

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION
OF THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION
HELD ON THE 20th DAY OF JUNE, 2024

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

The invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were given during a previous committee meeting. There were no Agenda Additions, so the Commission moved onto Citizens Comments.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Breka Peoples came before the Commission and gave the following comment:

Good evening. I am happy to see all my people today, it's been a minute. Well, I'm here for three reasons. First, I want to speak on Resolution 31 that was done in 2021 by State Rep Steven Jackson. (Inaudible) and there was no third-party investigation or a (inaudible) from the body cam, not the body cam, the cameras in the jail. From my understanding, the Parish pays the maintenance for the jail and I also appreciate if we have in-custody death, but y'all didn't review it because we need transparency. Y'all know we don't trust them, they lie, y'all know it. Umm, also a third thing, allegedly, the guards been threatening inmates. We also have inmates that's been for a month and they only spend thirty minutes out and they're being punished for personal issues and I feel if the guards can't do they job and threaten the people in jail, they gotta go. But, I wanted to put it on your radar, because Monday I'm going to talk to U.S. Attorney Dwayne Evans because I can't get no help up North. And I also talk to the DOC but I wanted to let y'all know before I go that Monday that I'm going. Umm we also doing a backpack drive in three different areas: Mooretown, Peach Street, and Cedar Grove. My goal was to do some community policing. You know, my mom, she.... she was one of the best officers they had in Shreveport, and she...she...her community policing was something that she did and she was proud of, and I'm proud to say that's my mom and she did that. And I would love for all y'all to come and be there. Umm an outside um. An outside...colleague is (inaudible). Mayor...umm Mansfield Mayor Thomas Jones, Coushatta Mayor Johnny Cox, Retired State Rep. Kenny Cox. So, they will be coming in y'all city helping with y'all parish. So that's it, thank y'all, but I do want y'all to look at them cameras now, thank y'all.

Jeremy Dupree came before the Commission and gave the following comment:

I'm coming here today to talk to you all about ordnance 6348 item number 16.4. Um I live in Rodessa, Louisiana and I have some family property out there that in the 1930's there were some roads mapped out across our property and now some of the elderly members in my family have passed away I'm having trouble homesteading the property because you're not allowed to homestead a price unless they touch even though there no roads there there's never been roads there I live on a dead end street n/a road I'm not allowed to homestead my family property the roads running through there and I'm the only one that owns them now. So, I'm asking y'all to have the roads clear.... I've already got approval from all the neighbors, they've all signed off the submitted paperwork and i would just ask y'all to take that into consideration and that's all I'm asking.

Tacara Huckabee came before the Commission and gave the following comment:

I'm here to kinda bring some awareness to the commission and just the caddo parish in general about the need in our community and what I'm doing with the organization that I have developed to help meet the needs of girls within our community. Girls are often unrepresented in the areas of stem, leadership, and entrepreneurship and what we wanna do with our program 'girls empowered in society... Is give the girls the tools they need to be successful in those areas. The first thing we started working on is picking up STEM tour where the girls were exposed to different women in our community who are actually operating in the STEM field. They were exposed to scientist, architects, and medical doctors and professors so they can see what it takes to be successful in those careers and find an idea on where to start on themselves particular early like 5th grade. We are also sponsoring a lemonade day where we become investors for the girls for them to own their own lemonade stand. There are other organizations that are doing something similar in that vein. Many of them don't start off as investors so we want girls to understand that if you have an idea you don't always have to have money in your pocket you may have someone who is willing to support your vision, so we are acting as investors for them and we will have another lemonade day for 20 girls on June,29. If you are available and you see post about girls having lemonade day stands throughout the City of Shreveport and bossier for those whose parents don't typically have the funds to support so we are there to do that. In addition to that in December we are having a growth month. When girls enter their middle school years they reach the mindset that they are not going to be successful in science and math. We prevent that by doing a camp in July. We are here to change the trajectory of young women around the city. We've already been to the juvenile justice. There are currently 41 girls registered in the camp. We are looking to enhance our numbers. We want to teach these apart of leadership is taking care of yourself so we are providing self-care Saturdays. We want them to know that leaders give back so

we are not just pouring into you for you to hold onto it for yourself, we wanna make sure they give back. We are working along the organization love 46 to help understand the signs of human trafficking and help eliminate the vulnerabilities they have. We also want girls to know how to present themselves online and offline.

There were no Visitors, so the Commission moved onto Adopt Regular Session Minutes.

ADOPT REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

It was **moved by Mr. Jones**, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts *that the Regular Session Minutes from May 23, 2024* be adopted. Motion carried.

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

It was **moved by Mr. J. Young**, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *to englobo and adopt the following Special Resolutions:*

- *Special Resolution of Recognition Northwood High School Track Team*

Coach Thomas thanked the Commission for recognizing the Northwood High School Track Team. He said that the team has put in consistent hard work day in and day out. Coach Thomas is proud of these young men.

Mr. Kracman congratulated and expressed how proud he is of the track team. He said that whenever you step onto Northwood's campus, there is an immediate feel of community.

Mr. Jones said Northwood is family for him, and he was able to spend time with the track team. He is affectionately known as Big Jones at Northwood. He applauded not only their championship, but also their manners and academic achievements. Mr. Jones congratulated them once again and wished them well in the upcoming year.

Mr. Epperson pointed out that this day will forever be a part of Caddo Parish's history. He congratulated the team and wished them well.

Mr. G. Young also congratulated and commended the Northwood Track Team for bringing positivity to the Parish. He said that it requires determination and discipline to be on the track team. Mr. G. Young asked that they encourage their peers to be a part of the difference.

Mr. Cothran is extremely proud of these young men and wished them much success for the days to come.

Mr. Burrell also congratulated the team, and told them to "be leaders, not followers".

"Remember, that the race is not given to the swift nor to the strong, but to the one that endures to the end," Mrs. Gage-Watts praised to the team.

- *Proclamation Juneteenth*
- *Special Resolution for Let the Good Times Roll Festival*
- *Special Resolution for Art Heals and Art-ish*
- *Proclamation African American Music Month*
- *Proclamation Pride Month*
- *Special Resolution for Miss Caddo Parish Antoinette Van*
- *Proclamation World Sickle Cell Day*
- *Special Resolution of Recognition for Area Hospitality & Tourism Professionals*
- *Proclamation Parks & Recreation Month*

At this time, Mr. J. Young's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Blake, Burrell, Cothran, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Jones, Thomas, G. Young, and J. Young (9). NAYS: Commissioners Kracman and Lazarus (2). ABSENT: Commissioner Atkins (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION NORTHWOOD HIGH SCHOOL TRACK TEAM

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission is always pleased to observe and enjoy the accomplishments of those Northwest Louisiana sons and daughters who have gone forth to attain success and distinction in the various endeavors they pursue; and

WHEREAS, Northwood High School's Track Team brought home 4x100 4A Louisiana State Championship, where they ran a 42.29; and

WHEREAS, Northwood High School Track Team members Desmond Harris, Justin Thomas, Jeremiah Johnson, James Hollingsworth and the alternate Jalil Wainwright spent countless hours training and preparing for the 2024 season; and

WHEREAS, Coaches Austin Brown, Jeff Green, and Hosie Thomas III and the Northwood High School Falcons bring great pride to their school and community through their championship efforts on the track and in the classroom.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, that it does hereby declare and proclaim June 20, 2024 to be:

'NORTHWOOD HIGH SCHOOL TRACK TEAM DAY'

in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, in recognition and admiration of their notable achievements in the sport of Louisiana high school track & field.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission does commend and congratulate the Northwood High School Track Team for their success and for the pride and honor they have brought to their families, their school, their City, and their Parish.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Commission does wish for these students much continued success, and that they will continue to dream, to aspire, to strive, to achieve, and to excel as they face the challenges and opportunities their lives will present.

**PROCLAMATION
JUNETEENTH**

WHEREAS, President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation ending slavery in the Confederacy effective January 1, 1863; and

WHEREAS, the news that slavery had officially ended and that the slaves were free throughout the land now known as the United States was neither announced nor enforced in the western former Confederate states such as Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas in particular, until two and a half years after the issuance of the Emancipation Proclamation due to a low presence of the Union Army in those areas; and

WHEREAS, when Major General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas, to establish the Union Army's command over Texas, he announced to the people of Texas on June 19, 1865, the end of slavery and the freedom of the slaves; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth serves as an extremely significant day of remembrance and acknowledgment of the history, freedom, culture, strength, perseverance, and achievement of the past, present, and future generations of the African American community; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth holds an important place not only in African American history, but in United States history for all Americans to reflect on, learn about, and appreciate the struggles, triumphs, and continued growth of our nation as a whole; and

WHEREAS, local communities throughout the United States, such as our home parish of Caddo Parish, support the significance of Juneteenth and all that it symbolizes in the history, memory, and culture of African American people, and the resulting societal impact that has reverberated to all people in our community and beyond; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission adopted Resolution 44 of 2020 to commit that Juneteenth Independence Day would be recognized and celebrated in perpetuity, followed by the passage and signing into law by President Joe Biden of a bill officially proclaiming Juneteenth as a national holiday in 2021; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in legal session convened, that it does hereby recognize June 19th, 2024, as:

"Juneteenth"

in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, urging all citizens to join with the Caddo Parish Commission to celebrate the

Juneteenth holiday.

**SPECIAL RESOLUTION
LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL FESTIVAL**

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission is pleased to acknowledge events of significance that occur in the community, and to recognize the organizations who are now and for a long time have been in the forefront of positive and worthy activities and deeds that accrue to the benefit of all; and

WHEREAS, such an organization is Rho Omega & Friends, comprised of Omega Psi Phi's Rho Omega Chapter and extended community, whose Let the Good Times Roll Festival debuted in 1987 and over its 37 years, it has grown into Louisiana's largest Juneteenth celebration; and

WHEREAS, The Caddo Parish Commission proudly sponsors the Let The Good Times Roll (LTGTR) Festival recognizing its significance as a celebration of African American freedom, culture, & unity as expressed through fellowship, food, art, fashion & music; the important economic impact of the 25,000 patrons who attend LTGTR each year; and the charitable benefit of the funds that are raised to support youth mentoring through the Omega Lamplighters; and

WHEREAS, Omega Psi Phi, Incorporated was founded at Howard University in 1911, making it the first fraternal organization founded at a Historically Black University and its Rho Omega chapter, founded 99 years ago, stands as the oldest Alumni chapter in the Omega Psi Phi's 9th District which includes Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, & Texas- and this rich legacy and deep community ties make Rho Omega & Friends an ideal host; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 Let the Good Times Roll Festival will take place June 21st through June 23rd at Festival Plaza in Downtown Shreveport and will feature artist ranging from Louisiana musicians like Cupid, Marcia Nelson, and Hollywood BayBay, along with other great features like the Divine9 Yard Shows, Que Karaoke, and more; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in legal session convened, that it does hereby recognize June 20th, 2024 as:

“Let the Good Times Roll Day”

in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, urging all citizens to join with the Caddo Parish Commission to celebrate the 35th Anniversary of the Let the Good Times Roll Festival and to join in its celebration of Black Culture and the Juneteenth holiday.

**SPECIAL RESOLUTION
ART HEALS AND ART-ISH**

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission is pleased to acknowledge events of significance that occur in the community, and to recognize the organizers at the forefront of positive and worthy activities and deeds that accrue to the benefit of all Caddo citizens; and

WHEREAS, such an event is the 3rd Annual 'art:ish: A Black Art Show hosted by Art Heals Inc., a 501 (c)3 non- profit organization that exists to celebrate and commemorate the freedom of expression by Black artists through poetry, singing, and other arts; and

WHEREAS, Art Heals and its Director Drayden Dunn have molded 'art:ish into an event that focuses on visual artists, culinary artists, craft makers, mental health awareness, and health consciousness with the Black community; and

WHEREAS, 'art:ish: A Black Art Show has grown each year and continues to strive to achieve their mission and goal of celebrating Juneteenth and the freedoms that our ancestors and allies fought so hard for, by spotlighting the freedom of expression; and

WHEREAS, past festivals have grown to include the unveiling of a mural by renown muralist Kadavien Baylor, multimedia campaigns featuring Caddo Parish Poet Laureate Poetic X, Visual artists like Whitney Tate and Dominique McLemore and creative professionals like Ben Whalen while creating opportunities for students, young people and emerging artists; and

WHEREAS, Today's momentous occasion is an appropriate opportunity to reflect on the journey that has brought us here, a journey that encompasses the extremes of the human spectrum of experience from tragic to jubilant and one that requires the use of creative expression to process, commemorate, learn from and build upon; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT, by the Caddo Parish Commission that it does hereby proclaim the 15th of June, 2024 as:

'art·ish: Day'

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT we recognize and honor the contributions of every individual involved in this occasion, and ask all attendees to not only enjoy the beauty of the art, but to be nourished by it, find strength in it and use that strength to build a better tomorrow for Caddo Parish.

**PROCLAMATION
AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSIC MONTH**

WHEREAS, 1979's celebration of Black musicians hosted by President Jimmy Carter set the tone for the annual recognition of June as African American & Black Music Month, and this was formally recognized as a national observance in the year 2000; and

WHEREAS, music industry leaders, record labels, clubs, concert promoters, venues and festivals across the country will celebrate African American Music month, often in conjunction with Juneteenth celebrations, throughout the month of June; and

WHEREAS, Caddo Parish has a rich tradition of locally born and reared artists who are and were vital to the development of American music tradition from Blues legend Huddie "Lead Belly" Ledbetter, famed guitarist Mighty Joe Young or 'Losin' Boy' singer Eddie Giles, Pop singers like Brenton Wood or the Sweet Inspirations, to contemporary artists like the Grammy winning drummer Brian Blade, the effervescent favorite of local stages Tipsey, the Band, the genre defying modern sounds of artists like Willie Jones or AJ Haynes of the Seratones; rappers like Hurricane Chris and Southern Soul artists like P2k Daddidy and Crystal Thomas; and

WHEREAS, Caddo Parish has also played an important role in African American music by inspiring and lifting up artists, be it through the heartbreaking motivation of Sam Cooke's 'A Change is Gonna Come,' or the historical performance of Jimi Hendrix at the Municipal Auditorium that inspired the 'Shreveport' guitar strap; or the legacy of Black radio that includes Gay Poppa, Jabba Jaws, Quinn Echols, Pastor CJ, Ferrari Foxx and so many more, and

WHEREAS, whether it is during festivals, like the Let The Good Times Roll, or on local stages at casinos, lounges and event spaces, or in the balls and houses of worship across our parish - African American and Black Music is part and parcel of the culture and sound of Caddo Parish and has left a favorable and positive impact on the world at large; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, meeting in legal and regular session this 20th day of June, 2024 that it does hereby proclaim June 2024 as:

'AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSIC MONTH'

in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and encourages all Parish employees and citizens to participate by appreciating the contributions of Black and African American musicians.

**PROCLAMATION
PRIDE MONTH**

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission is pleased to extend appropriate recognition to organizations which strive to make a positive impact on our community; and

WHEREAS, equality of opportunity and freedom from discrimination are among the basic, inalienable rights of every person, necessary for the development and exercise of our most vital capacities and preconditions of human flourishing; and

WHEREAS, our nation was founded upon and is guided by a set of principles that includes every person has been created equal and that they have the right to the pursuit of happiness and that each shall be accorded the full recognition and protection of law; and

WHEREAS, Caddo Parish has become stronger by the rich diversity of its residents, all of which contribute to the vibrant character of our parish and illustrate the vastness of the range of human experience; and

WHEREAS, Caddo Parish is home to PACE, People Acting for Change and Equality, an organization of individuals working to ensure the full and equal recognition and protection of the fundamental rights of the LGBT people and their families; and

WHEREAS, PACE was instrumental in crafting and passage of Shreveport's Fairness Ordinances in 2014 banning discrimination based on race, sex, disability, age, ancestry, national origin, political or religious identification, gender identity and sexual orientation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, by the President of the Caddo Parish Commission that June 2022 is recognized as:

'PRIDE MONTH'

in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, extending to all appreciation and gratitude for their service to this country, state and parish for its efforts to focus the attention of the community upon those individuals and to their cause, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all residents are encouraged to celebrate the progress within our culture towards justice, equality and full civic recognition for all Caddo residents.

**SPECIAL RESOLUTION
MISS CADDO PARISH ANTOINETTE VAN**

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission is always pleased to recognize and honor those sons and daughters of Caddo Parish who have gone forth to gain singular and outstanding personal achievements, and in so doing, reflect favorably and positively upon their home community; and

WHEREAS, Miss Van, a Caddo Parish native and Marine Corp Veteran, has earned the title "Miss Caddo Parish 2024"; and

WHEREAS, Miss Van began pageantry in high school, during which she was crowned: Miss SPAR 2009-2011, National American Miss Louisiana Junior Teen 2012, Miss Louisiana American Coed Junior Teen 2013, and Miss Caddo Parish's Outstanding Teen 2014—all while maintaining Honor Roll, holding leadership roles in high school, being heavily involved in sports, and playing as Drum Major in the marching band; and

WHEREAS, after graduating with honors from C.E. Byrd High School, Miss Van enlisted to serve our country by joining the United States Marine Corp from 2016 to 2021. She worked as a Signals Intelligence Radio Reconnaissance Radio Operator and Signals Intelligence Data Analyst; and

WHEREAS, Miss Van currently works as the Assistant General Manager of Club4Fitness. She is also a full stack software developer, an entrepreneur for hair and makeup, professional dancer and cheerleader, and a flow artist specializing in fire dance; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Van is also an advocate of mental health awareness and a supporter of domestic violence abuse victims.

WHEREAS, Ms. Van's visible charms perhaps overshadow the depth of her substance: she stands as an intelligent, independent role model who is community minded, selfless towards others and a gentle, kind young woman. She has a deep personal interest in the citizens of Caddo Parish and the State of Louisiana.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in legal and regular session this 20th day of June, 2024, that it does hereby extend its most sincere and heartfelt expressions of congratulation and appreciation to ANTOINETTE VAN 'MISS CADDO PARISH 2024', for her praiseworthy achievements and for representing Caddo Parish so elegantly and admirably to the state and nation.

**PROCLAMATION
WORLD SICKLE CELL DAY**

WHEREAS, June 19th has been designated as World Sickle Cell Awareness Day, an international awareness day observed annually with the goal to increase public knowledge and an understanding of sickle cell disease, and the challenges experienced by patients, their families and caregivers; 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, 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 the provision 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; and:

WHEREAS, Caddo Parish remains dedicated to public health and awareness of conditions like Sickle Cell Disease which impact citizens across parish, state, nation and global communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, meeting in legal and regular session this 20th day of June, 2024 that it does hereby proclaim June 19th, 2024 as:

'WORLD SICKLE CELL AWARENESS DAY'

in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and urges all citizens to join with the Parish in recognition of this important day by staying aware of sickle cell disease and, where possible, sharing that awareness to others.

**SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION
AREA HOSPITALITY & TOURISM PROFESSIONALS**

(The Commission Clerk's Office did not receive any information regarding this Special Resolution. It was adopted by title, and the Special Resolution will be produced once the information is received.)

**PROCLAMATION
PARKS & RECREATION MONTH**

WHEREAS Parks & Recreation is an integral part of communities throughout this country, including the Parish of Caddo; and

WHEREAS Parks & Recreation promotes health and wellness, improving the physical and mental health of people with access to parks; and

WHEREAS Parks & Recreation promotes time spent in nature, which positively impacts mental health by increasing cognitive performance and well-being, and alleviating illnesses such as depression, attention deficit disorders, and Alzheimers; and

WHEREAS Parks & Recreation encourages physical activities by providing space for popular sports, hiking trails and many other activities designed to promote active lifestyles; and

WHEREAS Parks & Recreation is a leading provider of healthy meals, nutrition services and education; and

WHEREAS Parks & Recreation programming and education activities, such as out-of-school time programming, youth sports and environmental education, are critical to childhood development; and

WHEREAS Parks & Recreation increases a community's economic prosperity through increased property values, expansion of the local tax base, increased tourism, the attraction and retention of businesses, and crime reduction; and

WHEREAS Parks & Recreation is fundamental to the environmental well-being of our community; and

WHEREAS Parks & Recreation is essential and adaptable infrastructure that makes our communities resilient in the face of natural disasters and climate change; and

WHEREAS our Parks & Recreation parks and natural recreation areas ensure the ecological beauty of our community and provide a place for children and adults to connect with nature and recreate outdoors; and

WHEREAS the U.S. House of Representatives has designated July as Parks and Recreation Month; and

WHEREAS the Parish of Caddo recognizes the benefits derived from parks and recreation resources.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY the Caddo Parish Commission, that July is recognized as Parks & Recreation Month in Caddo Parish.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

- 2025 Budget Timeline

Mrs. Bryant said that the timeline has been placed at each Commissioner's station.

- Tacara Huckabee

Mrs. Gage-Watts thanked Ms. Huckabee for coming to today's Regular Session. She wanted to know if this program is privately funded. Ms. Huckabee said that they have been funded through individuals in the community. She also recently wrote a grant for the programs. Mrs. Gage-Watts informed Ms. Huckabee of the NGO process that will begin accepting applications July 1, 2024.

Mrs. Gage-Watts also asked about the lemonade stands. Ms. Huckabee said that her program will invest in lemonade stands for fifteen girls on June 29. The girls will have an opportunity to set up their stands and earn profits. These lemonade stands will be set up throughout the City. Mrs. Gage-Watts asked that a listing of these locations be sent to the Commission Clerk's Office. She also invited Ms. Huckabee to the future Juvenile Justice Committee meetings.

Mr. Cothran thanked Ms. Huckabee for all of the work she is doing within the community.

Mrs. Blake is impressed with Ms. Huckabee's work. She asked for the locations for the lemonade stands. She would like to get personally involved in this program as well.

Mr. Thomas echoed his fellow Commissioners and thanked Ms. Huckabee for the work that she's doing for the young women of the community.

Mr. Epperson suggested that Ms. Huckabee get on the different talk shows and radio shows.

COMMUNIQUES & COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mrs. Blake requested that the courthouse be lit up as red, white, and blue for Independence Day.

- Mr. Burrell announced that the Inner-City Entrepreneurship finished up their BIZ Camp training program. There were about forty children who graduated.

- Mr. Epperson announced that the Public Safety Committee and the Veterans Affairs Committee will meet on July 1 before the Work Session. He also announced that PRABA will host their monthly meeting with guest speakers, Senator Sam Jenkins and Rep. Joy Walters.

Mr. Epperson also wanted to know if there were any programs to help low income families who have had storm damage.

- Mr. Thomas invited everyone to spend the weekend in District 3. The Strand will have their grand opening for their season tonight at 5:30 p.m. Cassandra's On the River will also have their grand opening tomorrow. Let the Good Times Roll Festival will also be going on this weekend.

- Mrs. Gage-Watts said that the Juvenile Services Committee met today to discuss drug court, mental health, and updates on the Harbor. Chief Smith also updated the Committee on their loitering issues. Juvenile Services will convene on July 1 at 2:00 p.m.

- Mr. Cothran announced that the NGO Committee will meet on July 1—time to be determined.

Mr. Cothran also said that the Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle Club will be in town from Friday to Sunday.

- Mr. Jones announced that there will be a community picnic in Cedar Grove this Saturday. He invited everyone to attend.

He also cautioned everyone to stay hydrated and cool in this summer heat.

- Mr. G. Young said that he and some of the other Commissioners took a trip to the NOBCO Conference in Atlanta. He was excited and learned new ways to help this community grow. He looks forward to providing this information to the Commissioners.

- Mr. Kracman wanted to know if Mr. Moncrief's public records request has been answered. Attorney Frazier said that they are working on it and will provide it as soon as they can.

He also wants to be on the record to change his vote for the Special Resolutions. He is in opposition the Special Resolution for Pride Month.

- Mr. Burrell said that he was a guest speaker to for a program in which he spoke in front of ex-cons and former gang members who were turning their lives around.

- Mr. Thomas apologized for any citizens who may felt disrespected from another Commissioner's remarks for the Pride Month Special Resolution.
- Mrs. Gage-Watts thanked Parks & Recreation for all of their hard work in the Unity Festival in Mooretown.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. J. Young reminded everyone of the Intergovernmental Meeting that will be held tomorrow.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ZONING ORDINANCES

President J. Young opened the public hearing on the following zoning ordinances:

- *Ordinance No. 6417 of 2024, 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 east side of David Raines Road of Audrey Lane, approximately 530' north of 7th Street, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from R-A, Rural Agricultural Zoning District to R-1-7, Single Family Residential Zoning District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

Mr. James Freeman spoke in favor of Ordinance No. 6417 of 2024:

Here to speak in favor of the zoning resolution described in the resolution. This will be my second hearing and my fourth time to approach this committee on this subject so I don't have anything new to say, no new news but, I would like to kind of briefly go over kind of everything presented before. I am appointed by the land owner to represent him. Capital one investments out of California to ask for rezoning of this land. The intent is for us to develop the 5th phase of king oaks subdivision, which would be an additional 70 single family units. The zoning we're asking for is for a R-17 from the R-8. The R-8 does allow for single family the R-17 would put the lot size to coincide with the adjacent property. We've owned and operated King Oaks subdivision for over 15 years, 17-18 years. We've had tremendous success. I don't think anybody really has anything negative to say about the development, it's full, we have a healthy waiting list of over 70 people that would qualify for the new development should it go forward. The new King Oaks would consist of one and three bedrooms. The rents range from 160 to 860 bucks. You all may remember the hand out I gave you and I'm not going to read this all again and bore you to death, but we did want to get on record of what the intent was. One of the big things I gave you during the last public hearing was the market study and the information contained within the market study. That market study was commissioned by a national market analysis. Not hired by us, hired by the Louisiana house and corporation. We know they identified a lot of need in the market area. The market area wasn't just Shreveport it was the MLK area and a little bit larger area than that. You know overwhelming need and you know ironically, I know y'all read the paper, I read you all's paper and I'm not from here but there been— You know I printed six articles this morning talking about you having a housing crisis. There's a huge need for affordable housing that you know none of it was relevant to our development. I understand that but that's what we're here for or trying to provide. You know should we— some of the information contained within the market study was if we are able to move this project forward then we will achieve approximately 1.3% of the need in the area. You know there's been some comments made by the Mayor of the need for affordable housing. There's been some comments made by the public housing authority, the need for 20,000 units. You know it's— Y'all know what we're doing, you know what we're trying to do, you know what we have done. I think we have a very successful plan, very successful history. You know these are tax paying properties. I know I heard in the last meeting that some of the complaints where you know there not home owners, there not taxpayers. You know King Oaks has paid over one million dollars in property taxes since it was built. We're a staple in that community. You know if you live in our development it doesn't prevent you from buying a home. If you want to buy a home they can move on and buy a home. You know what we're doing is providing quality, a very quality place for people to rent to use that stepping stone to get into homeownership or whatever they want to do. You know it's— we're affordable housing developers, we're rental developers, we don't do homeownership. We think homeownership is great, just not what we do. We do have the funding for this project to move forward. We can move at a very rapid pace. I'm going to stop there and just— appreciate your consideration.

Mr. Jeff Westmoreland spoke in favor of Ordinance No. 6417 of 2024:

I represent standard enterprises, the applicant in this matter. We've been before you a number of times here. I just want to reiterate some of the things we have stated on the record previously. I do want the record reflected while my client was giving his presentation. We had four members of the commission absent during that period. Quoting from the NPC staff report of January 24th of 2024. NPC staff report indicates the R-17 zoning would be compatible for the existing land use and area and the staff concluded approval is warranted based on the adjacent land uses and density. Would note for the record that the property was previously approved for rezoning to single family residential in 2001 and 2007. As Mr.

Freeman indicated we are currently in a significant affordable housing shortage in Caddo parish and Shreveport. In fact, not much has changed since it was previously approved. It actually changed to the point where the need is even greater, and that's what they're attempting to address. It's pretty clear from the staff report and the applicable law that the property meets the zoning requirements. Rezoning this to an R-17 residential low is a continuation of the existing subdivision that is just to the south of this which has had an impeccable track record, and if I note for the record has indicated by Allen Clark with the NPC. And again, this is going to be a continuation of the same kind of development of affordable housing. We've heard a lot of folks oppose the fact that it is renting versus owning, and I would just submit to you that that is not in accordance with the law. It's not in accordance with the zoning code in the UDC. That addresses a property owner's business plan. It does not address the zoning use and the zoning use here is a particular residential use with certain size lots. So, the rental versus owning it's just not something that is covered in the law. I understand it's important to a lot of people, but we're here to enforce the UDC and I believe we're here to abide by the UDC. If approved my client will build these homes. This is not a get approval and sit around and wait. As he indicated from the articles all you have to do is read the paper, watch the news, and see the massive affordable housing shortage we have. All of these people have been pushed out of apartment complexes recently because of substandard living. Those people need places to live. I also don't think that it would be fair to lump my client's development in with developments that we would typically call slum lords. Obviously, his track record proves they are not slum lords. You can go out there and look and you would not know standing in those front yards that those homes were rented. Grass is cut, the buildings are maintained, they just recently spent a ton of money to upgrade the properties that they currently have out there, millions. And so if approved these homes will be built, they will address the shortage of affordable housing that we have here, and that's all that my client is asking for the opportunity to do. Thank you.

Ms. Carol Smith spoke in opposition of Ordinance No. 6417 of 2024:

I come to stand before you and let you know that we are the home owners, we are signing our position that we do not want anymore rental homes in our area. We don't want anymore rent homes anymore, we want to have homes that we can afford to buy.

Ms. Irma Rogers spoke in opposition of Ordinance No. 6417 of 2024:

The things that are foremost in the mind is the history of the MLK area. MLK area houses were very modest they were not large homes if you go down the MLK right now a few of those.... 30's,40's,50's and 60's there was ownership more prevalent than apartments or rental units. So that's the cry that's coming from our community now. Prince Village Apartment - 60 units Cooper Road Plaza Apartments - 108 Units King Oaks - 96 units Isabelle Estates 1&2 44 and 88 units Wedgewood, 44 units Northpoint, 24 units Northern Heights - 40 units Meridian and n/a court 56 units and many more. There is a total of 975 it was over 1,000. If we come to the table and do an analyst on what the community needs are, who's living in these areas, how many can afford homes, who's in need of rental properties. We do know that we are gonna need some new rentals. I understand that. There are a lot of areas that can be addressed with home ownership. We had renters come to our meeting with a proposal and it's for home ownership. If there is need then u teach us home ownership, u can it can be taught. We have had those meetings before in our area and you can do it again. There are some things that we want to do. The biggest thing is with the young people, when I went down to northern heights and i stopped these young people and spoke with them. Their questions were if we use all the properties for rental where will I build my house. I want to live near my mother who lives here. Well she's on a fixed income and she might can afford. So, I said what is it 885 dollars. If all of the properties are utilized for rental. where are you gonna put it. We have over 6 sections in our area. These are the questions that should have been put out from the community and individual concerns. I understand the development but is everyone understanding what the community is saying. Have we done qualitative studies. Basically, we know we need structure, we know that there are things that need to be done, but we need to come to the table on this issue because right now the community says no, we want some home ownership cause it creates stabilization within the community and creates a legacy for our children. There is something to pass down once u die that rental property what's left. So those are the questions and concerns that came to me that's why I was coming up to speak today.

- *Ordinance No. 6425 of 2024, an ordinance to amend Volume II of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo, as amended, the Caddo Parish Unified Development Code, relative to short-term rental property, with all their provisions included herein, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

There being no one to speak in favor, or against, the zoning ordinances, the President closed the public hearings. There were no Public Hearing on Ordinances, so the Commission moved onto Zoning Ordinances for final passage.

ZONING ORDINANCES (for final passage)

It was **moved by Mr. G. Young**, seconded by Mr. Epperson, *that Ordinance No. 6417 of 2024, 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 east side of David Raines Road of Audrey Lane, approximately 530' north of 7th Street, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from*

R-A, Rural Agricultural Zoning District to R-1-7, Single Family Residential Zoning District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto be denied.

Mr. G. Young said that the Unified Development Code encourages contiguous zoning. He said that this area is saturated with this type of housing. He feels that the “housing crisis” in this area is due to the lack of income. Keeping people poor does not work, he said. Mr. G. Young said that his constituents do not want this in their district.

Mrs. Blake believes that negative experiences should take away the opportunity for others to have a positive experience. She said that there is a housing crisis, and there should be opportunities for others to have an opportunity for growth. She said that this does meet the criteria for development, and the Commission should allow developers to develop.

Mr. Thomas said that there is a slumlord crisis in the area. He does not appreciate the recent events as a reason to disregard what the people of the Cooper Road want. Mr. Thomas wants to know if Mr. Freeman has considered lease to own properties. Mr. Freeman said that they are a rental development company, and they do not have a program for ownership.

Mr. Thomas then wanted to know if Mr. Freeman has looked at other areas in the Parish. Mr. Freeman said that they have, but the need for affordable housing is overwhelming in this area based on the market study.

Mr. Jones said that the Commissioners should listen to the constituents they represent.

Point of Information by Mrs. Blake. She said that Mr. Freeman also brought forth a petition for people within the community who were supportive of this development.

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

Mr. J. Young clarified that a Yes vote would deny the ordinance. Mrs. Gage-Watts suggested that this be deferred to Legal.

Attorney Frazier said that the motion is to reject the ordinance. If the Commission wants to adopt the ordinance, there would need to be seven votes; but if five Commissioners vote in support of the motion that was stated, then the ordinance is rejected. She also said that a substitute motion could be made.

Substitute motion by Mrs. Gage-Watts, seconded by Mr. J. Young, *that Ordinance No. 6417 of 2024, 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 east side of David Raines Road of Audrey Lane, approximately 530’ north of 7th Street, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from R-A, Rural Agricultural Zoning District to R-1-7, Single Family Residential Zoning District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto be adopted.* Motion failed, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Blake and Lazarus (2). NAYS: Burrell, Cothran, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Jones, Kracman, Thomas, G. Young, and J. Young (9). ABSENT: Commissioner Atkins (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

Attorney Frazier stated that the original motion is not needed.

It was **moved by Mrs. Gage-Watts,** seconded by Mr. Jones, *that Ordinance No. 6425 of 2024, an ordinance to amend Volume II of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo, as amended, the Caddo Parish Unified Development Code, relative to short-term rental property, with all provisions included herein, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto be adopted.*

Mr. Kracman wanted to know if they are voting to adopt the resolution or sending it back to the PZC. Mr. Stephen Jean, MPC, said that this has not been reconsidered by the PZC at this time.

Substitute motion by Mr. Kracman *that Ordinance No. 6425 of 2024, an ordinance to amend Volume II of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo, as amended, the Caddo Parish Unified Development Code, relative to short-term rental property, with all provisions included herein, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto be remanded to the Parish Zoning Commission.* Motion died due to the lack of a second.

Mr. Kracman reminded everyone that it failed in the PZC unanimously and the staff recommended against it.

Mr. J. Young clarified that this is a different ordinance from the last vote. Mr. Jones understands that, but this ordinance is supposed to go to the Public Safety Committee then back to the PZC before being brought to the full body.

Substitute motion by Mr. Epperson, seconded by Mr. Cothran, *Ordinance No. 6425 of 2024, an ordinance to amend Volume II of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo, as amended, the Caddo Parish Unified Development Code, relative to short-term rental property, with all provisions included herein, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be delayed until the July 3, 2024 Regular Session.

Mr. J. Young asked that this be put on the next PZC agenda.

At this time, Mr. Epperson's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Blake, Burrell, Cothran, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Jones, Kracman, Lazarus, Thomas, G. Young, and J. Young (11). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioner Atkins (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

ORDINANCES (for introduction by title)

- *Ordinance No. 6434 of 2024, 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 north side of East 70th Street, approximately 2,525' east of Bert Kouns Industrial Loop, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from C-1, Neighborhood Commercial Zoning District, to C-3, General Commercial Zoning District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6435 of 2024, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Riverboat Fund to provide an appropriation for Compassion for Lives, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6436 of 2024, an ordinance outlining procedures for displaying flags at Caddo Parish facilities, and otherwise providing with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6437 of 2024, an ordinance to amend and re-enact "Chapter 8—Animals & Fowl", of the Code of Ordinance of the Parish of Caddo, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6438 of 2024, an ordinance to close and abandon two portions of street dedications in the Bremer addition to Rodessa Subdivision, in Section 22, Township 23 North, Range 16 West, in the Parish of Caddo, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6439 of 2024, an ordinance declaring certain adjudicated properties to be surplus and to authorize the Parish Administrator, or a designee, to sell the Parish of Caddo's tax interest in certain surplus adjudicated properties and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

WORK SESSION MINUTES RESOLUITONS

It was **moved by Mrs. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. Lazarus, *that the Work Session Minutes from June 3, 2024 and the Work Session Minutes from June 17, 2024* be ratified.

Substitute motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *to take the following actions on the agenda items:*

- *Ratify Work Session Minutes from June 3, 2024*
- *Ratify Work Session Minutes from June 17, 2024*
- *Adopt Resolution No. 38 of 2024, a resolution to authorize the Caddo Parish Administrator to approve the assignment, bill of sale, and conveyance of State Agency Lease #19734 from BPX Operating Company to Cirrus Operating, LLC, and otherwise providing with respect thereto*
- *Adopt Resolution No. 39 of 2024, a resolution to relocate the polling place for Precinct 58 from Werner Park Elementary School, 2715 Corbitt Street, Shreveport, Louisiana 71108 to Caddo Heights Math/Science Elementary School, 1702 Corbitt Street, Shreveport, Louisiana 71108, and otherwise providing with respect thereto*
- *Adopt Resolution No. 40 of 2024, a resolution to relocate the polling place for Precinct 78 from Sunset Acres Elementary School, 6514 West Canal Blvd, Shreveport, Louisiana 71108 to Westwood Elementary School, 7325 Jewella Avenue, Shreveport, Louisiana 71108, and otherwise providing with respect*

thereto

- *Adopt Resolution No. 41 of 2024, a resolution honoring Flag Day in Caddo Parish and outlining procedures for displaying flags at Caddo Parish facilities, and otherwise providing with respect thereto*
- *Adopt Resolution No. 42 of 2024, a resolution amending Resolution 35 of 2024 to extend Caddo Parish's War on Litter*
- *Adopt Resolution No. 43 of 2024, a resolution to authorize the Caddo Parish Administrator to request and authorize the Louisiana State Mineral & Energy Board, and the Office of Mineral Resources to accept nominations and advertise for oil, gas, and mineral leases, accept bids, and award and execute oil, gas, and mineral leases on certain mineral interests owned by the Parish of Caddo, and otherwise providing with respect thereto*
- *Adopt Resolution No. 44 of 2024, a resolution to relocate the polling place for Precinct 9-10 from Ascension Classical School, 10540 Norris Ferry Road, Shreveport, Louisiana 71106 to Norris Ferry Community Church, 10509 Norris Ferry Road, Shreveport, Louisiana 71106 and otherwise providing with respect thereto*
- *Adopt Resolution No. 45 of 2024, a resolution to authorize the Caddo Parish Administrator to request and authorize the Louisiana State Mineral & Energy Board, and the Office of Mineral Resources to accept nominations and advertise for oil, gas, and mineral leases, accept bids, and award and execute oil, gas, and mineral leases on certain mineral interests owned by the Parish of Caddo, and otherwise providing with respect thereto*
- *Reappoint Miles Turner, Jackie Tipton, Charles R. Merriman, Howard Clayton, and Alma Petterway to the Sewerage District No. 8 Board. Terms to expire June 19, 2028.*

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

RESOLUTION NO. 38 OF 2024

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 LEASE #19734 FROM BPX OPERATING COMPANY TO CIRRUS OPERATING, LLC, 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 #19734, dated July 9, 2008, and recorded at registry No. 2179769 of the conveyance records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, State Agency Lease #19734 has 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 Lease #19734, from 'BPX' to Cirrus Operating, LLC; and

WHEREAS, the assignment, bill of sale and conveyance of State Agency Lease #19734 will be limited to the lands in Section 34, T16N, R15W, Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

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 Lease #19734 from 'BPX' to Cirrus Operating, LLC.

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. 39 OF 2024

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION TO RELOCATE THE POLLING PLACE FOR PRECINCT 5-8 FROM WERNER PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 2715 CORBITT STREET, SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA 71108 TO CADDO HEIGHTS MATH/SCIENCE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 1702 CORBITT STREET, SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA 71108, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the established polling location for Precinct No. 5-8 is located at Werner Park Elementary School, 2715 Corbitt Street, Shreveport, Louisiana 71108;

WHEREAS, Werner Park Elementary School is being closed;

WHEREAS, Caddo Heights Math/Science Elementary School, 1702 Corbitt Street, Shreveport, Louisiana 71108 is available to serve as a polling location;

WHEREAS, the distance between the current location of the polling place for Precinct No. 5-8 and the proposed location is 0.9 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. 5-8 from Werner Park Elementary School, 2715 Corbitt Street, Shreveport, Louisiana 71108 to Caddo Heights Math/Science Elementary School, 1702 Corbitt Street, Shreveport, Louisiana 71108.

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. 40 OF 2024

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION TO RELOCATE THE POLLING PLACE FOR PRECINCT 7-8 FROM SUNSET ACRES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 6514 WEST CANAL BLVD., SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA 71108 TO WESTWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 7325 JEWELLA AVENUE, SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA 71108 AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the established polling location for Precinct No. 7-8 is located at Sunset Acres Elementary School, 6514 West Canal Blvd., Shreveport, Louisiana 71108;

WHEREAS, Sunset Acres Elementary School is being closed;

WHEREAS, Westwood Elementary School, 7325 Jewella Avenue, Shreveport, Louisiana 71108 is available to serve as a polling location;

WHEREAS, the distance between the current location of the polling place for Precinct No. 5-8 and the proposed location is 2.0 miles; and

WHEREAS, the proposed polling place is currently serving as a polling place and 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. 7-8 from Sunset Acres Elementary School, 6514 West Canal Blvd., Shreveport, Louisiana 71108 to Westwood Elementary School, 7325 Jewella Avenue, Shreveport, Louisiana 71108.

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. 41 OF 2024

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION HONORING FLAG DAY IN CADDO PARISH AND OUTLINING PROCEDURES FOR DISPLAYING FLAGS AT CADDO PARISH FACILITIES, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, The Caddo Parish Commission believes that the flag of the United States is a symbol of unity, the values of our nation, the ideals embedded in our Constitution and represents the rights protected Parish wide; and

WHEREAS, the Parish shall maintain a United States and Louisiana flag, flag staff and the necessary appliances for its display upon or near every Parish and administrative building where a flag staff or display appliances can be installed. There shall be a United States of America flag on display in every chamber and committee room where Caddo Parish Commission business is takes place or in such rooms wholly owned by the Parish; and

WHEREAS, the only flags that will be permanently permitted to be raised or displayed outside of wholly parish-owned facilities, administrative buildings, and any/all other wholly-owned Parish of Caddo property shall be the United States flag and the flag of the State of Louisiana, as well as the Prisoner of War/Missing in action flag and the flag with Parish seal. All flags shall be in standard colors and arrangement in accordance with state and federal code; and

WHEREAS, the official flag(s) listed above shall be flown at full- or half-staff pursuant to law; and

WHEREAS, consistent with national and state law and regulations and this policy, the Parish Administrator is requested to develop rules and regulations for the proper custody, care and display of the flag(s); and

WHEREAS, the flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem of display, should be retired through donation to an appropriate scouting, civic, military or veteran's organization or should be destroyed in a dignified way in accordance with US Flag Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened that the Caddo Parish Commission hereby recognizes Flag Day 2024 in Caddo Parish and requests that the afore-mentioned policies regarding the display of flags at Caddo Parish facilities be implemented.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution is effective immediately upon its passage.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 42 OF 2024

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 35 OF 2024 TO EXTEND CADDO PARISH'S WAR ON LITTER

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission adopted Resolution 35 of 2024 proclaiming May as "War on Litter" month, requesting jurisdictions in Caddo Parish to join in increased efforts to eliminate litter, and

WHEREAS, litter continues to be a significant problem in Caddo Parish;

WHEREAS, litter is a persistent blight on the parish and municipalities in the parish; and

WHEREAS, such a persistent blight demands a coordinated effort by municipalities, homeowners, neighborhoods, large property owners, unincorporated communities, and other institutions such as churches, schools, homeowner association, and community organizations to increase efforts to eliminate litter in the Parish.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby extend the proclamation of its "War on Litter" beyond the month of May and through the end of 2024 in Caddo Parish.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parish Commission urges all municipalities, homeowners, neighborhoods, large property owners, unincorporated communities, and other institutions such as churches, schools, homeowner association, and community organizations to collaborate with the Parish in increasing efforts to eliminate litter.

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. 43 OF 2024

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CADDO PARISH ADMINISTRATOR TO DIRECT AND AUTHORIZE THE LOUISIANA STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD AND THE OFFICE OF MINERAL RESOURCES TO ACCEPT NOMINATIONS, ADVERTISE FOR, ACCEPT AND AWARD BIDS, AND EXECUTE ALL OIL, GAS AND MINERAL LEASES ON CERTAIN MINERAL INTERESTS OWNED BY THE PARISH OF CADDO, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo may own certain mineral rights underlying the following described property, to-wit:

Those certain road dedications located in Section 11 Township 18 North, Range 16 West known as Lindsay Road, more particularly described in that certain Plat and Dedication in Book 9000, Page 511, conveyance records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, INsofar AND ONLY INsofar as said road lies within the confines of Section 11, T18N, R16W, Caddo Parish, Louisiana and containing 5.023 acres, more or less; and that certain road dedication known as Holmes Lane, more particularly described in that certain Plat and Dedication in Book 1900, Page 411, conveyance records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana and containing 2.186 acres; and that certain tract of adjudicated property described as Lot 4, Holmes Estates Subdivision, Unit 3, Geo. #181611-006-0004 and containing .9853 acres, more or

less. The total of all the above described tracts contain 8.194 acres, more or less, all in Section 11, T18N, R16W, Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo has received a written request from Cypress Energy Partners, LLC, that the Parish seek public bids for an oil, gas and mineral lease covering said property; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo does not have the knowledge or resources available to determine if it owns the mineral rights and the Parish of Caddo will rely on the expertise and experience of the lessee in determining ownership; and

WHEREAS, it is expressly agreed that any lease granted by the Parish of Caddo and accepted by lessee is without any warranty of title and without any recourse against the Parish of Caddo whatsoever, either express or implied, and it is expressly agreed that the Parish of Caddo shall not be required to return any payments received or be otherwise responsible to lessee therefore; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board and the Office of Mineral Resources, is available upon the request of Caddo Parish to lease the aforesaid property for oil, gas and other minerals if requested to do so by Caddo Parish.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that it does hereby direct and authorize the Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board and the Office of Mineral Resources, to accept nominations, advertise for, accept and award bids, and execute all oil, gas and mineral leases on the aforesaid properties of certain mineral interests owned by the Parish of Caddo.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any such lease contain a no surface operations provision as follows: Lessee, its successors or assigns, may produce oil, gas and other minerals from the leased premises by drilling from a surface location on other lands, but notwithstanding any other provision of this lease, Lessee, its successors or assigns, shall not use the surface of the Lessor's property for drilling or any other operations without prior written permission of Lessor, which permission may be withheld at Lessor's discretion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any such lease contain a horizontal pugh provision as follows: Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein contained, at the end of the primary term or any extension thereof by operations, if the Commission of Conservation of the State of Louisiana establishes a drilling unit which includes a part of the land herein leased, the production of oil, gas and other minerals from such unit shall maintain this lease in full force and effect only as to such portions of the leased land embraced in said pooled unit; and this lease shall expire as to that part of the land herein leased not included in such unit; and lessee, its successors and assigns agrees to relinquish by formal instrument any portion of the leased land not included in a unit created by the Commission of Conservation while this lease is in effect

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any such lease contain a vertical pugh provision as follows: Upon the expiration of the primary term hereof or any extension thereof by operations, this lease shall automatically terminate and be of no further force or effect except as to all that part of the leased premises then included within the geographical boundaries of a producing unit duly established by governmental agency or authority having jurisdiction, from the surface of the earth to a depth of 100 feet below the deepest depth from which any well commenced during the primary term hereof on the leased premises or on lands pooled therewith is completed and from which there is production in paying quantities, such depth determination to be made on a unit by unit basis. In the absence of units so established, this lease shall terminate except as to 40 acres around each producing oil well and 160 acres around each producing or shut-in gas well located on the leased premises, in as near the form of a square as is practicable, from the surface of the earth down to a depth of 100 feet below the deepest depth from which said well or wells are completed and from which there is production in paying quantities, such depth determination to be made on a well by well basis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any such lease contain a minimum royalty provision as follows: Royalty of not less than 1/4th or 25%.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any such lease contain a minimum bonus provision as follows: Bonus of not less than \$3,000.00 per acre.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any such lease contain a hard or solid mineral exclusion provision as follows: This lease shall exclude free sulphur, potash, lignite, salt and any other hard or solid mineral. Lessee shall not have any rights to explore, drill for, mine, produce or take any action whatsoever in regard to any such hard or solid mineral deposits.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any such lease contain a maximum term provision as follows: Primary term of lease shall not exceed three (3) years.

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. 44 OF 2024

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION TO RELOCATE THE POLLING PLACE FOR PRECINCT 9-10 FROM ASCENSION CLASSICAL SCHOOL, 10540 NORRIS FERRY ROAD, SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA 71106 TO NORRIS FERRY COMMUNITY CHURCH, 10509 NORRIS FERRY ROAD, SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA 71106 TO, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the established polling location for Precinct No. 9-10 is located at Ascension Classical School, 10540 Norris Ferry Road, Shreveport, Louisiana 71106;

WHEREAS, that location has now notified the Parish that it is unable to serve as a polling location;

WHEREAS, Norris Ferry Community Church, 10509 Norris Ferry Road, Shreveport, Louisiana 71106 is willing to serve as a polling location;

WHEREAS, the distance between the current location of the polling place for Precinct No. 9-10 and the proposed location is less than 0.1 mile; 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. 9-10 from Ascension Classical School, 10540 Norris Ferry Road, Shreveport, Louisiana 71106 to Norris Ferry Community Church, 10509 Norris Ferry Road, Shreveport, Louisiana 71106.

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. 45 OF 2024

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CADDO PARISH ADMINISTRATOR TO DIRECT AND AUTHORIZE THE LOUISIANA STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD AND THE OFFICE OF MINERAL RESOURCES TO ACCEPT NOMINATIONS, ADVERTISE FOR, ACCEPT AND AWARD BIDS, AND EXECUTE ALL OIL, GAS AND MINERAL LEASES ON CERTAIN MINERAL INTERESTS OWNED BY THE PARISH OF CADDO, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo may own certain mineral rights underlying the following described property, to-wit:

Those certain adjudicated properties located in Section 4, Township 16 North, Range 14 West, described as from SW/Cor. Of Winrock Glen Subn, and the E'ly R/W of US Hwy. 171 (Mansfield Rd.) run South 39 Deg. 02 Min. 20 Sec. West 554.88 ft., thence South 60 Deg. 02 Min. 51 Sec. East 213.44 to POB, thence North 29 Deg. 57 Min. 09 Sec. East 15 ft., thence North 86 Deg. 56 Min. 37 Sec. East 52.55 ft., thence South 39 Deg. 10 Min. 28 Sec. West 47.48 ft., thence North 60 Deg. 02 Min. 51 Sec. West 35.66 ft., to POB, Geo.#161404-000-0055; the Southerly portion of Lot 20, Simmons Place Subd. Unit 3, measuring 12.5 ft. on West line and 9 ft. on East line, Geo. #161404-001-0052; a .279 acre tract located in the SE/4 of Sec. 4-T16N-R14W, Geo. #161404-008-0113; the West 60 ft. of that part of NE/4 of Sec. 4-T16N-R14W lying North of Mackey Lane, Geo. #161404-008-0128; said adjudicated property total acreage in Section 4, T16N, R14W being a total of .951 Gross acres and .564 Net acres, more or less, all in Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

Those certain adjudicated properties located in Section 9, Township 16 North, Range 14 West, described as beginning at the Northerly common corners of Lots 22 & 23, Chasewood Subd. Being on the Southerly R/W line of Baird Road, thence run along said R/W 19 ft., thence South 29 Deg. 59 Min.24 Sec. East 93.94 ft., thence South 18 Deg. 09 Min. 43 Sec. East to the West line of said Lot 23, thence along said West Lot line run North 35 Deg. 11 Min. East to the POB, Geo. #161409-040-0151; beginning at the Northerly common corners of Lots 22 & 23, Chasewood Subd. Also being on the Southerly R/W line of Baird Road, thence run along said R/W 19 ft., to the POB, thence continue along said R/W along a chord bearing North 76 Deg. 37 Min. 25 Sec. East 19.38 ft., having a radius of 993.39 ft. an arc length of 19.38 ft., thence South 18 Deg. 09 Min. 43 Sec. East 90.62 ft., thence North 29 Deg. 59 Min. 24 Sec. West 93.94 ft. to the POB in Lot 23 Chasewood Subd., Geo. #161419-040-0150, tract beginning at the Northwest corner of Lot 6, run South 11.1 ft., thence South 89 Deg. 49 Min. East 405.45 ft., thence 30 Deg. 36 Min. West 10.24 ft., thence North 89 Deg. 22 Min. West 402.94 ft., to the POB, begin a portion of Lots 6, 7 & 9 of partition of W. R. Colquitt Lands, Geo. #161409-018-0014; tract beginning at Northwest corner of Lot 4, Southern Hills Shopping Center, Unit A, run thence North 30 Deg. 57 Min. 09 Sec. West 141.3 ft., thence South 89 Deg. 223 Min. 00 Sec. East 127.79 ft., thence South 29 Deg. 01 Min. 32 Sec. East 140.85 ft., thence South 61 Deg. 08 Min. West 34.65 ft., thence North 28 Deg. 46 Min. 10 Sec. West 35.05 ft., thence South 55 Deg. 53 Min. 47 Sec. West 80.03 ft., thence North 16 Deg. 13 Min. 38 Sec. West 35.69 ft. to the POB, Geo. #161409-021-0017; tract beginning at Northeast corner of Lot 241, run thence South 8 Deg. 40 Min. 36 Sec. East 92.44 ft., thence South 23 Deg. 24 Min. East 83.02 ft., thence South 24 Deg. 57 Min. 41 Sec. East 93.76 ft., thence South 18 Deg. 52 Min. 33 Sec. East 96.32 ft., thence South 14 Deg. 7 Min. 15 Sec. East 42.6 ft., thence South 36 Deg. 5 Min. 40 Sec. West 18.56 ft., thence South 86 Deg. 19 Min. 30 Sec. West 61.64 ft., thence North 15 Deg. 29 Min. 28 Sec. West 306.91 ft., thence North 8 Deg. 49 Min. 27 Sec. East 110 ft., to the South R/W line of Baird Road, thence Easterly along same 10 ft. to the POB, Southport Country Subd., Unit No. 13, Geo. #161409-042-0242; tract beginning at North common corner of Lots 236 and 241, run thence South 28 Deg. 42 Min. 38 Sec. West 117.06 ft., thence South 01 Deg. 19 Min. 45 Sec. East 64.88 ft., thence South 13 Deg. 65 Min. 42 Sec. East 170.25 ft., thence South 45 Deg. 34 Min. 43 Sec. East 55 ft., thence South 76 Deg. 4 Min. 35 Sec. East 64.83 ft., thence North 15 Deg. 29 Min. 28 Sec. West 306.91 ft., thence North 8 Deg. 49 Min. 27 Sec. East 110 ft., to the South R/W line of Baird Road, thence Westerly along same 30 ft. to the POB, Southport Country Subd., Unit No. 13, Geo. #161409-042-0243; said adjudicated property total acreage in Section 9, T16N, R14W being 1.677 Gross and Net acres, more or less; and the following tract with Caddo Parish owing a 50% interest being described from the intersection of the South R/W line of Baird Road with the Westerly R/W line of Southern Pacific Railroad, run South 26 Deg. 40 Min. 30 Sec. West along Railroad 185 ft., thence North 63 Deg. 19 Min. 30 Sec. West 20 ft. to the POB, continue North 63 Deg. 19 Min. 30 Sec. West 180 ft., thence North 26 Deg. 40 Min. 30 Sec. East 172.23 ft., to the South Line of Baird Road, thence Easterly along same 180.58 ft., thence South 26 Deg. 40 Min. 30 Sec. West 184.98 ft. to the POB, being in the SE/4 of Section 9, Geo. #161409-000-0079, said Parish owned tract containing .752 acres Gross and .376 Net acres, with the total of Section 9, T16N, R14W being 2.429 Gross and 2.053 Net acres, more or less, all in Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo has received a written request from Cypress Energy Partners, LLC, that the Parish seek public bids for an oil, gas and mineral lease covering said property; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo does not have the knowledge or resources available to determine if it owns the mineral rights and the Parish of Caddo will rely on the expertise and experience of the lessee in determining ownership; and

WHEREAS, it is expressly agreed that any lease granted by the Parish of Caddo and accepted by lessee is without any warranty of title and without any recourse against the Parish of Caddo whatsoever, either express or implied, and it is expressly agreed that the Parish of Caddo shall not be required to return any payments received or be otherwise responsible to lessee therefore; and

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NEW BUSINESS

It was **moved by Mr. Epperson**, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *that the Caddo Citizen/Shreveport Sun be the 2024-2025 Official Journal for Caddo Parish.*

Substitute motion by Mr. Kracman, seconded by Mr. Lazarus, *that the Focus SB/Inquisitor be the 2024-2025 Official Journal for Caddo Parish.* Motion failed, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Blake, Kracman, Lazarus, and J. Young (4). NAYS: Commissioners Burrell, Cothran, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Jones, Thomas, and G. Young (7). ABSENT: Commissioner Atkins (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

Mr. Kracman said that the Official Journal is to reach as many people as possible and feels that the Focus SB/Inquisitor will reach more people.

At this time, Mr. Epperson's original motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Burrell, Cothran, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Jones, Kracman, Thomas, G. Young, and J. Young (9). NAYS: Commissioners Blake and Lazarus (2). ABSENT: Commissioner Atkins (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).


COMMUNIQUES & COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mr. Epperson commended Administration and the various Parish departments for all of their hard work day in and day out.
- Mr. Burrell said that the NOBCO Economic Development Conference was informative. He will be providing his notes to Administration.
- Mr. Cothran thanked Animal Services for all of their hard work in decreasing the rodents in Southern Hills. He also thanked Parks & Recreation for looking into the Greenbook Neighborhood Park.
- Mrs. Blake said that there is affordable housing in her district. She suggested that there be a solution provided to the citizens on how to own homes in the midst of the housing crisis.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned

at 5:34 p.m.


Michelle Nations
Assistant to the Commission Clerk


John-Paul Young
President