

PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATCHITOCHE PARISH COUNCIL  
PARISH OF NATCHITOCHE, STATE OF LOUISIANA  
TAKEN A PUBLIC HEARING HELD, MONDAY,  
October 19, 2015  
5:00 p.m.  
ON THE PARISH 2016 BUDGET

The Natchitoches Parish Council met in regular and legal session in the Council Board Room of the Natchitoches Parish Courthouse, on Monday, October 19, 2015 for a Public hearing of Natchitoches Parish Council meeting at five(5:00) o'clock p.m. and for the Natchitoches Parish 2016 Budget.

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

The invocation was given by Councilman Chris Paige and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman Aaron Johnson.

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

There was absent: None.

Chairman Salter then asked if there were any visitors who would like to have a word there were none.

Chairman Salter then asked if there were any public comments there were none.

Chairman Salter stated the next agenda item to conduct a public hearing with the Natchitoches Parish Council to hear any all comments or objections relative to the adoption of the following item.

A. Council to approve the adoption of Ordinance #10-2015 a budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2016 and making appropriations for each Department , Project, and Account.

On motion by Councilman Chris Paige, duly seconded by Councilman Ricky LaCour, that the Natchitoches Parish Council opened the public hearing to hear any and all comments or objections relative to the adoption of Ordinance #10-2015 a budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2016 and making appropriations for each Department, Project, and Account.

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

Ayes: Councilman Paige  
Ayes: Councilman LaCour  
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood  
Absent: Councilman Johnson  
Ayes : Councilman Salter

Motion Passed

Parish Treasurer Debbie Miley passed out the copy of the 2016 Parish Budget and each Councilman had questions or concerns about the new budget. First question was from Councilman Johnson, he wanted clarification on the Hospitalization of the Budget and parish treasurer, Ms. Miley cleared that question up for him.

Councilman Bedgood wanted to know about the increases that occurred from last year to this year. He questioned the General fund 101 on Salary from the General Fund, Highway Fund, and Insurance. Ms. Miley stated that last year it was \$283,000 and she increased it to \$343,909 because we didn't have the third full time person included

last year and she have put money in for another person in finance, because they need another one to catch up. Also she have put in a 3% cost of living increase for the 2nd quarter of next year.

Ms. Miley also stated the reason for the increase in the Highway Department was this year they hired an extra truck driver, an another General Maintenance person two from last year and one for this year.

For Solid Waste there is a \$85,000 increase from last year because she was putting in 20 hours when it should have been 28 hours. Plus 4 extra people. she based everything on paying for 20 hours when it should have been 28 hours. Plus they got there 3% from last year and 2 to 3 people was added. This is 8 hours a person which 2/3 of them gets 7.39 a hour.

Ms. Miley also reminded that Hospitalization will be increasing 12 to 16 %. Parish President, Rick Nowlin, wanted to let everyone know normally there is a 1% -2 % cost of living increase but we didn't have one in 2013 we had one in 2014, we didn't have one in 2015, so next year we will be given a 3% cost of living increase in the second (2) quarter. Chairman asked, Ms. Miley to research it for the exact year the 3% cost of living increase was given. Ms. Miley asked Mrs. Creamer to look into that.

Councilman Paige, wanted a break down in the Summer Youth Program Jobs for this year. Ms. Miley said she will have it for him. Parish Treasurer, Ms. Miley also gave her Budget Revision for Fund 104 it was 43,601 and now its 508,000 it's another 42,000 for four (4) more people, it's like \$10,000 per person.

Ms. Miley asked was there anymore questions for her or any from the public, and there was none.

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

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

Ayes: Councilman Paige  
Ayes: Councilman LaCour  
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood  
Ayes : Councilman Johnson  
Ayes : Councilman Salter

Motion Passed

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

On motion by Councilman Aaron Johnson, duly seconded by Councilman Ricky LaCour, that the Natchitoches Parish Government, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt Ordinance #10-2015 a budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2016 and making appropriations for each Department, Project, and Account.

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

Ayes: Councilman Johnson  
Ayes: Councilman LaCour  
Nayes: Councilman Paige  
Nayes: Councilman Bedgood  
Nayes: Councilman Salter

Motion Not Passed

Chairman Salter another special meeting and call meeting will be called for this matter. At this time Parish Treasurer asked the Council to let her know exactly what they want, because she didn't know.

Parish President, Rick Nowlin, said he knew it's an awful lot to digest in just a few minutes, he suggest the Council takes about two (2) weeks to meet again to pass the Budget. All the Councilmen was in agreement with this.

On motion by Councilman Rodney Bedgood, duly seconded by Councilman Aaron Johnson, that the Natchitoches Parish Government, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adjourn until 5:30pm. for the regular scheduled Parish Council Meeting.

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

Ayes:	Councilman Bedgood
Ayes:	Councilman Johnson
Ayes:	Councilman Paige
Ayes:	Councilman LaCour
Ayes:	Councilman Salter

Motion Passed

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATCHITOCHE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**PARISH OF NATCHITOCHE, STATE OF LOUISIANA**  
**TAKEN A REGULAR MEETING HELD, MONDAY,**  
**October 19, 2015**  
**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, October 19, 2015 for a Regular of Natchitoches Parish Council meeting at five(5:30) o'clock p.m. and for the Natchitoches Parish Council Meeting.

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

The invocation was given by Reverend Edward Johnson and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman Rodney Bedgood.

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

Chairman Salter then asked for Dr. Archie Breazeale and his wife to come forward to be recognized for his special achievements. He is 90 years young and continuing to be a positive role model for the Parish of Natchitoches. Councilman Johnson read the Proclamation making October 3, 2015 Dr. Archie Breazeale Day. Pictures of the Council and Parish President were taken with Dr. Breazeale and his wife Faye Breazeale.

Chairman Salter then asked Mr. Danny Von Kanel, Teacher from L.P. Vaughn Elementary to come up to talk about L.P. Vaughn Brick Fundraiser, Mr. Danny Von Kanel reported on his vision for raising \$50,000 within five (5) years. L.P. Vaughn raised \$10,000 last year. Northwestern State University and local banks are supporting the program this year. A 4x8 brick is \$100.00 and 8X8 brick is \$200.00.

In order to reach this level he need larger sponsors and help from the community. He gave out materials for the cost of the bricks and asked the Council to help promote the project for the school.

Mr. Abraham Helaire from the St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church and others from the church wanted to discuss the Bermuda Road that leads up to St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church. The church family is asking for help on this road. The Bermuda Road is in terrible condition and they're asking the Council to be considered for putting them on the list for the State Capital Outlay for 2016-2017. The Church family signed a petition along with the residents that lives on the road.

Veronica Hargrove along with Ms. Irene Breda is concerned about the Shady Grove Community Center. They wanted to know if the Community Center belongs to the Church or the Parish. The Asst. District Attorney explained to Ms. Hargrove and Ms. Breda the District Attorney's office is still researching who has title to the Center at this time. They do not have all the answers at this time. The Asst. District Attorney told Ms. Hargrove once finished they will render a written letter to the Council and the Council can give it to the residents.

Ms. JoAnn Knighton wanted to show pictures and let the Council know not anything has been done with the Community Center and it's not being used as a center. Its just sitting there run down. Ms. Knighton had a agreement said once it wasn't a Community Center the ownership goes back to the Church, and the church is wanting it torn down. Ms. Hargrove and Ms. Breda says it a Historical Building and it should not be torn down. At this time Councilman Paige interjected between the ladies and told them to wait on the findings of the District Attorney Office and then go from there. At this time it wasn't anything to

argue about until something comes back concrete. Asst. District Attorney, Billy Jo Harrington, agreed with the Councilman on this.

Chairman Salter asked were there any other visitors who would like to speak and there was none.

There were many public comments.

Chairman Salter then moved to agenda item 16 to discuss the Parish Insurance's. Mr. Sandifer along with other insurance agents were present to discuss the different options the Parish could choose for their insurance. The Parish current Insurance with PGRMA has increase up to 25%. The Parish can not afford this increase for the upcoming years. Mr. Sandifer have worked with Ms. Debbie Miley and Ms. Cathy Creamer to find the Parish a insurance that's affordable for all parties involved. They had a representative from United Health Care, Access Health, and Vantage Health Plan, Inc. who went over all different type coverage.

This discussion was very lengthy in time, Councilman Chris Paige asked Mrs. Cathy Creamer to make her recommendations for the best plan the Parish should choose. After her recommendation the Council was clear about the Health insurance that was being offered to the Parish.

Relatively to all the discussion:

On motion by Mr. Chris Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Aaron Johnson, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby award the Health Insurance to United Heath Care w/Access Health with Retirees on Vantage Plan.

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

Ayes: Councilman Paige  
Ayes: Councilman LaCour  
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood  
Ayes: Councilman Johnson  
Ayes: Councilman Salter

Motion Passed

Chairman Salter stated the next item on the agenda was adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of the Natchitoches Parish Council held Monday, September 21, 2015.

On motion by Mr. Ricky LaCour, duly seconded by Mr. Aaron Johnson, 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, September 21, 2015.

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

Ayes: Councilman Johnson  
Ayes: Councilman LaCour  
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood  
Ayes: Councilman Paige  
Ayes : Councilman Salter

Motion Passed

Chairman Salter stated the next item on the agenda was to give a plaque and recognize Retiree Georgia Jackson on her retirement. Ms. Jackson could not be present so she asked that her plaque be given to Ms. Sharon Harris, Executive Director of OCS/Head Start.

Chairman Salter stated the next item on the agenda was to consider authorizing the Purchasing Agent to seek sealed bid proposals for materials and supplies for the Parish Highway, Solid Waste and Head Start Departments.

On motion by Mr. Aaron Johnson, duly seconded by Mr. Ricky LaCour, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby authorize the Purchasing Agent to seek sealed bid proposals for materials and supplies for the Parish Highway, Solid Waste and Head Start Departments.

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

Ayes: Councilman Johnson  
Ayes: Councilman LaCour  
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood  
Ayes: Councilman Paige  
Ayes : Councilman Salter

Motion Passed

Chairman Salter 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:

- B. Council to approve adoption of Ordinance 11-2015 authorizing the sale of Parish property (Assessor Parcel 8011015900) to the City of Natchitoches to serve as a future recreation site.
- C. Council to adoption of Ordinance 12-2015 authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Parish of Natchitoches and the City of Natchitoches for Replacement of Defective Electrical Service Equipment to the Parish Courthouse.
- D. Ordinance No.14-of 2015 authorizing the Parish President to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor the use of three (3) parcels of Parish property by Campti Field of Dreams in its Agri-business operations, subject to the receipt of evidence of clear title to all three (3) parcels and approval of the Parish attorney.
- E. Council consider Ordinance #13-2015 Authorizing the Parish President to enter into an agreement with the City of Natchitoches, the Natchitoches Parish Sheriff's Office and the Office of the Natchitoches Parish District Attorney in connection with the funding of a response vehicle and operating expenses for the use of the Natchitoches Parish Coroner.

On motion by Mr. Chris Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Ricky LaCour, 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:

Ayes: Councilman Paige  
Ayes: Councilman LaCour  
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood  
Ayes: Councilman Johnson  
Ayes : Councilman Salter

Motion Passed

They discussed each Ordinances, the first was Ordinance 11-2015 authorizing the sale of Parish property(Assessor parcel 8011015900) to the City of Natchitoches to serve as a future recreation site.

Councilman Chris Paige, wanted to say, our Head Start building on Martin Luther King is in need of great repair, and he suggest we can use the land to build a new Head Start Facility. The Head Start building we're in now do not belong to the Parish, and we don't know if any time our children can be at risk of being put out. So Councilman Paige suggest looking into building a new Head Start for our children. He suggested the Council should look into this more before committing to this sale.

Councilwoman Morrow, wanted to let them know the children in that area needs a place to play. And this would be an ideal area for them. She wanted to let the Council know they should not table this for a long period of time. And Councilman Paige also said the Head Start children needs a better place to be housed.

Ordinance 12-2015 authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Parish of Natchitoches and the City of Natchitoches for Replacement of Defective Electrical Service Equipment to the Parish Courthouse. They didn't have any discussion on it.

Ordinance 13-2015 Authorizing the Parish President to enter into an agreement with the City of Natchitoches, the Natchitoches Parish Sheriff's Office and the Office of the Natchitoches Parish District Attorney in connection with the funding of a response vehicle and operating expenses for the use of the Natchitoches Parish Coroner.

The Council wanted to know exactly what the Parish is paying for. And Parish President, Rick Nowlin said the Parish is paying for gas, vehicle maintenance, and insurance for the Coroner's vehicle.

Ordinance 14-2015 Authorizing the parish President to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Campti Field of Dreams, in connection with the use of three (3) parcels of Parish property by Campti Field of Dreams in its Agri-business operations, subject to the receipt of evidence of clear title to all three (3) parcels and approval of the Parish attorney.

There were discussion from the Council to Ms. Isaacs, on Who would be managing the money from these projects? What problems will there be with putting a processing plant by a ball field that is in use? Have the Parish Attorney acquire clear titles? Other questions were asked of these projects, and Ms. Isaacs responded to all of them.

Since there were no more discussions on the above Ordinances.

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:

Ayes: Councilman Paige  
Ayes: Councilman LaCour  
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood  
Ayes: Councilman Johnson  
Ayes: Councilman Salter

Motion Passed

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

On motion by Mr. Chris Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Rodney Bedgood, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby approve to table Ordinance 11-2015 authorizing the sale of Parish property (Assessor Parcel 8011015900) to the City of Natchitoches to serve as a future recreation site.

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

Ayes: Councilman Paige  
Ayes: Councilman LaCour  
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood  
Ayes: Councilman Johnson  
Ayes: Councilman Salter

Motion Passed

On motion by Mr. Ricky LaCour, duly seconded by Mr. Aaron Johnson, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby approve the adoption of Ordinance 12-2015 authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Parish of Natchitoches and the City of Natchitoches for Replacement of Defective Electrical Service Equipment to the Parish Courthouse.

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

Ayes: Councilman LaCour  
Ayes: Councilman Johnson  
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood  
Ayes: Councilman Paige  
Ayes: Councilman Salter

Motion Passed

On motion by Mr. Ricky LaCour, duly seconded by Mr. Aaron Johnson, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby approve the adoption of Ordinance #13-2015 Authorizing the Parish President to enter into an agreement with the City of Natchitoches, the Natchitoches Parish Sheriff's Office and the Office of the Natchitoches Parish District Attorney in connection with the funding of a response vehicle and operating expenses for the use of the Natchitoches Parish Coroner.

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

Ayes: Councilman LaCour  
Ayes: Councilman Johnson  
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood  
Ayes: Councilman Paige  
Ayes: Councilman Salter

Motion Passed

On motion by Mr. Rodney Bedgood, duly seconded by Mr. Chris Paige, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby approve to table Ordinance No.14-of 2015 authorizing the Parish President to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor the use of three (3) parcels of Parish property by Campti Field of Dreams in its Agri-business operations, subject to the receipt of evidence of clear title to all three (3) parcels and approval of the Parish attorney.

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

Ayes: Councilman LaCour  
Ayes: Councilman Johnson  
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood  
Ayes: Councilman Paige  
Ayes: Councilman Salter

Motion Passed

Chairman Salter stated the next item on the agenda was to consider adopting a resolution confirming appointments/re-appointment to the following boards/commissions.

- a. Confirmation of Mr. William Edward Dowden III for re-appointment to the Natchitoches Parish Fire District 4 Board .
- b. Confirmation of Mr. E. Marc Curtis for re-appointment to the Natchitoches Parish Fire District 4 Board.

On motion by Mr. Aaron Johnson, duly seconded by Mr. Rodney Bedgood, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby approve the appointments/re-appointment to the following boards/commissions.

- a. Confirmation of Mr. William Edward Dowden III for re-appointment to the Natchitoches Parish Fire District 4 Board .
- b. Confirmation of Mr. E. Marc Curtis for re-appointment to the Natchitoches Parish Fire District 4 Board.

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

Ayes: Councilman Johnson  
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood  
Ayes: Councilman LaCour  
Ayes: Councilman Paige  
Ayes: Councilman Salter

Motion Passed

Chairman Salter stated the next item on the agenda was Council to consider approving a Proclamation for "Food Day" on October 24, 2015.

On motion by Mr. Aaron Johnson, duly seconded by Mr. Chris Paige, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby approve a Proclamation for "Food Day" on October 24, 2015.

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

Ayes: Councilman Johnson  
Ayes: Councilman Paige  
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood  
Ayes: Councilman LaCour  
Ayes: Councilman Salter

Motion Passed

Chairman Salter stated the next item on the agenda was Council to consider authorizing Parish President to sign an agreement with 4K Farms & Trucking, LLC, for the collection of waste tires generated from Parish solid waste facilities.

On motion by Mr. Rodney Bedgood, duly seconded by Mr. Ricky LaCour, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby approve authorizing Parish President to sign an agreement with 4K Farms & Trucking, LLC, for the collection of waste tires generated from Parish solid waste facilities.

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

Ayes: Councilman Bedgood  
Ayes: Councilman LaCour  
Ayes: Councilman Johnson  
Ayes: Councilman Paige  
Ayes: Councilman Salter

Motion Passed

Chairman Salter stated the next item on the agenda was to consider adopting a resolution certifying the Parish's compliance with all requirements of the Federal Off-System Bridge Replacement Program for calendar year 2015, as required by LA DOTD and FHWA.

On motion by Mr. Rodney Bedgood, duly seconded by Mr. Aaron Johnson, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby approve adopting a resolution certifying the Parish's compliance with all requirements of the Federal Off-System Bridge Replacement Program for calendar year 2015, as required by LA DOTD and FHWA.

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

Ayes: Councilman Bedgood  
Ayes: Councilman Johnson  
Ayes: Councilman LaCour  
Ayes: Councilman Paige  
Ayes: Councilman Salter

Motion Passed

Chairman Salter, stated at this time he would like to amend the agenda by adding:

- A. Authorizing the Parish President to execute a Cooperative Forest Road Agreement Between the Natchitoches Parish Council and the USDA, Forest Service Kisatchie National Forest.
- B. Consider Introducing Ordinance 15-2015 to adopt the 2016 Capital Outlay Budget for the Parish of Natchitoches.

On motion by Mr. Chris Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Ricky LaCour, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby amend the agenda to add:

- A. Authorizing the Parish President to execute a Cooperative Forest Road Agreement Between the Natchitoches Parish Council and the USDA, Forest Service Kisatchie National Forest.
- B. Consider Introducing Ordinance 15-2015 to adopt the 2016 Capital Outlay Budget for the Parish of Natchitoches.

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

Ayes: Councilman LaCour  
Ayes: Councilman Johnson  
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood  
Absent: Councilman Paige  
Ayes : Councilman Salter

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 authorize the Parish President to execute a Cooperative Forest Road Agreement Between the Natchitoches Parish Council and the USDA, Forest Service Kisatchie National Forest.

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

Ayes: Councilman Paige  
Ayes: Councilman LaCour  
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood  
Absent: Councilman Johnson  
Ayes : Councilman Salter

Motion Passed

Chairman Salter stated the next item on the agenda was consider Introducing Ordinance 15-2015 to adopt the 2016 Capital Outlay Budget for the Parish of Natchitoches.

There were a lengthy discussion on roads that should be included in the Capital Outlay Application and the roads that were discussed were in this order:

1. Harmony Road
2. Goldonna Road
3. Bermuda Road
4. Fish Hatchery Road
5. Bayou Derbonne
6. Clark Road
7. Pardee Road
8. Independence Street
9. All side streets of Payne Subdivision:
  - a. Brickyard Road (Richard Veal and Hoover)
  - b. Rex Waterwell Road (Dawne, Boston Fowler, O'Con)
  - c. Holden Road, Bucks Grocery Pridgen, St. Savior Church Road, Pipeline Road.
10. Hargis Road

Councilman Johnson wanted to know if we're going to have enough match money to do all this projects. He said that's something we need to look at when their discussing the budget.

Parish President answered Councilman Johnson questions about the match money how it works with Director of Public Work doing his part to earn In-kind to lower the amount of cash money.

On motion by Mr. Chris Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Ricky LaCour, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby consider Introducing Ordinance 15-2015 to adopt the 2016 Capital Outlay Budget for the Parish of Natchitoches.

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

Ayes: Councilman Paige  
Ayes: Councilman LaCour  
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood  
Absent: Councilman Johnson  
Ayes : Councilman Salter

Motion Passed

Chairman Salter then recognized Mr. Nick Verret, Director of Public Works, who presented his report.

He handed out his report and asked if there were any questions for him. There were none.

Chairman Salter then recognizes Ms. Sharon Harris, OCS/Head Start Executive Director, she gave her 2014 year report with other reports:

Ms. Sharon Harris introduced the new Head Start Policy Council Chairman Ms. Cathy Anderson to the Council. And she said they would like to start interviewing for the New Head Start Director for next week.

**Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program(LIHEAP)**

Provided utility assistance to 95 households totaling \$35,550.00

Call for an appointment on October 7, 2015.

\*2014 DHHS Carryover: September 18, 2015--\$25,640.81

**Food for Seniors** which provided 40-pound box to individuals 60 years or older.

September: 219 individuals.

Next distribution date October 22, 2015

**Commodity** provided food items to:

August: 135 families.

Next distribution date October 22, 2015

**HEADSTART:**

1. Enrollment as of today, 297 children
2. Waiting List 11 include all centers
3. Operating Days: 21
4. Attendance 86.34%

**CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM (CACFP):**

- Number of days meals served-21
- Average Daily Participation (ADA)
- Meals: Breakfast-4,994-ADA =238
- Lunch 4,984-ADA=237
- Snack 4,987-ADA=237
- Total Reimbursement Request \$28,963.70

**SENIOR COMPANION PROGRAM (SCP)**

- 43 SCP volunteers
- 6,449 volunteer hours - \$17,089.86
- 7,090 miles
- 51 clients
- 8 waiting for background checks

Chairman Salter then recognizes Ms. Debbie Miley, Parish Treasurer, Ms. Miley discussed her reports giving status updates on the 2015 Active Bookings for Inmates & Outstanding Coroners/Inmate Expenses.

Ms. Miley also went over the Head Start 541 Fund with the Council. The balance in the Arrears for the Detention Center is \$789,223.17.

Chairman Salter then recognizes Parish President, Rick Nowlin who gave his report:

**OCS/HEAD START:**

Head Start Director Search: Upon recommendation of the director search committee, the process has been opened to non-program employees and the Parish has received four new applications. Following completion of the interviews and evaluations, the committee will issue its report.

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

On motion by Mr. Rodney Bedgood, duly seconded by Mr. Chris Paige, 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:

Ayes:	Councilman Bedgood
Ayes:	Councilman LaCour
Absent:	Councilman Johnson
Ayes:	Councilman Paige
Ayes:	Councilman Salter

Motion Passed

Attest:

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John Salter, Chairman

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Sheryl Frederick,  
Council Clerk