

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION
OF THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION
HELD ON THE 9th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2025

The Caddo Parish Commission met in a Regular Session, on the above date, at 3:47 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 (10). ABSENT: Commissioners Jones and G. Young (2).

The invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were given during a previous Special Session. There were no Agenda Additions nor Citizens Comments, so the Commission moved onto Visitors.

VISITORS

- Russell Adams
Louisiana State Fair

Mr. Russell Adams, Marketing Director for the State Fair of Louisiana, addressed the Commission to provide updates on the upcoming 2025 State Fair. He thanked the Caddo Parish Commission for its ongoing support and emphasized the Fair's longstanding history, established in 1906, as a cultural and economic staple of North Louisiana. The most recent impact study estimated a \$24 million economic benefit to the Shreveport area, with a new study underway expected to show increased growth. The Fair serves as a year-round community hub, hosting multiple events beyond its annual operation. The 2025 State Fair will run from October 30 through November 16, operating 11 a.m.–9 p.m. on weekdays and 11 a.m.–10 p.m. on weekends. Discounted tickets are available in advance through local retailers and the Fair's website.

Mr. Adams pointed out some key promotions such as, Opening Day: \$5 admission and free parking, Family Days: November 5 and 13 with discounted armbands, VIP Experiences: Birthday party packages, "Build-a-Midway," "Glitz & Grits" (November 1), and Latino Day (November 15). He also talked about special features and attractions at this year's fair which include: eight free midway shows, a circus, magic performances, thrill shows, and over 30 concerts on the main stage; a major rodeo (November 1–2) featuring the Louisiana Rodeo Cowboys Association Finals; one of Louisiana's largest junior livestock shows, with youth participants earning over \$400,000 in sales last year; and Veterans & Military Appreciation Day: November 16, with free admission for veterans and active-duty military and their families.

Mr. Adams said that they have enhanced safety and security measures, including a clear-bag policy, youth curfew after 6 p.m. without adult supervision, and partnerships with the Shreveport Police, Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office, City Marshal, and private security.

Mr. Adams thanked Commissioner Ken Epperson for his continued leadership in organizing the Veterans Parade and expressed appreciation for local law enforcement and parish support. The Fair's team has implemented new landscaping, lighting, and facility upgrades to enhance aesthetics and safety.

Mrs. Gage-Watts commended the Fair's contribution to local tourism and requested that safety and curfew details be shared with the Clerk's Office and Parish Communications Department for broader dissemination.

Mr. Burrell praised the Fair for maintaining clean, safe, and family-friendly events and requested more information on facility rentals for public use. Mr. Adams confirmed that various buildings and outdoor spaces are available year-round for affordable rental. Mr. Burrell highlighted the Fair's long-standing partnership with the Queensborough and Ingleside communities, citing it as an anchor for neighborhood revitalization and economic development.

Mr. Epperson discussed future opportunities for year-round economic development at the fairgrounds, noting its proximity to multiple hotels and potential for expansion. He also announced recognition of two World War II centenarian veterans, ages 100 and 106, during this year's Veterans Parade.

Mr. J. Young inquired about the Glitz & Grits event details and media outreach; Mr. Adams confirmed multiple upcoming TV and radio promotions leading up to opening day.

The Commission thanked Mr. Adams and the State Fair staff for their continued service, community engagement, and contributions to economic growth. The presentation concluded with mutual appreciation and anticipation for another successful Louisiana State Fair.

- Milton Carroll
High-Risk Behavior Prevention

Mr. Carroll provided an overview of his organization’s mission and program, drawing from his 17 years of experience as a death investigator with the Caddo Parish Coroner’s Office and prior service with the Marine Corps and Shreveport Fire Department. He stated that he had investigated over 16,000 death cases, including more than 600 homicides, 400 accidents, and 200 suicides.

Based on recurring patterns he observed, Mr. Carroll developed the High-Risk Behavior Prevention Program to educate youth on decision-making and life skills that can help prevent tragedies. The program uses real-life experiences to show students the consequences of risky behavior and to teach “exit strategies” — practical ways to remove themselves from dangerous or high-pressure situations while preserving social dignity among peers.

Mr. Carroll emphasized that prevention saves taxpayer resources by reducing the need for emergency response and law enforcement intervention. He noted that each preventable death represents the loss of a significant investment—estimating that raising a child from birth through age 18 equates to roughly \$2 million in combined parental and educational investment.

He advocated for incorporating life skills and behavioral prevention education into local schools, alongside traditional safety drills. His presentation highlighted that:

- Many youth deaths stem from poor decision-making, peer pressure, or lack of coping strategies.
- Approximately 85% of youth homicides occur between 11 p.m. and 4:30 a.m.
- Most incidents happen away from home, often following a moment of disobedience or conflict.
- Early education in decision-making and peer exit strategies can prevent many of these tragedies.

Mr. Carroll requested the Commission’s partnership in supporting and promoting his program throughout Caddo Parish schools.

Mr. J. Young commended Mr. Carroll for a compelling and targeted presentation focused on prevention rather than reaction. He recommended connecting Mr. Carroll with The Harbor, a facility operated by Volunteers for Youth Justice, which houses multiple nonprofits serving at-risk youth. Mr. J. Young suggested that Mr. Carroll’s program could be a strong addition to the Harbor’s network and requested that the President refer him to the Juvenile Justice Committee for further discussion and possible funding consideration.

Mr. Atkins praised the presentation and agreed with Mr. J. Young’s recommendation, encouraging Mr. Carroll to continue outreach to the Caddo Parish School Board for program inclusion.

Mr. Cothran expressed deep appreciation for the authenticity and emotional depth of Mr. Carroll’s message, emphasizing that community leaders must do more to protect and guide local youth. He referenced recent violent incidents involving young people and stressed the collective responsibility of parents, grandparents, and elected officials to improve outcomes for future generations.

Mrs. Gage-Watts thanked Mr. Carroll for his continued service to the community and assured him that efforts are underway to connect him with appropriate contacts at the school board and within parish committees for possible collaboration.

The Commission expressed unanimous appreciation for Mr. Carroll’s presentation and recognized the value of prevention-focused initiatives for youth in Caddo Parish. The presentation concluded with plans for further engagement through the Juvenile Justice Committee and potential partnerships with local educational and youth service organizations.

ADOPT REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

It was **moved by Mr. Burrell**, seconded by Mr. Atkins, *that Regular Session Minutes from September 18, 2025 and Special Session Minutes—Tax Board of Appeal from September 25, 2025 be adopted. Motion carried unanimously with Commissioners Jones and G. Young being absent.*

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

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

- *Special Resolution commemorating the 250th birthday of the United States Navy*

Mr. Epperson announced that the resolution recognizing the 250th anniversary of the U.S. Navy would be presented to a reserve unit, reaffirming the Commission's ongoing commitment to honoring all branches of the military.

- *Special Resolution Black Restaurant Week*
- *Special Resolution of Recognition for Helen Amin*

Mrs. Amin expressed deep gratitude, sharing that since 1970 she has personally donated over \$519,000 in scholarships and continues to contribute \$1,200 monthly to support students.

Several Commissioners offered heartfelt remarks, commending her selflessness, lifelong dedication to youth, and her continued legacy of philanthropy and service alongside her late husband, Mr. Wally Amin.

- *Special Resolution for Max Chambers*
- *Special Resolution Breast Cancer Awareness Month*
- *Special Resolution Domestic Violence Awareness Month*
- *Special Resolution Filipino Awareness Month*

Ms. Loretta from the Filipino-American community thanked the Commission for its continued recognition and noted that Filipino-American History Month was established nationally in 2009 under President Obama. She expressed appreciation to Commissioners Mario Chavez and Ron Cothran for their years of support.

Mr. Cothran commended the Filipino-American community for its rich history and ongoing contributions to Louisiana, noting that the first Filipino settlement in the U.S. was established in Louisiana during the Spanish colonial period. He encouraged everyone to learn more about their history and influence in the region.

Mr. Burrell reflected on his long friendship with Ms. Loretta and their collaboration in founding the Multicultural Center of the South, highlighting her dedication to preserving and promoting local cultural diversity.

Mr. Epperson shared a personal connection, noting that his father served in the Philippines during World War II and developed strong relationships there. He expressed gratitude for the Philippines' historic alliance with the United States.

- *Special Resolution of Remembrance Captain Victor Green*
- *Special Resolution of Remembrance Wayne Waddell*
- *Special Resolution of Remembrance Geneva Moore*

Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Cothran, and Vice President Epperson requested to be added as co-sponsors to the Wayne Waddell resolution. Parliamentarian Thomas subsequently requested that all Commissioners who were present be added as co-sponsors, with no objections.

Mrs. Gage-Watts requested to be added to resolutions recognizing the 250th Birthday of the U.S. Navy, Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and Captain Victor Green.

Mrs. Blake requested to be added to Breast Cancer Awareness Month and Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Mr. Burrell requested to be added to resolutions recognizing the 250th Birthday of the U.S. Navy, Black Restaurant Week, Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Filipino Heritage Month, and Ms. Geneva Moore.

Commission Clerk, Mr. Jeff Everson, recognized Assistant Clerk Michelle Nations as both a breast cancer survivor and a proud Filipino-American, tying the presentation's theme to a personal acknowledgment within the Commission.

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

**SPECIAL RESOLUTION
UNITED STATES NAVY 250TH BIRTHDAY**

WHEREAS, on October 13, 1775, the Continental Congress authorized the creation of the Continental Navy, marking the beginning of what would become the United States Navy, one of the most powerful and respected naval forces in the world; and

WHEREAS, for 250 years, the United States Navy has safeguarded the freedom of navigation, defended our nation's interests across the globe, and provided critical humanitarian aid in times of crisis; and

WHEREAS, the Navy's proud legacy is defined by courage, honor, and commitment—principles embodied by the millions of men and women who have served under its banner since the days of the Revolutionary War; and

WHEREAS, from early wooden sailing ships to today's nuclear-powered aircraft carriers and submarines, the Navy has evolved into a global force for peace, deterrence, and security, ensuring the protection of the world's oceans and fostering international stability; and

WHEREAS, the United States Navy has also been a beacon of innovation, leadership, and opportunity, contributing to advancements in technology, logistics, and strategy that have strengthened both national defense and the American economy; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission recognizes the bravery, sacrifice, and dedication of all who have served or currently serve in the United States Navy—including the many veterans and active-duty personnel from Caddo Parish and the State of Louisiana—whose service reflects the highest ideals of patriotism and honor; and

WHEREAS, as the nation marks this milestone 250th anniversary in 2025, it is fitting that the Caddo Parish Commission join the citizens of the United States in expressing gratitude and admiration for the Navy's vital role in preserving freedom and advancing peace across the seas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby commemorate the 250th Anniversary of the United States Navy, honors the generations of sailors who have served with distinction, and extends heartfelt appreciation to all who continue to defend our nation with valor and dedication.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an official copy of this resolution be made available to the United States Navy and appropriate local veterans' organizations in recognition of this historic occasion.

**PROCLAMATION
BLACK RESTAURANT WEEK**

WHEREAS, the Shreveport-Bossier Black Restaurant Week is a weeklong culinary celebration organized by the Shreveport-Bossier African American Chamber of Commerce, typically held in October, to spotlight and support Black-owned restaurants, chefs, caterers, food trucks, and culinary entrepreneurs in the Shreveport-Bossier region; and

WHEREAS, during Black Restaurant Week, participating restaurants offer special \$10 lunch and \$20 dinner menus (among other specials) so that the public may experience the richness, diversity, and excellence of Black cuisine in the community; and

WHEREAS, this event also includes festivals, food truck events, and other culinary showcases that promote emerging chefs and celebrate established restaurateurs in the region; and

WHEREAS, the event fosters greater awareness, patronage, and economic support for Black-owned food businesses, thereby helping to strengthen local economies, create jobs, and broaden opportunities for minority entrepreneurs; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission acknowledges that restaurant and hospitality industries are vital to the cultural fabric, economic vitality, and tourism appeal of our region, and that minority-owned establishments play a critical role in preserving cultural heritage and promoting diversity in culinary expression; and

WHEREAS, by officially recognizing Black Restaurant Week, the Caddo Parish

Commission reaffirms its support for equitable economic development, cultural inclusion, and community unity through food and fellowship; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper for this body to formally encourage all residents, businesses, and visitors of Caddo Parish to participate in, support, and celebrate Shreveport-Bossier Black Restaurant Week by dining at participating Black-owned establishments and promoting this initiative through social media, local networks, and community engagement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission hereby Recognizes Shreveport-Bossier Black Restaurant Week as an important event celebrating the culinary talents, heritage, and entrepreneurship of Black restaurateurs, chefs, food trucks, and related businesses in the Caddo Parish / Shreveport-Bossier region; Encourages all residents, local businesses, civic groups, and visitors to support and participate in the week's events by dining at Black-owned restaurants, attending related food and cultural events, and promoting awareness through their networks and social media, including the hashtag #EatBlack318; Requests that local media, tourism agencies, chambers of commerce, and community organizations help publicize and elevate this week's offerings and stories of participating businesses; and Directs that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Shreveport-Bossier African American Chamber of Commerce as an expression of the Commission's support and recognition.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be entered into the official minutes of the Caddo Parish Commission, and that this body extends its best wishes for a successful, vibrant, and impactful Black Restaurant Week.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION HELEN AMIN

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission seeks to recognize outstanding individuals whose selfless contributions to education, community development, and the empowerment of youth have had a lasting impact on the lives of residents of Caddo Parish and the surrounding region; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Helen Jewitt Amin, along with her late husband, Mr. Wali Amin, has devoted decades of her personal resources to establishing and sustaining the Amin Scholarship Award Fund, beginning in 1970, to provide educational opportunities for African American students in Caddo Parish, Bossier Parish, and, in special cases, out-of-state students; and

WHEREAS, through her humility, generosity, and steadfast commitment, Ms. Amin has ensured that countless young men and women have access to higher education by funding scholarships for students to attend accredited colleges and universities, supporting both undergraduate and graduate students, and addressing financial need to give every student the opportunity to succeed; and

WHEREAS, the Amin Scholarship Award Fund distributes scholarships annually in conjunction with the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority – Zeta Iota Chapter's yearly scholarship and award breakfast, and recipients are carefully selected based on academic achievement, college acceptance, personal essays, and community engagement, ensuring that students with the greatest potential are recognized and supported; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Amin's decades of charitable work, often carried out without seeking recognition, have created a legacy of educational empowerment, serving as a beacon of hope, inspiration, and opportunity for generations of African American students, and have strengthened the social and educational fabric of Caddo Parish; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission recognizes and applauds Ms. Amin for her vision, leadership, generosity, and unwavering commitment to the betterment of youth through education, acknowledging that her dedication has transformed lives, provided opportunities, and inspired others to give back to the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby honor and commend Ms. Helen Amin for her extraordinary contributions to education and her tireless efforts to provide scholarships for deserving students, recognizing her as a model of civic responsibility, generosity, and community leadership.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be presented to Ms. Helen Amin as a symbol of the Commission's deep appreciation for her enduring service and commitment to empowering youth in Caddo Parish and beyond.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION MAX CHAMBERS

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission desires to recognize and commend outstanding citizens of Caddo Parish who, through their talent, determination, and excellence, bring positive recognition to our community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Max Chambers, a proud resident of Caddo Parish, has recently represented our community and the State of Louisiana on the nationally acclaimed NBC television series The Voice, where he showcased his remarkable vocal ability and stage presence to audiences across the country; and

WHEREAS, The Voice is one of America’s most popular and competitive singing competitions, drawing thousands of auditioners from around the nation each season, and Mr. Chambers distinguished himself through his soulful performances, musical skill, and authentic artistry; and

WHEREAS, Max Chambers’ success on The Voice reflects his dedication to his craft, his years of hard work, and the steadfast support of his family, friends, and community; and

WHEREAS, beyond his musical accomplishments, Max Chambers serves as a positive example for young artists across Northwest Louisiana—demonstrating that perseverance, creativity, and faith can lead to extraordinary opportunities on both local and national stages; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission wishes to recognize the pride and inspiration Max Chambers has brought to our Parish and commend him for his outstanding achievement as a performer and ambassador of our local culture and talent.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby extend its sincere congratulations and recognition to Mr. Max Chambers for his success and exemplary representation of Caddo Parish on The Voice, and expresses its gratitude for the light he continues to shine on the artistic spirit of our community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an official copy of this resolution be presented to Mr. Chambers as a token of the Commission’s admiration, respect, and continued support for his promising musical career.

**PROCLAMATION
BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, October is designated as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, breast cancer touches the lives of Caddo residents from every background and every community across our Parish; and

WHEREAS, though great strides have been made in combatting this devastating illness, more women and men will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year, and hundreds are expected to lose their lives to this disease in Caddo Parish; and

WHEREAS, during National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the Caddo Parish Commission honors those we have lost, lend our strength to those who carry on the fight, and pledge to educate ourselves and our loved ones about this tragic disease; and

WHEREAS, this month we stand with the mothers, daughters, sisters, aunts, and friends who have been affected by breast cancer, and we recognize the ongoing efforts of dedicated advocates, researchers, and health care providers who strive each day to defeat this terrible disease.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, meeting in legal and regular session this 9th day of October, 2025 that it does hereby proclaim October, 2025 as:

'BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH'

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

**PROCLAMATION
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, October is designated as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, Domestic violence impacts women, men and children of every age, background, and belief. Nearly 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men in the United States have suffered severe

physical violence by an intimate partner; and

WHEREAS, victims are deprived of their liberty and security and face tremendous threats to their health and safety. During National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, we reaffirm our dedication to forging an America where no one suffers the hurt and hardship that domestic violence causes; and

WHEREAS, during National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the Caddo Parish Commission pledges and their unwavering support to those in need and recognize the advocates, victim service providers, and organizations who work tirelessly to extend hope and healing to survivors and victims' every day.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, meeting in legal and regular session this 9th day of October, 2025 that it does hereby proclaim October, 2025 as:

'NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH'

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

**PROCLAMATION
FILIPINO AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH**

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission is pleased to acknowledge events of significance that occur in the community, and to recognize the organizations and individuals who are now and for a long time have been in the forefront of positive and worthy activities and deeds that accrue to the benefit of all; and

WHEREAS, such an organization is the Fil-Am Association of the ARK-LA-TEX, who will be hosting the 9th Annual Filipino American Heritage Month Celebration Gala at the LSUS Ballroom on October 4, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Fil-Am Association of the Ark-La-Tex. was founded to celebrate, educate and encourage Filipino American heritage to not only their members but to the communities in which their citizens live and serve on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS, the first recognized permanent Filipino settlement in the United States was in Saint Malo, Louisiana in 1763. Saint Malo, a fishing community which put in motion the economic, cultural, social and other notable contributions that Filipino Americans have made in countless ways toward the development of the history of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Filipino Americans have contributed greatly to the fine arts, music, literature, education, business, journalism, sports, fashion, politics, government, science, technology, and other fields which enrich the landscape of the United States of America.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission meeting in due and regular session, that it does hereby welcome the celebration of and recognize October 2025 as:

'FILIPINO AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH'

in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, entreating all citizens of the Parish to join in applauding this observance and in welcoming and honoring Fil-Am Association of the Ark-La-Tex members and guests.

**SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF REMEMBRANCE
CAPTAIN VICTOR GREEN**

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission has learned with deep sorrow of the passing of Captain Victor Green, a distinguished 30-year veteran of the Shreveport Fire Department, who faithfully served the citizens of Shreveport and Caddo Parish from June 16, 1995, until his passing on October 6, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Captain Green was born on April 6, 1973, in Shreveport, Louisiana, and until his last days remained a committed public servant dedicated to protecting life, property, and community; and

WHEREAS, during his decades of service, Captain Green distinguished himself by his professionalism, courage, compassion, and a warm sense of humor that uplifted fellow firefighters, community members, and those in need; and

WHEREAS, his leadership, character, and dedication earned him respect not only among his colleagues in the fire service, but across the broader Caddo Parish community, as his commitment to duty transcended station boundaries and touched lives both inside and outside municipal lines; and

WHEREAS, the Shreveport Fire Department and citizens of Caddo Parish join in mourning his loss, and in celebrating the legacy of a man whose devotion to service, strength of spirit, and genuine fellowship will long be remembered; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission finds it fitting and proper to formally record its appreciation for Captain Green's decades of service and to extend condolences to his family, friends, and the fire service community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission hereby honors the memory of Captain Victor Green, acknowledging with gratitude his thirty years of devoted service to Shreveport, Caddo Parish, and the region; commends his professionalism, leadership, and compassion, and affirms that his life's work in public safety brought honor to his department, his community, and the spirit of service in our region; extends the deepest sympathies of the Caddo Parish Commission to his wife, children, other family members, and the extended fire service family, pledging the Commission's support and solidarity in this time of loss; recognizes that Captain Green's service will be remembered across lines—beyond municipal borders, across communities, and among people of all walks of life—testimony to a life lived in selflessness, integrity, and neighborly care; and directs that this Resolution of Remembrance be permanently entered into the official records of the Caddo Parish Commission, and that an official copy be transmitted to his family and to the Shreveport Fire Department as a symbol of the Commission's respect and appreciation.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF REMEMBRANCE WAYNE WADDELL

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission takes solemn and respectful note of the passing of Leo Wayne Waddell (October 14, 1948 – October 3, 2025), a distinguished public servant, business leader, and valued resident, whose career and life left an indelible mark on Caddo Parish, the State of Louisiana, and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Wayne Waddell was born in Shreveport, Louisiana, and devoted his life to the service of his community through many roles: as a Caddo Parish Commissioner, as a State Representative (serving three terms and as Dean of the House), as Executive Director of the Louisiana State Exhibit Museum, and as a successful business owner of Waddell's Gallery of Distinction and Louisiana Molding and Supply, Inc., committed to excellence in the arts, framing, and local commerce; and

WHEREAS, beyond his formal public offices and business endeavors, Wayne Waddell was active in civic, fraternal, and religious life—serving as a deacon in the Presbyterian Church, participating in the Cedar Grove Masonic Lodge, the El Karubah Shrine, the Downtown Shreveport Rotary Club, and the Louisiana State Fair Board—always striving to build community, forge relationships, and serve with humility and respect; and

WHEREAS, throughout his many years of public service, Wayne Waddell earned broad respect and goodwill across political lines, forging relationships with people of diverse backgrounds, viewpoints, and communities, and his commitment to fairness, integrity, and responsiveness was appreciated by constituents across the spectrum; and

WHEREAS, his leadership of the Louisiana State Exhibit Museum combined his passions for history, education, and culture, and his stewardship in that role advanced the institution's mission to bring heritage and arts to citizens across Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, as a business leader, he built long-term relationships with employees, vendors, artists, and customers, prioritizing trust, quality, and community over short-term gain, and his businesses earned a reputation for service, craftsmanship, and reliability over more than five decades; and

WHEREAS, Wayne Waddell was devoted to his family—his beloved wife, Susan Simpson Waddell, to whom he was married for 54 years; their sons, Greg and Riley, their spouses and children; and a circle of friends, colleagues, and admirers who were uplifted by his wit, his warmth, and his steady counsel; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission affirms that Wayne Waddell's life and legacy transcend partisanship, and that his service, character, and commitment will be held in grateful remembrance by people of all political, cultural, and social persuasions across Caddo Parish and Louisiana.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Recognizes and honors the life, career, and

legacy of Wayne Waddell, and expresses profound sorrow at his passing; commends his public service as Commissioner, State Representative, and caretaker of Louisiana’s cultural institutions, and his enduring contributions to business, civic life, and community across Caddo Parish and the region; Acknowledges that his leadership was respected by constituents and colleagues of diverse political affiliations, and that his friendship, fairness, and decency bridged differences and inspired cooperation across divides; Extends condolences to his family and affirms the Commission’s support and sympathy in this time of loss, and Directs that this resolution be made a part of the official minutes of the Caddo Parish Commission, and that a copy be delivered to the family of Wayne Waddell as an expression of the Commission’s lasting respect and gratitude.

**SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF REMEMBRANCE
GENEVA MOORE**

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission pauses to honor and remember the extraordinary life of Ms. Geneva Moore, a beloved centenarian, community matriarch, and lifelong resident of Caddo Parish, who recently passed away after celebrating her remarkable 110th birthday; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Moore’s long and beautiful life, spanning more than a century, was defined by faith, perseverance, kindness, and an enduring love for her family, friends, and community; and

WHEREAS, in 2024, the Caddo Parish Commission proudly recognized Ms. Moore on the occasion of her 110th birthday, celebrating her as one of the oldest residents in the region and a living link to over a century of local, state, and national history; and

WHEREAS, throughout her life, Ms. Moore embodied strength and grace, inspiring generations with her unwavering spirit, wisdom, and compassion—qualities that endeared her to all who were blessed to know her; and

WHEREAS, she served as a cornerstone of her community, often providing encouragement, sharing her memories of earlier times, and serving as an example of the power of faith, family, and resilience; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Moore’s life serves as a testament to the progress and perseverance of African American families in Caddo Parish through more than a century of change, and her legacy will continue to uplift those who carry forward her values of love, humility, and service; and

WHEREAS, while her passing leaves a deep void in the hearts of those who loved her, the memory of Ms. Geneva Moore will forever remain a source of pride and inspiration for the people of Caddo Parish and beyond.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby celebrate the life and legacy of Ms. Geneva Moore, expresses its deepest sympathy to her family and loved ones, and honors her extraordinary journey of 110 years marked by devotion, dignity, and joy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Special Resolution of Remembrance be entered permanently into the official records of the Caddo Parish Commission, and that a copy be presented to Ms. Moore’s family as a heartfelt expression of appreciation and condolence from the people of Caddo Parish.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

- Intergovernmental Meeting—October 24 at 11:30 a.m.
Assistant Administrator Clay Walker reminded the Commissioners that the Intergovernmental Meeting will be held on October 24, 2025 at 11:30 a.m. with the City of Shreveport being the host.
- Juvenile Detention Center census
Assistant Administrator Walker said that there are 13 children in the detention center; 4 of which are 17 year old; 6 of which are OJJ. There are 15 juveniles at CCC and 423 juveniles on probation.
- Broadband
Assistant Administrator Walker said that there will be a broadband update at the next Commission meeting.

COMMUNIQUES & COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mr. Epperson requested that the War on Litter Truck be included in the upcoming Veterans Parade. He reported a successful National Night Out in District 12, noting that he was able to visit several neighborhood events before nightfall. He further discussed recent speeding incidents near Calderwood/Highway 80 at the entrance of Timberline Subdivision, which resulted in a power outage affecting several surrounding neighborhoods. Mr. Epperson expressed interest in pursuing legislative approval for speed enforcement cameras within Caddo Parish to prevent similar incidents.

- Mr. Thomas highlighted multiple upcoming parish and community events, including: Prize Fest, Black Restaurant Week, 2025 Walk to End Alzheimer's, and the Ronald McDonald House Grand Opening.

He thanked the Shreveport Fire Department for its continued service and requested a moment of silence to honor local educators and community leaders recently lost.

- Mrs. Blake reported that National Night Out events within her district were highly successful. She thanked parish staff for providing educational handouts and State Fair tickets for children during National Night Out.

She announced the 27th Anniversary Celebration of Avalon Hair Salon and extended an invitation to fellow Commissioners to attend the open house.

She recognized Pastor Charles Johnson, the KOKA family, and LSUS for hosting the first-ever Chicken and Blues Festival, which featured American Idol Season 23 winner Jamal Roberts and drew over 2,200 attendees.

Mrs. Blake shared her participation in the "Over the Edge" event with Commissioner Thomas, benefiting the Fuller Center, describing it as both thrilling and rewarding.

- Mr. Burrell acknowledged the recent fire and destruction of the historic Shreveport Country Club (formerly Huntington Golf Course), describing it as a major loss for the community.

He extended appreciation to Stephen Walker and the Public Works Department for producing National Night Out maps and assisting with coordination efforts throughout the parish.

- Mr. Cothran reported on a visit to a medical research facility in Shreveport conducting innovative studies in the field of public health.

He praised the Filipino-American Gala, encouraging attendance at next year's event.

He attended the Fathers on a Mission (FOAM) meeting, both emphasizing youth engagement, employment, and community leadership.

Mr. Cothran also commended the Southern Hills Business Expo and noted that 12 National Night Out sites were active within his district.

He concluded by recognizing the Greenbrook Neighborhood Association for its enduring focus on family unity and community connection

- Mr. Epperson requested that Public Safety Committee meeting be scheduled prior to the next Work Session.

- Mrs. Blake requested to be added as a co-sponsor to Resolution No. 41 of 2025.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Madame President Gage-Watts reminded the Commissioners to wear pink and purple at the next meeting in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness and Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

She expressed appreciation to Caddo Parish Parks and Recreation, Public Works, Animal Services, Juvenile Services, and Communications Departments for their collaboration during National Night Out events. She noted that the "War on Litter" Truck officially led a parade, symbolizing Caddo Parish's ongoing litter abatement initiative. She extended gratitude to the Shreveport Fire Department for its professionalism and swift response during the Shreveport Country Club fire, and urged residents to report any information anonymously to Crime Stoppers. President Gage-Watts reminded citizens to verify polling locations and election details through the Geaux Vote app, as some precincts will have closed primaries. She concluded by announcing her participation as a panelist for "Moms on the Move"

PUBLIC HEARING ON ZONING ORDINANCES

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

- *Ordinance No. 6562 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 locate on the west side of Ellerbe Road, approximately 825 feet south of East Flourney Lucas Road, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from R-1-7, Single Family Residential Zoning District, to C-1, Neighborhood Commercial Zoning District, 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. There were no Public Hearing on Ordinances, so the Commission moved onto Zoning Ordinances for Final Passage.

ZONING ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE

It was **moved by Mr. Atkins**, seconded by Mr. Epperson, *that Ordinance No. 6562 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 locate on the west side of Ellerbe Road, approximately 825 feet south of East Flourney Lucas Road, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from R-1-7, Single Family Residential Zoning District, to C-1, Neighborhood Commercial Zoning District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be adopted. Motion carried unanimously with Commissioners Jones and G. Young being absent.

ORDINANCE NO. 6562 OF 2025, PZC CASE 25-13-P

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

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 WEST SIDE OF ELLERBE ROAD, APPROXIMATELY 825 FEET SOUTH OF EAST FLOURNOY LUCAS ROAD, CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA, FROM R-1-7 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICT TO C-1 NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL ZONING DISTRICT, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

BE IT ORDAINED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that Volume II of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo, as amended, the Caddo Parish Unified Development Code, is hereby amended and re-enacted to read as follows, to wit:

The official Zoning Map of the Shreveport Metropolitan Planning Area of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, be amended by rezoning property located west side of Ellerbe Road, approximately 825 feet South of East Flourney Lucas Road, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, more particularly described below, be and the same is hereby amended from R-1-7 Single Family Residential Zoning District to C-1 Neighborhood Commercial Zoning District:

COMMENCING AT A FOUND RAILROAD SPIKE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 8, RUN THENCE NORTH 89°12'49" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 3092.66 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 00°47'11" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 2653.75 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 88°57'16" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 887.41 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 00°37'04" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 494.30 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED. FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING, RUN THENCE NORTH 00°37'04" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 162.50 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 67°27'04" EAST A DISTANCE OF 228.44 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 00°37'04" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 252.37 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 89°22'56" WEST A DISTANCE OF 210.02 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID TRACT CONTAINING 1.000 ACRES. SEC. 8, T16N, R13W, Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

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 (10) days after publication in the official journal.

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

There were no Ordinances for Final Passage, nor Zoning Ordinances for Introduction by Title, so the Commission moved onto Ordinances for Introduction by Title.

ORDINANCES (for introduction by title)

- *Ordinance No. 6563 of 2025, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Riverboat Fund and the Oil & Gas Fund to provide an additional appropriation for the Safe Summer Program and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6564 of 2025, an ordinance adopting the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Shreve Memorial Library for the year 2026*
- *Ordinance No. 6565 of 2025, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Economic Development Fund to provide an appropriation for Christmas in Roseland and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

WORK SESSION MINUTES

It was **moved by Mr. Cothran**, seconded by Mr. Thomas, *that the Work Session Minutes from October 6, 2025 be adopted. Motion carried unanimously with Commissioners Blake, Jones, and G. Young being absent.*

RESOLUTIONS

It was **moved by Mr. Thomas**, seconded by Mr. Epperson, *to englobo and adopt the following Resolutions:*

- *Resolution No. 39 of 2025, a resolution to authorize the Caddo Parish Administrator to direct and authorize the Louisiana State Mineral & Energy Board and the Office of Mineral Resources to accept nomination, advertise for, accept and award bids, and execute all oil, gas, and mineral leases on certain mineral interests owned by the Parish of Caddo, and otherwise providing with respect thereto*
- *Resolution No. 40 of 2025, a resolution to authorize the Caddo Parish Administrator to direct and authorize the Louisiana State Mineral & Energy Board and the Office of Mineral Resources to accept nomination, advertise for, accept and award bids, and execute all oil, gas, and mineral leases on certain mineral interests owned by the Parish of Caddo, and otherwise providing with respect thereto*
- *Resolution No. 41 of 2025, requesting United States Speaker of the House and 4th Congressional Representative, Mike Johnson, invite Caddo Parish resident, Ken Krefft, to perform a dramatic recitation before Congress and otherwise providing with respect thereto*

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

RESOLUTION NO. 39 OF 2025

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CADDO PARISH ADMINISTRATOR TO DIRECT AND AUTHORIZE THE LOUISIANA STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD AND THE OFFICE OF MINERAL RESOURCES TO ACCEPT NOMINATIONS, ADVERTISE

FOR, ACCEPT AND AWARD BIDS, AND EXECUTE ALL OIL, GAS AND MINERAL LEASES ON CERTAIN MINERAL INTERESTS OWNED BY THE PARISH OF CADDO, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo may own certain mineral rights underlying the following described property, to-wit:

Those certain road dedications known as Green Oak Drive, Oak Haven Drive, Split Oak Drive, Southern Loop Circle, Wildoak Drive and Williams Road, all located in Section 21, Township 16 North, Range 13 West, and located in Caddo Parish, Louisiana and containing 11.66 acres, more or less; and those certain adjudicated properties located in Section 21, Township 16 North, Range 13 West, described as the West 38.9 Ft. of Lot 11, Mt. Pleasant Annex Subdivision, with Geo. #161321-001-0027 and containing .28 acres more or less; the above described property located in Section 21, T16N, R13W containing a total of 11.94 acres, more or less, all in Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo has received a written request from Cypress Energy Partners, LLC, that the Parish seek public bids for an oil, gas and mineral lease covering said property; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo does not have the knowledge or resources available to determine if it owns the mineral rights and the Parish of Caddo will rely on the expertise and experience of the lessee in determining ownership; and

WHEREAS, it is expressly agreed that any lease granted by the Parish of Caddo and accepted by lessee is without any warranty of title and without any recourse against the Parish of Caddo whatsoever, either express or implied, and it is expressly agreed that the Parish of Caddo shall not be required to return any payments received or be otherwise responsible to lessee therefore; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board and the Office of Mineral Resources, is available upon the request of Caddo Parish to lease the aforesaid property for oil, gas and other minerals if requested to do so by Caddo Parish.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that it does hereby direct and authorize the Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board and the Office of Mineral Resources, to accept nominations, advertise for, accept and award bids, and execute all oil, gas and mineral leases on the aforesaid properties of certain mineral interests owned by the Parish of Caddo.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any such lease contain a no surface operations provision as follows: Lessee, its successors or assigns, may produce oil, gas and other minerals from the leased premises by drilling from a surface location on other lands, but notwithstanding any other provision of this lease, Lessee, its successors or assigns, shall not use the surface of the Lessor's property for drilling or any other operations without prior written permission of Lessor, which permission may be withheld at Lessor's discretion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any such lease contain a horizontal prong provision as follows: Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein contained, at the end of the primary term or any extension thereof by operations, if the Commission of Conservation of the State of Louisiana establishes a drilling unit which includes a part of the land herein leased, the production of oil, gas and other minerals from such unit shall maintain this lease in full force and effect only as to such portions of the leased land embraced in said pooled unit; and this lease shall expire as to that part of the land herein leased not included in such unit; and lessee, its successors and assigns agrees to relinquish by formal instrument any portion of the leased land not included in a unit created by the Commission of Conservation while this lease is in effect.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any such lease contain a vertical prong provision as follows: Upon the expiration of the primary term hereof or any extension thereof by operations, this lease shall automatically terminate and be of no further force or effect except as to all that part of the leased premises then included within the geographical boundaries of a producing unit duly established by governmental agency or authority having jurisdiction, from the surface of the earth to a depth of 100 feet below the deepest depth from which any well commenced during the primary term hereof on the leased premises or on lands pooled therewith is completed and from which there is production in paying quantities, such depth determination to be made on a unit by unit basis. In the absence of units so established, this lease shall terminate except as to 40 acres around each producing oil well and 160 acres around each producing or shut-in gas well located on the leased premises, in as near the form of a square as is

practicable, from the surface of the earth down to a depth of 100 feet below the deepest depth from which said well or wells are completed and from which there is production in paying quantities, such depth determination to be made on a well by well basis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any such lease contain a minimum royalty provision as follows: Royalty of not less than 1/4th or 25%.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any such lease contain a minimum bonus provision as follows: Bonus of not less than \$3,000.00 per acre.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any such lease contain a hard or solid mineral exclusion provision as follows: This lease shall exclude free sulphur, potash, lignite, salt and any other hard or solid mineral. Lessee shall not have any rights to explore, drill for, mine, produce or take any action whatsoever in regard to any such hard or solid mineral deposits.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any such lease contain a maximum term provision as follows: Primary term of lease shall not exceed three (3) years.

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.

RESOLUTION NO. 40 OF 2025

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CADDO PARISH ADMINISTRATOR TO DIRECT AND AUTHORIZE THE LOUISIANA STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD AND THE OFFICE OF MINERAL RESOURCES TO ACCEPT NOMINATIONS, ADVERTISE FOR, ACCEPT AND AWARD BIDS, AND EXECUTE ALL OIL, GAS AND MINERAL LEASES ON CERTAIN MINERAL INTERESTS OWNED BY THE PARISH OF CADDO, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo may own certain mineral rights underlying the following described property, to-wit:

Those certain roads known as Daren Road and part of Hwy. 169 located in the N/2 of NW/4 and NW/4 of NE/4 of Section 23, Township 19 North, Range 16 West, as described in Plat recorded in Book 1500 at Page 359, records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana; and those certain adjudicated properties located in Section 23, Township 19 North, Range 16 West, described as Lot 100, in the S/2 of N/2 of Section 23 with Geo. #191623-002-0100; Lot 159, in the S/2 of N/2 of Section 23 with Geo. #191623-002-0159; and Lots 137, 138, 156, and 157, in the S/2 of N/2 of Section 23, with Geo. #191623-002-0190; the above tracts located in Section 23, T19N, R16W containing a total of 7.35 acres, more or less, all in Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo has received a written request from USG Properties Haynesville, LLC, that the Parish seek public bids for an oil, gas and mineral lease covering said property; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo does not have the knowledge or resources available to determine if it owns the mineral rights and the Parish of Caddo will rely on the expertise and experience of the lessee in determining ownership; and

WHEREAS, it is expressly agreed that any lease granted by the Parish of Caddo and accepted by lessee is without any warranty of title and without any recourse against the Parish of Caddo whatsoever, either express or implied, and it is expressly agreed that the Parish of Caddo shall not be required to return any payments received or be otherwise responsible to lessee therefore; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board and the Office of Mineral Resources, is available upon the request of Caddo Parish to lease the aforesaid property for oil, gas and other minerals if requested to do so by Caddo Parish.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that it does hereby direct and authorize the Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board and the Office of Mineral Resources, to accept nominations, advertise for, accept and award bids, and execute all oil, gas and mineral leases on the aforesaid properties of certain mineral interests owned by the Parish of Caddo.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any such lease contain a no surface operations provision as follows: Lessee, its successors or assigns, may produce oil, gas and other minerals from the leased premises by drilling from a surface location on other lands, but notwithstanding any other provision of this lease, Lessee, its successors or assigns, shall not use the surface of the Lessor's property for drilling or any other operations without prior written permission of Lessor, which permission may be withheld at Lessor's discretion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any such lease contain a horizontal pugh provision as follows: Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein contained, at the end of the primary term or any extension thereof by operations, if the Commission of Conservation of the State of Louisiana establishes a drilling unit which includes a part of the land herein leased, the production of oil, gas and other minerals from such unit shall maintain this lease in full force and effect only as to such portions of the leased land embraced in said pooled unit; and this lease shall expire as to that part of the land herein leased not included in such unit; and lessee, its successors and assigns agrees to relinquish by formal instrument any portion of the leased land not included in a unit created by the Commission of Conservation while this lease is in effect.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any such lease contain a minimum bonus provision as follows: Bonus of not less than \$3,000.00 per acre.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any such lease contain a hard or solid mineral exclusion provision as follows: This lease shall exclude free sulphur, potash, lignite, salt and any other hard or solid mineral. Lessee shall not have any rights to explore, drill for, mine, produce or take any action whatsoever in regard to any such hard or solid mineral deposits.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any such lease contain a maximum term provision as follows: Primary term of lease shall not exceed three (3) years.

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.

RESOLUTION NO. 41 OF 2025

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION

REQUESTING UNITED STATES SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE AND 4TH CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVE MIKE JOHNSON INVITE CADDO PARISH RESIDENT, KEN KREFFT TO PERFORM A DRAMATIC RECITATION BEFORE CONGRESS AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission recognizes and appreciates the influence of Speak of the House Mike Johnson; and

WHEREAS, Caddo Parish is proud to share the unique skills and talents of our local residents with the world, especially when those talents reflect patriotism and commitment to our great nation; and

WHEREAS, Ken Krefft is a retired public servant who has been an active community member for many years, and in addition to his public service and volunteer work with neighborhood associations, retirement boards and other civic groups- he has become known for his dramatic recitations of famous American speeches and documents; and

WHEREAS, his performances of memorized American moments ranging from a costumed recitation of “The Declaration of Independence,” to a somber but impassioned recitation of Martin Luther King, Jr.’s “I Have a Dream” speech have earned him the respect of a wide variety of audiences and he has performed at public meetings on the local and state level as well as in Washington, DC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that the Caddo Parish Commission hereby respectfully requests that Speaker of the House Mike Johnson extend an invitation if and when appropriate for Mr. Ken Krefft to perform a recitation to an audience of Congressional members or other appropriate occasion where such a patriotic performance would add meaning.

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 declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Caddo Parish Commission Clerk is hereby instructed to immediately send an official copy of this resolution to the local Federal Delegation.

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. Cothran**, seconded by Mr. Thomas, *that the following items be englobed and adopted:*

- *Appointment of Ivy Y. Melius to Fire District No. 3 to fill the unexpired term of Susan Tuberville. Term to expire December 4, 2026.*
- *Reappointment of Kay Proby-Waller to the Industrial Development Board. Term to expire August 22, 2031.*
- *Reappointment of Marvin Mohammed to the Industrial Development Board. Term to expire August 22, 2031.*
- *Appointment of Amanda Murray to the Ward II Industrial Board—appointment for the Town of Vivian. Term to expire indefinite.*
- *Appropriation of \$1.2M from Public Works Road Fund for safety, improvements, and extension of Dawson Road Project in draft 2026 Budget*
- *Authorization of Administration to spend up to \$50k of funding from the Reserve Trust Fund’s emergency repair funding*

Friendly amendment by Mr. Atkins *that the appropriation of \$1.2M from Public Works Road Fund for safety, improvements, and extension of Dawson Road Project in draft 2026 Budget and the authorization of Administration to spend up to \$50k of funding from the Reserve Trust Fund's emergency repair funding be removed from the englobo. Mr. Cothran agreed.*

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

It was **moved by Mr. Epperson**, seconded by Mr. Cothran, *to appropriate \$1.2M from Public Works Road fund for safety, improvements, and the extension of Dawson Road Project in the 2026 draft Budget.*

Mr. Epperson explained the project's decade-long development, repeated flooding issues, and critical need for an additional access route for safety and emergency response. Mr. Cothran expressed support.

Mr. Atkins requested clarification. Mr. Walker explained that this is just one of the phases of the funding. He said that there is still more to be done. Mr. Epperson explained that the existing road has to be redone.

Attorney Donna Frazier clarified the motion directs inclusion of the project in the proposed 2026, but an ordinance would need to be voted on.

Mr. Kracman mentioned that AEP/SWEPCO sent a letter of opposition with regards to this extension. Mr. Thomas said that the letter was in regards to the proximity of the road and their property.

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

It was **moved by Mr. Cothran**, seconded by Mr. Thomas, *to authorize Administration to spend up to \$50k of funding from the Reserve Trust Fund's emergency repair funding.*

Substitute motion by Mr. J. Young, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *to authorize Administration to spend up to \$100k of funding from the Reserve Trust Fund's emergency repair funding.*

Both motions emphasized the need to assist residents unable to repair storm-related damages, especially amid ongoing insurance challenges. Legal review will precede all expenditures.

At this time, Mr. J. Young's substitute motion carried with Commissioners Atkins, Blake, Jones, and G. Young being absent.

COMMUNIQUE & REPORTS

- Mr. Epperson presented an audit summary for the Caddo Community Action Agency (CCAA), noting its growth from 3 employees to over 400, with an \$18 million annual expenditure. The agency assists residents with: disaster response and emergency relief; energy, water, and medical assistance; and distribution of furniture, food, and supplies during crises.

Mr. Epperson encouraged colleagues and the public to visit the CCAA centers to observe their community impact.

There were no Citizens Comments. There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m.


Michelle Nations
Assistant Commission Clerk


Stormy Gage-Watts
President