

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
CADDO PARISH COMMISSION'S
JUVENILES JUSTICE COMMITTEE
HELD ON THE 5th DAY OF JUNE, 2023

The Caddo Parish Juvenile Justice Committee met in legal session on the above date, at 5:15 p.m., in the Government Plaza First Floor Conference Room, with Mr. Jackson, Chairman, presiding, and the following members in attendance: Commissioners Chavez, Jackson, Jones and Young (4). ABSENT: Commissioner Burrell, Cothran, Gage-Watts (3).

The Chair extended the invocation and pledge of allegiance from the Work Session.

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Jones, *to adopt the committee rules.*
Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- Receive and Discuss Staff Report Regarding The Public Safety Millage

Director Clay Walker discussed the dissolution of the citizens advisory committee due to the hindrance of the public meeting laws. Mrs. Bryant indicated that the citizen advisory committee is unable to advocate as an extension of the Commission and that the Parish needed an advocacy group.

It was **moved by Mr. Young**, seconded by Mr. Jones, *to dissolve the Juvenile Justice Citizen Advisory Committee.*

Mr. Jackson requested that the Assistant Parish Attorney Henry Bernstein to draft a brief written statement regarding the dissolution of the Juvenile Justice Citizen Advisory Committee. Mr. Walker advised that the Juvenile Justice Citizen Advisory Committee is aware of the transition from a citizen advisory committee to an advocacy group. Mr. Chavez requested that the brief statement provide an accolade to the citizen advisory committee.

Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Chavez, Jackson, Jones and Young (4). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioner Burrell, Cothran, Gage-Watts (3). ABSTAIN: None (0).

Mr. Jackson requested that the action item be recommended to the full body at the next Work Session meeting.

- Discuss Youth Summer Camps

Mr. Walker indicated that he would correspond with Director Patrick Wesley on a summary of the summer recreation programs and camps. Mr. Walker advised that conflict and delinquency could occur when youth are involved outside of their neighborhoods. He explained that the Juvenile Services Department has a small fund to help probation children to participate in fun activities. Mrs. Bryant addressed Mr. Jackson's inquiry about the Parish's funding support to the Football Camp on June 25th. Mr. Jackson requested that the Football Camp program goes well and that there be endorsements for the millage at the camp. Mr. Chavez recommended using SporTran's OnDemand service to transport children, which Mr. Walker indicated that the Juvenile Services Department has transportation solutions. Mr. Jones explained a method for youth to use the public transportation system with the OnDemand service.

- Receive And Discuss Staff Update On Temporary/Weekend Housing For Juveniles

Mr. Walker explained the discussion of a plan between Juvenile Services, Judge Casey-Jones and the Shreveport Police Department regarding an emergency overflow unit at the City Jail, but there was an issue with staffing the emergency overflow unit. Mr. Walker discussed the long term solution purpose of the millage. Mr. Walker explained that the Juvenile Services' Department would be in charge of the emergency overflow and the tactics in handling juveniles in the emergency overflow.

- Receive And Discuss Staff Update Related To Reactivating The Children's Youth Planning Board

Mr. Walker discussed the law requirements and the history of former Children's Youth Planning Boards, and the purpose of the Children's Youth Planning Board. Mr. Walker indicated that there were issues with maintaining a former Children's Youth Planning Board. Mr. Walker explained the process of information between the Children Youth Planning Board and the State Governor. Mrs. Bryant addressed Mr. Chavez's inquiry to task the Parish lobbyists for support with Children's Youth Planning Board. The Committee discussed the Parish's appointing authority, which Mr. Chavez suggested drafting a resolution to request a recommendation from the City of Shreveport and the Caddo Parish School Board. Mr. Jackson requested that the resolution be looked into. Mr. Walker addressed Mr. Young's inquiry about the direction to recommending appointees.

It was **moved by Mr. Young**, seconded by Mr. Jones, *that Attorney Bernstein draft a resolution regarding the Children's Youth Planning Board for the next Work Session.*

Mr. Jones requested Mr. Walker to inform the Committee chair on the stance of the City of Shreveport Mayor and the School Board Superintendent regarding the Children's Youth Planning Board. Attorney Bernstein clarified the requirements of the Children's Youth Planning Board appointees. Mr. Jones suggested covering the appointment categories with a smaller number of members and that the City Mayor and the School Board Superintendent be aware of the appointment requirements. Mr. Walker explained the existence of a teenage committee advisory board under a community organization that the Juvenile Services Department works with. Mr. Walker explained the benefits of the Children's Youth Planning Board and that the Board could be staffed with grant funding.

Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Chavez, Jackson, Jones and Young (4). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioner Burrell, Cothran, Gage-Watts (3). ABSTAIN: None (0).

The meeting adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

/s/ Linda J. Montgomery
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