

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
CADDO PARISH COMMISSION'S
LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE
HELD ON THE 3rd DAY OF AUGUST, 2023

The Caddo Parish Long Range Planning Committee met in legal session on the above date, at 2:00 p.m., in the Government Plaza First Floor Conference Room, with Mr. Chavez, Chairman, presiding, and the following members in attendance: Commissioners Chavez, Gage-Watts Hopkins and Young (4). ABSENT: Commissioner Burrell, Jackson, and Johnson (3).

Due to the lack of a quorum, the Chair did not call the meeting to order. The Committee held a discussion on litter violations, litter fine amount and the fine amount determined by the severity of litter violation. There was discussion about the responsibility of litter pickup, constable enforcement area, state law provisions for litter, payment to constables for litter enforcement, driver's license suspension, how to receive fine payments, and the provision in the CEA with constables. There was some discussion about the constable salary and monthly hourly limit for litter enforcement, the process to verify constable's hourly work towards litter abatement, and the local and state costs for litter abatement and enforcement in the Parish.

Mr. Young requested Attorney Bernstein provide a written statement on the state law provisions, the AG opinion, and how to legally achieve an incentivized performance program for constables to enforce litter violations.

The Committee achieved a quorum at the arrival of Commissioner Gage-Watts.

Mrs. Gage-Watts discussed benefits of deer that could control litter abatement and provide evidence of litterers. Mrs. Bryant indicated the lack of litter enforcement with the cameras that are present. Mr. Chavez suggested \$400 per month with one deer camera per constable. Mr. Young requested to stipulate in the CEA that the constables prioritize serious cases of litter to eradicate dump sites. Mr. Chavez suggested that the Administration and Legal draft language to include \$400 per month with one deer camera per constable, and the stipulation for the CEA to prioritize serious litter cases. Mr. Hopkins suggested that the draft be done before the next Commission Work Session, which Mrs. Bryant acknowledged.

Mr. Chavez indicated that the Committee will make a vote on the draft ordinance at the next Long Range Planning Committee. Answering Mr. Young's inquiry about constables starting litter tickets before the draft ordinance is voted on. The Clerk advised that he has a box of ticket pads and the Administration indicated that the new ticket pads were ready. Mr. Hopkins discussed constable's readiness to start litter abatement and the process of the Clerk to track where the pads were distributed. Mrs. Barnett explained that payments to constables could not be made without a signed CEA.

The Chair called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the role and advised that the discussion before a quorum was achieved would be summarized.

NEW BUSINESS

- Discuss And Make Recommendations Regarding Litter Abatement Program

Point of Clarification by Mrs. Bryant that the draft ordinance would be finalized at the next Long Range Planning Committee meeting. Mr. Chavez indicated that the draft ordinance to be ready for the next Commission Work Session should include the \$400 amendment. Mr. Hopkins and Attorney Bernstein clarified that the amendment could be voted on during the meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 2:44 p.m.

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