

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
CADDO PARISH COMMISSION'S
CITIZENS DISASTER COMMITTEE
HELD ON THE 16TH DAY OF JUNE, 2025

The Caddo Parish Citizens Disaster Committee met in legal session on the above date at 2:00 p.m., in the Government Plaza Chambers, and the following members in attendance: Commissioners Atkins, Epperson, Gage-Watts, and Lazarus (4). ABSENT: Commissioner J. Young (1).

Mr. Lazarus gave the invocation, and Mr. Atkins led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance. There being no Agenda Additions nor Citizens Comments, so the Committee moved onto New Business.

NEW BUSINESS

- *Review of Final Draft of the Booklet*

The Committee reviewed the final draft of the booklet, which was distributed to members and uploaded online. The book also included a QR code for expanded access to information. Feedback was provided, along with corrections to names and contact information. Suggestions were also made to update references to "Code Red" to the current name, "Caddo Ready". The Clerk of the Commission, Mr. Everson, advised that these revisions will be made and the new books will be distributed accordingly.

- *Automated Speeding Enforcement Cameras Update*

An update was provided regarding traffic camera legislation, noting amendments that restrict their use to school zones. Concerns from constituents about automated ticketing and the lack of a 'live person' making judgements were discussed. Mrs. Bryant mentioned that law enforcement has to review the tickets prior to it being sent to the violator.

- *Early Voting Sites Update*

The Secretary of State approved only one of the two proposed additional early voting sites, citing distance as the reason.

It was **moved by Mr. Epperson**, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *that both the West Caddo and North Caddo satellite voting locations be implemented at the same time in 2026.*

Mr. Epperson said that this would provide coverage for the entire Parish. Mr. Lazarus said that the Secretary of the State approves this. He further questioned that if West Caddo is not approved, then would North Caddo be left out. Mr. Epperson said that they can deal with that if it comes up.

At this time, Mr. Epperson's motion carried, as shown by the following votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Epperson, and Gage-Watts (3). NAYS: Commissioner Lazarus (1). ABSENT: Commissioner J. Young (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

Mr. Thomas said that this is a mandate, and the board should have all positions filled in a timely manner. Mr. Jones and Mrs. Gage-Watts agreed.

- *Feedback and input from citizen representatives*

There were suggestions to rearrange the booklet, add page numbers, and change out Code Red to Caddo Ready.

At this time, there was no further discussion to come before the Commission, so the Commission adjourned at 2:38 p.m.



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