

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION  
OF THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION  
HELD ON THE 4<sup>th</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 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, Burrell, Cothran, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Kracman, Lazarus, Thomas, and J. Young (9). ABSENT: Commissioners Blake, Jones, and G. Young (3).

The invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were given during a previous committee meeting. The Commission moved onto Agenda Additions.

**AGENDA ADDITIONS**

It was **moved by Mr. J. Young**, seconded by Mr. Thomas, *to expand the agenda and add Special Resolution of Remembrance for Coach Terrence Winn* under New Business.

Mr. Thomas offered condolences to the Booker T. Washington family and Coach Winn's family and friends.

President Gage-Watts opened the floor for anyone to speak in favor or against the agenda addition. There being no one to speak, Mrs. Gage-Watts closed the public hearing.

At this time, Mr. J. Young's motion carried unanimously with Commissioners Blake, Jones, and G. Young being absent (3).

There were no Citizens Comments, so the Commission moved onto Visitors—Caddo Parish Commission sits as the Tax Board of Review.

**CADDO PARISH COMMISSION  
SITS AS THE TAX BOARD OF REVIEW**

- Dr. Regina Webb  
Caddo Parish Tax Assessor

Dr. Regina Webb, Tax Assessor for Caddo Parish, came forward and presented the following letter:

*Dear Members of the Board of Review:*

*As Assessor in and for the Parish of Caddo, this is to certify that the assessments on property located in and/or assessable in Caddo Parish have been listed and assessed in accordance with Title 47; Section 1992.*

*It is further certified that the said assessments have been exposed for public review for 15 calendar days beginning August 15, 2025 and ending August 29, 2025.*

*Said certification of the above is hereby given to the Board of Review as required by Title 47; Section 1992.*

*Thus, done and officially signed on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2025.*

*/s/Dr. Regina Webb  
Tax Assessor Caddo Parish*

Dr. Webb advised that there are five appeals in business/personal property. All five of those appeals have been withdrawn. The oil and gas companies have requested over 75% of obsolescence; the Tax Assessor's Office has helped them with 30%. Those companies have all withdrawn their appeals.

Personal property has two accounts that are pending—Terrent USA and Fine Institute of Louisiana, LLC. Dr. Webb has referred this question over to the Louisiana Assessor Association's lawyer. Once this advice is received, this information will be relayed.

Real Estate property has three pending appeals. They are in negotiation with one appeal and are awaiting additional information for the other two.

The Clerk of the Commission, Mr. Jeff Everson, reminded the Commissioners of the Tax Board of Appeals meeting set for September 12, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.

## **ADOPT REGULAR SESSION MINUTES**

It was **moved by Mr. Thomas**, seconded by Mr. Atkins, *that Regular Session Minutes from August 21, 2025 be adopted. Motion carried unanimously with Commissioners Blake, Jones, and G. Young being absent (3).*

## **SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS**

It was **moved by Mr. Thomas**, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *that the following Special Resolutions be englobed and adopted:*

- *Special Resolution Recognizing Suicide Prevention Awareness Month & Veterans Prevention Awareness Day*

Mr. Cothran said that approximately 18.5 service members commit suicide on a daily basis. Mr. Thomas asked that Communications put together a flyer for the hotline numbers and other help for suicide prevention.

- *Special Resolution Recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month*
- *Special Resolution Recognizing Sickle Cell Awareness Month*
- *Special Resolution Recognizing Hunger Action Month*
- *Special Resolution Recognizing Chef De'Unaka "Punkin" Haley*

Chef Haley was recognized for her achievement on Chef Grudge Match. Chef Niema DeGrazia support Chef Haley, emphasizing the importance of community and culture. Several Commissioners showed support and gratitude for Chef Haley and putting Shreveport/Caddo Parish on the map.

Chef Haley thanked her family, friends, and all of her supporters for this recognition and the support they have showed over the years.

- *Special Resolution of Remembrance for Coach Winn*

At this time, Mr. J. Young's motion carried unanimously with Commissioners Gage-Watts and Jones being absent (2).

## **PROCLAMATION SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, suicide is a national public health crisis that affects individuals from all walks of life, with over 45,000 Americans dying by suicide each year, making it one of the leading causes of death in the United States; and

WHEREAS, suicide and suicidal behavior can affect anyone regardless of age, gender, race, ethnicity, or socioeconomic status, causing deep and long-lasting impacts on families, friends, and communities; and

WHEREAS, the month of September is nationally recognized as Suicide Prevention Month, a time to raise awareness, offer support, and encourage proactive steps to reduce the stigma surrounding mental health and suicide prevention; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Caddo Parish are encouraged to recognize the signs of suicide risk, such as feelings of hopelessness, withdrawal, and significant changes in behavior, and to connect individuals in crisis with the necessary resources and support; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission is committed to working with health care providers, educators, law enforcement, and local organizations to promote mental wellness and to ensure that suicide prevention strategies are accessible to all residents; and

WHEREAS, raising awareness and educating the community on the resources available through the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and local mental health services can help save lives and create a stronger, more resilient community in Caddo Parish;

WHEREAS, within National Suicide Prevention Month are days dedicated to specific purpose including World Suicide Prevention Day on September 10th, and of special note, Veteran's Suicide

Prevention Day which is on September 22nd to symbolize the average of 22 Veterans who loose their lives to suicide each day; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, in legal and regular session convened, that September 2025 is hereby declared as Suicide Prevention Month in Caddo Parish, in conjunction with the National Suicide Prevention Month and including a declaration of September 22nd as Veterans Suicide Prevention Day; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission urges all citizens, businesses, and institutions to work together to raise awareness about suicide prevention, promote mental health services, and offer support to individuals who may be at risk.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution will be made available to local health care organizations, mental health professionals, and community partners engaged in suicide prevention efforts as a token of support and collaboration.

### **PROCLAMATION HUNGER ACTION MONTH**

WHEREAS, hunger and poverty are issues of vital concern in Caddo Parish where 16% of people face hunger in Louisiana and one in every 4 children do not know where their next meal will come from; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo of Louisiana is committed to taking steps to combat hunger in every part of our community and to provide additional resources that those in Caddo Parish; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo of Louisiana is committed to working with the Food Bank of Northwest Louisiana in educating people about the role and importance of food banks in addressing hunger and raising awareness of the need to devote more resources and attention to hunger issues; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Food Bank of Northwest Louisiana distributed more than 15,000,000 pounds of food in 2024 through its network of food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, and other community organizations; and

WHEREAS, the month of September has been designated “Hunger Action Month” in order to bring attention to food insecurity in our communities and to enlist the public in the fight to end hunger by taking action – including volunteer shifts, social media shares, and donations – to ensure nobody has to make an impossible choice between food and other necessities like medicine, utilities or childcare; and

WHEREAS, food banks across the country, including the Food Bank of Northwest Louisiana will host numerous events throughout the month of September to bring awareness and help end hunger in their local community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, meeting in legal and regular session this 4th day of September, 2025 that it does hereby proclaim September, 2025 as:

### **‘HUNGER ACTION MONTH’**

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

### **PROCLAMATION SICKLE CELL AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, September is National Sickle Cell Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, Sickle cell anemia, or sickle cell disease, is an inherited blood disorder that mostly affects people of African ancestry, but also occurs in other ethnic groups, including people who are of Mediterranean and Middle Eastern descent.; and

WHEREAS, approximately 100,000 Americans have sickle cell disease with estimates of 300-500 Caddo Parish residents being among them, and about 2 million Americans— 1 in 12 African Americans — have the sickle cell trait, which means they carry a single gene for the disease, but do not have the disease itself; and

WHEREAS, sickle cell disease is a complex genetic disorder characterized by chronic anemia, episodes of debilitating pain and damage to vital organs; and

WHEREAS, early identification of a child with sickle cell disease coupled with antibiotic prophylaxis by 3 months of age and early intervention services, helps those with sickle cell disease while researchers continue to search for a cure; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana remains dedicated to the provision of sickle cell screening, education, and medical care for individuals and families living with sickle cell disease through its support of the Louisiana Department of Community Health's Newborn Screening Program and the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, meeting in legal and regular session this 4th day of September, 2025 that it does hereby proclaim September, 2025 as:

**'NATIONAL SICKLE CELL AWARENESS MONTH'**

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

**PROCLAMATION  
HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH**

WHEREAS, National Hispanic Heritage Month celebrates the countless contributions of more than 60 million Hispanic Americans to our culture and society; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Americans are the largest minority group in the United States today, and generations of Hispanic Americans have contributed to our nation's strength, prosperity and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Americans, including over 7,000 in Caddo Parish and another 9,000 in bordering parishes, embody the best of our American values, including commitment to faith, family, and community; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Americans contribute in so many ways from protecting this nation through service in our military to tremendous economic contributions made through commitment, ingenuity and skill to the enrichment experienced as Hispanic culture, food, music, history and traditions are shared and celebrated. The Hispanic-American community has left an indelible mark on our government, culture, and economy; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Americans lay claim to an undeniably important role in our country's great years to come, and that Caddo Parish Commission proudly stands to honor them and their innumerable contributions to Caddo Parish's prosperity, culture and way of life; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission meeting in legal and regular session convened during the month of October does hereby proclaim September 15th through October 15th, 2025 as

**'Hispanic Heritage Month'**

in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and urges all citizens to join with the Caddo Parish Commission to celebrate the Hispanic Heritage Month honoring the contributions of the Hispanic Community.

**SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION  
CHEF DE'UNAKA "PUNKIN" HALEY**

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission is always proud to honor and recognize citizens of Caddo Parish who bring distinction and positive recognition to our community through their talents, perseverance, and accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Chef De'unaka "Chef Punkin" Haley, a Shreveport native, is the proud owner of Quisine Queens Catering and The Snack Shack, and also serves as Chef at Abby Singer's Bistro under the leadership of Executive Chef Niema DiGrazia; and

WHEREAS, Chef Punkin has been passionate about cooking since childhood, first learning in the kitchen alongside her mother and grandmother, where she discovered the power of food to bring people together and the joy of experimenting with flavors and textures; and

WHEREAS, although she does not hold a formal culinary degree, Chef Punkin embodies the truth that success in the kitchen is grounded in energy, work ethic, passion, practice, and mentorship—

qualities she has embraced on her journey as a self-taught chef; and

WHEREAS, she sold her first plate in 2015 and officially launched Quisine Queens Catering in 2019, later expanding her ventures with The Snack Shack, serving her well-known Royal Sneaux Cones and other creative dishes; and

WHEREAS, Chef Punkin competed on the August 26th, 2024 episode of Food Network's hit competition series Chef Grudge Match, hosted by Laila Ali, where she faced her boss and mentor, Executive Chef Niema DiGrazia, in a spirited battle that showcased not only her bold culinary creativity but also the respect and deep bond between the two chefs; and

WHEREAS, Chef Punkin's passion, grit, and innovation led her to victory on national television, bringing pride and recognition to Shreveport and highlighting the extraordinary talent within Caddo Parish's culinary scene; and

WHEREAS, her journey from home kitchens to national acclaim inspires others to pursue their dreams with determination, reminding aspiring chefs and dreamers alike to "keep trying—you'll eventually get it right."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby recognize and commend Chef De'unaka "Chef Punkin" Haley for her outstanding achievement on Chef Grudge Match, for her entrepreneurial spirit, and for representing Caddo Parish with distinction on the national stage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be included in the official minutes of the Caddo Parish Commission and that a copy be presented to Chef Haley as a lasting tribute to her success, creativity, and dedication to her craft.

#### **SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF REMEMBRANCE COACH TERRENCE WINN**

WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that the Caddo Parish Commission pauses to honor the memory and legacy of Coach Terrence Winn, a beloved educator, coach, mentor, and pillar of the Booker T. Washington High School community, who passed away on September 1, 2025, at the age of 59; and

WHEREAS, a proud 1984 graduate of Booker T. Washington High School, Coach Winn returned to his alma mater in 1993, where he devoted more than 32 years of service as a teacher and coach, guiding, encouraging, and inspiring generations of students both inside and outside the classroom; and

WHEREAS, throughout his distinguished career, Coach Winn served in multiple roles including head coach of the Lady Lions basketball team and special teams coach for the football program, demonstrating unwavering commitment to his players, his colleagues, and the broader Lion family; and

WHEREAS, Coach Winn's passion for the game was matched only by his deep love for his students, whom he mentored as a father figure, counselor, motivator, and role model, always challenging them to recognize and reach their fullest potential; and

WHEREAS, Coach Winn's impact reached far beyond athletics—he was recognized as Teacher of the Year, a finalist for Caddo Teacher of the Year, and recipient of the prestigious Caddo Red Apple Award in 2015, honors that reflect his excellence in education and his dedication to serving the young people of Caddo Parish; and

WHEREAS, colleagues, administrators, and community leaders have remembered Coach Winn as a cornerstone of Booker T. Washington High School—a man whose presence was a source of strength, whose influence spanned multiple generations, and whose legacy will endure in the lives of those he uplifted; and

WHEREAS, his passing leaves a deep void within the Booker T. Washington family, the Caddo Parish community, and among countless students, colleagues, and friends who will forever carry his lessons, guidance, and example;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby extend its deepest sympathy to the family of Coach Terrence Winn and does further recognize and honor his extraordinary life, his decades of faithful service to education and athletics, and his enduring contributions to the young people of Caddo Parish; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be included in the official minutes of the Caddo Parish Commission, with a copy presented to his family as a lasting expression of respect, admiration, and remembrance.

#### **ADMINISTRATION REPORT**

Administrator Bryant said that the Kickoff Classic had over 18,000 fans in attendance, with sold-out hotels and positive business feedback.

#### **COMMUNIQUE & COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Mr. Atkins asked for information regarding the electronic voting versus the roll call votes. Attorney Frazier that this has presented as an item for litigation. It will depend on what the judge rules, but if electronic voting is an issue, then it affects all forms of government from the State Legislature down to local government.
- Mr. J. Young asked for an update on the stray dogs at the View Tower Apartments. Mr. Kelvin Samuel, Assistant Director of Animal Services, said that Animal Services went out to the area on September 2 and September 3, there were no animals running at large. He reiterated that Animal Services does go out when they receive a phone call. Mr. J. Young asked about the tranquilizer guns. Mr. Samuel said that they work great in safely retrieving animals at-large.
- Mr. Burrell asked for an update on broadband. Mrs. Bryant said that they are working with AT&T and Comcast to get a date when they could attend a meeting. She'll provide additional information at the next meeting.
- Mr. Thomas said that there is a post-legislative session happening tonight. He is requesting that Administration provide details and information regarding the Clean Water Taskforce.
- Mr. Cothran announced that Southern Hills will have a block-by-block cleaning on Saturday. He encouraged all to attend.
- Mr. Burrell asked if Administration knew about the Governor's initiative regarding the National Guard in Shreveport/Caddo Parish. Mrs. Bryant said that she does not have any additional information, but will reach out to see if they can obtain any other details.
- Mr. Thomas announced that Shreveport was selected as one of one hundred cities to possibly receive a Levitt grant for free live music events at Caddo Common Park. Community support is needed through online voting from September 5<sup>th</sup> to September 15<sup>th</sup>. The grant would provide \$120k in funding produce thirty free live professional music concerts over the next three years. He asked everyone to go and vote for Shreveport.

#### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Madame President Gage-Watts announced that the Mooretown Community meeting will be held today at 5:00 p.m. Next Saturday, the Block by Block Cleanup will be held in Mooretown. The Sickle Cell bike ride is coming up soon, as well as the Pillars of Progress unveiling.

There was no Public Hearing on Zoning Ordinances, 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:

- *Ordinance No. 6559 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*
- *Ordinance No. 6560 of 2025, an ordinance to amend Chapter 26 of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo relating to Traffic Schedules to establish a schedule for placement of traffic calming devices to include speed bumps and humps, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

There being no one to speak in favor or against the public hearings, Mrs. Gage-Watts closed the public hearing.

## **ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE**

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

- *Ordinance No. 6559 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*
- *Ordinance No. 6560 of 2025, an ordinance to amend Chapter 26 of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo relating to Traffic Schedules to establish a schedule for placement of traffic calming devices to include speed bumps and humps, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

At this time, Mr. Cothran's motion carried unanimously with Commissioners Blake, Jones, and G. Young being absent (3).

### **ORDINANCE NO. 6559 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, Lots 161, 162, & 163, Valencia Subdivision, in the City of Shreveport of Caddo Parish, Louisiana as per plat recorded in Book 150, Page 412, AND a tract adjacent on the northerly side of Lot 162 as described in Conveyance Book 739, Page 42 of the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, LA (GEO# 171317-007-0161-00)

Property No. 2, Lot 123, Valencia Subdivision, in the City of Shreveport of Caddo Parish, Louisiana as per plat recorded in Book 150, Page 412, Caddo Parish, Louisiana (GEO# 171317-006-0123-00)

Property No. 3, Lot 166, Patzman Subdivision, in the City of Shreveport of Caddo Parish, Louisiana as per plat recorded in Book 28, Page 788, Caddo Parish, Louisiana (GEO# 181426-065-0166-00)

Property No. 4, Lot 167, Patzman Subdivision, in the City of Shreveport of Caddo Parish, Louisiana as per plat recorded in Book 28, Page 788, Caddo Parish, Louisiana (GEO# 181426-065-0167-00)

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.

**ORDINANCE NO. 6560 OF 2025**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 26 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE PARISH OF CADDO RELATING TO TRAFFIC SCHEDULES TO ESTABLISH A SCHEDULE FOR PLACEMENT OF TRAFFIC CALMING DEVICES TO INCLUDE SPEED BUMPS AND HUMPS, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the parish commission has adjusted the speed limits of certain roads in an effort to stop speeding and enhance safety; and

WHEREAS, traffic studies have shown that speeding continues on these roads making them unsafe; and

WHEREAS, these roads meet the specification for placement of traffic calming devices, to include speed bumps and humps, per the Federal Highway Administration’s published standards on being appropriate for the placement of traffic calming devices.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that Section 26-182 of Chapter 26, Motor Vehicles and Traffic is amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 26-182. - Schedule K: traffic calming devices.  
Following are the roads to contain traffic calming devices as established by the  
parish commission and entitled Schedule K:

SCHEDULE K

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Dixie Garden Drive, beginning at Highway 511 and extending north to the City of  
Shreveport limits.

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.

There were no Zoning Ordinances for introduction by title, so the Commission moved onto Ordinances for introduction by title.

**ORDINANCES (for introduction by title)**

- *Ordinance No. 6561 of 2025, an ordinance to deem property surplus and authorize the sale of surplus property owned by the Parish of Caddo, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6548 of 2025, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Debt Service Fund and the Capital Outlay Fund to provide an appropriation of \$10M for the construction of a pickleball park, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*



## **WORK SESSION MINUTES**

It was **moved by Mr. Thomas**, seconded by Mr. J. Young, *that the Work Session Minutes from September 2, 2025 be adopted. Motion carried unanimously with Commissioners Blake, Gage-Watts, Jones, and G. Young being absent (4).*

## **RESOLUTIONS**

It was **moved by Mr. J. Young**, seconded by Mr. Atkins, *that Resolution No. 37 of 2025, a resolution to authorize the Caddo Parish Administrator to approve the assignment, bill of sale, and conveyance of State Agency Leases No. 22291 and No. 22292 from Cypress Energy Partners, LLC, to Apex Natural Gas, LLC, and otherwise providing with respect thereto be adopted. Motion carried unanimously with Commissioners Blake, Gage-Watts, Jones, and G. Young being absent (4).*

### **RESOLUTION NO. 37 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. 22291 AND NO. 22292 FROM CYPRESS ENERGY PARTNERS, LLC, TO APEX 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 #22291, dated July 9, 2025, and recorded at Registry No. 3019120 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 #22292, dated July 9, 2025, and recorded at Registry No. 3019121 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. 22291 and No. 22292, from Cypress Energy Partners, LLC, to Apex 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. 22291 and No. 22292, from Cypress Energy Partners, LLC, to Apex 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 nor New Business, so the Commission moved onto Communiques & Reports.

## **COMMUNIQUES & REPORTS**

- Mr. Thomas thanked the Commission for the birthday wishes. He also wished Mr. Cothran an early birthday.
- Mr. Burrell talked about negative comments affecting tourism and the importance of

multicultural support.

- Mr. J. Young thanked the Commission for the support of the speed bump ordinance.

There were no Citizens Comments for late arrivals. There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

  
Michelle Nations  
Assistant Commission Clerk

  
Stormy Gage-Watts  
President