

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SESSION OF  
THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION  
HELD ON THE 24th DAY OF JANUARY, 2024

The Caddo Parish Commission met in a Special Session, on the above date, at 1:00 p.m., in the Government Plaza Chambers, 505 Travis Street, Shreveport, with Mr. Young, presiding, and the following members in attendance constituting a quorum: Commissioners Atkins, Cothran, Epperson, Giles, Kracman, Lazarus, Thomas, and J. Young (8). ABSENT: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Blake, Burrell, Gage-Watts, and G. Young (4).

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

There being no Agenda Additions or Citizens Comments, the Commission moved onto the New Business.

**NEW BUSINESS**

It was **moved by Mr. Epperson**, seconded by Mr. Lazarus, *that John McCaherty be appointed as Interim Constable for Justice of the Peace Ward III—Mooringsport District.*

Mr. Epperson

At this time, Mr. Epperson's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Cothran, Epperson, Giles, Kracman, Lazarus, Thomas, and J. Young (8). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Blake, Burrell, Gage-Watts, and G. Young (4). ABSTAIN: None (0).

It was **moved by Mr. Epperson**, seconded by Mr. Kracman, *that Resolution No. 7 of 2024, a proclamation (resolution) ordering and calling a special election to be held to fill the vacancy in the Office of Constable, Justice of the Peace Ward 3, Mooringsport District, for the unexpired term thereof; to set the date therefor and other pertinent matters, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto be adopted.*

Mr. J. Young mentioned that this will be on the November 5, 2024 election.

At this time, Mr. Epperson's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Cothran, Epperson, Giles, Kracman, Lazarus, Thomas, and J. Young (8). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Blake, Burrell, Gage-Watts, and G. Young (4). ABSTAIN: None (0).

**RESOLUTION NO. 7 OF 2024**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A PROCLAMATION (RESOLUTION) ORDERING AND CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD TO FILL THE VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF CONSTABLE, JUSTICE OF THE PEACE WARD 3, MOORINGSPOINT DISTRICT, FOR THE UNEXPIRED TERM THEREOF; TO SET THE DATE THEREFOR AND OTHER PERTINENT MATTERS, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the office of Constable, Justice of the Peace Ward 3, Mooringsport District, due to the resignation of the Honorable Roger D. Harris on January 3, 2024 and

WHEREAS, the unexpired term of said office exceeds eighteen months; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission, as the governing authority of the Parish of Caddo, is therefore required to call an election to fill the unexpired term of said office by La. R.S. 18:602.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, as follows:

Section 1. That, as required by and pursuant to law, an election shall be and the same is hereby called to elect a successor to the office of Constable, Justice of the Peace Ward 3, Mooringsport District to serve the unexpired term of the vacant office.

Section 2. That, in accordance with La. R.S. 18:602 and 18:402, the primary election to elect a successor to the unexpired term shall be held on November 5, 2024, and the general election, should it be necessary, shall be held on December 7, 2024; both elections to be held within the boundaries of Caddo Parish Justice of the Peace Ward 3, Parish of Caddo, State of Louisiana, between the hours of seven (7:00) o'clock a.m. and eight (8:00) o'clock p.m. in compliance with the provisions of the Louisiana Election Code.

Section 3. That the Clerk of the Caddo Parish Commission shall publish this resolution immediately in the official journal of the Parish of Caddo.

Section 4. That the polling places for Commissioners and the polling places for this election shall be the same as those designated and approved as polling places within Constable, Justice of the Peace Ward 3, Mooringsport District in accordance with the provisions of the Louisiana Election Code.

Section 5. That the qualifying period for the primary election shall open at 8:30 a.m. on July 17, 2024, and shall close at 4:30 p.m. on July 19, 2024.

Section 6. In accordance with Title 18, Section 426 of the Revised Statutes of Louisiana the number of commissioners serving at each precinct is hereby reduced to the minimum number authorized by law.

Section 7. That the Clerk of the Caddo Parish Commission be and he is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to execute and furnish any certification, form, proclamation, or ancillary requirement for the proper holding of said election.

Section 8. That the Clerk of the Caddo Parish Commission shall forward certified copies of this Resolution by certified mail within twenty-four (24) hours to the Louisiana Secretary of State and the Caddo Parish Clerk of Court, in accordance with La. R.S. 18:602.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Member	Yea	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Chris Kracman	<u>X</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Greg Young	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>X</u>	<u>          </u>
Victor L. Thomas	<u>X</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
John Paul Young	<u>X</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Roy Burrell	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>X</u>	<u>          </u>
Handy Giles, Sr.	<u>X</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Stormy Gage-Watts	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>X</u>	<u>          </u>
Grace Anne Blake	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>X</u>	<u>          </u>
John E. Atkins	<u>X</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Ron Cothran	<u>X</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Ed Lazarus	<u>X</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Ken Epperson, Sr.	<u>X</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 24th day of January, 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that 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 upon its adoption.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

There being no more business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 1:04 p.m.

  
Michelle Nations  
Assistant to the Commission Clerk

  
John-Paul Young  
President