection with its proposal to make certain repairs and upgrades to Parish elevators.

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

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Councilman LaCour	<u> X </u>	___	__	___
Councilman Paige	<u> X </u>	___	___	___
Councilman Bedgood	<u> X </u>	___	__	___
Councilman Johnson	<u> X </u>	___	___	___
Councilman Salter	<u> X </u>	___	__	___

Motion Passed

Chairman Johnson stated the next item on the Agenda was to amend the agenda by adding two (2) items. The first item was for Council to consider authorization to cancel the bid letting for the Emmanuel Road pulverization and compaction project that is scheduled for July 23, pending further investigation into the available drainage laterals.

On motion by Mr. John Salter, duly seconded by Mr. Chris Paige, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby add to the agenda the authorization to cancel the bid letting for the Emmanuel Road pulverization and compaction project

that is scheduled for July 23, pending further investigation into the available drainage laterals.

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

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Salter	<u>X</u>	---	---	---
Councilman Paige	<u>X</u>	---	---	---
Councilman Bedgood	<u>X</u>	---	---	---
Councilman Johnson	<u>X</u>	---	---	---
Councilman LaCour	<u>X</u>	---	---	---

Motion Passed

On motion by Mr. John Salter, duly seconded by Mr. Rodney Bedgood, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby authorize the cancellation of the bid letting for the Emmanuel Road pulverization and compaction project that is scheduled for July 23, pending further investigation into the available drainage laterals.

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

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Salter	<u>X</u>	---	---	---
Councilman Bedgood	<u>X</u>	---	---	---
Councilman Johnson	<u>X</u>	---	---	---
Councilman LaCour	<u>X</u>	---	---	---
Councilman Paige	<u>X</u>	---	---	---

Motion Passed

Chairman Johnson stated the next item on the Agenda was to amend the agenda by adding the second item was for Council to consider Introducing Ordinance 15-2014 to correct the boundary of precinct 3-08. We have been informed by the Parish Registrar of Voters that the boundary description of Voting Precinct 03-08 does not agree with the voting map used by her office for parish elections

On motion by Mr. Chris Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Ricky LaCour, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby add to the agenda the Introduction of Ordinance 15-2014 to correct the boundary of precinct 3-08.

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

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Paige	<u>X</u>	---	---	---
Councilman LaCour	<u>X</u>	---	---	---
Councilman Bedgood	<u>X</u>	---	---	---
Councilman Johnson	<u>X</u>	---	---	---
Councilman Salter	<u>X</u>	---	---	---

Motion Passed

On motion by Mr. Chris Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Ricky LaCour, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby Introduce Ordinance 15-2014 to correct the boundary of precinct 3-08.

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

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Paige	<u>X</u>	---	---	---
Councilman LaCour	<u>X</u>	---	---	---
Councilman Bedgood	<u>X</u>	---	---	---
Councilman Johnson	<u>X</u>	---	---	---
Councilman Salter	<u>X</u>	---	---	---

Motion Passed

Chairman Johnson then recognized Mr. Nick Verret, Director of Public Works, who presented his report. Mr. Verret updated Council on the Work accomplishments for each council district for the month of June. Overall, less grading work was accomplished than normal due to recurring rains. Solid waste, as anticipated, the June tonnage decreased from the previous two months' tonnage.

Road Grading Plan with Additional Rented Graders-two additional temporary operators began work on June 30. Full implementation of the tandem grading plan Parish-wide has been delayed by recurring wet conditions in parts of the Parish and other factors.

Mr. Verret is requesting for the State Capital Outlay Funding Requests that Council members please submit their project requests to the Parish President or Director of Public Works by the August 18 Council meeting, so as to allow time for project scopes and cost estimates to be developed and the list of projects to be ratified at the September Council meeting, for submittal to the State by the November 1 deadline.

Chairman Johnson then ask was there a report for OCS/Head Start since Ms. Sharon Harris was absent, Ms. Gilen Norwood gave a short update on Head Start to the Council. She stated that Head Start will begin with half days on August 18 and 19 and the first full day on August 20. There will be a parents meeting on August 16. She also informed that music will be a big part of the theme for the students this semester at the MLK Head Start Center. She was able to attend the National Conference for Early Childhood in San Antonio, Texas. She also stated that Head Start did received another five (5) years of funding.

Chairman Johnson then recognizes Ms. Debbie Miley, Parish Treasurer, Ms. Miley then went on to discuss her reports giving status updates on the 2014 Active Bookings for Inmates & Outstanding Coroners/Inmate Expenses. She also gave out the Quarterly Budget Report for 2014 Quarter 2.

She asked the Council if they had any questions for her and there was none.

Chairman Johnson then recognized Parish President Rick Nowlin he gave an update on PERSONNEL: Ms. Beverly Washington, Head Start Accountant, retired effective June 16, 2014, Ms. Jameica Bernestine Johnson, HR Manager/Assistance Treasurer resigned effective July 31, 2014 and both positions have been advertised and department heads have been notified of the openings.

HEAD START: On July 7, 2014, the Parish received notice that the Head Start program had been re authorized for a five-year period, with first year funding in the amount of \$1,337,525. The Parish match will be \$334,381. Ms. Judie Barnum and Mr. James Johnikin is still on sick leave.

EL CAMINO REAL CORRIDOR:

The El Camino Commission held its quarterly meeting in Winnfield on June 25, 2014. A representative of DOTD was in attendance to review the status of the next project which is the section on LA 6 from I-49 to LA 117 in Hagewood. The final plans are scheduled for completion in October 2014.

Parish President also gave a list of his upcoming events that he will be attending and he commented that he did enjoy the events and workshops that was held at the 2014 NACO meeting in New Orleans.

Since there was no other business, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mr. John Salter, duly seconded by Rodney Bedgood, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adjourn until the next regular or called meeting of the Natchitoches Parish Council.

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

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Salter	<u>X</u>	___	___	___
Councilman Bedgood	<u>X</u>	___	___	___
Councilman Johnson	<u>X</u>	___	___	___
Councilman LaCour	<u>X</u>	___	___	___
Councilman Paige	<u>X</u>	___	___	___

Motion Passed

Attest:

Aaron Johnson, Chairman

Sheryl Frederick,
Council Clerk