

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF
THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION
HELD ON THE 7TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2023

The Caddo Parish Commission met in a Regular Session, on the above date, at 3:30 p.m., in the Government Plaza Chambers, with Mr. Burrell, presiding, and the following members in attendance constituting a quorum: Commissioners Atkins, Blake, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Johnson, Jones, Lazarus, and Young (11). ABSENT: Commissioner Jackson (1).

The invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were given during the Audit & Finance Committee, so the President moved onto agenda additions.

AGENDA ADDITIONS

It was **moved by Mrs. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. Johnson, *that the agenda be expanded and Resolution No. 48 of 2023, a resolution proclaiming September as National Hunger Action Month and the second Thursday of September as National Hunger Action Day in Caddo Parish, and otherwise providing with respect thereto* be added under Resolutions.

At this time, the President opened the floor for anyone to speak for or against the agenda addition. There was no one to speak.

Mrs. Gage-Watts, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Epperson, and Mr. Burrell asked to be co-sponsors for the resolution.

At this time, Mrs. Gage-Watts' motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Blake, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Johnson, Jones, Lazarus, and Young (11). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioner Jackson (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

VISITORS

- *Rashida Dawson, United Way
ALICE Report*

ALICE stands for Asset Limited Income Constrained Employed, which are households that earn above the Federal Poverty Level, but cannot afford the basic cost of living in their parish. Despite struggling to make ends meet, ALICE households often do not qualify for public assistance. In the State of Louisiana, about 51% is considered ALICE and in poverty.

In the 2020 ALICE report, approximately 55% of the households in Northwest Louisiana were considered ALICE and poverty households; in 2023, approximately 56% are considered ALICE and poverty households. Ms. Dawson then broke down the changes between 2020 to 2023 in each district—District 1, ALICE increased by 6%; District 2 ALICE decreased by 1%; District 3, ALICE increased by 1%; District 4, ALICE decreased by 4%; District 5, ALICE decreased by 6%; District 6, ALICE remained the same; District 7, ALICE decreased by 4%; District 8, ALICE decreased by 1%; District 9, ALICE decreased by 2%, District 10, ALICE decreased by 3%; District 11, ALICE remained the same; and District 12, ALICE increased by 1%.

In 2021, increased access to safety net programs and resources were put in place to help citizens during the aftermath of the pandemic. These included increased access to SNAP benefits, unemployment benefits, Earned Income Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit, Economic Impact Payment of \$1,400, Emergency Rental Assistance Program, and access to the Louisiana Homeowner Assistance Fund. Now, these programs have decreased now that we are out of the pandemic, so the ALICE families will be impacted.

The next steps include legislators creating laws that are needed for those who are ALICE and in poverty; companies/corporation can use the ALICE report to examine and re-evaluate their responsibilities to their employees; and community organizations can leverage the programming of other organizations that can help ALICE and those who are in poverty.

Mr. Young wanted to know which laws that legislators could create to help ALICE. Ms. Dawson suggested guaranteed income, extension of rental assistance, or other policies that surround the financial well-being of ALICE. She also suggested getting rid of blight in neighborhoods.

Mr. Johnson also said that landlords need to be held accountable, so they do not become slumlords. He also thanked Ms. Dawson for the updated ALICE report. He requested a breakdown of all the districts on one page.

Mr. Burrell wanted to know if those districts are based on the new district lines or the old ones. Ms. Dawson said that she will contact their research specialist to determine this.

Mr. Epperson said that this ALICE report validates increasing the national minimum wage. He said that the national minimum wage should increase to at least \$18 per hour. He also said that there are business owners who are slumlords, so commercial properties should be addressed as well. Ms. Dawson agreed and said that this will help with crime.

Mrs. Gage-Watts also thanked Ms. Dawson for the ALICE report. She said that this shows that we should continue to invest into our communities.

Mr. Burrell wanted to know if this report has been forwarded to the congressional delegation. Ms. Dawson said that it has.

Mr. Atkins said that it is nice to help when they can, but they must also manage the budget appropriately. He explained that several of those programs were possible due the federal funds coming down the pipeline.

COMMISSION SITS AS A TAX BOARD OF REVIEW FOR THE YEAR 2023

At this time, in keeping with State law, the Commission would designate itself as a Board of Review to hear protest, if any, of the 2022 tax assessments. During the next two weeks, the Board would hear any protests received. He then asked Mr. Charles Henington, Assessor for Caddo Parish, to come forward.

Mr. Henington presented the following letter:

Dear Members of the Board of Review:

As Assessor in and for the Parish of Caddo, this is to certify that the assessments on property located in and/or assessable in Caddo Parish have been listed and assessed in accordance with Title 47; Section 1992.

It is further certified that the said assessments have been exposed for public review for 15 calendar days beginning August 17, 2023 and ending August 31, 2023.

Said certification of the above is hereby given to the Board of Review as required by Title 47; Section 1992.

*/s/Charles R. Henington, Jr., C.L.A.
Assessor Caddo Parish*

Mr. Henington said that there are several appeals, and he will work with the Commission Clerk's Office to facilitate that hearing. Mr. Burrell said that the Commission Clerk has the Tax Board of Appeal set for September 13, 2023 at 11:30 a.m.

Mr. Chavez wanted to know if Conterra is appealing due to the fiber being laid, but not being used. Mr. Henington said that was correct, but they have not provided documentation to back that claim up.

ADOPT REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

It was **moved by Mr. Jones**, seconded by Mr. Young, *that Regular Session Minutes from August 17, 2023 be adopted. Motion carried.*

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Chavez, *to present Special Resolution for the 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts Norwela Council and englobo and adopt the following special resolutions:*

- *Special Resolution declaring September as National Sickle Cell Awareness Month*
- *Special Resolution declaring Hispanic Heritage Month*
- *Special Resolution declaring November as National Family Caregivers Month*
- *Special Resolution recognizing World Long Drive Champion, Jack Smith*

At this time, Mr. Johnson's motion carried by acclamation. The Commission then moved onto the presentation of Special Resolution for the 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts Norwela Council.

Mr. Young thanked the Boy Scouts who are in attendance today. He said that the Boy Scouts take care of the parks, pick up litter, and do other community projects while learning valuable skills.

Robert Thrash, Boy Scouts Representative, thanked the Commission for the support they have given to the Boy Scouts over the years. Mark Braiden, Vice President Boy Scouts-Norwela Council, said that scouting is very near and dear to his heart from being a boy scout to an eagle scout. They are celebrating all of their achievements over the past 100 years.

Mr. Epperson introduced Mr. Tony Williams, who was a Commissioner for a Day, graduate of Huntington High School, and a retiree of a 23-year military career. Mr. Williams introduced his family and thanked the Commission for their continued support over the years.

Mr. Atkins also thanked the Scouts for all of the valuable lessons that they instill in the youth. Mr. Burrell agreed and thanked the Scouts for coming today.

**SPECIAL RESOLUTION HONORING
THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NORWELA COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, the Norwela Council of Boy Scouts was established in 1923 with a commitment to instill leadership, character, and lifelong skills in young individuals in and around Caddo Parish;

WHEREAS, the Norwela Council has diligently and passionately served the youth of our region for a century, fostering personal growth, community engagement, and the development of moral and ethical values;

WHEREAS, the Norwela Council's Centennial Celebration marks a momentous occasion that deserves recognition and appreciation for the invaluable contributions it has made to the youth of Caddo Parish and beyond;

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission acknowledges the dedication, hard work, and commitment of the Norwela Council's volunteers, leaders, and supporters who have tirelessly strived to create a positive impact on generations of young people;

WHEREAS, the Norwela Council's commitment to the principles of the Boy Scouts of America, including citizenship, service, and leadership, has made a lasting impression on the character development of countless individuals who have gone on to become responsible and engaged citizens

WHEREAS, Caddo Parish endeavors to honor our Purple Heart recipients and their contributions to the nation, extends special thanks to our local recipients and celebrates what they mean to our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, meeting in legal and regular session convened, that on this joyous occasion of the Norwela Council of Boy Scouts' 100th Anniversary, we extend our warmest congratulations and heartfelt appreciation for a century of dedicated service to our community's youth.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Norwela Council of Boy Scouts as a token of our respect, admiration, and gratitude, and be entered into the official records of the Caddo Parish Commission as a lasting testament to the enduring impact of the Norwela Council's work.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission expresses its gratitude to the Norwela Council for its unwavering commitment to nurturing the potential of young people, and for its ongoing efforts to create a better future for our community and beyond.

**SPECIAL REOSLUTION PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER AS
SICKLE CELL AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, September is National Sickle Cell Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, Sickle cell anemia is an inherited blood disorder that mostly affects people of African ancestry, but also occurs in other ethnic groups, including people who are of Mediterranean and Middle Eastern descent.; and

WHEREAS, approximately 100,000 Americans have sickle cell anemia. And roughly 2 million Americans— 1 in 12 African Americans — have the sickle cell trait, which means they carry a single gene for the disease, but do not have the disease itself.; and

WHEREAS, sickle cell disease is a complex genetic disorder characterized by chronic anemia, episodes of debilitating pain and damage to vital organs; and

WHEREAS, early identification of a child with sickle cell disease coupled with antibiotic prophylaxis by 3 months of age and early intervention services, helps those with sickle cell disease while researchers continue to search for a cure; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana remains dedicated to ensuring the accessibility of sickle cell screening, education, and medical care for individuals and families living with sickle cell disease through its support of the Louisiana Department of Community Health's Newborn Screening Program and the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, meeting in legal and regular session this 7th day of September, 2023 that it does hereby proclaim September, 2023 as:

'NATIONAL SICKLE CELL AWARENESS MONTH'

in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and urges all citizens to join with the Parish in recognition of this important month.

At this time, Maria came before the Commission with regards to Hispanic Heritage Month and said that she started working with Veta in 2007 while doing a Hispanic Health Fair. They noticed that the Hispanic community was growing, so their non-profit was established. Maria also talked about Cinco de Mayo. She explained that Cinco de Mayo was created from Corona to sell more beer. She said that Hispanic Independence Day is actually September 15th.

Maria also said that the goal for the Hispanic Heritage Festival is to raise money for scholarships for Hispanic people in Caddo Parish.

Veta said that she wants to grow Shreveport. She also said that that several Hispanic families are moving to this area to help grow and invest in Caddo Parish. Mr. Chavez said that Veta has been an advocate for Hispanic people in the community for several years.

Mr. Chris Giordano announced that the Hispanic Heritage Festival will be held on Saturday, October 14 at the Shreveport Aquarium. The Día de Los Muertos Festival will be held on Saturday, November 4 at Festival Plaza.

**SPECIAL RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING
HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH**

WHEREAS, National Hispanic Heritage Month celebrates the countless contributions of more than 60 million Hispanic Americans to our culture and society; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Americans are the largest minority group in the United States today, and generations of Hispanic Americans have contributed to our nation's strength, prosperity and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Americans, including over 7,000 in Caddo Parish and another 9,000 in bordering parishes, embody the best of our American values, including commitment to faith, family, and community; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Americans contribute in so many ways from protecting this nation through service in our military to tremendous economic contributions made through commitment, ingenuity and skill to the enrichment experienced as Hispanic culture, food, music, history and traditions are shared and celebrated. The Hispanic-American community has left an indelible mark on our government, culture, and economy; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Americans lay claim to an undeniably important role in our country's great years to come, and that Caddo Parish Commission proudly stands to honor them and their innumerable contributions to Caddo Parish's prosperity, culture and way of life; and

WHEREAS, the Hispanic Heritage Association of Northwest Louisiana was established in 2023 to be dedicated to the progress and development of Hispanics in Northwest Louisiana through culture, education, health, sports, business, arts, and other partnerships; and

WHEREAS, the Hispanic Heritage Association of Northwest Louisiana, in Partnership with 318 Latino, will host the Hispanic Heritage Festival on Saturday, October 14th, 2023 from 5pm to 10pm at the Shreveport Aquarium to celebrate the cultural economic and social contributions and impact of the Hispanic community through dance, music, & dining while raising money for scholarships for Latino youth; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission meeting in legal and regular session convened during the month of September does hereby proclaim September 15th through October 15th, 2023 as

‘HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH’

in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and urges all citizens to join with the Caddo Parish Commission to celebrate the Hispanic Heritage Month honoring the contributions of the Hispanic Community.

**SPECIAL RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING
NOVEMBER AS NATIONAL FAMILY CAREGIVERS MONTH**

WHEREAS, family caregivers are the backbone of long-term care services in our community, providing essential support and care for loved ones who are elderly, disabled, or facing chronic illnesses;

WHEREAS, the dedication and selflessness of family caregivers often go unrecognized, and it is important to acknowledge their tireless efforts and the vital role they play in maintaining the well-being of our community members;

WHEREAS, November has been nationally recognized as Family Caregivers Month, a time to honor and show appreciation for the commitment and sacrifices made by family caregivers to improve the quality of life for their loved ones;

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission recognizes the need to raise awareness about the challenges faced by family caregivers, including the physical, emotional, and financial burdens they shoulder;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission, meeting in legal and regular session this 7th day of September 2023, that it does hereby officially declare November 2023 as

FAMILY CAREGIVERS MONTH

in Caddo Parish, Louisiana and urges all citizens to join us as we commend and express our deepest gratitude to all family caregivers in Caddo Parish for their unwavering dedication and commitment to their loved ones. We encourage local organizations, businesses, and residents to join us in recognizing and supporting family caregivers during this special month. The Caddo Parish Commission further encourages citizens to learn about resources aimed at providing support, training, and respite services for family caregivers.

At this time, Special Resolution of Recognition for Jack Smith was read into the record. Mr. Chavez thanked Mr. Smith for representing Caddo Parish during the World Long Drive Tour. He said that he is getting ready for another tournament and hopes to bring the trophy home to Caddo Parish.

Mr. Atkins, Mr. Burrell, and Mr. Epperson all congratulated Mr. Smith and extended much success on his future endeavors.

**SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION
WORLD LONG DRIVE CHAMPION JACK SMITH**

WHEREAS, Jack Smith, a native son of Caddo Parish and 2018 Loyola High School graduate, has displayed exceptional talent, dedication, and sportsmanship throughout his brief & distinguished golfing career; and

WHEREAS, Jack Smith, recently graduated college and delayed plans to attend medical school in order to compete in the World Long Drive Tour, has risen to the pinnacle of his sport, achieving the title of World Long Drive Champion; and

WHEREAS, Jack Smith's achievements in the world of long drive have brought immense pride and honor to Caddo Parish, serving as an inspiration to our community and aspiring athletes across the globe; and

WHEREAS, Jack Smith's remarkable journey from his upbringing in Caddo Parish to entering the Long Drive Tour as rookie in 8th seed facing reported 3000-1 odds and rising to become the only competitor to drive a ball beyond the 400-yard mark, then do it 2 more times during the competition eventually becoming the World Long Drive Champion in only his 4th event underscores the values of hard work, determination, and faith that are deeply rooted in our community; and

WHEREAS, Smith cut his own path in golf becoming committed during high school, then choosing to focus on his studies and not pursue golf during college at LSU, only to return to golf in his Senior year and catch the eye of Hal Sutton whose team would fit Smith for a new driver and were blown away with the young golfer's club & ball speed and suggested he pursue professional long drive; after entering and winning several amateur competitions, Smith returned his focus to his studies, graduating Suma Cum Laude in Biology, then choosing to follow faith and pursue long drive professionally; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, meeting in legal and regular session this 7th day of September, 2023 that it does hereby proclaim September 9th, 2023 as:

‘WORLD LONG DRIVE CHAMPION JACK SMITH DAY’

in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and urges all citizens to join with the Parish in recognition of this young native son with an inspiring story and incredible accomplishment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be presented to Jack Smith as a token of our appreciation and a symbol of the pride that Caddo Parish takes in his remarkable achievements.

It was **moved by Mr. Jones**, seconded by Mr. Chavez, *that the agenda be taken out of order and Resolution No. 48 of 2023, a resolution proclaiming September as National Hunger Action Month and the second Thursday of September as National Hunger Action Day in Caddo Parish, and otherwise providing with respect thereto* be presented and adopted at this time. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Blake, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Johnson, Jones, Lazarus, and Young (11). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioner Jackson (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

Mr. Burrell thanked Ms. Martha Marek for all of her hard work in feeding the community. Ms. Marek thanked the Commission for recognizing this important month.

RESOLUTION NO. 48 OF 2023

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER AS NATIONAL HUNGER ACTION MONTH AND THE SECOND THURSDAY OF SEPTEMBER AS NATIONAL HUNGER ACTION DAY IN CADDO PARISH, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the nations of the world, including the United States, have pledged themselves to uphold the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and to end poverty and hunger entirely by 2030;

WHEREAS, nutrition-related conditions such as heart disease, diabetes and high blood pressure significantly decrease Americans' lifespans and quality of life, leading to millions of deaths per year and millions sicker, more disabled, paralyzed, and cognitively impaired;

WHEREAS, food insecurity and lack of access to healthy foods contribute to the development of various nutrition-related illnesses, and children facing hunger are more likely to experience developmental delay, need to repeat school years, and even experience more social and behavioral problems;

WHEREAS an estimated 683,110 people in Louisiana live with food insecurity; 234,120 are children.

WHEREAS, increased healthy food access and security in Caddo Parish enables residents of all ages, ethnicities, and cultures to lead happier, more productive, and more active lives, helps children to develop to their fullest potential, supports thriving local economies, and promotes a cleaner environment;

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission desires to build towards a future where no child need go hungry, and where all Americans have access to healthy, affordable, fresh, locally made and sustainably produced food;

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission has been actively involved in working with the Food bank of Northwest Louisiana and Caddo Parish municipalities to expand access to healthy foods for residents of all ages, abilities, cultural and economic backgrounds;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Caddo Parish Commission, do hereby proclaim September as National Hunger Action Month, the second Thursday of September as National Hunger Action Day, and September 15th as Caddo Parish Hunger Action Day, and commit to pursuing opportunities within our local food systems to promote food access and food security wherever possible.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, on this National Hunger Action Month the Caddo Parish Commission commits to continue to work with the Food bank of Northwest Louisiana and other partners to make policy and systems changes that will improve food access more equitably throughout the communities we serve, prevent hunger, and promote the wellbeing of all residents of Caddo Parish.

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.

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

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Jones, *to go back into Regular Session.*
Motion carried by acclamation.

COMMUNIQUES & COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mr. Young announced that the Food Bank is hosting their annual fundraiser, Empty Bowls, this evening at Bally's.

He also announced that the Centenary Book Bazar will be held this weekend. He encouraged everyone to attend.

- Mr. Johnson said that the Economic Development Committee met today and made recommendations to be forwarded to the full body. He said that these recommendations are under budget.

- Mr. Epperson said that the Public Safety Ad Hoc Committee met on Monday and voted to have each Commissioner nominate two individuals from their districts to establish a Citizens Disaster Committee.

He also announced that the first September has been designated at Labor Day. Mr. Epperson said that the labor unions pioneered the way for voting rights, equal pay, and other benefits in the workplace today.

Mr. Epperson also said that the Veterans Celebration Committee's Parade & Honor Ceremony will be held on November 11th and November 12th. He also announced that the Parade's Grand Marshal will be Joey Strickland. Mr. Epperson also announced that Veterans Celebration Week will be November 6th through November 12th. During this time, he requested that everyone light up their houses green in accordance with Operation Green Light.

Mr. Epperson also announced that the new OMV, located on Raspberry Lane, is under construction and will be open late 2023 or early 2024.

- Mrs. Erica Bryant said that there was a Budget Retreat, and she will be reaching out to the Commissioners who were unable to attend. She also announced that some of the reimbursements from the CARES Act were not refunded to the Parish, but Ms. Jalisa Thomas, Grants Coordinator, has been working to try and retrieve some of those funds and was successful in receiving \$300,000 in FEMA funds.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Burrell talked about federal funds. He said that the IRS tax cuts also contributed to the federal deficit.

He then announced that the Power Coalition of Louisiana will be hosting a Black & Brown Voter Registration on September 6, 2023. The organization is requesting help in getting people registered to vote.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ZONING ORDINANCES & CASES

The President of the Commission opened the public hearing for the following zoning ordinances:

- *Ordinance No. 6347 of 2023, Zoning Case 23-9-P, an ordinance to amend Volume II of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo, as amended, the Caddo Parish Unified Development Code, by amending the zoning of property located northeast corner of Greenwood Springridge Road and Buncombe Road, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from R-A, Rural Agricultural Zoning District, to C-2, Corridor Commercial Zoning District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

Ronnie Ladner came before the Commission to speak in favor of Ordinance No. 6347 of 2023, Zoning Case 23-9-P. He said that this zoning case was recommended by the PZC, and the community has expressed much excitement with regards to this development.

- *Ordinance No. 6349 of 2023, Zoning Case 23-20-P, an ordinance to amend Volume II of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo, as amended, the Caddo Parish Unified Development Code, by amending the zoning of property located on the east side of Mansfield Road, approximately four hundred and fifty feet south of Stagecoach Road, C-2, Corridor Commercial Zoning District, to I-2, Heavy Industrial Zoning District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

There being no one else to speak in favor or against the zoning ordinances, the President closed the public hearings.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES

The President then opened the public hearing on the following ordinances:

- *Ordinance No. 6328 of 2023, an ordinance amending and re-enacting Chapter 32, Article VI of the Caddo Parish Code of Ordinances, repealing Section 32-52 and Section 34-22 of the code of the Caddo Parish Code of Ordinances, and otherwise providing with respect thereto*

Mr. Mike Moncla came before the Commission and spoke against Ordinance No. 6328 of 2023. He said that the North Louisiana Oil & Gas Association requests that the Commission vote 'no' on Ordinance No. 6328 of 2023. The ordinance would negatively impact the oil and gas industry, specifically in Caddo Parish, he said. The oil and natural gas industry have provided more than 5,000 jobs to Caddo Parish residents with annual total wages of over \$190M. He also said that the industry has paid over \$100M in ad valorem taxes directly to the Parish. He also said that LOGA and LAMOGA would like to continue their collaboration with Caddo Parish.

Mr. Tom Thurmond came before the Commission and spoke against Ordinance No. 6328 of 2023. He represents Blue Dome Operating, which is a small business. The financial impact, according to the fact sheet, is estimated approximately \$10,000 to the Parish—most of those costs have not been accounted for, he said. The public has not been made aware of any comprehensive study toward addressing the pros and cons of the economic impact of the passage of this ordinance, he said. Mr. Thurmond also said that Bossier Parish has had a reduction in their oil and gas production because of their noise ordinance, and he would expect the same if Caddo Parish passes this ordinance. That loss of tax revenue to the Parish would be significant, he said.

Mr. Toby Landry came before the Commission and spoke against Ordinance No. 6328 of 2023. He represents Paloma Natural Gas. He said that there were only three complaints while drilling in Caddo Parish. Mr. Landry requested that the Commission vote 'no' on this ordinance.

- *Ordinance No. 6350 of 2023, an ordinance amending the 2023 Budget to adopt the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Opioid Settlement Fund and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6351 of 2023, an ordinance to authorize the purchase of property located in Section 11, Township 23 North, Range 15 West, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6352 of 2023, an ordinance amending and re-enacting Section 32-90 of the Caddo Parish Code of Ordinances pertaining to burning control, and otherwise providing with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6353 of 2023, an ordinance amending and re-enacting Section 42-108 of the Caddo Parish Code of Ordinances relative to littering, to provide with regard to issuance of summons by Constables and adjudication of littering violations by Justices of the Peace, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

There being no one else to speak in favor or against the ordinances, the President closed the public hearings.

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON LOCAL ASSESSMENT ORDINANCES

The President then opened the public hearing on the following local assessment ordinances:

- *Local Assessment Ordinance No. 62 of 2023, an ordinance to re-inscribe liens securing special assessments for a portion of Maggie Lane being located in a portion of Lots 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, and 19, Woodstock Estates said subdivision being located in Section 16, Township 16 North, Range 13 West, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

- *Local Assessment Ordinance No. 63 of 2023, an ordinance to re-inscribe liens securing special assessments for a portion of Split Oak and Green Oak Drives being located in a portion of Lots 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 21, 22, 23, and 24, Wildoak Subdivision, Unit 4, said subdivision being located in Section 21, Township 16 North, Range 13 West, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Local Assessment Ordinance No. 64 of 2023, an ordinance to re-inscribe liens securing special assessments for a portion of Goldsberry Road being located in a portion of Lots 7, 14, 16, 17, and 20, Shadow Pines Estates, Unit 1, Lots 1, 10, 11, and 12, Shadow Pines Estates, Unit 2, Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4, Shadow Pines Estates, Unit 5, and Lots 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12, Shadow Pines Estates, Unit 6, said subdivision being located in Section 34, Township 16 North, Range 13 West, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

There being no one else to speak in favor or against the ordinances, the President closed the public hearings.

ZONING ORDINANCES (for final passage)

It was **moved by Mr. Epperson**, seconded by Mr. Young, *that Ordinance No. 6347 of 2023, Zoning Case 23-9-P, an ordinance to amend Volume II of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo, as amended, the Caddo Parish Unified Development Code, by amending the zoning of property located northeast corner of Greenwood Springridge Road and Buncombe Road, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from R-A, Rural Agricultural Zoning District, to C-2, Corridor Commercial Zoning District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto be adopted.*

Substitute motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *to englobe and adopt the following zoning ordinances and cases:*

- *Ordinance No. 6347 of 2023, Zoning Case 23-9-P, an ordinance to amend Volume II of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo, as amended, the Caddo Parish Unified Development Code, by amending the zoning of property located northeast corner of Greenwood Springridge Road and Buncombe Road, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from R-A, Rural Agricultural Zoning District, to C-2, Corridor Commercial Zoning District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6349 of 2023, Zoning Case 23-20-P, an ordinance to amend Volume II of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo, as amended, the Caddo Parish Unified Development Code, by amending the zoning of property located on the east side of Mansfield Road, approximately four hundred and fifty feet south of Stagecoach Road, C-2, Corridor Commercial Zoning District, to I-2, Heavy Industrial Zoning District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

At this time, Mr. Jones' substitute motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes:
 AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Blake, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Johnson, Jones, Lazarus, and Young (11). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioner Jackson (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

ORDINANCE NO. 6347 OF 2023, ZONING CASE 23-9-P

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND VOLUME II OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE PARISH OF CADDO, AS AMENDED, THE CADDO PARISH UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE, BY AMENDING THE ZONING OF PROPERTY LOCATED NORTHEAST CORNER OF GREENWOOD SPRINGRIDGE ROAD AND BUNCOMBE ROAD, CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA, FROM R-A RURAL AGRICULTURAL ZONING DISTRICT TO C-2 CORRIDOR COMMERCIAL ZONING DISTRICT, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

BE IT ORDAINED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that Volume II of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo, as amended, the Caddo Parish Unified Development Code, is hereby amended and re-enacted to read as follows, to wit:

The official Zoning Map of the Shreveport Metropolitan Planning Area of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, be amended by rezoning property located Northeastern corner of Greenwood Springridge Road and Buncombe Road, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, more particularly described below, be and the same is hereby amended from R-A Rural Agricultural Zoning District to C-2 Corridor Commercial Zoning District:

SOUTH 166.96 FT. OF WEST 208.7 FT. OF SEC 12-16-16 LESS WEST 35 FT.
TO ROAD & SOUTH 40 FT TO ROAD. SECTION 12 T16N, R16W, Caddo Parish
Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any provision or item of this ordinance 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 ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after publication in the official journal.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

ORDINANCE NO. 6349 OF 2023, ZONING CASE 23-20-P

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND VOLUME II OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE PARISH OF CADDO, AS AMENDED, THE CADDO PARISH UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE, BY AMENDING THE ZONING OF PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF MANSFIELD ROAD, APPROXIMATELY FOUR HUNDRED- AND FIFTY- FEET SOUTH OF STAGECOACH ROAD C-2 CORRIDOR COMMERCIAL ZONING DISTRICT TO I-2 HEAVY INDUSTRIAL ZONING DISTRICT, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

BE IT ORDAINED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that Volume II of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo, as amended, the Caddo Parish Unified Development Code, is hereby amended and re-enacted to read as follows, to wit:

The official Zoning Map of the Shreveport Metropolitan Planning Area of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, be amended by rezoning property located on the East Side of Mansfield Road, Approximately Four Hundred- And Fifty-Foot South of Stagecoach Road, Caddo Parish, LA, more particularly described below, be and the same is hereby amended from C-2 Corridor Commercial Zoning District to I-2 Heavy Industrial Zoning District:

LOTS 3 , IBLING INDUSTRIAL PARK Section 20, T16N, R14W, Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any provision or item of this ordinance 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 ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after publication in the official journal.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

ORDINANCES (for final passage)

It was **moved by Mr. Atkins**, seconded by Mr. Young, *that Ordinance No. 6328 of 2023, an ordinance amending and re-enacting Chapter 32, Article VI of the Caddo Parish Code of Ordinances, repealing Section 32-52 and Section 34-22 of the code of the Caddo Parish Code of Ordinances, and otherwise providing with respect thereto* be adopted as amended by the Natural Resources Committee.

Mr. Atkins said that Caddo Parish is supportive of oil and gas drilling in Caddo Parish and would like it to be more profitable here. However, during the past 18 months, they've received several complaints regarding oil and gas companies, particularly the noise and dust. The Natural Resources Committee reviewed the issues and tried to find ways to accept each proposed change—some of them were accepted; and some of them were rejected. He appreciates the hard work that was put into this document.

Answering a question from Mr. Epperson regarding the amendments, Attorney Frazier agreed that this was amending the original noise ordinance that was adopted in 2011. Mr. Epperson said that the drilling has moved from the rural areas to more densely populated areas. He further stated that the

mineral leases have reduced tremendously. Everything we brought up, the industry rejected, he said. Mr. Epperson said that the noise ordinance is an issue, but there are several other issues as well. He asked that the Commission vote 'yes' on adopting this ordinance.

Mr. Hopkins said that he will be voting 'no' because this is too much regulation.

Mrs. Gage-Watts said that there have been several conversations surrounding this issue. She also pointed out that there is a new Commissioner who has not had a chance to peruse the ordinance. Mrs. Gage-Watts suggested "going back to the drawing board", so she will be voting 'no' on this.

Mr. Johnson said that the citizens' complaints are not presented in this ordinance. He also pointed out that the industry cannot drill unless a property owner gives them the right to drill. Mr. Johnson said that the drilling bonuses should not be reduced. He said that he will be voting 'no' on this ordinance at this time.

Call for the Question by Mr. Lazarus, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Blake, Burrell, Chavez, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Johnson, Jones, and Lazarus (9). NAYS: Commissioners Epperson and Young (2). ABSENT: Commissioner Jackson (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

At this time, Mr. Atkins' motion failed, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Epperson, and Young (4). NAYS: Commissioners Blake, Chavez, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Johnson, Jones, and Lazarus (7). ABSENT: Commissioner Jackson (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

Attorney Frazier said that the Parish will be operating on the ordinance that was adopted in 2011. She also mentioned that she will bring forward another ordinance to "clean up" the current ordinance that is on the books.

Mr. Burrell wanted to know if the Commission will go back and redress this ordinance. Attorney Frazier stated that she will do whatever is the wish of the Commission.

Mr. Johnson wanted to know the consequences of those companies operating on the ordinance that was adopted in 2009. Attorney Frazier said that they are not going to penalize anyone who has been operating incorrectly, but going forward, everyone has been put on notice now on what they should be operating on. Mr. Johnson wanted to know if they will be grandfathered, Attorney Frazier said that they would.

It was **moved by Mr. Lazarus**, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *that Ordinance No. 6350 of 2023, an ordinance amending the 2023 Budget to adopt the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Opioid Settlement Fund and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be adopted.

Substitute motion by Mrs. Gage-Watts, seconded by Mr. Atkins, *to englobe and adopt the following ordinances:*

- *Ordinance No. 6350 of 2023, an ordinance amending the 2023 Budget to adopt the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Opioid Settlement Fund and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6351 of 2023, an ordinance to authorize the purchase of property located in Section 11, Township 23 North, Range 15 West, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6352 of 2023, an ordinance amending and re-enacting Section 32-90 of the Caddo Parish Code of Ordinances pertaining to burning control, and otherwise providing with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6353 of 2023, an ordinance amending and re-enacting Section 42-108 of the Caddo Parish Code of Ordinances relative to littering, to provide with regard to issuance of summons by Constables and adjudication of littering violations by Justices of the Peace, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

At this time, Mrs. Gage-Watts' substitute motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Blake, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Johnson, Jones, Lazarus, and Young (11). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioner Jackson (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

Mr. Johnson asked for an update on Ordinance No. 6350 of 2023. Mrs. Bryant said that the Caddo Parish Commission was awarded a little over \$1M through the opioid settlement. The majority of those funds have to be used for treatment program. Prior to expending any of those dollars, they have

to appropriate the funds. This budget amendment is set up the Opioid Fund, so they can issue the RFP to seek treatment proposals.

ORDINANCE NO. 6350 OF 2023

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2023 BUDGET TO ADOPT THE BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUND AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the people of the Parish of Caddo have been harmed by the misfeasance, nonfeasance, and malfeasance committed by certain entities with the Pharmaceutical Supply Chain; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo has received a settlement through the State of Louisiana from the Pharmaceutical Companies; and

WHEREAS, the Settlement Revenues shall be spent to on approved purposes per the settlement agreement; and

WHEREAS, approved purposes shall mean evidence-based forward-looking strategies, programming and services used to (i) provide treatment for citizens affected by substance use disorders, (ii) provide support for citizens in recovery from addiction who are under the care of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration qualified and appropriately licensed health care providers, (iii) target treatment of citizens who not covered by Medicaid or not covered by private insurance for addictive services; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to adopt the budget for revenues and expenditures for the Opioid Settlement Fund to appropriate these funds; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the Opioid Settlement Fund for the year 2023 as follows:

	<u>Budget Increase (Decrease)</u>
Opioid Settlement Fund:	
Revenue:	
Opioid Settlement Revenue	\$1,224,280
Interest Earned	15,000
Expenses:	
Legal and Auditing	\$5,000
General Fund Administration	\$10,000
Professional Services	\$100,000
Opioid Abatement Expenses	\$1,124,280

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any provision or item of this ordinance 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 ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall take effect upon adoption.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

ORDINANCE NO. 6351 OF 2023

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY LOCATED IN SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 23 NORTH, RANGE 15 WEST, CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo has budgeted funds for the purpose of purchasing property the Parish of Caddo is currently leasing for the operation of a solid waste compactor site in the Town of Ida, Caddo Parish, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the property the Parish of Caddo is currently leasing for the operation of a solid waste compactor site, located on Cedar Lane in the Town of Ida just West of U.S. Hwy. 71, is available for sale; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo desires to purchase the property located on Cedar Lane in the Town of Ida, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, for the purpose of continuing the operation of the Ida Compactor Site, said property being described as follows:

A 150 ft. by 200 ft. tract in the Southeast Corner of Block 3 and ½ of the Abandoned Alley, Town of Ida, Louisiana as recorded in Book 33, Page 289, records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, described as .688 acre, more or less, tract of land being all of Lots 7, 8, 9 and a portion of Lot 10 and ½ of the abandoned alley and street lying next to and adjoining said Lots, all lying in or adjoining Block 3 of the Town of Ida, Louisiana, as recorded in Book 33, Page 289, of records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a railroad spike set for corner in the center of the abandoned Street lying East of said Block 3 and on an Easterly Extension Line of the Southwesterly line of said Block 3; thence run N70°33'55"W along the extension of and along the South line of said Block 3, a distance of 200 ft., to a ½ " iron pipe set for corner; thence run N21°47'24"E to the centerline of the abandoned alley, a distance of 150 ft., to a ½" iron pipe set for corner; thence run S70°33'59"E along the centerline of the abandoned alley to the centerline of said abandoned street, a distance of 200 ft., to a ½" iron pipe set for corner; thence run S21°47'24"W along the centerline of the abandoned street, a distance of 150 ft., to the point of beginning; as shown on the attached survey marked Exhibit "A".

WHEREAS, an appraisal of the property has been obtained which establishes the fair market value for the leased fee interest subject to the existing lease of this property at \$20,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo has negotiated a sales price of \$20,000.00 for the property which is the established fair market value for the leased fee interest subject to the existing lease; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo has determined that the property located on Cedar Lane in the Town of Ida, Caddo Parish, Louisiana is needed for the Parish of Caddo public purpose of continuing the Solid Waste operation of the Ida Compactor Site; and

WHEREAS, Section 3-11(11) of the Charter of the Parish of Caddo requires the adoption of an ordinance for the conveyance of any lands or property to or from the Parish.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby authorize the purchase of the property described hereinabove and located on Cedar Lane in the Town of Ida, Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Parish of Caddo is authorized to purchase the Property located on Cedar Lane in the Town of Ida, Caddo Parish, Louisiana for a price of \$20,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Caddo Parish Administrator or her designee shall be authorized to do any and all things and to sign any and all contracts and other documents in a form acceptable to the Caddo Parish Attorney necessary to effectuate the purposes set forth herein.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any provision or item of this ordinance 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 ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

ORDINANCE NO. 6352 OF 2023

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND REENACTING SECTION 32- 90 OF THE CADDO PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES PERTAINING TO BURNING CONTROL, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Administrative Code specifically limits the burning of waste to yard waste, i.e., "leaves, grass, twigs, branches, and vines by a private property owner on his or her own property for noncommercial purposes in parishes with a population of 300,000 or less, provided the property owner attends the burning of yard waste at all times; and

WHEREAS, the current Caddo Parish burn ordinance does not define or limit the type of waste that may be the subject of an open burn; and WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality has requested that Caddo Parish aligns its ordinance with the Louisiana Administrative Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that Section 32-90 of the Caddo Parish Code is hereby amended and re-enacted as follows:

- (a) No person shall burn any matter or materials upon public or private property outside the confines of a building or structure in the unincorporated areas of the parish. ~~unless:~~

~~(1) The burning is confined to an enclosure with a lid designed for the purpose of containing and preventing the spread of fire; or~~

~~(2) If the burning is not confined in accordance with subsection (a)(1) of this section, the fire chief, or his designated representative, of the special fire protection district in which the burning is to occur shall be notified of the nature and approximate time of the intended burn prior to its ignition. The fire chief, or his designated representative, shall either approve or disapprove the request for the intended burn based upon the prevailing fire danger conditions. Further:~~

~~a. The time and size of the intended burn shall be of such a nature that all flames will be extinguished;~~

~~b. All matter or materials intended to be burned shall have originated on the property of the intended controlled burn; and~~

~~c. All reasonable precautions shall be taken to prevent the fire from getting out of control of the person setting it or spreading beyond its intended perimeters, and a responsible adult shall be in attendance at all times while the fire is burning.~~

(b) Exceptions

1. the burning of leaves, grass, twigs, branches, and vines by a private property owner on his own property for noncommercial purposes, provided the property owner attends the burning of yard waste at all times.

2. the burning of agricultural by-products in the fields in connection with the planting, harvesting, or processing of agricultural products;

3. the controlled burning of cotton gin agricultural wastes in connection with cotton gin operations;

4. the controlled burning in connection with timber stand management; and

5. the controlled burning of pasture land or marshland in connection with trapping or livestock production.

6. the burning is pursuant to and in compliance with the terms of a variance granted by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality.

~~(b)(c)~~ The fire chief of each special fire protection district shall implement procedures to track and record the approval or disapproval of burn requests.

~~(c)(d)~~ The fire chief of each special fire protection district is hereby authorized to declare a burning ban within the special fire protection district. No person shall burn any matter or materials whatsoever upon public or private property outside the confines of a building or structure in the unincorporated areas of the parish during a burning ban.

~~(d)(e)~~ The provisions of this section shall not apply to prescribed burns by the state department of agriculture and forestry, or by persons trained and certified by the state department of agriculture and forestry, or by persons who conduct prescribed burning as a generally accepted agricultural practice as defined by R.S. 3:3602(9).

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any provision or item of this ordinance 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 ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

ORDINANCE NO. 6353 OF 2023

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND REENACTING SECTION 42-108 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO LITTERING, TO PROVIDE WITH REGARD TO ISSUANCE OF SUMMONS BY CONSTABLES AND ADJUDICATION OF LITTERING VIOLATIONS BY JUSTICES OF THE PEACE, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the state law provides that parishes may adopt ordinances to address littering;

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Home Rule Charter also grants the parish all authority as may be granted to local governments under the Constitution and laws of this state;

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Home Rule Charter also grants the parish all authority may be granted to adopt and enforce ordinances as may be necessary to promote, protect, and preserve the general welfare, safety, health, peace and good order of the parish so long as those ordinances are not inconsistent with the State constitution or expressly denied by general law applicable to the Parish;

WHEREAS, litter in the unincorporated areas of the Parish continues to be a problem;

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission wishes to address the issue of littering by providing for the enforcement of littering laws and ordinances;

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission also wishes to address the issue of littering by providing for the adjudication of littering offenses;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that Section 42-108 of the Code of Ordinances is amended and reenacted to read as follows:

Sec. 42-108. Enforcement in justice of the peace courts.

~~Any violation of this article may be tried in a justice of the peace court. Justices of the peace courts and ward constables shall be reimbursed for the time spent and expenses incurred for the disposition of litter violations in accordance with the following distribution formula:~~

- ~~(1) 95 percent of all fines collected and remitted to the parish for any violation of this article shall be disbursed to the justice of the peace court and ward constables. The parish shall apportion 60 percent of the percentage referenced in this subsection (1) to the ward constables and 35 percent to the justices of the peace courts; and~~
- ~~(2) Five percent of all fines collected for any violation of this article shall be remitted to the parish for deposit in its treasury.~~
- ~~A. A justice of the peace shall have concurrent jurisdiction over litter violations occurring anywhere in the parish in which the said justice of peace court is situated, which said litter violations are prohibited by R.S. 30:2531 or this Code. Justices of the peace within the parish have all of the powers and authority allowed for enforcement of litter violations under law. In addition, a constable within the parish may issue summons and issue subpoenas for such violations occurring anywhere in the parish in which his court is situated.~~
- ~~B. All fines collected by the justice of the peace courts in the parish for litter violations pursuant to state law or parish ordinance shall be paid to the parish pursuant to La.R.S. 30:2531—30:2531.5 and 30:2532 and this section but further providing that the justice of the peace shall impose a court cost of \$100.00 per violation.~~
- ~~C. Additionally, the Parish shall enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with any justice of the peace and any constable for the enforcement of the state law and Parish ordinances regarding litter. The cooperative endeavor agreement shall be subject to approval by the Parish Attorney before execution on behalf of the Parish.~~

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any provision or item of this ordinance 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 ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall take effect upon adoption.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

LOCAL ASSESSMENT ORDINANCES (for final passage)

It was **moved by Mr. Jones**, seconded by Mr. Johnson, *that Local Assessment Ordinance No. 62 of 2023, an ordinance to re-inscribe liens securing special assessments for a portion of Maggie Lane being located in a portion of Lots 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, and 19, Woodstock Estates said subdivision being located in Section 16, Township 16 North, Range 13 West, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto be adopted*

Substitute motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *to englobe and adopt the following local assessment ordinances:*

- *Local Assessment Ordinance No. 62 of 2023, an ordinance to re-inscribe liens securing special assessments for a portion of Maggie Lane being located in a portion of Lots 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, and 19, Woodstock Estates said subdivision being located in Section 16, Township 16 North, Range 13 West, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Local Assessment Ordinance No. 63 of 2023, an ordinance to re-inscribe liens securing special assessments for a portion of Split Oak and Green Oak Drives being located in a portion of Lots 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 21, 22, 23, and 24, Wildoak Subdivision, Unit 4, said subdivision being located in Section 21, Township 16 North, Range 13 West, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Local Assessment Ordinance No. 64 of 2023, an ordinance to re-inscribe liens securing special assessments for a portion of Goldsberry Road being located in a portion of Lots 7, 14, 16, 17, and 20, Shadow Pines Estates, Unit 1, Lots 1, 10, 11, and 12, Shadow Pines Estates, Unit 2, Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4, Shadow Pines Estates, Unit 5, and Lots 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12, Shadow Pines Estates, Unit 6, said subdivision being located in Section 34, Township 16 North, Range 13 West, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

Mr. Johnson wanted to know what districts these ordinances are in. These local assessment ordinances are in District 9.

At this time, Mr. Jones' substitute motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Blake, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Johnson, Jones, Lazarus, and Young (11). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioner Jackson (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

LOCAL ASSESSMENT ORDINANCE NO. 62 OF 2023

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE TO RE-INSCRIBE LIENS SECURING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR A PORTION OF MAGGIE LANE BEING LOCATED IN A PORTION OF LOTS 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, AND 19, WOODSTOCK ESTATES SAID SUBDIVISION BEING LOCATED IN SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST, CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo has completed water line improvement projects on a special assessment basis; and

WHEREAS, liens were filed against the property abutting the improvement projects in order to secure the assessments; and

WHEREAS, several of the assessments secured have an outstanding balance remaining at the conclusion of the period allotted for installment payments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened that the Parish of Caddo does hereby re-inscribe the original liens filed to secure the special assessment as follows:

Originally recorded by Local Assessment Ordinance No. 52 of 2014, Goldsberry Road, as recorded under Caddo Parish Clerk of Court Registry No. 2524145 on October 15, 2014.

Shadow Pines Estates, Unit 1

<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Tract Number</u>	<u>Abutting Footage</u>	<u>Assessed Amount</u>
Walter & Suzanne Hunter 308 Maggie Lane Shreveport, LA 71106 1613160040011	11	190.00'	\$4,254.94
Daniel Condon 332 Maggie Lane Shreveport, LA 71106 1613160040014	14	316.00'	\$753.71

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a copy of this ordinance shall be filed in the mortgage records of the Parish of Caddo.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any provision or item of this ordinance 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 ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall take effect ten (10) days after publication in the official journal.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

LOCAL ASSESSMENT ORDINANCE NO. 63 OF 2023

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE TO RE-INSCRIBE LIENS SECURING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR A PORTION OF SPLIT OAK AND GREEN OAK DRIVES BEING LOCATED IN A PORTION OF LOTS 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 21, 22, 23, AND 24, WILDOAK SUBDIVISION, UNIT 4, SAID SUBDIVISION BEING LOCATED IN SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST, CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo has completed water line improvement projects on a special assessment basis: and

WHEREAS, liens were filed against the property abutting the improvement projects in order to secure the assessments; and

WHEREAS, several of the assessments secured have an outstanding balance remaining at the conclusion of the period allotted for installment payments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened that the Parish of Caddo does hereby re-inscribe the original liens filed to secure the special assessment as follows:

Originally recorded by Local Assessment Ordinance No. 50 of 2013, Split Oak and Green Oak Drive, as recorded under Caddo Parish Clerk of Court Registry No. 2458214 on June 11 2013.

Wild Oak Subdivision, Unit 4

<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Tract Number</u>	<u>Abutting Footage</u>	<u>Assessed Amount</u>
James & Jeannie Reeder	07	190.00'	\$5,400.56

9906 Green Oak Dr
Shreveport, LA 71106
1613210070007

Jimmy & Mona Hampton 9918 Green Oak Dr Shreveport, LA 71106 1613210070010	10	190.00'	\$5,244.94
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Charles & Regina White 9909 Green Oak Dr Shreveport, LA 71106 1613210070022	22	198.00'	\$2,779.80
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BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a copy of this ordinance shall be filed in the mortgage records of the Parish of Caddo.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any provision or item of this ordinance 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 ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall take effect ten (10) days after publication in the official journal.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

LOCAL ASSESSMENT ORDINANCE NO. 64 OF 2023

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE TO RE-INSCRIBE LIENS SECURING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR A PORTION OF GOLDSBERRY ROAD BEING LOCATED IN A PORTION OF LOTS 7, 14, 16, 17, AND 20, SHADOW PINES ESTATES, UNIT 1, LOTS 1, 10, 11 AND 12, SHADOW PINES ESTATES, UNIT 2, LOTS 1, 2, 3 AND 4, SHADOW PINES ESTATES, UNIT 5, AND LOTS 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 AND 12, SHADOW PINES ESTATES, UNIT 6, SAID SUBDIVISION BEING LOCATED IN SECTION 34, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST, CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo has completed water line improvement projects on a special assessment basis: and

WHEREAS, liens were filed against the property abutting the improvement projects in order to secure the assessments; and

WHEREAS, several of the assessments secured have an outstanding balance remaining at the conclusion of the period allotted for installment payments. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened that the Parish of Caddo does hereby re-inscribe the original liens filed to secure the special assessment as follows:

Originally recorded by Local Assessment Ordinance No. 49 of 2013, Goldsberry Road, as recorded under Caddo Parish Clerk of Court Registry No. 2458213 on June 13, 2013.

Shadow Pines Estates, Unit 1

<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Tract Number</u>	<u>Abutting Footage</u>	<u>Assessed Amount</u>
William Vickery 10336 Goldsberry Rd Shreveport, LA 71106 1613280060007	07	333.00'	\$8,447.76

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a copy of this ordinance shall be filed in the mortgage records of the Parish of Caddo.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any provision or item of this ordinance 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 ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall take effect ten (10) days after publication in the official journal.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

ZONING ORDINANCES (for introduction by title)

- *Ordinance No. 6348 of 2023, an ordinance to amend Volume II of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo, as amended, the Caddo Parish Unified Development Code, by amending the zoning of property located northwest corner of Wells Island Road and Mallot Drive, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from R-1-7 Single Family Residential Zoning District to I-2 Heavy Industrial Zoning District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6354 of 2023, in regards to PZC Zoning Case 23-25-P, an ordinance to amend Volume II of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo, as amended, the Caddo Parish Unified Development Code, by amending the zoning of property located on the east side of Devereaux Road approximately seven hundred ninety-six feet north of Pinehill Road, Caddo Parish, LA, from R-1-7, Single Family Residential District to R-TH, Townhouse Residential District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

WORK SESSION MINUTES

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Jones, *that Work Session Minutes from September 5, 2023 be ratified.* Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

It was **moved by Mr. Atkins**, seconded by Mr. Jones, *to englobe and adopt the following resolutions:*

- *Resolution No. 42 of 2023, a resolution to provide an annual certification to the State of Louisiana Department of Transportation & Development in accordance with the Off-System Bridge Replacement Program, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Resolution No. 43 of 2023, a resolution to authorize the addition of Ida Missionary Road Bridge into the Federal Off-System Bridge Rehabilitation & Replacement Program, and otherwise providing with respect thereto*
- *Resolution No. 44 of 2023, a resolution to authorize the Caddo Parish Administrator to approve the assignment, bill of sale, and conveyance of State Agency Leases 19738 and 19739 from BPX Operating Company to Chesapeake Louisiana, LP, and otherwise providing with respect thereto*
- *Resolution No. 45 of 2023, a proclamation (resolution) ordering and calling a special election to be held to fill the vacancy in the Office of Caddo Parish Commissioner, District 6, for the unexpired term thereof; to set the date*
- *Resolution No. 46 of 2023, a resolution to relocate the polling place for Precinct 127 from LSU Pecan Station, 10300 Harts Island Road, Shreveport, Louisiana, to Caddo Bossier Parishes Port Commission, 6000 Doug Attaway Boulevard, Shreveport, Louisiana, and otherwise providing with respect thereto*
- *Resolution No. 47 of 2023, a resolution to relocate the polling place for Precincts 006, 064, and 099 from E.B. Williams Stoner Hill Elementary School, 3238 C.E. Galloway Boulevard, Shreveport, Louisiana, to Valencia Park Community Center, 1800 Viking Drive, Shreveport, Louisiana, and otherwise providing with respect thereto*

At this time, Mr. Atkins' motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Blake, Burrell, Chavez, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Johnson, Jones, Lazarus, and Young (10). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Epperson and Jackson (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

RESOLUTION NO. 42 OF 2023

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE AN ANNUAL CERTIFICATION TO THE STATE OF LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OFF-SYSTEM BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Code of Federal Regulations mandates that all structures defined as bridges located on all public roads shall be inspected, rated for safe load capacity, and posted in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards; and

WHEREAS, an inventory of the aforementioned bridges shall be maintained by each state; and

WHEREAS, the responsibility to inspect, rate and loads post these bridges under the authority of the Parish of Caddo in accordance with the above-cited standards is delegated by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to the Parish of Caddo.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby certify to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development that the Parish will perform the following for the period of 1 October 2023 through 30 September 2024:

1. The Parish has performed and will continue to perform all interim inspections on all Parish-owned or maintained bridges in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards
2. The Parish will load rate non-timber bridges within Caddo Parish, as required.
3. The Parish will load post or close bridges within Caddo Parish, as required.
4. The Parish will verify the inventory data pertaining to all bridges within Caddo Parish, as required.

These stipulations are prerequisites to participation by the Parish in the Off-System Bridge Replacement Program.

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.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 43 OF 2023

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE ADDITION OF IIDA MISSIONARY ROAD BRIDGE INTO THE FEDERAL OFF-SYSTEM BRIDGE REHABILITATION AND REPLACEMENT PROGRAM, AND OTHERWISE PROVING WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo has been notified by the State of Louisiana, Department of Transportation and Development that Ida Missionary Rd Bridge (id# 300122) in Caddo Parish has been chosen of inclusion into the 2023-2025 Federal Off-System Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Program; and

WHEREAS, the Off-System Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Program requires that the above selected bridge project be added into the program by resolution of the Caddo Parish Commission, and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission has determined that the bridge replacement and rehabilitation program provides a public benefit to the citizens of Caddo Parish; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular, and legal session convened, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby add Ida Missionary Road Bridge into the 2023-2025 Federal Off-System Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby authorize the Parish Administrator or his designee to do any and all things necessary to add the above referenced bridge into the 2023-2025 Federal Off-System Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Program, and to execute any and all documents in a form acceptable to the Caddo Parish Attorney necessary to effectuate the purposed set forth herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if any provision or item of this resolution or 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 44 OF 2023

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CADDO PARISH ADMINISTRATOR TO APPROVE THE ASSIGNMENT, BILL OF SALE AND CONVEYANCE OF STATE AGENCY LEASES 19738, AND 19739 FROM BPX OPERATING COMPANY TO CHESAPEAKE LOUISIANA, LP, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo is a Lessor in that certain oil, gas and mineral lease from the Caddo Parish Commission to Theophilus Oil, Gas & Land Services, LLC, in State Agency Lease 19738, dated July 9, 2008, and recorded at registry No. 2179773 of the conveyance records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana; and that certain oil, gas and mineral lease from the Caddo Parish Commission to Theophilus Oil, Gas & Land Services, LLC, in State Agency Lease 19739, dated July 9, 2008, and recorded at registry No. 22179775; of the conveyance records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, State Agency Leases 19738 and 19739 have been conveyed by various assignments, bills of sale, mergers or name changes to BPX Operating Company, hereinafter referred to as 'BPX', and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo has received a written request from 'BPX', seeking approval from the Caddo Parish Commission of an assignment, bill of sale and conveyance of State Agency Leases 19738 and 19739, from 'BPX' to Chesapeake Louisiana, LP.

WHEREAS, the assignment, bill of sale and conveyance of State Agency Lease 19738 will be limited to the lands in Sections 28 and 29, Township 15 North, Range 16 West and the assignment, bill of sale and conveyance of State Agency Lease 19739 will be limited to the lands in Section 25, Township 15 North, Range 16 West.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that the Administrator is hereby authorized to approve the assignment, bill of sale and conveyance of State Agency Leases 19738 and 19739 from 'BPX' to Chesapeake Louisiana, LP.

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.

RESOLUTION NO. 45 OF 2023

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 CADDO PARISH COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 6, 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 Caddo Parish Commissioner, District 6, due to no candidate qualifying to be elected for the term beginning January 8, 2024.

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 Caddo Parish Commissioner, District 6 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 candidate to the unexpired term shall be held on March 23, 2024, and the general election, should it be necessary, shall be held on April 27, 2024; both elections to be held within the boundaries of Caddo Parish Commission District 6, 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 Caddo Parish Commission Districts 6 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 December 13, 2023, and shall close at 4:30 p.m. on December 15, 2023.

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.

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.

RESOLUTION NO. 46 OF 2023

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION TO RELOCATE THE POLLING PLACE FOR PRECINCT 127 FROM LSU PECAN STATION, 10300 HARTS ISLAND ROAD, SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA TO CADDO BOSSIER PARISHES PORT COMMISSION, 6000 DOUG ATTAWAY BOULEVARD, SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the established polling location for Precinct No. is located at the LSU Pecan Station, 10300 Harts Island Road, Shreveport, Louisiana 71115-9521;

WHEREAS, that facility sustained significant damage from the recent storms and is no longer a suitable location for a polling location due to that damage;

WHEREAS, the Caddo Bossier Parishes Port Commission, 6000 Doug Attaway Boulevard, Shreveport, Louisiana 71115-9515 is willing to serve as a polling location; and

WHEREAS, the distance between the current location of the polling place for Precinct No. 127 and the proposed location is 1.5 miles; and

WHEREAS, the proposed polling place has been reviewed and meets all requirements for polling places.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby change the polling location for Precinct No. 127 from LSU Pecan Station, 10300 Harts Island Road, Shreveport, Louisiana 71115-9521 to Caddo Bossier Parishes Port Commission, 6000 Doug Attaway Boulevard, Shreveport, Louisiana 71115-9515.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that notice of this change shall be published in the official journal of the parish in accordance with La.R.S. 18:535.

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.

RESOLUTION NO. 47 OF 2023

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION TO RELOCATE THE POLLING PLACE FOR PRECINCTS 006, 064, and 099 FROM E. B. WILLIAMS STONER HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 2127 C. E. GALLOWAY BOULEVARD, SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA TO VALENCIA PARK COMMUNITY CENTER, 1800 VIKING DRIVE, SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the established polling location for Precinct Nos. 006, 064, and 099 is located at E. B. Williams Stoner Hill Elementary School, 2127 C. E. Galloway Boulevard, Shreveport, Louisiana 71104-2723;

WHEREAS, that facility has been closed and therefore is no longer a suitable location for a polling location;

WHEREAS, Valencia Park Community Center, 1800 Viking Drive, Shreveport, Louisiana 71101 is available to serve as a polling location and the City of Shreveport is agreeable to have a polling location located there; and

WHEREAS, the distance between the current location of the polling place for Precinct Nos. 006, 064, and 099 and the proposed location is .4 miles; and

WHEREAS, the proposed polling place has been reviewed and meets all requirements for polling places.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby change the polling location for Precinct Nos. 006, 064, and 099 from E. B. Williams Stoner Hill Elementary School, 2127 C. E. Galloway Boulevard, Shreveport, Louisiana 71104-2723 to Valencia Park Community Center, 1800 Viking Drive, Shreveport, Louisiana 71101.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that notice of this change shall be published in the official journal of the parish in accordance with La.R.S. 18:535.

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.

NEW BUSINESS

It was **moved by Mrs. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. Johnson, *to englobe and approve the following New Business items:*

- *Authorize letter requesting an emergency move of Precinct 127*
- *Authorize letter requesting an emergency move of Precincts 6, 64, and 99*
- *Confirm appointment of Georgia Washington Blow to Sewerage District No. 7 to fill the unexpired term of Bob Bass. Term to expire November 6, 2024*
- *Confirm reappointment of Steven Barras to Sewerage District No. 2. Term to expire September 11, 2027*

At this time, Mrs. Gage-Watts' motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Blake, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Johnson, Jones, Lazarus, and Young (11). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioner Jackson (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

The Commission then moved onto the unexpired term left by Brad Schmidt on the Industrial Development Board.

It was **moved by Mrs. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. Johnson, *to postpone the appointment on the Industrial Development Board.*

Mrs. Gage-Watts would like to postpone this appointment because she was just made aware of the vacancies. She also said that there is a new Commissioner on the board who has not had the chance to review the appointment.

Mr. Atkins said that he will be voting 'no' on this motion because this was on the Work Session. He also said that he brought forward a candidate and would like for that candidate to be considered.

Mrs. Gage-Watts said that she also brought forward a candidate, Ms. Tamesha Lane, who is retired and would like to volunteer her free time to serve the community. She asked for support from the Commission.

Mr. Atkins thanked Mrs. Gage-Watts for bringing her candidate to the table. He then talked about his candidate, Mr. John Lorick, who is an accomplished real estate executive across Caddo Parish who would like to serve Caddo Parish in this capacity.

Mr. Burrell would like to have a process in place for appointments and reappointments moving forward.

Mr. Johnson said that Ms. Lane is retired from General Motors and is a product of Caddo Parish schools. He said that she is born and raised in Caddo Parish and is now seeking an opportunity to serve on this board.

Call for the Question by Mr. Epperson, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Blake, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Johnson, Jones, Lazarus, and Young (11). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioner Jackson (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

At this time, Mrs. Gage-Watts' motion failed, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Burrell, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Johnson, and Jones (5). NAYS: Commissioners Atkins, Blake, Chavez, Hopkins, Lazarus, and Young (6). ABSENT: Commissioner Jackson (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

It was **moved by Mr. Chavez**, seconded by Mr. Atkins, *that Mr. Lorick be appointed to the Industrial Development Board to fill the unexpired term left by Brad Schmidt.*

Substitute motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *that Ms. Tamesha Lane.*

Mr. Jones would like a process in place for board resignations and appointments.

Call for the Question by Mr. Lazarus, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Blake, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Johnson, Jones, Lazarus, and Young (11). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioner Jackson (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

At this time, Mr. Johnson's substitute motion failed, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Burrell, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Johnson, and Jones (5).

At this time, Mr. Chavez's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Blake, Chavez, Hopkins, Lazarus, and Young (6).

The Commission then moved onto the next New Business item, *authorization of Commission travel to the Keep Louisiana Beautiful Conference*.

It was **moved by Mr. Jones**, seconded by Mr. Chavez, *that Commission travel to the Keep Louisiana Beautiful Conference be approved*.

Mr. Chavez said that this conference could help educated reducing litter and cleaning up this city. Mr. Chavez also pointed out that he did not do any travel this year because he knew that he was rolling off the Commission, but he would like to learn more about cleaning up this city.

Ms. Blake would also like to clean up this city. She asked that Mr. Chavez come back and share the information with the rest of the Commissioners.

Mr. Johnson said that all the organizations that help beautify Caddo Parish should be supported. Mr. Jones agreed and would like to bring back as many resources and education as possible to help beautify Caddo Parish.

Answering a question from Mr. Burrell regarding which Commissioners would be attending the conference, Mr. Chavez said that anyone who would like to attend is invited.

Call for the Question by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Jones. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Blake, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Johnson, Jones, and Lazarus (9). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Hopkins, Jackson, and Young (3). ABSTAIN: None (0).

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

COMMUNIQUES & COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mr. Epperson requested that information be placed on the Commission's website with regards to the new OMV office on Raspberry Lane.
- The Assistance to the Commission Clerk asked that any Commissioner interested in attending the PJAL Region IV meeting on September 27, 2023 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.
- Commissioner Blake thanked the Commission for the warm welcome in joining this body.

There was no further business to come before the Commission, so the meeting was adjourned at 6:13 p.m.


Michelle Nations
Assistant to the Commission Clerk


Roy Burrell
Commission President