

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION
OF THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION
HELD ON THE 20th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2025

The Caddo Parish Commission met in a Regular 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, Blake, Burrell, Cothran, Gage-Watts, Jones, Kracman, Thomas, G. Young, and J. Young (10). ABSENT: Commissioners Epperson and Lazarus (2).

Mr. G. Young gave the invocation, and Mr. Thomas led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ADDITIONS

It was **moved by Mr. J. Young**, seconded by Mr. Thomas, *that the agenda be expanded and Special Resolution commemorating the Grand Opening of My Spa My Way be added under Special Resolutions.*

Madame President opened the floor for anyone to speak in favor or against adding these items to the agenda. There being no one to speak, the President closed the public hearing.

At this time, Mr. J. Young's motion carried unanimously with Commissioners Epperson, Jones, and Lazarus being absent. This was added under Special Resolutions.

There were no Citizens Comments nor Visitors.

ADOPT REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

It was **moved by Mr. J. Young**, seconded by Mr. Cothran, *that the Regular Session Minutes from the November 6, 2025 Regular Session be adopted.* Motion carried unanimously with Commissioners Epperson, Jones, and Lazarus being absent.

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

It was **moved by Mr. Thomas**, seconded by Mr. Kracman, *that following Special Resolutions be englobed and adopted:*

- *Special Resolution of Recognition A Quiet Place in the Woods*

Representatives of A Quiet Place in the Woods were invited forward as the resolution honoring the organization was read. The resolution highlighted the group's founding in 2006, its mission to support children with disabilities and rural youth, and its long-standing work to provide literacy support, educational programming, and community-centered services.

Dr. Brenda Watkins addressed the Commission, thanking the body, her staff, and the many community and church partners who have supported the organization for two decades. She spoke passionately about the needs in rural Caddo Parish, the importance of literacy as a foundation for success, and the village of supporters who have helped sustain the organization's work. She also recognized Commissioners who have supported the organization through NGO funding and community engagement.

Several Commissioners expressed gratitude and admiration for the organization's impact. Mr. Cothran, drawing on his experience as a former special education teacher, emphasized the significance of the organization's work with children who often lack adequate support. Commissioner Young remarked that the organization has "worked in relative obscurity," noting the need to highlight more nonprofits that use public funds responsibly to uplift communities. Commissioners praised Dr. Watkins for her dedication and encouraged the group to continue its mission of service. The President concluded by thanking the organization for helping build stronger communities across the parish.

- *Special Resolution of Recognition Zonta International*

The Commission then presented a special resolution honoring the Shreveport Chapter of Zonta International. The resolution recognized Zonta's global mission—spanning over 100 years—to empower women through service and advocacy, as well as the local chapter's work since 1941 supporting women and girls across Northwest Louisiana.

Chapter President Kimberly Als addressed the Commission, sharing information about the international "Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women" campaign and its annual launch on November 25. She thanked the Commission for its support and invited the public to attend upcoming awareness events, including a gathering at the Shreveport Airport on December 1.

Mrs. Blake acknowledged the urgency of violence prevention efforts, noting that ten women in the community had lost their lives this year alone. She emphasized the need for awareness, accountability, and collective action, and she announced that the Caddo Parish Courthouse and later the

airport would be illuminated in orange for the campaign.

Mr. Cothran and Mr. Thomas inquired about membership opportunities and the symbolism of the orange ribbons, prompting Ms. Als to explain that the ribbons represent solidarity in the fight against violence and gender inequality. Parliamentarian Thomas suggested partnering with the City to illuminate the bridge in orange as well. Commissioners praised the chapter's leadership and thanked members for their ongoing advocacy for women and families.

The President noted that orange is also the color used for gun violence awareness, making this campaign particularly impactful for the parish.

- *Special Resolution of Recognition Shreveport Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta's 95th Anniversary*
- *Special Resolution of Recognition Cedar Grove's Community Renewal Coordinators*

The final presentation honored Trey and Jasmine Moore, Community Coordinators for Community Renewal International's Cedar Grove Friendship House. The resolution detailed the Moores' extensive service, including their relocation into the Cedar Grove neighborhood, their daily work mentoring youth, and their role in building trusting relationships across more than 25 neighborhood blocks. It highlighted their roles in maintaining a safe community space, coordinating volunteers, preparing meals for children, supporting academic success, coaching youth sports, and leading cheer and dance programs. Their Friendship House also serves as a venue for city-wide prayer breakfasts, community events, and family-centered gatherings.

Trey Moore addressed the Commission, expressing gratitude to God, his family, his community, and his Community Renewal colleagues. He shared his long-standing ties to Cedar Grove through church and service and described how Community Renewal helped sharpen his leadership skills. He emphasized his commitment to obedience in his calling, building relationships, and giving back fully to the youth he serves.

Mr. Jones praised the Moores as a true "power couple," noting their profound influence on children throughout the Ark-La-Tex and their humble, service-oriented approach to community leadership. He reflected on his own introduction to Community Renewal at a young age and the importance of the organization's mission in strengthening neighborhoods.

- *Special Resolution of Recognition Donnie Bickham Lady Patriot's Softball Team*

Commissioners invited the team and school representatives to the front as the special resolution was read into the record. The resolution celebrated the Lady Patriots' undefeated championship season, highlighting their exceptional skill, determination, and sportsmanship. It also recognized the leadership of their coaches and the strong support of their school community.

Principal Spires expressed appreciation to the Commission, thanking Commissioner Young for initiating the recognition and acknowledging the involvement of School Board member Jasmine Green. He noted the pride the school felt for the team and the historical significance of the students being honored during a Commission meeting.

Several Commissioners offered personal remarks of congratulations. They emphasized the importance of teamwork, dedication, and the lifelong memories the athletes will carry from this accomplishment. Commissioners commended the competitiveness of Caddo Parish softball, praised the team's perseverance, and encouraged the students to continue striving for excellence both academically and athletically. The President remarked on the strength and promise displayed by the group of young women, stating that "women always get the job done," which received warm acknowledgment from those present. The team received a final round of applause before returning to their seats.

- *Special Resolution of Remembrance Vivian Police Officer Marc Brock*

Following the conclusion of the special resolution presentations, the President called for a moment of silence in remembrance and respect for Officer Marc Tyler Brock, the fallen Vivian Police Officer who recently lost his life in the line of duty. The chamber observed a solemn pause as Commissioners and attendees honored his service and the sacrifice he made for his community. The President asked that everyone continue to keep Officer Brock's family, friends, and the Town of Vivian in their thoughts and prayers.

- *Special Resolution of Recognition My Spa My Way Grand Opening*

At this time, Mr. Thomas' motion carried unanimously with Commissioners Epperson and Lazarus being absent.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION A QUIET PLACE IN THE WOODS

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission desires to recognize those organizations who have distinguished themselves through their achievement, selfless service, and inspiration to others, and who in doing so have done much to serve Caddo Parish and enrich the lives of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, such an organization, A Quiet Place in the Woods, located in Keithville, Louisiana, was originally founded on January 1, 2006, by a group of educators and parents committed to supporting children with disabilities in the rural communities of Caddo Parish; and

WHEREAS, the organization's mission is to provide educational support, social-skill training, and behavior-intervention strategies aimed at helping children, youth, and young adults avoid delinquency and reach their fullest potential; and

WHEREAS, A Quiet Place in the Woods provides educational resources, tutoring, literacy assistance, books, nutritious snacks, and community-service opportunities for Caddo Parish students; and

WHEREAS, the outstanding leadership of Dr. Brenda Watkins and her staff has ensured the organization's continued impact and stability; and

WHEREAS, A Quiet Place in the Woods Enterprise embodies these values through its unwavering commitment to reading, enrichment, and real-life learning experiences that foster confidence, communication, critical thinking, and independence among the youth it serves.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby express its sincere and warmest appreciation to A Quiet Place in the Woods for their service and dedication to the youth of the Parish.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION ZONTA INTERNATIONAL

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission desires to honor organizations that demonstrate outstanding service, leadership, and commitment to improving the lives of women and families throughout our community; and

WHEREAS, Zonta International, founded in 1919, is a leading global organization of professionals empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy, with more than 1,100 clubs in 63 countries; and

WHEREAS, the Shreveport Chapter of Zonta International has proudly carried out this mission in Northwest Louisiana through decades of dedicated service, leadership development, and community programs that uplift and support women and girls; and

WHEREAS, the Shreveport Chapter has championed initiatives focused on advancing women's education, preventing violence against women, promoting health and economic independence, and advocating for policies that support equity and human rights; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Shreveport Chapter have volunteered countless hours, contributed charitable support, and collaborated with civic organizations, educational institutions, and local leaders to strengthen the wellbeing of families in Caddo Parish; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission recognizes the Chapter's commitment to Zonta International's global campaign "Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women", its support of scholarship programs, and its continued advocacy to create a safer, more equitable community for all; and

WHEREAS, the Shreveport Chapter of Zonta International remains a vital asset to Caddo Parish through its outreach, service projects, and tireless efforts to empower the next generation of women leaders.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby proudly recognize and commend the Shreveport Chapter of Zonta International for its longstanding dedication to service, advocacy, and the advancement of women in Caddo Parish and beyond.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Commission extends its deepest appreciation for the Chapter's continuing efforts to improve the quality of life for all residents and encourages the community to support and celebrate their important work.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION SHREVEPORT ALUMNAE CHAPTER OF DELTA SIGMA THETA'S 95 ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is an organization of college educated women committed to the constructive development of its members and to public service with a primary focus on the Black community; and

WHEREAS, Rho Sigma Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. was chartered on November 24, 1930; and

WHEREAS, the charter members were Derotha Stinson Anderson, Jessie Covington Dent, Martha Jackson Duncan, Sammie Laws Mann, Virginia Mills, Dorothy Vance Montgomery, Dianna Pierson, Mary Lou Davis Robinson, Lou Ella May Taylor and Willie Lee Doctor Young; and

WHEREAS, the chapter name changed to Shreveport Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. in June 1959; and

WHEREAS, Shreveport Alumnae Chapter's service area is Caddo, Bossier and Desoto Parishes; and

WHEREAS, Shreveport Alumnae Chapter has provided invaluable service to the community under its five-point programmatic thrust: Economic Development, Educational Development, International Awareness and Involvement, Physical & Mental Health, and Political Awareness & Involvement; and

WHEREAS, on Saturday, November 22, 2025, Shreveport Alumnae Chapter will celebrate ninety-five years of Sisterhood, Scholarship, Service and Social Action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, this 22th Day of November, that it does hereby extend its warmest and most sincere congratulations to the Shreveport Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. as the chapter celebrates its 95th Anniversary and hereby declares this as:

"SHREVEPORT ALUMNAE CHAPTER OF DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC. DAY"

in Caddo Parish and prays that the members of the Shreveport Alumnae Chapter will greatly enjoy the activities of this special day, and that the chapter will be blessed with a continuation of service to our community.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION CEDAR GROVE'S COMMUNITY RENEWAL COORDINATORS

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission seeks to honor individuals and organizations whose work strengthens neighborhoods, uplifts families, and builds a more caring community for all residents; and

WHEREAS, Community Renewal International (CRI) is a nationally recognized organization whose mission is to intentionally build and grow positive and caring relationships—through the We Care Neighbors Program, in the Friendship House communities, and across the city—advancing prevention, resilience, trust, and hope; and

WHEREAS, the Cedar Grove Friendship House, led by Community Coordinators Detrevon "Tray" Moore and Jasmine Moore, stands as a model of compassion-driven community engagement, serving some of the most vulnerable children, youth, and families in Caddo Parish; and

WHEREAS, Tray and Jasmine Moore relocated from their middle-class home into the heart of Cedar Grove, undergoing extensive training and background checks to live, serve, teach, counsel, encourage, and mentor 6th–12th grade youth on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS, their span of responsibility encompasses 25–30 neighborhood blocks, within which they build trusting relationships with children, parents, neighbors, churches, businesses, and community institutions; and

WHEREAS, Tray and Jasmine maintain the Friendship House community room—ensuring food, cleanliness, safety, technology, and a comfortable environment—so that 20–30 children and youth have a safe, welcoming space to learn, relax, confide, and grow from Monday through Thursday, and often seven days a week; and

WHEREAS, the Moores also supervise and train up to ten volunteers, assistants, tutors, teachers, and cooks while ensuring each child feels valued, protected, respected, and held accountable, modeling a home environment that nurtures emotional and academic success; and

WHEREAS, they work tirelessly with students on homework, school projects, and enrichment activities, often preparing and serving meals before the youth return home; and

WHEREAS, Tray—assisted by Jasmine—is a certified football coach who works with nearly 200 young people across the Ark-La-Tex, while Jasmine leads a thriving group of dancers and cheerleaders, giving local youth positive outlets for discipline, teamwork, and self-expression; and

WHEREAS, Tray and Jasmine spend countless hours monitoring the neighborhood playground, building relationships with parents, and ensuring safety, fun, and fairness for all children in their care; and

WHEREAS, for more than five years, the Moores have faithfully hosted, cooked for, and welcomed the community to CRI's monthly Citywide Prayer Breakfast, a transformational gathering that unites people from all walks of life—including the homeless, youth, professionals, clergy, civic leaders, and public servants—for fellowship and hope; and

WHEREAS, the Friendship House in Cedar Grove also serves as a hub for community-building events such as block parties, CRI fundraising luncheons, adult literacy classes, training workshops, community tours, weddings, repasses, and other family-centered gatherings—becoming, in the words of many, “a highway to a better life” for children and adults striving to reach their God-given potential; and

WHEREAS, through their unwavering dedication, Tray and Jasmine Moore exemplify the core mission of Community Renewal International—building trust, growing hope, elevating resilience, and strengthening relationships long before crises strike.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby recognize and commend Detrevon “Tray” Moore and Jasmine Moore, Community Coordinators of Community Renewal International, for their extraordinary service and deep commitment to the Cedar Grove community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Commission acknowledges the transformational impact of the Friendship House model and expresses its profound gratitude for the Moores' leadership, sacrifice, and daily work to build a safer, stronger, and more caring Caddo Parish.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION DONNIE BICKHAM LADY PATRIOTS SOFTBALL TEAM

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission is always pleased to recognize and celebrate the achievements of outstanding young people within our community who demonstrate excellence, teamwork, and commitment; and

WHEREAS, the Donnie Bickham Middle School Lady Patriots Softball Team has completed an undefeated season, showcasing exceptional skill, determination, and sportsmanship throughout their championship run; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Patriots distinguished themselves as the top middle school softball team in the region by consistently performing at a high level, maintaining focus, discipline, and unity on and off the field; and

WHEREAS, the team's coaches provided exceptional leadership, mentorship, and guidance—instilling in these athletes the values of perseverance, teamwork, and confidence that contributed to their championship victory; and

WHEREAS, the players of the Lady Patriots Softball Team displayed remarkable dedication, putting in countless hours of practice, supporting one another, and representing Donnie Bickham Middle School with pride and excellence; and

WHEREAS, the achievements of these young athletes bring great pride not only to their school but also to their families, coaches, and the broader Caddo Parish community; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission commends the Lady Patriots for their hard work, their undefeated season, and their championship title—serving as an inspiration to students across the Parish.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby recognize, honor, and congratulate the Donnie Bickham Middle School Undefeated Lady Patriots Softball Team for their extraordinary season and their championship victory.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Commission extends its deepest appreciation to the coaches, school administrators, families, and supporters who played a vital role in the team's success.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF REMEMBRANCE VIVIAN OFFICE MARC BROCK

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission pauses with profound sorrow and deep respect to honor the life, service, and sacrifice of Officer Marc Tyler Brock, a dedicated member of the Vivian Police Department who tragically lost his life in the line of duty on Friday, November 14th; and

WHEREAS, Officer Brock faithfully served the citizens of the Town of Vivian and the greater Caddo Parish community with unwavering commitment, professionalism, and courage, exemplifying the highest ideals of law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, throughout his service, Officer Brock earned the admiration of his fellow officers, town leadership, and the residents he protected, being known for his integrity, kindness, compassion, and steadfast dedication to public safety; and

WHEREAS, Officer Brock's ultimate sacrifice stands as a solemn reminder of the risks undertaken each day by the brave men and women who serve in law enforcement, and his loss leaves a profound void in the Vivian Police Department, his community, and among his family, friends, and loved ones; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission wishes to express its heartfelt condolences to the family of Officer Marc Tyler Brock and to honor his memory, service, and the enduring legacy he leaves behind;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission, on behalf of the citizens of Caddo Parish, does hereby extend its deepest sympathy and utmost respect in remembrance of Officer Marc Tyler Brock, recognizing his courage, his sacrifice, and his unwavering dedication to the safety and well-being of our community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be spread upon the official records of the Caddo Parish Commission, so that future generations may forever remember and honor the life and service of Officer Marc Tyler Brock.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED by the Caddo Parish Commission on this day, November 20th, 2025.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION MY SPA MY WAY GRAND OPENING

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission is pleased to recognize businesses within our community whose innovation, service, and commitment contribute to the well-being and vitality of Caddo Parish; and

WHEREAS, My Spa My Way, located at 700 Kings Highway in Shreveport, Louisiana, has long been a premier destination for residents and visitors seeking high-quality spa and wellness services in a welcoming and rejuvenating atmosphere; and

WHEREAS, under the visionary leadership of owner Felicia Williams, My Spa My Way has earned a reputation as one of the region's most respected day spas, offering exceptional service and setting standards for excellence in personal care, beauty, and holistic wellness; and

WHEREAS, on Thursday, November 20, 2025, My Spa My Way celebrates its grand re-opening, unveiling a stunning remodel that expands its offerings to include enhanced boutique and fragrance retail centers, as well as an inviting new bistro—further solidifying its place as a multifaceted wellness and lifestyle destination in Caddo Parish; and

WHEREAS, Felicia Williams has for many years been at the forefront of fashion, beauty, and wellness in our community, admired not only for her remarkable talent and entrepreneurial success but also for her passion for celebrating the beauty in others; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Williams is widely known for her philanthropic endeavors, her advocacy and support for mental health awareness, and her commitment to creating an inclusive and uplifting environment within her business; and

WHEREAS, her trailblazing spirit is further evidenced by her creative involvement in fashion shows, community events, and her role as co-host of the 2 Peas, 1 Pod 318 podcast—continuing to inspire, empower, and connect people throughout Caddo Parish and beyond;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby celebrate and recognize the grand re-opening of My Spa My Way and commends Felicia Williams for her outstanding contributions to business, wellness, fashion, and community empowerment in Caddo Parish;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Commission extends its best wishes for continued success, prosperity, and impactful service to the citizens of Caddo Parish.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

- Comcast Update on Broadband

Mr. Solomon Graves, Government Affairs Manager for Comcast, addressed the Commission and introduced members of the company's Big South construction leadership team. He provided an overview of the broadband expansion project that began in December 2022—now approaching three years of progress—and shared that the project is approximately 90% complete. He emphasized that high-speed internet is now essential infrastructure for economic growth, and Comcast is committed to investing not just in the present but in the future of Caddo Parish.

To date, over 2,000 addresses in rural areas—including Gilliam, Hosston, Ida, Keithville, Mooringsport, Oil City, and Vivian—have been released for service. Of these, 500 were supported by state GUMBO funding, while 1,500 were funded directly by Comcast, reflecting the company's long-term commitment to expanding connectivity. Mr. Graves stated that the GUMBO-funded portions of the project were fully completed ahead of their November 21 deadline, while Comcast-funded work is expected to conclude in Q1 of 2026.

He acknowledged that there had been challenges during construction, but assured the Commission that Comcast takes responsibility for any issues and will work quickly to address concerns from residents. He praised the Caddo Parish administration and Public Works staff for their cooperation throughout the project.

Mr. Burrell, a long-time advocate for broadband expansion, questioned Comcast on completion percentages, availability of newly announced state BEAD funding, permitting challenges, right-of-way coordination, and underground fiber placement. Comcast representatives confirmed: the GUMBO funded addresses are complete; the remaining addresses are 90% complete and on track for early 2026; Comcast did not receive BEAD funding for Caddo Parish, but can complete the project without it; most local permitting challenges have been resolved, and state DOT partners have been cooperative; and more infrastructure than initially planned has been placed underground due to height and clearance concerns, particularly with tree canopies in rural areas.

COMMUNIQUES & COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mr. Jones requested that flags at all Parish buildings be flown at half-staff over the upcoming weekend in honor of Officer Brock. The President approved the request.

- Mr. Kracman then addressed the chamber, expressing heartfelt condolences following the tragic loss of Officer Brock. He described the officer as a rare and invaluable presence in the community—a 25-year-old who volunteered as a T-ball coach, took on children without teams, and became a beloved figure in Vivian and across North Caddo Parish.

He stressed that the community did not only lose a police officer; it lost a mentor, coach, and emerging pillar of the community. He commended the extraordinary multi-agency response the night of the incident, noting nearly sixty units were present, and expressed deep gratitude for all first responders. The President reaffirmed the sentiments, acknowledging the profound weight of the loss.

- Mr. Thomas provided several community updates: the City of Shreveport won the national Levitt AMP Grant, thanks in part to community voting and support from the Caddo Parish Commission. This grant will allow Shreveport Common to double its number of free concerts beginning in 2026. The Shreveport Opera Guild's "Les Boutiques de Noël" Christmas market will be held November 21–23, benefiting the Shreveport Opera. Foodie Fest, postponed previously due to weather, will take place November 22 at the MS Kick Community Kitchen on Milam Street. The American Rose Center will hold its grand opening celebration on December 4 at 4 p.m., with special acknowledgment to the Commission for its support. Special thanks were extended to community partners, including S.R.A.C. and Rebecca Bonnevier, for their continued advocacy and collaboration.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Madame President then welcomed representatives from the Caddo Parish Youth Leadership Alliance, who came forward to provide an update on their recent activities and initiatives.

Michael Hicks, a junior at Captain Shreve High School and the current Chairman of the Youth Leadership Alliance, introduced himself and expressed gratitude to the Commission for the continued opportunity to serve the parish. He spoke with confidence and enthusiasm about the group's ongoing engagement and the importance of youth leadership in shaping the future of Caddo Parish.

He was joined by Taylor Harris, a sophomore at Shreve and the organization's Vice President, who also thanked the Commission for its support. She noted how meaningful the experience has been so far and expressed appreciation for the ease with which the Commission has helped them participate and contribute to local service efforts.

The students shared that they enjoyed participating in the Veterans Day Parade, thanking Commissioners who were present. They highlighted their upcoming plans, including development of their next community service project that will take place during school break. Once finalized, they look forward to presenting their proposal and carrying it out with the Commission's support.

Madame President commended them for their leadership and community involvement, noting that the Youth Leadership Alliance continues to exemplify service, professionalism, and civic engagement among young residents of Caddo Parish.

As she concluded her report, she offered closing remarks ahead of the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday. She encouraged everyone to remain mindful of families experiencing loss, acknowledging that many will face empty seats at their tables this season. She reminded the public to give back where possible, noting that “just because you are eating does not mean everyone has food at their table.” She wished the Commission and the community a safe, peaceful, and blessed Thanksgiving.

There were no Public Hearing on Zoning Ordinances & Cases, so the Commission moved onto Public Hearing on Ordinances.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES

Madame President Gage-Watts opened the floor for a public hearing on the following ordinances:

- *Public Hearing for 2026 Operating & Capital Improvements Budget Ordinance Nos. 6568 to 6595 of 2025*
- *Ordinance No. 6596 of 2025, an ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of not exceeding ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) of limited tax revenue bonds of Caddo Parish, Louisiana; and providing for other matters in connection therewith*
- *Ordinance No. 6597 of 2025, an ordinance amending the 2025 Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Riverboat and Oil & Gas Funds*
- *Ordinance No. 6598 of 2025, an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 6554 of 2025 pertaining to Schedule of Licenses & Fees, and otherwise providing with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6599 of 2025, an ordinance amending Article II of Chapter 36 of the Code of Ordinances relative to Alcohol & Drunkenness in Parish Parks, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6600 of 2025, an ordinance amending and re-enacting Chapter 52 of the Code of Ordinances relative to Utilities, to include solar farm regulations, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6601 of 2025, 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*

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

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE RESOLUTIONS NEW BUSINESS

It was **moved by Mr. J. Young**, seconded by Mr. Jones, *to englobo and adopt the following ordinances:*

- *Ordinance No. 6596 of 2025, an ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of not exceeding ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) of limited tax revenue bonds of Caddo Parish, Louisiana; and providing for other matters in connection therewith*
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Substitute motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Cothran, *that the following items be englobed and adopted:*

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- *Work Session Minutes November 17, 2025*
- *Resolution No. 44 of 2025, a resolution giving written public notice of the regularly scheduled meetings of the Caddo Parish Commission for the calendar year 2026, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Resolution No. 45 of 2025, a resolution to provide an annual certification to the State of Louisiana Department of Transportation & Development in accordance with the Off System Bridge Replacement Program, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Authorize Administration to use \$50k of already allocated emergency funds towards emergency housing program*

At this time, Mr. Jones' motion carried unanimously with Commissioners Epperson, Lazarus, and G. Young being absent.

ORDINANCE NO. 6597 OF 2025

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR RIVERBOAT FUND AND THE OIL AND GAS FUND TO PROVIDE AN APPROPRIATION TO NORTHWEST LOUISIANA FOOD BANK AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Northwest Louisiana Food Bank goal is to end hunger in our area; and

WHEREAS, the federal government shutdown has temporarily ended SNAP benefits and therefore has put a strain on the resources at local food banks; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission would like to help the food bank with food inventory to ensure that there is enough food to distribute throughout the community during the government shutdown; 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 and the Oil and Gas Fund for the year 2025 is hereby amended as follows:

Budget Increase (Decrease)

Riverboat Fund
Allocation to Other Entities
NGO Appropriations

Food Bank	\$200,000
Transfer From Oil and Gas	\$200,000

<u>Oil and Gas Fund</u>	
Transfer to Riverboat	\$200,000

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.

ORDINANCE NO. 6598 OF 2025

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 6554 OF 2025 PERTAINING TO SCHEDULE OF LICENSES AND FEES, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo enacted a new comprehensive fee ordinance per Ordinance No. 6554 of 2025; and

WHEREAS, further updates are needed to clarify the location and applicability of the fees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that the noted provisions of SECTION 35-1 of the Caddo Parish Code of Ordinances pertaining to schedule of licenses and fees, is hereby amended to read as contained in the attached “EXHIBIT”.

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.

EXHIBIT TO ORDINANCE 6598 OF 2025

Code Section	Description	Amount
<u>CHAPTER 2. ADMINISTRATION</u>		
<u>2-2</u>	Cost of copying records for pages if the number of pages exceeds five	\$0.50 per standard or legal size page
<u>2-2</u>	Cost of copying records as audio cassettes (less than one hour of staff time required)	\$10.00 per cassette
<u>2-2</u>	Cost of copying records as video cassettes (less than one hour of staff time required)	\$10.00 per cassette
<u>2-2</u>	Cost of copying digital records to media (less than one hour of staff time required)	\$25.00 per item of media
<u>2-2</u>	Cost of copying records requiring more than one hour of staff time	\$22.00 per hour of staff
<u>2-2</u>	<u>Cost of requestor’s in-person review of records requiring more than one hour of staff time</u>	<u>\$22.00 per hour of staff</u>
<u>2-3</u>	Application fee for the donation of adjudicated property	\$300.00
2-3	Application fee for the sale of adjudicated property	\$300.00
<u>CHAPTER 8. ANIMALS AND FOWL</u>		
<u>8-8</u>	Redemption fees for impounded dogs and cats:	

	Base fee	\$50.00
	<u>Impound (fertile)</u>	<u>\$75.00</u>
	<u>Impound (infertile)</u>	<u>\$40.00</u>
	Base fee for 2nd impoundment <u>2nd impound infraction</u>	\$60.00 <u>Mandatory Spay/Neuter</u>
	Base fee for third and subsequent impoundment <u>3rd impound infraction</u>	\$120.00 <u>\$150.00</u>
	<u>Each subsequent impound infraction</u>	<u>\$200.00</u>
	<u>Per day boarding</u>	\$40.00 <u>\$15.00</u>
	<u>Per day quarantine</u>	<u>\$20.00</u>
	<u>Rabies Vaccination fee (if needed)</u>	<u>\$15.00</u>
	<u>Microchip</u>	<u>\$15.00</u>
	<u>Return to Owner Bordatella</u>	<u>\$5.00</u>
	<u>Return to Owner FVRCP</u>	<u>\$5.00</u>
	<u>Return to Owner Cap star (flea treatment)</u>	<u>\$3.00</u>
	<u>Return to Owner Dewormer</u>	<u>\$5.00</u>
	<u>Annual permit fees for each pet shop</u>	<u>\$50.00</u>
	<u>Annual permit fees for each dealer in animals</u>	<u>\$50.00</u>
	<u>Annual permit fees for each commercial kennel with 1—49 animals</u>	<u>\$50.00</u>
	<u>Annual permit fees for each commercial kennel with >50 animals</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>
	<u>Annual permit fees for each commercial guard dog service with >50 animals</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>
	<u>Annual permit fees for each grooming/boarding shop</u>	\$25.00 <u>\$75.00</u>

Code Section	Description	Amount
	Annual permit fees for each permanent zoo	\$100.00
	Annual permit fees for each commercial livery stable	\$50.00
	Annual permit fees for each wild or exotic animal other than those in zoos, circuses, or performing animal acts	\$50.00
	Annual permit fees for each noncommercial kennel	\$50.00
	Annual permit fees for each transient zoo, circus, or performing animal act	\$50.00 per day
	<u>Intact male permit</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>
	<u>Annual permit fees for each breeder's permit (each dog)</u> <u>Annual Intact female permit</u>	<u>\$150.00</u>
	Initial fee for each dangerous dog registration (includes collar and micro-chip)	\$65.00
	For each dangerous dog sign	\$20.00 <u>\$25.00</u>
	Dangerous dog collar (replacement)	\$40.00 \$25.00
<u>8-9</u>	Administrative fee for conviction of a violation of chapter	\$20.00
<u>8-101</u>	Base F ee for the first impounded or confined livestock animal taken up	\$50.00 per head
<u>8-101</u>	Base F ee for each additional livestock animal impounded per trip	\$40.00 <u>\$25.00</u> per head for horses, mules, cattle, hogs, sheep or goats, <u>or geese</u>

	<u>Per day livestock boarding</u>	<u>\$25.00</u>
	<u>Livestock adoption fee</u>	<u>\$200-\$500.00 (depends on medical services provided)</u>
<u>8-102</u>	Sheriff or constable fee in case of sale of impounded livestock	5% of the amount of the sale plus \$2.00 for giving the notice
<u>CHAPTER 26. MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC</u>		
26-126	<u>Permits for oversize vehicles or loads</u>	<u>\$15.00</u>
	<u>Mobile Home Moving</u>	<u>\$25.00</u>
	<u>Oversize/Underweight Empty Trailer - Less than 79,999</u>	<u>\$0</u>
	<u>Overweight/Oversized - 80,000 - 100,000</u>	<u>\$45.00</u>
	<u>Overweight/Oversized - 101,001 - 108,000</u>	<u>\$75.00</u>
	<u>Overweight/Oversized - 108,001 - 120,000</u>	<u>\$105.00</u>
	<u>Overweight/Oversized - 120,001 - 132,000</u>	<u>\$135.00</u>
	<u>Overweight/Oversized - 132,001 - 152,000</u>	<u>\$180.00</u>
	<u>Overweight/Oversized - 152,001 - 172,000</u>	<u>\$133.00</u>
	<u>Overweight/Oversized - 172,001 - 192,000</u>	<u>\$285.00</u>
	<u>Overweight/Oversized - 192,001 - 212,000</u>	<u>\$337.00</u>
	<u>Overweight/Oversized - 212,001 - 232,000</u>	<u>\$390.00</u>
	<u>Overweight/Oversized - 232,001 - 254,000</u>	<u>\$443.00</u>

Code Section	Description	Amount
<u>CHAPTER 36. PARKS AND RECREATION</u>		
36-41	Daily fee charged for the use and occupancy of the pavilion for a period of time not to exceed four hours	\$50.00
36-41	Daily fee charged for the use and occupancy of the pavilion for a period of time exceeding four hours	\$100.00
36-42	Daily fee charged for the use of the Earl G. Williamson Park ball field for a tournament	\$50.00
36-42	Use of the Earl G. Williamson Park ball field for a weekend tournament, involving both a Saturday and a Sunday	\$100.00
36-42	Use of the field lights at the Earl G. Williamson Park ball field	\$8.00 per hour
36-41	Daily fee charged for the use and occupancy of the pavilion for a period of time not to exceed four hours	\$50.00
<u>General Fees-All Parks</u>		
	<u>Chess Clinic</u>	<u>\$20.00</u>
	<u>Band Camp (Two days)</u>	<u>\$20.00</u>
	<u>Financial Literacy Clinics</u>	<u>\$5.00</u>
	<u>Stage Rental (Not Sponsored by Parish of Caddo; four-hour minimum)</u>	<u>\$150.00</u>
	<u>Stage Rental (Not Sponsored by Parish of Caddo; eight-hour minimum)</u>	<u>\$250.00</u>
	<u>Movie Screen and Projector Rental (Parks staff onsite)</u>	<u>\$50.00</u>

	<u>Food/Retail Vendors (All Caddo Parks; not sponsored by Parish of Caddo)</u>	<u>\$200.00/day</u>
	<u>Tournament Deposit</u>	<u>\$25.00</u>
General Fees-Camps/Clinics (per participant)		
	<u>Youth Football Camps/Clinics (Boys & Girls)</u>	<u>\$10.00</u>
	<u>Soccer Clinics (Boys & Girls)</u>	<u>\$5.00</u>
	<u>Jiu Jitsu/Karate Clinics (Boys & Girls)</u>	<u>\$5.00</u>
	<u>Pickleball Clinic-Youth</u>	<u>\$5.00</u>
	<u>Pickleball Clinic-Adult</u>	<u>\$10.00</u>
General Fees-Leagues (per sport unless otherwise noted)		
	<u>Adult Coed Softball League</u>	<u>\$135.00</u>
	<u>Adult Spring/Fall Men & Women Softball League</u>	<u>\$155.00</u>
	<u>Adult Flag Football League</u>	<u>\$185.00</u>
	<u>Adult Volleyball League</u>	<u>\$85.00</u>
	<u>Youth Flag Football League</u>	<u>\$15.00</u>
	<u>Cornhole League</u>	<u>\$35.00/team</u>
General Fees-Tournaments (per sport unless otherwise noted)		
	<u>Pickle Ball League</u>	<u>\$35.00/team</u>
	<u>Adult Softball</u>	<u>\$200.00</u>
Code Section	Description	Amount
	<u>Youth Softball/Baseball/T-Ball</u>	<u>\$125.00</u>
	<u>Adult Football</u>	<u>\$200.00</u>
	<u>Youth Football</u>	<u>\$145.00</u>
	<u>Adult Cornhole</u>	<u>\$20.00-\$50.00/team</u>
	<u>Disc Golf</u>	<u>\$25.00/participant</u>
	<u>Volleyball</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>
	<u>Pickle Ball</u>	<u>\$95.00/team</u>
General Fees-Athletic Field Usage		
	<u>Earl G. Williamson Park Ball Field Tournament Rentals</u>	<u>\$150.00/day, \$100.00 deposit</u>
	<u>P.B.S Pinchback Ball Field Tournament Rentals</u>	<u>\$150.00/day, \$100.00 deposit</u>
	<u>Practice Ball Field Rental - EGW/Pinchback Park</u>	<u>Free to all registered league teams</u>
	<u>Additional Ball Field Markings</u>	<u>\$25.00</u>
Earl G. Williamson Park Fees		
	<u>RV Camping - Water, Electrical Hookup, Dump Station</u>	<u>\$25.00 (April-September)</u>
	<u>RV Camping - Water, Electrical Hookup, Dump Station</u>	<u>\$20.00 (Oct-March)</u>
	<u>Primitive Camping</u>	<u>\$12.00</u>
	<u>Main Large Pavilion (Off Caddo Lake - 40'x30')</u>	<u>\$300 (4 hours or less)</u>

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	<u>Boat Launch Fee</u>	<u>\$5.00/day</u>
	<u>Annual Boat Launch Permit (July 1-June 30)</u>	<u>\$50.00</u>
	<u>Black/Grey Water Dumping Fees (Non-campers)</u>	<u>\$10.00</u>
	<u>Disc Golf Course Fee (9 Holes; One (1) Day Tournament)</u>	<u>\$125/\$100 Deposit</u>
	<u>Disc Golf Course Fee (9 Holes; Two (2) Day Tournament)</u>	<u>\$200/\$100 Deposit</u>
	<u>Cornhole Court Rental Fees (4 hour-minimum)</u>	<u>\$100.00/\$50.00 Deposit</u>
	<u>Cornhole Court Rental Fees (One-day tournament)</u>	<u>\$200.00/\$100.00 Deposit</u>
	<u>Cornhole Court Rental Fees (Two-day tournament)</u>	<u>\$350.00/\$100.00 Deposit</u>
	<u>Outdoor Basketball Courts Rental Fees -Jr. Court (4-hour minimum or ½ day tournament at 4-hour minimum)</u>	<u>\$50.00/\$25.00 Deposit</u>
	<u>Outdoor Basketball Courts Rental Fees -Jr. Court (One-day tournament)</u>	<u>\$125.00/\$50.00 Deposit</u>
	<u>Outdoor Basketball Courts Rental Fees -Jr. Court (Two-day tournament)</u>	<u>\$175.00/\$75.00 Deposit</u>
	<u>Outdoor Basketball Courts Rental Fees - Adult Court (4-hour minimum or ½ day tournament at 4-hour minimum)</u>	<u>\$75.00/\$25.00 Deposit</u>
	<u>Outdoor Basketball Courts Rental Fees - Adult Court (One-day tournament)</u>	<u>\$125.00/\$50.00 Deposit</u>
	<u>Outdoor Basketball Courts Rental Fees - Adult Court (Two-day tournament)</u>	<u>\$200.00/\$100.00 Deposit</u>
	<u>Outdoor Basketball Courts Rental Fees -Jr. Court (4-hour minimum or ½ day tournament at 4-hour minimum)</u>	<u>\$50.00/\$25.00 Deposit</u>

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Eddie D. Jones <u>Park Fees</u>		
	<u>Disc Golf Course Fee (18 Holes; One [1] Day Tournament)</u>	<u>\$200.00</u>
	<u>Disc Golf Course Fee (18 Holes; Two [2] Day Tournament)</u>	<u>\$350.00</u>
	<u>Cornhole Court Rental Fees (4 hour-minimum)</u>	<u>\$100.00/\$50.00 Deposit</u>
	<u>Cornhole Court Rental Fees (One-day tournament)</u>	<u>\$200.00/\$100.00 Deposit</u>
	<u>Cornhole Court Rental Fees (Two-day tournament)</u>	<u>\$350.00/\$100.00 Deposit</u>
	<u>Pavilion #1 (Size 96' X 28' 4 Picnic Tables) (4-hour minimum)</u>	<u>\$100.00/\$20.00 per add'l hour</u>
	<u>Pavilion #2 (Size 109' X 26' 4 Picnic Tables and Education Room) (4-hour minimum)</u>	<u>\$80.00/\$10.00 per add'l hour</u>
	<u>Pavilion #2, pavilion only (Size 109' X 26' 4 Picnic Tables, pavilion only) (4-hour minimum)</u>	<u>\$80.00/\$10.00 per add'l hour</u>
	<u>Pavilion #2, Education Room only (4-hour minimum)</u>	<u>\$40.00/\$10.00 per add'l hour</u>
	<u>Pavilion #3 (Size 30' X 30' 4 Picnic Tables) (4-hour minimum)</u>	<u>\$80.00/\$10.00 per add'l hour</u>
P.B.S. <u>Pinchback Park Fees</u>		
	<u>Outdoor Basketball Courts Rental Fees -Jr. Court (4-hour minimum or ½ day tournament at 4-hour minimum)</u>	<u>\$50.00/\$25.00 Deposit</u>
	<u>Outdoor Basketball Courts Rental Fees -Jr. Court (One-day tournament)</u>	<u>\$125.00/\$50.00 Deposit</u>
	<u>Outdoor Basketball Courts Rental Fees -Jr. Court (Two-day tournament)</u>	<u>\$175.00/\$75.00 Deposit</u>
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	<u>Outdoor Basketball Courts Rental Fees - Adult Court (One-day tournament)</u>	<u>\$125.00/\$50.00 Deposit</u>
	<u>Outdoor Basketball Courts Rental Fees - Adult Court (Two-day tournament)</u>	<u>\$200.00/\$100.00 Deposit</u>
	<u>Outdoor Basketball Courts Rental Fees -Jr. Court (4-hour minimum or ½ day tournament at 4-hour minimum)</u>	<u>\$50.00/\$25.00 Deposit</u>
	<u>Pavilion #1 (Size 24' X 67' 4 Picnic Tables) (4-hour minimum)</u>	<u>\$100.00/\$20.00 per add'l hour</u>
	<u>Pavilion #2 (Size 24' X 30' 4 Picnic Tables) (4-hour minimum)</u>	<u>\$80.00/\$10.00 per add'l hour</u>
	<u>Pavilion #3 (Size 11' X 22' 2 Picnic Tables) (4-hour minimum)</u>	<u>\$60.00/\$5.00 per add'l hour</u>
	<u>Pavilion #4 (Size 11' X 22' 2 Picnic Tables) (4-hour minimum)</u>	<u>\$60.00/\$5.00 per add'l hour</u>
Greenbrook <u>Park Fees</u>		
	<u>Outdoor Basketball Courts Rental Fees -Jr. Court (4-hour minimum or ½ day tournament at 4-hour minimum)</u>	<u>\$50.00/\$25.00 Deposit</u>
	<u>Outdoor Basketball Courts Rental Fees -Jr. Court (One-day tournament)</u>	<u>\$125.00/\$50.00 Deposit</u>
	<u>Outdoor Basketball Courts Rental Fees -Jr. Court (Two-day tournament)</u>	<u>\$175.00/\$75.00 Deposit</u>
	<u>Outdoor Basketball Courts Rental Fees - Adult Court (4-hour minimum or ½ day tournament at 4-hour minimum)</u>	<u>\$75.00/\$25.00 Deposit</u>
	<u>Outdoor Basketball Courts Rental Fees - Adult Court (One-day tournament)</u>	<u>\$125.00/\$50.00 Deposit</u>
	<u>Outdoor Basketball Courts Rental Fees - Adult Court (Two-day tournament)</u>	<u>\$200.00/\$100.00 Deposit</u>
	<u>Outdoor Basketball Courts Rental Fees -Jr. Court (4-hour minimum or ½ day tournament at 4-hour minimum)</u>	<u>\$50.00/\$25.00 Deposit</u>

Code Section	Description	Amount
Walter B. Jacobs Nature Center		
	Membership Fee-Individual (must be 18 or older)	\$50 (Annual Jan-Dec)
	Membership Fee-Household (must be 18 or older, limit two adults)	\$85 (Annual Jan-Dec)
	Membership Fee-Family (up to four family members; must include at least one child)	\$140 (Annual Jan-Dec)
	Add-on to Household and Family memberships (per person)	\$35 (Annual Jan-Dec)
	Admission Fee - Adults	\$8.00
	Admission Fee - Seniors (65+)	\$5.00
	Admission Fee - Veterans/Active-Duty Military Personnel	\$5.00
	Admission Fee – Students (Pre-School - High School, or ages 3-18, college w/id)	\$5.00
	Admission Fee – Age 2 and younger	No charge
	Nature Center -Schools and Groups (educational field trips)	\$2.00 (Administrator may waive)
	Nature Center Full Exhibit Rentals	\$2500.00/day plus add'l staffing cost
	Outreach Programs	\$50.00/hour
	Birthday Parties (Room Rentals) includes nature center, age 3 and up, max 30	\$100.00/hour
	Birthday Party Add-on: group access to exhibit area	\$3.00/youth
	Birthday Party Add-on: live animal encounter (30-45 min.), nature presentation (30-45 min), or Craft Presentation (30 participants max)	\$50.00
	Birthday Party Add-on: painting presentation (30 participants max)	\$75.00
	Photography Permit Fee - Single Session (Amateur and Professional)	\$50.00
	Photography Permit Fee – Annual Pass (Amateur and Professional)	\$250.00
	Event Center Rental-Educational and Classroom Events	\$50.00/hour, 2-hour min
	Event Center Rental-Meetings and Corporate Events	\$250.00/hour, 2-hour min
	Event Center Rental-Weddings (April-October)	\$350.00/hour, 8-hour min
	Event Center Rental-Weddings (November-March)	\$350.00/hour, 8-hour min
	Courtyard Rental (includes access to Event Center restrooms)	\$250.00/hour, 4-hour min
	Pavilion (with fireplace) Rental (3-hour minimum)	\$100.00/\$20.00 per add'l hour
	Set-Up/Cleaning Fee - Weddings and Special Events	\$200.00 flat fee in addition to hourly fee
<p>*All event center rental time includes set-up and take down; 20% deposit is required for all weddings and special events at least 120 days out; full payment shall be paid 30 days prior to the event; \$1 million liability insurance, naming Parish of Caddo as the additional insured shall be required for all weddings, special events, and events with alcohol; security shall be required for all weddings, special events, and events with alcohol (Caddo Parish Sheriff or Shreveport Police); applicant is responsible for securing security; requirements for on-site EMS or Fire will be determined based on the event by Caddo Parish Administration.*</p>		
<u>CHAPTER 40. ROADS AND BRIDGES</u>		
40-2	Permit for installation of structures for ingress and egress to property or street	\$10.00 \$25.00
40-2	Charge for driveway culvert pipe installed by the department of public works (based on 20 linear foot or less for each driveway culvert)	\$30.00 per inch diameter of pipe

40-2	Charge for driveway culvert pipe installed by the department of public works (lengths in excess of 20 linear foot per culvert)(Public Works Maintenance)	\$30.00 per inch diameter of pipe plus 5% per foot in excess of 20 linear feet per culvert
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Code Section	Description		Amount
40-2	Permit to lay pipeline parallel to and within right-of-way		
	<i>Length of Line</i>	<i>Size</i>	
	100 feet or less	All	None required
	100 to 200 feet	All	\$25.00
	Over 200 feet	All	\$10.00 per 100 feet or fraction thereof
	Over one mile	Less than 8 inches	\$500.00 per mile
	Over one mile	8 to 18 inches	\$1000.00 per mile
40-5	Right-of-way fee for connection with lines crossing the right-of-way (fee shall be based on the diameter of the casing or the pipe)		\$20.00 per inch in diameter, or fraction thereof
40-5	<u>Road-crossing bore permit</u>		<u>\$50.00</u>
40-14	Application fee for request to construct any access gate or other improvement designed and intended to restrict and/or regulate vehicular access upon or across any public residential street		\$50.00

ORDINANCE NO. 6599 OF 2025

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 36 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO ALCOHOL AND DRUNKENNESS IN PARISH PARKS, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Parish will open and maintain an event center at Walter B. Jacobs Park; and

WHEREAS, events wherein alcohol will be consumed will be allowed at the event center in accordance with rules and contracts governing third-party use of the event center.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that Article II of Chapter 36, Caddo Parish Code of Ordinances, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Chapter 36 - PARKS AND RECREATION

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ARTICLE II. - PARK RULES

Sec. 36-22. Alcohol and drunkenness.

- A. Alcohol is allowed at events held in the Walter B. Jacobs Event Center in accordance with the rules of this chapter and the contract signed by persons hosting an event.
- B. Other than in accordance with subsection “A” of this section, no person shall possess or drink any alcoholic beverage including beer in any parish park or playground.
- C. No person shall enter or remain in any parish park or playground while in an intoxicated condition.

ORDINANCE NO. 6600 OF 2025

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RE-ENACTING CHAPTER 52 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATIVE UTILITIES, TO INCLUDE SOLAR FARM REGULATIONS, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

and WHEREAS, the Parish has seen an increase in the interest in the placement of solar farms;

WHEREAS, local regulations for solar farms are needed in addition to the applicable zoning regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that Chapter 52, Caddo Parish Code of Ordinances, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Chapter 52 - UTILITIES

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ARTICLE IV-RENEWABLE ENERGY POWER PLANTS

Sec. 36-224. Renewable energy power plants (solar energy).

- (a) *Purpose.* The purpose of this section is to establish minimum regulations, in addition to the applicable zoning regulations, for the placement, construction and modification of solar power plants, as defined herein, while promoting the safe, effective and efficient use of such energy systems.
- (b) *Definitions.* The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this section, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this subsection, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Abandonment. If any solar power plant falls into a state of disrepair for a 180-day period, such solar power plant shall be deemed abandoned, and must undertake decommissioning of the facility as specified in the UDC 6.1(FF). Should the cause of the disrepair be due to any natural disaster, or other force majeure, the owner/operator shall request an extension beyond the 180-day period and submit a plan of repair to the parish commission.

Accessory solar energy systems include any photovoltaic, concentrated solar thermal, or solar hot water devices that are accessory to and incorporated into the development of an authorized use of the property, and which are designed for the purpose of reducing or meeting on-site energy needs.

Concentrating solar thermal devices or concentrated solar thermal power (CST) means systems that use lenses or mirrors, and often tracking systems, to focus or reflect a large area of sunlight into a small area. The concentrated energy is absorbed by a transfer fluid or gas and used as a heat source for either a conventional power plant, such as a steam power plant, or a power conversion unit, such as a sterling engine. Although several concentrating solar thermal technologies exist, the most developed types are the solar trough, parabolic dish and solar power tower.

Photovoltaics (PV) means a technology that converts light directly into electricity.

Solar power plant, except as expressly limited below, means any use of land where a series of one or more solar energy systems are placed in an area on a parcel of land for the purpose of converting sunlight into electricity, photovoltaics (PV), for the primary purpose of wholesale or retail sales of generated electricity.

- (c) *General regulations.*
 - (1) All solar power plants must comply with the minimum regulations and design standards set forth in the UDC, applicable to the district in which it established.
 - (2) *Local, state and federal permits.* A solar power plant must be required to obtain all necessary permits from the state department of environmental quality, including the state division of air quality and the state division of water quality; the state department of natural resources; and any applicable permits required by the parish, and applicable federal permits.
 - (3) This section shall be supplemental to and shall not abridge any other applicable local, state, or federal rules, regulations, or laws, including without limitation any more restrictive provision set forth in this code, the UDC, or any publication in succession to either. Should any state or federal legislation go into effect, the owner/developer must comply with any such rules which may apply.
 - (4) The owner/developer shall provide to the parish a maintenance guarantee in the amount of \$80.00 per linear foot of road right-of-way pending review of the economic index at the time of issuance of the guarantee. The cost per linear foot may vary at the time of inspection. The maintenance guarantee shall become effective upon the notice to proceed and will remain in effect until 90 days after the completion of the project. An

approved traffic plan shall be submitted prior to the issuance of the maintenance guarantee. The contractor shall provide both pre and post construction to verify damages caused by the construction. In the event that roads within the traffic plan sustain damages due to construction activities, all repairs shall be completed within 90 days from the completion of the development and in accordance with parish standards. Substandard road conditions, as a result of construction activities, shall be repaired to the satisfaction of the department of public works within ten calendar days from the written notification thereof. If the road repairs have not been completed in the allotted time frame the maintenance guarantee will be called in to make the necessary repairs.

- (d) *Provisions for Parish Commission review.* In addition to the zoning regulations specified in the UDC, consideration shall be given to the following as the parish determines whether the project needs to be approved, denied, or conditionally approved:
- (1) Project rationale. Project rationale, including estimated construction schedule, project life, phasing, and likely buyers or markets for the generated energy.
 - (2) Siting considerations. Siting considerations, such as avoiding areas/locations with a high potential for biological conflict, such as wilderness study areas, areas of environmental concern, county and state parks, historic trails, special management areas or important wildlife habitat or corridors; avoiding visual corridors that are prominent scenic viewsheds, or scenic areas designated by the parish; avoiding areas of erodible slopes and soils, where concerns for water quality, severe erosion, or high storm runoff potential have been identified; and avoiding known sensitive historical, cultural or archeological resources.
 - (3) Due to the complexity of large-scale solar power plant projects, the applicant must submit an economic impact study detailing the estimated economic impact on the parish, including but not limited to jobs created, estimated annual taxes, or any other information that may be required by the parish.
 - (4) Wildlife habitat areas and migration patterns. Specifically include information on any use of the site by endangered or threatened species and whether the project is in a biologically significant area. If threatened or endangered species exist in the area, consultation with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) will be necessary.
 - (5) Environmental analysis. In the absence of a required state or federal agency environmental review for the project (e.g., NEPA), the parish will require an analysis of impacts to historic, cultural and archaeological resources, soil erosion (water and wind), flora, and water quality and water supply in the area.
 - (6) Solid waste or hazardous waste. As applicable, the application must include plans for the spill prevention, clean-up, and disposal of fuels, oils, and hazardous wastes, as well as collection methods for solid waste generated by the project.
 - (7) Prior to work and during all construction until complete a transportation plan for construction and operation phases. Follow section 42-14.
 - (8) The drainage plan must follow the latest development drainage requirements of the parish.
 - (9) Stormwater pollution prevention plan (SWPPP) is a site-specific written document and drawings required by the EPA and LDEQ for LPDES general permits for discharge of stormwater from construction activities (LAR100000 and LAR200000), LPDES multi-sector general permit, or any LPDES individual permit which describes and ensures the implementation of practices that are to be used to reduce the pollutants in stormwater discharges associated with construction or other industrial activity at the facility.
 - (10) Public safety. Identify and address any known or suspected potential hazards to adjacent properties, public roadways, communities, aviation, etc., that may be created by the project.
 - (11) Noise limitations. Submit sufficient information regarding noise, so as to demonstrate compliance with the parish noise ordinance.
 - (12) It is preferred that any related special provision application applications for substations or transmission lines be considered in conjunction with the special provision application for the solar power plant; however, if the details of those improvements are not available at the time of application for the solar power plant, they may be considered later, through subsequent special provision application review. At a minimum, the intended route for connecting to the power grid and the alternative locations of any substation must be disclosed with the application for the solar power plant.
 - (13) Decommissioning plan. Describe the decommissioning and final land reclamation plan to be followed after the anticipated useful life, or

- abandonment, or termination of the project, including evidence of proposed commitments with affected parties (parish, any lessor or property owner, etc.) that ensure proper final reclamation of the solar energy project. Among other things, revegetation and road repair activities should be addressed in the plan.
- (14) Other state and federal permits.
 - (18) Substantial modifications to any previous parish commission approved site plan.
- (f) *Building Permit applications.*
- (1) A permit application is required for each identified area (a, b, c) submitted as part of a project.
 - (2) The permit fee is \$60.00 per acre with a minimum fee of \$8,500.00.
 - (3) All plans must be certified by licensed state engineer.
 - (4) Solar panel materials must be listed and labeled by a nationally recognized testing agency. Documentation of compliance must be provided with the seal and signature of a licensed design professional in the state.
 - (5) Any permit issued pursuant to this section will expire three years from the date of issuance, unless construction has commenced. After the expiration of a permit, the applicant may reapply.
- (g) *As-built plans.* Upon completion of site construction, a certified as-built plan by an engineer must be submitted to the parish engineer and/or drainage district engineer for approval. The as-built plan shall receive approval prior to final inspection and prior to issuance of any letter of completion and/or the notice to proceed to any utility provider. Once approved, it must be filed with the clerk of court.
- (h) *Decommissioning, abandonment, hazard abatement.* A signed and notarized decommissioning plan must be submitted to the parish. It must be in a form suitable to be recorded with the clerk of court. The decommissioning plan must include at the minimum all the following provisions and requirements:
- (1) Initiation upon "abandonment" of a solar power plant as defined in this section.
 - (2) A five-year bond in the amount of the anticipated decommissioning cost. The cost of decommissioning must be reevaluated every five years and a new bond must be posted to reflect the anticipated cost. Every year a certified letter must be submitted to the parish showing a record of all premiums paid.
 - (3) Any additional conditions which may be defined or established from time to time by the parish council upon which decommissioning will be initiated (i.e., of lease, condition of a potential public safety hazard, etc.).
 - (4) Complete removal of all non-utility-owned equipment conduits, structures, fencing, roads and foundations; and restoration of property to a condition prior to development of the solar power plant, unless the landowner requests in writing that the access roads or other land surface areas not be restored.
 - (5) The decommissioning plan must provide for the remediation of any environmental hazards remaining on the site, as determined by the EPA, state DEQ, or the parish government.
 - (6) The timeframe for completion of removal and decommissioning activities must begin within 60 days of termination of site use, abandonment, or revocation of permit and be completed within 12 months unless otherwise extended by the parish council within its sole discretion for good cause shown.
 - (7) If the solar power plant, the contract, lease, or any other interest in the solar power plant is going to be sold, the new owners must follow the steps required in this subsection (h) for the decommissioning plan.
 - (8) A signed statement from the party responsible for completing the decommissioning plan acknowledging such responsibility.

Upon any failure to initiate or complete any decommission plan, the parish or its authorized representative may take action as authorized by law, including but limited to calling the bond, revoking any previously issued permits, or initiating any civil action or criminal action as described below.

- (i) *Violations.*
- (1) Upon finding of any inappropriate or illegal activities on the part of any person which would violate the provisions of this section, the planning department director or his designee shall notify in writing the persons responsible for such actions indicating the following:
 - a. The nature of the violations.
 - b. The actions necessary to correct the violations.
 - c. The date by which corrective actions should be taken and completed.

- d. Actions which will take place if such corrective action is not taken.
 - e. When such corrective action has not been taken or is deemed inadequate based upon the conditions listed in this section, an order for the discontinuance of the use or occupation of any land, building or structure or any illegal additions, alterations or structural changes thereto may be issued.
 - f. Any other action authorized by this section to ensure compliance with or to prevent violation of any provision.
- (2) Any person violating any provision of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished for each offense not more than \$500.00 or imprisonment not to exceed 30 days. Each day such violation continues shall be deemed to be a separate offense.

ORDINANCE NO. 6601 OF 2025

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 74, Thomas Subdivision, in the City of Shreveport of Caddo Parish, Louisiana as per plat recorded in Book 50, Page 291 of the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, LA (GEO# 171305-024-0074-00)

Property No. 2, Lot 75, Thomas Subdivision, in the City of Shreveport of Caddo Parish, Louisiana as per plat recorded in Book 50, Page 291 of the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, LA (GEO# 171305-024-0075-00)

Property No. 3, Lot 15, Block 4, Allendale Heights Subdivision, in the City of Shreveport of Caddo Parish, Louisiana as per plat recorded in Book 28, Page 767 of the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, LA (GEO# 181435-108-0015-00)

Property No. 4, Lot 19, Block 5, Allendale Heights Subdivision, in the City of Shreveport of Caddo Parish, Louisiana as per plat recorded in Book 28, Page 767 of the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, LA (GEO# 181435-109-0019-00)

Property No. 5, Lot 10, Block 27, West Shreveport Addition, in the City of Shreveport of Caddo Parish, Louisiana as per plat recorded in Book 15, Page 776 of the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, LA (GEO# 181435-026-0010-00)

Property No. 6, East 42' of West 84' of Lots 11, 12 & 13, Block 27, West Shreveport Addition, in the City of Shreveport of Caddo Parish, Louisiana as per plat recorded in Book 15, Page 776 of the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, LA (GEO# 181435-026-0028-00)

Property No. 7, West 42' of Los 11, 12 & 13, Block 27, West Shreveport Addition, in the City of Shreveport of Caddo Parish, Louisiana as per plat recorded in Book 15, Page 776 of the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, LA (GEO# 181435-026-0027-00)

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Caddo Parish Administrator, or his designee, shall be authorized to do any and all things and to sign any and all documents, including Acts of Cash Sale, in a

form acceptable to the Caddo Parish Attorney necessary to effectuate the purposes set forth herein.

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

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 44 OF 2025

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION GIVING WRITTEN PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS OF THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2026, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission is hereby giving written public notice of its regularly scheduled meetings for the calendar year 2026 pursuant to R.S. 42:7; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission is required by law to fix the time, day, and place of its regular meetings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened that the Caddo Parish Commission shall meet on the Thursday following the first and third Tuesday of each month at 3:30 p.m. in the Government Chamber of the First Floor of the Government Plaza, 505 Travis Street, Shreveport, Louisiana, unless a holiday, and then on the business day immediately following, or on such other days as the Commission may set.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Caddo Parish Commission shall meet in work session on the Monday preceding the regular session, at 3:30 p.m. in the Government Chamber of the First Floor of the Government Plaza, 505 Travis Street, Shreveport, Louisiana, unless Monday is a legal holiday, and then on the business day following, or on such other day as the Commission may set.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Section 3-06. Commission Meetings and Rules of the Caddo Parish Home Rule Charter prescribes that the Commission shall meet regularly at least once in every month; therefore, the Commission will meet only once during the month of July, 2026 and that being on July 9, 2026, preceded by a Work Session on July 6, 2026, and that the Commission will meet only once in a regular session during the month of December, 2026, and that being on December 3, 2026, preceded by a work session on November 30, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Caddo Parish Commission may meet in duly called special session at other times of the year as may be necessary with proper notice to the public as prescribed by law.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution is effective immediately upon its passage.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 45 OF 2025

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE AN ANNUAL CERTIFICATION TO THE STATE OF LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OFF-SYSTEM BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Code of Federal Regulations, as enacted by the United States Congress, mandates that all structures defined as bridges located on all public roads shall be inspected, rated for safe

load capacity, and posted in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards, and that an inventory of these bridges be maintained by each state; and

WHEREAS, the responsibility to inspect, rate, and load post those bridges under the authority of Caddo Parish, in accordance with those Standards, is delegated by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to Caddo Parish.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Caddo Parish Commission of Caddo PARISH, LOUISIANA, convened in Regular Session on the 20th day of November, that it does hereby certify to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) that for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026:

1. The Parish will perform all interim inspections on all parish-owned or maintained bridges in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards and Specifications for the National Bridge Inventory.
2. All bridges owned or maintained by the Parish will be structurally analyzed and rated by the Parish as to the safe load capacity in accordance with the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Manual for Bridge Evaluation. The load posting information that has been determined by DOTD for all bridges where the maximum legal load under Louisiana State Law exceeds the load permitted under the operating rating as determined above will be critically reviewed by the Parish. Load posting information will be updated by the Parish to reflect all structural changes, any obsolete structural ratings, or any missing structural ratings.
3. All Parish-owned or maintained bridges which require load posting or closing will be load posted or closed in accordance with the table in the DOTD Load Rating Directives. All DOTD supplied load posting information concerning a bridge has been critically reviewed by the Parish Engineer prior to load posting.
4. All bridges owned or maintained by the Parish are shown on the attached list in the format specified by the DOTD. Corrections to data supplied to the Parish by the DOTD are noted.
5. All bridges owned and maintained by the Parish are accessible to DOTD for all routine bridge inspections. Parish will clear vegetation as required upon DOTD request.

These stipulations are prerequisites to participation by the Parish in the Off-System Bridge Replacement Program.

It was **moved by Mr. Jones**, seconded by Mr. Cothran, *that Ordinance No. 6596 of 2025, an ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of not exceeding ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) of limited tax revenue bonds of Caddo Parish, Louisiana; and providing for other matters in connection therewith* be adopted. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Blake, Burrell, Cothran, Gage-Watts, Jones, Thomas, and J. Young (8). NAYS: Commissioner Kracman (1). ABSENT: Commissioners Epperson, Lazarus, and G. Young (3). ABSTAIN: None (0).

ORDINANCE NO. 6596 OF 2025

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT EXCEEDING TEN MILLION DOLLARS (\$10,000,000) OF LIMITED TAX REVENUE BONDS OF CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, Caddo Parish, Louisiana (the "Issuer") is authorized by the Louisiana Constitution of 1974 to levy a special tax of 6.13 mills (3.06 mills in Shreveport, Vivian and Bossier City), such rate being subject to adjustment from time to time due to reassessment (the "Tax"); and

WHEREAS, on October 3, 2019, the Caddo Parish Commission (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Issuer, adopted a resolution giving preliminary approval to the issuance of not exceeding \$30,000,000 of Limited Tax Revenue Bonds of the Issuer, in one or more series, for the purpose of capital projects, including but not limited to acquiring, constructing, improving, equipping and furnishing public buildings and facilities, and paying the costs incurred in connection with the issuance thereof; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Part II of Chapter 4 of Subtitle II of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, it is now the desire of this Governing Authority to adopt this ordinance to provide for the issuance and sale of not exceeding

Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000) of Limited Tax Revenue Bonds of the Issuer, in one or more series (the "Bonds"), for the purposes of (i) capital projects, including but not limited to acquiring, constructing, improving, equipping and furnishing public buildings and facilities, and (ii) paying costs of issuance of the Bonds, and to sell the Bonds to the purchasers thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Issuer has no outstanding bonds or other obligations of any kind or nature payable from or enjoying a lien on the revenues of the Tax, except its (i) Limited Tax Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2019, and (ii) Limited Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2020 (collectively, the "Outstanding Parity Bonds"); and

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

SECTION 1. **Authorization Bonds.** This ordinance authorizes one or more series of bonds of the Issuer to be designated as "Limited Tax Revenue Bonds of Caddo Parish, Louisiana" (the "Bonds") together with an appropriate series designation. The Bonds shall be issued in an amount not exceeding \$10,000,000, for the purposes of (i) capital projects, including but not limited to acquiring, constructing, improving, equipping and furnishing public buildings and facilities, and (ii) paying costs of issuance of the Bonds.

SECTION 2. **Security for and Terms of the Bonds.** The Bonds shall bear interest at rates of interest not exceeding 6% per annum, shall mature not later than 20 years from the date thereof, and shall become due and payable and mature on March 1 of the years and in the amounts set forth in the Bond Purchase Agreement (the "Bond Purchase Agreement") between the Issuer and the Underwriter (as hereinafter defined). The Bonds, equally with the Outstanding Parity Bonds, shall be secured by and payable from an irrevocable pledge and dedication of the avails or proceeds of the Tax.

SECTION 3. **Sale of Bonds.** The Bonds are hereby authorized to be sold to Crews & Associates, Inc. (the "Underwriter"), and the President and Clerk of the Governing Authority (collectively, the "Executive Officers"), or either of them, are hereby authorized to execute the Bond Purchase Agreement for the Bonds in form and substance satisfactory to Bond Counsel and Municipal Advisor to the Issuer, provided that the sale of the Bonds is within the parameters set forth herein and otherwise complies with the terms of the approval of the State Bond Commission. Any compensation to be paid to the Underwriter is to be paid from the proceeds of the Bonds and contingent upon the issuance of the Bonds and the approval of the State Bond Commission.

The Bond Purchase Agreement may provide for the purchase of a policy of bond insurance in the event an Executive Officer, on behalf of the Issuer, finds and determines that the purchase of such will be of benefit to the Issuer. In such event, the Executive Officers are hereby authorized to execute all documents and agreements necessary and appropriate in connection with obtaining and securing such bond insurance.

SECTION 4. **Preliminary Official Statement.** The Issuer hereby authorizes the preparation of the Preliminary Official Statement pertaining to the Bonds and approves its use by the Underwriter in connection with the sale of the Bonds.

SECTION 5. **Execution of Documents.** The Executive Officers are hereby empowered, authorized and directed to take any and all action and to execute and deliver any instrument, document or certificate necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6. **Prior Ordinance.** The provisions of this Ordinance shall supersede the provisions of Ordinance No. 5903 of 2019 adopted by this Governing Authority on October 17, 2019 (the "Prior Ordinance"), and the Prior Ordinance, except with respect to the Limited Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2020, shall be of no force and effect from and after this date.

SECTION 7. **Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately.

The foregoing having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

MEMBERS:	YEAS:	NAYS:	ABSENT:	ABSTAINING:
Chris Kracman	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Gregory Young	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Victor L. Thomas	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
John-Paul Young	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Roy Burrell	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Steffon D. Jones	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Stormy Gage-Watts	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Grace Anne Blake	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
John E. Atkins	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Ronald Cothran	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Ed Lazarus	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>

Kenneth Epperson, Sr. _____X_____

And the ordinance was declared adopted on this, the 20th day of November, 2025.

/s/ Jeff Everson
Clerk

/s/ Stormy Gage-Watts
President

ZONING ORDINANCES (for introduction by title)

- Ordinance No. 6603 of 2025, Case No. 25-22-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 10222 Linwood Avenue, Caddo Parish, LA, from C-2, Corridor Commercial Zoning District to C-3, General Commercial Zoning District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto

ORDINANCES (for introduction by title)

- Ordinance No. 6602 of 2025, an ordinance authorized the lease of flood acquisition property located at 610 Tyre Road, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto

There was no Old Business

COMMUNIQUE & REPORTS

- Mr. Thomas wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

There were no Citizens Comments. There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 5:14 p.m.


Michelle Nations
Assistant Commission Clerk


Stormy Gage-Watts
President