

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION
OF THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION
HELD ON THE 6th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 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, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Kracman, Lazarus, Thomas, and J. Young (12). ABSENT: Jones and G. Young (2).

The invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were given in a previous committee meeting. There were no Agenda Additions, so the Commission move onto Citizens Comments.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Calvin Pressley came before the Commission and gave the following comment:

Thank you for the opportunity to communicate about the extension of Dawson Road. I'm speaking on behalf of Ms. Laura Timberlake, who has lived on that street for over 30 years, that I know of. She probably paid a significant amount of tax in that period of time for her portion. There's some money on the table, I understand, to extend that road between Jefferson Paige and I-20—or close to I-20. I rise and ask you to please open that road up due to the flooding—severe flooding—in that neighborhood. Any questions?

Brad Driggers came before the Commission and gave the following comment:

I'm here to speak in opposition of Ordinance No. 6513 today. I'm not sure about what's going on with Dawson Road, but I do know what's going on with the Greenwood water system. We would appreciate it if y'all would leave those funds allocated to Greenwood to help our water system.

Mark Dickerson came before the Commission and gave the following comment:

I'm in opposition to extending the road and wish the funds would remain with Greenwood to help our water system. Our ground towers are in critical condition, and they need to be replaced.

Mr. Coleman came before the Commission and gave the following comment:

I am here today in opposition of Ordinance No. 6513 of 2025.

Jodie Larson came before the Commission and gave the following comment:

I am in opposition of Ordinance No. 6518 of 2025. I'd like y'all to really consider that and the Town of Greenwood really needs our water system updated. I'd just like to aske that y'all please reallocate that money to the water system. It's in need of repairs and quality water. Thank you.

The were no Visitors, so the Commission moved onto Regular/Special Session Minutes.

**REGULAR/SPECIAL SESSION MINUTES
SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS**

It was **moved by Mr. Cothran**, seconded by Mr. Atkins, *to englobo and adopt the following Regular Session Minutes from January 23, 2025 and the following Special Resolutions:*

- *Proclamation Black History Month*
- *Special Resolution of Recognition for Bonnie Moore's Retirement*
- *Special Resolution of Welcome for Pastor Bobby Smith*
- *Special Resolution of Remembrance for Fred Caldwell II*
- *Special Resolution of Remembrance for Hon. Joe Shyne*
- *Special Resolution of Remembrance for Pastor H. Calvin Austin, III*

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

**PROCLAMATION
BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

WHEREAS, the month of February is internationally observed as Black History Month, also referred to as African-American History Month in the United States and Canada, an effort that has the purpose of focusing attention upon a long-neglected and overlooked, but important and consequential, segment of the historical record of the United States and more broadly, the African diaspora; and;

WHEREAS, this celebration of the role and the contributions of African American and Black citizens of this parish, state and country throughout its history is a fitting and beneficial process that serves to enlighten all citizens, and to strengthen the fibers of the national fabric;

WHEREAS, the observance of Black History Month calls our attention to the continued need to battle racism and build a society that lives up to its democratic ideals as well as to celebrate the many achievements and contributions made by African Americans to our economic, cultural, spiritual, and political development; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month grew out of the 1926 establishment of Negro History Week by Carter G. Woodson and the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, and has blossomed into today's month-long observance, the 2025 theme of which is "African Americans & Labor" which focuses on the impact of labor- both voluntary and involuntary, skilled and unskilled; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT, by the Caddo Parish Commission, meeting in legal and regular session this 6th day of February, 2025 that it does hereby proclaim February 2025 as:

'BLACK HISTORY MONTH'

in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and urges all citizens to join with the Parish in recognition of this important month.

**SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION
BONNIE MOORE'S RETIREMENT**

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission desires to recognize distinguished individuals who have made significant contributions to the well-being of the residents of Caddo Parish and the City of Shreveport; and

WHEREAS, Bonnie Moore has devoted her career to public service as the Director of Community Development for the City of Shreveport, working tirelessly to enhance the lives of citizens through strategic community planning, housing initiatives, and economic development programs; and

WHEREAS, throughout her tenure, Bonnie Moore has been instrumental in securing and managing federal and state resources that have directly benefited countless individuals and families in need, fostering economic growth and improving housing opportunities across Caddo Parish; and

WHEREAS, Bonnie Moore's leadership, dedication, and expertise have earned her the admiration and respect of colleagues, community organizations, and local government officials, making her a true icon in the field of community development in Northwest Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, her passion for service and commitment to ensuring equitable access to resources have left an indelible mark on the communities she has served, setting a high standard for future leaders in public administration; and

WHEREAS, upon her retirement, Bonnie Moore leaves behind a lasting legacy of community improvement, collaborative partnerships, and unwavering dedication to the betterment of Caddo Parish and its residents; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, that it does hereby recognize, honor, and commend Bonnie Moore for her exceptional service and contributions to the citizens of Caddo Parish and the City of Shreveport; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be presented to Bonnie Moore as a token of appreciation and gratitude from the people of Caddo Parish for her lifelong commitment to public service and community development.

**SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF WELCOME
PASTOR BOBBY SMITH**

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission recognizes the significance of faith-based initiatives that uplift and inspire the community, fostering spiritual renewal, unity, and strength among its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Fresh Fire Deliverance Ministries, located at 7700 Jewella Avenue, Suite 110 in Shreveport, Louisiana, is dedicated to empowering individuals through faith, prayer, and revival, and is committed to enriching lives through worship and service; and

WHEREAS, the Lord Revive Us Again Revival will take place from February 5-7, 2025, beginning each night with Intercessory Prayer at 6:00 PM, followed by the main revival service at 7:00 PM, as a powerful opportunity for spiritual renewal and community fellowship; and

WHEREAS, this transformative event is hosted by Elder Teri Moore and Pastor Kevin Bristo, leaders who have dedicated their lives to ministering the Gospel and uplifting the community through faith and service; and

WHEREAS, the revival will feature Pastor Bobby Smith as the revivalist, bringing a dynamic message of hope, restoration, and spiritual revival to all who attend; and

WHEREAS, the Lord Revive Us Again Revival is a call for renewal, reflection, and revival, encouraging individuals to strengthen their faith, embrace healing, and build a stronger, spiritually enriched community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby commemorate the Lord Revive Us Again Revival, expresses appreciation to Fresh Fire Deliverance Ministries, Elder Teri Moore, Pastor Kevin Bristo, and Pastor Bobby Smith, and encourages the citizens of Caddo Parish to support and participate in this impactful gathering.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be presented to Fresh Fire Deliverance Ministries as a testament to the Commission's recognition and support of this faith-based initiative.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF REMEMBRANCE FRED CALDWELL II

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission pauses to honor the life, legacy, and service of the late Fred Caldwell, Jr., a beloved radio personality, entrepreneur, and community leader, whose contributions to Shreveport and Caddo Parish left a lasting impact; and

WHEREAS, Fred Caldwell, Jr. was a dedicated figure in gospel radio, serving in management and as a radio personality at KSYB 1300 AM, using his platform to uplift and inspire listeners with messages of faith, hope, and encouragement; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his contributions to the broadcasting industry, Fred Caldwell, Jr. was a successful entrepreneur, establishing Jacobe's Hair Studio, where he fostered a thriving business that provided employment and services to the community; and

WHEREAS, Fred Caldwell, Jr. was the son of the late Bishop Fred Caldwell, Sr., the longtime pastor of Greenwood Acres Baptist Church, and continued his father's legacy of service, faith, and leadership in the community; and

WHEREAS, his kindness, wisdom, and dedication to serving others endeared him to all who had the privilege of knowing him, and his presence will be deeply missed by family, friends, and the many lives he touched; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby recognize and honor the remarkable life and enduring legacy of Fred Caldwell, Jr., expressing its deepest condolences to his family, friends, and all who mourn his passing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Fred Caldwell, Jr. as a testament to the high regard in which he was held by the people of Caddo Parish and the City of Shreveport.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF REMEMBRANCE HON. JOE SHYNE

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission pauses to honor the life, legacy, and service of the late Joe Shyne, a dedicated public servant, passionate advocate for his community, and longtime member of the Shreveport City Council, whose tireless efforts made an indelible impact on the lives of the citizens of Shreveport and Caddo Parish; and

WHEREAS, Joe Shyne was a native of Louisiana and a lifelong champion for justice, equity, and economic opportunity, dedicating his career to uplifting the underserved and ensuring that all residents had a voice in local government; and

WHEREAS, throughout his tenure on the Shreveport City Council, Joe Shyne was a staunch advocate for his constituents, demonstrating unwavering commitment to community development, small business support, and neighborhood revitalization, leaving a legacy of service that will endure for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, beyond his official duties, Joe Shyne was deeply involved in civic engagement, mentoring young leaders, and working tirelessly to improve the quality of life for the residents of Shreveport, embodying the values of integrity, perseverance, and leadership; and

WHEREAS, Joe Shyne’s impact extended far beyond politics, as he was known for his generosity, compassion, and willingness to fight for the greater good, earning the respect and admiration of colleagues, friends, and community members alike; and

WHEREAS, his passing leaves a profound void in the hearts of those who knew and loved him, but his memory and contributions will forever be cherished and remembered by the people of Shreveport and Caddo Parish; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby recognize and honor the remarkable life and enduring legacy of Joe Shyne, expressing its deepest condolences to his family, friends, and all who mourn his loss; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Joe Shyne as a testament to the high regard in which he was held by the people of Caddo Parish and the City of Shreveport.

**SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF REMEMBRANCE
PASTOR H. CALVIN AUSTIN, III**

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission pauses to honor and celebrate the life, ministry, and profound impact of Pastor Calvin Austin, III, a devoted spiritual leader, community servant, and cherished figure in Caddo Parish; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Calvin Austin, III dedicated his life to the service of God, leading his congregation with unwavering faith, compassion, and a steadfast commitment to spreading the Gospel; and

WHEREAS, as a shepherd of God’s people, Pastor Austin not only preached the Word but lived it through his selfless acts of kindness, mentorship, and advocacy for those in need, touching countless lives through his ministry; and

WHEREAS, his leadership extended beyond the pulpit, as he actively engaged in efforts to uplift and strengthen the community, serving as a guiding light to many, especially in times of hardship and uncertainty; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Austin’s love for his family, his church, and his community was evident in all he did, leaving a lasting legacy of faith, hope, and love that will continue to inspire generations to come; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission recognizes the immeasurable contributions of Pastor Calvin Austin, III, and joins his family, congregation, and the entire community in mourning his passing while celebrating the remarkable life he lived;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby express its deepest condolences to the family, friends, and congregation of Pastor Calvin Austin, III, and honors his life, his ministry, and his enduring impact on our parish and beyond; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Pastor Calvin Austin, III as a token of respect, appreciation, and remembrance of a life well-lived in service to God and the people.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

- Response to Commissioners Request

Parish Administrator, Mrs. Erica Bryant, said that Administration has been working with the Caddo Council on Aging and hopes to have the Wheelchair Ramp Program up and running by February 24, 2025. She also said that Administration has reached out to the City regarding property standards and should be prepared for the upcoming Committee meeting.

COMMUNIQUES & COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mr. Epperson said that the Public Safety Committee met and discussed the roles of the

Citizens Disaster Committee and their response plans for weather related events, such as tornado and other natural disasters. Mr. Epperson further stated that efforts are underway to educate the public about available services and aid. Data is being collected to provide a booklet of resources for the Citizens Disaster Committee.

Mr. Epperson then talked about the legacy left behind by the passing of Joe Shyne. He said that the Student's Oath of Commitment to Education was written in 1987 and was highly regarded by Mr. Shyne, so much so, that he requested a copy of the oath to display in his classroom. Mr. Epperson said that he still uses that oath to this day and provides copies to students, parents, and teachers.

- President Gage-Watts turned the meeting over to Mr. Epperson due to a scheduling conflict that she has to be at.
- Mr. Atkins asked to speak with Mr. Alan Clark after this meeting regarding some future development in his district.
- Mr. Burrell also talked about Mr. Shyne. He never met a stranger, he said. Mr. Burrell said that Mr. Shyne's interactions with people were impactful, and his contributions to the City Council were noted as significant. Mr. Burrell offered condolences to the family and friends of Mr. Shyne.
- Mr. Thomas said that the Appropriations Committee met today. Productive discussions occurred concerning the appropriations process, and the conversation is ongoing. Mr. Thomas offered condolences to the family and friends of Mr. Shyne, Mr. Caldwell, and Pastor Austin.
- Mr. Cothran offered condolences to the family, friends, and students at Southwood to fellow classmate Kam'ron Lee, who passed away.
- Mr. Epperson reminded the Commissioners to submit their various trainings. He also mentioned that the Pines Road Area Business Association will hold a meeting on February 24, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. He encouraged all to attend.

There was no President's Report nor Public Hearing on Zoning Ordinances & Cases, so the Commission moved onto Public Hearing on Ordinances.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES

President Gage-Watts opened the public hearing on the following ordinance:

- *Ordinance No. 6513 of 2025, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Capital Outlay Fund to change an appropriation from the construction and improvement of Greenwood water lines to the construction of the Dawson Road extension, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

Kirby Dawson came before the Commission and spoke in favor of Ordinance No. 6513 of 2025 and gave the following comment:

I'm strongly supporting this thing for Dawson Road to be extended. Its been up before you guys before—I think in 2015—what funds were allocated [inaudible] and for whatever reason it was rescinded. As a thing that keeps coming to the board over and over again. I don't think people understand how [inaudible] it is, but when it is flooding, you can't get out, and you trapped in, and people try to get to school. Its an ongoing thing. It's a problem. I think we have an opportunity right now to do the right thing, and I think that's to extend it.

Michi Arima came before the Commission and spoke in favor of Ordinance No. 6513 of 2025 and gave the following comment:

Now, I might sound like I have a slight accent, but I grew up in Shreveport in ol' Lakeside, ok? I picked berries right over there—I probably sound Minnesotan now. Ok, so I left off and went to school in California and came back. I tried to go to school again and went to the service. I went around the planet in one direction and in the other direction, alright? I got out after Desert Strom and came back home because I'm country, ok? Everybody in my family are what they call citified—I'm countrified, ok? So even though I left out and I was up north, I came back down—it took me awhile to get my y'all and draw to come back. I've been down here since 2010. Now, I do recall when they came out and wanted to possibly extend Dawson Road, alright? It was feasible at the time, ok? I'm here to tell you—I live way back up in the woods, Louisiana, ok? Dawson Road only goes a mile in—once you get there, you hang a right, you go another quarter mile, and that's where I'm at, ok? Off the grid. That's Section 16. Dawson Road is Section 9—one mile long, right? SWEPCO and AEP came through and upgraded the high voltage lines. I hope the clock ain't ticking because I'm long winded, y'all. Alright. They upgraded—went from them long telephone poles and replaced them with the big metal ones, ok? That's all fine. I'm back up in the woods. I got trees in front

of me, but when they cleared it out, I'm looking at a telephone pole. Well I said, "count my blessings because the folks on Jefferson Paige got them right in their front yard." If you can imagine going east to west, coming out of Texas, but with these high voltage lines, ok? Go all the way into town. Now, what they did was AEP went north and south and came up and intersected right at the end of Dawson Road. Now, in order to do that, they need—I guess you could call it easement or right-of-way? But, one minute, it was woods—my cousin over here, they'll tell you—one minute it was woods; next minute, a whole swatch! A hundred feet wide, ok, with these 70 foot poles—I got to know them poles very well, ok? They go all the way down, then they do a dog leg at Section 21, continue on down to Greenwood Road. Now you got a 100 feet, ok? Before it wasn't feasible to come down to Dawson Road because it was this wide, ok, with a little ditch on the side. They fixed it up a little bit, but that expression, God-willing, and the creek don't rise—I got hip waders, ok? There's a law that when that intersection down there floods, school buses cannot come to there, ok? I stood on one side with the parents. I'm yelling at the school because they cannot come through those waters, ok? They shored it up—the bridge down there, we count our blessings—they shored that up, but we haven't had as strong of rain to bring it up, but it still comes up and over the road. That's on that end. Down at the other end, this is where I'm at, so when all those waters come in, they fill in Paige Bayou and feed into it. That's where it comes together and goes that way north toward the lake. So at this end, like I said, you got 100 feet wide—I've seen some streets in town that are just wide enough for a car and a car here, ok? Enough is paved to where the postal service can go and turn around. Now, we're out there—I have one elder neighbor that a quarter of a mile [inaudible] where her mailbox is up there. He's way back here, and they can't go because before it was dirt. I think they graded it with gravel. Now, its paved. If 18 wheelers can go down there, you know, postal service should be able to come down there with her mailbox. Now, from there, the road is only so wide--pave it, go down to Dawson Road, excuse me, Greenwood Road and that's a done deal, ok? And I apologize to the folks, you know, who have issues with their drinking water. You know when we have one way in and out—I care about my neighbors, the ones who need emergency services to come in, ok? What happens if we have another Snowmageddon like we did two years ago? What happens if we have freezing weather—the emergency response? They can cover so much, but then we still fall into a grey area. It's al great and good when the sun is shining, ok? Just—you know, you got alleys in town that aren't as wide or wider, but then ours, you know? What's a little tar? I grew up with tar streets in town where you ran barefoot when it was hot. So what's up? You know, we could all chip in and just to have another way because of the elders that are out there. I'm talking like they're old—I'm up there too! I'm gonna be an elder when I grow up, ok? So you got them out there, you could need emergency stuff out there. If the power goes out—and it does, you know, getting in and out of there, just think about it. You know, how would you take care of your neighborhood? It's not in your yard, so it doesn't—not in your backyard, so it doesn't come? But I was hesitant to get up because if my neighborhood over here is in need of assistance, and my neighbors over there need assistance—I go, 'wait a minute, I gotta step back. I gotta be true.' That's how I live to take care of my neighbors because one day, when I roll into Greenwood, I'll bump into them, who knows? We might cross paths. So out of all of that, I guess you kinda caught wind that I'm for this. Ok, I'm done talking. Thank you so much.

There being no one to speak in favor, or against, this ordinance, the President closed the public hearing. There were no Zoning Ordinances for final passage, so the Commission moved onto Ordinances for final passage.

ORDINANCES (for final passage)

It was **moved by Mr. Epperson**, seconded by Mr. Burrell, *that Ordinance No. 6513 of 2025, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Capital Outlay Fund to change an appropriation from the construction and improvement of Greenwood water lines to the construction of the Dawson Road extension, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto be postponed until the February 20, 2025 Regular Session.*

Mr. Epperson said that a phone conversation between him and Mayor Davis revealed the need for more dialogue. He would like this postponement to ensure accurate information is provided prior to a final vote. Mr. Epperson said that he is a strong advocate for positive initiatives within in his district.

Mr. Atkins mentioned that funds were allocated, and a study was completed, but the study indicated that building a road would be sub-economic at that time. That was the reason it wasn't built in 2015, he said.

Mr. Epperson placed an emphasis on economic development, safety, convenience, and quality of life improvements as it relates to Dawson Road and its residents. He would like to work in a collaborative effort to address the concerns of the citizens in his district.

Mr. Burrell agreed and said that there have been concerns regarding road conditions and accessibility, included past incidents of buses getting stuck.

The Clerk of the Commission explained that this ordinance will be re-advertised in the Official Journal informing the public of the new public hearing.

At this time, Mr. Epperson's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Blake, Burrell, Cothran, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Lazarus, Thomas, and J. Young

(9). NAYS: Commissioner Kracman (1). ABSENT: Commissioners Jones and G. Young (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

ZONING ORDINANCES (for introduction by title)

- Ordinance No. 6514 of 2025, PZC Case 24-39-P, Ordinance No. 6514 of 2025, an ordinance to amend Volume II of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo, as amended, the Caddo Parish Unified Development Code, by amending the zoning of property located on the west side of Dean Road, approximately 800 feet south of Green Terrace Road, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from R-A, Rural Agricultural Zoning District to R-1-7, Single Family Residential Zoning District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto
- Ordinance No. 6515 of 2025, PZC Case 24-45-P, Ordinance No. 6515 of 2025, an ordinance to amend Volume II of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo, as amended, the Caddo Parish Unified Development Code, by amending the zoning of property located on the north end of David Raines and Audrey Lane, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from R-A, Rural Agricultural Zoning District to R-1-7, Single Family Residential Zoning District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto

ORDINANCES (for introduction by title)

- Ordinance No. 6516 of 2025, an ordinance to close and abandon and unnamed public dedication in the Northwood Hills Subdivision, located in Section 35, Township 9 North, Range 15 West, in the Parish of Caddo, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto
- Ordinance No. 6517 of 2025, an ordinance relative to the sale of Parish property, to authorize the sale of the Regional Lab building, located at 533 Vine Street, Shreveport, LA, and adjacent parking lots and otherwise providing with respect thereto
- Ordinance No. 6518 of 2025, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Solid Waste Fund and the Riverboat Fund to provide an additional appropriation for property standards and to otherwise provide with respect thereto

WORK SESSION MINUTES

It was **moved by Mr. Epperson**, seconded by Mr. Atkins, *that the Work Session Minutes from February 3, 2025 be ratified.* Motion carried unanimously of those present.

RESOLUTIONS

It was **moved by Mr. Atkins**, seconded by Mr. Kracman, *that Resolution No. 5 of 2025, a resolution to authorize the Caddo Parish Administrator to approve the assignment, bill of sale, and conveyance of State Agency Leases No. 22252 and No. 22253 from Cypress Energy Partners, LLC, to Paloma Natural Gas, LLC, and otherwise providing with respect thereto be adopted.* Motion carried unanimously of those present.

RESOLUTION NO. 5 OF 2025

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CADDO PARISH ADMINISTRATOR TO APPROVE THE ASSIGNMENT, BILL OF SALE AND CONVEYANCE OF STATE AGENCY LEASES NO. 22252 AND NO. 22253 FROM CYPRESS ENERGY PARTNERS, LLC., TO PALOMA NATURAL GAS, LLC., AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo is a Lessor in that certain oil, gas and mineral lease from the Caddo Parish Commission to Cypress Energy Partners, LLC., in State Agency Lease #22252, dated November 13, 2024, and recorded at Registry No. 2992868 of the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo is a Lessor in that certain oil, gas and mineral lease from the Caddo Parish Commission to Cypress Energy Partners, LLC., in State Agency Lease #22253, dated

November 13, 2024, and recorded at Registry No. 2992869 of the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo has received a written request from Cypress Energy Partners, LLC, seeking approval from the Parish of Caddo of an assignment, bill of sale and conveyance of State Agency Leases No. 22252 and No. 22253, from Cypress Energy Partners, LLC, to Paloma Natural Gas, LLC, and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Parish of Caddo, in due, regular and legal session convened, that the Administrator is hereby authorized to approve the assignment, bill of sale and conveyance of State Agency Leases No. 22252 and No. 22253 from Cypress Energy Partners, LLC, to Paloma Natural Gas, LLC.

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

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

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

It was **moved by Mr. Atkins**, seconded by Mr. Kracman, *that the authorization of Administration to accept changes to the Red River Expressway's CEA be adopted.* Motion carried unanimously of those present.

The Commission then moved onto the selection of the Youth Advisory Council Members. The Clerk of the Commission advised that each Commissioner should submit two students' names.

Mrs. Bryant mentioned that the students should be in 9th-11th grade because this will be for the next school year.

The Clerk of the Commission also advised that a deadline should be set for submitting names. Mr. Epperson suggested that this be further discussed at the February 18, 2025 Work Session.

COMMUNIQUES & COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mr. Thomas reminded everyone that February is National Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month. There will be an event on Saturday at the Sheriff's Safety Town from 1 PM until 4 PM bringing awareness to this. Mr. Thomas invited everyone to attend. He also invited the public to receive free hot meals at Bilberry Park this weekend.

Mr. Thomas also talked about African American Reading Day in collaboration with Blake History Month. He read to a group of kindergarteners at Pine Grove Elementary. Mr. Thomas read the book, "I Am Enough".

- Mrs. Blake reminded the public that there is ongoing construction on Youree Drive. She cautioned everyone who will be driving in that area.

She also talked about Washington Mardi Gras and the opportunity it served to network to other elected officials about the happenings in Caddo Parish.

Mrs. Blake said that there are several small businesses opening up in her district. She mentioned a counseling service that offers trauma counseling and grief counseling. Mrs. Blake encouraged all to take care of their mental health too.

- Mr. Burrell announced that Joe Shyne's funeral arrangements will be held at Winfield Funeral Home beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Burrell also announced that Mrs. Bryant will be recognized at the African American History Scholarship Banquet.

- Mr. Epperson said that the 15th Annual Veterans Parade will be held on Sunday, November

16, 2025. He also mentioned that there is a flag disposal box in the lobby of Government Plaza.

- Mr. Epperson

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.


Michelle Nations
Assistant to the Commission Clerk


Stormy Gage-Watts
President