

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SESSION  
OF THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION  
HELD ON THE 12th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2024

The Caddo Parish Commission met in a Regular Session, on the above date, at 11:30 a.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).

Mrs. Gage-Watts gave the invocation, and Mr. Thomas led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance. There were no one in attendance to speak during Citizens Comments, so the Commission moved onto New Business, Public Hearings.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES**

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

- *Ordinance No. 6471 of 2024, an ordinance to set the General Purpose and Special Purpose Millages providing for millage rate adjustments, as allowed by Article VII, Section 23 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974 and LA. R.S. 47:1705 (B), levying and imposing taxes and assessments for 2024 on all the property subject to taxation in the Parish of Caddo, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6472 of 2024, an ordinance to set the General Purpose and Special Purpose millages providing for an increase in the millage rates not in excess of the prior years maximum rates, as allowed by Article VII, Section 23 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974 and LA R.S. 47:1705 (B), levying and imposing taxes and assessments for 2024 on all the property subject to taxation in the Parish of Caddo, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

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

**ORDINANCES (for final passage)**

It was **moved by Mr. J. Young**, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *that Ordinance No. 6471 of 2024, an ordinance to set the General Purpose and Special Purpose Millages providing for millage rate adjustments, as allowed by Article VII, Section 23 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974 and LA. R.S. 47:1705 (B), levying and imposing taxes and assessments for 2024 on all the property subject to taxation in the Parish of Caddo, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be adopted.

Mr. Atkins asked for clarification on the ordinances. Mrs. Bryant said that Ordinance No. 6471 would keep the revenues the same, but the millages would decrease in some cases due to the assessments increasing. Ordinance No. 6472 would keep the current millage rates the same, but some citizens would notice an increase due to the assessments increasing. Mrs. Bryant also explained that Ordinance No. 6471 would establish millage rates for 2025. She also said that Ordinance No. 6471 requires seven votes, but Ordinance No. 6472 requires eight votes in order to pass.

At this time, Mr. J. 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. 6471 OF 2024**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE TO SET THE GENERAL PURPOSE AND SPECIAL PURPOSE MILLAGES PROVIDING FOR MILLAGE RATE ADJUSTMENTS, AS ALLOWED BY ARTICLE VII, SECTION 23 OF THE LOUISIANA CONSTITUTION OF 1974 AND LA R.S. 47:1705 (B), LEVYING AND IMPOSING TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS FOR 2024 ON ALL THE PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION IN THE PARISH OF CADDO, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Caddo Parish Commission (the "Commission") acting as the governing authority of Caddo Parish, Louisiana (the "Parish"), to levy various taxes for the year 2024; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to adjust the Parish millages as a result of the quadrennial

reappraisal and valuation of the property subject to taxation within the Parish, in proportion to the increase in the 2024 taxable assessed valuation of the Parish;

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held by the Commission on the subject of the proposed millage adjustment in accordance with the open meetings law and the additional requirements of Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974 and LA R.S. 47:1705(B).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, in due, legal and regular session convened, that the following general purpose and special millages (that is, fractional mills on the dollar) on the assessed valuation of all property subject to taxation in the whole of Caddo Parish, Louisiana be and the same are hereby levied at the following adjusted rates for the year 2024, in accordance with Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974 and LA R.S. 47:1705, as applicable:

	<b>2024 Adjusted Millage Rate</b>
<b>General:</b>	
<b>General Alimony</b> - For all property lying outside of cities and towns, as described below	5.89 mills
<b>Exempted Municipalities</b> - For all property lying within the confines of incorporated cities and towns having a population in excess of 1,000 and which maintain a system of street paving and those being Shreveport, Vivian and Bossier City	2.94 mills
<b>Special Purpose:</b>	
<b>Public Health:</b>	
For the creation and support of public health centers in the parish	.83 mills
For the maintenance and operation of public health centers in the Parish and portion rededicated for payment of mandatory costs of the criminal justice system	1.30 mills
<b>Shreve Memorial Library:</b>	
For the acquiring, equipping, construction, improving, maintaining and operating the public library system	4.74 mills
For the maintenance and operation of parish library facilities and portion rededicated to payment of mandatory costs of the criminal justice system	4.66 mills
<b>Juvenile Court:</b>	
For the maintenance and operation for the juvenile court, and juvenile detention home facilities	1.88 mills
<b>Detention Facilities:</b>	
For the maintenance and operation of detention facilities and portion rededicated for payment of mandatory costs of the criminal justice system	5.52 mills
<b>Courthouse Maintenance:</b>	
For the maintenance and operation of parish courthouse and other building facilities	2.59 mills
<b>Public Works:</b>	
For the maintenance and operation of road, bridge, drainage, garbage collection, and mandatory costs of the criminal justice system	5.96 mills

**Public Facilities:**

For the maintenance and operation of public facilities, specifically road and bridge, parks and recreation, garbage collection and drainage .80 mills

**Biomedical Research:**

For the promotion of economic development through the Biomedical Research Foundation of Northwest Louisiana and portion rededicated to mandatory costs of the criminal justice system 1.68 mills

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Commission Clerk shall give notice of this ordinance to the Assessor of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and instruct him to levy and assess each tax as set forth herein for the year 2024, and the tax collector of Caddo Parish, Louisiana shall collect and remit the same to said taxing authority in accordance with law.

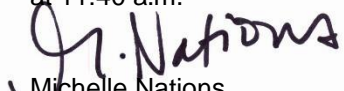
BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end, the provisions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

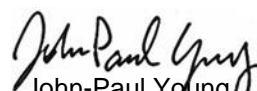
BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall take effect ten (10) days after publication in the official journal.

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

It was **moved by Mr. J. Young**, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *that Ordinance No. 6472 of 2024, an ordinance to set the General Purpose and Special Purpose millages providing for an increase in the millage rates not in excess of the prior years maximum rates, as allowed by Article VII, Section 23 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974 and LA R.S. 47:1705 (B), levying and imposing taxes and assessments for 2024 on all the property subject to taxation in the Parish of Caddo, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto be adopted. Motion failed*, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Burrell, Cothran, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Thomas, and G. Young (6). NAYS: Commissioners Atkins, Blake, Kracman, Lazarus, and J. Young (5). ABSENT: Commissioner Jones (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

  
Michelle Nations  
Assistant to the Commission Clerk

  
John-Paul Young  
President