

MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION
OF THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION
HELD ON THE 21ST DAY OF JANUARY, 2024

The Caddo Parish Commission met in a Work Session, on the above date, at 3:30 p.m., in the Government Chambers, with Mrs. Gage-Watts, presiding, and the following members in attendance constituting a quorum: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Cothran, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Kracman, Lazarus, G. Young, and J. Young (9). ABSENT: Commissioners Blake, Jones, and Thomas (3).

The invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were given during a previous committee meeting; there were no Agenda Additions, Citizens Comments or Visitors, so the Commission moved onto Reports.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

- Keep Louisiana Beautiful

Mrs. Bryant said that the Parish received five trash receptacles through the grant.

Mr. Epperson asked if there were photos of the receptacles and Mrs. Bryant advised she would provide those to him.

- Juvenile Detention

Mrs. Bryant said that there are twenty children in the Juvenile Detention Center; three of which are OJJ. There are three 17-year-olds and 460 children on probation.

- December, 2024 Financials

Mrs. Bryant said that the December 2024 Financials were at each Commissioner's station.

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

NEW BUSINESS

It was **moved by Mrs. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. Lazarus, *that the following items be englobed and moved to Thursday's Regular Session for consideration:*

- *Special Resolution of Appreciation for the MLK, Jr. Day of Service Resource Fair*
- *Special Resolution Recognizing the Bicentennial Anniversary of Centenary College*
- *Special Resolution for Larry and Joyce Coleman's 50th Anniversary*
- *Property Standards Case #1 – 0 Dansby Road, Shreveport, LA 71107—demolish*
- *Property Standards Case #2 – 119 Barlow Avenue, Shreveport, LA 71106—delay action for 60 days*
- *Property Standards Case #3- 129 Spilker Ave, Shreveport, LA 71106—demolish*
- *Property Standards Case #4 – 8930 Lake End Road, Mooringsport, LA 71060—postpone for six months*
- *Property Standards Case #5 – 6850 N. Colony Road, Shreveport, LA 71107—demolish*
- *Property Standards Case #6 – 3404 Riviera, Shreveport, LA 71107—demolish*
- *Property Standards Case #7 – 1575 RC Thompson Road, Shreveport, LA 71106—demolish*

- *Property Standards Case #8 – 3404 West Dr., Shreveport, LA 71107—demolish*
- *Property Standards Case #9 – 6678 Mira Scotts Slough Road, Ida, LA 71044—demolish*
- *Property Standards Case #10 – 8310 Hwy 1, Shreveport, LA 71107—postpone for six months*

At this time, Mrs. Gage-Watts' motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Cothran, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Kracman, Lazarus, G. Young, and J. Young (9). NAYS:(0). ABSENT: Commissioners Blake, Jones, and Thomas (3). ABSTAIN: None (0).

The Commission Clerk presented the Special Resolution of Recognition for the 2025 MLK Jr. Day of Service Resource Fair.

**SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION
2025 MLK, Jr. DAY OF SERVICE RESOURCE FAIR**

WHEREAS, the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a towering figure in the history of civil rights and social justice who delivered his famous “Speech at Galilee” right here in Caddo Parish, dedicated his life to advocating for equality, service, and community unity, leaving behind a legacy that continues to inspire millions worldwide; and

WHEREAS, the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service Resource Fair exemplifies Dr. King’s enduring call to action for individuals to engage in meaningful acts of service to uplift their communities and foster collaboration; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service Resource Fair will take place on Monday, January 20th, 2025, at the David Raines Center in Shreveport, Louisiana, from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM, offering free and inclusive opportunities for residents to connect with vital resources and services; and

WHEREAS, the resource fair will feature a diverse array of community vendors providing essential information on health, education, employment, and other critical areas, as well as an engaging and uplifting Kid Zone for children’s entertainment, delicious food, and motivational messages from special guest speakers reflecting Dr. King’s vision; and

WHEREAS, this event, organized with dedication and care by the Mystic Krewe of Imani and other community leaders, embodies the spirit of unity and service that Dr. King championed, empowering individuals and families to build stronger and more connected communities; and

WHEREAS, the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service Resource Fair serves as a testament to the collective efforts of Caddo Parish residents to honor Dr. King’s legacy by fostering engagement, understanding, and positive change;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in legal and regular session convened, that it does hereby recognize and commend the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service Resource Fair for its outstanding contribution to the community, its commitment to honoring Dr. King’s legacy, and its dedication to promoting service, equality, and unity among the citizens of Caddo Parish.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be a part of the official records of the Caddo Parish Commission, and that a copy be tendered to the Mystic Krewe of Imani, the event’s organizers, as an expression of our gratitude and support for their impactful work.

Mrs. Gage-Watts thanked the organization for their hard work within the community.

Mr. Ellis thanked the Commission for honoring them today and shared history about the Krewe of Imani.

Mr. Burrell, Mr. Epperson, Mr. Cothran, and Mr. G. Young welcomed and congratulated the Krewe of Imani.

COMMUNIQUES & COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mr. Cothran said that the Cedar Grove Community met and addressed the recent gunfire that was heard within the neighborhood. Law enforcement officers attended this meeting.
- Mr. Burrell introduced his grandson to the Commission and advised that he was babysitting today.

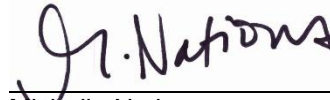
CONSENT AGENDA

- *Ordinance No. 6512 of 2024, an ordinance to close and abandon a portion of the public dedication for Wells Island Road, located in Section 13, Township 18 North, Range 14 West, in the Parish of Caddo, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6513 of 2025, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the Capital Outlay Fund to change an appropriation from the construction and improvement of Greenwood Water Lines to construction of the Dawson Road Extension*
- *Appoint Chris Davis to the Human Services District of Louisiana to replace the unexpired term of David Hoey.*

At this time, there was no further discussion to come before the Commission, so the Commission adjourned at 4:00 p.m.



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