

MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION
OF THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION
HELD ON THE 5th OF MAY, 2025

The Caddo Parish Commission met in a Work Session, on the above date, at 3:30 p.m., in the Government Chambers, with Mrs. Gage-Watts, presiding, and the following members in attendance constituting a quorum: Commissioners Blake, Burrell, Cothran, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Kracman, Lazarus, Thomas, G. Young, and Mr. J. Young (10). ABSENT: Commissioners Atkins and Jones (2).

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

AGENDA ADDITIONS

It was **moved by Mrs. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. Thomas, *that the agenda be expanded and the following items be added under New Business:*

- *Ordinance No. 6543 of 2025, PZC Case No. 24-45-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 on the north end of David Raines Road and Audrey Lane, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from R-A, Rural Agricultural Zoning District, to R-A PUD, Rural Agricultural Planned Unit Development Zoning District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6544 of 2025, PZC Case No. 24-4-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 on the west side of Ellerbe Road, approximately 825 feet south of East Flourney Lucas Road, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from R-A, Rural Agricultural, R-E, Residential Estate, R-1-7, Single Family Residential Zoning District, to C-1, Neighborhood Commercial Zoning District, and to otherwise providing with respect thereto*
- *Special Resolution of Remembrance for Doug Williams*
- *Resolution of Support for Project Boneyard*

The President opened the floor for anyone to speak in favor or against this public hearing.

Jon Glover came before the Commission and spoke on the agenda addition:

As I am not knowledgeable of these items that you all have brought forth. I can definitely understand the special recognition for Doug Williams. The Project Boneyard—I don't know what that is, but I'd like to get an explanation as what you all be addressing with regards to this. I do understand that 6543 is a zoning matter that's in District 2; 6544 is in District 7—is it a zoning matter as well? So, if you could share that information, I would truly appreciate it. Thank you.

There being no one else to speak, the President closed the public hearing.

At this time, Mrs. Gage-Watts' motion carried unanimously by those members present with Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, and Jones being absent (3).

There were no Citizens Comments nor Visitors, so the Commission moved onto the Administrator Report.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

- Juvenile Detention

Parish Administrator, Erica Bryant, said that there are fourteen children in the Detention Center; six of which are OJJ. There are two 17-year olds, and twenty-three children at CCC. There are 456 children on probation.

Mr. J. Young asked about the juveniles being housed at CCC. He requested additional information for the children at CCC.

He then wanted to know how many people are incarcerated at CCC. Mrs. Bryant said that there are 1,499 people at CCC. Mr. J. Young wanted to know if there were any plans to alleviate the population at CCC. Mrs. Bryant said that there are ongoing conversations.

- Walter B. Jacobs

Mrs. Bryant invited the Commissioners to attend a tour of the Walter B. Jacobs facility. This tour will be held on May 21. She asked that the Commissioners be at Government Plaza on that date at 9:00 a.m. An overview of the exhibits will be provided on May 22.

- Rabies & Microchip Clinic

Mrs. Bryant announced that 368 rabies vaccinations were given and 256 microchips were given during the most recent Rabies Clinic.

- Sandbags

Due to the chance of inclement weather and an increased chance of flash flooding, Mrs. Bryant said that the Parish of Caddo will be offering citizens fifteen sandbags today and tomorrow. Citizens can pick them up at 1701 Monty Street from 7:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

COMMISSION REMARKS

- Mr. Thomas asked for a moment of silence for the passing of community activist Mrs. Bessie D. Smith. He will provide her homegoing service information as he receives them.
- Mr. J. Young mentioned that there is a serious situation at CCC with regards to overcrowding.
- Mr. Cothran announced that C.A.R.E. rescheduled their meeting to May 19 at A.B. Palmer Park.

There was not a President's Report nor Old Business, so the Commission moved onto New Business.

NEW BUSINESS

It was **moved by Mr. Thomas**, seconded by Mr. Cothran, *that the following items be englobed and advanced to Thursday's Regular Session:*

- *Ordinance No. 6541 of 2025, an ordinance to authorize the Caddo Parish Administrator to execute an easement and right-of-way agreement with Paloma Natural Gas, LLC, pertaining to the granting of an easement and right-of-way for the purpose of constructing and maintaining an oil and gas pipeline with the drainage easement parallel to Antoine Boulevard, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Resolution No. 27 of 2025, a resolution opposing cuts to the Sickie Cell Data Collection (SCDC) Program at the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC), and otherwise providing with respect thereto*
- *Resolution No. 28 of 2025, a resolution opposing House Bill 480 of the 2025 Regular Legislative Session of the Louisiana Legislature relating to the Caddo-Bossier Port Commission's use of PILOT programs and otherwise providing with respect thereto*
- *Resolution No. 29 of 2025, a resolution of support for Senate Bill 218 of the 2025 Louisiana Regular Session regarding post-conviction relief for those convicted by non-unanimous jury verdicts, and otherwise providing with respect thereto*
- *Special Resolution of Remembrance for Bessie Smith*
- *Special Resolution Recognizing May as Military Appreciation Month*
- *Special Resolution celebrating the 35th Anniversary of the Sigma Rho Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha*
- *Special Resolution celebrating 100 yeas of the YWCA of NWLA*
- *Special Resolution Recognizing May as Mental Health Awareness Month*
- *Poet Laureate Presentation and Installation*
- *Caddo Animal Services Board Appeal—Appellant Quinton Daniels, Case #C0008985659*
- *Caddo Animal Services Board Appeal—Appellant John-Paul Young, Case #C0008974128*
- *Ordinance No. 6543 of 2025, PZC Case No. 24-45-P, an ordinance to amend*

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COMMUNIQUES/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mr. Burrell requested an update from Animal Services regarding a dog biting his grandson. Mr. Travis Clark, Animal Services Director, stated that he will look over the report and reach out to him.

CONSENT AGENDA

- *Ordinance No. 6529 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, relative to the manufactured homes, with all their provisions included herein, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6530 of 2025, PZC Case No. 25-2-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 on the west side of Linwood Avenue, approximately 770 feet south of Fournoy Lucas, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from I-2, Heavy Industrial Zoning District, to C-3, General Commercial Zoning District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6531 of 2025, an ordinance to close and abandon the street dedications in the Merriwether Woods Subdivision in Section 32, Township 17 North, Range 14 West, in the Parish of Caddo, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6532 of 2025, an ordinance to authorize the lease of flood acquisition property located at 1014 Riding Club Lane, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6533 of 2025, an ordinance to authorize the lease of flood acquisition property located at 1020 Riding Club Lane, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6534 of 2025, an ordinance to authorize the lease of flood acquisition property located at 9794 Mustang Circle, Keithville, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6535 of 2025, an ordinance to set the General Purpose and Special Purpose Millages providing for millage rate adjustments, as allowed by Article VII, Section 23 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974 and LA R.S. 47:1705 (B), levying and imposing taxes and assessments for 2025 on all the property subject to taxation in the Parish of Caddo, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6536 of 2025, an ordinance to set the General Purpose and Special Purpose Millages providing for an increase in the millage rates not in excess of the prior years maximum rates, as allowed by Article VII, Section 23 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974 and LA R.S. 47:1705 (B), levying and imposing taxes and assessments for 2025 on all the property subject to taxation in the Parish of Caddo, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

- *Ordinance No. 6537 of 2025, an ordinance setting the Parish Millage for the purpose of paying principal and interest, due in 2025, on outstanding parish bond issues and to instruct the Assessor to include said millage on the tax roll of the Parish of Caddo for the year 2025, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6538 of 2025, an ordinance setting the assessment of property classified as timberlands and to instruct the Assessor to include said assessment on the tax roll of the Parish of Caddo for the year 2025, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6539 of 2025, an ordinance to adopt the values fixed, or to be fixed, by the Louisiana Tax Commission on all assessments for railways and other public service corporations, and to instruct the Assessor to extend such assessments and values on the tax roll of the Parish of Caddo for the year 2025, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6540 of 2025, an ordinance dedicating fifty percent (50%) of the income generated from the Parish share of sports wagering receipts to the Economic Development Fund and amending the General Fund and the Economic Development Fund for sports wagering revenues, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Appoint additional members to the Caddo Parish Youth Commission*

At this time, there was no further discussion to come before the Commission, so the Commission adjourned at 4:38 p.m.


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