

PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
NATCHITOCHE PARISH COUNCIL, PARISH OF NATCHITOCHE, STATE OF  
LOUISIANA, TAKEN A REGULAR MEETING HELD, MONDAY,

May 20, 2013

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, May 20, 2013 at five-thirty (5:30) o'clock p.m.

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

The invocation was given by Rev. Carl Means and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman John Salter.

There were present Chairman Rodney Bedgood and Councilmen Chris Paige, Ricky LaCour, Aaron Johnson, and John Salter.

There was absent: None.

Chairman Bedgood then asked if there were any visitors who would like to speak. He recognized Ms. Rella Hudson who stated that she had worked for the Police Jury Summer Youth Work Program for the past two summers. Ms. Hudson told the Council that the Summer Work Program was very important to her because it taught her the importance of being on time and gave her the experience to obtain a job at a law firm in town. She learned a lot about the Police Jury and how it helped people in the Parish. Ms. Hudson also stated that it was important to have the Summer Youth Work Program. Mr. Paige thanked Ms. Hudson for coming.

Chairman Bedgood then stated that he wanted to recognize Mr. Mike Newton from Exchange Bank before he go on with the agenda. Mr. Newton introduced himself as President of Exchange Bank and told the Council he was present to answer questions concerning the bank relationship with the Parish. He stated the account of the Police Jury and now Parish Council has been with the bank since 1990. Mr. Newton stated he was present to answer a couples of questions such as what happens to the money once it is received by the bank and are the funds pledged or guaranteed. Mr. Newton stated that the funds are treated like any other deposit from an individual. He also told the council that the parish funds are completely pledged by security and as a public body the funds have FDIC Insurance up to the limit which is \$250,000.00 and the bank pledged security on top of that which completely covers any deposit the parish have in the bank. Mr. Newton concluded his comments by stating that the parish funds were fully guaranteed and they have better coverage than the average individual account. He stated that the bank was unable to make or pay a lot of money due to the low interest rates. President Nowlin than asked Mr. Newton to explain the fees the Parish has to pay the bank for servicing the Parish funds. Mr. Newton replied that Exchange Bank do not charge the Parish any fees for servicing their money because the fees are waived. Mr. Newton concluded his remarks by stating if the Council had any other questions he would be happy to come back to answer them. Mr. Salter thanked Mr. Newton for the information.

Chairman Bedgood then recognized Ms. Sylva Morrow who told the Council she had a few questions for the Parish President. She then asked President Nowlin what organization will get the Head Start Program. President Nowlin told Ms. Morrow that the item was not on the agenda but would tell her briefly that the current funding cycle of the Head Start Program was through June of this year but by telephone communications last week, they were told that the program would be extended for one year until June, 2014. He also stated that the Parish would be given another date in which they could apply for a longer funding cycle.

Chairman Bedgood then recognized Mr. Paige who stated that Pastor Carl Means had some comments he would like to make concerning Payne Subdivision. Pastor Means told the Council just to let them know how serious this matter was there were a lot more residents in the hallway. He went on to say that they were concerned about the streets in Payne Subdivision. Pastor Means stated that the residents of Payne Subdivision were not second class citizens and did not want to be treated that way. After several comments concerning this matter, Pastor Means concluded his remarks by stating that they pay taxes like everyone else and the streets in Payne Subdivision need to be redone because they were tearing up everyone vehicles. He then thanked the Council for allowing him to speak.

Chairman Bedgood then recognized Mrs. Alondia Jefferson who asked the Council about the status of the Coco Bed Road. President Nowlin stated that the Parish had submitted a capital outlay request in January and that the project was not in the governor's plan but could be added on the House or Senate side. He told them that the last time he checked it was not in House Bill #2 on the House side. He stated that Natchitoches did not have any members on the House Ways and Means Committee to help with that bill but hoped Senator Long would be able to help on the Senate side. He also stated that the Parish had submitted multiple applications and all of them probably would not be funded. Mr. Paige stated that Senator Gallos and Representative Cox should be contacted for their assistance on this project. President Nowlin stated that he would check again. Ms. Janice Perry then asked Mr. Paige if he could tell them who they need to call? Mr. Salter then stated that he had spoken with Representative Cox and one other representative who told him that the request had not gone to the subcommittee yet but it could go in on the Senate side. Ms. Perry then stated that since the council were addressing these small subdivisions she wanted to know why they were always being told something different and came at the end of everything. She stated that the people on Coco Bed Road pay taxes just like everyone else and should be able to get their road done. She thanked them for the submission of the Capital Outlay project for the Coco Bed Road and stated that she hope it would get approved. Ms. Perry stated that she sat on the Charter Commission and opposed it and now the Council is no better than the Police Jury. She stated that there were no improvement with the new form of government.

Ms. Perry also stated that the Parish have done what they said they were going to do and it is now out of their hand. She also stated that these people should not have to keep coming year after year to request their road be done. After several other comments, Ms. Perry stated that she hope with the new council things will get better. Chairman Bedgood stated that he drives over roads worst than the roads they were talking about and that the Council have done what they said they would do. He also stated that since the parish has submitted the capital outlay request they should contact their senators and representatives to help get the project funded. Another lengthy discussion then ensued and President Nowlin thanked Ms. Perry for her comments and then stated that they would have to wait another year to see if this form of government is better than the former Police Jury system. He also stated that anyone of these road projects could wipe out the budget. President Nowlin also stated that they were doing what they could concerning road problems in the Parish. He then informed the Council that Mr. Verret was working a priority list for road repairs but has not completed the list and may be presented to the Council later on this year. Several other comments were made on this road.

Mr. Paige stated that he wanted to see the streets in Payne Subdivision overlaid and if something needed to be done tonight he would like to add it to the agenda. Mr. Fontana stated if it is the Council wish they could amend the agenda to select a project. Mr. Johnson stated that his only concern with Payne Subdivision is that the parish has to complete Cedar Grove. He stated that he would hate to submit Payne Subdivision and do not complete Cedar Grove and lose the eligibility. Mr. Paige stated that the people present do not want to hear that and if they need to amend the agenda to do so lets get it done. Mr. Fontana stated that the previous Payne Subdivision project has expired and has to be resubmitted. After several comments, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Salter, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby amend the agenda to include the LCDBG items along with the selection of Payne Subdivision area as the street Project.

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

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

Motion Passed

On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Salter, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby adopt a Citizen Participation Plan/Citizen Complaint Procedure and appoint Lynda Vance as the Citizen Complaint Officer for compliance with the LCDBG program.

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

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

Motion Passed

On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Salter, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby authorize the Chief Elected Official to proceed with the development of the LCDBG application taking into the consideration views and proposals submitted by citizens that attended the public hearing as well as those that were unable to attend and views of the governing body and selecting the Payne Subdivision area Streets project for the FY 2014-FY 2015 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant(LCDBG)Program.

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

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

Motion Passed

On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Salter, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby adopt a Procurement Policy for compliance with the LCDBG Program.

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

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

Motion Passed

On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Salter, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby authorize the Chief Elected Official to proceed with the procurement and selection of professional services for the purpose of assisting in the development of the LCDBG application and implementation of the Payne Subdivision Area Street Project. Chairman Bedgood stated that the Council was going to work with Mr. Verret and the President to get these roads done.

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

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

Motion Passed

Chairman Bedgood then recognized Mr. Johnson who stated that he would like to amend Agenda Item #13 to change the wording. Relative to this, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mr. Johnson, duly seconded by Mr. LaCour, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby amend Agenda Item #13 to change the wording to say consider adopting a resolution authorizing the President to submit an application for a LCDBG-ED grant or any other available grant for the purpose of obtaining funds for the design and construction of improvements to the roadways that serve the MARTCO plant at Chopin, Louisiana, and to execute any documents in connection therewith; and to accept the donation of any additional rights-of-way necessary by MARTCO for said roadways, and to amend the Parish's present lease with MARTCO in conformance with the plans and specifications of the roadway, if necessary; subject to the review and approval of the Parish's legal counsel.

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

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

Motion Passed

On motion by Mr. Johnson, duly seconded by Mr. LaCour, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby adopt a resolution authorizing the President to submit an application for a LCDBG-ED grant or any other available grant for the purpose of obtaining funds for the design and construction of improvements to the roadways that serve the MARTCO plant at Chopin, Louisiana, and to execute any documents in connection therewith; and to accept the donation of any additional rights-of-way necessary by MARTCO for said roadways, and to amend the Parish's present lease with MARTCO in conformance with the plans and specifications of the roadway, if necessary; subject to the review and approval of the Parish's legal counsel.

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

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

Motion Passed

Chairman Bedgood then recognized President Nowlin who stated that Mr. Roy O. Martin III was present to discuss Agenda Item #14 allowing MARTCO to participate in the Enterprise Zone. Chairman Bedgood then recognized Mr. Martin who gave a brief discussion of the project they were planning to do at Martco. He stated that they will be starting the project soon. Mr. Martin told the Council that this expansion would create between 20-24 direct jobs and about 50-55 indirect jobs with a salary of low to medium \$40,000.00 plus benefits. He also stated that Martco was a good taxpayer and they probably pay around half a million dollars a year. Mr. Martin then stated that the project is a \$20 million dollar project but after listening to the Parish budget project he would like them to scratch adopting the resolution allowing Martco to participate in the enterprise zone. After several comments, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Johnson, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby table adopting an endorsement resolution allowing MARTCO to participate in the Enterprise Zone Program and rebate all eligible local sales and use taxes

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

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

Motion Passed

On motion by Mr. Salter, duly seconded by Mr. 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, April 15, 2013 and the special meeting held Monday, May 6, 2013.

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

On motion by Mr. Salter, duly seconded by Mr. LaCour, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby confirm the appointment of Ms. Debbie Miley to the Parish of Natchitoches Office of Community Services/Head Start Policy Board.

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

Mr. Paige stated that he would like the record to show that Ms. Miley does not receive any funds from head Start. She used to but not anymore.

On motion by Mr. Salter, duly seconded by Mr. Johnson, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby confirm the appointments of Mr. Dwight Epperson and Ms. Barbara Leach to the Personnel Advisory Commission.

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

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

Motion Passed

Mr. Paige asked if the Natchitoches Times was the only paper the parish could use as the official journal. Relative to this matter, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mr. LaCour, duly seconded by Mr. Johnson, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby appoint the Natchitoches Times as the Official Journal of the Parish of Natchitoches.

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

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

Motion Passed

On motion by Mr. Salter, duly seconded by Mr. Paige, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby adopt a resolution approving the holding of an election in Fire Protection District #7 of the Parish of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana on Saturday, October 19, 2013, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein.

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. Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Salter, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby adopt a resolution adding the Drain Bridge on Good Hope Road to the Federal Bridge Replacement Program in lieu of the Allen-Marthaville Road Bridge over Mayou's Bayou.

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

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

Motion Passed

On motion by Mr. Salter, duly seconded by Mr. LaCour, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby adopt a resolution authorizing the Parish President to execute Supplemental Agreement No. 2 of the Local Road Safety Program project which will allow the plan preparation to this project to proceed.

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

On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Salter, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby entering into a Multi-Jurisdictional Consortium Agreement through the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) for the purpose of the establishment of a consortium or Multi-Jurisdictional Agreement for carrying out programs and activities and authorize the Parish President to sign said agreement.

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

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

Motion Passed

On motion by Mr. Salter, duly seconded by Mr. Paige, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby table the Introduction of Ordinance #4-2013 setting forth procedural rules for the Natchitoches Parish Council; providing for definitions; rules of procedures; disorderly conduct; enforcement; individuals with disabilities and providing for citizen participation and seek a legal opinion from the District Attorney Office to see if the Ordinance is in compliance with the Natchitoches Parish Home Rule Charter.

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

President Nowlin stated that Agenda Item 17 adopting an ordinance to levy millages for the year 2013 is what the public hearing was being held for this afternoon and this ordinance make no changes in the rates from last year. Relative to this, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mr. LaCour, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby adopt an ordinance to levy millages for the year 2013.

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

The next item on the agenda was to approve a job description for the Council Clerk. Several comments were made and after a lengthy discussion, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Salter, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby approve the Caddo Parish job description for the Council Clerk.

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

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

Motion Passed

Another discussion ensued concerning hiring a full-time or part time Council Clerk. Relative to this discussion, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mr. Salter, duly seconded by Mr. Paige, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby start the process to hire a full-time Clerk of the Council.

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

It was agreed to advertise the Council Clerk for two weeks.

Chairman Bedgood then stated that the next item on the agenda was to hire two kids per district for the Summer Youth Work Program. He then recognized Mr. Paige who asked Ms. Miley how much was in the Government Building fund. Mr. Paige told the Council that hiring of 10 kids would cost about #21,138.90. Ms. Miley stated that the budget started the year with approximately \$500,000.00. After several comments, President Nowlin stated that the council would have to do an ordinance to do this but he would like the council to know that there are over a half million dollars of deferred maintenance that need to be done in the courthouse. Chairman Bedgood stated that he was not against hiring the kids but did have a problem of hiring only two from each district. Mr. Johnson stated that he would make a motion to table this item. Relative to this lengthy discussion, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mr. Johnson, duly seconded by Mr. LaCour, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby table hiring two kids per district for the Summer youth Work Program for the upkeep of government buildings.

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

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

Motion Failed

Another discussion ensued relative to the hiring of 10 kids for the Summer Youth Work Program. After this discussion, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Salter, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby introduce an ordinance amending the Government Building Budget not to exceed \$22,000.00 for the hiring of 10 youths for the Summer Youth Work Program for 2013 only.

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

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

Motion Passed

Chairman Bedgood then recognized President Nowlin who stated that Mr. Nick Verret, Director of Public Works, was attending his daughter graduation and had left them a copy of his report.

Chairman Bedgood then recognized Mr. Sharon Harris, OCS/Head Start Executive Director, who told the Council that they had received an extension for the Head Start Program to June 30, 2014. She also told the Council that she and others were working on the 5.27% or \$111,000.00 reduction in the Head Start Budget. Ms. Harris also reported on the status of the Summer Feeding Program. She stated that she was waiting on the final health inspection and should start on June 3rd. Ms. Harris then stated that she had started the process to hire a full time RSVP Director.

Chairman Bedgood then recognized Ms. Miley who stated that she had a couple of things. Ms. Miley then gave a report on the consolidated balance sheet, the inmates report and the quarterly budget report. She stated there was nothing alarming on the quarterly report. Mr. Salter asked Ms. Miley several questions concerning the revenues coming in for the Road Maintenance Department.

Chairman Bedgood then recognized President Nowlin who stated that he had one item. He stated effective immediately Mrs. Lynda Vance will assume the duties of the Purchasing Agent along with being his assistant and would be working with Mrs. Catherine Hamilton to make the transition.

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

On motion by Mr. Salter, duly seconded by Mr. 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:

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

Motion Passed

Attest:

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Rodney Bedgood, Chairman

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