

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION
OF THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION
HELD ON THE 22ND DAY OF AUGUST, 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 Atkins, Blake, Burrell, Cothran, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Jones, Kracman, Lazarus, Thomas, G. Young, and J. Young (12). ABSENT: None (0).

The invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were given during the previous committee meetings, so the Commission moved onto Agenda Additions.

AGENDA ADDITIONS

It was **moved by Mr. Kracman**, seconded by Mr. Jones, *that the agenda be expanded and Special Resolution of Remembrance for Ward 2 Constable Barry Purcell* be added under New Business.

The President opened the floor for anyone to speak in favor or opposition to the agenda addition. There being no one to come forward, the President closed the public hearing.

At this time, Mr. Kracman's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Blake, Burrell, Cothran, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Jones, Kracman, Lazarus, Thomas, G. Young, and J. Young (12). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: None (0). ABSTAIN: None (0).

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Michael Kelsh came before the Commission and gave the following comment:

Good afternoon, Michael Kelsh with Raley and Associates, 4913 Shed Road. I was just here representing case 11.1, the rezoning application on the agenda. I didn't know if anybody had any questions or anything, but I'm here if you do okay so. Thank you!

Sam Brock came before the Commission and gave the following comment:

I want to thank you for the few minutes that you are allowing us. My name is Sam Brock and I'm here to just comment on the resolution concerning convicted felons. It's a voice that is hard to hear and I am a convicted felon. When someone gets out of prison what they're looking for more than anything is dignity, wholeness being a full member of society again, and it's and it's not easy. There's a lot of road blocks in the way. I know what it's like to go into Lowe's and see somebody that used to be a friend of yours and all the sudden they scurry down the next aisle because they don't want to talk to you. I know what it's like to be turned down for a job because you have a felony like to not be able to vote, even though, at least that is changed. We can now reapply for our voting rights. I am a follower of Christ and scripture tells me that when I pray I am to ask for forgiveness and the Father as I forgive others and if I want whole forgiveness then I have to give hope forgiveness. We've all failed we're all guilty of sin; we're all guilty of failure; and what I want to see is people judged on how they pick themselves up, not how they failed. I want to see men and women not classified but classified on how they individually have corrected themselves. So, I'd like you to consider that when you're considering this ordinance. I very much appreciate your time. It's just to speak for those men and women because I have extreme respect for everybody up on this Commission. What you do is fantastic work, and I appreciate your service.

Leslie Alexander came before the Commission and gave the following comment:

Commissioners, I'm Leslie Alexander, I appreciate the opportunity to address you. As a citizen of Caddo Parish born and reared in Shreveport I urge you to vote against ordinance 654. The listing that I saw was 654. If that is incorrect, I apologize. I believe I put my zip code on there. so again, I need you to vote against 654, its needlessly and mostly inflammatory. Historically inaccurate, and it actually contradicts its own language in the language of the ordinance. It will create more division, not less. First, the ordinance would forever be banned, and I quote memorials, monuments, etc. Individuals, organizations, groups, entities that have declared war against the United States of America or have been found guilty of being traders. As a matter of historical record, no Southerner nor the South ever declared war against the United States. The north provoked the south in firing the first shot. it legally blockaded Southern Coast, then sent an invading Army to plunder rape and pillage. southerners, both black and white, defended their homes honorably. Government, government has neither of the moral nor the constitutional right to forbid tax paying citizens bring their ancestors. you love your family, we love ours. Never change second as a matter of historical record. No southerner was ever tried or found guilty. Not one trial, not one conviction. Even Supreme Court Justice Salmon chase at the time warned if you bring confederates to trial it will condemn the North for by the Constitution secession is not rebellion confederates were not traders and their descendants were not traders either further section B says no one convicted of a felony but only those of great and notable accomplishments shall be honored on cattle property surely you want suggesting that

Hillary Huckabee's two felony excuse me felony tax evasion conviction and Led Belly's two felony attempted murder convictions qualify as great accomplishments. I hope not Both of these men are being honored that would seem to contradict the direct language of your ordinance commissioners the first US block President Barack Obama famously said keep hope alive this reports and that was a very inspiring stayed mad on his campaign this proposed ordinance will only keep presentment and division alive but you stopped me in the at the beginning so I'm gonna finish it will accomplish nothing please vote against it thank you for your attention, thank you!

VISITORS

- **Shreveport Farmer's Market**

Emory Gentry, President Shreveport Farmer's Market, said that it is in its 38th consecutive season. She said that the Shreveport Farmer's Market is the only USDA approved farmer's market in the region.

Mr. Thomas said that the Shreveport Farmer's Market has been deemed the number one farmer's market in the State of Louisiana. He thanked Mrs. Gentry for coming to today's Commission meeting.

Mr. Burrell appreciates the Shreveport Farmer's Markets, especially since people can get fresh produce and products that are local.

Mr. Kracman thanked Ms. Gentry for her dedication to the community from the Shreveport Farmer's Market to the Red River Revel to all of the positive community posts on her social media.

Mrs. Blake also thanked Ms. Gentry for everything that she does with the Farmer's Market for the shopping, food, family friendly atmosphere, etc.

Mr. J. Young agreed with his colleagues. He asked if there was a way to extend it for a year round market.

- **Robinson's Rescue**

Ms. Alexis Shvayla, Robinsons Rescue, came before the Commission and provided an update on the spay/neuter program. Since its inception, Dr. Master-Everson has performed over 94,000 spay/neuter surgeries. Robinsons Rescue's mission is to provide low-cost spay/neuter surgeries to reduce the overpopulation and euthanasia of adoptable pets in this region.

In 2023, Robinson's Rescue was able to provide 1,355 surgeries. They have recently collaborated with the Caddo Parish Animal Shelter to hold monthly voucher days, and it has been successful. She thanked the Commission once again for their continued support.

She also talked about Scooter the Neuter, who is "hip to be snip".

Mr. J. Young pointed out the statistics that were provided. He said that just neutering one male and one female more than 67,000 dogs can be prevented in just six years. Ms. Shvayla said that the numbers are even higher for cats because they can start reproducing at four months old.

Mr. Atkins thanked Robinsons Rescue for all of their hard work within the community.

Mr. Thomas also thanked Robinsons Rescue for what they are doing to help control the pet population in Caddo Parish. He would like continued discussions in partnering with ArtSpace and Art the Dog for an upcoming event.

ADOPT REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

It was **moved by Mrs. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. J. Young, *that the Regular Session Minutes from August 8, 2024 be adopted. Motion carried unanimously.*

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

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

- *Special Resolution of Recognition to the Shreveport Farmer's Market*
- *Special Resolution of Remembrance for Wali Amin*

Mr. Epperson said that Mr. Amin transitioned on August 13, and his services were held

yesterday. Mr. Epperson said that Mr. Amin was a wonderful man and did great work for people who were re-entering into society.

- *Proclamation Southwood Homecoming Week*
- *Special Resolution of Recognition to Shreveport City Court Judge Elect Brittany Bass Arvie*
- *Special Resolution of Remembrance for Deacon Eddie Lee Savannah*
- *Special Resolution of Remembrance Constable Barry Purcell*

At this time, Mrs. Gage-Watts' motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Blake, Burrell, Cothran, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Jones, Kracman, Lazarus, Thomas, G. Young, and J. Young (12). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: None (0). ABSTAIN: None (0).

SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION SHREVEPORT FARMER'S MARKET

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission recognizes the vital role that farmers' markets play in supporting local agriculture, fostering community connections, and providing fresh, nutritious food to the residents of Caddo Parish; and

WHEREAS, the Shreveport Farmers' Market has been proudly serving the community for 38 seasons, offering a diverse array of homegrown and homemade items, including fruits, vegetables, herbs, plants, honey, breads, jams, jellies, pastries, candies, pickles, seasonings, various canned goods, shrimp, and ethically raised meats, as well as handcrafted art, jewelry, candles, and soaps by local artisans; and

WHEREAS, during the 16th Annual America's Farmers Market Celebration, hosted by the American Farmland Trust, the Shreveport Farmers' Market was recognized as the No. 1 Farmers Market in the State of Louisiana, a testament to the hard work and dedication of its vendors, volunteers, and staff, as well as the steadfast support of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Shreveport Farmers' Market received this prestigious recognition through public voting, highlighting the market's significant impact on the local food system and its importance as a gathering place for residents to access fresh, locally produced goods; and

WHEREAS, the market's success is also reflected in its unique status as the only USDA-Approved farmers' market in the Shreveport-Bossier community, which allows for the acceptance and use of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, thereby increasing accessibility to fresh, nutritious food for all members of the community; and

WHEREAS, this honor not only brings a \$100 award to the Shreveport Farmers' Market for marketing and expansion efforts but also grants the market a year of well-deserved bragging rights, further elevating its reputation and reach; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission commends the Shreveport Farmers' Market for its ongoing commitment to excellence, its role in supporting local farmers and artisans, and its contributions to the vibrancy and well-being of the Caddo Parish community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby congratulate the Shreveport Farmers' Market for being named the No. 1 Farmers Market in Louisiana by American Farmland Trust, and expresses its sincere appreciation for the market's positive impact on the community and its role in promoting sustainable agriculture and local enterprise;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be presented to the Shreveport Farmers' Market as a token of the Commission's admiration and support for their continued success.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF REMEMBRANCE WALI AMIN

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission pauses to honor the life and legacy of Deacon Eddie Lee Savannah, Sr., a beloved member of the Caddo Parish community who was born on February 26, 1935, in Hosston, Louisiana, to Thomas and Ruby Savannah as the fourth of their eleven children; and

WHEREAS, Deacon Eddie Lee Savannah, Sr. was a man deeply devoted to his family, having shared 68 years of marriage with his loving wife, Ethel Savannah, with whom he raised six children, along with one son from a prior relationship; and

WHEREAS, Eddie Lee Savannah, Sr. was not only a dedicated family man but also a

skilled tradesman who worked for over thirty years at Standard Plumbing Company alongside his father, brother, and sons, where he imparted his knowledge of plumbing, as well as his love for hunting and fishing, to the next generation; and

WHEREAS, Deacon Savannah was a man who cherished fellowship and community, spending countless hours playing spades and bingo with family and friends, and his love of gathering with others was evident in his joy for food, fishing, and the simple pleasures of life; and

WHEREAS, his faith was a cornerstone of his life, and he was a devoted member of St. Luke Baptist Church, where he found great fulfillment in singing hymns, praying, and being an active participant in the spiritual life of his church community; and

WHEREAS, Deacon Eddie Lee Savannah, Sr.'s presence was a cherished part of the Cooper Road Community, where he lived on Skelly Street and was known for his warmth, kindness, and dedication to those around him; and

WHEREAS, his passing leaves a deep void in the hearts of his family, friends, and the wider community, but his legacy of love, faith, and service will continue to inspire those who were fortunate enough to know him; and

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby extend its deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Deacon Eddie Lee Savannah, Sr., and joins them in remembering and celebrating the life of a man who embodied the values of hard work, faith, and love for family and community;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be presented to the family of Deacon Eddie Lee Savannah, Sr. as a lasting tribute to his memory and his enduring impact on the lives of those he touched.

PROCLAMATION SOUTHWOOD HOMECOMING WEEK

WHEREAS, Southwood High School, under the leadership of Principal Betty Jordan and having a roster of more than 900 student, 120 faculty and staff, classified employees and 6 administrators located at 9000 Walker Road is one of Caddo Parish's finest high schools; and

WHEREAS, September 19, 2024 will be the 54th Annual Homecoming of Southwood High School; and

WHEREAS, Southwood High School was established in 1970 and also known as "The Ranch", home of the Cowboys and Guinness Book of World records largest Pep Squad sponsored by our very own Betty Jordan has continued to educate and graduate thousands of youth in the South Shreveport for the last 54 years; and

WHEREAS, Principal Betty Jordan encourages the Southwood community to leave our brand at Southwood and continue to make the Ranch a school that develops and fosters winners in the community, state and beyond.

WHEREAS, Southwood High School's 54th Homecoming is themed "A Time to Remember" and that theme will be featured across a series of events that include: Southwood's annual homecoming parade on Saturday, September 14, 2024, the worship service at Bright Star Baptist Church on September 15, 2024, the homecoming game on Thursday, September 19, 2024 at Independence Stadium and concluding with the homecoming dance, Saturday, September 21, 2024.

NOW, THEREFOR E BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Caddo Parish Commission, do hereby designate September 14-21, 2024 as the 54th Annual Homecoming Week Celebration of Southwood High School and we encourage all students, parents, faculty, staff, alumni and especially the community to join us in the recognition of this celebration.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION SHREVEPORT CITY COURT JUDGE ELECT BRITTANY BASS ARVIE

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission takes great pride in recognizing outstanding individuals who have made significant contributions to the legal community and the citizens of Caddo Parish; and

WHEREAS, Brittany Bass Arvie has demonstrated exceptional dedication, integrity, and commitment to the principles of justice throughout her career, earning the respect and admiration of her peers and the community alike; and

WHEREAS, Brittany Bass Arvie has been elected to serve as a Judge of the Shreveport City Court, a position of great responsibility and honor, where she will have the opportunity to continue her

exemplary service to the citizens of Shreveport and uphold the highest standards of justice and fairness; and

WHEREAS, Judge-Elect Brittany Bass Arvie will be formally invested as Shreveport City Court Judge on August 29, 2024, marking a significant milestone in her career and a momentous occasion for the community she serves; and

WHEREAS, her investiture is a testament to her hard work, perseverance, and dedication to the legal profession, and serves as an inspiration to all who strive for excellence in their respective fields; and

WHEREAS, Brittany Bass Arvie's commitment to justice, equity, and the well-being of the community will undoubtedly continue to positively impact the lives of the citizens of Shreveport and Caddo Parish for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission recognizes the importance of celebrating this significant achievement and honoring Judge-Elect Brittany Bass Arvie as she embarks on this new chapter in her distinguished career;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby honor and congratulate Shreveport City Court Judge-Elect Brittany Bass Arvie upon her investiture, and expresses its sincere appreciation for her dedication to the principles of justice and her service to the community;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be presented to Judge-Elect Brittany Bass Arvie as a token of the Commission's respect and support for her continued success in her judicial career.

**SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF REMEMBRANCE
DEACON EDDIE LEE SAVANNAH**

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission pauses to honor the life and legacy of Deacon Eddie Lee Savannah, Sr., a beloved member of the Caddo Parish community who was born on February 26, 1935, in Hosston, Louisiana, to Thomas and Ruby Savannah as the fourth of their eleven children; and

WHEREAS, Deacon Eddie Lee Savannah, Sr. was a man deeply devoted to his family, having shared 68 years of marriage with his loving wife, Ethel Savannah, with whom he raised six children, along with one son from a prior relationship; and

WHEREAS, Eddie Lee Savannah, Sr. was not only a dedicated family man but also a skilled tradesman who worked for over thirty years at Standard Plumbing Company alongside his father, brother, and sons, where he imparted his knowledge of plumbing, as well as his love for hunting and fishing to the next generation; and

WHEREAS, Deacon Savannah was a man who cherished fellowship and community, spending countless hours playing spades and bingo with family and friends, and his love of gathering with others was evident in his joy for food, fishing, and the simple pleasures of life; and

WHEREAS, his faith was a cornerstone of his life, and he was a devoted member of St. Luke Baptist Church where he found great fulfillment in singing hymns, praying, and being an active participant in the spiritual life his church community; and

WHEREAS, Deacon Eddie Lee Savannah, Sr.'s presence was a cherished part of the Cooper Road Community, where he lived on Skelly Street and was known for his warmth, kindness, and dedication to those around him; and

WHEREAS, his passing leaves a deep void in the hearts of his family, friends, and the wider community, but his legacy of love, faith, and service will continue to inspire those who were fortunate enough to know him; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby extend its deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Deacon Eddie Lee Savannah, Sr., and joins them in remembering and celebrating the life of a man who embodied the values of hard work, faith, and love for family and community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be presented to the family of Deacon Eddie Lee Savannah, Sr. as a lasting tribute to his memory and his enduring impact on the lives of those he touched.

**SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF REMEMBRANCE
CONSTABLE BARRY PURCELL**

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission wishes to express its deepest sympathy and condolences on the passing of Barry Ray Purcell, a dedicated public servant and respected member of the Caddo Parish community, who passed away on August 18, 2024, at the age of 59; and

WHEREAS, Barry Ray Purcell was born on August 15, 1965, in Shreveport, Louisiana, to Dalton and Marilyn Purcell, and lived his entire life in Oil City, Louisiana, where he was a beloved member of the community; and

WHEREAS, Constable Purcell faithfully served as the Caddo Parish Constable for Ward 2 for over ten years, demonstrating unwavering dedication, integrity, and commitment to the people of Caddo Parish; and

WHEREAS, beyond his public service, Barry was an avid hunter, fisherman, and golfer, known for his love of the outdoors and his enthusiasm for these pastimes; and

WHEREAS, Barry was a member of Trees Baptist Church, where he was known for his strong faith and commitment to his community; and

WHEREAS, Barry Purcell will be remembered as a great friend with a big heart, always willing to help those in need and offering support to anyone who crossed his path; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by his loving wife of 26 years, Kathy Purcell, his children, Phillip Purcell and Coby Purcell, his brother Scott Purcell, and his two grandchildren, Wesson Purcell and Jady Oldemeyer, who all carry on his legacy of kindness and service; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission joins his family, friends, and the entire community in mourning the loss of a man who gave so much to others and left an indelible mark on Caddo Parish.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby honor the memory of Barry Ray Purcell and expresses its sincere gratitude for his years of dedicated service as Constable for Ward 2 and for his countless contributions to the community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be delivered to the family of Barry Ray Purcell as an expression of the Commission's deepest sympathy and as a tribute to the life and legacy of a beloved public servant.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

- Sheriff Whitehorn

Mr. Burrell asked that Sheriff Whitehorn to come before the Commission to re-establish a relationship between the Sheriff's Office and the Caddo Commission.

Sheriff Whitehorn thanked the Commission for inviting him today. One of the things he committed to is building relationships and partnerships with the Sheriff's Office. He believes working together is critical.

Mr. Cothran asked Sheriff Whitehorn what could the Parish do to help his office. Sheriff Whitehorn said that he working to get his Community Programs Unit up and running. He asked for the Commissioners to spread the word and get some people filling out applications. He said that there are 116 vacancies, and the starting salary is about \$45k with a \$5k incentive.

Mr. J. Young wanted to know if there was an Auxiliary Unit. Sheriff Whitehorn said that there is one, and encouraged anyone to apply.

Mrs. Gage-Watts congratulated Sheriff Whitehorn on his new role. She is looking forward to the re-entry initiative, women reform, etc. discussions that she will be having with his office.

Mr. Burrell thanked Sheriff Whitehorn once again for coming to the Commission and providing updates to this body.

Mr. Epperson thanked Sheriff Whitehorn for his service in the United States military, along with him being elected as the Caddo Sheriff.

Mr. Atkins welcomed Sheriff Whitehorn to the Commission meeting and congratulated him as being elected as the new Caddo Sheriff.

Mrs. Blake is looking forward to working with Sheriff Whitehorn. Mr. G. Young agreed with his fellow colleagues and is excited to figure out ways to help make the citizens of the Parish more prosperous.

Mr. Jones asked for more information about becoming a reserve deputy. Sheriff Whitehorn said that they are reconstructing their website to make it more transparent, but should have the link up shortly.

COMMUNIQUES & COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mr. Epperson talked about the difference between the Congressional Gold Medal and the Congressional Medal of Honor. He explained that the Congressional Medal of Honor is presented to military personnel for service that's above and beyond the call of duty. The Congressional Gold Medal of Freedom is given to civilians for art, science, and other things that they do in the civilian community. In 2002, the Caddo Parish Commission hosted the Medal of Honor Convention, he said.

The Veterans Celebration Committee said that the Honor Ceremony will be held on November 9, 2024 at the Municipal Auditorium. The Veterans Parade will be held on Sunday, November 10, 2024 at the LA Fairgrounds beginning at 2:00 p.m. Mr. Sam Maddox will be the grand marshal.

Mr. Epperson then expressed the importance of cleaning up the Parish. He said that investors are always looking at the Parish to relocate, and it should be clean.

- Mrs. Gage-Watts said that CCAA's staff has been extremely busy with requests. She provided several alternate numbers for citizens to call for assistance.

The Juvenile Justice Committee met today and received two presentations with alternatives to youth incarceration. The Committee will reconvene to discuss matters further.

- Mr. Atkins announced that the Audit & Finance Committee will meet on September 11, 2024 at 12:30 p.m.

- Mr. Thomas announced that a free community clinic will be held this Saturday at the Highland Center.

- Mrs. Blake attended the Governor's Luncheon with regards to juvenile reform, and it was a successful and enlightening event.

- Mr. Burrell announced that there will be an event, Shreveport Police and Sheriff Community Summit, and the organizers of the event is requesting that all elected officials attend. It will be a march beginning at Queensborough Elementary, 2701 Catherine Street, at 4:00 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ZONING ORDINANCES

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

- *Ordinance No. 6443 of 2024, Zoning Case 24-12-P, an ordinance to amend Volume II of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo, as amended, the Caddo Parish Unified Development Code, by amending the zoning of property located on the west side of Mansfield Road, approximately 600 feet north of Keithville Lodge Road, Caddo Parish, LA, from R-A, Rural Agricultural Zoning District, to C-2, Corridor Commercial Zoning District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6444 of 2024, Zoning Case 24-15-P, an ordinance to amend Volume II of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo, as amended, the Caddo Parish Unified Development Code, by amending the zoning of property located on the north side of Locust Hill Road, approximately 920 feet west of United States Highway 79, Caddo Parish, LA, from R-A, Rural Agricultural Zoning District, to I-1, Light Industrial Zoning District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6445 of 2024, Zoning Case 24-16-P, an ordinance to amend Volume II of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo, as amended, the Caddo Parish Unified Development Code, by amending the zoning of property located on the east side of Linwood Avenue, approximately 1,650 feet south of Mount Zion, Caddo Parish, LA, from R-A, Rural Agricultural Zoning District, to C-4, Heavy Commercial Zoning District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6446 of 2024, Zoning Case 24-19-P, an ordinance to amend Volume II of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo, as amended, the Caddo Parish Unified Development Code, by amending the zoning of property located on the southeast corner of Dixie Blanchard*

Road (LA-173) and Old Mooringsport Road (LA-538), Caddo Parish, LA, from R-E, Residential Estate Zoning District to R-A, Rural Agricultural Zoning District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto

- Ordinance No. 6447 of 2024, Zoning Case 24-13-P, an ordinance to amend Volume II of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo, as amended, the Caddo Parish Unified Development Code, by amending the zoning of property located on the south side of E. Flournoy Lucas Road, approximately 1,290 feet west of Ellerbe Road, Caddo Parish, LA, from R-1-7, Single Family Residential Zoning District, to C-1, Neighborhood Commercial District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto
- Ordinance No. 6448 of 2024, Zoning Case 24-20-P, an ordinance to amend Volume II of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo, as amended, the Caddo Parish Unified Development Code, by amending the zoning of property located on the southwest corner of Linwood Avenue and Mayo Road, Caddo Parish, LA, from R-A, Rural Agricultural Zoning District, to R-1-7, Single Family Residential Zoning District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto
- Ordinance No. 6449 of 2024, Zoning Case 24-21-P, an ordinance to amend Volume II of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo, as amended, the Caddo Parish Unified Development Code, by amending the zoning of property located on the south side of Kay Lane, approximately 480 feet west of East Kings Hwy, Caddo Parish, LA, from C-1, Neighborhood Commercial Zoning District, to C-2, Corridor Commercial Zoning District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto

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

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES

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

- Ordinance No. 6440 of 2024, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Oil & Gas Fund to appropriate funds for VYJ
- Ordinance No. 6450 of 2024, an ordinance prohibiting the placement of certain monuments on parish property, and otherwise providing with respect thereto
- Ordinance No. 6451 of 2024, an ordinance declaring certain adjudicate 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

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

ZONING ORDINANCES (for final passage)

It was **moved by Mrs. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. Atkins, to englobo and adopt the following ordinances:

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- *Ordinance No. 6449 of 2024, Zoning Case 24-21-P, an ordinance to amend Volume II of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo, as amended, the Caddo Parish Unified Development Code, by amending the zoning of property located on the south side of Kay Lane, approximately 480 feet west of East Kings Hwy, Caddo Parish, LA, from C-1, Neighborhood Commercial Zoning District, to C-2, Corridor Commercial Zoning District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

Amendment by Mr. Cothran, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *that Ordinance No. 6445 of 2024, Zoning Case 24-16-P, be amended to reflect the following: an ordinance to amend Volume II of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo, as amended, the Caddo Parish Unified Development Code, by amending the zoning of property located on the east side of Linwood Avenue, approximately 1,650 feet south of Mount Zion, Caddo Parish, LA, from R-A, Rural Agricultural Zoning District, to C-3, Light Commercial Zoning District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto and englobo and adopt Ordinance No. 6443 of 2024, Ordinance No. 6444 of 2024, Ordinance No. 6445 of 2024 (as amended), Ordinance No. 6446 of 2024, Ordinance No. 6447 of 2024, Ordinance No. 6448 of 2024, and Ordinance No. 6449 of 2024.*

Mr. Epperson said that there were several citizens opposing Ordinance No. 6444 of 2024, Zoning Case 24-15-P. He will uphold the decision of the PZC and deny this zoning change. **Friendly Amendment by Mr. Epperson** to remove Ordinance No. 6444 of 2024 from the englobo. Mr. Cothran agreed to the friendly amendment.

At this time, Mr. Cothran's amended motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 6443 OF 2024, PZC CASE 24-12-P

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND VOLUME II OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE PARISH OF CADDO, AS AMENDED, THE CADDO PARISH UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE, BY AMENDING THE ZONING OF PROPERTY LOCATED WEST SIDE OF MANSFIELD ROAD, APPROXIMATELY 600 FEET NORTH OF KEITHVILLE LODGE ROAD, CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA., FROM R-A RURAL AGRICULTURAL ZONING DISTRICT TO C-2 CORRIDOR

COMMERCIAL ZONING DISTRICT, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

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

The official Zoning Map of the Shreveport Metropolitan Planning Area of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, be amended by rezoning property located West Side of Mansfield Road, approximately 600 feet North of Keithville Lodge Road, Caddo Parish, LA, more particularly described below, be and the same is hereby amended from R-A Rural Agricultural Zoning District to C-2 Corridor Commercial Zoning District:

LOTS 4 & 5, KEITHVILLE ANNEX, Section 32, T16N, R14W, Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 6445 OF 2024, PZC CASE 24-16-P

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND VOLUME II OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE PARISH OF CADDO, AS AMENDED, THE CADDO PARISH UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE, BY AMENDING THE ZONING OF PROPERTY LOCATED EAST SIDE OF LINWOOD AVENUE, APPROXIMATELY 1650 FEET SOUTH OF MOUNT ZION, CADDO PARISH, LA., FROM R-A RURAL AGRICULTURAL ZONING DISTRICT TO C-3 LIGHT COMMERCIAL ZONING DISTRICT, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

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

The official Zoning Map of the Shreveport Metropolitan Planning Area of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, be amended by rezoning property located east side of Linwood Avenue, approximately 1650 feet south of Mount Zion, Caddo Parish, LA, more particularly described below, be and the same is hereby amended from R-A Rural Agricultural Zoning District to C-3 Light Commercial Zoning District:

Beginning at a the NW Section corner of section 1 proceed along the section line S1°27'19"W a distance of 1356.14'; Thence proceed S89°14'46"E a distance of 1328.62 to a 1" pipe being the Point of Beginning'; and a distance of 1318.35'; Thence proceed S1°27'14"W a distance of 833.56'; Thence proceed N89°14'46"W a distance of 1315.49'; Thence proceed N1°15'26"E a distance of 833.53' to a 1" pipe the Point Of Beginning of said tract containing 1097650.2 SQFT or 25.20 Acres more or less, Section 01, T16N, R14W, Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 6446 OF 2024, PZC CASE 24-19-P

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND VOLUME II OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE PARISH OF CADDO, AS AMENDED, THE CADDO PARISH UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE, BY AMENDING THE ZONING OF PROPERTY LOCATED SOUTHEAST CORNER OF DIXIE BLANCHARD ROAD (LA-173) & OLD MOORINGSPOUR ROAD (LA-538), CADDO PARISH, LA., FROM R-E RESIDENTIAL ESTATE ZONING DISTRICT TO R-A RURA-AGRICULTURAL ZONING DISTRICT, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

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

The official Zoning Map of the Shreveport Metropolitan Planning Area of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, be amended by rezoning property located Southeast corner of Dixie Blanchard Road (LA-173) & Old Mooringsport Road (LA-538), Caddo Parish, LA, more particularly described below, be and the same is hereby amended from R-E Residential Estate Zoning District to R-A Rural Agricultural Zoning District:

Tract 2 (Geo Number 191527000001900) 2.50 Acres, a tract of land in the NW/4 of NW/4 191527-0-19, Tract 3 (Geo Number 191527000007400) 2.95 Acres. M/L, A tract of land comprised of the West 472 ft. of the North 330 Ft. of the SW/4 of NW/4 Less tract described in Cb 944-285 & Cb 946-171, Less R/W, per Assessor's Plat 191527-0-74, Tract 4 (Geo Number 191527000007300) A Tract of Land In SW/4 of NW/4 191527-0-73 Tract 5 (Geo Number 191527000002100) 3.27 Acres. M/L, A tract of land comprised of the W. 472 ft. of the S/2 of N/2 of SW/4 of NW/4, Less R/W, per Assessor's Plat 191527-0-21 Tract 6 (Geo Number 191527000002900) 7 Acres, A tract of land comprised of the W. 462 ft of E. 848 ft of N/2 of SW/4 of NW/4 191527-0-29, Tract 7 (Geo Number 191527000011100) 1.949 Acres. M/L, A tract of land comprised of the N. 220 ft. of E. 386 ft. of the N/2 Of SW/4 of NW/4 Plat 191527-0-111 Tract 8 (Geo Number 191527000011200) 1.949 Acres. M/L, A tract of land comprised of the S. 220 ft. of N. 440 ft. of E. 386 ft. of N/2 of SW/4 Of NW/4 191527-0-112 Tract 9 (Geo Number 191527000011300) 1.949 Acres. M/L, A tract of land comprised of the S. 220 ft. of E. 386 ft. of N/2 of SW/4 of NW/4 191527-0-113 Tract 10 (Geo Number 191527000002200) 3 1/2 Acres, A tract of land comprised of the West 472 ft of N/2 of S/2 of SW/4 of NW/4 191527-0-22. Tract 11 (Geo Number 191527000011900) 14.50 Acres. M/L, A tract of land comprised of the S. 631 ft. of SW/4 of NW/4, Less the S. 49.5 ft. of E. 688 ft. of W. 718 ft. & Less the N. 330 Ft. of E. 442 Ft. of W. 472 Ft., Thereof & Less Rd, Tract 12 (Geo Number 191527000009300) A tract of land comprised of the S. 49.5 Ft oof NW88 ft of W. 718 ft of SW/4 of NW/4 191527-0-93, Tract 13 (Geo Number-191527000007000) 2 Acres-M/L, A tract of land comprised of the North 168 ft., West 450 ft. of NW/4 of SW/4 & South 42 ft. of West 450 ft. of SW/4 of NW/4, Less Road, 191527-0-70, Tract 14 (Geo Number 191527000006900) 8.16 Acres M/L, A tract of land comprised of the North 301.8 ft of NW/4 of SW/4 & South 42 ft of SW/4 of NW/4 Less North 210 Ft of West 450 ft Thereof & Less Rd. 191527-0-69 Tract 15 (Geo Number 191527000005500) 15.28 Acres M/L, A tract of land comprised of the N. 515.6 ft. of S. 1031.2 ft. of NW/4 of SW/ 191527-0-55, Tract 16 (Geo Number 191527000005400) 14.78 Acres M/L, A tract of land comprised of the S. 515.6 ft of NW/4 of SE/4, Less 1/2 Acres -Square in SE Corner, Less road, 191527-0-54 Tract 17 (Geo Number 191527000001500) 1/2 Acre-Square In SE Corner Of NW/4 of SW/4 of Section 27, T19N, R15W, per Assessor's Plat 191527-0-15. Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

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

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

hereby repealed.

ORDINANCE NO. 6447 OF 2024, PZC CASE 24-13-P

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND VOLUME II OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE PARISH OF CADDO, AS AMENDED, THE CADDO PARISH UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE, BY AMENDING THE ZONING OF PROPERTY LOCATED SOUTH SIDE OF EAST FLOURNOY LUCAS ROAD, APPROXIMATELY 1,290 FEET WEST OF ELLERBE ROAD, CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA, FROM R-1-7 SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO C-1 NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL DISTRICT, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

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

The official Zoning Map of the Shreveport Metropolitan Planning Area of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, be amended by rezoning property located south side of East Flournoy Lucas Road, approximately 1,290 feet west of Ellerbe Road, Caddo Parish, LA, more particularly described below, be and the same is hereby amended R-1-7 Single-Family Residential to C-1 Neighborhood Commercial District:

LOT 1 & LOT 2, LESS E. 22.71 FT., THEREOF, BLK. 2, FORBING FACTORY SUBN., 161308-5-48. Sec. 08, T16N, R13W, Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 6448 OF 2024, PZC CASE 24-20-P

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND VOLUME II OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE PARISH OF CADDO, AS AMENDED, THE CADDO PARISH UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE, BY AMENDING THE ZONING OF PROPERTY LOCATED SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LINWOOD AVENUE AND MAYO ROAD, 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 IT ORDAINED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that Volume II of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo, as amended, the Caddo Parish Unified Development Code, is hereby amended and re-enacted to read as follows, to wit:

The official Zoning Map of the Shreveport Metropolitan Planning Area of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, be amended by rezoning property located southwest corner of Linwood Avenue and Mayo Road, Caddo Parish, LA, more particularly described below, be and the same is hereby amended R-A Rural Agricultural Zoning District to R-1-7 Single-Family Residential Zoning District:

43.09 ACRES- NORTH 710 FT. OF N/2 OF SE/4 OF SEC 14-16-14 LESS ROAD and east 300 feet thereof, Section 16, T16N, R14W, Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the

application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 6449 OF 2024, PZC CASE 24-21-P

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND VOLUME II OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE PARISH OF CADDO, AS AMENDED, THE CADDO PARISH UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE, BY AMENDING THE ZONING OF PROPERTY LOCATED SOUTH SIDE OF KAY LANE, APPROXIMATELY 480 FEET WEST OF EAST KINGS HIGHWAY, CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA, FROM C-1 NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL ZONING DISTRICT TO C-2 CORRIDOR COMMERCIAL ZONING DISTRICT, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

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

The official Zoning Map of the Shreveport Metropolitan Planning Area of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, be amended by rezoning property located south side of Kay Lane, approximately 480 feet west of East Kings Highway, Caddo Parish, LA, more particularly described below, be and the same is hereby amended from C-1 Neighborhood Commercial Zoning District to C-2 Corridor Commercial Zoning District:

1.5 AC. M/L-THE E. 115.78 FT. OF LOT 5 & W. 218.44 FT. OF LOT 6, KAY ACRES SUBD. Section 3, T16N, R13W Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

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

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

It was **moved by Mr. Epperson**, seconded by Mr. Thomas, *that Ordinance No. 6444 of 2024, Zoning Case 24-15-P, an ordinance to amend Volume II of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo, as amended, the Caddo Parish Unified Development Code, by amending the zoning of property located on the north side of Locust Hill Road, approximately 920 feet west of United States Highway 79, Caddo Parish, LA, from R-A, Rural Agricultural Zoning District, to I-1, Light Industrial Zoning District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto be denied and uphold the decision of the PZC. Motion carried unanimously.*

ORDINANCES (for final passage)

It was **moved by Mrs. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. Jones, *to amend the appropriation amount of Ordinance No. 6440 of 2024 to \$8,700 to fund appropriations for up to 100 STI kits in the amount of \$5,500 and Refrigeration in the amount of \$3,200 and to also remove the creative camp and influencing studio from the appropriation request.*

Mrs. Gage-Watts said that this was discussed in detail during the Juvenile Justice Committee meeting. She explained that the other initiatives were funded by another organization.

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

It was **moved by Mr. J. Young**, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *that Ordinance No. 6440 of 2024, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Oil & Gas Fund to appropriate funds for VYJ* be adopted as amended. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Blake, Burrell, Cothran, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Jones, Lazarus, Thomas, G. Young, and J. Young (11). NAYS: Commissioner Kracman (1). ABSENT: None (0). ABSTAIN: None (0).

ORDINANCE NO. 6440 OF 2024 (AS AMENDED)

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE OIL AND GAS AND RIVERBOAT FUND TO PROVIDE AN APPROPRIATION FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR YOUTH JUSTICE AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, Volunteers for Youth Justice (VYJ) is a volunteer-based, community supported non-profit organization whose mission is to provide a community caring for children, youth, and families in crisis; and

WHEREAS, VYJ operates The Harbor which is a resource center designed to meet the needs of children and families in our community. The Harbor houses various agencies at one location and provides the public with access to mental health services, parenting education, child advocacy services, domestic violence counseling and current Volunteers for Youth Justice programming; and

WHEREAS, VYJ is seeking funds for program expenditures at the Harbor including an expansion of the food bank to include refrigerated foods, incentives for mentors and STD self-testing kits and prevention program; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend the 2024 budget for the Oil and Gas Fund and Riverboat Fund; 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 Oil and Gas Fund and Riverboat Fund for the year 2024 be amended as follows:

	<u>Budget Increase (Decrease)</u>
Oil and Gas Fund:	
Expenditures:	
Transfer to Riverboat	\$8,700
Riverboat Fund:	
Allocation to Other Entities	
NGO Appropriations:	
Volunteer Youth Justice	\$8,700
Transfer from Oil and Gas	\$8,700

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.

It was **moved by Mr. Epperson**, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *that Ordinance No. 6450 of 2024, an ordinance prohibiting the placement of certain monuments on Parish property, and otherwise providing with respect thereto* be postponed until September 5, 2024 Regular Session.

Mr. Epperson said that there were several questions from Commissioners and citizens, so he would like all the questions answered before making a decision.

Substitute motion by Mrs. Blake, seconded by Mr. Kracman, *that Ordinance No. 6450 of 2024, an ordinance prohibiting the placement of certain monuments on Parish property, and otherwise providing with respect thereto* be remanded to the Long Range Planning Committee.

She said that this ordinance is too broad and vague. Mrs. Blake said that this ordinance is discriminatory towards a certain population. She would like more vetting and discussion regarding this matter.

At this time, Mrs. Blake's motion failed, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Blake, Cothran, Kracman, Lazarus, and J. Young (6). NAYS: Commissioners Burrell, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Jones, Thomas, and G. Young (6). ABSENT: None (0). ABSTAIN: None (0).

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

It was **moved by Mr. Thomas**, seconded by Mr. Jones, *that Ordinance No. 6451 of 2024, an ordinance declaring certain adjudicate 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* be adopted.

Mr. Thomas encourage all citizens to participate in the Re-Invest Caddo Program.

At this time, Mr. Thomas' motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 6451 OF 2024

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

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

WHEREAS, the hereinbelow described properties are no longer needed for public purposes and should be declared surplus properties; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo has received offers to purchase its tax interest in the hereinbelow described properties as indicated below.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that the hereinbelow described properties are no longer needed for public purposes and are surplus properties.

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo has a tax interest in the hereinbelow described properties which have been adjudicated for the non-payment of Parish property taxes; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby authorize the sale of its tax interest in the hereinbelow described properties.

Property No. 1, Lots 72, 73, & S/2 of Lot 74, L. E. Carter Subdivision, in the City of Shreveport of Caddo Parish, Louisiana as per plat recorded in the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, LA (GEO# 161331-044-0072-00)

Property No. 2, Lot 10, Fred Stewman Re-Sub, in the City of Shreveport of Caddo Parish, Louisiana as per plat recorded in the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, LA (GEO # 171305-009-0010-00)

Property No. 3, Lot 213, Bowman Lane Subdivision, in the City of Shreveport of Caddo Parish, Louisiana as per plat recorded in the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, LA (GEO# 171305-059-0213-00)

Property No. 4, N/2 of Lot 14, Block 9, Fair Grounds Subdivision, in the City of Shreveport of Caddo Parish, Louisiana as per plat recorded in the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, LA (GEO# 171401-035-0020-00)

Property No. 5, Lots 15 & 16, Block 9, Currie Subdivision, in the City of Shreveport of Caddo Parish, Louisiana as per plat recorded in the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, LA (GEO# 171402-029-0015-00)

Property No. 6, Lot 10, Block 27, West Shreveport Addition, in the City of Shreveport of Caddo Parish, Louisiana as per plat recorded in the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, LA (GEO# 181435-026-0010-00)

Property No. 7, West 42' of Lots 11, 12, & 13, Block 27, West Shreveport Subdivision, in the City of Shreveport of Caddo Parish, Louisiana as per plat recorded in the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, LA (GEO# 181435-026-0027-00)

Property No. 8, East 42' of West 84' of Lots 11, 12, & 13, Block 27, West Shreveport Subdivision, in the City of Shreveport of Caddo Parish, Louisiana as per plat recorded in the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, LA (GEO# 181435-026-0028-00)

Property No. 9, Lot 15, Block 4, Allendale Heights Subdivision, in the City of Shreveport of Caddo Parish, Louisiana as per plat recorded in the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, LA (GEO# 181435-108-0015-00)

Property No. 10, Lot 19, Block 5, Allendale Heights Subdivision, in the City of Shreveport of Caddo Parish, Louisiana as per plat recorded in the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, LA (GEO# 181435-109-0019-00)

Property No. 11, Lots 16, 17, & 18, Block 5, Allendale Heights Subdivision, in the City of Shreveport of Caddo Parish, Louisiana as per plat recorded in the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, LA (GEO# 181435-109-0036-00)

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Caddo Parish Administrator, or his designee, shall be authorized to do any and all things and to sign any and all documents, including Acts of Cash Sale, in a form acceptable to the Caddo Parish Attorney necessary to effectuate the purposes set forth herein.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items, or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items, or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

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

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

ORDINANCES (for introduction by title)

- *Ordinance No. 6452 of 2024, an ordinance declaring the intent of the Parish under LA.R.S. 47:2236 to acquire full ownership interest in a parcel of property identified by Caddo Parish Tax Assessor's Geographic Number 171410-011-0031-00 and described as Lot 18, and west half of Lot 19, Block 10, Queensborough Annex, Shreveport, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6453 of 2024, an ordinance adopting Article VII of Chapter 26 of the Code of Ordinances, relative to enforcement of speed limits by means of traffic cameras and other electronic devices, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6454 of 2024, an ordinance declaring the intent of the Parish under LA.R.S. 47:2236 to acquire full ownership interest in seven parcels of property in the Stovall Subdivision, Unit No. 3, all within Section 26, Township 18 North, Range 14 West, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6455 of 2024, an ordinance to amend Article VI of Chapter 26 of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo relative to Section 26-182, Schedule A, Speed Limits, on Dixie Garden Drive, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

WORK SESSION MINUTES

It was **moved by Mrs. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. Cothran, *that the Work Session Minutes from August 19, 2024 be ratified. Motion carried.*

RESOLUTIONS

It was **moved by Mrs. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. Atkins, *that the following resolutions be adopted:*

- *Resolution No. 54 of 2024, a resolution to authorize the Caddo Parish Administrator to direct and authorize the Louisiana State Mineral & 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*
- *Resolution No. 55 of 2024, a resolution to authorize the Caddo Parish Administrator to consent to the annexation by the Town of Blanchard of a tract of property and two portions of public road dedication within the Parish of Caddo, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.*

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

RESOLUTION NO. 54 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 the North Half of Section 8, Township 17 North, Range 14 West, known as South Roach Drive and Gifford Drive, and other unnamed or unbuilt roads, all located in Caddo Parish Louisiana and containing 2.30 acres, more or less, and those certain adjudicated properties described as beginning at the NW/Corner of Lot 15, Woodland Hills Subdivision, Unit 1, run thence West 80 ft., thence run South 85 ft., thence run East 80 ft., thence run North 85 ft., being a portion of Lot 35, Country Club Heights Subdivision, with a Geo. #171408-004-0077, containing .16 acres; the East 227 ft., of North 75 ft., of South 1282.34 ft., of SE/4 of SE/4 of Section 8 lying North of centerline of Greenwood Rd., and West of Curtis Lane, with a Geo. #171408-000-0072, containing .40 acres; the East 227 ft., of North 75 ft., of South 1207.34 ft., of SE/4 of SE/4 of Section 8 lying North of centerline of Greenwood Rd., and West of Curtis Lane, with a Geo. #171408-000-0071, containing .40 acres; Lots 33 & 34, Marston Park Subdivision, Unit 2, with a Geo. #171408-011-0047, containing a net .99 acres; Lots 36, 37, 38 & 39, Marston Park subdivision, with a Geo. #171408-011-0048, containing a net 1.97 acres; Lot 56 Country Club Heights Subdivision, Unit 5, with a Geo. #171408-015-0056, containing a net .35 acres; a tract 94 ft., by 100 ft., in SW/4 of SE/4 of Section 8, with a Geo. #171408-000-0110, containing a net .11 acres; a tract 100 ft., by 100 ft., in the SE/4 of Section 8, with a Geo. #171408-000-0109, containing a net .12 acres; and Lot 42, Sherwood Subdivision, with a Geo. #171408-009-0042, containing a net .25 acres; said adjudicated property total acreage being 8.51 gross acres and 4.75 net acres, more or less, with the North Half of Section 8, T17N, R14W containing a total of 7.05 acres, more or less, all in Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

Those certain adjudicated properties located in Section 5, Township 17 North, Range 14 West, described as the North 15 ft., of Lot D, Worms Partition, with a Geo. #171405-006-0021 containing .02 acres; Lot 21, Willow Ridge Subdivision, Unit No. 7, with a Geo. #171405-026-0021, containing a net of .06 acres; all that part of Lot 28, Willow Ridge subdivision, Unit No. 7, lying between the NE/line of Lot 21 and the South line of Mirador Circle, with a Geo. #171405-026-0036, containing .01 acres; and from the SE/Corner of Willow Ridge subdivision, Unit No. 1, run South 0 deg. 42 min. 16 sec. West 537.99 ft., thence South 58 deg. 59 min. 44 sec. East 296.56 ft., to West R/W line of I-220, thence SW'ly along same 444.74 ft., to POB, thence continue along said R/W line 53.48 ft., thence North 0 deg. 42 min. 16 sec. West to point of intersection with a line running North 59 deg. 45 min. 14 sec. West from POB, thence South 59 deg. 45 min. 14 sec. East to POB, with a Geo. #171405-000-0117, containing .03 acres; said adjudicated property total acreage being .18 gross acres and .12 net acres, more or less, with Section 5,

T17N, R14W containing a total of .12 net acres, more or less, all in Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

Those certain adjudicated properties located in Section 7, Township 17 North, Range 14 West, described as Lot 21, Blk 4, Fred Douglas subdivision, with a Geo. #171407-011-0021, containing .10 acres; Lot 41, Blk 6, Fred Douglas subdivision, with a Geo. #171407-011-0041, containing .09 acres; Lot 10, Blk 6, Fred Douglas subdivision, with a Geo. #171407-012-0010, containing .11 acres; Lots 13 & 14, Wilbur subdivision, with a Geo. #171407-006-0044, containing a net of .13 acres; Lot 12, Blk 4, Fred Douglas subdivision, with a Geo. #171407-011-0012, containing a net of .05 acres; Lots 1, 2, 13 & 14, Blk 1, Fred Douglas subdivision, with a Geo. #171407-008-0001, containing .28 acres; Lot 43, Blk 4, Fred Douglas subdivision, with a Geo. #171407-011-0043, containing .09 acres; Lot 39, Blk 4, Fred Douglas subdivision, with a Geo. #171407-011-0039, containing a net of .05 acres; Lot 2, Blk 3, Fred Douglas subdivision, with a Geo. #171407-010-0002, containing a net of .05 acres; Lot 22, Blk 3, Fred Douglas subdivision, with a Geo. #171407-010-0029, containing a net of .03 acres; Lot 4, Blk 4, Fred Douglas subdivision, with a Geo. #171407-011-0004, containing a net of .05 acres; Lot 27, Blk 4, Fred Douglas subdivision, with a Geo. #171407-011-0027, containing .09 acres; Lot 33, Blk 4, Fred Douglas subdivision, with a Geo. #171407-011-0033, containing .09 acres; Lot 34, Blk 4, Fred Douglas subdivision, with a Geo. #171407-011-0034, containing .09 acres; Lot 26, Blk 4, Fred Douglas subdivision, with a Geo. #171407-011-0026, containing a net of .05 acres; Lot 7, Blk 4, Fred Douglas subdivision, with a Geo. #171407-011-0007, containing a net of .05 acres; Lot 19, Blk 4, Fred Douglas subdivision, with a Geo. #171407-011-0019, containing a net of .05 acres; Lot 1, Blk 4, Fred Douglas subdivision, with a Geo. #171407-011-0001, containing a net of .05 acres; Lot 5, Blk 4, Fred Douglas subdivision, with a Geo. #171407-011-0005, containing a net of .05 acres; Lot 8, Blk 3, Fred Douglas subdivision, with a Geo. #171407-010-0008, containing .10 acres; Lots 1 & 5, Blk 3, Fred Douglas subdivision, with a Geo. #171407-010-0001, containing a net of .10 acres; Blk 10, Fred Douglas subdivision, less the East 60 ft., measured along road, with a Geo. #171407-013-0026, containing a net of .02 acres; Lot 12, Wilbur subdivision, with a Geo. #171407-006-0012, containing a net of .07 acres; Lot 16, Wilbur subdivision, with a Geo. #171407-006-0016, containing .13 acres; Lot 6, Blk 4, Fred Douglas subdivision, with a Geo. #171407-011-0051, containing a net of .04 acres; a tract of land in SE/4 of Section 7 lying East of Blk. 2, Fred Douglas subdivision, with a Geo. #171407-013-0041, containing .05 acres; the East 60 ft., measured along road, of Blk 10, Fred Douglas subdivision, with a Geo. #171407-013-0025, containing a net of .02 acres; Lot 28, Blk 4, Fred Douglas subdivision, with a Geo. #171407-011-0028, containing .09 acres; said adjudicated property total acreage being 2.93 gross acres and 2.17 net acres, more or less, with Section 7, T17N, R14W containing a total of 2.17 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

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. 55 OF 2024

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CADDO PARISH ADMINISTRATOR TO CONSENT TO THE ANNEXATION BY THE TOWN OF BLANCHARD OF A TRACT OF PROPERTY AND TWO PORTIONS OF PUBLIC ROAD DEDICATION WITHIN THE PARISH OF CADDO, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Town of Blanchard has received a request from Blue Metric Group Fund-North LA Fund d/b/a God's Country, to annex a certain 53.276-acre tract of their property into the town limits of Blanchard. This property is described as TRACT 1 in the attached documents; and

WHEREAS, in order to annex this property, the Town of Blanchard will also need to annex two portions of public dedications for Soda Pointe Drive. Specifically, they would like to annex a portion of Soda Pointe Drive, in the Wildwood Forest Subdivision, Unit No. 3, that is recorded under Instrument No. 01092139 in the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and described as TRACT 2 in the attached documents. In addition, they need to annex all that portion of Soda Pointe Drive as dedicated in the Soda Bluff Subdivision, Unit No. 1, that is recorded under Instrument No.01132037 in the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and described as TRACT 3 in the attached documents; and

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 33:180(C) requires the political subdivision that owns the road to consent to the annexation of a road to connect the subject property to the municipality; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo has received a written request from the Town of Blanchard requesting the consent of the Parish of Caddo to the annexation of the aforementioned portion of the Soda Pointe Drive dedication; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that the Caddo Parish Administrator or her designee be and it is hereby requested and authorized to execute the documents indicating the consent to the annexation of TRACT 2 & TRACT 3, as described in the attached documents and as shown on Exhibit A.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items of 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 RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

NEW BUSINESS

It was **moved by Mr. Thomas**, seconded by Mr. Kracman, *to approve Commission travel to the 2025 Washington D.C. Mardi Gras.*

Mrs. Blake asked that everyone support this request.

Mr. Epperson said that he attended D.C. Mardi Gras once, and he was “dogged out” by the media.

Mrs. Blake said that there has been negative press regarding travel, but she has learned so much during her travels to different conventions. She said that this is about learning, networking, and bringing things back to this Parish to help it grow. I am not here to waste anybody’s money nor time, she said. Mr. Burrell agreed and thanked Mrs. Blake for mentioning this.

It was **moved by Mr. Atkins**, seconded by Mr. Kracman, *that the travel be limited to four Commissioners.*

Mr. Atkins explained that there should be representation at Washington Mardi Gras, but not a whole entourage.

Mr. G. Young does not feel that it is right to limit who can go. He said that criteria would be needed to determine who can and cannot go. Mr. Burrell and Mr. Thomas both vocally opposed this amendment.

At this time, Mr. Atkins’ motion failed, with only four (4) in support. (The av did not capture the votes).

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

COMMUNIQUES & COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mr. Epperson announced that the Citizens Advisory Committee is scheduled for August 29 at 1:00 p.m.

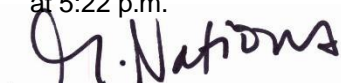
Mr. Epperson also said that the citizens should have received their 2024 tax notices.

He also announced that the Town of Greenwood will be hosting their 50th Annual Pioneer Heritage Day.

- Mr. Cothran attended the Governor’s Juvenile Justice Conference, and it was informative.

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

at 5:22 p.m.


Michelle Nations


John-Paul Young

Assistant to the Commission Clerk

President