

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
CADDO PARISH COMMISSION'S
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN COMMITTEE
HELD ON THE 8th DAY OF JUNE, 2023

The Caddo Parish American Rescue Plan Committee met in legal session on the above date, at 11:16 a.m., in the Government Plaza First Floor Conference Room, with Mr. Cothran, Chairman, presiding, and the following members in attendance: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Cothran, Gage-Watts, Johnson, Jackson and Young (7). ABSENT: None. (0).

The invocation was given by Reverend Jackson, and Mr. Atkins led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Clerk advised that due to the lack of a quorum, the Committee would not be able to make official action during the meeting.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Public comment by Maxine Davis, Clifton Starks, Susan Caldwell regarding support for the Community Lighthouse project.

NEW BUSINESS

- Discuss And Make Recommendation Regarding Ordinance 6317

The Chair opened the floor for questions. Mr. Atkins discussed emergency services being efficiently and effectively provided with a generator system. Mr. Johnson discussed the federal funding of the Community Lighthouse project and that the parish's appropriation would be supplemental. Mr. Johnson discussed the needs of Shreveport-Caddo Parish. Answering Mr. Atkins on the batteries and storage capacity of the batteries, Reverend Jackson explained that the sun is the power source. Reverend Jackson discussed the load management system the battery power would be preserved. Mr. Nathaniel further discussed the battery power, and the load management system. Mr. Nathaniel explained his role as the Organizer with North Louisiana Interfaith. Mr. Atkins inquired about the orchestrated mission of similar projects in Louisiana, which the Reverend Jackson explained that the project came about from communities taking action to help the community. Mrs. Poche explained that the project originated in New Orleans.

Mr. Young discussed adding a back up water system to the project. Answering Mr. Burrell regarding the project's services, Reverend Jackson explained that services are dependent on the how the facility is set up.

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *to use \$150,000 of Green Infrastructure funds, \$50,000 from the appropriation to Galilee and \$50,000 from the appropriation to TrueFund.*

Mr. Burrell discussed allowing Galilee a fair opportunity to identify how their project would use the appropriation funds before reallocating their appropriated funds, which Mr. Johnson addressed.

Mr. Cothran advised the Committee to address the concerns of citizens present in the meeting.

Amendment by Mr. Johnson to take \$50,000 from Vaccines.

Mr. Jackson discussed chipping away appropriations from projects to help other projects.

Motion carried as amended, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Burrell, Cothran, Gage-Watts, Johnson, Jackson and Young (6). NAYS: Atkins (1). ABSENT: None (0). ABSTAIN: None (0).

The Clerk advised that the purpose of the agenda item was to recommend the funding allocation for the project. Mrs. Bryant explained that the Commission would need to make an amendment on the ordinance with \$250,000 from Green Infrastructure and \$50,000 from TrueFund.

- Discuss And Make Recommendations Regarding Sports Commission Funds

Mr. Johnson explained that the Sports Commission requested funds to host an 2023-2024 sport events. The Committee discussed the use of the Independence Stadium by the Sport Commission and the City of Shreveport.

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *to recommend to the full body an appropriation of \$35,000 moved from ARPA Fund sporting events to the Shreveport-Bossier Sports Commission for events in 2023 and 2024.*

Mr. Johnson explained the type of sport events that the appropriation would be used for.

Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Cothran, Gage-Watts, Johnson, Jackson and Young (7). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: None (0). ABSTAIN: None (0).

There was no further discussion to come before the Commission, so the meeting was adjourned at 12:13 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "LJ Montgomery", written over a horizontal line.

Linda J. Montgomery
Administrative Specialist I