

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION  
OF THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION  
HELD ON THE 8<sup>th</sup> 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, Kracman, Lazarus, Thomas, G. Young, and J. Young (11). ABSENT: Commissioner Jones (1).

The invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were given during a previous committee meeting.

**AGENDA ADDITIONS**

It was **moved by Mrs. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. Thomas, *that the agenda be expanded and accepted as amended.*

The Commission Clerk advised that additional exhibits were attached to the agenda and would like it to be accepted as amended. The President then opened the floor for anyone to speak in favor or against the agenda addition. No one came to speak, so the President closed the public hearing.

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).

**CITIZENS COMMENTS**

Jon Glover came before the Commission and gave the following comment:

I rise to speak to the public hearings that you all have on today's agenda. Me seeing those, I was like, where did that come from? But then you all had a almost two-month lapse. Because seemingly these were discussed previously, and now we're asking are we going to address them today as a public hearing? I would ask that the information that's attached to these, that you all will give us a brief summary of what you're asking us to understand and appreciate for these public hearings if you will because a two-month lapse and no one actually remembering or recalling, exact the exacts of these, legislations would definitely put us in a disadvantage. I thank you for your time. God bless you.

Tiffany Hyde came before the Commission and gave the following comment:

I have two comments on two different of the agenda items today. The first one in regards to the Lakeview Water District. So, I want to stay for the record that I did not personally record any of the video footage, nor the voice recordings. Those came from the district and are recorded at every meeting. Therefore, any allegation of me personally recorded is indeed false. Moving forward, I would just like to give you a little bit of—I know I already presented you guys with a packet on Monday. So, if you refer to the bylaws, in Article 5, Section 6, It shall be the duty of the, we are also known as Water Board Commission, so we're Water Commission. So anytime I'm saying commission in this form of text, I need it to be understood that I'm referring to the commission of the water board, not you guys. It shall be the duty of the remaining Commissioners to inform the Caddo Parish Commission along with any replacement if any time there were to be. In Article 6, the Duties of the Commissioners, shall have absolute power over Waterworks in the district without prejudice or limitation upon their general powers. It is hereby expressly provided that the commission shall have and hereby given full power and authority to govern the Lakeview Waterworks District in respect to the matters listed that of which you have also a copy of which goes through everything that we do on a regular basis. Um, then you go down to the next section. Commissioners shall declare the office vacant and proceed to elect them for a successor. They will inform the Caddo Parish Commission that there is a vacancy and make known how their recommendation for replacement if any is to be filled when it expires. To remove the commissioner from office, at least two of the Commissioners, shall present to the board in writing their charges against their commissioner. If the commissioner is not present at the meeting in which the charges are presented, then they will be informed by mail and a date set for him to meet at the board with answer changes. In these events, they must be answered in two weeks (14 days) telling if they will appear or not. Failure to that letter specified, in the time, automatically vacates the office. A vote to remove a commissioner will require the vote of three of the Commissioners calling for removal. And I believe the last thing because I'm just making sure that everything was red in case you didn't get time. That these by-laws may also be altered amended or repealed by a vote of a majority of the Commissioners, us, not y'all, present in any regular meeting of the Commissioners, or any special meeting of the Commissioners called for that purpose. Except the Commissioners shall not have the power to change the purpose of the district so as to decrease the rights and powers on the laws of the United States or Louisiana or to waive any requirements, or bonds or revisions for the safety and security of the property, funds, the district and its customers are deprive any customer rights privileges and such as it goes with that. So, with that being stated, that's all I really needed to say and make sure that that is on the record and known. The other was on the agenda item that has to do with the monuments. Personally, I would just like to say that

in no way, no matter a personal feeling or choice of the ascent to or choose to be offended can nor ever will history ever be erased. Though, some things we may not like they did happen and they shaped us as a nation, a state, a parish, and a city inspired, okay, that's fine. Thank you. God bless you. God bless America.

There were no other citizens comments. At this time, it was **Mr. G. Young moved to take the agenda out of order to discuss the Lakeview Waterworks District appointments.** It was seconded by Mr. Epperson. 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).

Mr. G. Young wanted to know if the Commission is subject to the Lakeview Waterworks District's by-laws. Attorney Frazier they are not. Mr. G. Young then wanted to know if the Commission has the authority to remove an appointee from a board without cause. Attorney Frazier said that they do.

Mr. G. Young then called Mrs. Lita Smith to come before the Commission. She gave the following comment:

And I've come with y'all today. I come to talk to you about two people that have maligned my name right here in front of y'all—all of you, and the City of Shreveport, Caddo, everybody. And I resent it very, very hard. They accuse me of taking money from Lakeview Water. I have never stolen a dime from anybody in my whole life. And I resent it. I resent it. They just, you know, I never met Tiffany. She's a sweet lady. I mean I don't, I don't dislike her, but I had never met her. She'd never seen me but five minutes. I walked into a meeting. And she saw who I was, that's it. So, where did she get all this information about me so bad? I have no idea. And I just, she came to the last meeting. She was talking to me, and I told her I was very hurt. And she said, oh, Miss Lita. She said, I am so sorry. That was not personal. Really? When you put my name out all over the air. That is personal to me. It is very personal for me. I accepted her apology, but I did not believe a word of it. Because you don't do that to people, you do not do to people. But I've just got I just got I've worked for so many people. I've worked with churches, I've worked at Lakeview. I've worked there for 28 years helping people to do things. And that's who I am. I would never hurt a human being. If I had a chance I wouldn't hurt anybody. If you've got a problem with me, all you got to do is come and talk to me. And we can work it out. That's the way I feel about the board. She and Bob Brown, I got they got that board really hyper now. What is what's their agenda? Why are they coming after? Uh, Mary Kay on me and Gregory was in the meeting. He talked, we was talking and I think Tiffany said that he intimidated her that she felt threatened by him. I've talked to everybody. Nobody agrees with that. He wasn't even talking to her. He was talking to Bob Brown. And I think you told me that you put your hand up, but it was to Bob Brown. He didn't put his finger in her face. I just like y'all, I don't know what. I'm just telling y'all that. I am so hurt. That they have maligned my good reputation, and my name, and my honor. That is all I have. I'm 81 years old. I am so proud that Gregory asked me to be back on the board. Because I'm there to help. I was there when Harry Lower is there. I was there, when Gregory was there, when James Gillen was there. Mr. Harry Lowry and I were there. I was the vice president, Mr. Harry Lowry Mr. President we ran that board. We didn't have conflict or fights. If we had something wrong, we talked it out and we walked away friends. I can't-- I can't live like this. I just, I just can't imagine why they have picked on me. I'm not rich. They kind of think they're better than us, I think. I'm not rich. I'm far from it. But I'm not poor either, but that doesn't make any difference to who I am. What I am comes from inside, not from outside. I love working with people and I don't care what color they are, where they came from. If they need help, I will help them. If it's in my control. And I just, you know, and I want to tell you something. Gregory Young is probably one of the most honest, God-fearing man I have ever met. I've known him I think for 15 years. He will go out of his way to hurt any person. I don't care who they are. What the own or how much they have he is here to help everybody. And he is. I love him. I love his wife. I treasure his friendship. And I think that I have been blessed. Haven't had a privilege to have him in my life. And I just want y'all. Y'all I have to excuse me, my medicine makes my throat weird. But I just to sum this up, I just want y'all to believe me when I tell you. What they told you was not true. And I really don't like to call people liars. That's, that's really not who I am, but I can tell you what they told you was not the truth. And before they got it from, Uh, I have an idea but it's far gone. All I want to do is let this go over me, be over with and just I want to thank you for giving me the opportunity to come up here and talk to you. And I see that you're listening. That's very important. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. And if there's anything that you need to know, Hey, I'm easy to find. Gregory knows where I'm at. Y'all take care. God bless you. And thank every one of you for the job that you're doing. I truly appreciate it. Thank you so much.

Mary Kay Tallant then came before the Commission and gave the following comment:

I attended our District Water Board meeting on May 2nd of this year. Commissioner Young also attended. Commissioner Young advised he was filling a current vacancy on our board with Miss Lita. At that point board member Bob Brown made it known to Commissioner Young in no uncertain terms did he want her own are board. That really puzzled me because she's been on the board before. The only person that Commissioner Young has had a conversation with directly at our meeting on that day, was Bob Brown. Commissioner Young didn't directly address any other board members and he left our office. I've known Commissioner Young for at least 10 to 12 years, at least. And after he was appointed by

Commissioner Lyndon Bain Johnson to the Lakeview Water Works District board, Gregory was an asset to the board and was always to do what he needed to do for the board. I can personally attest Gregory Young is a dedicated hard-working, level-headed honest, Christian and God-fearing man. He is always ready to listen to anybody that calls him. I and I didn't feel threatened or intimidated by what he said in the meeting. God bless you, and thank you.

At this time, it was **moved by Mr. G. Young**, seconded by Mr. Epperson, *to appoint Randy Shouse and Wannetta Keels to the Lakeview Waterworks District to replace the unexpired terms of Bob Brown and Tiffany Hyde.*

Mr. Atkins believes this is a dangerous precedent to remove members before their terms are expired. He feels this could politicize the appointment process.

Mr. Thomas recognized the precedent this could set, but it is important for the appointees to do the job they are there to do. If a Commissioner feels their appointees are not doing that job correctly, they should have the authority to remove those members.

Mrs. Blake agreed with Mr. Atkins and feels that they do not have enough information to remove these members.

Mr. G. Young wanted to know where the precedent was that this has not been done before. He also said that this is not Mrs. Blake's district.

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

At this time, Mr. G. Young's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Burrell, Cothran, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Thomas, G. Young, and J. Young (7). NAYS: Commissioners Atkins, Blake, Kracman, and Lazarus (4). ABSENT: Commissioner Jones (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

It was **moved by Mr. Epperson**, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *to go back into Regular Session.* Motion carried by acclamation. The Commission then moved onto Visitors.

#### **VISITORS**

- Representatives from KOKA

Mr. Charles Johnson thanked the Commission for honoring KOKA for this recognition. Next year, KOKA will celebrate 75 years in Caddo Parish next year. The wattage of the stations covers Caddo Parish, Bossier Parish, Desoto Parish, Webster Parish, and parts of Natchitoches Parish. Mr. Johnson said that the Steller Award belongs to the staff of KOKA. He acknowledge the administrative staff that runs his office. Mr. Johnson said that they not only do the work over the radio waves, but also work as a non-profit for women and youth within the community.

Mr. Burrell said that Cee-Jay has accomplished a lot in a short amount of time. He congratulated him and his staff for this illustrious award.

Mr. Cothran commended KOKA for their continued success throughout the years. He thanked Cee Jay and his staff at KOKA. Mr. Thomas also thanked KOKA for coming to today's Commission meeting.

Mrs. Gage-Watts congratulated KOKA for their success. She is so grateful for this organization and their willingness to remain in Caddo Parish. Mr. Epperson also thanked Cee Jay for his ministry over the radio.

Mr. Thomas announced that KOKA would like to rededicate this award to the listeners of Caddo Parish.

#### **ADOPT REGULAR SESSION MINUTES SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS**

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

- *Regular Session Minutes from July 3, 2024*
- *Special Resolution of Recognition for Jeffrey Batiste*

- *Special Resolution of Recognition for Vanessa Grey*
- *Special Resolution of Recognition for KOKA*
- *Special Resolution of Recognition for Elvira Davis*

The family of Mrs. Elvira Davis came before the Commission and thanked the Commission for honoring their grandmother today. There are 14 children, 30 grandchildren, 46 great-grandchildren, and 37 great-great-grandchildren. Mrs. Davis is also the oldest living surviving member of her tribe in Sierra Leone.

Mr. Thomas said that it is beautiful to hear that Mrs. Davis has a connection with Africa. He also wished Mrs. Davis a Happy 109<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

Mr. G. Young thanked the family for sharing their grandmother with this Commission. He wished her a Happy Birthday.

Mr. Cothran wished Mrs. Davis a Happy Birthday. He is amazed that Mrs. Davis has reached 109 years old. He spoke many blessings upon her and her family.

Mr. Burrell said that Mrs. Davis holds so much history. He too wished her a Happy Birthday.

- *Special Resolution of Remembrance for Leona Jackson*

Former City Councilperson Willie Bradford thanked the Commission for recognizing Mrs. Leona Jackson. He will present it to the family at a later time.

Mr. G. Young offered condolences to the Jackson family and appreciated his colleagues for honoring Mrs. Jackson's legacy.

- *Special Resolution of Remembrance for Virginia Lee Green Evans*

Ms. Tobias thanked District 1, District 2, and the Commission body for honoring her mother today.

Mr. Kracman said that Mrs. Evans was the one of the people he met. She was an inspiring woman. He said that Mrs. Evans called a community meeting in her living when he was going around talking about private property rights. Mr. Kracman said that Mrs. Evans was one of the first people that suggested he run for office. Mrs. Evans wanted to further home ownership and her community. I am forever indebted to your mother, he said.

Mr. G. Young said that when he was contemplating running for office in 2010, a mutual friend told him to give Mrs. Evans a call. Mr. G. Young said that Mrs. Evans was a little thrown off in a very good way. He said that Mrs. Evans was an inspiring community and constantly fought for her community. She was a bridge builder, he said.

Mrs. Gage-Watts said that this honor is well-deserved. She is so grateful that Mrs. Evans left behind strong women. She knows what it is like to have a mother who is committed to the community and serve the people of the community.

The Commission offered their deepest condolences to Mrs. Evans' and her family.

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).

### **SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION JEFFREY BATISTE**

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Caddo Parish Commission to give appropriate acknowledgment and recognition to individuals who have rendered invaluable service on behalf of the citizens of Caddo Parish, and

WHEREAS, such a person is Jeffrey Batiste, Jr., a 13-year-old student at Walnut Hill Middle School in Caddo Parish, home of the Hornets, has demonstrated exceptional talent and dedication to the sport of soccer;

WHEREAS, Jeffrey Batiste Jr. was afforded the extraordinary opportunity to play soccer in Rome, Italy, where he competed against professional academy teams; and

WHEREAS, Jeffrey participated in soccer tryouts held in Louisiana, Georgia, and Florida, and was selected to be a member of the prestigious Dream Team 2024 International Soccer Team; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable opportunity allowed Jeffrey to advance and showcase his soccer skills, and to grow as a player by training and competing with pro-academy teams in Europe; and

WHEREAS, during his time in Rome, Jeffrey was voted MVP of a training session, served as team captain for their second game, and contributed to the team's victory against VSJ Velletri; and

WHEREAS, Jeffrey received an individual player evaluation by a UEFA licensed coach, achieving an impressive score of 9/10; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his athletic accomplishments, Jeffrey had the opportunity to visit significant landmarks in Rome, including The Ancient City of Rome, The Colosseum, The Vatican City, The Pantheon, The Spanish Steps, and The Trevi Fountain; and

WHEREAS, this overall experience not only enhanced Jeffrey's athletic abilities but also broadened his cultural horizons and provided him with valuable life experiences; and

WHEREAS, Jeffrey Batiste Jr. has represented our community with excellence, serving as a commendable ambassador of Caddo Parish on the international stage;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, that it hereby recognizes and honors Jeffrey Batiste Jr. for his outstanding achievements in soccer, his dedication to his sport, and his exemplary representation of Caddo Parish.

**SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION  
VANESSA GREY**

WHEREAS, it is the sense of this Commission that those individuals who enhance the well-being and vitality of our community through their dedicated service should be commended and acknowledged; and

WHEREAS, Vanessa Gray, an esteemed member of the West Shreveport Community, is moving on to the next phase of her life and exiting her role as Huntington Bank Branch Manager for Home Federal Bank after years of exemplary service; and

WHEREAS, Vanessa Gray has been a blessing to the community she serves through her participation in the Pines Road Area Business Association, her community outreach, her support of initiatives such as fan drives and Back to School drives to ensure basic needs are met; and

WHEREAS, Vanessa Gray is known as a trusted source of valuable financial knowledge and for providing superb financial management to her customers; and

WHEREAS, Vanessa Gray will be honored at a farewell celebration on Monday, July 22, 2024, from 10-11 am at Home Federal Bank, where friends, family, and colleagues will gather to celebrate her numerous accomplishments and contributions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, that Vanessa Gray is hereby recognized and appreciated for her outstanding service and dedication to her profession and her community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Commission extends its best wishes to Vanessa Gray for a fulfilling and joyful next chapter in her life, filled with continued success and happiness in all her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be delivered to Vanessa Gray as a token of the esteem in which she is held by the Caddo Parish Commission and the citizens of Caddo Parish.

**SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION  
KOKA**

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission is always pleased to recognize and honor institutions that have achieved significant accolades and brought positive recognition to our community; and

WHEREAS, KOKA Gospel Radio, under the exceptional leadership of their Director, Pastor CeJay, has been a beacon of inspiration, faith, and hope for the residents of Caddo Parish and beyond; and; and

WHEREAS, KOKA Gospel Radio has been honored with the prestigious Stellar Award for Mid-Sized Station of the Year during the 39th Annual Stellar Awards for Gospel Music, a testament to their excellence in broadcasting and their commitment to spreading the Gospel through music; and

WHEREAS, the Stellar Awards are widely regarded as the premier event in Gospel music, celebrating outstanding achievements and contributions in the genre, making this accolade a significant milestone for KOKA Gospel Radio and Pastor CeJay; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission wishes to express its heartfelt congratulations to KOKA Gospel Radio and Pastor CeJay for their remarkable achievement and to acknowledge their positive impact on the community and the field of Gospel music; and

WHEREAS, KOKA will celebrate this recognition locally in advance of the Blue Carpet Stellar Awards ceremony so that our Caddo community will have the opportunity to share in the celebration during the reception at the Consortium Venue on July 29th; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, that it does hereby extend its most sincere recognition and commendation to KOKA Gospel Radio and their Director, Pastor CeJay, on the occasion of their winning the Stellar Award for Mid-Sized Station of the Year during the 39th Annual Stellar Awards for Gospel Music, that it does hereby proclaim July 29, 2024 as:

**‘KOKA Stellar Award Day’**

in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, entreating all citizens of the Parish to join in applauding this observance and tuning in to KOKA to enjoy the legacy of excellence, inspirational messaging and uplifting Gospel music.

**SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION  
ELVIRA DAVIS**

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of the Caddo Parish Commission should pay tribute to those citizens who have attained significant milestones in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, senior citizens bring a wealth of experience and knowledge to the increasingly active roles they play in today’s society; their past contributions and future participation are a vital part of, and valuable asset to, the fabric of community life and activity; and

WHEREAS, the lives of these noteworthy individuals provide an example to younger generations of how to remain committed to the values of integrity and decency despite the numerous changes in society; and

WHEREAS, such a remarkable individual is Ms. Elvira Helaire-Davis who was born on July 21, 1915, on a plantation in the Creole Village known as Cane River and would go onto marry Lawrence Davis, who would be her matrimonial partner for approximately 62 years, raising 14 children who have become productive, law-abiding citizens and in 1963 moving to Shreveport, LA where she still resides today; and

WHEREAS, Elvira Helaire-Davis is recognized as the oldest living resident of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Area and was honored with a street dedication in August 2020 and on July 21, 2022, Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser presented her with a Proclamation from the State of Louisiana, recognizing her as one of the oldest residents in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, in August 2020, Elvira Helaire-Davis received an honorary High School Diploma presented by the State of Louisiana Department of Education, Caddo Parish Superintendent Dr. Lamar Goree, and Dr. Thomas Roque of the Board of Elementary & Secondary Education, making her the oldest high school graduate in Caddo Parish; and

WHEREAS, Elvira Helaire-Davis has lived through many historic events and some that stand out for her include two pandemics, the election of President Barack Obama, Mayor Cedric Glover, and Mayor Ronnie Williams of her hometown of Natchitoches, Louisiana, and the construction of Southern University in the MLK-area, among many others; and

WHEREAS, Elvira Helaire-Davis's enslaved great-grandparent connects her to her ancestral Temne Tribe of Sierra Leone, Africa, with one grandson and one great-grandson obtaining dual citizenship in Sierra Leone because of her ancestral bloodline of the Temne Village; and

WHEREAS, Elvira Helaire-Davis's legacy is her thriving family, which includes 14 children, 30 grandchildren, 46 great-grandchildren, and 37 great-great-grandchildren located across the United States and internationally;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, that we do

hereby celebrate the 109th birthday of Elvira Helaire-Davis, honor her remarkable life and contributions, and extend our heartfelt congratulations and best wishes for her continued health and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission does also offer to Mrs. Davis, and her family a prayer that their remaining years will be filled with peace, comfort and contentment.

**SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF REMEMBRANCE  
LEONA JACKSON**

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission pauses with sadness and regret to reflect upon the untimely passing of Mrs. Leona Walter Jackson, who went to meet her heavenly Father after 102 blessed years on earth; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Jackson was born in Grand Cane, Louisiana on September 29, 1921 and would later move to Caddo Parish where she would reside in the Cooper Road/ MLK area for over 70 years; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Jackson was a reverent woman who loved the Lord and was an active member of the Church community for years, freely giving of her time and energy as a faithful member of the Lake Bethlehem Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Jackson was the mother of one daughter who preceded her in death, but leaves behind children and grandchildren to honor her memory as they brought her tremendous joy in life; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Jackson passed from labor to reward on July 15th, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Jackson was a woman who set a fine example for future generations to emulate, not just by her devotion to faith and family, but for her exuberant personality, enriching creative pursuits like fashion, crafting and home decorating, a forthright sense of civic duty which manifested in her almost never missing an opportunity to vote, for a life well lived that granted her keen sharp senses and the ability to see beauty and a bring it forward into the world; and

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby express it deepest sense of sorrow and loss upon the passing of Mrs. Leona Walter Jackson, conveying herein it's most sincere expression of sympathy and condolence to her family and friends, who can be consoled in the knowledge of her lasting contributions and achievements.

**SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF REMEMBRANCE  
VIRGINIA LEE GREEN EVANS**

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission stands in solemn remembrance and honors the life and legacy of Virginia Lee Green Evans, a devoted mother, community activist, and beloved member of our community, who returned to glory on Wednesday, July 3, 2024, at 8:23 PM with her daughters at her side; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Lee Green Evans was born on May 10, 1952, in Shreveport, LA, to E.C. Green Sr. and Lucy Green. She attended Herndon in Belcher, LA, before transferring to Newton Smith Elementary School in Shreveport, and graduated from Linnear Junior-Senior High School in 1970; and

WHEREAS, as a young teenager during the 1960s, Virginia actively participated in the Civil Rights Movement. She became a member of the NAACP and engaged in organized marches demanding justice and freedom from the oppression of the Jim Crow era, a testament to her unwavering commitment to social justice; and

WHEREAS, in 1970, Virginia married her high school sweetheart, Johnny Ray Scott, and to this union, their son Johnny Ray Scott Jr. was born. Virginia later welcomed two daughters, Nicole and Marcus, and another son, Tobias. In 1996, she married Louie Evans, further expanding her loving family; and

WHEREAS, Virginia found her passion working with children, the elderly, and tirelessly advocating for justice. For 24 years, she worked with Caddo Parish Schools, where she deeply cared for her students and advocated for their well-being and quality education. Her dedication extended to numerous organizations, including Christian Services, Feed the Children, Easter Seals, The Shreveport Community Oriented Police, Neighborhood Associations, and various Community Organizations throughout Shreveport; and

WHEREAS, Virginia's love for her community, especially the Cooper Road area, was evident in her relentless fight against injustice. She marched in Washington D.C., representing millions and advocating for self-sufficiency, homeownership, entrepreneurship, and transparency in political leadership within the black community; and

WHEREAS, Virginia was a talented writer and poet, contributing articles to The Shreveport Sun and being frequently interviewed by The Shreveport Times. She was a prominent voice in community forums and roundtables, always representing and advocating for the desires and needs of her community; and

WHEREAS, her presence lit up every room she entered, making a thunderous entrance that left a lasting impression. Virginia's passion and compassion for others never wavered, earning her love, admiration, and respect from all who knew her. Her life was a testament to devotion and dedication to a life of service;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission, on behalf of the entire community, extends its deepest condolences to the family of Virginia Lee Green Evans. We honor her memory and the indelible mark she left on our hearts and in our community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be presented to the family of Virginia Lee Green Evans as an expression of our heartfelt sympathy and enduring respect.

#### **ADMINISTRATION REPORT**

- Dr. Martha Whyte

Mrs. Bryant said that Dr. Whyte will be at the August 19 Work Session to address COVID, the flu, and other questions that were raised by the Commission.

- Drone Mosquito Spraying

Mrs. Bryant said that they are in the process of developing the maps of the areas that they can fly the drones in. She reminded the Commission that the air space is governed by the FFA.

- Motorbikes

Mrs. Bryant has communicated with the Shreveport Police Department who is aware of the issue and are actively working to address it.

#### **COMMUNIQUES & COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Mr. Epperson said that the Natural Resources Committee and the Public Safety Committee met during the "summer break". He also attended three back to school events and hosted a recognition to law enforcement.

He also said that the Public Safety Committee met and discussed the War on Litter. He does not want this to "die on the vine".

He also thanked Facilities & Maintenance for providing diddy bags to the students for the back to school events. Mr. Epperson thanked Travis and Kelvin from Animal Services for providing all of the information with regards to animals and mosquito control on his teleconference.

Mr. Epperson also announced that a Command Sergeant Major is on the ballot as a vice president nominee of the Democratic Party.

- Mr. Cothran thanked Animal Services for all of their hard work. District 10 is seeing a significant decrease in loose dogs.

- Mr. Thomas invited everyone in the Parish to visit District 3 this weekend during the Humor & Harmony Festival.

- Mrs. Gage-Watts requested a total for the rental assistance that was provided for those who have been relocated. Mrs. Barnett said that she will research it and provide the information at a later date. She also said that the Caddo Parish Commission allocated \$56M for rental assistance.

There wasn't a President's Report, so the Commission moved onto public hearings.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING ON ZONING ORDINANCES**

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

- *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 70<sup>th</sup> Street, approximately 2,525' east of Bert Kouns Industrial Loop, Caddo Parish, LA from C-1, Neighborhood Commercial Zoning District, to C-3, General 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. 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 Ordinances 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*
- *Ordinance No. 6440 of 2024, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Oil & Gas Fund to appropriate funds for VYJ*

Jon Glover came before the Commission with questions regarding Ordinance No. 6435 of 2024 and gave the following comment:

I did understand and saw that I recalled one of these public hearings here—the one for 12.1. The dollar amount was \$15k. I believe that was approved in Committee, but the item 12.6, I don’t recall the dollar amount that was being asked to address Juvenile Justice—excuse me, Volunteers for Youth Justice. How much was that?

- *Ordinance No. 6441 of 2024, an ordinance to amend and re-enact Sections 2-209 et seq of Article VI of the Code of Ordinances relative to the Caddo Parish Living Wage, and otherwise providing with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6442 of 2024, an ordinance to accept the streets in North Club West Unit No. 2 into the Parish of Caddo Road System, 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 Mr. J. Young**, seconded by Mr. Lazarus, *that 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, LA from C-1, Neighborhood Commercial Zoning District, to C-3, General Commercial Zoning District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be adopted. 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).

### **ORDINANCE NO. 6434 OF 2024 ZONING CASE 24-11-P**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND VOLUME II OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE PARISH OF CADDO, AS AMENDED, THE CADDO PARISH UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE, BY AMENDING THE ZONING OF PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE 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

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

The official Zoning Map of the Shreveport Metropolitan Planning Area of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, be amended by rezoning property located on the north side of East 70th Street, approximately 2,525' East of Bert Kouns Industrial Loop, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, more particularly described below, be and the same is hereby amended **from C-1 Neighborhood Commercial Zoning District to C-3 General Commercial Zoning District:**

A tract of land being a portion of Lot 1, Wardell Subdivision, as recorded in Book 6000, Page 185, Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana and being located in Section 21, Township 17 North, Range 13 West, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, being more particularly described as follows: Begin at the most northern front corner of Lot 1, Wardell Subdivision, as recorded in Book 6000, Page 185, Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, being on the westerly right of way line of East 70th Street, thence South 44°08'54" West a distance of 164.73 feet, along said westerly line; Thence continue along said westerly line South 39°00'20" West a distance of 219.72 feet; Thence North 50°59'40" West a distance of 245.68 feet to the northwesterly line of said Lot 1; Thence North 67°30'51" East a distance of 443.99 feet to the most northerly corner of said Lot 1; Thence South 45°51'06" East a distance of 48.73 feet to the Point of Beginning. Said tract herein described containing 1.278 acre, more or less. Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

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

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

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

**ORDINANCES (for final passage)**

It was **moved by Mr. Cothran**, seconded by Mr. Kracman, *that 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 be adopted. 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).

**ORDINANCE NO. 6435 OF 2024**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE RIVERBOAT FUND TO PROVIDE AN APPROPRIATION FOR COMPASSION FOR LIVES. AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, Compassion for Lives is an entity that focuses on reintegration for those incarcerated at Caddo Correctional Center; and

WHEREAS, Compassion for Lives offers services that lead to education, career readiness, mental health, financial literacy, and medication management to ex-offenders and individuals who may be experiencing barriers due to disadvantaged conditions; and

WHEREAS, Compassion for Lives was established in 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Appropriations Committee of the Caddo Parish Commission recommends providing a \$15,000 appropriation to the Compassion for Lives; 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 Riverboat Fund for the year 2024 is hereby amended as follows:

<u>Riverboat Fund</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>(Decrease)</u>
Allocation to Other Entities			
NGO Appropriations			
Compassion for Lives		\$15,000	
Fund Balance			(\$15,000)

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.

It was **moved by Mr. Kracman**, seconded by Mr. Lazarus, *that Ordinance No. 6436 of 2024, an ordinance outlining procedures for displaying flags at Caddo Parish facilities, and otherwise providing with respect thereto* be adopted. 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).

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 6436 OF 2024**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE 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 Caddo Parish Commission believes that the Louisiana State Flag and Caddo Parish flags further symbolize the values and that Prisoners of War and those Missing in Action should be honored.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened that the Caddo Parish Commission amends Chapter Two, Article I of the Caddo Parish Code of Ordinances to add the following:

#### **CHAPTER 2-ADMINISTRATION ARTICLE I.-IN GENERAL**

##### **Sec. 2-6.-Display of Flags at Caddo Parish Facilities**

- (a.) Caddo Parish shall maintain a United States and Louisiana flag, flag staff and the necessary appliances for its display upon, in or near every Parish and administrative building where a flag staff or display appliances can be installed.
- (b.) The only flags to be permanently displayed outside or inside of wholly own Caddo Parish properties are the United States Flag, the Louisiana State Flag, the Prisoner of War/Missing in Action flag and the Caddo Parish Flag.
- (c.) These flags shall be flown at full or half-staff pursuant to law.
- (d.) When a flag is in such a condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem of display, it

shall 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.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance is effective ten days after its final passage.

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

It was **moved by Mr. J. Young**, seconded by Mr. Kracman, *that 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* be adopted. 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).

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 6437 OF 2024**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RE-ENACT "CHAPTER 8 -ANIMALS AND FOWL", OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE PARISH OF CADDO, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, dogs and cats are heavily overpopulated in the Parish of Caddo with 4,000–5,000 animals in Caddo Parish custody annually and 20% - 30% of animals euthanized by Caddo Parish staff or die while in Caddo Parish Custody; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of Caddo Parish citizens to reduce the number of dogs and cats taken in and euthanized at Caddo Parish Animal Services and Mosquito Control; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission, citizens of Caddo Parish, and animal rights advocates throughout the United States believe that sterilization of dogs and cats is far more humane than euthanization as a means of population control; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission has taken the prudent step to initiate a pilot program, concluding soon, to monitor and study the effect of mandatory sterilization of dogs and cats before making it a permanent part of the Parish Code of Ordinances and the program was not met with any more opposition than anticipated, allowed the public to get used to the idea, and illuminated strategies for long term success with communication & enforcement of a permanent ordinance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that Chapter 8 of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo is hereby amended and re-enacted to read as follows, to-wit:

Chapter 8 - ANIMALS AND FOWL  
ARTICLE II. - OWNER AND DEALER RESPONSIBILITIES

#### **Sec. 8-37.1. Owner responsibilities—Dogs and cats.**

- (a) "Dog" means any member of the *Canis lupus familiaris* family.
- (b) "Cat" means any member of the *Felidae* (feline) family.
- (c) No person may own, keep, reside with or harbor a dog or cat within the parish that is not spayed or not neutered.
- (d) Subsection (c) does not apply to:
  - (1) Puppies ~~52~~ 26 weeks or younger and kittens 26 weeks or younger.
  - (2) Any dog or cat which is registered with the American Kennel Club, United Kennel Club, American Dog Breeding Association, Continental Kennel Club, Cat Fanciers Association, American Cat Fanciers Association or other nationally or internationally recognized organization and participates in shows sponsored by these organizations. An animal owner who presents proof of registration and participation in shows is exempt from the neutering and spaying requirements of this section.

- (3) Sporting dog breeds utilized for hunting activities that are up to date on all vaccinations with tracking collars.
- (3)(4) Animals with a chronic or debilitating disease or medical condition whose health will be seriously, permanently and detrimentally affected if it is spayed or neutered as documented by a licensed veterinarian. This includes any developmental variation from the timeline expressed subsection (d)(1) of this section that would make sterilization of the animal inappropriate until maturity.
- (4)(5) Animal establishment owners as defined in section 8-2 of this Code are exempted. Also exempted are those who obtain an intact permit (males)/breeding permit (females) for their pet which is microchipped and the permit is to be obtained annually to expire on December 31st of every year.
- ~~(5) Honest escape exception: The spay/neuter requirement of this section shall not apply to any dog or cat intercepted by Caddo Parish Animal Control Officers if such dog is:-~~
  - ~~a. Collared and tagged with current rabies vaccination in accordance with section 8-37 of this Code, or~~
  - ~~b. Microchipped with information identifying the owner of such dog and current rabies vaccination in accordance with 8-37 of this Code.~~
- (e) The primary penalty for violation of this section shall be a citation, not to exceed \$250.00 and the cost of microchipping the animal. Upon follow up after 30 days of the first citation, the owner shall have a documented appointment for spay/neuter or receive an additional citation, not to exceed \$500.00. ~~the impounding of the dog/cat believed to qualify under subsection (c), the neutering/spaying of such dog/cat, and the return of such dog/cat to its owner after an appropriate time for healing after surgery.~~ Any further penalty imposed for any violation of this section of the Code shall follow the schedule as provided in section 1-8 of this Code.

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**Sec. 8-42. Breeders; permits required.**

No private person shall breed a female dog for the purpose of selling any portion of the litter for profit or donating any portion of the litter, without first obtaining a permit from Caddo Parish Animal Services. The applicant will provide CPAS with the dog's breed, date of birth and a copy of registration papers, if any. Fees for permits are listed ~~in section 8-73.~~ on the Caddo Parish website. Any additional licenses and permits required by local, state, and federal law, if any, must be obtained prior to the issuance of a breeder's permit.

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**Sec. 8-63. Impoundment of dogs and cats; disposition, identification and classification.**

- (a) It shall be the duty of the director to seize and impound any at-large stray dog or cat not tagged with the current official Caddo Parish rabies vaccination registration tag or microchip. Any dog or cat so seized and impounded shall be held for a period of at least four working days during which time the owner may reclaim the dog or cat. The director may also seize and impound tagged dogs which are at large in violation of section 8-69. Any tagged or microchipped dog which is impounded shall be held for a period of seven working days during which time the owner may reclaim the dog. To reclaim an impounded dog or cat, the owner must pay redemption and board fees as provided in section 8-73, and provide satisfactory proof of ownership which may include:
  - (1) Rabies registration certificate.
  - (2) Photo ID of animal as provided by said animal's veterinarian.
  - (3) Animal demonstrates recognition of owner.

- (4) Owner can provide photo of pet.
- (5) Detailed description of said animal from veterinarian records.

If the dog or cat is not legally vaccinated, the owner shall be required to pay an additional fee as provided in section 8-73 to cover the cost of rabies vaccination registration fees.

- (b) Whenever an animal has been impounded and the owner thereof is known or can be ascertained from the rabies registration tag, microchip or identifying collar or of any other means such as a tattoo or brand, Caddo Parish Animal Services, shall, within 24 hours, notify the owner, in writing, of the conditions upon which the animal may be reclaimed. After written notification has been given and the owner has not reclaimed the animal within seven working days, the rights of the owner are relinquished and the animal becomes property of Caddo Parish Animal Services. Exceptions can be made at the discretion of the director. At the discretion of the director, animals that have not been reclaimed by their owner and become property of Caddo Parish may be processed for adoption, foster care, and rescue or humanely euthanized.
- (c) The director may order the timely euthanasia for any animal lawfully taken into custody at the animal shelter which, in the opinion of the director or shelter veterinarian, is necessary by reason of physical condition of the animal or as is required for other humane reasons. The director, with the concurrence of the shelter veterinarian, may order the timely euthanasia for any animal lawfully taken into custody at the animal shelter which, in the opinion of the director, is appropriate by reason of the animal's temperament.
- (d) Owners of unwanted animals may bring the animals to the animal shelter and release them to be disposed of at the discretion of the director or shelter veterinarian, subject to the conditions in subsection (j). Should an owner want to redeem an animal which has been released, all impoundment, board, rabies vaccination, and rabies vaccination registration fees as applicable, must be paid.
- (e) It shall be the duty of the director to seize any domesticated animal, in addition to dogs and cats, found to be at large, and any non-domesticated (wild) animal that is a potential public health hazard, a nuisance, or is sick or injured.
- (f) Domesticated animals other than dogs, cats, ferrets and livestock will be held for a period of at least four working days during which time they may, after payment of impoundment and board fees, be claimed by their owners. If the owner does not claim any such animal, the animal may be disposed of at the discretion of the director.
- (g) Non-domesticated animals shall be relocated or humanely euthanized at the discretion of the director.
- (h) Any animal reclaimed by owner from Caddo Parish Animal Services has the option to have their animal spayed or neutered prior to it leaving the shelter, for a fee.
- (i) At-large stray animals impounded for the second time will be required to be spayed or neutered for a fee, and microchipped, prior to being reclaimed by their owners.
- (j) No owner surrendered or stray animals from outside the CPAS jurisdiction shall be accepted; such animals shall be referred to their respective jurisdiction's agency. An animal from outside the CPAS jurisdiction may be accepted for humane reasons (injured/suffering); however, a fee equal to the average cost(s) of all services to be provided shall be charged per animal. To show the animal's origin, persons wishing to surrender an animal must be Caddo Parish residents and show the following:
  - 1) Photo identification with a Caddo parish address;
  - 2) one piece of mail addressed to the person, at the address on the photo identification.

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**Sec. 8-64. Adoptions.**

- (a) All animals to be adopted from Caddo Parish Animal Services must be spayed or neutered by a licensed veterinarian, vaccinated against rabies, registered, tagged or microchipped and given one month of heartworm prevention treatment prior to leaving the animal shelter. Adoption fees will be set at reasonable rates and published ~~in the Code of Ordinances.~~ on the Caddo Parish website.
- (b) Within 14 days of adoption, the owner may exchange the adopted animal.
- (c) All animals over ~~four~~ three months of age adopted from animal welfare organizations must be spayed or neutered by a licensed veterinarian prior
- (d) A letter of agreement must be signed by the adopter of a puppy or kitten less than ~~four~~ three months of age guaranteeing that the animal will be spayed or neutered within 14 days of when the animal reaches ~~four~~ three months of age. For animals in custody of Caddo Parish Animal Services that are being fostered through or held by an adopter, a spay/neuter voucher appointment will be made with Robinson's Rescue and issued to the adopter ~~issued to the adopter by the animal welfare organization at the time of the adoption. for redemption at the time of surgery.~~

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. Kracman**, seconded by Mr. Cothran, *that 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* be adopted. 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).

**ORDINANCE NO. 6438 OF 2024**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE TO CLOSE AND ABANDON TWO PORTIONS OF STREET DEDICATIONS IN THE BREMER ADDITION TO RODESSA SUBDIVISION, LOCATED IN SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 23 NORTH, RANGE 16 WEST, IN THE PARISH OF CADDO, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo has received a request from Mr. Jeremy L. Dupree to close and abandon two portions of public street dedications in the Bremer Addition to Rodessa Subdivision. Specifically, the 40-foot wide dedication for Second Street, between Blocks 8 & 9 AND the 40-foot wide dedication for South Street, lying immediately adjacent to Lots 3 thru 8, Block 8. These street dedications separate portions of his property and he wishes to combine his separate tracts. Streets have never been constructed within these dedications Joining Mr. Dupree in this request are Mr. Kent E. Copeland and Ms. Christine E. Copeland, the only other affected property owners; and

WHEREAS, on May 08, 1937, the Bremer Addition to Rodessa subdivision was filed and recorded in Book 300, Page 322, of the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana. This subdivision established a 40-foot wide public dedication for Second Street, between Blocks 8 & 9, and also a 40-foot wide public dedication for South Street, between Blocks 3 & 8; and

WHEREAS, no streets were ever constructed in either of these public dedications and they are not currently serving any public interest or being maintained by the Parish of Caddo; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that the 40-foot wide public dedication for Second Street, between Blocks 8 & 9 AND the portion of the 40-foot wide public dedication for South Street, between Blocks 3 & 8 and lying adjacent to Lots 3 thru 8 inclusive, in the Bremer Addition to Rodessa subdivision, as located in Section 22, Township 23 North, Range 16 West, and as shown on Exhibit A, is hereby closed and abandoned and

no longer for public use.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a copy of this ordinance and plat marked Exhibit "A", displaying the 40-foot wide public dedications for Second Street and South Street to be closed and abandoned shall be filed in the conveyance records of the Parish of Caddo.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items 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 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. Thomas**, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *that 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* be adopted. 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).

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 6439 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, Lot 4, R. T. Cole Subdivision, TAL 10, Allendale in the City of Shreveport of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, as per plat recorded in the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, LA (GEO # 181436-024-0004-00)

Property No. 2, Lot 8, Barron Subdivision, TAL 1 & 2, Allendale in the City of Shreveport of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, as per plat recorded in the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, LA (GEO# 181436-019-0008-00)

Property No. 3, Lot 18 & N 135' of Lot 17, Barron Subdivision, TAL 1 & 2, Allendale, in the City of Shreveport of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, as per plat recorded in the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, LA (GEO#181436-019-0028-00)

Property No. 4, Lots 6 & 7, less right-of-way, Sam Fry Subdivision in the City of Shreveport of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, as per plat recorded in the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, LA (GEO# 171305-047-0008-00)

Property No. 5, Lot 1, Blk. 1, Mayfair Subdivision, in the City of Shreveport of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, as per plat recorded in the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, LA (GEO# 181435- 078-0001-00)

Property No. 6, Lot 6, Blk. 7, Mayfair Subdivision, in the City of Shreveport of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, as per plat recorded in the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, LA (GEO# 181435- 083-0006-00)

Property No. 7, Lot 8, Talbot & Perrin Subdivision, in the City of Shreveport of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, as per plat recorded in the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, LA (GEO# 181435- 065-0008-00)

Property No. 8, South one-half of Lots 40, 41, and 42, Block "G," Ingersoll Heights Subdivision, in the City of Shreveport of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, as per plat recorded in the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, LA (GEO# 181435-061-0058-00)

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 (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. Thomas**, seconded by Mr. Epperson, *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.

Mrs. Gage-Watts said that a portion of this funding is for home testing kits for STDs. She wanted to know if the Caddo Health Unit is currently offering these services. Mrs. Bryant said that they are, but this is in conjunction with them. She further explained that this would be another resource that the Harbor could provide to these children. Mrs. Gage-Watts wanted to know if people would still be able to go to the Health Unit to receive these services. Mrs. Bryant said that they would.

She then asked if the appropriation was for 2024 or 2025. Mrs. Bryant said that this ordinance is for 2024. Mrs. Gage-Watts said that she was not aware that this would be a budget amendment for this year. In the past, the Commission body voted down mid-year appropriations. She suggested removing the rule that prohibits mid-year appropriations. Mrs. Bryant said that this could be discussed in the NGO Committee.

Mrs. Gage-Watts then wanted to know how soon would the Harbor be able to start these services, if approved. She then said that there is a line item for a freezer. Mrs. Gage-Watts wanted to know if this would be considered making improvements to this location. Mrs. Bryant said that a freezer is a movable item and not an improvement to the facility.

Attorney Frazier asked for clarification of what is going to be passed in this ordinance. Mrs. Gage-Watts said that there would need to be an amendment to reduce the requested amount.

Mr. Epperson wanted to know if these kits are targeted towards children. Mrs. Bryant explained that this is not actual testing onsite; it will be home testing kits that people can have. Mr. J. Young said that these kits would be an additional tool at the Harbor that children and/or their families could use. Mr. Epperson said that this is a serious issue, and the people using these home kits should go to the health unit. I don't even have faith in these COVID tests, he said.

Mr. J. Young said that Dr. Whyte and Dr. Vancherrie both recommend using these kits.

Mr. G. Young wanted to know if the tests would be given to children or their parents. Mr. J. Young explained that it would be offered to those either that come to the Harbor. Mr. G. Young said that parents want to know if their child is sexually active. Mrs. Bryant said that it is not in her expertise to answer those questions.

It was **moved by Mr. Cothran**, seconded by Mr. Burrell, *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 postponed to the August 22, 2024 Regular Session.

Mr. Cothran said that there are several questions surrounding these tests. He would like those questions answered prior to voting on this item.

At this time, Mr. Cothran'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).

It was **moved by Mr. G. Young**, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *that Ordinance No. 6441 of 2024, an ordinance to amend and re-enact Section 2-209 et seq of Article VI of the Code of Ordinances relative to the Caddo Parish Living Wage, and otherwise providing with respect thereto* be adopted.

Mr. G. Young said that this ordinance is vital due to the current economic conditions. He asked for the Commission's support.

Mr. Atkins reminded the Commission that this came out of the Economic Development Committee, and this would only apply to the Caddo Parish Commission employees.

Mrs. Gage-Watts is in support of this ordinance. She hopes that this will catch like wildfire and hopes that other employers will support livable wages.

Mr. Epperson said that he's been an advocate for this for over two decades. He is so happy to hear that Caddo Parish is leading the way for equitable pay.

Mr. Cothran said that this is probable the most rewarding ordinance that he will be voting on since he's been on the Commission.

Mr. Thomas is elated to be a part of a body that is leading the way for a living wage. He reminded everyone that Caddo Parish is hiring.

Mr. Burrell said that it is important that the Caddo Parish employees are making a living wage.

At this time, Mr. G. Young'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).

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 6441 OF 2024**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RE-ENACT SECTIONS 2-209 ET SEQ OF ARTICLE VI OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO THE CADDO PARISH LIVING WAGE, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish has an interest in protecting the public health, safety and welfare of its residents by establishing certain compensation requirements for its own classified employees; and

WHEREAS the poverty rate in Caddo Parish exceeds the national average according to U.S. Census data; and

WHEREAS, payment of higher wages is associated with greater business investment in employee training, higher productivity, and lower employee absenteeism and turnover; and

WHEREAS, this Article is intended to promote better quality and increase the reliability of Caddo Parish employees, promote higher productivity and retention of parish employees, and thus increase the quality of services rendered by the Parish to its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened that the Caddo Parish Commission amends Chapter Two, Article I of the Caddo Parish Code of Ordinances to add the following:

#### **CHAPTER 2-ADMINISTRATION ARTICLE V.-LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE**

Section 2-225. POLICY STATEMENT

In accordance with all applicable state and federal laws, the Parish of Caddo has adopted the following Living Wage Ordinance to comply with the Parish’s policy of providing and ensuring that its employees earn a living wage to increase the reliability and productivity of Parish employees.

Section 2-226 LIVING WAGE

Starting in fiscal year 2025, the Parish of Caddo’s minimum classified pay rate shall be \$15.00 per hour.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance is effective January 1, 2025.

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

It was **moved by Mrs. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. Thomas, *that Ordinance No. 6442 of 2024, an ordinance to accept the streets in North Club West Unit No. 2 into the Parish of Caddo Road System, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be adopted. 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).

**ORDINANCE NO. 6442 OF 2024**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION

AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT THE STREETS IN NORTH CLUB WEST UNIT NO. 2 INTO THE PARISH OF CADDO ROAD SYSTEM, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo has received a request to accept the streets in North Club West Unit No. 2 into the Parish of Caddo road system;

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo has received and reviewed the subdivision plats showing a dedication to the Parish of Caddo; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo finds that the acceptance of the subdivisions into the Parish of Caddo system is in the best interest of the Parish of Caddo.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Caddo Parish Commission, in due, legal and regular session convened, that the Parish of Caddo hereby accepts into the Parish of Caddo road system all of the streets in North Club West Unit No. 2, Caddo Parish, Louisiana as shown on the attached subdivision plat marked as “Exhibit A”.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that a copy of this ordinance, with a subdivision plat of the North Club West Unit No. 2 attached thereto as “Exhibit A”, shall be filed in the conveyance records of the Parish of Caddo.

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

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall be 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.

**ZONING ORDINANCES (for introduction by title)**

- *Ordinance No. 6443 of 2024, PZC 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 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*

- Ordinance No. 6444 of 2024, PZC 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 amended 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, PZC 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 amended the zoning of property located on the east side of Linwood Avenue, approximately 1,650 feet south of Mt. Zion, Caddo Parish, LA, from R-A, Rural Agricultural Zoning District, to C-4, Commercial Zoning District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto
- Ordinance No. 6446 of 2024, PZC 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 amended 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, PZC 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 amended the zoning of property located on the south side of East 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, PZC 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 amended 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, PZC 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 amended the zoning of property located on the south side of Kay Lane, approximately 480 feet west of East Kings Highway, Caddo Parish, LA, from C-1, Neighborhood Commercial Zoning District, to C-2, Corridor Commercial Zoning District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto

**ORDINANCES (for introduction by title)**

- 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 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**

It was **moved by Mr. Epperson**, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, that the Work Session Minutes from August 5, 2024 be ratified. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTIONS**

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

- Resolution No. 47 of 2024, a resolution to authorize the Caddo Parish Administration to approve the assignment, bill of sale, and conveyance of State Agency Lease #22067 from Cypress Energy Corporation to Paloma Natural Gas, LLC, and otherwise providing with respect thereto

- *Resolution No. 48 of 2024, a resolution to authorize the Caddo Parish Administration to approve the assignment, bill of sale, and conveyance of State Agency Lease #22205 from Cypress Energy Partners, LLC, to Paloma Natural Gas, LLC, and otherwise providing with respect thereto*
- *Resolution No. 49 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 interest owned by the Parish of Caddo, and otherwise providing with respect thereto*
- *Resolution No. 50 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 interest owned by the Parish of Caddo, and otherwise providing with respect thereto*
- *Resolution No. 51 of 2024, a resolution to relocated the polling place for Precinct 7-3 from Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 4736 Lyba Street, Shreveport, LA 71109 to Bethune/Oak Park Microsociety Elementary School, 4331 Henry Street, Shreveport, LA 71109, and otherwise providing with respect thereto*
- *Resolution No. 52 of 2024, a resolution approving the holding of an election in Caddo Parish Fire District No. 4, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, December 7, 2024, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein*

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. 47 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 #22067 FROM CYPRESS ENERGY CORPORATION TO PALOMA NATURAL GAS, 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 Parish of Caddo to Cypress Energy Corporation in State Agency Lease #22067, dated April 13, 2022, and recorded at registry No. 2886234 of the conveyance records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo has received a written request from Cypress Energy Corporation seeking approval from the Parish of Caddo of that certain assignment, bill of sale and conveyance of State Agency Lease #22067, from Cypress Energy Corporation to Paloma Natural Gas, LLC, dated August 9, 2022, and recorded at registry No. 2902193 of the conveyance records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, this approval is expressly granted and accepted subject to the requirement that all terms and conditions of the basic lease will be fulfilled, including but not limited to the full payment of rentals and royalties, regardless of the division of leasehold interests resulting from the instrument.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Parish of Caddo, 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 #22067 from Cypress Energy Corp., to Paloma Natural Gas, 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. 48 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 #22205 FROM CYPRESS ENERGY PARTNERS, LLC., TO PALOMA NATURAL GAS, 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 Cypress Energy Partners, LLC., in State Agency Lease #22205, dated May 8, 2024, and recorded at registry No. 2969827 of the conveyance records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo has received a written request from Cypress Energy Partners, LLC, seeking approval from the Parish of Caddo of an assignment, bill of sale and conveyance of State Agency Lease #22205, from Cypress Energy Partners, LLC, to Paloma Natural Gas, LLC, and

WHEREAS, this approval is expressly granted and accepted subject to the requirement that all terms and conditions of the basic lease will be fulfilled, including but not limited to the full payment of rentals and royalties, regardless of the division of leasehold interests resulting from the instrument.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Parish of Caddo, 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 #22205 from Cypress Energy Partners, LLC, to Paloma Natural Gas, 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. 49 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 35, Township 19 North, Range 15 West, known as Pawnee Trail, Chippewa Trail, Paiute Trail, Chickamauga Trail, Northwood Lane, Willowood Place, Elmwood Hills Drive, Fairway Hills Av., Cherry Hills Av., Magnolia Woods, Sand Hill Av., Satinwood Place, Beechwood Hills Drive, Northwood Hills Drive and Fairway View, and other unnamed or unbuilt roads all located in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and containing 41.23 acres, more or less, and that certain adjudicated property described as the North 10 feet of Lot 58, Northwood Hills Subdivision, Geo. #191535-001-0227, said adjudicated property total acreage being .03 acres, more or less, with Section 35, T19N, R15W containing a total of 41.26 acres, more or less, all in Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

Those certain road dedications located in Section 36, Township 19 North, Range 15 West, known as Shadow Wood Drive, Forest Cove, Ripplewood Drive, Wood Mill Drive, Amber Lane, Creekdale Street, Millcreek Est. Street, Roy Road, Fairway View, Mulligan Circle, Putters Lane, Tin Cup Way, Eagles Way, Birdie Lane, Par Circle, Drivers Way, Chipshot Lane, Sandtrap Circle, Players Loop, Northwood Oaks Drive, Magnolia Circle, Laurel Circle, Sandy Ridge, Bunker way, Pin High and Bogey Lane and other unnamed or unbuilt roads all located in Caddo Parish,

Louisiana and containing 30.92 acres, more or less, with Section 36, T19N, R15W containing a total of 30.92 acres, more or less, all in Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

Those certain road dedications located in Section 1, Township 18 North, Range 15 West, known as Acorn Circle, Acorn Street, Westview Street, Linda Lane, Womack Road, April Lane, Renee Drive, Chad Trail, Roy Road and Brandon Road, and other unnamed or unbuilt roads all located in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and containing 10.74 acres, more or less, and that certain adjudicated property described as a tract of land in SE/4 of NW/4 of Sect 1 with a Geo. # 181501-000-0139 containing .82 acres, and Lot 1, Rodriguez Place Subdivision with a Geo. #181501-015-0001 containing 2.02 acres, said adjudicated property total acreage being 2.84 acres, more or less, and that certain tract owned by Caddo Parish described as located in the SE/4 of the NW/4 of Section 1 with Geo. #181501-000-0193 and containing .40 acres, more or less, with Section 1, T18N, R15W containing a total of 13.98 acres, more or less, all in Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

Those certain road dedications located in Section 2, Township 18 North, Range 15 West, known as Glenn Road, Carroll Circle, Joyce Street, Smith Lane, Ricks Road, Longbow Lane, Womack Road, Margaret Drive and Oak Lane, and other unnamed or unbuilt roads all located in Caddo Parish, Louisiana and containing 7.45 acres, more or less, with Section 2, T18N, R15W containing a total of 7.45 acres, more or less, all in Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo has received a written request from USG Properties Haynesville, 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.

WHEREAS, the above described property was leased by State Agency Lease No. 22036 on 8-11-2021. The rental payment due 8-11-2022 was not paid causing the lease to expire. Subsequently the McGowan 1-36 H #1, #2 Alt., and #3 Alt., wells were drilled in HARASUWW. The three wells were completed on 10-18-2023 with first sales occurring in 10-2023. After discussions with staff of the State of Louisiana, Office of Mineral Resources, Energy Lands Division, determined that this new lease will be effective back to the date of first sales. It is the intention and objective of both Lessor and Lessee that this new lease be effective back to the date of first sales.

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 prugh 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 1/4<sup>th</sup> 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. 50 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 31, Township 19 North, Range 14 West, known as Greer Road, Pine Knoll Drive, Northport Blvd., and Kent Road, and other unnamed or unbuilt roads all located in Caddo Parish, Louisiana and containing 9.88 acres, more or less, and that certain adjudicated property described as Lot 13, Cochran Subdivision, Geo. #191431-005-0013, said adjudicated property total acreage being .49 acres, more or less, with Section 31, T19N, R14W containing a total of 10.37 acres, more or less, all in Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

Those certain road dedications located in Section 33, Township 19 North, Range 14 West, known as Ed's Blvd., Birdie and Doyle Street, and other unnamed or unbuilt roads, all located in Caddo Parish Louisiana and containing 2.57 acres, more or less, and that certain adjudicated property described as the W. 6.23 ft. of Lot 1, Eureka Park Subdivision, Less S. 1,485 ft. thereof, Geo.#191433-001-0011, said adjudicated property total acreage being .38 acres, more or less, with Section

33, T19N, R14W containing a total of 2.95 acres, more or less, all in Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

Those certain road dedications located in Section 4, Township 18 North, Range 14 West, known as Devereaux Road, Regmar Drive, Hunter Avenue, Lee Avenue, Saxon Place, Ella Fisher Drive and Diggs Drive, and other unnamed or unbuilt roads, all located in Caddo Parish Louisiana and containing 8.04 acres, more or less, and those certain adjudicated properties described as Lot 5 Lakewood Townhomes Subdivision, with a Geo. #181404-026-0005, containing a net .015 acres, Lot 9 Lakewood Townhomes Subdivision, with a Geo. #181404-026-0009, containing a net .015 acres, Lot 21, Lakewood Townhomes Subdivision, with a Geo. #181404-026-0021 containing a net .015 acres, Lot 3 Lakewood Townhomes Subdivision, with a Geo. #181404-026-0003, containing a net .015 acres, the Southeasterly 7.3 ft. measured along Hwy. # 1, of Lot 58 North Lakewood Estates with a Geo. #181404-018-0113, containing a net .01 acres, Lot 6 Hersey Subdivision, with a Geo. #181404-005-0006, containing .35 acres, the North 1 acre of South 3 acres of West 11 acres of Lot 10, less the East 95 ft. thereof, Partition of Julia & Charles Walker Lands, with a Geo. #181404-000-0232, containing .76 acres, Lot Q, Julia & Charles Walker Land-Survey & Division of Lot 9 in SW/4 of Sec. 4, with a Geo. #181404-004-0039, containing .41 acres, the South 75 ft. of East 50 ft. of Lot H, Julia & Charles Walker Land Survey & Division of Lot 9 in SW/4 of Sec. 4, with a Geo. #181404-004-0011, containing .09 acres, the East 125 ft. of South 155.46 ft. of that part of the E/2 of NW/4 with a Geo. #181404-000-0229 containing .46 acres, the West 65 ft. of East 190 ft. of North 155.46 ft. of South 205.46 ft. of E/2 of NW/4 with a Geo. #181404-000-0235, containing a net .12 acres, the West 90.2 ft. of East 280.2 ft. of South 155.46 ft. of E/2 of NW/4 of Section 4, with a Geo. #181404-000-0230, containing .34 acres, said adjudicated property total acreage being 2.79 gross acres and 2.60 net acres, more or less, with Section 4, T18N, R14W containing a total of 10.64 acres, more or less, all in Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

Those certain road dedications located in Section 6, Township 18 North, Range 14 West, known as Kent Road and Winchester Drive, and other unnamed or unbuilt roads all located in Caddo Parish, Louisiana and containing 2.26 acres, more or less, and those certain adjudicated properties described as beginning from Southwest corner of N/2 of NE/4 OF SW/4 OF SEC. 6, run East 1343 ft. to the Point of Beginning, thence North to North Line of NW/4 OF NW/4 OF SE/4 of Section 6, thence West to a Point being 2655.57 ft. East of Northwest corner of SW/4 OF said Section 6, thence South to South line of N/2 OF NE/4 OF SW/4, thence East to Point of Beginning with a Geo. #181406-000-0282 containing .30 acres, and the North 30 ft. of West 86.5 ft. of Lot 2, Cordaro Park Subdivision with a Geo. #181406-004-0004 containing .06 acres, said adjudicated property total acreage being .36 acres, more or less, with Section 6, T18N, R14W containing a total of 2.62 acres, more or less, all in Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

Those certain road dedications located in Section 7, Township 18 North, Range 14 West, known as Mays Avenue, King Cole Court, Campanella Drive, Juvenile Road and Armstrong Blvd., and other unnamed or unbuilt roads all located in Caddo Parish, Louisiana and containing 4.40 acres, and that certain adjudicated property described as the South 33 ft. of the North 198 ft. of SE/4 of SE/4 of Sec 7, with a Geo. #181407-000-0022 containing 1.00 acre more or less, with Section 7, T18N, R14W containing a total of 5.40 acres, more or less, all in Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo has received a written request from USG Properties Haynesville, 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 1/4<sup>th</sup> 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. 51 OF 2024**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION TO RELOCATE THE POLLING PLACE FOR PRECINCT 7-3 FROM SACRED HEART OF JESUS CHURCH, 4736 LYBA STREET, SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA 71109 TO BETHUNE/OAK PARK MICROSOCIETY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 4331 HENRY STREET, SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA 71109, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the established polling location for Precinct No. 7-3 is located at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 4736 Lyba Street, Shreveport, Louisiana 71109;

WHEREAS, that location has now informed Parish officials that it is no longer willing to be a polling location;

WHEREAS, Bethune/Oak Park Microsociety Elementary School, 4331 Henry Street, Shreveport, Louisiana 71109 is currently serving as a polling location and is willing to add this precinct; and

WHEREAS, the distance between the current location of the polling place for Precinct No. 7-3 and the proposed location is 2 miles; and

WHEREAS, the proposed polling places have been reviewed and meet 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. 7-3 from Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 47 36 Lyba Street, Shreveport, Louisiana 71109 to Bethune/Oak Park Microsociety Elementary School, 4331 Henry Street, Shreveport, Louisiana 71109.

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. 52 OF 2024**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE HOLDING OF AN ELECTION IN CADDO PARISH FIRE DISTRICT NUMBER FOUR, STATE OF LOUISIANA, ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2024, TO AUTHORIZE THE RENEWAL OF A SPECIAL TAX THEREIN.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Caddo Parish Fire District Number Four, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Caddo Parish Fire District Number Four, State of Louisiana (the "District"), adopted a resolution on July 17, 2024, calling a special election in the District on Saturday, December 7, 2024, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein; and

WHEREAS, the governing authority of the District has requested that the Caddo Parish Commission, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Caddo, State of Louisiana, give its consent and authority for the District to hold the aforesaid election, and in the event that the election carries to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein; and

WHEREAS, as required by Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, it is now the desire of the Caddo Parish Commission to approve the holding of said election and in the event that the election carries, to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission, acting as the governing authority of said Parish, that:

SECTION 1. In compliance with the provisions of Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, and in accordance with the request of the Board of Commissioners of Caddo Parish Fire District Number Four, State of Louisiana, the Caddo Parish Commission hereby approves the holding of an election in the District, on Saturday, December 7, 2024, at which election there will be submitted the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION  
(MILLAGE RENEWAL)

Shall Caddo Parish Fire District Number Four, State of Louisiana (the "District"), continue to levy and collect a special tax not to exceed 10.30 mills (the "Tax") on all the property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated \$953,800 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the Tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2025 and ending with the year 2034, for the purpose of maintaining and operating the District's fire protection facilities for purchasing fire trucks and other fire fighting equipment and paying the cost of obtaining water for fire protection purposes, including charges for fire hydrant rentals and service, provided that a portion of the Tax proceeds is required to be contributed to state and statewide retirement systems as provided in R.S. 11:82?

SECTION 2. In the event the election carries, the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby further consent to and authorize the District to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

MEMBERS:	YEAS:	NAYS:	ABSENT:	ABSTAINING:
Chris Kracman	_X_	_____	_____	_____
Gregory Young	_X_	_____	_____	_____
Victor L. Thomas	_X_	_____	_____	_____
John-Paul Young	_X_	_____	_____	_____
Roy Burrell	_X_	_____	_____	_____
Steffon D. Jones	_____	_____	_X_	_____
Stormy Gage-Watts	_X_	_____	_____	_____
Grace Anne Blake	_X_	_____	_____	_____
John E. Atkins	_X_	_____	_____	_____
Ronald Cothran	_X_	_____	_____	_____
Ed Lazarus	_X_	_____	_____	_____
Kenneth Epperson, Sr.	_X_	_____	_____	_____

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 8<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024.

/s/ Jeff Everson  
Clerk

/s/ John-Paul Young  
President

It was **moved by Mr. Kracman**, seconded by Mr. Burrell, *that Resolution No. 53 of 2024, a resolution condemning political violence and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be adopted.

**Amendment by Mr. Epperson**, seconded by Mr. Thomas, *to include the following language:*

Mr. Epperson applauded Mr. Kracman and Mrs. Blake to bringing forth this resolution. He said that it provides the perfect segway for what happened on January 6, 2021. Mr. Epperson said that there have been several attempted presidential assassinations, with some being successful. No political violence should be perpetrated or applauded by the Caddo Parish Commission.

Mr. Kracman said that the resolution Mr. Epperson read was for the January 6 event. He said that those resolutions came before the Commission body and passed. The current proposed resolution is for the attempted assassination of former President Donald Trump. Mr. Kracman does not accept the amendments at all.

Mr. Epperson corrected Mr. Kracman and said that those resolutions did not pass.

At this time, Mr. Epperson's amendment carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Blake, Burrell, Cothran, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Thomas, and G. Young (7). NAYS:

Commissioners Kracman, Lazarus, and J. Young (3). ABSENT: Commissioners Atkins and Jones (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

At this time, Mr. Kracman's motion carried as amended, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Blake, Burrell, Cothran, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Thomas, and G. Young (7). NAYS: Commissioners Kracman, Lazarus, and J. Young (3). ABSENT: Commissioners Atkins and Jones (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

### **RESOLUTION NO. 53 OF 2024 (AS AMENDED)**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

#### A RESOLUTION CONDEMNING POLITICAL VIOLENCE, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, on July 13, 2024, an assassination attempt performed against former President Donald Trump during his campaign rally in Butler, Pennsylvania resulted in the terrorizing of many of his supporters, several serious injuries, including former President Trump, and the death of an attendee; and

WHEREAS, Fireman, father, and husband, Corey Comperatore, was killed while protecting his family while attending the rally; and

WHEREAS, a peaceful and fair election process is essential for a functioning democracy and a unified country is a stronger country; and

WHEREAS, the assassination attempt on former President Donald Trump has been condemned by President Joe Biden who addressed the nation and asked that we, "lower the temperature in our politics. We're neighbors or friends, coworkers, citizens. Most importantly, we are fellow Americans, we must stand together;" and

WHEREAS, there have been several instances of high-profile political violence in recent years; and

WHEREAS, one such notable occasion was the January 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol Building which was unprecedented and resulted in the terrorizing of our senators, congressional representatives, and staff persons, theft of personal possession, and the desecration of our symbol of democracy; and

WHEREAS, five people were killed as a result of the attack, including Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick; and

WHEREAS, the peaceful transition of power after a free and fair election is essential for a functioning democracy; and

WHEREAS, local, state, and federal election officials, the Department of Justice, and the Department of Homeland Security have determined that the validity of the 2020 election and Joseph Biden was the winner of the 2020 presidential election; and

WHEREAS, unsubstantial allegations that the 2020 election was not free and fair were disseminated by political groups and politicians; and

WHEREAS, these unsubstantiated allegations inspired a group of violent protestors to attack the U.S. Capitol Building on January 6, 2021, during the certification of the Presidential election.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the politically motivated violence, such as the recent assassination attempt on former President Donald Trump and the January 6, 2021 attack on the U.S. Capitol Building, are condemned by the Caddo Parish Commission, and the Commission offers its deepest condolences to the family of Corey Comperator, the family of Officer Brian Sicknick, and other victims of political violence.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission condemns the allegations about the integrity of the 2020 Presidential Elections as being unsubstantiated and politically motivated, but applauds the fact that United States democracy is resilient to acts of domestic terrorism, and hereby acknowledges and affirms peaceful elections and a commitment to the values memorialized in our Constitution by our founding fathers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission wishes to acknowledge and thank those who have continued to serve the public during acts of political violence, including senators,

Congressional representatives, first responders, medics, staff persons, and other employees who returned to work in the aftermath of the political violence.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

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

There was no Old Business, so the Commission moved onto New Business.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

It was **moved by Mr. Kracman**, seconded by Mr. Atkins, *to appoint Adam Oliver to the North Caddo Medical Center Board (term to expire July 18, 2030)*. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Blake, Burrell, Cothran, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Kracman, Thomas, G. Young, and J. Young (10). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Jones and Lazarus (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

It was **moved by Mr. Epperson**, seconded by Mr. Thomas, *to appoint Calvin Pressley to the Parish Planning & Zoning Commission (term to expire September 8, 2028)*. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Blake, Burrell, Cothran, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Kracman, Thomas, G. Young, and J. Young (10). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Jones and Lazarus (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

### **COMMUNIQUES & COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Mr. Thomas wanted to know if there was more information regarding the recent voters' purge. Mrs. Bryant said that she will look into it.

He also announced that the Caddo Parish Animal Services department will offer a voucher assistance program to get their pets spayed/neutered on August 13 from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

- Mr. Cothran hoped that everyone had a great first day of school and wished them the best 2024-2025.

Mr. Cothran requested that Dale Sibley come before the Commission and clear up any information or rumors that is out there with regards to voting.

- Mr. Epperson requested a Special Resolution for Ms. Constance Green's service to the Parish Planning & Zoning Board.

He also asked if the resolution regarding the Ten Commandments has been sent to all plaintiffs, judges, and whomever was mentioned in the resolution. The Clerk of the Commission said that it has.


- Mrs. Gage-Watts urged everyone to check their status for voting. She also said that there is a new system for absentee ballots.


- Mr. Burrell asked that Administration provide a list of bills that were passed during the last session regarding voters suppression.

- Mr. G. Young said that the Economic Development Committee will meet tomorrow at 1:30 p.m. in the Chambers Conference Room.

- Mr. J. Young said that spay/neuter is now the law in Caddo Parish. He asked that this also be forwarded to the City of Shreveport and request that a mirror ordinance be passed with them.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

  
Michelle Nations  
Assistant to the Commission Clerk

  
John-Paul Young  
President