

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION  
OF THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION  
HELD ON THE 19<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 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, Blake, Burrell, Cothran, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Jones, Kracman, Lazarus, Thomas, G. Young, and J. Young (12). ABSENT: None (0).

The invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were given during previous committee meetings.

**AGENDA ADDITIONS**

It was **moved by Mrs. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. Jones, *to expand the agenda and add Special Resolution honoring the LSUS Men's and Women's Basketball Teams and Special Resolution for Mr. Green Whitaker* under Special Resolutions.

The President opened the floor for anyone to speak in favor or against expanding the agenda. There being no one to speak, the President closed the public hearing.

At this time, Mrs. Gage-Watts' motion carried unanimously with Commissioners Burrell and Kracman being absent.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS**

Tyler Bargaquast came before the Commission and gave the following comment:

I came to speak, thank you, Commissioners, for having me, speaking on the Rouxgaroux payment that you guys are thinking on. I know it's going to be another vote later on, but now is the time I have and 3:30 is an awful time to actually get down here. There's a couple things I wish you guys would ask. I didn't hear you guys ask last time. It was how much did he buy that team for? Because I didn't hear anyone ask that. I don't think it's a wise decision you guys should do. Obviously, there's a lot of people against it. I feel like, I just don't think it's worthy. I had a whole bunch of notes sat down in the back, but kind of put me on the spot. But, like, there's 10 coaches on that thing. That's a lot of people to be putting on there. We've had teams in the past. There's teams that have been all over and it's not ideal. I actually have probably one of the biggest initiatives to want this team because I'm actually from Iowa and two of the people that we'd be playing are within an hour and a half of my hometown in Iowa. Omaha Beef is apparently our rival and we would go play them. And essentially, I just don't think it's going to be worthwhile. I don't know if any of you guys have been to the CenturyTel Center lately. Prices for everything are just astronomical. It's ridiculous. You may pay, you know, \$22 to get in the gate, but you're paying at least \$20 for a Michelob, and that's ridiculous. So, I mean, that's not the ideal scenario. And, like, he says he's going to give out 50 tickets to nonprofits and churches, I think, and schools. And, like, I didn't see anyone dictate on what any of those actually, like, the criteria for those. There's a lot of seats up there, and if he's only giving out 50, I just don't think that's a good scenario for us. So, nevertheless, there's a couple things I wanted to add in there specifically. Yeah, I just don't think it's a good use of our funds. I mean, we're not in the business of giving people that have already bought the business, and just because he doesn't know how to run the business doesn't mean that we should be acclimating him to run it even worse. He says it's for the marketing. I didn't hear anyone ask what marketing agency he's going to use. Is it from somewhere in Caddo, someone in Bossier? Just overall, there's a lot of questions to be asked. I feel like you guys asked a lot of questions, but I mean those are kind of big ones that just kind of came to the top of my head. Last 30 seconds, I just want to add, I even tried to fill out an online comment. Did not find that available today. I probably would have did it. Last time I tried to do it, you guys didn't even pick up my question. Didn't even bring it up. So, that's why I had to make it down here today. And, if you're going to do the YouTube video live, I think we should have YouTube commenting on. We should be able to chat while we're online. You can learn a lot of information from everyone that's on there. Thank you guys and I appreciate your time.

There were no Visitors.

**ADOPT REGULAR SESSION MINUTES**

It was **moved by Mrs. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. Jones, *that Special Session Minutes—March 2, 2026 and Regular Session—March 5, 2026* be adopted. Motion carried unanimously with Commissioners Burrell and Kracman being absent.

**SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS**

It was **moved by Mrs. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. Atkins, *that the following Special Resolutions be englob'd and adopted:*

- *Special Resolution of Remembrance Bloody Sunday*

Mr. Epperson spoke on the importance of preserving voting rights, reflecting on historical injustices and emphasizing the continued need for vigilance in protecting access to the ballot. He highlighted the courage of civil rights leaders and the ongoing relevance of these issues.

- *Special Resolution of Remembrance for U.S. Service Members killed in Iran War*

The Commission conducted a solemn presentation honoring U.S. service members who lost their lives in the Iran conflict. At the request of Mr. Epperson, an invocation was delivered by a U.S. Air Force veteran.

Commissioners and representatives participated in a ceremonial reading of the names of the fallen, accompanied by a candle-lighting tribute. Recognition was also given to over 200 injured service members.

Commission Clerk, Mr. Jeff Everson, read the formal Resolution of Remembrance into the record, detailing the sacrifices of the fallen, including those lost in a drone strike, subsequent attacks, and a plane crash during operations.

Representatives from the American Legion and veterans' community offered remarks, expressing gratitude, reflecting on personal military experiences, and emphasizing the significance of honoring those who served.

Commission members also shared personal reflections on military service, sacrifice, and the cost of freedom.

- *Special Resolution Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.*
- *Special Resolution Darrin Henson*
- *Special Resolution of Remembrance Demetrick Lavell Alexander-Metcalf*

Following the reading of the Special Resolution, Mr. Alexander-Metcalf's mother expressed gratitude to the Commission for recognizing her son's life and legacy. She shared heartfelt remarks about his character, his purpose, and the lasting impact he made on those who knew him. She spoke of the pain of losing a child without answers and thanked God, her family, and the community for their support during her continued grief.

Remarks were also offered recognizing the presence of Ms. Martha Tyler and acknowledging the many mothers in the community who have experienced similar loss. Mrs. Gage-Watts spoke personally about her relationship with the family and offered words of comfort and encouragement. A moment of silence was then observed in memory of Mr. Alexander-Metcalf.

- *Special Resolution of Remembrance Soror Dorothy Hunter Jones*
- *Special Resolution of Remembrance Joe Wills*
- *Special Resolution LSUS Women's and Men's Basketball Team*
- *Special Resolution Mr. Green Whitaker*

Mr. Whitaker's family came forward to receive the resolution. His daughter, Nita Whitaker, thanked the Commission for honoring her father and spoke with pride about his longevity, sharp memory, and lasting legacy.

Several Commissioners offered congratulatory remarks and shared personal reflections about Mr. Whitaker's influence in the Cedar Grove community and throughout Caddo Parish. Commissioners recalled his work ethic, his encouragement to younger generations, his community presence, and his example as a respected patriarch and role model. Commissioner Jones also noted family connections and the significance of honoring such a longstanding community figure.

- *Presentation for Youree Drive Middle School Football Team*

Coaches, school representatives, and team members came forward to receive the resolution. Remarks were provided by the coaching staff and school administration, who emphasized not only the players' athletic success but also their commitment to academics, discipline, and personal growth. It was noted that the team members are held accountable in the classroom and are being prepared for success beyond athletics.

Commissioners commended the team for back-to-back undefeated championship seasons and praised the school's culture of excellence. Additional remarks highlighted the players' community service efforts, including donating fans for senior citizens during the summer heat, demonstrating that their impact extends beyond the field. Commissioners also emphasized the broader importance of recognizing and encouraging local youth talent early in their development.

At this time, Mrs. Gage-Watt's motion carried unanimously with Commissioner Burrell being absent.

**SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF REMEMBRANCE  
BLOODY SUNDAY**

WHEREAS, on March 7, 1965, a group of peaceful civil rights demonstrators gathered in Selma, Alabama, to march from Selma to Montgomery in support of equal voting rights for African Americans and to protest the systemic disenfranchisement that denied countless citizens the right to vote; and

WHEREAS, as the marchers crossed the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, they were met with brutal violence from state troopers and local law enforcement officers, who used billy clubs, tear gas, and mounted patrols to attack the unarmed demonstrators in an event that became known to history as Bloody Sunday; and

WHEREAS, the shocking images of this violent assault on peaceful protesters were broadcast across the nation, awakening the conscience of America and galvanizing widespread support for the civil rights movement and the protection of voting rights; and

WHEREAS, the courage and sacrifice of those marchers—including leaders such as John Lewis, who suffered a fractured skull during the attack—helped inspire a renewed national commitment to justice and equality under the law; and

WHEREAS, the events of Bloody Sunday played a pivotal role in the passage of the landmark Voting Rights Act of 1965, signed into law by Lyndon B. Johnson, which prohibited racial discrimination in voting and provided federal protections to ensure that every citizen could exercise the fundamental right to vote; and

WHEREAS, the legacy of Bloody Sunday continues to serve as a powerful reminder that democracy requires vigilance, courage, and participation, and that the right to vote remains one of the most sacred responsibilities and privileges of American citizenship; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Caddo Parish recognize that the struggle for civil rights and equal access to the ballot has profoundly shaped communities across the nation, including those in Louisiana, and continues to inspire new generations to work toward a more just and inclusive society;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby commemorate the anniversary of Bloody Sunday in Selma, Alabama, honoring the bravery of the men and women who marched for justice and recognizing the lasting impact of their sacrifice on the advancement of civil rights and voting rights in the United States; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission encourages all citizens to reflect upon the lessons of this historic event, to remain committed to protecting the right to vote, and to continue the ongoing work of building a democracy that ensures equality, dignity, and opportunity for all.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of the regular meeting of the Caddo Parish Commission and that it serve as a lasting tribute to the courage of those who stood for justice on that historic day.

**SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF REMEMBRANCE  
U.S. SERVICE MEMBERS KILLED IN IRAN WAR**

WHEREAS, the members of the Caddo Parish Commission recognize with profound sorrow the loss of brave United States service members who have given their lives in the line of duty during the ongoing conflict involving the United States and Iran; and

WHEREAS, these courageous men and women answered the call of their nation and served with honor, dedication, and unwavering commitment to protecting the freedoms and security of the United States and its allies; and

WHEREAS, the American service members who have tragically lost their lives during the early stages of this conflict are Chief Warrant Officer Robert Marzan, Major Jeffrey O'Brien, Sergeant Declan Coady, Sergeant First Class Nicole Amor, Captain Cody Khork, and Sergeant First Class Noah Tietjens. Sergeant Benjamin N. Pennington, Major John A. Klinner, Captain Ariana G. Savino, Technical Sergeant Ashley B. Pruitt, Captain Seth R. Koval, Captain Curtis J. Angst, and Technical Sergeant Tyler Simmons.

WHEREAS, the first six casualties listed were the result of a drone strike on March 1, 2026 at a US Military Installation near Port Shuaiba, Kuwait, and soon after there was another service member who was injured in an attack on Prince Sultan Air Base and later succumbed to his injuries, and six more casualties on March 12th when a plane crash occurred in Iraq while supporting operations related to the conflict, bringing the number of U.S. military personnel who have lost their lives to more than a dozen during the early days of the war, while over 200 American troops have been wounded in service to our nation;

WHEREAS, the sacrifice of these fallen heroes represents the highest form of service and devotion to country, and their bravery serves as a solemn reminder of the costs of freedom and the heavy burdens carried by those who wear the uniform of the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Caddo Parish join communities across America in honoring the memory of these service members and extending our deepest condolences, prayers, and gratitude to their

families, friends, fellow service members, and loved ones; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the Caddo Parish Commission pause to remember and recognize the lives, courage, and sacrifices of these American patriots whose dedication to duty will forever be remembered with honor and respect;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission hereby expresses its deepest respect and heartfelt remembrance for the United States service members who lost their lives in the Iran conflict while serving their nation with honor and distinction; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission calls upon the citizens of Caddo Parish to reflect upon the sacrifices made by these brave men and women, to honor their memory, and to support the families and loved ones who bear the weight of their loss; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission extends its profound gratitude to all members of the United States Armed Forces who continue to serve with courage and dedication around the world in defense of freedom and democracy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official minutes of the Caddo Parish Commission as a lasting expression of remembrance, respect, and gratitude for the lives and sacrifices of these fallen American heroes.

**SPECIAL RESOLUTION  
ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC.**

WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated is an international service organization founded on the campus of Howard University in Washington in 1908, and is recognized as the oldest Greek-letter organization established by African American college-educated women; and

WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated has grown to include more than 390,000 initiated members in over 1,115 graduate and undergraduate chapters located in 15 nations and territories, united by a legacy of scholarship, leadership, and community service; and

WHEREAS, since its founding, the sorority has remained committed to its five fundamental tenets: cultivating and encouraging high scholastic and ethical standards; promoting unity and friendship among college women; studying and helping to alleviate problems concerning girls and women in order to improve their social stature; maintaining a progressive interest in college life; and providing "Service to All Mankind"; and

WHEREAS, the organization is currently led by International President and CEO Danette Anthony Reed, whose administration's theme, "Soaring to Greater Heights of Service and Sisterhood," is guided by five initiatives: Strengthen Our Sisterhood, Empower Our Families, Build Our Economic Wealth, Enhance Our Environment, Advocate for Social Justice, and Uplift Our Local Community; and

WHEREAS, the South Central Region of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, established in 1924, includes more than 19,000 members throughout Louisiana, Arkansas, Texas, and New Mexico, and is currently led by the 27th South Central Regional Director, Dr. Shawn Emerson-Simmons; and

WHEREAS, members of the South Central Region will gather in Shreveport from March 26–29, 2026, for the 94th South Central Regional Conference of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, held under the theme "The Real Deal: Betting on Service and Sisterhood," bringing together members for inspiring workshops, meaningful fellowship, and opportunities to celebrate collective achievements while recommitting to the sorority's mission of service and leadership; and

WHEREAS, with more than 6,000 registered attendees and thousands of social delegates expected to attend, members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated will "paint the city pink and green," bringing significant cultural energy and generating millions of dollars in economic impact for the local community; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission is honored to welcome the distinguished members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated to Caddo Parish and recognizes the organization's enduring commitment to service, education, leadership, and community empowerment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby extend a warm and enthusiastic welcome to the members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated attending the 94th South Central Regional Conference of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated in Shreveport, Louisiana; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission commends the sorority for its long-standing legacy of scholarship, leadership, and service to communities around the world and expresses sincere appreciation for the positive impact its members continue to make in the lives of families and communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission wishes the conference every success and hopes that all attendees enjoy the hospitality, culture, and spirit of Caddo Parish during their

visit.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Caddo Parish Commission and presented as a lasting expression of welcome and appreciation.

**SPECIAL RESOLUTION  
DARRIN HENSON**

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission is pleased to welcome acclaimed actor, dancer, choreographer, and author Darrin Henson to Caddo Parish for a special community event celebrating creativity, inspiration, and the arts; and

WHEREAS, Darrin Henson has built a distinguished career in film, television, and dance, earning recognition for his artistic talent, dedication to his craft, and his commitment to inspiring audiences through storytelling and performance; and

WHEREAS, Henson is widely recognized for his role in the motion picture Stomp the Yard and for his appearances on the popular television series The Family Business, where his performances have earned him admiration from viewers across the nation; and

WHEREAS, on Friday, March 27, at 7:00 p.m., members of the community will have the opportunity to attend An Intimate Night with Darrin Henson in Shreveport, featuring a live interview on The T Vokalz Show, a book signing, photo opportunities, and special giveaways, providing attendees with a unique opportunity to engage with Mr. Henson in a meaningful and personal setting; and

WHEREAS, this special event is presented by local creative entrepreneur Tommy Nard, owner of Nard Media Group, whose efforts seek to introduce fresh and positive experiences to the city while highlighting influential voices in entertainment and media; and

WHEREAS, events such as this provide valuable opportunities to celebrate artistic achievement, encourage creative expression, and inspire the next generation of artists and innovators throughout the Ark-La-Tex region; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission commends the organizers of this event for bringing meaningful cultural programming to the community and proudly welcomes Mr. Henson as a distinguished guest to our parish;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby extend a warm and enthusiastic welcome to Darrin Henson as he visits Caddo Parish for this special engagement and expresses sincere appreciation for his contributions to the arts and entertainment industry; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission commends Tommy Nard and Nard Media Group for their efforts to bring inspiring and uplifting programming to the citizens of Shreveport and the greater Caddo Parish community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission wishes Mr. Henson and all attendees a successful and memorable event and hopes that his visit will inspire continued creativity, leadership, and positive engagement within the Ark-La-Tex community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Caddo Parish Commission and presented as a lasting expression of welcome and appreciation.

**SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF REMEMBRANCE  
DEMETRICK LAVELL ALEXANDER-METCALF**

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission pauses to recognize and honor the life and legacy of Demetrick Lavell Alexander-Metcalf, lovingly known to family and friends as "Poohly," a cherished son, friend, and member of the Caddo Parish community; and

WHEREAS, Demetrick Lavell Alexander-Metcalf was known by those who loved him for his strength of character, vibrant spirit, and the unique light he brought into the lives of those around him; and

WHEREAS, through his presence, kindness, and the genuine love he shared with others, Demetrick made a lasting impression on family, friends, and many throughout our community, leaving behind memories that continue to uplift and inspire those who knew him; and

WHEREAS, although his life was tragically cut short and the circumstances surrounding his passing remain unresolved, his family and community remain committed to ensuring that his life is remembered not for tragedy, but for the meaning, impact, and love he brought into the world; and

WHEREAS, his mother, LaSeeta Alexander, and his loved ones continue to honor his memory and advocate for remembrance, ensuring that his name and legacy remain alive in the hearts of those who knew him and in the community he called home; and

WHEREAS, recognizing March 18, the birthday of Demetrick Lavell Alexander-Metcalf, as “Prolific Pooh Day” serves as a meaningful tribute to the gift of his life and a reminder that every life in our community carries value, dignity, and a legacy worth remembering; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission joins the family, friends, and community in remembering Demetrick Lavell Alexander-Metcalf and in affirming that his life mattered and that his memory will continue to live on in the hearts of those who loved him.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby honor the life and memory of Demetrick Lavell Alexander-Metcalf (“Poohly”) and expresses its heartfelt sympathy to his mother, LaSeeta Alexander, and all who continue to cherish his memory.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Caddo Parish Commission hereby recognizes March 18 as “Prolific Pooh Day” in Caddo Parish as a tribute to Demetrick’s life, his legacy, and the enduring love of his family and community.

**SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF REMEMBRANCE  
SOROR DOROTHY HUNTER JONES**

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission pauses to honor and remember the life and legacy of Soror Dorothy Hunter Jones, a beloved mother, grandmother, community member, and distinguished charter member of the Eta Psi Sigma Alumnae Chapter; and

WHEREAS, born on February 23, 1939, Soror Dorothy Hunter Jones lived a life marked by grace, strength, and a deep commitment to her family, her faith, and the organizations and community she faithfully served; and

WHEREAS, as a Charter Member of the Eta Psi Sigma Alumnae Chapter, Soror Jones exemplified the ideals of sisterhood, service, and scholarship, leaving a lasting impression through her dedication and unwavering support of the sorority’s mission and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, those who knew Soror Jones remember her as a woman of resilience, compassion, and dignity whose presence uplifted others and whose legacy will continue to inspire future generations; and

WHEREAS, throughout her life she demonstrated profound love for her family and remained devoted to strengthening the bonds of community, serving as an example of grace, perseverance, and service; and

WHEREAS, while Soror Dorothy Hunter Jones transitioned from this life on March 1, 2026, her memory, contributions, and the love she shared will remain deeply cherished by her family, her sorority sisters, and all who had the privilege of knowing her.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby honor the life and memory of Soror Dorothy Hunter Jones and expresses its deepest condolences to her family, friends, and the members of the Eta Psi Sigma Alumnae Chapter during this time of loss.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Caddo Parish Commission recognizes the enduring legacy of Soror Jones and celebrates a life devoted to family, faith, service, and sisterhood, whose influence will continue to be felt throughout the community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution of Remembrance be spread upon the official minutes of the Caddo Parish Commission and that an engrossed copy be presented to the family of Soror Dorothy Hunter Jones as a lasting tribute to her remarkable life and legacy.

**SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF REMEMBRANCE  
JOE WILLS**

WHEREAS, Mr. Joe Robert Wills was a lifelong resident of the Stoner Hill Community in Shreveport, Louisiana. Born on August 31, 1943, he lived a life devoted to family, service, and community until his passing on March 11, 2016; and

WHEREAS, he was the devoted husband of Mrs. Shirley Wills for fifty-two (52) years, and together they raised two sons, Jerard Wills, Sr., and the late Jerado Wills; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wills was known as an exemplary citizen whose dedication to the betterment of the Stoner Hill Community helped strengthen the quality of life for its residents. Through his leadership and advocacy, he worked tirelessly to ensure that the community received the resources and improvements needed to remain vibrant and thriving, including the development and support of the Valencia Recreation Center and neighborhood street improvements; and

WHEREAS, for more than fifty (50) years, Mr. Wills committed himself to civic engagement and civil rights advocacy. He served as First Vice-President of the Shreveport Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), where he helped lead voter registration initiatives, get-out-the-vote campaigns, and redistricting efforts that advanced fairness and representation; and

WHEREAS, he was the founder and president of the Eastside Brotherhood Association and played a key role in preserving the legacy and pride of the Stoner Hill Community. His leadership helped secure the renaming of Stoner Hill Elementary School to E. B. Williams Stoner Hill Elementary School in honor of longtime principal Dr. E. B. Williams, and he also led the effort to rename Hopewell Street as C. E. Galloway Boulevard in honor of the distinguished pastor of Hopewell Baptist Church, Reverend Charles Emanuel Galloway; and

WHEREAS, the life and service of Joe Robert Wills stand as a lasting example of leadership, dedication, and commitment to community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission, does hereby honor and remember Mr. Joe Robert Wills for his many contributions to the Stoner Hill Community and the Parish of Caddo.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in recognition of his enduring legacy, a room at Valencia Park is hereby dedicated in honor of Mr. Joe Robert Wills, so that his contributions to the community will continue to be remembered. May this space continue to serve as a reminder of his commitment to service to our community and inspire future generations to follow his example of leadership and civic responsibility.

### **SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION LSUS WOMEN'S AND MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM**

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission is proud to recognize outstanding achievements in athletics that bring honor and distinction to our community; and

WHEREAS, the men's and women's basketball teams of Louisiana State University in Shreveport (LSUS), known as the Pilots, have demonstrated exceptional dedication, discipline, and teamwork throughout the 2025–2026 basketball season; and

WHEREAS, both programs have achieved remarkable success on the court, representing LSUS and the Caddo Parish community with excellence, sportsmanship, and competitive spirit; and

WHEREAS, the accomplishments of these student-athletes reflect not only their individual talents but also the leadership and commitment of their coaches, staff, and supporters; and

WHEREAS, the LSUS Pilots basketball programs continue to inspire pride across Caddo Parish and serve as role models for young athletes through their perseverance, integrity, and pursuit of excellence; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission recognizes that the success of these teams contributes to the vibrancy of collegiate athletics and enhances the reputation of our region on a broader stage.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in regular session convened, that it does hereby congratulate the LSUS Pilots Men's and Women's Basketball Teams on their successful 2025–2026 seasons and commend them for their outstanding achievements, dedication, and representation of Caddo Parish.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Caddo Parish Commission extends its best wishes for continued success in future seasons and expresses its appreciation to the players, coaches, and supporters for their contributions to the community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be presented to representatives of the LSUS Pilots Men's and Women's Basketball Teams as a token of the Commission's pride and recognition.

### **SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION MR. GREEN WHITAKER**

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission is honored to recognize and celebrate the centennial birthday of Mr. Green Whitaker, Sr., a beloved Shreveport treasure, respected community leader, and living testament to faith, perseverance, and service, who was born on February 2, 1926, in the small farming town of Holly, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Whitaker was born to Estella and Isaac Whitaker as the second youngest of nineteen children, and was raised on an 80-acre family farm purchased by his father, where the Whitaker family lived self-sufficiently, growing and raising nearly all their own food—a powerful story of resilience and unity later chronicled in the award winning book *When Your Hand is in the Lion's Mouth: The Life and Wisdom of a Man Named Green*, authored by his youngest daughter, Nita Whitaker; and

WHEREAS, the Whitaker family's life was profoundly altered when oil was discovered on their land, followed by unlawful drilling from an adjacent property that caused saltwater contamination, forcing the family to sell their once fertile land and transition from landowners to sharecroppers on the Frierson Plantation; and

WHEREAS, despite these hardships, the Whitaker family remained strong under the leadership

of Isaac Whitaker, a man of character, compassion, intelligence, generosity, and deep love for his family—values that were instilled in his children and carried forward by Green Whitaker, Sr., throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, rising from his beginnings as a sharecropper's son, Mr. Whitaker became a blooming entrepreneur and devoted family man, marrying Ola Mae White, with whom he raised four children and countless others in a spirit of community, mentorship, and love, beginning their life together in the Cedar Grove community of Shreveport; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Whitaker faithfully served the people of Caddo Parish for 35 years as a bus driver with the

Caddo Parish School Board, while simultaneously demonstrating an extraordinary work ethic—working as many as five part-time jobs at one time, operating a takeout food business with his wife, co-founding and co-owning Good Samaritan Funeral Home for 21 years, and achieving distinction as a top insurance salesman for more than 68 years; and

WHEREAS, a man of unwavering faith, Mr. Whitaker has served as a deacon for more than 75 years, and is widely known throughout Cedar Grove and beyond as a man of wisdom, kindness, integrity, and friendship, touching lives wherever he goes; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Whitaker is also a lifelong singer and musician, having served as a member and manager of the local gospel group The Spiritual Jubilee, using his voice to uplift, inspire, and spread faith through music; and

WHEREAS, now the last living member of his large extended family, Mr. Whitaker's life spans a remarkable century of experiences—from rural sharecropping to business success, from community leadership to global travel—and includes extraordinary accomplishments such as volunteering with the Foster Grandparents program in his late eighties and portraying Jesus on stage in a musical production in his nineties; and

WHEREAS, together with his late wife Ola Mae, who passed at the young age of 49, Mr. Whitaker was a pillar of service in the community, rarely allowing a week to pass without transporting families to church or choir rehearsal, hosting Bible studies and mission meetings in their home, visiting the sick, and raising funds for charitable causes; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Green Whitaker, Sr., stands today as a dependable positive role model, a faith warrior, a devoted father and mentor, and a patriarch whose life of service, humility, and perseverance continues to inspire generations throughout Caddo Parish;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby honor and celebrate Mr. Green Whitaker, Sr., on the joyous occasion of his 100th Birthday, recognizing a life that is nothing short of legendary and a legacy that will forever be woven into the fabric of our community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission extends its deepest admiration, gratitude, and best wishes to Mr. Whitaker and his family, celebrating one hundred years of a life defined by faith, family, service, resilience, and love; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be made a part of the official minutes of the Caddo Parish Commission and presented to Mr. Green Whitaker, Sr., as a lasting tribute to his remarkable life and enduring impact on Caddo Parish.

#### ***ADMINISTRATION REPORT***

Upon returning to regular order, the President drew attention to information previously circulated to Commissioners by email from Assistant Animal Services Director Kelvin Samuel in response to prior discussion regarding feral hog trapping. It was noted that the email included useful information as well as video documentation of the trap purchased through Commission funding.

Assistant Parish Administrator, Clay Walker, further advised that a flyer for Caddo's Rising Star competition had been provided, along with cost breakdowns and design information for interstate signs. Staff indicated that work was continuing on the remaining requests from Commissioners.

#### ***COMMUNIQES & COMMITTEE REPORTS***

- Mrs. Gage-Watts extended greetings in recognition of Women's History Month and announced that she would be the guest speaker at a Women's History Month celebration at Morning Star on Saturday at 10:00 a.m. She noted that the event was sold out, though a limited number of tickets might still be available.
- Clerk Everson took a moment to recognize two members of the Commission team, Michelle Nations and Clayton McGee, on the occasion of their birthdays. Appreciation was expressed to those who had contributed to signing birthday cards, and birthday wishes were extended during the meeting.

#### ***PRESIDENT'S REPORT***

The President offered remarks promoting the Caddo's Rising Star competition. Additional information was provided regarding the next audition date, which was announced as Saturday, March 28, at

Southwood High School from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. The public was directed to the competition website for registration materials and additional details.

There were no Public Hearings on Zoning Ordinances & Cases.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES**

The President opened the public hearing for the following ordinance:

- *Ordinance No. 6608 of 2026, an ordinance providing amendments to the Caddo Parish fee schedule, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

There was no one to speak in favor, or against, the public hearing, so the public hearing was closed.

There were no Zoning Ordinances & Cases for final passage.

**ORDINANCES (for final passage)  
RESOLUTIONS**

It was **moved by Mrs. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. J. Young, *that the following items be englobed and adopted:*

- *Ordinance No. 6608 of 2026, an ordinance providing amendments to the Caddo Parish fee schedule, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Resolution No. 18 of 2026, a resolution to authorize the Caddo Parish Administrator to approve the assignment, bill of sale, and conveyance of State Agency Lease No. 22324 from Cypress Energy Partners, LLC, to Apex Natural Gas, LLC, and otherwise providing with respect thereto*
- *Resolution No. 20 of 2026, a resolution to oppose House Bill No. 674 and otherwise providing with respect thereto*

At this time, Mrs. Gage-Watts' motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Blake, Burrell, Cothran, Gage-Watts, Jones, Lazarus, Thomas, G. Young, and J. Young (10). NAYS: Commissioner Kracman (1). ABSENT: Commissioner Epperson (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

**ORDINANCE NO. 6608 OF 2026**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING AMENDMENTS TO THE CADDO PARISH FEE SCHEDULE, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo enacted a new comprehensive fee ordinance per Ordinance No. 6554 and 6598 of 2025; and

WHEREAS, further updates are needed to clarify the location and applicability of the fees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that the noted provisions of SECTION 35-1 of the Caddo Parish Code of Ordinances pertaining to schedule of licenses and fees, is hereby amended to read as contained in the attached "EXHIBIT".

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.

**EXHIBIT  
ORDINANCE 6608 OF 2026**

| Code Section                            | Description | Amount |
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| <b><u>CHAPTER 2. ADMINISTRATION</u></b> |             |        |

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| 2-2 | Cost of copying records for pages if the number of pages exceeds five                             | \$0.50 per standard or legal size page |
| 2-2 | <del>Cost of copying records as audio cassettes (less than one hour of staff time required)</del> | <del>\$10.00 per cassette</del>        |
| 2-2 | <del>Cost of copying records as video cassettes (less than one hour of staff time required)</del> | <del>\$10.00 per cassette</del>        |
| 2-2 | Cost of copying digital records to media (less than one hour of staff time required)              | \$25.00 per item of media              |
| 2-2 | Cost of copying records requiring more than one hour of staff time                                | \$22.00 per hour of staff time         |
| 2-2 | <u>Cost of requestor's in-person review of records requiring more than one hour of staff time</u> | <u>\$22.00 per hour of staff</u>       |
| 2-3 | Application fee for the donation of adjudicated property  | \$300.00                               |
| 2-3 | Application fee for the sale of adjudicated property  | \$300.00                               |

**CHAPTER 8. ANIMALS AND FOWL**

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| 8-8 | Redemption fees for impounded dogs and cats:   |   |
|     | <del>Base fee</del>  | <del>\$50.00</del>                        |
|     | <del>Impound (fertile)</del>   | <del>\$75.00</del>                        |
|     | <del>Impound (infertile)</del>   | <del>\$40.00</del>                        |
|     | <del>Base fee for 2nd impoundment 2<sup>nd</sup> impound infraction</del>                  | <del>\$60.00</del> —Mandatory Spay/Neuter |
|     | <del>Base fee for third and subsequent impoundment 3<sup>rd</sup> impound infraction</del> | <del>\$120.00</del> <u>\$150.00</u>       |
|     | <u>Each subsequent impound infraction</u>  | <u>\$200.00</u>                           |
|     | <del>Per day boarding</del>  | <del>\$40.00</del> <u>\$15.00</u>         |
|     | <del>Per day quarantine</del>  | <del>\$20.00</del>                        |
|     | <del>Rabies Vaccination fee (if needed)</del>  | <del>\$15.00</del>                        |
|     | <u>Microchip</u>   | <u>\$15.00</u>                            |
|     | <u>Return to Owner Bordatella</u>  | <u>\$5.00</u>                             |
|     | <u>Return to Owner FVRCP</u>   | <u>\$5.00</u>                             |
|     | <u>Return to Owner Cap star (flea treatment)</u>   | <u>\$3.00</u>                             |
|     | <u>Return to Owner Dewormer</u>  | <u>\$5.00</u>                             |
|     | Annual permit fees for each pet shop   | \$50.00                                   |
|     | Annual permit fees for each dealer in animals  | \$50.00                                   |
|     | Annual permit fees for each commercial kennel with 1—49 animals                            | \$50.00                                   |
|     | Annual permit fees for each commercial kennel with >50 animals                             | \$100.00                                  |
|     | Annual permit fees for each commercial guard dog service with >50 animals                  | \$100.00                                  |
|     | Annual permit fees for each grooming/boarding shop   | <del>\$25.00</del> <u>\$75.00</u>         |

| Code Section | Description   | Amount   |
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|              | Annual permit fees for each permanent zoo   | \$100.00 |
|              | Annual permit fees for each commercial livery stable  | \$50.00  |
|              | Annual permit fees for each wild or exotic animal other than those in zoos, circuses, or performing animal acts | \$50.00  |
|              | Annual permit fees for each noncommercial kennel  | \$50.00  |

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|       | Annual permit fees for each transient zoo, circus, or performing animal act            | \$50.00 per day   |
|       | Intact male permit   | \$100.00  |
|       | Annual permit fees for each breeder's permit (each dog)<br>Annual Intact female permit | \$150.00  |
|       | Initial fee for each dangerous dog registration (includes collar and micro-chip)       | \$65.00   |
|       | For each dangerous dog sign  | <del>\$20.00</del> \$25.00  |
|       | Dangerous dog collar (replacement)   | <del>\$40.00</del> \$25.00  |
| 8-9   | Administrative fee for conviction of a violation of chapter                            | \$20.00   |
| 8-101 | Base Fee for the first impounded or confined livestock animal taken up                 | \$50.00 per head  |
| 8-101 | Base Fee for each additional livestock animal impounded per trip                       | <del>\$40.00</del> \$25.00 per head for horses, mules, cattle, hogs, sheep or goats, or geese |
|       | Per day livestock boarding   | \$25.00   |
|       | Livestock adoption fee   | \$200-\$500.00 (depends on medical services provided)   |
| 8-102 | Sheriff or constable fee in case of sale of impounded livestock                        | 5% of the amount of the sale plus \$2.00 for giving the notice                                |

**CHAPTER 26. MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC**

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| 26-126 | Permits for oversize vehicles or loads                | \$15.00                      |
|        | Mobile Home Moving                                    | \$25.00                      |
|        | Oversize/Underweight Empty Trailer - Less than 79,999 | \$0                          |
|        | Overweight/Oversized - 80,000 - 100,000               | \$45.00                      |
|        | Overweight/Oversized - 101,001 - 108,000              | \$75.00                      |
|        | Overweight/Oversized - 108,001 - 120,000              | \$105.00                     |
|        | Overweight/Oversized - 120,001 - 132,000              | \$135.00                     |
|        | Overweight/Oversized - 132,001 - 152,000              | \$180.00                     |
|        | Overweight/Oversized - 152,001 - 172,000              | <del>\$133.00</del> \$233.00 |
|        | Overweight/Oversized - 172,001 - 192,000              | \$285.00                     |
|        | Overweight/Oversized - 192,001 - 212,000              | \$337.00                     |
|        | Overweight/Oversized - 212,001 - 232,000              | \$390.00                     |
|        | Overweight/Oversized - 232,001 - 254,000              | \$443.00                     |

| Code Section                                   | Description   | Amount  |
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| <b><u>CHAPTER 36. PARKS AND RECREATION</u></b> |   |         |
| 36-41  | Daily fee charged for the use and occupancy of the pavilion for a period of time not to exceed four hours | \$50.00 |

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| 36-41  | Daily fee charged for the use and occupancy of the pavilion for a period of time exceeding four hours          | \$100.00            |
| 36-42  | Daily fee charged for the use of the Earl G. Williamson Park ball field for a tournament                       | \$50.00             |
| 36-42  | Use of the Earl G. Williamson Park ball field for a weekend tournament, involving both a Saturday and a Sunday | \$100.00            |
| 36-42  | Use of the field lights at the Earl G. Williamson Park ball field  | \$8.00 per hour     |
| 36-41  | Daily fee charged for the use and occupancy of the pavilion for a period of time not to exceed four hours      | \$50.00             |
| <b>General Fees-All Parks</b>                                      |  |                     |
|  | <u>Chess Clinic</u>  | <u>\$20.00</u>      |
|  | <u>Band Camp (Two days)</u>  | <u>\$20.00</u>      |
|  | <u>Financial Literacy Clinics</u>  | <u>\$5.00</u>       |
|  | <u>Stage Rental (Not Sponsored by Parish of Caddo; four-hour minimum)</u>                                      | <u>\$150.00</u>     |
|  | <u>Stage Rental (Not Sponsored by Parish of Caddo; eight-hour minimum)</u>                                     | <u>\$250.00</u>     |
|  | <u>Movie Screen and Projector Rental (Parks staff onsite)</u>  | <u>\$50.00</u>      |
|  | <u>Food/Retail Vendors (All Caddo Parks; not sponsored by Parish of Caddo)</u>                                 | <u>\$200.00/day</u> |
|  | <u>Tournament Deposit</u>  | <u>\$25.00</u>      |
| <b>General Fees-Camps/Clinics (per participant)</b>                |  |                     |
|  | <u>Youth Football Camps/Clinics (Boys &amp; Girls)</u>   | <u>\$10.00</u>      |
|  | <u>Soccer Clinics (Boys &amp; Girls)</u>   | <u>\$5.00</u>       |
|  | <u>Jiu Jitsu/Karate Clinics (Boys &amp; Girls)</u>   | <u>\$5.00</u>       |
|  | <u>Pickleball Clinic-Youth</u>   | <u>\$5.00</u>       |
|  | <u>Pickleball Clinic-Adult</u>   | <u>\$10.00</u>      |
| <b>General Fees-Leagues (per sport unless otherwise noted)</b>     |  |                     |
|  | <u>Adult Coed Softball League</u>  | <u>\$135.00</u>     |
|  | <u>Adult Spring/Fall Men &amp; Women Softball League</u>   | <u>\$155.00</u>     |
|  | <u>Adult Flag Football League</u>  | <u>\$185.00</u>     |
|  | <u>Adult Volleyball League</u>   | <u>\$85.00</u>      |
|  | <u>Youth Flag Football League</u>  | <u>\$15.00</u>      |
|  | <u>Cornhole League</u>   | <u>\$35.00/team</u> |
| <b>General Fees-Tournaments (per sport unless otherwise noted)</b> |  |                     |
|  | <u>Pickle Ball League</u>  | <u>\$35.00/team</u> |
|  | <u>Adult Softball</u>  | <u>\$200.00</u>     |
| <b>Code Section</b>  | <b>Description</b>   | <b>Amount</b>       |
|  | <u>Youth Softball/Baseball/T-Ball</u>  | <u>\$125.00</u>     |
|  | <u>Adult Football</u>  | <u>\$200.00</u>     |
|  | <u>Youth Football</u>  | <u>\$145.00</u>     |

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|  | <u>Adult Cornhole</u>   | <u>\$20.00-\$50.00/team</u>                |
|  | <u>Disc Golf</u>  | <u>\$25.00/participant</u>                 |
|  | <u>Volleyball</u>   | <u>\$100.00</u>                            |
|  | <u>Pickle Ball</u>  | <u>\$95.00/team</u>                        |
| <b>General Fees-Athletic Field Usage</b> |   |  |
|  | <u>Earl G. Williamson Park Ball Field Tournament Rentals</u>  | <u>\$150.00/day, \$100.00 deposit</u>      |
|  | <u>P.B.S Pinchback Ball Field Tournament Rentals</u>  | <u>\$150.00/day, \$100.00 deposit</u>      |
|  | <u>Practice Ball Field Rental - EGW/Pinchback Park</u>  | <u>Free to all registered league teams</u> |
|  | <u>Additional Ball Field Markings</u>   | <u>\$25.00</u>                             |
| <b>Earl G. Williamson Park Fees</b>      |   |  |
|  | <u>RV Camping - Water, Electrical Hookup, Dump Station</u>  | <u>\$25.00 (April-September)</u>           |
|  | <u>RV Camping - Water, Electrical Hookup, Dump Station</u>  | <u>\$20.00 (Oct-March)</u>                 |
|  | <u>Primitive Camping</u>  | <u>\$12.00</u>                             |
|  | <u>Main Large Pavilion (Off Caddo Lake - 40'x30')</u>   | <u>\$300 (4 hours or less)</u>             |
|  | <u>Main Large Pavilion (Off Caddo Lake - 40'x30')</u>   | <u>\$500/day (more than 4 hours)</u>       |
|  | <u>Boat Launch Fee</u>  | <u>\$5.00/day</u>                          |
|  | <u>Annual Boat Launch Permit (July 1-June 30)</u>   | <u>\$50.00</u>                             |
|  | <u>Black/Grey Water Dumping Fees (Non-campers)</u>  | <u>\$10.00</u>                             |
|  | <u>Disc Golf Course Fee (9 Holes; One (1) Day Tournament)</u>   | <u>\$125/\$100 Deposit</u>                 |
|  | <u>Disc Golf Course Fee (9 Holes; Two (2) Day Tournament)</u>   | <u>\$200/\$100 Deposit</u>                 |
|  | <u>Cornhole Court Rental Fees (4 hour-minimum)</u>  | <u>\$100.00/\$50.00 Deposit</u>            |
|  | <u>Cornhole Court Rental Fees (One-day tournament)</u>  | <u>\$200.00/\$100.00 Deposit</u>           |
|  | <u>Cornhole Court Rental Fees (Two-day tournament)</u>  | <u>\$350.00/\$100.00 Deposit</u>           |
|  | <u>Outdoor Basketball Courts Rental Fees - Jr. Court (4-hour minimum or ½ day tournament at 4-hour minimum)</u>   | <u>\$50.00/\$25.00 Deposit</u>             |
|  | <u>Outdoor Basketball Courts Rental Fees - Jr. Court (One-day tournament)</u>                                     | <u>\$125.00/\$50.00 Deposit</u>            |
|  | <u>Outdoor Basketball Courts Rental Fees - Jr. Court (Two-day tournament)</u>                                     | <u>\$175.00/\$75.00 Deposit</u>            |
|  | <u>Outdoor Basketball Courts Rental Fees - Adult Court (4-hour minimum or ½ day tournament at 4-hour minimum)</u> | <u>\$75.00/\$25.00 Deposit</u>             |
|  | <u>Outdoor Basketball Courts Rental Fees - Adult Court (One-day tournament)</u>                                   | <u>\$125.00/\$50.00 Deposit</u>            |
|  | <u>Outdoor Basketball Courts Rental Fees - Adult Court (Two-day tournament)</u>                                   | <u>\$200.00/\$100.00 - Deposit</u>         |
|  | <u>Outdoor Basketball Courts Rental Fees - Jr. Court (4-hour minimum or ½ day tournament at 4-hour minimum)</u>   | <u>\$50.00/\$25.00 Deposit</u>             |

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| <b><i>Eddie D. Jones Park Fees</i></b>   |   |                                 |
|  | <u>Disc Golf Course Fee (18 Holes; One [1] Day Tournament)</u>  | \$200.00                        |
|  | <u>Disc Golf Course Fee (18 Holes; Two [2] Day Tournament)</u>  | \$350.00                        |
|  | <u>Cornhole Court Rental Fees (4 hour-minimum)</u>  | \$100.00/\$50.00 Deposit        |
|  | <u>Cornhole Court Rental Fees (One-day tournament)</u>  | \$200.00/\$100.00 Deposit       |
|  | <u>Cornhole Court Rental Fees (Two-day tournament)</u>  | \$350.00/\$100.00 Deposit       |
|  | <u>Pavilion #1 (Size 96' X 28'   4 Picnic Tables) (4-hour minimum)</u>  | \$100.00/\$20.00 per add'l hour |
|  | <u>Pavilion #2 (Size 109' X 26'   4 Picnic Tables and Education Room) (4-hour minimum)</u>                        | \$80.00/\$10.00 per add'l hour  |
|  | <u>Pavilion #2, pavilion only (Size 109' X 26'   4 Picnic Tables, pavilion only) (4-hour minimum)</u>             | \$80.00/\$10.00 per add'l hour  |
|  | <u>Pavilion #2, Education Room only (4-hour minimum)</u>  | \$40.00/\$10.00 per add'l hour  |
|  | <u>Pavilion #3 (Size 30' X 30'   4 Picnic Tables) (4-hour minimum)</u>  | \$80.00/\$10.00 per add'l hour  |
| <b><i>P.B.S. Pinchback Park Fees</i></b> |   |                                 |
|  | <u>Outdoor Basketball Courts Rental Fees -Jr. Court (4-hour minimum or ½ day tournament at 4-hour minimum)</u>    | \$50.00/\$25.00 Deposit         |
|  | <u>Outdoor Basketball Courts Rental Fees -Jr. Court (One-day tournament)</u>                                      | \$125.00/\$50.00 Deposit        |
|  | <u>Outdoor Basketball Courts Rental Fees -Jr. Court (Two-day tournament)</u>                                      | \$175.00/\$75.00 Deposit        |
|  | <u>Outdoor Basketball Courts Rental Fees - Adult Court (4-hour minimum or ½ day tournament at 4-hour minimum)</u> | \$75.00/\$25.00 Deposit         |
|  | <u>Outdoor Basketball Courts Rental Fees - Adult Court (One-day tournament)</u>                                   | \$125.00/\$50.00 Deposit        |
|  | <u>Outdoor Basketball Courts Rental Fees - Adult Court (Two-day tournament)</u>                                   | \$200.00/\$100.00 Deposit       |
|  | <u>Outdoor Basketball Courts Rental Fees -Jr. Court (4-hour minimum or ½ day tournament at 4-hour minimum)</u>    | \$50.00/\$25.00 Deposit         |
|  | <u>Pavilion #1 (Size 24' X 67'   4 Picnic Tables) (4-hour minimum)</u>  | \$100.00/\$20.00 per add'l hour |
|  | <u>Pavilion #2 (Size 24' X 30'   4 Picnic Tables) (4-hour minimum)</u>  | \$80.00/\$10.00 per add'l hour  |
|  | <u>Pavilion #3 (Size 11' X 22'   2 Picnic Tables) (4-hour minimum)</u>  | \$60.00/\$5.00 per add'l hour   |
|  | <u>Pavilion #4 (Size 11' X 22'   2 Picnic Tables) (4-hour minimum)</u>  | \$60.00/\$5.00 per add'l hour   |
| <b><i>Greenbrook Park Fees</i></b>       |   |                                 |
|  | <u>Outdoor Basketball Courts Rental Fees -Jr. Court (4-hour minimum or ½ day tournament at 4-hour minimum)</u>    | \$50.00/\$25.00 Deposit         |
|  | <u>Outdoor Basketball Courts Rental Fees -Jr. Court (One-day tournament)</u>                                      | \$125.00/\$50.00 Deposit        |
|  | <u>Outdoor Basketball Courts Rental Fees -Jr. Court (Two-day tournament)</u>                                      | \$175.00/\$75.00 Deposit        |
|  | <u>Outdoor Basketball Courts Rental Fees - Adult Court (4-hour minimum or ½ day tournament at 4-hour minimum)</u> | \$75.00/\$25.00 Deposit         |
|  | <u>Outdoor Basketball Courts Rental Fees - Adult Court (One-day tournament)</u>                                   | \$125.00/\$50.00 Deposit        |
|  | <u>Outdoor Basketball Courts Rental Fees - Adult Court (Two-day tournament)</u>                                   | \$200.00/\$100.00 Deposit       |
|  | <u>Outdoor Basketball Courts Rental Fees -Jr. Court (4-hour minimum or ½ day tournament at 4-hour minimum)</u>    | \$50.00/\$25.00 Deposit         |

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| <b>Richard Fleming</b>                |   |  |
|                                       | Pavilion #1 Rental 4-hour minimum (Size 24' X 67", 4 Picnic Tables)   | \$100/hour, \$20 per add'l hour  |
| <b>Walter B. Jacobs Nature Center</b> |   |  |
|                                       | Membership Fee-Individual (must be 18 or older)   | \$50 (Annual Jan-Dec)  |
|                                       | Membership Fee-Household (must be 18 or older, limit two adults)  | \$85 (Annual Jan-Dec)  |
|                                       | Membership Fee-Family (up to four family members; must include at least one child)  | \$140 (Annual Jan-Dec)   |
|                                       | Add-on to Household and Family memberships (per person)   | \$35 (Annual Jan-Dec)  |
|                                       | Admission Fee - Adults  | \$8.00   |
|                                       | Admission Fee - Seniors (65+)   | \$5.00   |
|                                       | Admission Fee - Veterans/Active-Duty Military Personnel   | \$5.00   |
|                                       | Admission Fee – Students (Pre-School - High School, or ages 3-18, college w/id)   | \$5.00   |
|                                       | Admission Fee – Age 2 and younger   | No charge  |
|                                       | Nature Center -Schools and Groups (educational field trips)   | \$2.00 - <u>Caddo Parish (Administrator may waive)</u>                     |
|                                       | <b>Nature Center -Schools and Groups (educational field trips)</b>  | <b>\$3.00 - Out of Parish (Administrator may waive)</b>                    |
|                                       | Nature Center Full Exhibit Rentals  | \$2500.00/day plus add'l staffing cost                                     |
|                                       | Outreach Programs ( <u>Offsite</u> )  | \$50.00/hour   |
|                                       | <u>Classroom Rental</u>   | <u>\$100.00/hour</u>   |
|                                       | <u>Refundable incidental fee for Classroom Rental including birthday parties</u>  | <u>\$75</u>  |
|                                       | <u>Birthday Parties (Classroom Rentals Only) includes nature center, age 3 to 17 and up, max 3020</u>   | <u>\$100.00/hour</u>   |
|                                       | <u>Birthday Party Add-on: additional participant (limit 10)</u>   | <u>\$5.00 per additional person</u>  |
|                                       | <u>Birthday Party Add-on: group access to exhibit area</u>  | <u>\$3.00/youth, \$5.00/adult</u>  |
|                                       | <u>Birthday Party Add-on: live animal encounter (30-45 min.), nature presentation (30-45 min), or Craft Presentation (30 20 participants max)</u>   | <u>\$50.00</u>   |
|                                       | <u>Birthday Party Add-on: painting presentation (30 20 participants max)</u>  | <u>\$75.00</u>   |
|                                       | <u>Birthday Party Package #1-includes party room for 1 hour, 20 wristbands for access to the exhibit area, including one adult, Birthday button for the birthday child</u>  | <u>\$150.00</u>  |
|                                       | <u>Birthday Party Package #2-includes party room for 2 hours, 20 wristbands for access to the exhibit area, including one adult, Birthday button for the birthday child, Choice of one interactive activity (Live Animal Encounter &amp; Presentation Craft Presentation, Painting Presentation</u> | <u>\$300.00</u>  |
|                                       | Photography Permit Fee - Single Session (Amateur and Professional)  | \$50.00  |
|                                       | Photography Permit Fee – Annual Pass (Amateur and Professional)   | \$250.00   |
|                                       | <u>Event Center Rental-Educational and Classroom Events</u>   | <u>\$50.00/hour, 2-hour min</u>  |
|                                       | <u>Event Center Rental-Special Events (April-October)</u>   | <u>\$350.00/hour, 4-hour min (Administrator may set at \$250 per hour)</u> |
|                                       | <u>Event Center Rental-Special Events (November-March)</u>  | <u>\$250.00/hour, 4-hour min</u>   |
|                                       | <u>Event Center Rental-Meetings and Corporate Events</u>  | <u>\$250.00/hour, 2-hour min</u>   |

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|  | <u>Event Center Rental-Weddings (April-October)</u>  | <u>\$350.00/hour,</u><br><u>8-hour min min</u><br><u>(Administrator may set at</u><br><u>\$250 per hour)</u> |
|  | <u>Event Center Rental-Weddings (November-March)</u> | <u>\$250.0/hour</u><br><u>\$350.00/hour,</u><br><u>8-hour min</u>  |

| <b>Code Section</b> | <b>Description</b>   | <b>Amount</b>   |
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|                     | <u>Outdoor Terrace Courtyard Rental</u> (includes access to <u>Event Center restrooms</u> )  | <u>\$250.00/hour,</u><br><u>4-hour min</u>  |
|                     | <u>Combined Event Center and Outdoor Terrace Rental</u>  | <u>\$400/hour (4-hour min special</u><br><u>event, 8-hour min wedding)</u><br><u>\$250 Cleaning Fee</u> |
|                     | <u>Refundable incidental fee for Weddings and Special Events</u>   | <u>\$200</u>  |
|                     | <u>Pavilion (with fireplace) Rental (3-hour minimum)</u>   | <u>\$100.00/\$20.00</u><br><u>per add'l hour</u>  |
|                     | <u>Set-Up/Cleaning Fee - Weddings and Special Events</u><br><u>(Except combined rental for Event Center &amp; Outdoor</u><br><u>Terrace)</u> | <u>\$200.00 flat fee in</u><br><u>addition to hourly fee</u>  |
|                     | <u>Discount for Special Events for Nonprofits and</u><br><u>Governmental Agencies</u>  | <u>30%</u>  |

\*All event center rental time includes set-up and take down; **\$200 refundable incidental fee**, 20% deposit is required for all weddings and special events at least 120 days out; full payment shall be paid 30 days prior to the event; \$1 million liability insurance, naming Parish of Caddo as the additional insured shall be required for all weddings, special events, and events with alcohol; security shall be required for all weddings, special events, and events with alcohol (Caddo Parish Sheriff or Shreveport Police); applicant is responsible for securing security; requirements for on-site EMS or Fire will be determined based on the event by Caddo Parish Administration.\*

**CHAPTER 40. ROADS AND BRIDGES**

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| 40-2 | Permit for installation of structures for ingress and egress to property or street  | <del>\$40.00</del> <u>\$25.00</u>  |
| 40-2 | <del>Charge for driveway culvert pipe installed by the department of public works (based on 20 linear foot or less for each driveway culvert)</del>                   | <del>\$30.00</del> per inch diameter of pipe   |
| 40-2 | Charge for driveway culvert pipe installed by the department of public works ( <del>lengths in excess of 20 linear foot per culvert</del> )(Public Works Maintenance) | <del>\$30.00</del> <u>\$50.00</u> per inch diameter of pipe plus 5% per foot in excess of 20 linear feet per culvert |

| <b>Code Section</b> | <b>Description</b>  |   | <b>Size</b>                              |
|---------------------|---|---|--|
| 40-2                | Permit to lay pipeline parallel to and within right-of-way  |   | Size                                     |
|                     | <i>Length of Line</i>   | All   |  |
|                     | 400 feet or less  | All   | None required                            |
|                     | 400 to 200 feet   | All   | \$25.00                                  |
|                     | <u>200 feet or less</u>   | <u>All</u>  | <u>\$100.00</u>                          |
|                     | Over 200 feet   | Less than 8 inches                                | \$10.00 per 100 feet or fraction thereof |
|                     | Over one mile   | 8 to 18 inches                                    | \$500.00 per mile                        |
|                     | Over one mile   | \$20.00 per inch in diameter, or fraction thereof | \$1000.00 per mile                       |
| 40-5                | Right-of-way fee for connection with lines crossing the right-of-way (fee shall be based on the diameter of the casing or the pipe)   |   | <u>\$50.00</u>                           |
| 40-5                | <u>Road-crossing bore permit</u>  |   | \$50.00                                  |
| 40-14               | Application fee for request to construct any access gate or other improvement designed and intended to restrict and/or regulate vehicular access upon or across any public residential street |   |  |

**RESOLUTION NO. 18 OF 2026**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CADDO PARISH ADMINISTRATOR TO APPROVE THE ASSIGNMENT, BILL OF SALE AND CONVEYANCE OF STATE AGENCY LEASE NO. 22324 FROM CYPRESS ENERGY PARTNERS, LLC, TO APEX NATURAL GAS, LLC, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo is a Lessor in that certain oil, gas and mineral lease from the Caddo Parish Commission to Cypress Energy Partners, LLC, in State Agency Lease #22324, dated January 14, 2026, and recorded at Registry No. 3038194 of the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo has received a written request from Cypress Energy Partners, LLC, seeking approval from the Parish of Caddo of an assignment, bill of sale and conveyance of State Agency Lease No. 22324 from Cypress Energy Partners, LLC, to Apex Natural Gas, LLC, and

WHEREAS, this approval is expressly granted and accepted subject to the requirement that all terms and conditions of the basic lease will be fulfilled, including but not limited to the full payment of rentals and royalties, regardless of the division of leasehold interests resulting from the instrument.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Parish of Caddo, in due, regular and legal session convened, that the Administrator is hereby authorized to approve the assignment, bill of sale and conveyance of State Agency Lease No. 22324 from Cypress Energy Partners, LLC, to Apex Natural Gas, LLC.

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. 20 OF 2026**

WHEREAS, House Bill 674 (2026 Regular Session) would require that legislators whose districts lie in whole or in part within a local government's boundaries be given the opportunity to participate in local economic development negotiations; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 674 would also require local governments to provide all records related to active economic development negotiations to the Louisiana Department of Economic Development; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission recognizes the importance of maintaining confidentiality during sensitive economic development negotiations in order to compete effectively for business expansions, relocations, and investment opportunities, and notes that existing law (R.S. 44:22.2) already provides an appropriate and balanced confidentiality framework; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission is the budgeting authority that local voters have entrusted to steward parish funds to be committed to local economic development and not any other elected officials; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission believes that local economic development negotiations are most effective when conducted by the local government officials and economic development professionals with direct responsibility for and knowledge of local priorities, and that imposing additional state-level involvement unnecessarily intrudes upon local authority and governance; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 674 would inhibit the Parish's ability to perform its duty to promote the general welfare of the people and requiring disclosure of confidential negotiation records to additional state entities and expanding access to negotiations beyond local officials directly responsible for such matters may jeopardize project viability, reduce competitiveness, undermine private-sector confidence in Louisiana's negotiation processes, and create delays and uncertainties detrimental to local economic development efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby express its opposition to House Bill 674 and urges the Louisiana Legislature to reject any legislation that diminishes local authority in economic development negotiations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Caddo Parish Commission encourages the Legislature to preserve and respect the existing statutory framework governing confidentiality and local discretion in economic development matters.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent, following adoption, to the Louisiana Legislature and to the members of the legislative delegation of Caddo Parish.

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.

It was **moved by Mrs. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. Thomas, *that Resolution No. 19 of 2026, a resolution urging the Louisiana Legislature to enact a statewide domestic violence registry and otherwise providing with respect thereto* be adopted.

Mrs. Gage-Watts reiterated her support for the resolution, emphasizing its importance in promoting family safety, protecting women, and addressing the rise of domestic violence in Caddo Parish. She noted that, rather than holding a traditional Women's History Month celebration, the Commission chose to highlight women by supporting meaningful action at the state level through this legislation.

Mr. Cothran then invited Ms. Lucinda Thornton to come forward and speak. Ms. Thornton shared emotional remarks regarding her daughter, Katrina, whose work as an advocate for domestic violence victims was described as tireless and deeply personal. She recounted Katrina's dedication to assisting survivors at all hours, providing shelter, food, transportation, and support, even while gravely ill. Ms. Thornton also noted that Katrina's legacy continues through the nonprofit "Katrina's Purple Passion," which has awarded scholarships to survivors of domestic violence.

Mr. Cothran explained that the resolution had been carefully developed and that similar language was already being advanced at the state level by Representative Walters. He further stated his intention to recommend that the eventual legislation be named in Katrina's honor. Additional supportive remarks were offered by Mr. Burrell, who spoke of his longstanding commitment to domestic violence legislation and recognized community advocates for their dedication to youth and family programs.

At this time, Mrs. Gage-Watts' motion carried unanimously with Commissioner Epperson being absent.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 19 OF 2026**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION URGING THE LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE TO ENACT  
A STATEWIDE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE REGISTRY AND OTHERWISE  
PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, according to the 2024 Louisiana Domestic Violence Fatality Review, which reflects data collected from 2020-2022, Louisiana had the fifth highest rate of women murdered by men in the United States, with many victims (approximately 56%) knowing their assailants, often being wives, ex-wives or girlfriends; and

WHEREAS, according to the DVFR, more than half of Louisiana residents experience physical violence in their lifetime, and an estimated 200,000 adults faced partner violence in 2023, with women being three times more likely to experience severe forms of intimate partner violence; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee has passed "Savanna's Law," establishing the nation's first domestic violence registry for persistent domestic violence offenders, to provide citizens with notice of repeat offenders' criminal history; and

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana, with such a high rate of domestic violence incidences, could benefit from such a registry; and

WHEREAS, the late Patrina Gay-Jenkins was a respected advocate for victims of domestic violence and served victims through her professional capacity with roles in organizations like Project Celebration, Inc. (PCI), the YWCA of Northwest Louisiana, the Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence, and the Domestic Violence Task Force; and

WHEREAS, Patrina Gay-Jenkins' service to domestic violence extended beyond her professional role to include personal assistance and even leaving behind a legacy when Patrina's Purple

Passion, Inc. was founded to continue her legacy of raising awareness and providing support to those who can help to reduce domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, it would be appropriate for Louisiana's Domestic Violence Registry to be named in honor of Ms. Gay-Jenkins.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby urge and request the Legislature of the State of Louisiana to establish a statewide domestic violence registry, and that it includes an honorary reference to Patrina Gay-Jenkins in its name where possible.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to the Parish's state legislative delegation, the President of the Louisiana Senate, Speaker of the Louisiana House of Representatives, and to the Governor.

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.

#### **ZONING ORDINANCES & CASES (for introduction by title)**

- *Ordinance No. 6609 of 2026, in regards to Zoning Case 25-28-P, an ordinance to amend Volume II of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo, as amended, the Caddo Parish Unified Development Code, by amending the zoning of property located on the west side of Akinson Drive, approximately, 1,440 feet south of West 70th Street, Caddo Parish, Louisiana., from I-2 Heavy Industrial Zoning to I-2 Heavy Industrial Zoning (SPUD) and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6610 of 2026, in regards to Zoning Case 25-29-P, an ordinance to amend Volume II of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo, as amended, the Caddo Parish Unified Development Code, by amending the zoning of property located on the north side of Southern Loop, approximately 1,050feet east of Wallace Lake Road Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from C-2 Corridor Commercial (PUD) Zoning District to C-3 General Commercial Zoning District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

#### **ORDINANCES (for introduction by title)**

- *Ordinance No. 6611 of 2026, 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. 6612 of 2026, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Economic Development Fund to provide an appropriation of \$32,500 for the Louisiana Rouxgaroux Football Team, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

#### **WORK SESSION MINUTES NEW BUSINESS**

It was **moved by Mr. J. Young**, seconded by Mr. Thomas, *that the following items be englobed and adopted:*

- *Work Session Minutes—March 2, 2026*
- *Work Session Minutes—March 16, 2026*
- *Authorize the lowering of flags at half-staff for those military members who lost their lives in the Iran War and keep them lowered until internment*
- *Approve Commission travel to additional NACo events*

At this time, Mr. Jones motion carried unanimously with Commissioners Atkins, Epperson, and J. Young being absent.

There was no Old Business, Communiques, nor Citizens Comment late arrivals. There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

  
Michelle Nations  
Assistant Commission Clerk

  
Gregory Young  
President