

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION
OF THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION
HELD ON THE 5TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2026

The Caddo Parish Commission met in a Regular Session, on the above date, at 3:30 p.m., in the Government Chambers, with Mr. G. Young, presiding, and the following members in attendance constituting a quorum: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Cothran, Jones, Kracman, Lazarus, Thomas, G. Young, and J. Young (9). ABSENT: Commissioners Blake, Epperson, and Gage-Watts (3).

Mr. Atkins gave the invocation, and Mr. Cothran led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no Agenda Additions, Citizens Comments, nor Visitors.

**ADOPT REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS
WORK SESSION MINUTES
RESOLUTIONS**

It was **moved by Mr. Jones**, seconded by Mr. Cothran, *that the following items be englobed and adopted:*

- *Adopt minutes from January 22, 2026 Regular Session*
- *Special Resolution Meadows Museum of Art's 50th Anniversary*
- *Special Resolution of Recognition Gospel Artists John P. Kee and Zacardi Cortez*
- *Proclamation Black History Month*
- *Proclamation American Heart Month*
- *Work Session Minutes from February 2, 2026*
- *Resolution No. 6 of 2026, a resolution amending the Rules & By-Laws of the Caddo Parish Commission regarding Standing Committees and otherwise providing with respect thereto*
- *Resolution No. 7 of 2026, a resolution approving the holding of an election in Caddo Parish Fire District No. 7, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, June 27, 2026, to authorize the continuation of a special tax therein*
- *Resolution No. 9 of 2026, a resolution authorizing the execution of a cooperative endeavor agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation Development (DOTD) relative to detour route for bridge replacement on Self Road, and otherwise providing with respect thereto*
- *Resolution No. 10 of 2026, a resolution authorizing the execution of a cooperative endeavor agreement for cost sharing, involving the receipt of federal funds, with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) relative to the Barnette Road over trib to Walnut Bayou Project and the Self Road over Dooley Canal Project, and otherwise providing with respect thereto*
- *Resolution No. 11 of 2026, a resolution expressing the consent of Caddo Parish for the Town of Blanchard to annex a certain right-of-way within the Parish of Caddo, and otherwise providing with respect thereto*

At this time, Mr. Jones' motion carried unanimously with Commissioners Blake, Burrell, Epperson, Gage-Watts and Kracman being absent.

**SPECIAL RESOLUTION
MEADOWS MUSEUM OF ART 50TH ANNIVERSARY**

WHEREAS, the Meadows Museum of Art at Centenary College has, for fifty years, served as a vital cultural and educational institution in Caddo Parish and the broader North Louisiana region; and

WHEREAS, since its establishment, the Meadows Museum of Art has been dedicated to the preservation, exhibition, and interpretation of visual art, enriching the academic experience of Centenary College students while remaining accessible to the general public; and

WHEREAS, the Museum's permanent collection, rotating exhibitions, and educational

programming have fostered creativity, critical thinking, and cultural appreciation among visitors of all ages and backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, the Meadows Museum of Art has played a significant role in supporting artists, scholars, educators, and community organizations, while serving as a cultural anchor that strengthens the quality of life in Caddo Parish; and

WHEREAS, through lectures, exhibitions, student engagement, and community partnerships, the Museum has demonstrated a sustained commitment to arts education, civic engagement, and cultural stewardship; and

WHEREAS, the 50th Anniversary of the Meadows Museum of Art marks an important milestone worthy of public recognition, celebrating its lasting contributions to the arts, education, and cultural vitality of our community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby commemorate and celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Meadows Museum of Art at Centenary College; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission congratulates the Meadows Museum of Art on this historic achievement and expresses best wishes for continued success in its mission to inspire, educate, and enrich the community for generations to come.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION GOSPEL ARTISTS JOHN P. KEE & ZACARDI CORTEZ

WHEREAS, gospel music has long served as a powerful expression of faith, hope, and resilience, uplifting communities and strengthening spiritual life across generations; and

WHEREAS, John P. Kee, an internationally acclaimed gospel artist, pastor, songwriter, and producer, has devoted decades of service to gospel music and ministry, earning widespread recognition as a pioneer and influential leader whose music has inspired millions and helped shape contemporary gospel; and

WHEREAS, Zacardi Cortez, a celebrated gospel vocalist and recording artist, has made a profound impact through his anointed performances, heartfelt worship, and dedication to sharing messages of faith, perseverance, and spiritual renewal; and

WHEREAS, both artists have used their platforms not only to entertain, but to minister, mentor, and uplift communities, fostering unity, encouragement, and excellence within the church and beyond; and

WHEREAS, John P. Kee and Zacardi Cortez will be honored at the KOKA New Year's Concert on Monday, February 9th at 6:00 PM, hosted at Morning Star Baptist Church, located at 5340 Jewella Avenue, Shreveport, Louisiana, marking a special celebration of music, ministry, and community as the new year begins; and

WHEREAS, this special evening will bring together community leaders, faith organizations, and residents to honor outstanding achievements in gospel music and to celebrate the enduring power of faith-based artistry;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby recognize and honor John P. Kee and Zacardi Cortez for their legendary contributions to gospel music, their unwavering commitment to faith, and their lasting impact on communities across the nation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission commends both artists for using their God-given talents to inspire hope, spiritual growth, and unity, while exemplifying excellence in music and ministry; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission extends its sincere appreciation to KOKA, Morning Star Baptist Church, and all partners involved in presenting this meaningful celebration, and offers best wishes for a successful and inspiring New Year Concert.

PROCLAMATION BLACK HISTORY MONTH

WHEREAS, the month of February is internationally observed as Black History Month, also referred to as African-American History Month in the United States and Canada, an effort that has the purpose of focusing attention upon a long-neglected and overlooked, but important and consequential, segment of the historical record of the United States and more broadly, the African diaspora; and;

WHEREAS, this celebration of the role and the contributions of African American and Black

citizens of this parish, state and country throughout its history is a fitting and beneficial process that serves to enlighten all citizens, and to strengthen the fibers of the national fabric;

WHEREAS, the observance of Black History Month calls our attention to the continued need to battle racism and build a society that lives up to its democratic ideals as well as to celebrate the many achievements and contributions made by African Americans to our economic, cultural, spiritual, and political development; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month grew out of the 1926 establishment of Negro History Week by Carter G. Woodson and the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, and has blossomed into today's month-long observance, the 2026 theme of which is "A Century of Black History Commemorations," which honors the first 100 years of studying, preserving, and celebrating Black history, culture, and contributions.; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT, by the Caddo Parish Commission, meeting in legal and regular session this 5th day of February, 2026 that it does hereby proclaim February 2026 as:

'BLACK HISTORY MONTH'

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

**PROCLAMATION
AMERICAN HEART MONTH**

WHEREAS, February is designated as American Heart Month; and

WHEREAS, the death rate from heart disease in the United States has fallen dramatically since the 1960's, a significant health victory. Heart disease remains a leading cause of death for both men and women in the United States and unfortunately Caddo Parish; and

WHEREAS, we have learned much about factors that contribute to heart disease, how to monitor those triggers, and ways to treat them. We know that individuals can live longer and better lives by refraining from tobacco use, maintaining an optimal blood pressure and healthy weight, eating a healthy diet, and exercising regularly. Innovative tools and online systems give people more access than ever to information they can use to make informed, health conscious choices; and

WHEREAS, scientific research and evidence-based interventions to prevent or treat heart attacks and strokes have played an important part in making improvements. Developments in technology and discovery of early markers of heart disease have allowed doctors to diagnose and treat disease sooner than ever before. American innovators continue to develop treatments in drugs, equipment and strategies to educate Americans to stay heart healthy; and

WHEREAS, this month we stand with the families and friends affected by heart disease, and we recognize the ongoing efforts of dedicated advocates, researchers, and health care providers who strive each day to raise the awareness about heart disease in Caddo Parish.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, that it does hereby proclaim February 2026 as:

'AMERICAN HEART MONTH'

in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and urges all citizens to join with the Parish in recognition of this important month and salute those who participated in the tradition of Go Red Day by wearing red on February 6th, the first Friday in February, to raise and spread awareness to help eradicate heart disease and stroke in millions of people across the nation.

RESOLUTION NO. 6 OF 2026

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE RULES AND BY-LAWS OF THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION REGARDING STANDING COMMITTEES AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, on January 12, 2026, the Caddo Parish Commission convened a special meeting and voted to recommend changes to the Commission's standing committees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that Article I of the Caddo Parish Commission Bylaws be amended and

reenacted to read as follows to-wit:

ARTICLE I
Powers of Duties of the President

- F. The President shall assign all members of the Caddo Parish Commission to their respective committees and chairmanships. There shall be—twelve standing committees of the Caddo Parish Commission whose duties respectively shall be to take into consideration all such subjects as properly pertain to the subjects and purposes assigned to each of them and which may be referred to them by the Caddo Commission. Those committees are as follows:
- (1) ~~Animal Services Committee: To this committee shall be referred, legislation relating to the following subjects: creation and modification of Animal and Fowl ordinances.~~
 - (21) Appropriations Committee: To this committee shall be referred legislation relating to the following subjects: appropriation of parish funds from the Riverboat Fund; the creation or modification of any special fund in the parish treasury to which proceeds from parish taxes, fees, or other charges are dedicated; budgetary requirements and procedures; comprehensive parish capital budget.
 - (32) ~~Code Enforcement and Property Standards Committee: To this committee shall be referred all legislation relating to the following subjects: all matters related to the dereliction of public and private lands within the parish outside incorporated municipalities; building code modifications, all matters related to subdivision creation; Additionally, this committee shall serve as the Property Standards Hearing Committee in accordance with Section 30-20 of the Caddo Parish Code. all matters related to health and safety issues affecting the public.~~
 - (43) Commission Clerk and Parish Administrator Evaluation Committee: To this committee shall be referred the annual evaluation of Caddo Parish Administrator and Caddo Parish Commission Clerk; setting forth annual recommendation for pay raises and other matters.
 - (54) Economic Development Committee: To this committee shall be referred all legislation relating to the following subjects: appropriation of funds from the parish's video poker proceeds; Caddo Parish industrial inducement; economic development districts and special industrial taxing districts, industrial parks and enhancement avenues for new and existing businesses within the Parish of Caddo. This committee also features a sub-committee on entertainment.
 - (65) Juvenile Justice and Related Services Committee: To this committee shall be referred legislation relating to the following subjects: matters related to Juvenile Court, and Juvenile detention in Caddo Parish; matters regarding community and faith based juvenile programs in the parish.
 - (76) Natural Resource Committee: To this committee shall be referred legislation relating to the following subjects: natural resources generally; mineral resources of parish owned lands; all matters relating to parish parks and recreation and parish waterways.
 - (87) Personnel Policies and Procedures Committee: To this committee shall be referred legislation regarding matters encompassed by the Parish Charter, Commission By-Laws, and Parish Personnel Policies.
 - (98) Veterans Affairs and Services: To this committee shall be referred legislation relating to the following subjects: matters related to Veteran issues, including parish veteran affairs offices, issues effecting veteran care, and support for various programs; veterans' throughout the parish.
 - (10) ~~Long Range Planning & Special Needs Committee: To this committee shall be referred legislation relating to the following subjects: matters related to issues not covered in the other nine standing committees, including but not limited to long range planning, alcohol licenses, constables and justices of the peace, facilities and space utilization, and all matters related to disaster relief and emergency response.~~

- (449) Audit/Finance Committee: To this committee the Administrator shall present his recommended process for a comprehensive internal audit of the parish no later than the second regular Commission meeting of each year. This committee shall make a recommendation regarding approval of that process to the Commission body no later than the first regular February meeting of each year. The Administrator and Director of Finance shall also present an overview of the financial matters of the Parish to this committee on a quarterly basis and this committee shall make recommendations to the Commission body regarding any budget amendments requested by agencies or departments included in the Parish budget
- ~~(12) Alcoholic Beverage Committee: The committee shall consist of five members of the Parish Commission appointed by the President of the Commission. The purpose of the alcoholic beverage permit committee shall be to hold hearings and recommend penalties for violations of parish ordinances on alcoholic beverage permits and to consider and make recommendations for changes in the alcoholic beverage ordinances of the Parish.~~
- (10) Special Projects Committee: To this committee shall be referred legislation relating to the following subjects: matters related to issues not covered in the other standing committees, including but not limited to long-range planning, elections census, facilities and space utilization.
- (11) Rural Development Committee: To this committee shall be referred items relating to utility districts and issues related to roads, water, sewer and emergency services in those areas outside of the parish's unincorporated areas.
- (12) Public Safety Committee: To this committee shall be referred commission action related to public safety matters. Such activities include, but are not limited to, regulation of alcohol sales, the issuance of alcohol licenses (permits); it shall also act as the Alcoholic Beverage Permit Committee in accordance with Section 4-64 of the Parish Code. Additionally, legislation relating to the creation and modification of Animal and Fowl ordinances, the coordination of disaster response and emergency relief shall also be referred to this committee. This committee, to the extent allowed by Charter, will also coordinate with Constables and Justices of the Peace, the Public Defender's Office, Crime Lab, and will coordinate efforts between relevant criminal justice organizations to address the expense of pre-trial detainee healthcare and reducing overcrowding in parish detention centers.

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 this resolution shall take effect immediately.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

RESOLUTION NO. 7 OF 2026

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE HOLDING OF AN ELECTION IN CADDO PARISH FIRE DISTRICT NUMBER SEVEN, STATE OF LOUISIANA, ON SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2026, TO AUTHORIZE THE CONTINUATION OF A SPECIAL TAX THEREIN.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Caddo Parish Fire District Number Seven, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Caddo Parish Fire District Number Seven, State of Louisiana (the "District"), adopted a resolution on January 12, 2026, calling a special election in the District on Saturday, June 27, 2026, to authorize the continuation of a special tax therein; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Authority of the District has requested that the Caddo Parish Commission, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Caddo, State of Louisiana, give its consent

and authority for the District to hold the aforesaid election, and in the event that the election carries to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein; and

WHEREAS, as required by Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, it is now the desire of the Caddo Parish Commission to approve the holding of said election and in the event that the election carries, to authorize the District to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission, acting as the governing authority of said Parish, that:

SECTION 1. In compliance with the provisions of Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, and in accordance with the request of the Board of Commissioners of Caddo Parish Fire District Number Seven, State of Louisiana, the Caddo Parish Commission hereby approves the holding of an election in the District, on Saturday, June 27, 2026, at which election there will be submitted the following proposition, to-wit:

**PROPOSITION
(MILLAGE CONTINUATION)**

Shall Caddo Parish Fire District Number Seven, State of Louisiana (the "District"), continue to levy and collect a special tax not to exceed 10.03 mills (the "Tax") on all the property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated \$1,417,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2028 and ending with the year 2037, for the purpose of maintaining and operating the District, provided that a portion of the Tax proceeds is required to be contributed to state and statewide retirement systems as provided in R.S. 11:82, said millage to represent a .03 mills increase (due to reappraisal) over the 10 mills tax authorized to be levied through the year 2027 pursuant to an election held on March 28, 2015?

SECTION 2. In the event the election carries, the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby further consent to and authorize the District to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Atkins, Cothran, Jones, Lazarus, Thomas, G. Young, and J. Young (7).

NAYS: None (0).

ABSENT: Blake, Burrell, Epperson, Gage-Watts, and Kracman (5).

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 5th day of February, 2026.


Clerk


President

RESOLUTION NO. 9 OF 2026

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT (DOTD) RELATIVE TO DETOUR ROUTE FOR BRIDGE REPLACEMENT ON SELF ROAD, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, DOTD is doing a bridge replacement on Self Road;

WHEREAS, DOTD desires the cooperation of Caddo Parish in establishing a traffic detour from the west of the bridge closure on Self Road to Gamm Road during the bridge replacement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby authorize the Parish Administrator to execute the cooperative endeavor agreement with DOTD to establish a traffic detour during the above-referenced bridge replacement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any agreement or documents in connection with the agreement must be approved by the Parish Attorney before execution by the Parish Administrator.

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. 10 OF 2026

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT FOR COST SHARING, INVOLVING THE RECEIPT OF FEDERAL FUNDS, WITH THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT (DOTD) RELATIVE TO THE BARNETTE ROAD OVER TRIB TO WALNUT BAYOU PROJECT AND THE SELF ROAD OVER DOOLEY CANAL PROJECT, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo and Louisiana DOTD wish to receive federal funding as well as share costs for the following projects:

1. STATE PROJECT NO. H.015522-BARNETTE ROAD OVER TRIB TO WALNUT BAYOU
2. STATE PROJECT NO. H.015524-SELF ROAD OVER DOOLEY CANAL

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby authorize the Parish Administrator to execute the cooperative endeavor agreement with DOTD receive federal funding and participate in cost sharing for the above-referenced projects.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any agreement or documents in connection with the agreement must be approved by the Parish Attorney before execution by the Parish Administrator.

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. 11 OF 2026

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE CONSENT OF CADDO PARISH FOR THE TOWN OF BLANCHARD TO ANNEX A CERTAIN RIGHT-OF-WAY WITHIN THE PARISH OF CADDO, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Town of Blanchard has received a request from KDDT, LLC to annex their property on Pine Hill Road, having a Caddo Parish Tax Assessor's Geographic Numbers of 181501-000-0120-00, 181501-000-0213-00, & 181501-003-0023-00; and

WHEREAS, in order to annex this property, the Town of Blanchard will also need to annex a portion of the Pine Hill Road dedication. Specifically, they would like to annex from the existing City Limits in Section 2, Township 18 North, Range 15 West, to Roy Road in Section 36, Township 19 North, Range 15 West; and

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 33:180(C) requires the political subdivision that owns the road to consent to the annexation of a road to connect the subject property to the municipality; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo has received a written request from the Town of Blanchard requesting the consent of the Parish of Caddo to the annexation of the portion of Pine Hill Road dedication as described above; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that the Caddo Parish Administrator or her designee be and it is hereby requested and authorized to execute the documents indicating the consent to the annexation of a portion of Pine Hill Road, from the existing City Limits to Roy Road, as shown on Exhibit A.

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 of 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 RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

ADMINISTRATION REPORT COMMUNIQUES/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Lighthouse Updates

Administrator Bryant explained that the Parish funded a portion of the project and that the remaining portion was contingent upon federal reimbursement approval. The project could not proceed until that funding determination was received. Commissioners asked clarifying questions regarding the project's power source and emergency operations during recent weather events, with Administrator Bryant noting no known power interruption.

Mr. Cothran raised concerns regarding shelters and services for individuals experiencing homelessness during recent severe weather, particularly agencies that may have denied shelter. Administration acknowledged the concern and advised it would follow up with additional information.

There was no President's Report at this time. There were no Public Hearing on Zoning Ordinances.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES

The President of the Commission opened up the floor for a public hearing on the following ordinances:

- *Ordinance No. 6607 of 2026, an ordinance to accept the streets in Northwood Oaks Unit 3A into the Parish of Caddo Road System, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

There being no one to speak in favor or against this ordinance, the President closed the public hearing. There were no Zoning Ordinances for final passage.

ORDINANCES (for final passage)

It was **moved by Mr. J. Young**, seconded by Mr. Jones, *that Ordinance No. 6607 of 2026, an ordinance to accept the streets in Northwood Oaks Unit 3A into the Parish of Caddo Road System, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be adopted.

Mr. Josh Bedgood, Assistant Public Works Director, confirmed that the subdivision met Parish standards, inspection fees were paid, and Public Works supported adoption. Commissioners requested clarification on the process and public benefit of roadway dedication. Mr. Bedgood explained that acceptance ensures long-term public maintenance and relieves residents from reliance on private developers.

At this time, Mr. J. Young's motion carried unanimously with Commissioners Blake, Epperson, and Gage-Watts being absent.

ORDINANCE NO. 6607 OF 2026

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION

AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT THE STREETS IN NORTHWOOD OAKS
UNIT 3A INTO THE PARISH OF CADDO ROAD SYSTEM, AND TO
OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo has received a request to accept the streets in Northwood

Oaks Unit 3A into the Parish of Caddo road system;

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo has received and reviewed the subdivision plats showing a dedication to the Parish of Caddo; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo finds that the acceptance of the subdivisions into the Parish of Caddo system is in the best interest of the Parish of Caddo.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Caddo Parish Commission, in due, legal and regular session convened, that the Parish of Caddo hereby accepts into the Parish of Caddo road system all of the streets in Northwood Oaks Unit 3A, Caddo Parish, Louisiana as shown on the attached subdivision plat marked as "Exhibit A".

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that a copy of this ordinance, with a subdivision plat of the Northwood Oaks Unit 3A attached thereto as "Exhibit A", shall be filed in the conveyance records of the Parish of Caddo.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision or item of this ordinance or application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items, or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provision, items or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall be effective ten days after publication in the official journal.

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

There was no New Business nor Old Business.

COMMUNIQUES & REPORTS

- Mr. Kracman expressed appreciation to Public Works, municipal leaders, and emergency response partners for their work addressing water service disruptions in District 1, including water distribution, portable showers, and coordinated relief efforts. Commissioners engaged in discussion regarding water pressure issues in the Blanchard system. It was noted that the problems stemmed from multiple factors, including leaks, infrastructure issues, plant membrane complications, freezing conditions, and third-party line damage. Administration and commissioners emphasized that repairs and relief efforts were ongoing and gradually resolving the situation.
- President Young announced committee chair assignments for the upcoming term and outlined recent restructuring of committees to improve efficiency, quorum availability, and focus areas. Each committee chair was identified, and the purpose of revised or newly created committees was explained, including special projects, road development, and consolidated property standards oversight.
- Mr. J. Young would like to schedule Juvenile Justice Committee meetings at 2:00 p.m. before every Work Session.
- Mr. Atkins asked Finance if a meeting was needed for Audit & Finance before February concluded. Mrs. Barnett said that she is working with the Audit company to finalize those details.
- Mr. Jones requested prayers for the family of a recently deceased community pastor and educator, recognizing his influence throughout the parish.

There were no Citizens Comments late arrivals. There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 4:02 p.m.


Michelle Nations
Assistant Commission Clerk


Gregory Young
President