

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
CADDO PARISH COMMISSION'S  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
HELD ON THE 16<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2026

The Caddo Parish Public Safety Committee met in legal session on the above date at 2:00, p.m., in the Government Plaza Chambers, with the following members present constituting a quorum: Commissioners Cothran, Epperson, and G. Young (3). ABSENT: Commissioners Blake and Kracman (2).

Commissioner Ken Epperson gave the invocation and Commissioner Ron Cothran led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance. There were no Agenda Additions or Public Comments, so the Committee moved onto New Business.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- *Discuss and Make Recommendation regarding Resolution 19 of 2026 urging the Louisiana Legislature to enact a statewide domestic violence registry and otherwise providing with respect thereto*

Mr. Cothran said that he wanted everyone to take the opportunity to look into Resolution 19. He explained that he asked Parish Attorney Donna Frazier to craft something similar to Tennessee's Savanna's Law. He also mentioned that State Representative Joy Walters has pushed similar legislation. He added that he is recommending Petrina Gay-Jenkins as a name for the bill. Petrina Gay-Jenkins was known as a domestic violence guru in Caddo Parish. He also mentioned that he asked Shreveport Police Chief Wayne Smith to speak regarding domestic violence in the Parish at the Regular Session later this day.

It was **moved by Mr. Epperson**, seconded by Mr. G. Young, *to recommend to the full body support for Resolution 19 of 2026. The motion carried unanimously*, with Commissioners Blake and Kracman absent.

- *Discuss goals and challenges for the following areas:  
Alcohol sales—unassigned  
Animals and fowl—Blake  
Disaster response—unassigned  
Constables/JPs—Kracman  
Criminal justice—Cothran*

Mr. Epperson asked to be assigned to disaster response. Mr. Cothran said that he does not mind assuming responsibility over the area of alcohol sales and asked Mr. Epperson if he had anything to share regarding disaster response. Mr. Epperson mentioned that he had asked staff to update the Parish's disaster recovery booklet, so he would like to formulate a plan to continue to upgrade the booklet.

Regarding alcohol sales, Mr. Cothran said that he wanted to look into the difference between the Parish and the City of Shreveport and see if they could be better aligned. Commissioner Greg Young mentioned that he has noted that historically there are many alcohol-selling businesses in black neighborhoods which are zoned for residential, while that is not common in white neighborhoods. He said he wonders if there is some sort of legislative item that they can create to provide better policing of zoning. Mr. Cothran agreed and mentioned some examples of these types of establishments in District 10. He also mentioned a past moratorium by the city which has since been lifted. Mr. G. Young added that there is already a prohibition of these establishments being placed near schools and churches, but that people who attend schools and churches live in residential areas. He further mentioned a conversation he had with a member of the Municipal Planning Commission who explained that the reason you see these establishments in black neighborhoods is that in the past, those were the only places where these businesses could obtain licenses. Mr. Epperson mentioned some similar businesses and said that the establishments were owned by people of majority race and substantial means. He also explained that there

was a city policy where if the businesses were kept running that their liquor licenses would be grandfathered.

Mr. Cothran asked Director of Animal Services Travis Clark to come before the Committee. He asked Mr. Clark about the status of complaints about dogs barking in a particular area. Mr. Clark said he would need the specific address to know, but he is sure they addressed the issue if they received calls about it. Mr. Cothran asked if there is anything currently that the Commission could do to help Animal Services. Mr. Clark said that they still need a full-time veterinarian, but they have been getting more veterinary help, so adoptions and similar processes will be quicker going forward. Mr. Cothran suggested that they think outside of the box in trying to secure a full-time veterinarian.

Mr. G. Young asked Mr. Clark for updates on the ongoing at-large dogs and wild boars issues. Mr. Clark said they have a good handle on the at-large dogs, and explained that Assistant Director Kelvin Samuel has been leading the operation regarding wild boars. He explained the mechanism of the trap that they have been using. Mr. G. Young asked how many boars they have trapped thus far. Mr. Clark answered that he knows for certain that the last two trappings were 8 and 7 boars. Mr. G. Young suggested maintaining that data so that they can better communicate to the public how they are working to resolve the issue. Mr. Clark agreed and clarified that they would like to make sure that people understand that the issue is ultimately a Wildlife and Fisheries matter which the Parish is assisting with. Mr. G. Young asked if they have communicated to Wildlife and Fisheries that the Parish has an ongoing issue and that it is officially documented. Mr. Clark answered that Mr. Samuel has been in contact with them. Mr. Cothran said that he did see the boar trap in action and that Animal Services should do a better job publicizing their operation to the public. He also commended Animal Services on the job they are doing. He said he has gone from making two or three calls on his morning walk to zero now. Mr. G. Young said that the only question he is usually asked at community meetings in Shreveport is regarding what the Parish is doing to take care of the issues of dogs and wild boars. He asked that Animal Services send a representative to the next meeting to address these types of questions.

Mr. Cothran asked about mosquito control. Mr. Clark explained that they intended to start the week of this meeting, but the cold snap delayed them. He said that they will be ready to go with the warm weather of the next week. Mr. Cothran asked how the public should go about contacting them for the issue of mosquito control. Mr. Clark answered that they can contact Animal Services directly or sign up for the Caddo Ready program to receive alerts.

Mr. Cothran explained that he had been in contact with the Lieutenant Governor's office regarding litter and blight enforcement education for constables and justices of the peace.

Commission Clerk Jeff Everson said that he will get with Mr. Cothran regarding any pending alcoholic beverage hearings which need to be called.

Assistant Administrator Clay Walker mentioned that the last group of boars trapped included a 350-pound male, highlighting the danger it could pose to the community. He commended Animal Services for their work.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30, p.m.



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