

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION
OF THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION
HELD ON THE 18th 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, Blake, Burrell, Cothran, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Jones, Kracman, Lazarus, Thomas, G. Young, and J. Young (12). ABSENT: None (0).

Mr. Jones gave the invocation, and Mr. Epperson led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance. There were no Agenda Additions, so the Commission moved onto Citizens Comments.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Michael Williams came before the Commission and gave the following comment:

Good evening, Madam Chair, Vice Chair, and Madam Administrator. Michael Williams, 2101 Carver Place, Shreveport, LA. I rise to the podium in opposition of the proposed pickleball initiative. As I came down here several weeks ago, I said the only thing that black folk know about pickleball is about the pickles that they eat, the dill and the sour. To this day, it still sounds like a sour deal to the black community. And we know that pickleball has become a world phenomenon, a niche for the rich. Unfortunately we don't have economic opportunity with the inner-city communities. And this is a public-private partnership with an entity, I think it needs an Attorney General opinion before we even go forward, that's my opinion. Why are we afraid, as urban and rural commissioners, apologetic for being in power? We have seven votes. Like they have a majority in Congress, they have a majority in the House, and they vote what is best for the party, not all the time about the people. And sometimes you have to separate from your colleagues of the Democratic party to do what is right. This is not good at this time. They gonna duck off in a community where you got to have a lawnmower and a weed eater just to get in there. Then you got to turn around and pay a fee for a public service that provides for poor rural and urban children in the community. That's not good for everybody, it's just good for some of us. And I think it's unfair and it's an injustice. Why do we continue to rubber-stamp things for Republicans? The extreme Republican party in America have shown black Americans, white Americans, Asian Americans, and the Democrats what they think about us. The last time I came down we had issues about voting for Social Security and Medicare, and though, every one of those Republicans voted against it, even to help the soldiers, mental health services. Some of you have political aspirations. This would be a political suicide for your future. You represent a majority-black district that don't have road infrastructure, no street, no program, no swimming pool, dilapidated houses, grass ain't cut, crime, no job, no hope. And like a third world country, and you come down and want to vote for initiatives not going to help impact in your neighborhood because somebody got a impact study they paid for and say will be good for all of us. Now all of a sudden, we all in the family because it's something where they can get more of. Them rural kids ain't got no money. They don't have no residuals to pay for no pickleball. Most pickleballs [unintelligible]. They don't cost no \$100,000 to build a court. I think it's the wrong message at the wrong time. If we need to go back and renegotiate, I asked you to do that and you didn't do that. Why would you allow it to even go forward today and even put it in an ordinance? If it passed, why would you go back and not try to finish what they started? This is the wrong message. The community, we the people don't want it. We don't need it right now. How many people gonna get a job? How many black people gonna get contracts? How many people gonna benefit economic? Only the [unintelligible] gonna benefit, because some of you young politicians don't understand what's really going on.

Jon Glover came before the Commission and gave the following comment:

Good evening, Commissioners. Jon Glover, 9100 Walker Road, Apartment 217, Shreveport, Louisiana, 71118. Where are we with our true cost estimate buildup was a question that a Commissioner asked, along with nine other questions that really stirred the pot for me. Is this based on the \$10 million estimate? Where are the big buckets? What is the contingency? YMCA land lease? How long the agreement will be? YMCA's contribution, parking spaces, seating capacity? If operations did not pay entire operating expense, how will such be addressed? And the last question that was asked or addressed, if funding approved, when can bond be issued? Now, as I said, those questions, long before he mentioned them, they were on my heart and mind, because I had to understand. And, even though there is a consensus that this is indeed a good project, and I don't think anyone, well not myself, would say it's not a good project, I just don't like the way you're doing it. You know the revenue bonds, we do understand that they have to be sold, and we're anticipating revenue to be able to address those monthly lease payments. But when those payments are not there because the revenue stream didn't come, then we taxpayers become collateral. We're the collateral that you all are using to support those payments that are not gained in full. Yet, we have no voice when you decide how you're going to pay for those payments. At the end of the day, it's not black nor white for me. It's not rich nor poor. It is about good common logic. You know, I stand, and then sometimes my comments are critiqued. Well, I don't think that is appropriate because I don't get to rebut. So, I would ask that if there is no allowance for me to rebut a critiquing of anything I say, then the critiquing should not be of such. I am a citizen who has the right to share her perspective on what the issue or an issue that I want to speak to. So, I don't need to be critiqued. I really don't, because I know what I'm saying. I don't need to be encouraged. I don't need to be, you know, trying to share with me outside

of to tell me what's best for, because I think I'm capable of making that decision myself. Again, you know, I don't want this project to go forward because of its financing. Thank you.

Lester Smith came before the Commission and gave the following comment:

Good afternoon. My name is Lester Smith, reside at 41418 Theo Street, Shreveport, Louisiana. Here to speak on the pickleball ordeal we got going on here. First and foremost, I'm against it because you're asking us as taxpayers to put this burden on us. I know you say it's a bond, but bonds don't always go as planned, and it falls back on the taxpayers. And what I'm saying for the amount of money that you guys are talking about, we could do a whole lot of things in the African-American community. Jobs, roads, a lot of things can be done. And it just look like the representation is not there to address the issues in the areas that you represent. You ought to know your area. You ought to know your district. You ought to know what's needed. And we don't need our representative voting for something most of us in the African-American community don't even understand, pickleball. We don't about pickleball, but we do know about the conditions in the African-American community. We know about the conditions on the roads we have to drive on. We know about the condition where crime is concerned. So those are issues people like to use this phrase, the bread-and-butter issues with African-Americans. You know, we understand that putting this out there, it don't include us, because if you wanted us included, you would put it somewhere centrally located where we would have access to it in our community. We don't even know the job layout for it. Are we going to benefit from it employment-wise? You say so. But are we going to benefit from it contract-wise? You know, it's a lot of unanswered questions about something. You want us to approve \$10 million and we don't even know or understand what we're approving it for. So, I'm saying look at where you guys come from and make a clear-minded, open-minded conclusion that this is worth my vote as a representative, because the people in these particular districts sent you down here to represent their interest. And I'm sad to say and I'm sorry to say in a lot of instances, the concern of the people are not being represented, nor are they here to, because when we elect people they seem to come down and do as they choose. But we need accountability and transparency with things that you want us to vote on. And it's high time we as a people keep allowing people that we send down here to bamboozle and hoodwink us and just bring us anything back that has no meaning, no substance, no nothing for us. And look at the communities that a lot of you guys represent. We're catching hell. We got all kinds of problems in the African-American community. You can sit here and have a debate about a pickleball court when we got people dying in the streets every day. Thank you.

Stacy Brown came before the Commission and gave the following comment:

Good afternoon, thank you for allowing me to come before you to talk a little bit about the impact of visitors and tourism. Sorry. Stacy Brown, 629 Spring Street, Shreveport, Louisiana. I'm here representing tourism and the impact that this pickleball facility can have on tourism in our community. Last year, we had 9.7 million visitors to Caddo and Bossier Parishes. Those people come into our community. They spend money in our restaurants, our hotels, go to our gas stations, go to shopping in the malls and other places. And they do it throughout the parish. So, they may be going to an event in one area of town, but they will likely be going to other areas of town to spend the night, to eat in restaurants, to go shopping, and they spend the money throughout that area. These visitors are often repeat visitors. So, one of the things we know about a facility such as pickleball, it will bring some new visitors into our community. But what we know is that those visitors often come back. 86% of our visitors are repeat visitors. So, we need those items to get them in as a first-time visitor to get them to be a repeat visitor spending money in our community. So, one of the great things about visitors is it benefits every single person in our community. That means taxes are paid by visitors. So, we as citizens pay less in taxes because visitors are in our community. Whether or no they come into our specific neighborhood, we still benefit from those visitors. So, this pickleball facility, what we've been able to see in other communities is it drives a considerable amount of visitation when it's don't right. And what I mean by that is you're looking at a facility that's large enough to attract outside visitation and tournaments. Because this facility is done right, we have rights holders that are already ready to book events. Sara Nelms is with us today. She is our Director of Sports. She's already hitting those fall conferences and showing the facility to potential rights holders who want to hold their tournaments here. So, this is a great way for every single person in Caddo Parish to benefit from this facility, is by driving visitation that not only pays for the facility through the revenue bonds, but also helps lessen our tax burden for each and every citizen in our parish, but also provides jobs and businesses with an opportunity in our community. So, thank you for your consideration. This pickleball facility will benefit everyone in Caddo Parish. Thank you.

Alvin Oliver came before the Commission and gave the following comment:

How's everybody? Alright, so, I'm here to speak about this pickleball. Okay, my bad, I'm sorry. Alvin Oliver, 2319 Fernbrook Drive, Shreveport, Louisiana. I'm here to speak on the pickleball court. While I've heard both sides of it, there's a good argument for both sides of it. However, I believe that on one side of my argument is, I did my own research. I looked at the data that some one the Commission gave me. I looked at the statistics on that data, but I also looked up my own data. And talking about \$10 million for a pickleball court, the data showed me that it would take 10 and even up to 20 years to recoup that \$10 million. We're talking about building a pavilion. We're talking about having those pickleball tournaments where maybe 1,000 to 3,000 people may show up to that. Well, how much money is that going

to generate? Sure, it's going to generate a few dollars, but it's not going to make a economic impact enough, I think, to make a difference here in Shreveport or Caddo Parish. Tennis was a big thing here, so we thought, and we see how tennis turned out. Pickleball, we have pickleball courts, I'm told, in other parts of the city. How have they fared? And lastly, I want to say, if we do have the pickleball court, why does it need to be—think about this. We got the Fairgrounds over here. We have Independence Bowl games over there. We have the state fairground over there. We have the state fair there. We have gun and knife shows. We have car shows. We have all of those shows at a city-owned property, which is the Fairgrounds. So, we talk about wanting to be inclusive. Well, when you want to just put the thing out there in an affluent area, you're sending really a signal to those that's not affluent. You're sending a signal to those possibly in the African-American community that, hey, you're not invited. You're not included because we want to put it in an affluent area. And everybody knows that that part of town is an affluent area. It's out there on a Lash run property right there next to the YWCA, where the Lash family runs it. So, one of the questions is, how many jobs is it going to create? Who's going to get those jobs? Is there going to be nepotism, you understand, with the Lash family running it? Also, my last thing is, someone said, "What about the crime over here in Queensboro near the Fairgrounds?" Well, does crime prevent the Independence Bowl from coming? Does crime prevent the fair from coming? Does crime prevent the gun and knives and the car shows from coming? No. Crime does not prevent those things from coming. Also, near the Fairgrounds, what do we have? We have a Interstate 20 corridor. On and off right there, easy access for people to get on, for people to get off. We don't have that out there in the Southern Hills area. And so, for those many reasons I just gave you, I think there's so much more that we can do with \$10 million than to spend it on a pickleball court. Thank you.

There were no Citizens Comments, so the Commission moved onto Visitors—Mudbugs Assistant Coach Brett Smith.

VISITORS

- Coach Brett Smith
Mudbugs Assistant Coach

Brett Smith, Assistant Coach of the Shreveport Mudbugs, and wife Cara Smith were introduced by Mrs. Blake. Coach Smith shared his personal history with the Mudbugs, coaching experience, and family background. Several Commissioners welcomed the family to the community and discussed opportunities for public engagement with hockey.

ADOPT REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

It was **moved by Mr. Thomas**, seconded by Mr. Cothran, *that Regular Session Minutes from September 4, 2025 and Special Session Minutes—Tax Board of Review* be adopted. Motion carried unanimously with all members present (12).

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

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

- *Special Resolution Commemorating the 78th Anniversary of the United States Air Force*
- *Special Resolution of Remembrance Commemorating the Life and Legacy of Mr. Walter Perry*
- *Special Resolution of Recognition to the Southwood High School Football Team*
- *Special Resolution of Recognition for United Through Fitness' Riverfest*
- *Special Resolution of Recognition Joining the National Salute to African-American Authors*
- *Special Resolution for the Mane Event Car Show*

Mr. Burrell recognized Mane for his entrepreneurship and community contributions. He said that this was a safe event, and Caddo Parish was a sponsor. Mr. Burrell encouraged everyone to attend the next event.

Former Commissioner Mr. Handy Giles also gave praise and accolades to Mane for his successful event.

Several Commissioners congratulated Mane for his integrity, entrepreneurship, and impact to the community. The meeting was recessed briefly for photographs with Mane and his family.

At this time, Mr. Jones' motion carried unanimously with all members present (12).

SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION 78TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

WHEREAS, on September 18, 1947, the United States Air Force was officially established as a separate and independent branch of the United States Armed Forces, following the passage of the National Security Act of 1947; and

WHEREAS, for seventy-eight years, the United States Air Force has served as a critical pillar of America's national defense, providing unmatched capabilities in air, space, and cyberspace, and protecting the freedoms and security of our nation; and

WHEREAS, the United States Air Force has had a profound impact on the Caddo Parish community through the presence and service of Barksdale Air Force Base, one of the most historic and significant installations in the nation, located in neighboring Bossier Parish but deeply interwoven into the social, cultural, and economic life of Caddo Parish; and

WHEREAS, Barksdale Air Force Base is home to the 2nd Bomb Wing and the Air Force Global Strike Command, housing one of the nation's premier fleets of long-range bombers and serving as a cornerstone of America's strategic deterrence capabilities; and

WHEREAS, generations of Airmen stationed at Barksdale Air Force Base have lived, worked, and raised families in Caddo Parish, strengthening schools, neighborhoods, and civic institutions, while contributing to the economic vitality and cultural diversity of our region; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Caddo Parish hold deep gratitude for the sacrifices and service of the men and women of the United States Air Force, past and present, who have stood watch over freedom and contributed to the strength and resilience of our Parish and our nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby proudly recognize and commemorate the 78th Anniversary of the United States Air Force, and extends its deepest appreciation to the Airmen, veterans, and families whose service and sacrifices have strengthened the United States of America and enriched the community of Caddo Parish;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be made a part of the official minutes of the Caddo Parish Commission, and that a copy shall be shared with the leadership of Barksdale Air Force Base and the United States Air Force in recognition of this enduring partnership and legacy.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF REMEMBRANCE MR. WALTER PERRY

WHEREAS, Mr. Walter James "Nuke" Perry was born on July 4, 1954, in Delhi, Louisiana, to the late Clarence Perry and Geneva Smith, and grew to become a beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Perry was educated in the Caddo Parish School System and graduated from Green Oaks High School in 1972; and

WHEREAS, throughout his professional career, Mr. Perry exemplified a strong work ethic and dedication, working for Kansas City Southern (KCS) Railroad and later as a contractor for the City of Shreveport, where his service and commitment left a lasting mark; and

WHEREAS, on February 11, 1979, Mr. Perry was united in marriage to Mrs. Doris Haynes Perry, and together they built a life centered on family, faith, and love, raising three sons: Jermario Perry, Deamon (Tawana) Perry, and Joshua (Shauntavia) Perry; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Perry was known throughout his community as the true definition of a servant at heart—always willing to lend a hand to anyone in need, giving of himself freely without expectation of return, and demonstrating compassion and humility in all things; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Perry was preceded in death by his parents, Clarence Perry and Geneva Smith, two brothers, and a host of beloved family and friends who entered eternal rest before him; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Perry's memory will be cherished by his wife, Doris Haynes Perry; four sons, Kriby Bradford, Jermario Perry, Deamon (Tawana) Perry, and Joshua (Shauntavia) Perry; one

daughter, Latanya Walson; 19 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; one sister, Angie Jackson; one play sister, Carolyn Murphey; one play brother, James Hill; three aunts, one uncle, nieces, nephews, cousins, and countless friends; and

WHEREAS, on September 8, 2025, Mr. Walter James “Nuke” Perry departed this earthly life, leaving behind a legacy of hard work, generosity, devotion to family, and service to others that will continue to inspire all who knew him;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby recognize and honor the life and memory of Mr. Walter James “Nuke” Perry, extending its deepest expressions of sympathy to his family, friends, and loved ones, while celebrating a life well-lived in service, love, and devotion;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be made a part of the official minutes of the Caddo Parish Commission, that a copy be presented to the family of Mr. Perry as a lasting tribute, and that the community be forever reminded of his legacy of love, service, and faithfulness.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION SOUTHWOOD HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM

WHEREAS, the Southwood High School Cowboys football team has long demonstrated perseverance, dedication, and school spirit despite facing significant challenges over recent years; and

WHEREAS, entering the 2025 season, the Southwood Cowboys had endured a 46-game losing streak—the longest losing streak in Louisiana high school football history—that dated back to 2019.

WHEREAS, on the evening of September 12, 2025, at Lee Hedges Stadium, the Southwood Cowboys achieved a hard-fought 16-15 victory over Arcadia, ending that 46-game streak and bringing renewed pride and hope to their school, community, and supporters.

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Coach De’Aumante Johnson, and through the effort of every player, assistant coach, and supporting staff, the Cowboys showed remarkable resilience, never losing faith in their ability to overcome adversity.

WHEREAS, this victory not only restores the spirit of competition for Southwood, but also serves as an inspiration to youth and athletic programs throughout Caddo Parish—illustrating that hard work, teamwork, and perseverance can break even the longest of streaks;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby congratulate the Southwood High School Cowboys football team on this historic victory;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission commends Coach Johnson, his coaching staff, the players, and all associated with the program for their character, persistence, and the positive example this achievement sets;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission extends gratitude to the students, parents, fans, and community members whose support has sustained the team during difficult seasons and whose joy at this moment is well-deserved;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution shall be a part of the official minutes of the Commission and that copies be presented to Southwood High School, the coaching staff, and the team to memorialize this milestone in the history of Southwood athletics.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION UNITED THROUGH FITNESS’ RIVERFEST

This Special Resolution was not attached to the agenda, nor was it in the meeting folder.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION NATIONAL SALUTE TO AFRICAN-AMERICAN AUTHORS

WHEREAS, the National Salute to African American Authors is a celebration that honors the voices, creativity, and cultural contributions of African American writers whose works enrich literature, preserve history, and inspire readers across generations; and

WHEREAS, this nationwide observance is reflected in local communities, including here in Caddo Parish, where African American authors and their supporters are celebrated for their literary achievements and their impact on education, culture, and community identity; and

WHEREAS, on Saturday, September 13, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, the Mooretown Branch of the Shreve Memorial Library, located at 4630 Hollywood Avenue in Shreveport, Louisiana, hosted a special program in recognition of the National Salute, organized by Mr. Marcus Persley, highlighting the importance of African American authors and literature; and

WHEREAS, the celebration of African American authors in Caddo Parish has also been lifted up through other community programs, including a special feature on the television program “Gospel in the Red Room,” which showcased the works of five local authors: Dr. Tyrone Burton, Dr. Patricia Johnson, Eugenia James, Dyani Allen, and Melvin Lars; and

WHEREAS, these events and the authors they highlight underscore the vibrancy and importance of African American literary voices in Caddo Parish, offering inspiration, reflection, and representation for readers of all ages; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby recognize and celebrate the Fall 2025 National Salute to African American Authors, and commends the Mooretown Branch of the Shreve Memorial Library, Mr. Marcus Persley, and all participating authors for their leadership in ensuring that African American literature and culture remain accessible and celebrated in our community;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be made a part of the official minutes of the Caddo Parish Commission and a copy be made available to the Mooretown Branch Library in appreciation of their efforts to honor African American authors and their invaluable contributions to literature and community life.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION MANE EVENT CAR SHOW

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission desires to recognize and commend outstanding events, organizations, and individuals that promote community pride, economic growth, and cultural enrichment throughout Caddo Parish; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mane Guiden, a native of Shreveport’s Cedar Grove community and successful local entrepreneur, has combined his lifelong passion for cars with his commitment to community engagement through the creation of the Mane Attraction Car, Bike, and Truck Show Festival; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Guiden is the owner of five thriving businesses in the Shreveport-Bossier area—including J&J Roadside Services, J&J Snacks and More, J&J Auto Sales, J&J Power-Washing, and J&J Rental Properties—and his entrepreneurial success has contributed to job creation, community service, and economic development in Caddo Parish; and

WHEREAS, the Mane Attraction Car, Bike, and Truck Show Festival will host its 4th annual event on September 13, 2025, at the Louisiana State Fairgrounds, bringing together automobile enthusiasts, families, and businesses from across Shreveport-Bossier and surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, the festival showcases Mr. Guiden’s impressive personal collection of more than 26 vehicles while also providing opportunities for local businesses to enhance brand visibility, connect with customers, foster community trust, and promote economic growth; and

WHEREAS, the festival serves as more than an exhibition of cars, trucks, and bikes—it is also a platform for community engagement, philanthropy, and inclusivity, creating positive social capital, reducing barriers between groups, and promoting unity and pride in Shreveport and Caddo Parish; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Guiden has expressed his vision for the Mane Attraction Car, Bike, and Truck Show Festival to become a hub for creativity, diverse industries, and collective efforts that reduce crime and increase positivity throughout the region;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby recognize and celebrate the Mane Attraction Car, Bike, and Truck Show Festival, its founder Mr. Mane Guiden, and his outstanding entrepreneurial and philanthropic contributions to the Caddo Parish community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be presented to Mr. Mane Guiden and entered into the official records of the Caddo Parish Commission as a lasting tribute to his efforts to build community pride, support local businesses, and create positive opportunities for residents and visitors alike.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

- Levitt Foundation

Administrator Bryant announced that Shreveport was advanced to the next round for the Levitt Foundation Music Grant. SRAC thanked the Commissioners for all they did for getting the word out.

- Walter B. Jacobs

Administrator Bryant said that renovations are nearing completion and exhibits are being installed. A grand opening will be scheduled soon.

COMMUNIQUES & COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mr. Epperson announced that the District 12 Fall Cleanup is scheduled for September 19 through September 20 in Timberline, Deer Creek, Colonial Heights, and surrounding areas. He also announced that the Town of Greenwood will be hosting their annual Pioneer Day Festival and encouraged everyone to attend.

The Veterans Celebration Committee is setting up for the 16th annual Veterans Honor Ceremony & Parade. It is set for November 15 and November 16. Two Centenarians will be recognized. Lt. Gov Nungesser will be providing seafood for the staging area.

He requested that Rob Brazzel, General Manager of the LA State Fair, be in attendance at a future meeting.

- Mr. J. Young wanted to know the next steps for the Levitt Foundation Music Grant. Administrator Bryant clarified that Shreveport has advanced to the next round with further community participation possible.

He also asked Public Works about parish road conditions and enforcement authority. Assistant Director Josh Bedgood reported that Parish roads are generally in better shape than City and State roads and are on a regular repair cycle. It was also mentioned that Parish government does not have legal authority to repair city roads.

Mr. J. Young reiterated that law enforcement rests with the Sheriff's Office.

- Mr. Cothran thanked Animal Services and community policing for responsiveness in District 10. He also reported on Suicide Prevention Awareness Day, urging awareness of Veterans' mental health, noting that 18 to 109 service members are lost daily nationwide.

- Mr. Jones invited the public to Woodlawn High School's Homecoming Parade on September 25, 2025. He praised local band director, Nicholas Smith, for remaining in Caddo Parish. Mr. Jones emphasized community support for youth events.

- Mrs. Blake shared reflections from a trip to NYC art museums, praising the art displayed at Shreveport Regional Airport by local artists, naming numerous contributors. She encouraged residents to appreciate community talent.

- Mr. Epperson reiterated strong condition of Parish roads and advocated for speed cameras on Parish roadways to address reckless driving.

- Mr. Thomas announced several community events, including Red River Revel, Shreveport Film Industry Meetup, Arc Caddo-Bossier luncheon, Strand Theatre Centennial Gala, and Rocky Horror Picture Show.

He also encouraged public participation in hearings for direct engagement with Commissioners.

Mr. Thomas announced that Shreveport ranked 11th nationally for the Levitt Music Grant.

- Mr. Burrell reported on neighborhood meeting with Country Club residents about above-ground gas drilling operations. He raised concerns about environmental impacts and regulatory oversight. He thanked Mr. Epperson for prior legislation providing guidelines for drilling.

- Mr. Jones promoted Fathers On A Mission event at Billberry Park on September 20, 2025. He also offered prayers for a 4 year old child who was critically injured following a speeding-related accident in Sunset Acres.

- Mr. Cothran announced that October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month.
- Mr. Epperson shared video evidence of speeding-related property damage in Timberline Neighborhood. He reiterated the need for speed cameras.
- Mrs. Blake announced that the Block-By-Block Cleanup will be held on September 21, 2025 at Broadmoor Baptist Church.
- Mr. Burrell raised concerns about unsafe non-regulated minibikes on Parish streets, urging law enforcement crackdowns.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Madame President Gage-Watts read aloud the following letter:

As you all know that Sickle Cell Awareness Month is the month of September, and I wore my red today because it is Sickle Cell Awareness Month's color. I got permission from my son to share something that he shared with the public last year about his struggle with sickle cell disease. So, bear with me as I attempt to read what he wrote last year during the Sickle Cell Gala. And it says, "Hi, my name is Remington Skyler Watts, and I am 11 years old, a sickle cell warrior. I'm the poster child for the Sickle Cell Foundation, and I want to share with you what it's like to be a sickle cell warrior. When I was 2 weeks old, my parents were notified that I had sickle cell disease. My type is SS and is known to have the worst complications. When I began to talk, I could tell my mom where hurts and get pain medicine to help my pain. I want to thank my doctor, Dr. Jeroudi, for taking care of me all these years. As sickle cell warriors, we have hard days and nights. We take a lot of medicine every day. Although the medicine can be nasty, that means it's working and it helps us to fight through the pain. I've been to the ER a lot and ambulance rides and hospital stays. I was in the hospital a few days ago because my medicine was recalled and I was not happy about that. I had a bad crisis in my back and my shoulders and it was so bad that I couldn't walk. I just had to lay there and take the pain. They gave me a lot of morphine. It didn't work and I slept a lot. I had two blood transfusions, but I'm happy that I got to come home and be here today. To the adults who had sickle cell, I see on TikTok and Instagram how they treat us when we grow up like drug seekers, and that's not right, because you go to the ER in pain because you just can't take it anymore and you need help. You're not faking. And we're going to fix that and keep praying for a cure that so no one else will have to feel the pain that we have. I'm taking hydroxyurea now and I pray it works. I can't get too cold or warm and don't get to do a lot of things like most kids. I'm homeschooled and Walnut Hill teachers are the best. Mrs. Clint is really nice and a great teacher and storyteller. She helps me with my assignments. I really like science. Miss Wayne comes to see me and brought cards and balloons for my classroom. That was so nice and I read all of them. My friend Jacob always sends a video of him praying for me. I'm thankful for him and his family. I drink a lot of water to stay hydrated. My favorite is Propel Watermelon. I've been drinking it as long as I can remember. So, if any sponsors are listening, tell them I definitely could be a spokesperson. I try to eat as healthy as I can. My favorite food is Chipotle, and I really love to cook for my family. I'd like to thank Miss Spain and Sickle Cell Foundation for letting me share my story. To my church family and Pastor Jackson for praying for me when I'm in the hospital, even though he jokes about my Cowboys. I thank my mom and my dad and my grandma for taking care of me. My big brothers, thank you for always making me laugh when I'm hurting. My oldest brother, Carrington, couldn't be here today because he's in college, but my other brother is here, Wellington. I love my family. They all check on me and call me their prayer warrior. Representative Phelps, my auntie, thank you for your help and for passing a bill in my name to help us warriors fight this disease and get a cure. Governor John Bel Edwards signing the bill was so cool. My mom is my number one fan and my biggest voice. Miss Erica and Caddo Commissioners support us always. I'd like to close with a fun story. My nurse, Stephanie, helped me become a Make-a-Wish kid. We stayed at the Galleria Mall Hotel. I had a scooter to get around. I went shopping and I got to meet the Dallas Cowboys tea, and go to their practice and signed a contract. I was an official player on the team. We had lunch together and toured the stadium and we were on the field with the Cowboys pregame in perfect seats to watch them play. That was amazing and I'll never forget it. So, this is my life. Warriors, we will win because we have super cells. We can do anything through Jesus. We just have to keep our faith in God. Thanks, everyone, for listening." From the heart of a mother who's been through every single moment with her child and advocated here on a local, a state, and national level for all sickle cell warriors, I've shared my testimony of praying and watching every breath my son took that it wasn't his last. There's a plethora of drugs and devices used to keep our warrior alive in the best condition possible. It's hurtful that we're still fighting the same fight for a cure in 2025. There are things known to be a cure, but no one talks about the requirements, like being selected for the treatment, the of three months of intense chemotherapy, which has known side effects like mouth sores, and places that are inappropriate to share here, and if you make it through that, then the treatment can begin. I painted a picture today as a glimpse of a warrior's story to think of people like this who rely heavily on health care, who already have a known deficit in health care and disability benefits. I ask you today to take a stand for sickle cell disease warriors. Call your senators and ask them to do what's right, and help our most vulnerable population, our patients in this country. Thank you, and may God bless you all.

There were no Public Hearing on Zoning Ordinances & Cases, so the Commission moved to 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. 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 and Expenditures for the Debt Service Fund and the Capital Outlay Fund to provide and appropriation of \$10,000,000 for the construction of a pickleball park, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

Jon Glover came before the Commission and gave the following comment in opposition to Ordinance No. 6548 of 2025:

Again, good evening. Jon Glover, 9100 Walker Road, Apartment 217, Shreveport, LA, zip code is 71118. I rise in opposition of ordinance number 6548 of 2025. As I've expressed to you all earlier, it has nothing to do with demographics. It has nothing to do with party affiliations. It has to do, for me, with taxpayer dollars being used as collateral, because that's what I call myself when it is that I have not. And I do know that taxpayer dollars will supplement those payments that are not and will not meet those monthly payments. That is collateral. I did not have a voice in it. You 12, however, you voted, that is what you all will decide based on that. You mentioned earlier about listening to our voices. Listen to my voice, because I have said it time and time again. This endeavor, though we speak to economic growth, and I have no problem with economic growth, I just need to make sure that how we're growing financially is indeed in our best interest. Just one side note, if you will, Madame Chair. I have a granddaughter that's 22 years old and she has SS, too, and I have dealt with her from the day she came into this world. I am too grateful for Dr. Jeroudi and all that he has done and continues to do on behalf of those children who are indeed meeting the impact of such a bad disease. I pray that things will be better for your child as they will for my granddaughter, because I do know those long nights and those horrible days that I saw her in agony and could do nothing to appease her pain. Thank you.

Scott Wysong came before the Commission and gave the following comment in support of Ordinance No. 6548 of 2025:

So, I've met most of y'all. My name is Scott Wysong. I own a company called Wysong Brand Solutions that does consulting and does economic impact studies as well as ROI studies. \$10 million is a lot of money. I did not come up with the 10 million. That's from the architectural firm. It's a lot of money, but I do feel like that my calculations are very fiscally conservative, and that it will cash flow. And then, as it's already been stated before, it will have a big economic impact from regional tournaments from the Sports Commission and the Tourism Bureau support. So, I'm in favor of the pickleball facility.

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

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE

It was **moved by Mr. Jones**, seconded by Mr. Thomas, *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* be adopted. Motion carried unanimously by all members present (12).

ORDINANCE NO. 6561 OF 2025

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

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.

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo owns equipment that is no longer being used; WHEREAS, that equipment is enumerated in the attached Exhibit A;

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo no longer needs the above equipment, and said equipment should be deemed surplus, obsolete, or unused for present and future parish needs;

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo is authorized to dispose of certain supplies, materials, and equipment determined to be surplus;

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo desires to dispose of the above-listed equipment by public auction; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission concurs with the finding that the items described above are surplus and are no longer needed for public purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal, and regular session convened that the property itemized in Exhibit A is no longer needed for parish public purposes and is declared surplus property which is to be disposed of by public auction.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the items described above are being offered on an "as is" basis, without warranty of title or recourse whatsoever.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Caddo Parish Administrator or her designee shall be authorized to do any and all things and to sign any and all contracts and other documents 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 upon adoption.

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

EXHIBIT A

Item	Description	Identification Number	Commission Tag	Note
Caddo Parish Assessor's Office				
1	5 Camel Chair			Cost \$50.00
2	Steel Case Table			Cost \$20.00
3	Steel Case Desk			Cost \$50.00
4	Metal Desk Tray			Cost \$15.00
5	Blush Desk Chair			Cost \$15.00
6	Steel Case Desk			Cost \$50.00
7	Steel Case Desk			Cost \$50.00
8	Steel Case Desk			Cost \$50.00
9	2 Yellow Office Chairs			Cost \$20.00
10	2 Blue Office Chairs			Cost \$20.00
11	2 Brown Office Chairs			Cost \$20.00
12	3 Drawer Brown Metal Cabinet			Cost \$20.00
13	5 Drawer Black File Cabinet			Cost \$30.00
14	2 Door File Cabinet			Cost \$10.00
15	Gray Chair			Cost \$10.00
16	Steel Desk Table			Cost \$15.00
17	Steel Desk			Cost \$50.00
18	2 Monitors			Cost \$20.00
19	4 Dell Monitors			Cost \$40.00
20	5 Keyboards & 5 Mouse			Cost \$20.00
21	Brown Glass Front File Cabinet			Cost \$20.00
22	Black Glass Front File Cabinet			Cost \$20.00

23	2 Calculators			Cost \$10.00
24	Dell Monitor			Cost \$10.00
25	Misc Box Electronic Power Equipment			Cost \$20.00
26	3 Dk Brown Office Chairs			Cost \$60.00
27	2 Dell CPU's			Cost \$200.00
28	1 CPU			Cost \$50.00
29	1 CPU			Cost \$40.00
30	4 Power Surge boxes			Cost \$40.00
31	2 Network Switches			Cost \$40.00
32	Network Switch			Cost \$15.00
33	Black Table Desk			Cost \$20.00
34	Gray 3 File Cabinet			Cost \$10.00
35	Box of 4 Battery packs			Cost \$40.00
36	5 Drawer Metal File Cabinet No key			Cost \$25.00
37	5 Drawer Metal File Cabinet No key			Cost \$25.00
38	5 Drawer Metal File Cabinet No key			Cost \$25.00
39	3 Drawer Gray File Cabinet			Cost \$40.00
40	4 Drawer Tan File Cabinet			Cost \$40.00
41	Typewriter			Cost \$25.00
42	Burgundy Office Chair			Cost \$20.00
43	Burgundy Office Chair			Cost \$20.00
44	Lateral 5 Drawer File Cabinet			Cost \$50.00
45	9 Monitors			Cost \$90.00
46	6 CPUS			Cost \$300.00
47	Fold down Desk			Cost \$5.00
48	Green Desk Chair set of 3			Cost \$75.00
49	Wood Desk Glass Top			Cost \$60.00
50	Three HP Desk Printers			Cost \$45.00
51	Five Dell Monitors			Cost \$75.00
52	Five Dell Monitors			Cost \$75.00
53	2 IBM Typewriter			Cost \$40.00
54	2 IBM Typewriter			Cost \$40.00
55	HP Deskjet Printer			Cost \$15.00
56	CPU			Cost \$50.00
57	Kyocera Printer			Cost \$50.00
58	HP Printer			Cost \$15.00
59	Four Dell Monitors			Cost \$40.00
60	CPU			Cost \$15.00
61	CPU			Cost \$15.00
62	CPU			Cost \$15.00
63	CPU			Cost \$15.00
64	CPU			Cost \$15.00
65	CPU			Cost \$15.00
66	CPU			Cost \$15.00
67	Brother Printer			Cost \$15.00
68	Desktop Scanner			Cost \$25.00
69	Black Woodtop Desk			Cost \$60.00
70	Multi level Desk			Cost \$35.00
71	Tan Woodtop table			Cost \$45.00
72	Folding table			Cost \$10.00
73	Green Wood table			Cost \$10.00

74	Wood Shelf			Cost \$20.00
75	Misc. Computer Accessories			Cost \$50.00
76	Scanner			Cost \$25.00
77	Three Dell Monitors			Cost \$30.00
78	CPU			Cost \$50.00
79	Typewriter			Cost \$10.00
80	HP Printer			Cost \$10.00
81	Printer			Cost \$50.00
82	5 Drawer Steel file Cabinet			Cost \$50.00
83	Misc. Computer Electronic Equipment			Cost \$75.00
84	Misc. Computer Equipment			Cost \$50.00
85	Kyocera Printer			Cost \$40.00
86	Eight Computer Stands			Cost \$80.00
87	Typewriter			Cost \$10.00
88	Kyocera Printer			Cost \$40.00
89	CPU			Cost \$50.00
90	4 Dell Monitors			Cost \$40.00
91	Projector Screen w/stand			Cost \$25.00
92	CPU			Cost \$50.00
93	Fan			Cost \$5.00
94	Metal Basket			Cost \$10.00
95	Footstool			Cost \$5.00
96	Wood rolling Table			Cost \$30.00
97	Metal File Cabinet			Cost \$50.00
98	Canon Scanner			Cost \$25.00
99	Metal Shelf			Cost \$30.00
100	Misc. Electronic Equipment			Cost \$100.00
101	Lg Metal Table			Cost \$75.00
102	4 Drawer Steel File Cabinet			Cost \$60.00
103	4 Drawer Steel File Cabinet			Cost \$60.00
104	4 Drawer Steel File Cabinet			Cost \$60.00
105	4 Drawer Steel File Cabinet			Cost \$60.00
106	4 Drawer Steel File Cabinet			Cost \$60.00
107	4 Drawer Steel File Cabinet			Cost \$60.00
108	4 Drawer Steel File Cabinet			Cost \$60.00
109	4 Drawer Steel File Cabinet			Cost \$60.00
110	4 Drawer Steel File Cabinet			Cost \$60.00
111	4 Drawer Steel File Cabinet			Cost \$60.00
112	4 Drawer Steel File Cabinet			Cost \$60.00
113	4 Drawer Steel File Cabinet			Cost \$60.00
114	4 Drawer Steel File Cabinet			Cost \$60.00
115	Typewriter			Cost \$25.00
116	Typewriter			Cost \$25.00

117	Typewriter			Cost \$25.00
118	Typewriter			Cost \$25.00
119	Typewriter			Cost \$25.00
120	Typewriter			Cost \$25.00
121	Blue Desk Chair			Cost \$25.00
122	Blue Desk Chair			Cost \$25.00
123	Blue Desk Chair			Cost \$25.00
124	Mustard Chair			Cost \$25.00
125	Black Haier Refrigerator			Cost \$150.00
126	Toshiba Microwave			Cost \$65.00
127	Drafting Table			Cost \$200.00
128	2 Yellow Chairs			Cost \$10.00
129	3 White Chairs			Cost \$15.00
130	2 Brown Chairs			Cost \$10.00
131	2 Red Chairs			Cost \$10.00
132	3 Orange Chairs			Cost \$15.00
133	1 Blue & 1 Gold Chair			Cost \$10.00
134	Blue Desk Chair			Cost \$15.00
135	Gray Desk Chair			Cost \$10.00
136	Rolling Table			Cost \$75.00
137	Microfilm Scanner			Cost \$200.00
138	Blue Metal Chair			Cost \$10.00
139	Black Metal Chair			Cost \$5.00
146	L Shaped Metal Desk			Cost \$75.00
147	Green Desk Chair			Cost \$20.00
148	Blue High Chair			Cost \$10.00
149	Metal Desk File Organizer			Cost \$5.00
150	3 Rolling Chairs			Cost \$30.00
151	Wooden Chair			Cost \$25.00
152	Blue Metal Chair			Cost \$10.00
153	Metal Folding Table			Cost \$30.00
154	Metal Folding Table			Cost \$30.00
155	2 Green Filing Cabinet			Cost \$30.00
156	8ft Wooden Top			Cost \$25.00
157	Black Multi Color Desk Chair			Cost \$15.00
158	Black Rolling chair			Cost \$10.00
159	Metal Folding Table			Cost \$30.00
160	Metal Desk			Cost \$60.00
161	Microfilm Viewer			Cost \$25.00
163	Desk File Tray			Cost \$5.00
164	Stamp Holder			Cost \$5.00
165	12 Wooden Boxes			Cost \$60.00
168	Set of 6 Monitors			Cost \$120.00
169	3 Monitor Stands			Cost \$45.00
170	Metal Drawer			Cost \$25.00
171	Wood Box W/Vintage Supplies			Cost \$100.00
172	Metal Baskets			Cost \$20.00
173	Tan Desk Organizer			Cost \$5.00
174	Black Desk Organizer			Cost \$5.00
175	4 Wooden Boxes			Cost \$20.00
176	Stamp Holder			Cost \$10.00
177	Lg Wooden Shelf			Cost \$60.00
178	Black Woodtop Lshape Desk			Cost \$50.00
179	Tan Woodtop Desk			Cost \$30.00

180	Black Metal Desk			Cost \$30.00
181	3 Monitors			Cost \$60.00
182	CPU			Cost \$50.00
183	CPU			Cost \$50.00
184	CPU			Cost \$50.00
185	CPU			Cost \$50.00
186	CPU			Cost \$50.00
188	CPU			Cost \$50.00
189	Lorell Fan			Cost \$10.00
190	Lasko Fan			Cost \$10.00
191	Lasko Fan			Cost \$10.00
192	Round Glass Top Side Table			Cost \$50.00
193	Dayton Fan			Cost \$5.00
194	Metal Desktop File Stand			Cost \$5.00
195	Metal Desktop File Stand			Cost \$5.00
196	CPU			Cost \$30.00
197	Metal Map book Racks			Cost \$15.00
198	Metal Map book Racks			Cost \$15.00
199	Dell Monitor			Cost \$25.00
200	Metal Map book Racks			Cost \$15.00
201	Box of Computer Accessories			Cost \$50.00
202	Desktop File Rack			Cost \$5.00
203	4 Dell Computer Stand 1 Monitor			Cost \$50.00
204	Steel Book Rack			Cost \$25.00
205	Steel Book Rack			Cost \$25.00
206	Lg Table w/plug			Cost \$65.00
207	Box MicroFilm Binders			Cost \$25.00
208	Chair Bench			Cost \$50.00
Caddo Parish Clerk of Court				
	2 Pallets of File Cabinets			
District Attorney				
File Cabinets	4 drawers	145		
File Cabinets	Cabinet	91599		
File Cabinets	2 drawers			
File Cabinets	5 drawers			Qty 5
File Cabinets	Short 2 door storage cabinet			
File Cabinets	4 drawers			
File Cabinets	5 drawers	12		
File Cabinets	5 drawers	143		
File Cabinets	5 drawers			
File Cabinets	5 drawers			
File Cabinets	5 drawers	69		
Electronics	Printer	CNBDB33481		
Electronics	Box of electronics (keyboard, phone)			

Electronics	Printer	CZ255A		
Electronics	Monitor	V514517		
Electronics	Printer	C5720		
Electronics	Printer	CNB9920653		
Electronics	Box TV	V34927842		
Electronics	LAPtoP	CF-30		
Electronics	Box TV	V34062557		
Electronics	Box of Electronics	Speakers		
Electronics	Printer	CNB9H13368		
Electronics	Box of Broken Smartphones			
Electronics	Printer	CB366A		
Electronics	Printer	C5F94A		
Electronics	Monitor	VS16033		
Electronics	Laptop	5CD60345ZM		
Electronics	Laptop	5CG6310R58		
Electronics	Laptop	101		
Electronics	Laptop	1059		
Electronics	Monitor	VS14517		
Electronics	Monitor	VC12910		
Electronics	Monitor	VS14517		
Electronics	Box of Routers			
Electronics	Monitor	VS14517		
Electronics	Laptop	CNV1053G5M		
Electronics	Laptop	5CD6034602		
Electronics	Laptop	5CD6311X7J		
Electronics	PC	169		
Electronics	PC	MXL32606WF		
Electronics	HP PC	161		
Electronics	HP PC	163		
Electronics	HP PC	MXL1220PYY		
Electronics	HP PC	MXL1220PYX		
Electronics	HP PC	ZUA31625CD		
Electronics	HP PC	MXL32606WF		
Electronics	HP PC	MXL32606X4		
Electronics	HP PC	ZUA11Z321		
Electronics	40 Pund Computer Batteries			6- quantity
Electronics	HP Laserjet Printer PZ015	CNB1R85739		
Electronics	Laserjet Pro 400	VNV4N03814		
Electronics	Laserjet Pro 400	VNG4X14939		
Electronics	HP PC	ZUA3520LV6		
Electronics	HP PC	ZUA3520LTX		
Electronics	HP ScanJet 5590	CN2CBVHOOS		
Electronics	Laserjet Enterprise M506	PHVGQ05713		
Electronics	HP Laserjet P2015	CNB1P91099		
Electronics	Laserjet 4050	20020283		
Electronics	HP PC	ZUA3520LWG		
Electronics	Color Laserjet Enterprise M652	JPBCL260TJ		
Electronics	HP PC	MXL3252HJ2		
Electronics	HP PC	2UA3520LW6		
Electronics	HP PC	MXL23702HG		
Electronics	HP PC	MXL2051DKP		
Electronics	Laserjet 600	CNCCF14024		
Electronics	HP Laserjet Pro M402DN	PHBQD13097		
Electronics	Viewsonic Monitor	RMG102500328		
Electronics	Viewsonic Monitor	S2S1637201SO		

Electronics	Samsung Monitro	CM24H9N5306994N		
Electronics	Viewsonic Monitor	RA8091721800		
Electronics	HP LE2201W Monitor	CNK93505Q3		
Electronics	Viewsonic Monitor	525163720156.00		
Electronics	HP Laserjet Pro M402Dn	PHEQE91383		
Electronics	HP Laserjet P2035	CNB9K06222		
Electronics	Elmo Projector	1057568		
Electronics	HP Laserjet 4050	20020188		
Electronics	Laserjet Enterprise M506	PHVGER04479		
Electronics	HP PC	2UA2330425		
Electronics	HP Laserjet P4014N	JPDF016154		
Electronics	HP Laserjet P2035	CNB9K06221		
Electronics	HP Printer	USBB023483		
Furniture	Blue Rally chair			No arms
Furniture	Brown leather rally chair			
Furniture	Gray rolling chairs with arms			
Furniture	Light brown rally chair w/broken arms			
Furniture	Black Knit rally chair with arms			
Furniture	Black Knit rally chair with arms			Quantity- 3
Furniture	High Black rally chair with arms			
Electronics	HP Laserjet Pro 400			CS
Electronics	Viewsonic Monitor	UFY162401354		CS
Furniture	Chair arms			CS, Qty- 4
Electronics	Samsung Monitor	A23841		CS
Electronics	Viewsonic Monitor	UFY162401340		CS
Electronics	Viewsonic Monitor	UFY162401367		CS
Electronics	Viewsonic Monitor	UFY162400653		CS
Electronics	Viewsonic Monitor	UFY160200776		CS
Electronics	LaserJet Pro M402??			
Public Works				
	Pallets of Computer Screen & Printer			
Finance				
	6 Pallets of Chairs & Desks			
Commission Clerk				
	Pallet of File Cabinet, Typewriter, Cords, etc.			
Human Resources				
	1 Pallet of Tables			
	1 Pallet of Black Chairs			
	1 Pallet of Misc. Items & Chairs			
Facilities & Maintenance				
	22 High & Low Speed Buffers			
	18 Vacuums			
	2 Wet/Dry Vacuums			
	2 Carpet Extractors			
	2 Auto Floor Scrubbers			
	3 Pallets Computer Screens, TV's, phones, etc.			

	2 Pallets of tools & paint buckets			
	1 pallet old welding machine			
Juvenile Justice Center				
	Water fountain			
	Pallet with Cax Mixer & Pots			
	8 Pallets of Desk & Tables			
Caddo Parish IT Department				
	4 Pallets of Computer Monitors, Screens, Printers, Etc.			

It was **moved by Mr. G. Young**, seconded by Mr. J. Young, *that 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* be adopted.

Mr. Cothran said that pickleball will not keep people here. He said that jobs will keep people here. He wanted to know an estimate on the revenues for a tournament. Administrator Bryant said that tournaments will bring about \$60k per year, and the economic impact would be around \$1M per year. She said that the revenues from the pro shop and daily use will also bring in revenues.

Mr. Thomas wanted to know if this will be the final vote. Administrator Bryant said that this vote is in relation to the appropriations. Administration would still need to come back before the Commission as it relates to the bond. She also mentioned that due to the interest on this project, they will provide details and information as the project goes forward. Administrator Bryant also explained that there are several steps to obtain the bond.

Mr. Thomas said that this is not a “Republican/Democrat thing; this is a progressive Caddo forward issue”. He said that this will move the citizens of Caddo forward.

Mr. Atkins pointed out that there are no parks in Southeast Caddo Parish, which is a rapidly growing area. This project will be located in that area, and he is in support of this project.

Mr. Burrell expressed the desire to have this project located in the urban core, near I-20 and the Louisiana State Fairgrounds, but also acknowledged the need for regional economic development opportunities. He would like to ensure diversity and feeder programs to ensure all children can benefit. He will be supporting this project.

Mr. G. Young recounted the project’s development process, including site selection challenges. He emphasized that leadership requires risk and innovation and urged the Commission to think regionally and about long-term opportunities.

Call for the Question by Mr. Epperson, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts. Motion carried unanimously by all members present (12).

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

ORDINANCE NO. 6548 OF 2025

BY CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE DEBT SERVICE FUND AND THE CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND TO PROVIDE AN APPROPRIATION OF \$10,000,000 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PICKLEBALL PARK, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in America for the past three years with an estimated 48.3 million players in the United States; and

WHEREAS, citizens were vocal about the desire to have access to pickleball in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo in partnership with the YMCA and USA Pickleball would like to construct a tournament level pickleball facility behind the Lash Family YMCA which is located at 9440 Ellerbe Road; and

WHEREAS, the location would be the first Caddo Parish Park in South East Caddo Parish; and

WHEREAS, the pickleball park would include 19 regulation courts that allows for tournaments to be held at the park with a significant economic impact on our area; and

WHEREAS, the pickleball park will be funded by bonds; and

WHEREAS, the pickleball park project was approved by the Economic Development Committee; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend the 2025 Budget of the Debt Service Fund and the Capital Outlay Fund to provide an appropriation for the Pickleball Park; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that the Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the Debt Service Fund and the Capital Outlay Fund for the year 2025 are hereby amended as follows:

	<u>Budget Increase (Decrease)</u>
Debt Service:	
Other Financing Sources (Uses):	
Bond Proceeds	\$ 10,000,000
Transfer to Capital Outlay	\$ 10,000,000
Capital Outlay Fund:	
Other Financing Sources (Uses):	
Transfer from Debt Service	\$10,000,000
Pickleball Court Construction	\$10,000,000

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.

ZONING ORDINANCES (for introduction by title)

- *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 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*

There were no Ordinances for Introduction by Title, so the Commission moved to Work Session Minutes.

**WORK SESSION MINUTES
RESOLUTIONS**

It was **moved by Mr. Jones**, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *to englobo and adopt the following items:*

- *Work Session Minutes from September 15, 2025*
- *Resolution No. 38 of 2025, a resolution to relocate the polling place for Precinct*

5-7 from Queensborough Elementary School, 2701 Catherine Street, Shreveport, LA 71109 to Bilberry Park Community Center, 1902 Alabama Street, Shreveport, LA 71109, and to otherwise providing with respect thereto

At this time, Mr. Jones' motion carried unanimously with Commissioner Jones being absent

(1).

RESOLUTION NO. 38 OF 2025

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION TO RELOCATE THE POLLING PLACE FOR PRECINCT 5-7 FROM QUEENSBOROUGH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 2701 CATHERINE STREET, SHREVEPORT, LA 71109 TO BILBERRY PARK COMMUNITY CENTER, 1902 ALABAMA STREET, SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA 71109 TO, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the established polling location for Precinct No. 5-7 is located at Queensborough Elementary School, 2701 Catherine Street, Shreveport, Louisiana 71109;

WHEREAS, that location has now notified the Parish that it is unable to serve as a polling location;

WHEREAS, Bilberry Park Community Center, 1902 Alabama Street, Shreveport, Louisiana 71109 is willing to serve as a polling location;

WHEREAS, the distance between the current location of the polling place for Precinct No. 5-7 and the proposed location is 1 mile; and

WHEREAS, the proposed polling place has been reviewed and meets all requirements for polling places.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby change the polling location for Precinct No. 5-7 from Queensborough Elementary School, 2701 Catherine Street, Shreveport, Louisiana 71109 to Bilberry Park Community Center, 1902 Alabama Street, Shreveport, Louisiana 71109.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that notice of this change shall be published in the official journal of the parish in accordance with La. R.S. 18:535.


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, New Business, Communiques & Reports, nor 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