

PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATCHITOCHE PARISH COUNCIL
PARISH OF NATCHITOCHE, STATE OF LOUISIANA
TAKEN A REGULAR MEETING HELD, MONDAY,
 DECEMBER 16, 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, December 16, 2013 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 Rodney Bedgood 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 Rodney Bedgood and Councilmen Chris Paige, Ricky LaCour, Aaron Johnson.

There was absent: Councilman John Salter.

Chairman Bedgood then asked if there were any visitors who would like to speak. He then recognized Mr. Benedict LaCour a resident of Natchitoches Parish who resides in Points Place, but after talking with Mr. Nick Verret prior to meeting he told council he will let Mr. Verret take care of the problem with the culvert by his home in Point place.

There were no public comments.

On motion by Mr. Chris Paige, 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, November 18, 2013.

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

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Paige	_X__	___	__	___
Councilman Johnson	_X__	___	__	___
Councilman Bedgood	_X__	___	__	___
Councilman LaCour	_X__	___	__	___
Councilman Salter	___	___	_X__	___

Motion Passed

The Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, needs to change the next meeting date of the Natchitoches Parish Council from January 20, 2013 which is a holiday, Martin Luther Kings Jr. Birthday to another date for Council meeting.

On motion by Mr. Aaron Johnson, duly seconded by Mr. Ricky LaCour, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby approved the Natchitoches Parish Council regular meeting change to January 21, 2013 due to the holiday of Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday.

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

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Johnson	_X__	___	__	___
Councilman LaCour	_X__	___	__	___
Councilman Bedgood	_X__	___	__	___
Councilman Paige	_X__	___	__	___
Councilman Salter	___	___	_X__	___

Motion Passed

Chairman Bedgood then stated that the next item on the agenda was to Evaluate the Council Clerk performance and if Council is satisfied with performance, raise will be given for the completion of the 90 days probationary period. The 90 days were completed as of October 29, 2013, if evaluation is satisfactory and raise approved it will become retro-active to that 90 day completed date of October 29, 2013.

On motion by Mr. Chris Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Aaron Johnson, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby approved Council Clerk raise for the completion of the 90 days probationary period which ended on October 29, 2013. She will be given the salary of \$40,000 this will be retro-active to the date of October 29, 2013.

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

Chairman Bedgood then stated that the next item on the agenda was to consider adopting a resolution confirming the re-appointment of Mr. Patrick Rachal to the Natchitoches Parish Fire District 4 Board.

On motion by Mr. Chris Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Aaron Johnson, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby adopt the resolution confirming the re-appointment of Mr. Patrick Rachal to the Natchitoches Parish Fire District 4 Board.

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>	___

Chairman Bedgood then stated that the next item on the agenda was to consider adopting a resolution confirming the appointment of Mr. Brian Miller to the Natchitoches Parish Fire District 4 Board due to the resignation of Mr. Danny Graves from the Natchitoches Parish Fire District 4 Board. Mr. Brian Miller will be serving the rest of the 4 months term of Mr. Danny Graves.

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 appointment of Mr. Brian Miller to the Natchitoches Parish Fire District 4 Board.

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

Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
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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

Conduct a public hearing to hear any and all comments or objections relative to the adoption of the following items:

a. Ordinance #18-2013 adopting Revisions to the 2013 Budget.

b. Ordinance #21-2013 adopting Ordinance #22-2013 authorizing Parish President to go into a Cooperative Agreement to Support and Administer with LSU-AgCenter and the Parish of Natchitoches.

c. Ordinance #19-2013 adopting the Personnel Manual for the Parish of Natchitoches.

d. Ordinance #22-2013 adopting Ordinance #23-2013 granting a Cable Franchise to AT&T with a 5% Franchise Fee.

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:

	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

Ms. Miley gave her update of the purpose of the budget revisions to maintain the 5%. No other discussion was done on this ordinance.

Mr. Rick Nowlin gave his updates on the LSU-AgCenter letting the Council know that everything has continue to be the same with the salary support and associated fringe benefits will remain at the rate of \$7,500.00.

Mr. Rick Nowlin also discussed the Natchitoches Parish Personnel Manual for the Parish of Natchitoches, he stated that since the last time departments has made recommendations and changes and they would like to amend the manual and re-introduce the manual at the next months meeting with amendments.

Mr. Paige wanted the Council and Mr. Nowlin to know he have problems with the salaries listed for individuals in the Manual. He stated with the pay scale listed the Parish do not have the money to pay those high salaries. He also stated it isn't fair for a new person to come in making the same salary of a person who have been employed with the Parish of a lengthy time. There should be a lower beginning salary for those entering into the position.

Mr. Verret stated that a salary range should be done, because you have individuals who have degrees and experience and you would have to have a competitive salary in order to employ those people. Mr. Paige agreed with this and stated that's why they need time to discuss the manual further and make sure everything is fair to employees.

Mr. Rick Nowlin also discussed that we have other Franchise Fee and this is only an amendment to add AT&T along with the other with the 5% Franchise Fee.

After discussion with the Council members, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mr. Chris Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Aaron Johnson, 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	X__	___	__	___
Councilman Johnson	__X__	___	___	___
Councilman Bedgood	__X__	___	__	___
Councilman LaCour	__X__	___	___	___
Councilman Salter	___	___	__X__	___

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. Aaron Johnson, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt Ordinance #18-2013 to revise the 2013 Budget.

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

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Paige	__X__	___	__	___
Councilman Johnson	__X__	___	___	___
Councilman Bedgood	__X__	___	__	___
Councilman LaCour	__X__	___	___	___
Councilman Salter	___	___	__X__	___

Motion Passed

On motion by Mr. Aaron Johnson, duly seconded by Mr. Ricky LaCour, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does adopt Ordinance #21-2013 Authorizing Parish President to go into a Cooperative Agreement to Support and Administer with LSU-AgCenter and the Parish of Natchitoches.

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

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Johnson	__X__	___	__	___
Councilman LaCour	__X__	___	___	___
Councilman Bedgood	__X__	___	__	___
Councilman Paige	__X__	___	___	___
Councilman Salter	___	___	__X__	___

Motion Passed

On motion by Mr. Aaron Johnson, duly seconded by Mr. Ricky LaCour, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does amend the Agenda by adding to re-introduce Ordinance #19-2013_ The Personnel Manual for the Parish of Natchitoches with all added amendments to Manual.

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. Aaron Johnson, duly seconded by Mr. Ricky LaCour, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does approve to Re-Introduce Ordinance #19-2013_ with added amendments to The Personnel Manual for the Parish of Natchitoches.

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. Chris Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Aaron Johnson, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does adopt Ordinance #23-2013_ Granting a Cable Franchise to AT&T with a 5% Franchise Fee.

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

Chairman Bedgood then stated the next item on the agenda was to Consider awarding of the Parish Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Contract to Progressive Waste Solutions, this was discussed in detailed by Mr. Verret along with the Council and Mr. Verret advised the Council that Progressive Waste Solutions wasn't able to do a two (2) year contract due to the cost will increase due to the rental of the equipment. They had quoted the prices of equipment over a 5 year plan from the original bid. If they had to go two (2) years the prices will go up in all unit prices.

After lengthy and detailed discussion this was the action taken:

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

hereby approve the awarding of the Parish Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Contract to Progressive Waste Solutions.

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 Bedgood stated the next item on the agenda was to consider approving the 2013 Budget and the Proposed 2014 Budget for the operation of the North Louisiana Criminalistics Laboratory Commission.

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

Chairman Bedgood stated the next item on the agenda was to consider the awarding of the bids received for these items for Head Start.

- a. Milk and Dairy Products
- b. Processed Foods
- c. Bread and Bread Products
- d. Kitchen and Cleaning Supplies
- e. Meat and Meat Products

After each item was reviewed Milk and Dairy Products was awarded to Parker Distributing, Bread and Bread Products Reinhart Food Services and Kitchen and Cleaning Supplies was also awarded to Reinhart Food Services. Processed Foods and Meat and Meat Products was rejected and bids will go back out on these items.

On motion by Mr. Aaron Johnson, duly seconded by Mr. Ricky LaCour, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does award Milk and Dairy Products Parker Distributing, Bread and Bread Products to Reinhart Food Services and Kitchen and Cleaning Supplies was also awarded to Reinhart Food Services.

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. Aaron Johnson, duly seconded by Mr. Ricky LaCour, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does amend the Agenda by adding to Authorize the Parish President to go into a 90 day extension with Reinhart on the items that was rejected by Council. Those items were Process Foods and Meat and Meat Products.

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. Aaron Johnson, duly seconded by Mr. Ricky LaCour, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does Authorize the Parish President to go into a 90 day extension with Reinhart on the food items that was rejected by Council until new bids are done.

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 stated the next item on the agenda was to consider the awarding of the bids received for these items for the Parish Highway Department.

- a. C-3 Gravel
- b. Grader Blades
- c. Metal Culverts
- d. Cold Mix Asphalt
- e. Oils/Grease Products
- f. Winn Rock
- g. Black Rock
- h. Crush Stone
- i. CRS-2 Cationic Emulsified Asphalt

After each item was reviewed the C-3 Gravel was awarded TXI Operations, L.P. of Alexandria, LA and Grader Blades was rejected to incorrect size published on the bid packets and this item will go back out for new bids. Metal Culverts was awarded to Contech Engineered Solutions, LLC of Irving, TX. Cold Mix Asphalt was awarded to Diamond B. Construction Co, LLC of Alexandria, LA. Oils/ Grease Products was awarded to Lott Oil Company of Natchitoches, LA and Winn Rock was awarded to WinnRock, LLC of Winnfield, LA, Black Rock was awarded to James Rock Co, LLC of Montgomery, LA and Crush Stone was awarded to Madden Contracting Company, Inc. of Minden, LA and CRS-2 Cationic Emulsified Asphalt was awarded to Asphalt Products Unlimited, Inc. in Port Allen, LA.

On motion by Mr. Aaron Johnson, duly seconded by Mr. Chris Paige, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does award C-3 Gravel to TXI Operations, L.P. of Alexandria, LA, Grader Blades rejected for incorrect size published on the bid packets and this item will go back out for new bids. Metal Culverts awarded to Contech Engineered Solutions, LLC of Irving, TX. Cold Mix Asphalt awarded to Diamond B. Construction Co, LLC of Alexandria, LA. Oils/ Grease Products awarded to Lott Oil Company of Natchitoches, LA and

Winn Rock awarded to WinnRock, LLC of Winnfield, LA, Black Rock awarded to James Rock Co, LLC of Montgomery, LA, Crush Stone awarded to Madden Contracting Company, Inc. of Minden, LA and CRS-2 Cationic Emulsified Asphalt awarded to Asphalt Products Unlimited, Inc. in Port Allen, LA.

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

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

Motion passed

Chairman Bedgood stated the next item on the agenda was to consider a Resolution for Council to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with City of Natchitoches for exchange of Services.

Mr. Verret with the Council had a lengthy discussion about this agreement and wanted to make sure that everyone is treated fairly and each party in this agreement make sure they do their part to make sure everyone is treated fairly at all times.

On motion by Mr. Aaron Johnson, duly seconded by Mr. Ricky LaCour, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in special and legal session convened, does hereby adopt a Resolution to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with City of Natchitoches for exchange of services.

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 stated the next item on the agenda was to consider a Resolution Authorizing the Parish President to sign the agreement between the Parish and Louisiana Housing Energy Assistance Program.

Ms. Sharon Harris gave a brief summary of what this program is all about and to let the Council know that the State will now be the one's doing the cutting of the checks at this time. All checks will be cut to the vendors and the Parish will have nothing to do after they do the reporting. Ms Harris stated the only payments the Parish will receive is the 7.5% cost of money spent toward services. Ms Harris stated that the 2014 amounts that was awarded to the Parish was \$422,260.79 that broken down is \$35,210.13 is Administration Fee. and \$387,050.65 is services (payment on clients utility bills).

Ms. Precious Barber asked would it take longer for the citizens to get their checks from the State with this new change? Ms. Sharon Harris, stated that she didn't know at this time because it's a new process and it's at the state level. All citizens will be notified of the changes.

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 a Resolution authorizing the Parish President to

sign the agreement between the Parish and Louisiana Housing Energy Assistance Program.

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

Chairman Bedgood then stated that the next item on the agenda was to consider Authorizing Ms. Sharon Harris, OCS/Head Start Executive Director permission to sign weekly reports.

Relative to this, a short discussion was done on this item. After this discussion, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mr. Aaron Johnson, duly seconded by Mr. Chris Paige, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby authorize Ms. Sharon Harris, OCS/Head Start Executive Director permission to sign weekly reports.

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

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

Motion Passed

Chairman Bedgood then stated that the next item on the agenda was to consider Introducing an Ordinance, Ordinance #23-2013 to amend the previous Police Jury action relative to the length of King Hill Road, Parish Road No. 442.

Mr. Verret explained by using a map to show the Council that the previous distance that was taken from the Parish Road System was incorrect, and it should be amended to show the correct miles of 3.331 instead of the 4.3 miles.

On motion by Mr. Chris Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Aaron Johnson, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby Introduce Ordinance #23-2013 to amend previous Police Jury action relative to the length of King Hill Road, Parish Road No. 442. with a Public Hearing being done on January 21, 2014.

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

Chairman Bedgood then recognized Mr. Nick Verret, Director of Public Works, who presented his monthly report and gave a status of Work Accomplishments. The status on ongoing projects are the Local Road

Safety Program Signing Project#2 is awaiting DOTD award of contract. Payne Subdivision the CDBG application was submitted, and is awaiting consideration by the LA Office of Community Development for funding. Also he gave an update on Status of Bridges and he stated no new bridge repairs have been completed since the last reports, due to inclement weather and other work priorities.

Mr. Verret wanted to council to know that in response to Mr. William Sonny Jackson request from last month on the Hampton Road situation, the Highway Department personnel placed "No Dumping" signs at each of the segment of the Hampton Road that parallels Bayou Poisson.

Guardrails was found to be cost-prohibitive at the cost of \$65,000 for the 3,000 linear foot segment.

Chairman Bedgood then recognizes Ms. Sharon Harris, OCS/Head Start Executive Director, stated that the OCS have a great deal going on, families are asking for boxes and baskets for the Holiday season. OCS is preparing food boxes and baskets for needy families. Ms. Harris, stated that can goods from Central Louisiana Food bank that was donated by various schools was given to them also to help during this holiday season. Ms. Harris stated that 20 boxes have been prepared along with 20 hens that was purchased from the Office of Community Services Block Grant to go along with those boxes. The Council of Aging and the Central LA Food Bank, and Fire Department. is helping to help those families in need for this Christmas season.

Ms. Harris, said the parking for the Christmas Festival was good, and that they will be organizing and planning in February a Mardi Gras function for the Seniors in the Senior Program next year. Ms. Harris also said that when everything is signed and completed they will be starting to take appointment for the (LHEAP)Louisiana Housing Energy Assistance Program for 2014.

Chairman Bedgood then recognizes Ms. Debbie Miley, Parish Treasurer, Ms. Miley then went on to discuss her reports giving status updates on the 2013 Active Bookings for Inmates & Outstanding Coroners/Inmate Expenses. She stated that this cost has went down a little from the previous months. She also gave a Quarterly Budget Report on the Consolidated Report.

Councilman Aaron Johnson asked Ms. Miley just how much do we pay to house male adult inmates, she stated \$15.50 a day. He was concerned because there have been inmates the Parish is paying for since 2010,2011,and 2012.

Also Ms. Miley ask the Council could they amend the agenda to add Authorizing the Parish President to sign the Engagement letter for the auditor, Johnson, Thomas, and Cunningham.

On motion by Mr. Aaron Johnson, duly seconded by Mr. Ricky LaCour, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does amend the Agenda by adding to Authorize the Parish President to sign the Engagement Letter for the Auditor, Johnson, Thomas, and Cunningham.

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. Aaron Johnson, duly seconded by Mr. Ricky LaCour, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does Authorize the Parish President to sign the Engagement Letter for the Auditor, Johnson, Thomas, and Cunningham.

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 Parish President Rick Nowlin who gave his report. Mr. Rick Nowlin discussed the elevator problems in the New Old Courthouse, and the Live Oak Building. He stated the Schindler is the company that we use for our elevator services. Schindler has given the Parish a quote of \$90,500 to repair all three (3) elevators. Half of that amount is just to fix the cylinders under the elevator in the Old Courthouse and the other half is for the main Courthouse and Live Oak Building. Mr. Nowlin is working with Schindler to prioritize the major repairs for those elevators. Mr. Nowlin had no further business to discuss or report.

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

On motion by Mr. Ricky LaCour, 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:

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain	Absent
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

Attest:

Rodney Bedgood, Chairman

Sheryl Frederick,
Council Clerk