RULES OF PROCEDURE

FOR REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF 2026 CADDO PARISH

OPERATING AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET

- 1) Budgets will be reviewed and approved in an order to be determined by consensus.
- 2) No member of the general public will be permitted to speak except by a two-thirds vote of the body to suspend the rules to allow such input.
- 3) A motion to adopt each respective budget will place that budget on the floor for review, discussion and questions on it.
- 4) With a motion on the floor, Commissioners can direct questions to the appropriate staff/agency/department, or initiate debate or comment.
- 5) Each Commissioner will have at least one opportunity to speak on each budget presented before any Commissioner can speak again.
- 6) A motion to adopt places the original ordinance, as presented, on the floor for debate. Motions may be accepted during the course of debate to amend budget line items. Each Commissioner will have one opportunity to speak on a proposed amendment. At the conclusion of this round of debate, the question will be called on the proposed amendment and a vote taken before another motion to amend will be accepted.
- 7) All proposed amendments to any budget ordinance will be voted upon in succession before a vote may be called on passage of the entire ordinance.
- 8) A motion to call the question on the original motion will not be accepted until every Commissioner has had at least one opportunity to speak or ask questions.
- 9) Upon a successful call of the question on the floor, a vote will be conducted by voting machine.
- 10) Seven "Yea" votes are required for adoption of any amendment to a budget ordinance.
- 11) Seven "Yea" votes are required for final passage of any budget ordinance, including any amendments which have been previously approved.