

PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATCHITOCHE PARISH COUNCIL
PARISH OF NATCHITOCHE, STATE OF LOUISIANA
TAKEN A REGULAR MEETING HELD, MONDAY,
April 18, 2016
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, April 18, 2016 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 Russell Rachal who stated that the Parish was ready for the transaction of business.

The invocation was given by Councilman Doug de Graffernied and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman Russell Rachal.

After the roll call there were present Chairman Russell Rachal and Council: Rodney Bedgood, Doug de Graffernied, Chris Paige, and Patsy Ward-Hoover.

Absent: None.

Chairman Rachal then asked for the agenda to be amended to add additional items before the agenda is adopted. The items are to be added to agenda are as follows:

1. To add Lawrence Sampey as a visitor.
2. Consider authorizing the Parish President to solicit bids for hot mix asphaltic concrete patching in order to ensure expenditure of previously-approved State funds remaining from Local Government Assistance Program (LGAP) Grant No. 1314-NTC-0003 prior to the deadline for approval of State Fiscal Year 2016-17 LGAP grants.
3. Consider to consider to hereby proclaim May 1-7 as National Travel and Tourism Week in Natchitoches Parish.
4. To consider changing from a Resolution to an Ordinance to establish the order of business to be followed by the Parish Council at Parish Council at Parish Council Meetings, including the receipt of comments from the public concerning matters to be considered by the Parish Council and other subjects.

At this time Councilwoman Hoover, wanted to go on record that one of her agenda items was omitted from the agenda, because the Chairman, Russell Rachal had it removed from the agenda. Councilwoman Hoover states that Mr. Rachal did not have the authority under the Home Rule Charter to remove items from the agenda if it was requested by another Council member. Mr. Rachal informed Councilwoman Hoover that, according to an Attorney General Opinion from Concordia Parish Police Jury, March 25, 2015, Opinion 14-0173, the president or chairperson of a body serves as the presiding officer and has the authority to set the final agenda for a public meeting. Chairman Russell Rachal also stated that since January 2013 the Parish Government has been operating illegally without an Ordinance which is stated in the Home Rule Charter Section 2-06(G) that requires the Council to adopt an ordinance providing a procedure that would give interested persons the opportunity to be heard at council meetings on any matter pertaining to Parish Government in accordance with state laws governing open meetings and that there were no evidence that such an ordinance had never been passed. At this time the Assistant District Attorney, Mr. Harrington, stated that Chairperson Russell Rachal has the final approval of the Agenda, according to several opinions from the Attorney General. Assistant District Attorney, Mr. Harrington, stated he would give copies to the Council if needed to.

Council woman Hoover, stated if he gives a ruling to one Council member he should make it available to all Council members, especially if its concerning the Council do's and don'ts. This was not anyone from the public requesting this agenda item it was from another Council member. Mr. Harrington, stated he can give all the Council

members the information once the opinion is completed. Councilwoman Hoover, stated she will get her own Attorney General's Opinion for this type of actions that was done by the Chairman.

On motion by Councilman Rodney Bedgood, duly seconded by Councilwoman Patsy Ward Hoover, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby adopt the agenda.

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

Ayes:	Councilman Bedgood
Ayes:	Councilwoman Hoover
Ayes:	Councilman de Graffernied
Ayes:	Councilman Paige
Ayes:	Councilman Rachal

Motion Passed

Chairman Rachal then asked for visitors at this time.

Mr. Brian See with Road Side Inc., who spoke to the Council about vegetation removal services which is offered by his company, He discussed in details about his services and left the Council with a brochure on Selective/Non Selective Turf Programs and Brush Control Programs. Mr. Brian asked the Council and Mr. Nick Verret to consider them if they need any of the services he offers.

Next, Mr. Carl Lasyone and John Markel from Grant Parish gave an update to the Council on House Bill 11. This Bill, if passed will prohibit the open burning of ammunition and waste explosives. They also passed out material on the monitoring activities at Clean Harbor. And pictures. Mr. Lasyone and Mr. Markel is wanting the Council's support in stopping the open burn of these hazardous materials.

Ms. Catherine Johnson and Ms. Madeline DeBlieux came to get Council approval and the Parish President approval of a Proclamation making May 1-7, 2016 National Travel and Tourism Week. The week is to celebrate what travel and tourism means to Natchitoches. There will also be a Tourism Rally with Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser, Wednesday, May 4, 2016, at 3:00pm at the Fort St. Jean Baptiste, 155 Jefferson Street.

Mr. Rayburn Smith of Clark Road, came to discuss when is something is going to be done on the Clark Road. He has planned a cattle auction with other activities and some activities will be done at his home and people will have to travel on the Clark Road, and at this time the road is in poor condition, not only due to the flooding, but long before the flooding. This is a paved road that is beyond pot hole patching and Black Rock, which we can't get anymore of at this time. This road will need a base reconstruction and overlay which is very expensive, which the Parish can't afford.

Mr. Verret stated there is only a short section of the Clark Road that may be eligible for FEMA reimbursement, but not the whole road. Mr. Rayburn, Parish President, Rick Nowlin, Public Works Director, Nick Verret, and the Council had a lengthy discussion concerning the roads. Mr. Verret is going to check on some recommendations from the Council and Mr. Rayburn.

Mr. Lawrence Sampey, spoke on his concerns about the operations of Fire District 2. Mr. Sampey is asking the Council to get an

Legislative Audit done on this Fire District to make sure their everyday operations are legal. Mr. Sampey feels this Fire District is not operating according to State Law. He feels the tax payers needs to know exactly what is being done with tax payers money. Mr. Sampey, stated only himself and one more are the only active members on the board at this time.

At this time Chairman asked was there any other visitors, and Ms. Veronica Hargrove, who was not on the agenda as a visitor stood to speak on the Shady Grove Community Center. She wanted this settled and kept requesting for a final decision on this. Parish President, Rick Nowlin, told Ms. Hargrove he is still waiting on a Plan of Action of how they going to repair the building, Estimates on the materials needed, and the total cost of the repair of the center, to get it in compliance with the Parish. Ms. Hargrove stated she gave this to the Asst. District Attorney in October, this is not was asked. in the March meeting, the Council gave the Community Center members 60 days to come up with a plan. After those 60 days the Parish Council will make their final decision on the Community Center. Ms. Hargrove has failed to show this plan of action to this date. Ms. Hargrove kept on arguing with the Parish President, but he stated again you have 60 days to come with a plan, and when that 60 days is over the Council will make a decision. Parish President, Rick Nowlin, stated he will send a detail letter to the Shady Grove Community Center members and the Shady Grove Church members, to let them know exactly what is needed from the Shady Grove Community Center members in order to show the Council and the Church they have a plan on repairing the center, but for right now its still is a Community Center.

Chairman Rachal stated the next item on the agenda was adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of the Natchitoches Parish Council held Monday, February 16, 2016.

On motion by Councilman Doug de Graffernied , duly seconded by Councilman Rodney Bedgood, 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, March 21, 2016 with the included corrections made to page 19. This will be attached in these minutes.

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

Ayes: Councilman de Graffernied
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood
Ayes: Councilman Rachal
Ayes: Councilwoman Hoover
Ayes: Councilman Paige

Motion Passed

Chairman Rachal stated the next item on the agenda was to consider introducing an Ordinance to establish the order of business to be followed by the Parish Council at Parish Council Meetings, including the receipt of comments from the public concerning matters to be considered by the Parish Council and other subjects.

Council Paige at this time, stated he have know problem in setting rules but if one of his people from his District wants to speak, the Chairman, better let them speak. The Chairman, stated he was not trying to stop anyone from speaking, but there need to be rules established by this Ordinance that was not done in the beginning when the Parish Government took place in 2013.

On motion by Councilman Chris Paige, duly seconded by Councilman Doug de Graffernied, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby introduce an Ordinance to establish the order of business to be followed by the Parish Council at Parish

Council Meetings, including the receipt of comments from the public concerning matters to be considered by the Parish Council and other subjects.

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

Ayes: Councilman Paige
Ayes: Councilman de Graffernied
Abstain: Councilwoman Hoover
Ayes: Councilman Rachal
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood

Motion Passed

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

- A. **Wade Ebert for re-appointment to the Natchitoches Parish Fire District 9 Board.**
- B. **Monty Trichel for re-appointment to the Natchitoches Parish Fire District 9 Board.**

On motion by Councilman Rodney Bedgood, duly seconded by Councilman Chris Paige, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby adopt a resolution confirming re-appointment of:

- A. **Wade Ebert for re-appointment to the Natchitoches Parish Fire District 9 Board.**
- B. **Monty Trichel for re-appointment to the Natchitoches Parish Fire District 9 Board.**

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

Ayes: Councilman Bedgood
Ayes: Councilman Paige
Ayes: Councilman de Graffernied
Ayes: Councilman Rachal
Ayes: Councilwoman Hoover

Motion Passed

Chairman Rachal 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. Adoption of Ordinance #003-2016 to authorize the Parish President to resolve the court order from the 10th Judicial District Court in connection with the salaries paid by the Parish of Natchitoches to the Court Reporters.

On motion by Councilman Chris Paige, duly seconded by Councilman 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:

Ayes: Councilman Paige
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood
Ayes: Councilwoman Hoover
Ayes: Councilman de Graffernied
Ayes: Councilman Rachal

Motion Passed

The Council had a brief discussion concerning the Court Reporters and Judges.

Since there were no other discussion.

On motion by Councilman Chris Paige, duly seconded by Councilwoman Patsy Ward Hoover, 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: Councilwoman Hoover
Ayes: Councilman de Graffernied
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood
Ayes: Councilman Rachal

Motion Passed

Chairman Rachal stated the next item on the agenda was to consider to adopt item:

- A. Adoption of Ordinance #003-2016 to authorize the Parish President to resolve the court order from the 10th Judicial District Court in connection with the salaries paid by the Parish of Natchitoches to the Court Reporters.

On motion by Councilman Chris Paige, duly seconded by Councilwoman Patsy Ward Hoover, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby adopt Ordinance #003-2016 to authorize the Parish President to resolve the court order from the 10th Judicial District Court in connection with the salaries paid by the Parish of Natchitoches to the Court Reporters.

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

Ayes: Councilman Paige
Ayes: Councilwoman Hoover
Nayes: Councilman de Graffernied
Ayes: Councilman Rachal
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood

Motion Passed

Chairman Rachal stated the next item on the agenda to reconsider authorizing the Parish President to submit a loan/grant application to the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development for the purchase of equipment needed by the Parish Highway Department.

Director of Public Works, Nick Verret, discussed the Highway department is in much need of new equipment to do it's everyday jobs. He said this loan/grant will help out with the purchase of new equipment. Mr. Verret stated he just want approval to submit the application and when it's time if it's approve he will bring it back before the Council for approval.

On motion by Councilman Rodney Bedgood, duly seconded by Chairman Russell Rachal, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby authorize the Parish President to submit a loan/grant application to the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development for the purchase of equipment needed by the Parish Highway Department.

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

- Ayes: Councilman Bedgood
- Ayes: Councilman Rachal
- Ayes: Councilman de Graffernied
- Ayes: Councilman Paige
- Ayes: Councilwoman Hoover

Motion Passed

Chairman Rachal stated the next items will be the items that was added to the agenda so they wouldn't be overlooked.

Chairman Rachal read item one Council to consider authorizing the Parish President to solicit bids for hot mix asphaltic concrete patching in order to ensure expenditure of previously approved State funds remaining from Local Government Assistance Program (LGAP) Grant No. 1314-NTC-0003 prior to the deadline for approval of State Fiscal Year 2016-17 LGAP grants.

Mr. Verret after a short discussion to the Council on this item, Mr. Verret also stated it need to be awarded to the lowest possible bidder and this wasn't stated in the original wording so, Councilman Paige stated it should be amended and added with the correct wording so it will be correctly stated in the minutes.

On motion by Councilman Chris Paige, duly seconded by Chairman Russell Rachal, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby amend the agenda to correct a previously agenda item with the correct wording as: Council to consider authorizing the Parish President to solicit bids for hot mix asphaltic concrete patching in order to ensure expenditure of previously approved State funds remaining from Local Government Assistance Program (LGAP) Grant No. 1314-NTC-0003 prior to the deadline for approval of State Fiscal Year 2016-17 LGAP grants with the awarding of bid to lowest possible bidder.

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

- Ayes: Councilman Paige
- Ayes: Councilman Rachal
- Ayes: Councilwoman Hoover
- Ayes: Councilman Bedgood
- Ayes: Councilman de Graffernied

Motion Passed

On motion by Councilman Chris Paige, duly seconded by Chairman Russell Rachal, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby authorize the Parish President to solicit bids for hot mix asphaltic concrete patching in order to ensure expenditure of previously approved State funds remaining from Local Government Assistance Program (LGAP) Grant No. 1314-NTC-0003 prior to the deadline for approval of State Fiscal Year 2016-17 LGAP grants with the awarding of bid to lowest possible bidder.

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

Ayes: Councilman Paige
Ayes: Councilman Rachal
Ayes: Councilwoman Hoover
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood
Ayes: Councilman de Graffernied

Motion Passed

Chairman Rachal stated the next item on the agenda to consider authorizing the Parish President to advertise for bids for stone rip-rap for use in making storm damage repairs on Bermuda Road and other locations as needed, and to award to the lowest responsible bidder.

On motion by Councilwoman Patsy Hoover, duly seconded by Councilman Rodney Bedgood, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby authorize the Parish President to advertise for bids for stone rip-rap for use in making storm damage repairs on Bermuda Road and other locations as needed, and to award to the lowest responsible bidder.

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

Ayes: Councilwoman Hoover
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood
Ayes: Councilman de Graffernied
Ayes: Councilman Rachal
Ayes: Councilman Paige

Motion Passed

Chairman Rachal stated the next item on the agenda was to consider authorizing the Parish President to advertise for bids for storm damage repair work that exceeds the capabilities of the Parish Highway Department, on a project by project basis, provided there are sufficient funds in the Parish Highway budget for this work, and authority to award to the lowest responsible bidder.

On motion by Councilwoman Patsy Hoover, duly seconded by Councilman Chris Paige, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby authorize the Parish President to advertise for bids for storm damage repair work that exceeds the capabilities of the Parish Highway Department, on a project by project basis, provided there are sufficient funds in the Parish Highway budget for this work, and authority to award to the lowest responsible bidder.

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

Ayes: Councilwoman Hoover
Ayes: Councilman Paige
Ayes: Councilman de Graffernied
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood
Ayes: Councilman Rachal

Motion Passed

Chairman Rachal stated the next item on the agenda for Council to consider Introducing Ordinance 004-2016 to transfer from General Fund to Hwy Fund the savings from the new agreement between the Parish of Natchitoches and the Natchitoches Parish Detention Center/Sheriff.

Parish Treasurer Debbie Miley explained this to the Council, that she will be giving out a quarterly statement on the savings to the Council by this new agreement.

On motion by Councilman Chris Paige, duly seconded by Councilwoman Patsy Ward Hoover, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular

and legal session, does hereby introduce Ordinance 004-2016 to transfer from General Fund to Hwy Fund the savings from the new agreement between the Parish of Natchitoches and the Natchitoches Parish Detention Center/Sheriff.

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

Ayes: Councilman Paige
Ayes: Councilwoman Hoover
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood
Ayes: Councilman de Graffernied
Ayes: Councilman Rachal

Motion Passed

Chairman Rachal stated the next item on the agenda to consider to authorize the Parish President to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Red River Waterway Commission for hard surfacing of Hampton Road.

On motion by Councilwoman Patsy Ward Hoover, duly seconded by Councilman Chris Paige, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby authorize the Parish President to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Red River Waterway Commission for hard surfacing of Hampton Road.

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

Ayes: Councilwoman Hoover
Ayes: Councilman Paige
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood
Ayes: Councilman de Graffernied
Ayes: Councilman Rachal

Motion Passed

Chairman Rachal stated the next item on the agenda to consider adopting a Resolution 019-2016 to hold an election in Fire Protection District No. 1 of the Parish of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, on Tuesday, November 8, 2016, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein.

On motion by Councilman Chris Paige, duly seconded by, Councilwoman Patsy Ward Hoover that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby adopt Resolution 019-2016 to hold an election in Fire Protection District No. 1 of the Parish of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, on Tuesday, November 8, 2016, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein.

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

Ayes: Councilman Paige
Ayes: Councilwoman Hoover
Ayes: Councilman de Graffernied
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood
Ayes: Councilman Rachal

Motion Passed

Chairman Rachal stated the next item on the agenda to consider adopting a Resolution 020-2016 to hold an election in Fire Protection District No. 10 of the Parish of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, on Tuesday, November 8, 2016, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein.

On motion by Councilman Chris Paige, duly seconded by, Councilman Rodney Bedgood that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby adopt Resolution 020-2016 to hold an election in Fire Protection District No. 10 of the Parish of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, on Tuesday, November 8, 2016, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein.

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

Ayes: Councilman Paige
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood
Ayes: Councilwoman Hoover
Ayes: Councilman de Graffernied
Ayes: Councilman Rachal

Motion Passed

Chairman Rachal stated the next item on the agenda to consider Council to consider to hereby proclaim May 1-7 as National Travel and Tourism Week in Natchitoches Parish.

On motion by Councilman Chris Paige, duly seconded by, Councilman Rodney Bedgood that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby proclaim May 1-7 as National Travel and Tourism Week in Natchitoches Parish.

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

Ayes: Councilman Paige
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood
Ayes: Councilwoman Hoover
Ayes: Councilman de Graffernied
Ayes: Councilman Rachal

Motion Passed

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

The designated inmate pothole patching crew has been unavailable since March 2, and it is unknown as to when another crew will be made available. In the meantime, the inmate litter pickup/bin site cleanup crew has assisted in pothole patching on 6 workdays.

As of March 30, James Rock, the Parish's supplier of black rock material, is shut down, as they have exhausted their pit. They are looking to acquire additional property for mining this material in the future, but it is unknown at this time as to when they will be back in business.

Since March 9, Winn rock was available on only 7 workdays, due to flooding of their working pit and damage to their equipment. Full-scale production resumed on the afternoon of April 5. The unavailability of this material has severely hampered the Highway Department's storm damage repair efforts. Other materials, including recycled portland cement concrete, were utilized in some areas, but this material is not effective when placed in wet areas or in areas that are regularly exposed to water.

Since March 19, the Highway Department has been down to only one operational tandem dump truck, which has necessitated the extensive use of contracted trucks for hauling material from suppliers to Highway Department stockpiles and for hauling material to work sites around the Parish. To date, these costs have totaled some \$120,000.

Storm Damage Repairs -- The primary focus of the Parish Highway Department since March 8 has been the repair of roads and drainage

structures damaged by the widespread rain event that exceeded the 100-year storm and the resulting headwater and backwater flooding throughout the Parish. A total of some 90 roads in the Parish system suffered some type of storm damage, much of which consisted of minor to moderate washes, requiring only grading or the addition of a few loads of maintenance rock.

Repair work is ongoing for all but the most costly road and bridge damages. For the "big ticket" items, Parish staff are awaiting FEMA site reviews so as to ensure the maximum opportunity for reimbursement of the repair costs. The amount spent to date on maintenance rock for storm damage repairs, Parish-wide, has totaled in excess of \$113,000. A dozer was also rented to aid in the repair work.

A complicating factor affecting the Parish's initial road repair efforts was the fact that numerous State routes were closed for significant lengths of time due to flooding, which affected access not only to Parish roads, but also to our material suppliers.

As of this date, we are awaiting a disaster declaration that would make the cost of permanent repairs to the damaged roads eligible for 75% reimbursement from FEMA. After the declaration has been made, a Kickoff Meeting will be held with GOHSEP and FEMA, following which FEMA will visit all sites to make damage assessments, so that Project Worksheets [PW's] can be written detailing the eligible costs for reimbursement. Parish staff have worked diligently since the onset of the storm event to prepare documentation required for this process. PW's totaling less than \$121,000 will be treated as "small" projects, which allows for an expedited reimbursement process that could result in some reimbursements being received by the Parish before the end of the current fiscal year.

In addition, as part of our participation in the FEMA Public Assistance Program, the Parish will be seeking to obtain Hazard Mitigation funds to elevate repetitively-damaged roads, particularly those that flooded both last year and this year, including sections of Old River Road, Emmanuel Road, and Good Hope Road.

Chairman Rachal then recognizes Ms. Sharon Harris, OCS/Head Start Executive Director, she gave her reports:

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program(LIHEAP)

Provided utility assistance to 59 households totaling \$21,350.00

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

193 individuals.

Next distribution date April 28, 2016

Commodity provided food items to:

December: 143 families.

Next distribution date April 28, 2016

HEADSTART:

August.	Attendance	87.5%
September	Attendance	86.33%
October	Attendance	88.84%
November	Attendance	88.90%
December	Attendance	84.98%
January	Attendance	86.62%
February	Attendance	85.18%
March	Attendance	84.17% (Inclement weather-flooding)

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Personnel: Job offer Dr. April Wade-Head Start Director
Expected date-May 2, 2016

CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM (CACFP):

- Number of days meals served-14

- Average Daily Participation (ADA)
- Meals: Breakfast-3,422,ADA=246
- Lunch 3,438-ADA=246
- Snack 3,438-ADA=246
- Total Reimbursement Request \$19,972.83

Head Start Announcements:

- Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS) Monitoring Review-Results.
- Policy Council Meeting will be held on May 9, 2016 at 6:00pm@ MLK Center.
- Head Start Comprehensive Services and School Readiness (CSSR) monitoring review-Week of April 25, 2016.
- May 18 & 19, Head Start Family Fun Day
- May 20, 2016, HS Graduation at MLK Recreation Center 1:00p.m.

SENIOR COMPANION PROGRAM (SCP)

- 47 SCP volunteers
- 3274 volunteer hours - \$8,677.42
- 5,241 miles
- 57 clients

Chairman Rachal then recognizes Ms. Debbie Miley, Parish Treasurer, Ms. Miley discussed her reports giving status updates on the 2016 Active Bookings for Inmates & Outstanding Coroners/Inmate Expenses.

Ms. Miley gave out the Head Start Grant Comparison spread sheet. and she gave the new award from March 1, 2016 -March 28, 2017.

Ms. Miley also went over the American Express Card purchases of Head Start, which will be attached with the minutes. The total spending on the American Express Card from March 1, 2015 -April 8, 2016 total spent was \$16,499.25 from Fund 541. From Fund 543 total is \$278.60, Fund 544-T&TA total is \$6,383.64, Fund 422-CCFP total spent was \$54.83, and Fund 542-CCFP is \$160.32.

Ms. Miley also gave out a handout on an update: DOL's Proposed changes to FLSA overtime rules expected to be published in July 2016 and become effective in September 2016. The United States Department of Labor and Hour Division Wage and Hour Division to set the standard salary level at the 40th percentile of weekly earnings for full-time salaried workers (\$921 per week, or \$47,892 annually) As proposed, this would raise the salary threshold from \$455 a week (the equivalent of \$23,660 a year) to about \$970 a week (50,440 a year) in 2016.

The FLSA changes will require the Parish to make revisions to our Policy and Procedure Manual. We will submit all request to the Council for Approval.

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

Coco Bed Road Improvements:

The Parish has continued to request Facility Planning and Control to amend its decision rejecting any variance from DOTD design standards for the design of Parish roads. To date, we have not been successful in obtaining the waiver we requested. We will continue to seek the variances we need to proceed with our local projects.

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Hampton Road: The Parish has received the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) from the Red River Waterway Commission for its support in improvements to Hampton Road. The commission approved the plan to hard-surface the roam from LA 494 to the end of Parish maintenance where it joins the RRWC recreational facility and to provide up to

\$1,350,000 for the project. The Parish will provide all engineering, administrative and other project services required by the project. The improved road will provide much better access to the RRWC facilities on the Red River.

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

On motion by Councilman Rodney Bedgood, duly seconded by Councilman 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 Paige
Ayes:	Councilman de Graffernied
Ayes:	Councilwoman Hoover
Ayes:	Councilman Rachal

Motion Passed

Attest:

Russell Rachal, Chairman

Sheryl Frederick,
Council Clerk