

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
CADDO PARISH COMMISSION'S
JUVENILE SERVICES COMMITTEE
HELD ON THE 1st DAY OF MAY, 2023

The Caddo Parish Juvenile Services Committee met in legal session on the above date, at 1:00 p.m., in the Government Plaza First Floor Conference Room, with Mr. Jackson, Chairman, presiding, and the following members in attendance: Commissioners Burrell, Chavez, Cothran, Jackson, Jones, and Young (6). ABSENT: Commissioner Gage-Watts (1).

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

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Public comment by Ken Krefft regarding support for Resolution No. 22 of 2023. Public comment by Jon Glover regarding explanation of Resolution No. 22 of 2023. Public comment by Giselle Proby-Bryant regarding support for Resolution No. 22 of 2023.

NEW BUSINESS

- Discuss and Make Recommendation Regarding Resolution No. 22 Of 2023

It was **moved by Mr. Burrell**, seconded by Mr. Jones, *that Resolution No. 22 of 2023 be advanced to the full body.*

Mrs. Bryant explained the recommendation for 20 years on the millage, which is traditional for Parish millages. Mrs. Bryant indicated that the Commission could reduce the millage period and explained that citizen support matters more than the millage term. Mr. Jackson and Mrs. Bryant discussed interest rates, supply chain issues and loan rates. Mr. Jackson explained that there are no commitments to any projects, which Mrs. Bryant acknowledged that the Commission would have to vote on any capital project. Mr. Jones requested for a laymen's description of Resolution No. 22 of 2023, which Mrs. Bryant explained the purpose of the resolution. Juvenile Services Assistant Director Andrew Randall discussed the details of the resolution, which Mr. Jackson explained that the resolution was the marriage of multiple inputs to make the system work. The Committee reviewed how the resolution addresses crime prevention.

Amendment by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Burrell, *to change the resolution from 20 years to 15 years.* Amendment carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Burrell, Chavez, Cothran, Jackson, Jones, and Young (6). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioner Gage-Watts (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

Mr. Chavez and Mr. Cothran discussed citizen support of the millage. Mr. Jackson indicated that the citizens must agree to support the millage.

Mr. Burrell's motion carried as amended, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Chavez, Cothran, Jackson, Jones, and Young (5). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioner Burrell, and Gage-Watts (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

Mr. Jackson requested that Mr. Randall and Mrs. Bryant address the issue of law enforcement sitting in their vehicles with juveniles then report back to the Juvenile Committee. Mr. Randall compared the juvenile facilities in major cities to Shreveport's facility.

It was **moved by Mr. Cothran**, seconded by Mr. Jackson, *to suspend the rules to ensure that questions have been answered.*

Mr. Marvin Muhammad enquired whether the millage would be new, which Mrs. Bryant explained that the proposed millage would be a new millage including the current millage. Mrs. Jon Glover indicated the need to clearly understand what the millage covers. Mr. Krefft discussed the selling point to cover the operating deficit. Mr. Jones discussed the responsibility to provide for children and public safety. Mrs. Proby-Bryant discussed the array of services that the millage covers and the citizen's not knowing that there is a deficit. Mrs. Sussannah Poljak discussed the importance for prevention and compared the cost of juvenile services versus prevention. **Point of Information by Mr. Muhammad**, regarding the expiration date for the current juvenile millage, which Mrs. Barnett indicated would be in 2031.

It was **moved by Mr. Young**, seconded by Mr. Jones, *to return to regular order.* Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 1:49 p.m.

/s/ Linda J. Montgomery
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