

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
CADDO PARISH COMMISSION'S  
PUBLIC SAFETY FUNDING AD HOC COMMITTEE  
HELD ON THE 5th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2023

The Caddo Parish Public Safety Funding Ad Hoc Committee met in legal session on the above date, at 2:46 p.m., in the Government Plaza Chambers, with Mr. Epperson, Chairman, presiding, and the following members in attendance: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Cothran, Epperson, Gage-Watts, (5). ABSENT: Commissioners Chavez, Jackson and Young (3).

The Chair extended the invocation and pledge of allegiance from the NGO Appropriations Committee meeting.

The Chair advised that due to the lack of a quorum there would be a discussion.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Malaria Update

Animal Services Assistant Director Kelvin Samuels updated the Committee on the Malaria and West Nile virus test results of mosquitos and the control of the mosquito population.

- COVID-19 Update

The Clerk advised that Dr. Whyte was contacted to attend the meeting, which Mr. Epperson requested that Dr. Whyte be invited to the next Public Safety Ad Hoc Committee Meeting to provide an update on covid-19.

- SWEPCO Update

Mr. Mike Corbin, SWEPCO, reported on current outages and requested the Commission to inform citizens to report outages directly to SWEPCO either through the SWEPCO mobile application, through their online website or by phone. Mr. Corbin indicated that direct reports initiate a process to get the outage handled. Mr. Epperson discussed areas that need to be addressed. Mr. Epperson requested a tour of areas with Mr. Corbin, which Mr. Corbin indicated that he would send a SWEPCO Supervisor as a representative for the tour meeting.

The Committee achieved a quorum.

- Discuss Citizen's Disaster Review Committee

It was **moved by Mrs. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. Burrell, *to recommend to the full body to establish a Citizens Disaster Response, Recovery and Review Committee of up to 27 appointees. Motion carried*, as shown by the following roll call votes: YEAS: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Cothran, Epperson, Gage-Watts (5). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Chavez, Jackson and Young (3). ABSTAIN: None (0).

- Administration report on debris removal

Mr. Tim Weaver explained that he is on the last round of debris removal this week. Mrs. GW requested that the City contractors were not picking up debris, which Mr. Weaver explained that the contractors may be through but the City may still have work crews. Mr. Weaver indicated that debris pick up is for wood only. Mr. Epperson reported that wood debris on side of the road of Irish Circle, which Mr. Weaver indicated that he would inform the City department about it. Mr. Weaver explained that the City picks up debris within the City limits and the Parish picks up outside the city limits of the Parish. Mr. Atkins and Mr. Weaver discussed the remaining budget for debris removal.

There was no further discussion to come before the Committee, so the meeting was adjourned at 3:07 p.m.



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