

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE
CADDO PARISH COMMISSION
HELD ON THE 20th DAY OF JULY, 2023

The Caddo Parish Commission met in a Special Session, on the above date, at 10:54 a.m., in the Government Chambers, with Mr. Burrell, presiding, and the following members in attendance, constituting a quorum: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Cothran, Hopkins, Johnson, Jones, and Lazarus (8). ABSENT: Commissioners Epperson, Gage-Watts, Jackson, Young (4).

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

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES

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

- *Ordinance No. 6343 Of 2023, An Ordinance Amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for Public Works Fund to Provide Debris Removal After the June 16 Storm and To Otherwise Provide with Respect Thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6344 Of 2023, An Ordinance Amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for Reserve Trust Fund to Provide Public Assistance to Caddo Citizens as A Result of The June 16 Storm and To Otherwise Provide with Respect Thereto*

There being no one to speak in favor or against these ordinances, the President closed the public hearing on ordinances.

Mr. Johnson and Mr. Cothran discussed the purpose of the ordinances. Mr. Chavez inquired about the state reimbursement of storm assistance and ensuring citizens are not receiving a duplication of services, which Attorney Frazier addressed. **Point of Clarification by Mr. Johnson**, that the damage.la.gov is a reporting mechanism that would qualify the Parish for funding once a certain dollar amount is reached. Mr. Chavez suggested that the Parish invest in a marketing campaign for the storm assistance program for citizens to report their damage and to apply for assistance, which Attorney Frazier addressed. **Point of Clarification by Mr. Johnson**, regarding the Parish's storm assistance qualifications that capture and report to the State which individuals the Parish assisted through the program. Mr. Atkins clarified Ordinance Nos. 6343 and 6344 of 2023. Mr. Hopkins requested that a technical change be made to reflect the correct ordinance number for Ordinance No. 6343 of 2023. Answering Mr. Hopkins on how long the storm assistance will operate, Attorney Frazier explained that Parish programs typically run until all funds have been exhausted or reallocate unused funds. Mr. Johnson requested that any broadcasts be reposted to all media outlets, which Assistant Administrator Mr. Clay Walker addressed.

ORDINANCES (FOR FINAL PASSAGE)

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Chavez, *to englobo and adopt the following ordinances:*

- *Ordinance No. 6343 Of 2023, An Ordinance Amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for Public Works Fund to Provide Debris Removal After the June 16 Storm and To Otherwise Provide with Respect Thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6344 Of 2023, An Ordinance Amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for Reserve Trust Fund to Provide Public Assistance to Caddo Citizens as A Result of The June 16 Storm and To Otherwise Provide with Respect Thereto*

Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Cothran, Hopkins, Johnson, Jones, and Lazarus (8). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Epperson, Gage-Watts, Jackson, Young (4). ABSTAIN: None (0).

ORDINANCE NO. 3643 OF 2023

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR PUBLIC WORKS FUND TO PROVIDE DEBRIS REMOVAL AFTER THE JUNE 16 STORM AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo sustained severe damage as the result of straight-line winds on June 16, 2023; and WHEREAS, due to the June 16th weather event significant debris is scattered all over the Parish of Caddo; and WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission would like to pick up storm debris throughout the Parish; and WHEREAS, the Parish will request reimbursement from Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness for 75% of the expenses; 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 Public Works Fund for the year 2023 is hereby amended as follows: Budget Increase (Decrease) Public Works Fund Professional Service-Debris Removal \$1,500,000 Fund Balance (\$1,500,000) 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.

Approved as to legal form:

Parish Attorney

Date

ORDINANCE NO. 6344 OF 2023

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR RESERVE TRUST FUND TO PROVIDE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE TO CADDO CITIZENS AS A RESULT OF THE JUNE 16 STORM AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo sustained severe damage as the result of straight-line winds on June 16, 2023; and WHEREAS, due to the June 16th weather event the citizens of Caddo Parish are in-need assistance with home repairs; and WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission would like to assist the citizens of Caddo Parish that meet the requirements with the needed assistance; 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 Reserve Trust Fund for the year 2023 is hereby amended as follows: Budget Increase (Decrease) Reserve Trust Fund Allocation to Other Entities Emergency Assistance \$1,000,000 Fund Balance (\$1,000,000) 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.

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There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

/s/ Linda J. Montgomery

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