

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
CADDO PARISH COMMISSION'S  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
HELD ON THE 19<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2026

The Caddo Parish Public Safety Committee met in legal session on the above date at 3:00, p.m., in the Government Plaza Chambers, with the following members present constituting a quorum: Commissioners Cothran, Blake, Epperson, Kracman, G. Young (5). ABSENT: None (0).

The invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were given during the previous committee meeting. There were no Agenda Additions nor Citizens Comments, so the Committee moved onto New Business.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- *Introductory Discussion of the Committee's newly defined role to include sharing of goals and distribution of information to be considered for future discussions.*

*Caddo Commission Bylaws define the Public Safety Committee in this way: To this committee shall be referred commission action related to public safety related operations, to include, but not limited to regulation of alcohol sales, laws pertaining to animal & fowl, disaster response, emergency relief, coordination between Constables & Justices of the Peace, and coordinating efforts between relevant criminal justice organizations to address the expense of pre-trial detainee healthcare, underfunding of the public defender's office and Crime Lab, and reducing overcrowding in parish detention center. This Committee will also hold hearings and recommend penalties for violations of alcoholic beverage permits issued outside of the Parish's incorporated areas.*

Commissioner Ron Cothran explained that he wanted to highlight 11 different aspects of the Committee's purview. He said that it seems like a lot, but he would like each member of the Committee to take interest in a small number of these aspects and treat them like subcommittees. He said in the next meeting they will have a more formal, longer look at these. He said that they will be interacting with the various law enforcement agencies and the legal department in their work as a Committee. He mentioned that he would especially like to address the issues at Caddo Correctional Center.

There being no more business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:10, p.m.



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