

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
CADDO PARISH COMMISSION'S
JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMITTEE
HELD ON THE 9th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2023

The Caddo Parish Juvenile Justice Committee met in legal session on the above date, at 12:17 p.m., in the Government Plaza First Floor Conference Room, with Mr. Jackson, Chairman, presiding, and the following members in attendance, constituting a quorum: Commissioners Burrell, Chavez, Cothran, Jackson, and Young (5). ABSENT: Commissioners Gage-Watts, and Jones (2).

The invocation was given by Mr. Cothran, and Mr. Young led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE RULES

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Burrell, *to adopt the Committee rules.*
Motion carried by acclamation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comment was provided by Jon Glover regarding placement of citizen comment on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

- Presentation of The Juvenile Justice Citizen's Advisory Committee's Report

Mrs. Sheila Wimberly, Chair of the Juvenile Justice Citizen's Advisory Committee, presented the Juvenile Justice Citizen's Advisory Committee's Report. Mr. Ken Krefft, Citizen Advisor Committee Parliamentarian, discussed the millage and the need for the millage. Mrs. Bryant discussed the lack of support from citizens to pass a millage historically and that the Administration prefers citizens to help promote the millage. Mr. Young clarified what is appropriate for a Commissioner to do with and without Parish resources to advocate the millage. Mr. Young enquired about the flexibility of the millage and whether the millage could include a rededication, and Mrs. Bryant addressed that the Administration would look into that.

The Committee discussed transportation to educational resources, the cost to increase pods and staff at the Juvenile Detention Center, and physical environment

- Discuss Possibility of Juvenile Justice Millage Being on The Fall Ballot

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, *to suspend the Committee rules and allow visitors to speak.*
Motion carried by acclamation.

Mr. Ken Krefft discussed millages. Mr. RJ Johnson requested the Committee to extend the service of the Juvenile Justice Citizen's Advisory Committee.

It was **moved by Mr. Young**, seconded by Mr. Chavez, *to go back in to regular order.*
Motion carried by acclamation.

It was **moved by Mr. Young**, seconded by Mr. Chavez, *to accept the Juvenile Justice Citizen's Advisory Committee's (interim) report, to recommend to the full body the five mill criminal justice increase with the two pods and staffing for one pod for consideration at the Commission's next Work Session, and to recommend to the full body the continuation of the Juvenile Justice Citizen's Advisory Committee.*

Mrs. Bryant advised that historically a millage specific to juvenile justice was not supported and suggested that the five mills increase would be successful if the millage was a criminal justice millage about public safety.

An amendment by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Young, *to include workforce development, physical environment and educational services with the five mills increase, for the Administration to draft an ordinance advancing the five mills, and to expand the five mills increase from Juvenile Services to Criminal Justice to be presented at the Juvenile Justice Committee's next meeting.*

Mrs. Bryant suggested that the ordinance be introduced in the second meeting in March and the draft could be considered in another Committee meeting. Judge Howell requested she and Judge Casey Jones meet with the Committee before there is a final decision on the ordinance. Mr. Jackson agreed to set up a meeting.

At this time, Mr. Young's motion carried as amended, as shown by the following roll call

votes: YEA: Commissioners Burrell, Chavez, Cothran, Jackson, and Young (5). NAY: None (0). ABSENT: Gage-Watts, and Jones (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Chavez, *to postpone discussion of the truancy update to the next Committee meeting.* Motion carried by acclamation.

The Chair requested that a truancy report be provided from the Juvenile Services Department.

There was no further discussion to come before the Commission, so the meeting was adjourned at 1:43 p.m.

/s/ Linda J. Montgomery

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