

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE  
CADDO PARISH COMMISSION  
HELD ON THE 14th DAY OF JULY, 2023

The Caddo Parish Commission met in a Special Session, on the above date, at 10:01 a.m., in the Government Chambers, with Mr. Young, presiding, and the following members in attendance, constituting a quorum: Commissioners Atkins, Cothran, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Jones, Lazarus, and Young (9). ABSENT: Commissioners Burrell, Chavez, and Epperson (3).

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

**CITIZENS COMMENTS**

Public comment by William Bradford reporting on the Industrial Development Board's (IDB) support of Project Pronto.

**RESOLUTIONS**

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Atkins, *that Resolution No. 35 Of 2023, resolution to support an Economic Development initiative at the Shreveport Business Park, and otherwise providing with respect thereto* be adopted.

Mr. Johnson requested to be a sponsor for Resolution No. 35 of 2023.

**Amendment by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Jones, *The Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) will prioritize activity related to hiring fairs be conducted in Caddo Parish and to prioritize workforce development training be done in partnership with a Caddo Parish workforce development community college.*

The Chair requested that all Commissioners be added as a sponsor to Resolution No. 35 of 2023.

Mrs. Bryant explained the economic incentive benefits to the Parish. Mr. Bradford addressed the pilot of the economic incentive. Mr. Bradford discussed having the employer host job fairs in Caddo Parish. Mr. Atkins discussed recruitment into the community. Mr. Jackson discussed prioritizing Caddo Parish and requested that Legal clarify his amendment. Mr. Atkins requested that the amendment prioritize instead of "all". Mr. Johnson and Mr. Dixon clarified that prioritizing would be beneficial.

Mr. Jackson's amendment carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Cothran, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Jones, Lazarus, and Young (9). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Burrell, Chavez, and Epperson (3). ABSTAIN: None (0).

Mr. Johnson's motion carried as amended, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Cawthorne, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, Cothran, and Young (12). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: None (0). ABSTAIN: None (0).

**RESOLUTION NO. 35 of 2023** BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION: RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE AT THE SHREVEPORT BUSINESS PARK, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO. WHEREAS, Project Pronto is an economic development project that will be located Shreveport Business Park, where the GM Plant was formerly located, and; WHEREAS, the project will bring a publicly traded, Forbes Global 500 company to Caddo Parish, and; WHEREAS, that company will bring approximately 596 jobs to Caddo Parish at an average salary of sixty-thousand dollars plus benefits, and; WHEREAS, Caddo Parish will support this initiative with economic incentives commensurate with the company's job provision and commensurate with the capital investment requirements put forth by the State of Louisiana. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby recognize and support the location of Project Pronto at Shreveport Business Park. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any CEA entered into or incentives agreed to with Project Pronto shall provide that the recipient prioritize hiring fairs be conducted in Caddo Parish and that workforce development training be done in partnership with a Caddo Parish workforce development community college. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved as to legal form:

Parish Attorney

Date

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 10:21 a.m.

/s/ Linda J. Montgomery \_\_\_\_\_  
Linda J. Montgomery  
Office Specialist