

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION  
OF THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION  
HELD ON THE 21st DAY OF APRIL, 2025

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, Gage-Watts, Jones, Kracman, Lazarus, Thomas, and G. Young (10). ABSENT: Commissioners Epperson and J. Young (2).

The invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were given during a previous Committee meeting, so the Commission moved to the next item on the agenda.

**AGENDA ADDITIONS**

It was **moved by Mrs. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. Thomas, *to expand the agenda and add Special Resolution of Recognition Judson Magnet's Parent of the Year under Special Resolutions.*

A public hearing was opened to allow for comment on the proposed additions; however, no individuals came forward to speak in opposition or support. The public hearing was subsequently closed.

At this time, Mrs. Gage-Watts' motion carried unanimously with Commissioners Epperson, Jones, Kracman, and J. Young being absent.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS**

Jon Glover came before the Commission and gave the following comment:

Good evening, Commissioners. Jon Glover, 9100 Walker Road, Apartment 217, Shreveport, Louisiana, zip code 71118. I'm still somewhat complexed about the agenda item, or Ordinance number 35, I believe it is 35 of 2026. When you read the legislation, it gives you no particulars, none, you don't even know what it is discussing. Only because I was in the meeting the other day, I know what this is addressing. At the same time, even asking the question when I was at the meeting the other day and understanding the parameters that I have as a citizen gaining information, I still wanted to know that was not shared with us when it was done, the change of the dollars from the 42 million to the 60 million. Though I have learned some things, it still would be good for the public to hear how that situation was arrived at or derived at. You know, we want to indeed, too, support economic growth, but we need to understand the fullness of what it will do to us as citizens in doing this. We also understand too the power that you all possess. You can accept what we say or you can change it and do what you want to do. At the end of the day, we still decide, or I decided for myself, that you should at least want to share with me what you're obligating me to, either by me participating in an election or you maybe even circumventing that election altogether if you don't get the turnout that you're looking for. At the end of the day, I'd just like to understand the money part. How did you go from 42 million to 60 million? And just help us to understand how can you and why would you subject us citizens to such an astronomical bill for however many years it is, because I'm 69, so I know I'll never live to see the totality of this bond, but at the same time, other generations will. Thank you.

Renee McCuller came before the Commission and gave the following comment:

Hi, my name is Renee McCuller. I reside at 4841 Dixie Garden Drive in Shreveport, zip code is 71105. And what I wanted to come by today and talk about is I want to speak in favor of the sports complex. I am a taxpayer here and have been a taxpayer for a long time in our community and I'm a concerned citizen. And I think with my children having children now and grandchildren, that this is a great benefit to our community, for our youth, plus the economic impact. And let me explain that because I have witnessed that in the state of Mississippi. My son and daughter-in-law had to relocate to Jackson, Mississippi area for her to complete, she finished med school here and a residency here in OB/GYN, and she wanted to be a high-risk OB doctor. So, she's a maternal fetal medicine fellowship in Jackson and they're moving back here. They have four children and while they have lived the three years in Mississippi, we have been to multiple sport complexes in even smaller areas than our town or our city, and gone to places like Tupelo, Mississippi. And they are so nice and so clean and there are so many things for the kids to do. Economic impact, for three years it's hard to get a hotel. You have to book your hotel out. The restaurants were full, the stores were full. So, I know it has impact there, but it also has the community buy in. It was very clean. It was utilized. When they weren't having events like volleyball tournaments or swim meets or things like that, they had swimming lessons there or recreational swimming and recreational activities. And I just feel that as a citizen and a taxpayer to get our kids back here, because they didn't have to come back to Shreveport, she had job offers in many places, but to get our kids back here, we have to have things like that. I appreciate all of our focus and the things that 50 Cent has done, you know, with the entertainment industry, but we have to have things for kids to do. And we don't have a lot. We have a great Sci-Port and we have the aquarium, but we don't have a lot of other things for kids to do. And we need to have things like that. So, I'd appreciate y'all giving us the opportunity to be able to vote on this in November and have it on the ballot. Thank you.

Adam Williams came before the Commission and gave the following comment:

Adam Williams, 5012 Longstreet Place, Bossier, Louisiana 71112. I sound funny, but I live here now, I promise. And I was just here to speak about the complex and be in favor of it. We actually have a soccer program currently that we have 4,000 kids that we're seeing a week. And we probably spend about 600 kids on a weekend, and we send all that money out of town. And that's kind of the main thing for us. Obviously the hotels, the development, everything else. But currently, I have to take everyone out of town because there's a difference between a sports complex and a park, right? So for us, we just would love to have it on the ballot in November. And as I said, just in terms of long-term, the growth for the kids' development, every single sport that we'll have, it's just huge on the youth side. I know every single team, every single tournament, they're driving through or we're driving six, seven hours every weekend. So, I coach the men's professional soccer team on Friday night here and then we leave Saturday morning to go to Houston and 600 people get in a hotel in Houston and we spend more money out of town than we do in town, sadly. So, I would love for it to be pushed forward. And as I said, the only thing I would say, is there is a difference between a park and a complex, you know? If kids have got stuff to do that's not sports related, whether that's a water park or whether that's something else there too. That would be huge. Food, hotels, restaurants, the full works. That's pretty much it. Thank you.

Sara Nelms came before the Commission and gave the following comment:

Hello. I'm Sara Nelms with the Shreveport Sports Commission. My address is 629 Spring Street, 71101. We're here to express our support for the indoor sports complex project. The addition of this complex would be a gamechanger for our community. It provides year-round opportunities for local athletes while also positioning our destination to attract major youth and amateur sporting events. An indoor complex would drive significant economic impact by hosting regional, state, and national tournaments that bring thousands of athletes and coaches and families to our market. And this would generate spending at hotels, restaurants, retail stores, and attractions. This facility would complement our current assets and not take away from them. Right now, we have clients that have to expand and they're expanding to Ruston and Monroe and we want those dollars to stay here. Youth sports tourism creates consistent weekend year-round visitation and helps support local businesses during the slower tourism periods. And if anything, if you hear anything I say today, I really want y'all to hear this. Nationally, youth sports tourism generates more than 60 billion dollars in direct visitor spending and an estimated \$149 billion in total economic impact annually. Communities that invest in quality indoor sports facilities see increased tourism, hotel occupancy, job creation, and community exposure. Thank you.

Jeffrey Goodman came before the Commission and gave the following comment:

Jeffrey Goodman, 318 Winged Elm Drive, Shreveport. Thank you guys for letting me address you today. I was here Monday and, as I mentioned on Monday, I think this is a very important discussion. So, I did write out my thoughts. I want to make sure I don't botch or mess this up. So, just bear with me for a sec. So, I'm Jeffrey Goodman, CEO of the Committee of 100. I spoke in greater detail at Monday's Economic Development Committee meeting and again at Monday's work session. So, today I'll keep my comments brief. While we, when I say we, the Committee of 100, while we recognize many details of this project are still being worked through, we also understand that if this potentially important investment for our region is ultimately going to be placed before voters on the November ballot, it needs to continue moving through the process at this time. Our hope over the next five months is that the Commission continues answering the community's questions and ultimately presents voters with the most detailed, sustainable, and thoughtful version possible of its vision for this project. Committee of 100 exists to help move our region forward and we believe this proposal has the potential to positively impact tourism, quality of life, and the long-term future of our region. Thank you.

Tim Magner came before the Commission and gave the following comment:

Good afternoon. I'm Dr. Tim Magner and president of the Greater Shreveport Chamber, 400 Edwards Street here in Shreveport. Thank you again for the opportunity to address you about this very important project. We believe that this kind of economic development investment is the kind of conversation that we need to be having in our community. You've heard from families, you've heard from other organization touting the potential that this has. And I think where we are in the process, it's critical for us to move that vote forward so we can have that conversation. Right now, we're beginning the dialogue around what we want this community to be and what we want a project like this to play in that vision. And if we don't move the project forward, we won't be able to have the opportunity to have that conversation. Think if you look at the bond election that took place in 2024, that was a situation where the city went out to the people, had conversations all over the community to gather the vision, to get an understanding of what the community was really after, and that allowed them to have not only an important dialogue, but it allowed the bonds to pass with overwhelming support. I think that kind of model for this kind of project is critically important. We believe that it's important to move the conversation forward. We can have lots of conversations, we hope, between now and November about what that looks like, where it is, what the impact is, but unless we vote to move the election forward, we don't have the opportunity to have that conversation. We don't have the opportunity for the people to have the conversation about where their tax dollars get spent. So, we're very supportive of the economic development potential. We believe that there are many locations in the community that can support this. Our concern is really making sure that we use the tax dollars that benefit the community in a way that adds to the economic development potential. A public-private partnership. That can't be just a, you know, a park as one gentleman said. This really needs to be thought of as a catalyst for revitalization in a number of parts of our community. And we think engaging the community directly in that level of investment and that kind of dialogue is critically important. And so that's why we're supportive of moving forward with the vote to put it on the ballot for November, so we can have that conversation as a

community. Thank you very much.

## **VISITORS**

- Nextlink Internet  
Government Affairs Coordinator, Ebony Cooksey

Ms. Ebony Cooksey, Market Development Manager and External Affairs Team Member for Nextlink Internet, addressed the Commission regarding broadband connectivity expansion efforts in Northwest Louisiana through the state's GUMBO 2.0 and BEAD grant programs. Ms. Cooksey stated that her purpose was not to sell services, but rather to provide information regarding broadband infrastructure investments and the impact those projects would have on local economic development, education, emergency response, healthcare access, and rural connectivity.

Ms. Cooksey explained that multiple internet service providers had received provisional or final grant awards under Louisiana's GUMBO 2.0 and BEAD broadband initiatives, with Nextlink serving as one of the participating providers. She noted that broadband expansion projects frequently overlap parish boundaries due to tower placement and signal reach, particularly between neighboring parishes such as Caddo and Bossier.

Using maps and presentation materials, Ms. Cooksey discussed Nextlink's awarded service areas and highlighted that on May 1, 2026, Nextlink activated what was announced nationally as the nation's first BEAD-funded broadband tower in southern Bienville Parish. She stated that the tower delivers gigabit-speed service to approximately 104 locations and also impacts portions of neighboring Bossier Parish due to tower proximity. She further explained that Louisiana was the first state in the nation to receive National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) approval for BEAD implementation and had already begun dispersing grant funds to participating providers.

Ms. Cooksey reported that Nextlink received an \$18.5 million statewide subgrant through the GUMBO 2.0 program. Under that award, the company would deliver gigabit-class fixed wireless broadband service to 7,460 unserved and underserved locations across Louisiana, including approximately 1,764 locations within Caddo and Bossier Parishes combined. She clarified that broadband deployment methods vary among providers, with some utilizing fiber infrastructure while others rely on fixed wireless or satellite technology.

Ms. Cooksey explained the difference between fiber and fixed wireless technology, describing fiber as "future-proof" infrastructure installed underground through trenching operations, while fixed wireless relies upon towers communicating through signal transmission. She emphasized that many fixed wireless towers are fiber-fed, creating redundancy and resiliency during severe weather events. According to Ms. Cooksey, customers in Louisiana had reported maintaining internet connectivity during storms, allowing them to continue remote work and communication activities.

Ms. Cooksey advised that Nextlink's grant obligations do not limit the company solely to specifically awarded locations. She stated that the company is willing to expand service beyond designated grant sites to businesses, schools, fire departments, hospitals, and other community anchor institutions where needs are identified. She encouraged parish leadership to communicate underserved areas directly to the company so that additional connectivity opportunities could be explored.

Ms. Cooksey reviewed visual coverage maps illustrating active and pending Nextlink broadband service areas throughout Northwest Louisiana and statewide. She explained that areas highlighted in green represented active surveying and deployment activity, while orange areas indicated locations expected to go live in upcoming quarters. She further noted that GUMBO 2.0 grant deployment efforts are expected to continue through at least 2028, though some areas will receive service much sooner.

Specific reference was made to Caddo Parish's awarded locations under the BEAD and GUMBO 2.0 programs. Ms. Cooksey stated that Caddo Parish had approximately 902 total awarded locations, including 884 broadband serviceable locations and additional community anchor institutions. She reiterated that the combined total for Northwest Louisiana projects in Caddo and Bossier Parishes equaled approximately 1,764 awarded locations.

Continuing her presentation, Ms. Cooksey emphasized the broader economic and social importance of broadband expansion. She discussed the impact of reliable internet service on education, remote employment opportunities, healthcare accessibility, and rural economic development. She explained that Nextlink's current GUMBO 2.0 deployment focuses heavily on fixed wireless technology using next-generation 3.5 gigahertz spectrum designed to improve signal penetration through heavily wooded areas, an issue particularly relevant to Northwest Louisiana.

Ms. Cooksey shared customer feedback from residents in rural portions of Bossier Parish who reported reliable connectivity even during severe weather events. She stated that Nextlink originated as a family-owned company focused on improving service in rural communities and continues to prioritize underserved populations.

Addressing how local government could assist with broadband expansion efforts, Ms. Cooksey encouraged the Parish to support public awareness efforts by informing constituents about available broadband options and upcoming connectivity improvements. She also discussed the importance of facilitating tower siting, permitting, and right-of-way access, noting that differing permitting requirements across jurisdictions can sometimes slow infrastructure deployment. Ms. Cooksey additionally suggested the designation of a parish broadband liaison to coordinate communication between providers and local government officials.

President G. Young inquired whether the broadband expansion represented federally funded service and asked about affordability for constituents, including whether any free or discounted internet service programs would be available. Ms. Cooksey explained that Nextlink's expansion efforts were made possible through federal grant funding programs and referenced the now-discontinued Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP), which previously provided discounted internet service to qualifying low-income households. She advised that Nextlink offers tiered pricing based on service speeds, ranging from approximately \$35 to \$150 per month depending upon service levels selected. Ms. Cooksey stated that she would provide additional pricing information for public transparency purposes.

Mr. Burrell commented that broadband expansion and competition among providers had been a longstanding interest of his, particularly regarding service reliability and redundancy in heavily wooded areas throughout Northwest Louisiana. He noted concerns related to signal interruption during severe weather events and expressed appreciation that Nextlink's technology addressed tree canopy penetration and redundancy through interconnected tower systems.

In response, Ms. Cooksey discussed network resiliency and emergency communication concerns, specifically referencing recent flooding events in Texas and the importance of broadband infrastructure during disasters. She explained that additional grant funding opportunities, including middle-mile infrastructure grants, are intended to strengthen emergency communication systems and improve redundancy during catastrophic weather events. Ms. Cooksey expressed interest in further discussions with parish officials and emergency response agencies regarding tower placement and emergency connectivity planning.

Mr. Thomas asked whether constituents experiencing inadequate connectivity in rural portions of Caddo Parish could be referred directly to Nextlink for service evaluation. Ms. Cooksey responded affirmatively and stated that she regularly communicates with both executive leadership and operations teams within the company to address connectivity concerns and deployment issues. She further explained that the public-facing maps shown during the presentation were generalized and that more detailed address-level service information could be provided privately or through the company's website.

Following additional brief discussion regarding service availability maps and broadband coverage areas, President G. Young thanked Ms. Cooksey for her presentation and participation before the Commission.

#### **ADOPT REGULAR SESSION MINUTES SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS**

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

- *Regular Session Minutes—April 23, 2026*
- *Special Resolution of Recognition Kids2College Academy, LLC*

Following presentation of the resolution, Mr. Burrell shared remarks regarding his longstanding relationship with Ms. Jeanette Williams. He recalled first meeting Ms. Williams when she participated in one of his summer youth programs, noting that while volunteering, she was also learning how to develop a business plan for her future childcare center. Mr. Burrell stated that Ms. Williams subsequently established one of the most successful childcare centers in the district and commended her continued advocacy for children and families.

Ms. Williams thanked the Commission for the recognition and stated that while she may occasionally be persistent in advocating for children, her efforts are always focused on serving the needs of the children and families in her care. She also shared that she currently serves as a foster parent for six children and expressed appreciation to Mr. Burrell for his continued support and assistance whenever needed.

President G. Young also offered remarks regarding Ms. Williams' community service. He recounted meeting her during a citywide cleanup effort within his district, where he observed her actively ensuring volunteers had what they needed while working throughout the event. President G. Young stated that he admired individuals who work quietly and consistently for the betterment of their communities and commended Ms. Williams for both her professional and personal commitment to serving

children and families.

Mr. Burrell additionally noted that Ms. Williams had expressed interest in pursuing future public service through potential candidacy for the school board, commenting that her dedication to children and education would make her well suited for such service. President G. Young clarified for the record that the Commission was not making a political endorsement but merely recognizing her commitment to youth and education.

- *Special Resolution of Recognition New Testament United Pentecostal Church's 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*
- *Special Resolution of Recognition SUSLA Dual Enrollment Program*
- *Special Resolution of Remembrance Buddy Flett*

Mrs. Blake noted that the resolution was being accepted on behalf of the family by Emery Gentry Foster of the Highland Jazz and Blues Festival. She spoke personally about Buddy Flett's significance within the local and national music community, describing him as an exceptionally humble and talented artist who generously shared his gifts with others. Mrs. Blake reflected on the experience of seeing Mr. Flett perform throughout the Shreveport area and stated that his passing represented a significant loss for the region's artistic and cultural community.

Mr. Thomas also offered remarks, recalling his experiences serving on the board of the Highland Jazz and Blues Festival and meeting Mr. Flett during that time. He described Buddy Flett's musical talent as incomparable and expressed appreciation that the Commission had taken steps to formally recognize his contributions to the community and the broader music industry. Mr. Thomas extended condolences to the Flett family and stated that he intended to participate in this year's festival tribute honoring his legacy.

President G. Young commented on the Commission's commitment to cultivating and expanding the entertainment and music industries within Caddo Parish. He emphasized Louisiana's historic role in the development of jazz music and acknowledged the global influence of Louisiana musicians and artists. President G. Young stated that the Commission remained committed to preserving and honoring the legacy of artists such as Buddy Flett.

Mrs. Emery Gentry Foster thanked the Commission on behalf of the family and the Highland Jazz and Blues Festival. She noted Buddy Flett's collaborations with nationally recognized musicians including Kenny Wayne Shepherd and Hooper Summerlin and highlighted that artists such as Percy Sledge, Etta James, and Irma Thomas had recorded Mr. Flett's songs. Mrs. Foster advised that the Highland Jazz and Blues Festival planned to include a special tribute and exhibit honoring Buddy Flett during the upcoming festival scheduled for September 19.

- *Special Resolution of Recognition Judson Magnet's Parent of the Year*

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

#### **SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION KIDS2COLLEGE ACADEMY, LLC**

WHEREAS, YOU, the TEACHERS & SUPPORTING STAFF (ECE) of KIDS2COLLEGE ACADEMY, LLC. who serve children from birth to five lay the critical foundation for lifelong learning, social development, and emotional well-being; and

WHEREAS, the first five years of a child's life represent a period of rapid brain development, making high-quality early care and education essential to future academic success and community prosperity; and

WHEREAS, YOU, the childcare teachers provide safe, nurturing, and stimulating environments that support working families and strengthen the economic stability of our parish; and

WHEREAS, YOU, the dedicated professional often go above and beyond YOUR duties—serving as educators, caregivers, mentors, and advocates for our youngest citizens; and

WHEREAS, their commitment, patience, and compassion have a lasting and positive impact on the lives of children, families, and the broader community; and

WHEREAS, it is both fitting and proper to recognize and celebrate the invaluable contributions of early childhood educators during Teacher Appreciation Week, including Friday, May 8, 2026, and throughout the year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission does

hereby honor and recognize all early childhood educators serving children from birth to five for their dedication, professionalism, and unwavering commitment to excellence in early learning.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission expresses its sincere gratitude to YOU, the educators for shaping the future of our parish by investing in the lives of our youngest learners.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be presented to KIDS2COLLEGE ACADEMY, LLC & to YOU, the EDUCATOR, as a token of appreciation and respect.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED on this 21st day of May, 2026.

**SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION  
NEW TESTAMENT UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH'S 70<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission takes great pride in recognizing institutions whose enduring service, faith, and commitment have strengthened the spiritual and social fabric of our community; and

WHEREAS, New Testament United Pentecostal Church proudly celebrates the remarkable milestone of its 70th Anniversary, commemorating seven decades of faithful ministry, worship, fellowship, and dedicated service to the citizens of Caddo Parish and surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, since its founding in 1956, New Testament United Pentecostal Church has remained steadfast in its mission to proclaim the Gospel, minister to families, uplift individuals in times of need, and serve as a beacon of hope, compassion, and spiritual guidance throughout Northwest Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, through decades of faithful leadership, devoted congregants, and community outreach, New Testament United Pentecostal Church has positively impacted countless lives through worship services, youth development, charitable efforts, educational programs, and ministries designed to strengthen both faith and community; and

WHEREAS, the church's enduring presence and commitment to service reflect the values of unity, perseverance, faith, and compassion that continue to enrich the cultural and spiritual heritage of Caddo Parish; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission recognizes the pastors, ministry leaders, founding members, past and present congregants, and supporters whose dedication and sacrifice have contributed to the continued growth and success of New Testament United Pentecostal Church over the past seventy years; and

WHEREAS, this historic anniversary serves not only as a celebration of the church's past accomplishments, but also as an opportunity to honor its continuing mission and lasting impact upon future generations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in regular session convened, that it does hereby recognize and congratulate New Testament United Pentecostal Church upon the joyous occasion of its 70th Anniversary and commends the church for its decades of faithful service, spiritual leadership, and unwavering commitment to the community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Caddo Parish Commission expresses its sincere appreciation to the clergy, congregation, and leadership of New Testament United Pentecostal Church for their contributions to the betterment of Caddo Parish and extends best wishes for continued blessings and success in the years to come.

THUS, DONE AND ADOPTED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in regular session this 21st day of May, 2026.

**SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION  
SUSLA DUAL ENROLLMENT PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS**

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission recognizes the importance of educational achievement, academic excellence, and workforce preparedness among the youth of Caddo Parish; and

WHEREAS, the Southern University Dual Enrollment Program provides outstanding high school students with the opportunity to pursue college-level coursework while simultaneously completing their secondary education, thereby promoting higher academic standards, leadership development, and career readiness; and

WHEREAS, the participants of the Southern University Dual Enrollment Program have demonstrated dedication, discipline, and a commitment to academic success through their participation in

rigorous collegiate studies; and

WHEREAS, these students have distinguished themselves as exemplary representatives of their schools, families, and communities while setting a positive example for their peers throughout Caddo Parish; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission commends Southern University at Shreveport, its faculty, administrators, and staff for their continued investment in educational advancement and for creating opportunities that empower students to achieve their fullest potential; and

WHEREAS, the Commission further recognizes the parents, guardians, educators, and mentors whose encouragement and support have contributed to the success of these outstanding students;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission, in regular session convened, that it hereby proudly recognizes and congratulates the participants of the Southern University Dual Enrollment Program for their academic accomplishments, perseverance, and dedication to educational excellence.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Caddo Parish Commission extends its sincere best wishes to these students for continued success in their future academic, professional, and personal endeavors.

THUS, DONE AND ADOPTED by the Caddo Parish Commission, in regular session convened on this 21st day of May, 2026.

**SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF REMEMBRANCE  
BUDDY FLETT**

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission joins the citizens of Caddo Parish, the City of Shreveport, and music lovers throughout the nation in commemorating the extraordinary life and enduring legacy of Charles "Buddy" Flett, beloved musician, songwriter, performer, and cultural ambassador of Northwest Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Buddy Flett was born and raised in Shreveport, Louisiana, where he developed a passion for music at an early age and became one of the region's most respected and recognizable musical talents, earning admiration for his mastery of blues, rock, folk, and Americana music; and

WHEREAS, over the course of a remarkable career spanning decades, Buddy Flett performed with numerous acclaimed bands and artists, including his time with the legendary Shreveport-based group A-Train, and became widely known for his soulful guitar playing, heartfelt songwriting, and authentic stage presence that resonated deeply with audiences across generations; and

WHEREAS, Buddy Flett's contributions to Louisiana music extended far beyond the stage, as he dedicated himself to preserving and promoting the rich musical heritage of the Ark-La-Tex region while inspiring countless musicians, artists, and young performers with his generosity, humility, and unwavering commitment to his craft; and

WHEREAS, throughout his life, Buddy Flett embodied the spirit of community and creativity that defines the people of Caddo Parish, using music as a means of bringing people together, fostering joy, and strengthening the cultural fabric of Northwest Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his many accomplishments as a musician and songwriter, Buddy Flett was cherished as a devoted family man, loyal friend, mentor, and compassionate citizen whose warmth, kindness, and authenticity left a lasting impact on all who had the privilege of knowing him; and

WHEREAS, Buddy Flett's passing represents a tremendous loss to the artistic and cultural community of Caddo Parish and beyond, yet his music, influence, and legacy will continue to inspire future generations and remain forever woven into the musical history of Louisiana;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in regular session convened, that it does hereby commemorate the life and legacy of Buddy Flett, honor his immeasurable contributions to the arts and culture of Caddo Parish and the State of Louisiana, and extend heartfelt condolences to his family, friends, fellow musicians, and all those mourning his passing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Caddo Parish Commission expresses its sincere gratitude for the life and musical gifts of Buddy Flett and recognizes that his influence and spirit shall endure through the timeless music and memories he leaves behind.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in regular session this 21st day of May, 2026.

**SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION  
JUDSON MAGNET'S PARENT OF THE YEAR 2026**

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission proudly recognizes individuals whose dedication, volunteerism, and unwavering support positively impact the lives of students, educators, and families throughout Caddo Parish; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Prysor Reid has been named Parent of the Year for Judson Magnet Elementary School in recognition of his extraordinary commitment to the school community and his tireless efforts to support students, faculty, and staff; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Reid continually uplifts the spirit of the Judson Magnet Elementary School community through meaningful acts of kindness and encouragement, including regular lunch visits with his daughter and thoughtful meals provided for school staff, helping to maintain morale and positivity during times of transition and growth; and

WHEREAS, through his leadership and dedication, Mr. Reid has actively driven fundraising and resource initiatives that have strengthened the school's financial health and directly enhanced educational opportunities and learning experiences for students; and

WHEREAS, demonstrating exceptional creativity and school pride, Mr. Reid personally rebuilt a trailer to be used in community parades, allowing Judson Magnet Elementary School cheerleaders and students to proudly represent their school while fostering community spirit and engagement; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Reid has faithfully documented countless school events, celebrations, and milestones as the school's unofficial photographer, ensuring that treasured memories, student achievements, and moments of school pride are preserved for future generations; and

WHEREAS, through his generosity, leadership, and willingness to serve wherever needed, Mr. Reid exemplifies the very best of parental involvement and community partnership, making a lasting difference in the lives of students, teachers, and families at Judson Magnet Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission commends Mr. Reid for the passion, care, and dedication he demonstrates daily in support of education and recognizes the profound and positive impact of his service upon the Judson Magnet Elementary School community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in regular session convened, that it does hereby honor and congratulate Mr. Prysor Reid upon being named Judson Magnet Elementary School's Parent of the Year and expresses sincere appreciation for his outstanding contributions, leadership, and steadfast support of students and educators.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Caddo Parish Commission applauds Mr. Reid for his commitment to strengthening school spirit, enhancing educational opportunities, and preserving cherished memories for the Judson Magnet Elementary School community, and extends best wishes for his continued success and service.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in regular session this 21<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2026.

**ADMINISTRATION REPORT**

Parish Administrator Erica Bryant reminded the Commission and the public that the "Caddo's Rising Star" event would take place on Sunday, June 7, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. Twelve finalists had been selected for the competition, and tickets were available through Eventbrite.

She also recognized the C.E. Byrd High School graduating class of 2026 and specifically acknowledged the graduation of her twin daughters. Additionally, remarks were offered in advance of Memorial Day honoring the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to the country, while expressing appreciation to their families for their continued sacrifices and support.

**COMMUNIQES & COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Mr. Thomas raised several concerns regarding issues experienced by voters during the recent election cycle. He referenced constituent complaints involving polling place confusion following precinct changes, uncertainty regarding voting procedures for "No Party" voters, and questions surrounding mail-in ballots and ballot counting procedures. Mr. Thomas requested that representatives from the Clerk of Court's Office, the Registrar of Voters, and potentially the Secretary of State's Office appear before the Commission to provide voters with updated guidance regarding voter registration deadlines, party declaration requirements, precinct changes, and election procedures ahead of upcoming elections.

Mr. Thomas later shared several community announcements, including promotion of the Mudbug Madness Festival scheduled for May 22–24 at Festival Plaza and the weekly Shreveport Green Urban Farm Community Market, where locally grown vegetables are sold to residents at low cost.

Mr. Thomas also announced that he and Mr. Cothran attended the unveiling of a newly renovated gate at Shreveport Regional Airport, where airport officials announced new nonstop flight service to Nashville and Chicago O'Hare International Airport. He emphasized the importance of expanded direct flight options for economic growth and connectivity within the region.

- Mrs. Gage-Watts echoed those concerns and requested additional public education efforts regarding precinct signage, polling place notifications, voter registration deadlines, and runoff election procedures. She also requested updates regarding permanent precinct signage previously discussed by the Commission.

Mrs. Gage-Watts additionally inquired whether any changes had occurred regarding the process for requesting mosquito spraying services. Mr. Kelvin Family responded that there had been no changes to the request process and advised that residents may continue utilizing Caddo Ready or calling the parish mosquito control number to request spraying services and review spraying schedules online.

She briefly shared that one of her constituents had provided commemorative bookmarks honoring the "Eternal Eight," which she distributed among Commissioners.

- Mr. Burrell revisited concerns regarding absentee ballots and polling location changes during the recent election. Administration clarified that votes related to races removed from the ballot due to court rulings would not be counted, while votes on remaining ballot items would still be tabulated. Administration also confirmed that parish practice includes placing personnel at former polling locations to redirect voters whenever precincts are relocated.

- Mr. Epperson offered remarks in recognition of Memorial Day and honored the sacrifices of military service members who gave their lives in service to the nation. He also celebrated several family graduations and encouraged continued investment in young people throughout the Shreveport and Caddo Parish community, emphasizing the importance of encouraging graduates to remain connected to and eventually return home to the region.

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

President G. Young concluded communications by expressing appreciation to parish staff, the City of Shreveport administration, and SWEPCO representatives for their participation in a series of recent town hall meetings held throughout the parish. He noted the collaborative efforts undertaken to answer constituent questions and improve communication with residents regarding local issues and services.

There were no Public Hearing on Zoning Ordinances.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES**

President G. Young opened the floor for anyone to speak in favor or against the following ordinances:

- *Ordinance No. 6619 of 2026, Ordinance 6619 of 2026, an ordinance to authorize the purchase of Lots 10 and 11, Stovall Subdivision, Unit No. 3, Shreveport, Louisiana, and to authorize the purchase of Lots 31, 32 and 33, Stovall Subdivision, Unit No. 3, Shreveport, Louisiana otherwise provide with respect thereto.*
- *Ordinance No. 6620 of 2026, an ordinance setting the parish millage for the purpose of paying principal and interest, due in 2026 on outstanding Parish Bond Issues and to instruct the Assessor to include said millage on the tax roll of the Parish of Caddo for the year 2026, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6621 of 2026, ordinance to adopt values for assessments for railways and other public service property*
- *Ordinance No. 6622 of 2026, an ordinance to set the General Purpose and Special Purpose Millages providing for millage rate adjustments, as allowed by Article VII, Section 23 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974 and La R.S. 47:1705 (b), levying and imposing taxes and assessments for 2026 on all the property subject to taxation in the Parish of Caddo, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6623 of 2026, an ordinance setting the assessment of property*

*classified as timberlands and to instruct the assessor to include said assessment on the tax roll of the Parish of Caddo for the year 2026, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

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

**ORDINANCES (for final passage)  
WORK SESSION MINUTES**

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

- *Ordinance No. 6619 of 2026, Ordinance 6619 of 2026, an ordinance to authorize the purchase of Lots 10 and 11, Stovall Subdivision, Unit No. 3, Shreveport, Louisiana, and to authorize the purchase of Lots 31, 32 and 33, Stovall Subdivision, Unit No. 3, Shreveport, Louisiana otherwise provide with respect thereto.*
- *Ordinance No. 6620 of 2026, an ordinance setting the parish millage for the purpose of paying principal and interest, due in 2026 on outstanding Parish Bond Issues and to instruct the Assessor to include said millage on the tax roll of the Parish of Caddo for the year 2026, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6621 of 2026, ordinance to adopt values for assessments for railways and other public service property*
- *Ordinance No. 6622 of 2026, an ordinance to set the General Purpose and Special Purpose Millages providing for millage rate adjustments, as allowed by Article VII, Section 23 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974 and La R.S. 47:1705 (b), levying and imposing taxes and assessments for 2026 on all the property subject to taxation in the Parish of Caddo, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6623 of 2026, an ordinance setting the assessment of property classified as timberlands and to instruct the assessor to include said assessment on the tax roll of the Parish of Caddo for the year 2026, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Work Session Minutes—May 18, 2026*
- *Resolution No. 34 of 2026, a resolution to authorize the Caddo Parish Administrator to direct and authorize the Louisiana State Mineral & Energy Board and the Office of Mineral Resources to accept nominations, advertise for, accept and award bids, and execute all oil, gas, and mineral leases on certain mineral interests owned by the Parish of Caddo, and otherwise providing with respect thereto*

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 6619 OF 2026**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF LOTS 10 AND 11, STOVALL SUBDIVISION, UNIT NO. 3, SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF LOTS 31, 32 AND 33, STOVALL SUBDIVISION, UNIT NO. 3, SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Public Works Department needs to expand its maintenance facilities on Monty Street, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS the properties adjacent to the maintenance facilities are known as Lots 10 And 11, Stovall Subdivision Unit No. 3, and Lots 31, 32 And 33, Stovall Subdivision, Unit No. 3, respectively; and

WHEREAS, the respective prices for the lots have been negotiated at \$8400.00 and \$3900.00; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission has determined that the properties are needed for the public purpose of expanding the Public Works maintenance facilities; and

WHEREAS, Section 3-11(11) of the Charter of the Parish of Caddo requires the adoption of an ordinance for the conveyance of any lands or property to or from the parish.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby authorize the purchase of:

181426-055-0052-00

Lots 10 & 11, Stovall Subdivision, Unit No. 3, a subdivision of the City of Shreveport of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, as per plat filed and recorded in Book 700, Page 13, of the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish Louisiana.

181426-055-0052-00

Lots 31, 32, & 33, Stovall Subdivision, Unit No. 3, a subdivision of the City of Shreveport of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, as per plat filed and recorded in Book 700, Page 13, of the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Parish is authorized to purchase the above-referenced properties for a price not to exceed \$12,300.00 total.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Caddo Parish Administrator or her designee shall be authorized to do any and all things and to sign any and all contracts and other documents in a form acceptable to the Caddo Parish Attorney necessary to effectuate the purposes set forth herein.

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 become effective immediately upon its adoption.

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

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 6620 OF 2026**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE PARISH MILLAGE FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST, DUE IN 2026 ON OUTSTANDING PARISH BOND ISSUES AND TO INSTRUCT THE ASSESSOR TO INCLUDE SAID MILLAGE ON THE TAX ROLL OF THE PARISH OF CADDO FOR THE YEAR 2026, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, on August 1, 2007, the Parish of Caddo issued general obligation bonds in the total aggregate sum of \$10,000,000; and

WHEREAS, on August 1, 2008, the Parish of Caddo issued general obligation bonds in the total aggregate sum of \$10,000,000; and

WHEREAS, on September 17, 2009, the Parish of Caddo issued general obligation bonds in the total aggregate sum of \$10,000,000; and

WHEREAS, on May 15, 2015, the Parish of Caddo sold Refunding Bonds in the total aggregate sum of \$6,850,000; and

WHEREAS, on February 25, 2015 the Parish of Caddo sold Refunding Bonds in the total aggregate sum of \$6,345,000; and

WHEREAS, on May 19, 2016 the Parish of Caddo sold Refunding Bonds in the total aggregate sum of \$7,250,000; and

WHEREAS, on March 29, 2023 the Parish of Caddo issued general obligation bonds in the total aggregate sum of \$20,000,000; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to levy a millage tax for the year 2026 in order to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, which will fall due in the year 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, in due, legal, and regular session convened, that a special tax of 1.5 mills on the dollar on assessed valuation of all property subject to taxation within the whole of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, be and the same is hereby levied for the year 2026, for the purpose of paying principal and interest which will become due in the year 2026 on the aforesaid public improvement bonds and refunding bonds.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Commission Clerk shall give notice of this ordinance to the Assessor of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and instruct him to levy and assess each tax as set forth herein for the year 2026.

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 ten (10) days after publication in the official journal.

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

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 6621 OF 2026**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE VALUES FIXED, OR TO BE FIXED BY THE LOUISIANA TAX COMMISSION ON ALL ASSESSMENTS FOR RAILWAYS AND OTHER PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATIONS, AND TO INSTRUCT THE ASSESSOR TO EXTEND SUCH ASSESSMENTS AND VALUES ON THE TAX ROLL OF THE PARISH OF CADDO FOR THE YEAR 2026, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal, and regular session convened, that the Caddo Parish Commission hereby adopts any and all assessments covering property owned by railways, tank car lines, and other public service corporations, and that the values named, fixed and reported be accepted and adopted as the values for all Parish purposes.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Commission Clerk shall give notice of this ordinance to the Assessor of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and instruct him to levy and assess each applicable tax millage upon these values as set forth herein for the year 2026.

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 ten (10) days after publication in the official journal.

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

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 6622 OF 2026**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE TO SET THE GENERAL PURPOSE AND SPECIAL PURPOSE MILLAGES PROVIDING FOR MILLAGE RATE ADJUSTMENTS, AS ALLOWED BY ARTICLE VII, SECTION 23 OF THE LOUISIANA CONSTITUTION OF 1974 AND LA R.S. 47:1705 (B), LEVYING AND IMPOSING TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS FOR 2023 ON ALL THE PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION IN THE PARISH OF CADDO, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Caddo Parish Commission (the "Commission") acting as the governing authority of Caddo Parish, Louisiana (the "Parish"), to levy various taxes for the year 2026; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to adjust the Parish millages as a result of the quadrennial reappraisal and valuation of the property subject to taxation within the Parish, in proportion to the increase

in the 2026 taxable assessed valuation of the Parish;

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held by the Commission on the subject of the proposed millage adjustment in accordance with the open meetings law and the additional requirements of Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974 and LA R.S. 47:1705(B).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, in due, legal and regular session convened, that the following general purpose and special millages (that is, fractional mills on the dollar) on the assessed valuation of all property subject to taxation in the whole of Caddo Parish, Louisiana be and the same are hereby levied at the following increased millage rate no in excess of prior year maximum rates for the year 2026, in accordance with Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974 and LA R.S. 47:1705, as applicable:

	<b><u>2026 Adjusted Millage Rate</u></b>	<b><u>Levy Rate</u></b>
<b>General:</b>		
<b>General Alimony-</b> For all property lying outside of cities and towns, as described below	6.13 mills	6.13 mills
<b>Exempted Municipalities-</b> For all property lying within the confines of incorporated cities and towns having a population in excess of 1,000 and which maintain a system of street paving and those being Shreveport, Vivian and Bossier City	3.06 mills	3.06 mills
<b>Special Purpose:</b>		
<b>Public Health:</b>		
For the creation and support of public health centers in the parish	.87 mills	.87 mills
For the maintenance and operation of public health centers in the Parish and portion rededicated for payment of mandatory costs of the criminal justice system	1.30 mills	1.30 mills
<b>Shreve Memorial Library:</b>		
For the acquiring, equipping, construction, improving, maintaining and operating the public library system	4.74 mills	4.74 mills
For the maintenance and operation of parish library facilities and portion rededicated to payment of mandatory costs of the criminal justice system	4.66 mills	4.66 mills
<b>Juvenile Court:</b>		
For the maintenance and operation for the juvenile court, and juvenile detention home facilities	1.97 mills	1.97 mills
<b>Detention Facilities:</b>		
For the maintenance and operation of detention facilities and portion rededicated for payment of mandatory costs of the criminal justice system	5.52 mills	5.52 mills
<b>Courthouse Maintenance:</b>		
For the maintenance and operation of parish courthouse and other building facilities	2.72 mills	2.72 mills
<b>Public Works:</b>		
For the maintenance and operation of road, bridge, drainage, garbage collection, and mandatory costs of the criminal justice system	5.96 mills	5.96 mills
<b>Public Facilities:</b>		
For the maintenance and operation of public facilities, specifically road and bridge, parks and recreation, garbage collection and drainage	.84 mills	.84 mills
<b>Biomedical Research:</b>		



& 26, Blk. O, replat of Forest Glen Subdivision, with Geo. #171409-011-0074 and containing a net .08 acres; Lot 21 & the West 15 ft. of Lot 20, Blk. P, replat of Forest Glen Subdivision, with Geo. #171409-012-0021 and containing a net .06 acres; Lot A, Country Club Hills Subdivision, Unit 3, with Geo. #171409-004-0053 and containing a net .04 acres; the East 5 ft. of Lot 9, Blk. H, replat of Forest Glen Subdivision, with Geo. #171409-008-0071 and containing a net .01 acres; the East 5 ft. of Lot 12, Blk. H, replat of Forest Glen Subdivision, with Geo. #171409-008-0072 and containing a net .01 acres; the West 5 ft. of Lot 9, Blk. H, replat of Forest Glen Subdivision, with Geo. #171409-008-0073 and containing a net .01 acres; the West 15 ft. of the East 20 ft. Lot 9, Blk. H, replat of Forest Glen Subdivision, with Geo. #171409-008-0074 and containing a net .03 acres; Lots 15, 16, & West 18.75 ft. of Lot 14 & East 12.5 ft. of Lot 17, Blk. M, replat of Forest Glen Subdivision, with Geo. #171409-009-0063 and containing .25 acres; Lots 24, 25 & West 20 ft. of Lot 26, Blk. M, replat of Forest Glen Subdivision, with Geo. #171409-009-0067 and containing a net .11 acres; Lots 33, 34, 35 & East 4 ft. of Lot 32 & West 1 ft. of Lot 36, Blk. N, replat of Forest Glen Subdivision, with Geo. #171409-010-0057 and containing a net .12 acres; Lots 27, 28, 29, 30, 31 & West 21 ft. of Lot 32 & East 6 ft. of Lot 26, Blk. N, replat of Forest Glen Subdivision, with Geo. #171409-010-0058 and containing a net .23 acres; Lots 37 & East 24 ft. of Lot 36 & West 19 ft. of Lot 38, Blk. N, replat of Forest Glen Subdivision, with Geo. #171409-010-0059 and containing a net .11 acres; Lots 39, 40, & East 6 ft. of Lot 38, Blk. N, replat of Forest Glen Subdivision, with Geo. #171409-010-0061 and containing a net .11 acres; Lots 24, 25, & East 4 ft. of Lot 23 & West 19 ft. of Lot 26, Blk. N, replat of Forest Glen Subdivision, with Geo. #171409-010-0066 and containing a net .11 acres; Lots 33, & 34, Blk. O, replat of Forest Glen Subdivision, with Geo. #171409-011-0033 and containing a net .08 acres; Lot 36, Blk. O, replat of Forest Glen Subdivision, with Geo. #171409-011-0036 and containing .08 acres; Lots 19, 20, & West 23.8 ft. of Lot 18, Blk. O, replat of Forest Glen Subdivision, with Geo. #171409-011-0070 and containing a net .11 acres; Lots 10, 11, & West 21 ft. of Lot 9 & East 5.7 ft. of Lot 12, Blk. O, replat of Forest Glen Subdivision, with Geo. #171409-011-0071 and containing .23 acres; Lots 50 & 51, Blk. O, replat of Forest Glen Subdivision, with Geo. #171409-011-0072 and containing a net .08 acres; Lots 41 & 42, Blk. O, replat of Forest Glen Subdivision, with Geo. #171409-011-0076 and containing .15 acres; Lots 52, 53, & West 2 ft. of Lot 54, Blk. O, replat of Forest Glen Subdivision, with Geo. #171409-011-0078 and containing a net .08 acres; Lots 57 & East 23 ft. of Lot 56, Blk. O, replat of Forest Glen Subdivision, with Geo. #171409-011-0079 and containing a net .10 acres; Lots 4, 5, & West 20 ft. of Lot 3 & East 3.5 ft. of Lot 6, Blk. O, replat of Forest Glen Subdivision, with Geo. #171409-011-0081 and containing a net .11 acres; Lot 55, & East 23 ft. of Lot 54 & West 2 ft. of Lot 56, Blk. O, replat of Forest Glen Subdivision, with Geo. #171409-011-0085 and containing a net .07 acres; Lots 26, & 27, Blk. P, replat of Forest Glen Subdivision, with Geo. #171409-012-0026 and containing .15 acres; Lots 8, 9, 16 & 17 Blk. P, replat of Forest Glen Subdivision, with Geo. #171409-012-0057 and containing a net .20 acres; Lots 6, 7, 10, 11 & West 18 ft. of Lot 5 & East 15 ft. of Lot 13, Blk. P, replat of Forest Glen Subdivision, with Geo. #171409-012-0058 and containing a net .20 acres; Lots 22, & 23, Blk. P, replat of Forest Glen Subdivision, with Geo. #171409-012-0059 and containing .15 acres; Lots 28, & 29, Blk. P, replat of Forest Glen Subdivision, with Geo. #171409-012-0060 and containing a net .08 acres; Lots 10, & 11, Blk. S, replat of Forest Glen Subdivision, with Geo. #171409-013-0010 and containing .16 acres; Lots 15 & 16, Blk. S, replat of Forest Glen Subdivision, with Geo. #171409-013-0055 and containing .16 acres; Lots 25, & 26, Blk. S, replat of Forest Glen Subdivision, with Geo. #171409-013-0058 and containing .16 acres; Lots 23 & 24, Blk. S, replat of Forest Glen Subdivision, with Geo. #171409-013-0066 and containing .26 acres; Lot 20 & West 1 ft. of Lot 19 & East 24 ft. of Lot 21, Blk. T, replat of Forest Glen Subdivision, with Geo. #171409-014-0020 and containing a net .08 acres; Lots 58, 59, 60, 61 & 62, Blk. T, replat of Forest Glen Subdivision, with Geo. #171409-014-0058 and containing a net .20 acres; Lots 69, & 70, Blk. T, replat of Forest Glen Subdivision, with Geo. #171409-014-0069 and containing a net .08 acres; Lots 71 & 72, Blk. T, replat of Forest Glen Subdivision, with Geo. #171409-014-0071 and containing .16 acres; the West 2 ft. of Lot 15, & all of Lot 16 & East 24 ft. of Lot 17, Blk. T, replat of Forest Glen Subdivision, with Geo. #171409-014-0076 and containing a net .08 acres; Lot 18, & West 1 ft. of Lot 17 & East 24 ft. of Lot 19, Blk. T, replat of Forest Glen Subdivision, with Geo. #171409-014-0077 and containing a net .08 acres; Lots 32, & 33, Blk. T, replat of Forest Glen Subdivision, with Geo. #171409-014-0087 and containing .16 acres; Lots 22, & 23 & West 1 ft. of Lot 21, Blk. T, replat of Forest Glen Subdivision, with Geo. #171409-014-0094 and containing a net .08 acres; Lots 30 & 31, Blk. T, replat of Forest Glen Subdivision, with Geo. #171409-014-0095 and containing a net .08 acres; Lots 73 & 74, Blk. T, replat of Forest Glen Subdivision, with Geo. #171409-014-0097 and containing a net .11 acres; Lots 65 & 66, Blk. T, replat of Forest Glen Subdivision, with Geo. #171409-014-0104 and containing a net .08 acres; Lots 48, 49, & West 3 ft. of Lot 50, Blk. T, replat of Forest Glen Subdivision, with Geo. #171409-014-0105 and containing .17 acres; The East 22 ft. of Lot 54 and Lots 55, 56 & 57, Blk. T, replat of Forest Glen Subdivision, with Geo. #171409-014-0109 and containing 0.31 acres; Lots 9 & 10, Blk. U, replat of Forest Glen Subdivision, with Geo. #171409-015-0009 and containing a net .08 acres; Lots 43 & 44, Blk. U, replat of Forest Glen Subdivision, with Geo. #171409-015-0043 and containing a net .08 acres; Lots 1 & 2, Blk. V, replat of Forest Glen Subdivision, with Geo. #171409-016-0001 and containing a net .08 acres; Lots 3 & 26, Blk. V, replat of Forest Glen Subdivision, with Geo. #171409-016-0003 and containing a net .13 acres; Lots 4 &

7, Blk. V, replat of Forest Glen Subdivision, with Geo. #171409-016-0004 and containing a net .08 acres; Lots 5 & 6, Blk. V, replat of Forest Glen Subdivision, with Geo. #171409-016-0005 and containing .26 acres; Lot 8, Blk. V, replat of Forest Glen Subdivision, with Geo. #171409-016-0008 and containing a net .06 acres; Lot 9, Blk. V, replat of Forest Glen Subdivision, with Geo. #171409-016-0009 and containing .06 acres; Lots 32 & 33, Blk. V, replat of Forest Glen Subdivision, with Geo. #171409-016-0032 and containing a net .08 acres; Lots 34 & 35, Blk. V, replat of Forest Glen Subdivision, with Geo. #171409-016-0034 and containing a net .08 acres; Lots 36 & 37, Blk. V, replat of Forest Glen Subdivision, with Geo. #171409-016-0036 and containing a net .08 acres; Lots 38 & 39, Blk. V, replat of Forest Glen Subdivision, with Geo. #171409-016-0038 and containing a net .07 acres; the East 15 ft. of Lot 31, Blk. V, replat of Forest Glen Subdivision, with Geo. #171409-016-0047 and containing a net .02 acres; Lots 29 & 30, & West 10 ft. of Lot 31, Blk. V, replat of Forest Glen Subdivision, with Geo. #171409-016-0052 and containing a net .10 acres; a tract located in Country Club Heights Subdivision, Unit 2, with a Geo. #171409-017-0099 and containing a net of .06 acres; the West 99.9 ft. of Lot 141, Country Club Heights Subdivision, Unit 3, with a Geo. #171409-026-0002 and containing a net of .29 acres; Lot A, Re-Sub of Lots 242 to 246, Country Club Heights Subdivision, Unit 4, with a Geo. #171409-030-0001 and containing a net of .08 acres; Lot 12, Henderson Pines Subdivision, with a Geo. #171409-033-0012 and containing a net of .08 acres; Lot 25, Henderson Pines Subdivision, with a Geo. #171409-033-0025 and containing .31 acres; Lot 9, Rose Park Annex, Unit 1, with a Geo. #171409-038-0009 and containing a net of .08 acres; Lot 28, Rose Park Annex, Unit 1, with a Geo. #171409-038-0028 and containing .15 acres; Lots 10 & 11, Central Subdivision, with a Geo. #171409-046-0022 and containing .29 acres; Lot 11, less East 143.7 ft. & North 76.67 ft. of Lot 9, Golf Links Boulevard Subdivision, less the portion in Country Club Drive, with a Geo. #171409-047-0045, and containing a net .53 acres; and the following property owned by the Parish of Caddo described as Lot 5, Replat of Greenwood Road Commercial Subdivision, with a Geo. #171409-052-0005, and containing 2.88 acres; all the above described property located in Section 9, T17N, R14W containing a total of 17.73 Gross acres and 12.19 Net acres, more or less, all in Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo has received a written request from Cypress Energy Partners, LLC, that the Parish seek public bids for an oil, gas and mineral lease covering said property; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo does not have the knowledge or resources available to determine if it owns the mineral rights and the Parish of Caddo will rely on the expertise and experience of the lessee in determining ownership; and

WHEREAS, it is expressly agreed that any lease granted by the Parish of Caddo and accepted by lessee is without any warranty of title and without any recourse against the Parish of Caddo whatsoever, either express or implied, and it is expressly agreed that the Parish of Caddo shall not be required to return any payments received or be otherwise responsible to lessee therefore; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board and the Office of Mineral Resources, is available upon the request of Caddo Parish to lease the aforesaid property for oil, gas and other minerals if requested to do so by Caddo Parish.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that it does hereby direct and authorize the Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board and the Office of Mineral Resources, to accept nominations, advertise for, accept and award bids, and execute all oil, gas and mineral leases on the aforesaid properties of certain mineral interests owned by the Parish of Caddo.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any such lease contain a no surface operations provision as follows: Lessee, its successors or assigns, may produce oil, gas and other minerals from the leased premises by drilling from a surface location on other lands, but notwithstanding any other provision of this lease, Lessee, its successors or assigns, shall not use the surface of the Lessor's property for drilling or any other operations without prior written permission of Lessor, which permission may be withheld at Lessor's discretion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any such lease contain a horizontal pugh provision as follows: Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein contained, at the end of the primary term or any extension thereof by operations, if the Commission of Conservation of the State of Louisiana establishes a drilling unit which includes a part of the land herein leased, the production of oil, gas and other minerals from such unit shall maintain this lease in full force and effect only as to such portions of the leased land embraced in said pooled unit; and this lease shall expire as to that part of the land herein leased not included in such unit; and lessee, its successors and assigns agrees to relinquish by formal instrument any portion of the leased land not included in a unit created by the Commission of Conservation while this lease is in effect

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any such lease contain a vertical pugh provision as follows: Upon the expiration of the primary term hereof or any extension thereof by operations, this lease shall automatically terminate and be of no further force or effect except as to all that part of the leased premises then included within the geographical boundaries of a producing unit duly established by

governmental agency or authority having jurisdiction, from the surface of the earth to a depth of 100 feet below the deepest depth from which any well commenced during the primary term hereof on the leased premises or on lands pooled therewith is completed and from which there is production in paying quantities, such depth determination to be made on a unit by unit basis. In the absence of units so established, this lease shall terminate except as to 40 acres around each producing oil well and 160 acres around each producing or shut-in gas well located on the leased premises, in as near the form of a square as is practicable, from the surface of the earth down to a depth of 100 feet below the deepest depth from which said well or wells are completed and from which there is production in paying quantities, such depth determination to be made on a well by well basis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any such lease contain a minimum royalty provision as follows: Royalty of not less than 1/4<sup>th</sup> or 25%.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any such lease contain a minimum bonus provision as follows: Bonus of not less than \$3,000.00 per acre.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any such lease contain a hard or solid mineral exclusion provision as follows: This lease shall exclude free sulphur, potash, lignite, salt and any other hard or solid mineral. Lessee shall not have any rights to explore, drill for, mine, produce or take any action whatsoever in regard to any such hard or solid mineral deposits.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any such lease contain a maximum term provision as follows: Primary term of lease shall not exceed three (3) years.

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.

There were no Zoning Ordinances for introduction by title.

#### **ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION BY TITLE**

- *Ordinance No. 6624 of 2026, an ordinance declaring certain adjudicated properties to be surplus and to authorize the Parish Administrator, or a designee, to sell the Parish of Caddo's tax interest in certain surplus adjudicated properties, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6625 of 2026, an ordinance to authorize the Parish Administrator, or a designee, to sell real property located at 108 Finley Drive, Vivian, LA, and otherwise providing with respect thereto*

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

It was **moved by Mrs. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. Jones, *that Resolution No. 35 of 2026, a resolution ordering and calling a special election to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds, making application to the State Bond Commission, and providing for other matters in connection therewith* be adopted.

Mrs. Gage-Watts spoke in strong support of the resolution and thanked the citizens and families who appeared before the Commission to advocate for investment in sports tourism and economic development opportunities. She also acknowledged support expressed earlier by representatives from the Greater Shreveport Chamber, Committee of One Hundred, and the Shreveport-Bossier Sports Commission.

As Chair of the Economic Development Committee, Mrs. Gage-Watts explained that the proposed sports complex aligns directly with the committee's goals of encouraging economic growth, enhancing quality of life, and creating long-term strategic investment opportunities for the parish. She described the proposed facility as a "game changer" capable of positioning Caddo Parish as a regional destination for sports tourism and family-oriented recreation.

Mrs. Gage-Watts further emphasized that sports tourism represents a multibillion-dollar national industry and stated that the project could generate new revenue streams, attract tournaments and visitors, and support local businesses while simultaneously improving quality of life for residents. She concluded by stating that supporting the bond election simply allowed the voters of Caddo Parish to determine the project's future for themselves.

Mr. Atkins stated that he would oppose the resolution. He acknowledged the growing

demand for travel sports facilities within the region and expressed respect for the efforts of Commission leadership and the Economic Development Committee to pursue impactful projects for the parish. However, Mr. Atkins advised that he did not believe the project was sufficiently developed to justify placing the matter before voters at that time.

Serving as Chair of the Finance Committee, Mr. Atkins explained that while he supported previous tourism and recreational investments such as the pickleball facility, baseball and softball complex, and Walter B. Jacobs nature tourism improvements, he viewed the proposed sports complex as a substantially larger financial undertaking. He stated that the project was estimated at approximately \$60–70 million and could require between \$40–60 million in bond financing.

Mr. Atkins expressed concern regarding the long-term impact such debt could have on the parish's bonding capacity and future ability to pursue additional projects. He described himself as favoring a more diversified approach to economic development through smaller investments rather than one large-scale project. Although open to continued evaluation of the proposal, he reiterated that he was not comfortable supporting placement of the measure on the ballot until fully convinced it represented the best course of action for the parish.

Mr. Burrell spoke in favor of the proposal and reflected on prior large-scale public projects within the region, including the Shreveport Convention Center and Walter B. Jacobs Nature Park. He recalled that both projects initially faced criticism and skepticism but ultimately became valued community assets.

Mr. Burrell stated that the proposed sports complex could become another transformational project for Shreveport and Caddo Parish, particularly if combined with other major regional developments such as the proposed passenger rail initiative and Interstate 49 inner-city connector project. He emphasized that the sports complex could stimulate redevelopment in struggling neighborhoods, revitalize economic activity, and provide the community with a renewed sense of momentum and optimism.

Mr. Burrell also remarked that neighboring communities such as Ruston and Monroe were aggressively pursuing development opportunities while Caddo Parish too often hesitated to take comparable risks. He urged the Commission to support moving the parish forward rather than remaining stagnant.

Mr. Cothran directed several questions to Parish Administrator Bryant in order to clarify the scope and financial impact of the proposal for the public. Mr. Cothran first asked precisely what the Commission would be voting on during the meeting.

Administrator Bryant responded that the Commission was only considering whether to call a November 3 election allowing the citizens of Caddo Parish to decide whether general obligation bonds should be issued for construction of the proposed sports complex.

Mr. Cothran next asked whether the proposal would require a tax increase. Administrator Bryant explained that the parish's existing 1.5 mill debt service levy was sufficient to service approximately \$60 million in bonds without increasing property taxes. She clarified that while the parish's total legal debt margin exceeded that amount, issuance of additional debt beyond the proposed bonds could eventually require future millage adjustments.

When Mr. Cothran requested a simplified explanation for the public, Administrator Bryant stated plainly that the proposed sports complex could be financed "for no additional property taxes paid by a citizen."

Mr. Cothran also asked why earlier estimates referenced approximately \$42 million while current discussions referenced approximately \$60 million in bonding capacity. Administrator Bryant explained that updated property assessment growth and economic factors, including anticipated data center impacts and broader parish growth, increased the parish's debt capacity while still maintaining the existing 1.5 mill debt service rate.

Mr. Jones spoke extensively in favor of the proposal and described himself as a longtime advocate for parish recreational programming and sports development. He acknowledged the work already being performed by the parish Parks and Recreation Department and referenced his prior support for projects such as Caddo Parish Premier Park and the pickleball facility, even when those projects did not directly benefit his district.

Drawing from personal experience as both a parent and coach, Mr. Jones discussed the financial and logistical burden families face when traveling across the region for youth sports tournaments. He described observing firsthand how cities such as Ruston and Sterlington had leveraged sports tourism facilities to generate economic growth and community investment.

Mr. Jones argued that the proposed sports complex represented more than simply athletic facilities. He stated that the project could produce significant economic activity benefiting schools, local governments, and businesses while creating opportunities for young athletes to obtain scholarships and exposure to college recruiters. He also emphasized that Shreveport possessed entertainment, hospitality, and tourism amenities unavailable in many competing communities, making it well-positioned

to become a major sports tourism destination.

Mr. Jones further urged the community to adopt a more optimistic outlook toward economic development opportunities and stated that the sports complex could become a lasting legacy investment benefiting future generations. He also expressed support for hosting public meetings and involving coaches, families, and community stakeholders in future planning discussions should the election move forward.

Mrs. Blake stated that the parish must continue pursuing growth opportunities and utilizing taxpayer dollars in ways that advance the community. She emphasized that the vote before the Commission merely allowed citizens the opportunity to decide the matter themselves at the ballot box.

Mrs. Blake explained that quality-of-life concerns and sports-related tourism opportunities had consistently arisen in conversations with constituents over the previous three years. While acknowledging that additional questions still required answers before the November election, she stated that she supported allowing the public to engage in that process and determine whether the project merited investment.

She additionally expressed appreciation for the support demonstrated by the Chamber of Commerce, Committee of One Hundred, Sports Commission, and tourism organizations, stating that their involvement reinforced the project's regional significance.

Mr. Atkins again emphasized that his opposition centered on financial caution rather than opposition to sports tourism itself. Referring to financial projections available at the time, he noted that the proposed facility was projected to operate at a deficit during its initial years and eventually generate only modest annual profits without considering debt service obligations.

**Call for the Question by Mr. Kracman**, seconded by Mr. Lazarus. Motion failed, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Blake, Cothran, Jones, Kracman, and Lazarus (6). NAYS: Commissioners Burrell, Gage-Watts, Thomas, and G. Young (4). ABSENT: Commissioners Epperson and J. Young (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

Following continued discussion, President G. Young requested that Administrator Bryant further address concerns raised regarding the project's financial feasibility and the parish's debt position.

Administrator Bryant explained that the parish had historically reduced millage rates as debt obligations were retired and had routinely utilized available debt capacity to finance public projects without increasing taxes. She stated that the parish's current legal debt margin totaled approximately \$228 million, though issuing debt at that level would require voter approval for additional millage increases.

She clarified that the proposed sports complex bonds would remain within the existing debt service structure and that future economic growth and property assessment increases would continue generating additional revenue capacity. Administrator Bryant further emphasized that financial projections for the sports complex considered only direct facility revenues and did not fully capture broader economic impacts such as tourism spending, hotel activity, property tax growth, and associated commercial development stimulated by the project.

Mr. Burrell emphasized that large-scale infrastructure and development projects often generate long-term economic growth extending far beyond their direct financial return. He compared the proposal to construction of a major roadway, explaining that while projects of that nature may not immediately pay for themselves, they stimulate substantial surrounding economic development and create opportunities for revitalization and future investment. Mr. Burrell stressed the importance of maintaining vision and avoiding a limited perspective when evaluating transformational projects for the parish.

At this time, Mrs. Gage-Watts' motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Blake, Burrell, Cothran, Gage-Watts, Jones, Thomas, and G. Young (7). NAYS: Commissioners Atkins, Kracman, and Lazarus (3). ABSENT: Commissioners Epperson and J. Young (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 35 OF 2026**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION

A RESOLUTION ORDERING AND CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, MAKING APPLICATION TO THE STATE BOND COMMISSION, AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Caddo Parish, Louisiana (the "Parish"), that:

SECTION 1. Election Call. Subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission, and under the authority conferred by the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, including Article VI,

Section 33 thereof, Part II of Chapter 4 of Subtitle II of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, the applicable provisions of the Louisiana Election Code, and other constitutional and statutory authority, a special election is hereby called and ordered to be held in the Parish on **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2026**, between the hours of six o'clock (6:00) a.m. and eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, and at the said election there shall be submitted to all registered voters qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and laws of this State and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

#### PROPOSITION (BOND)

Shall Caddo Parish, Louisiana (the "Parish"), incur debt and issue bonds not exceeding \$60,000,000, in one or more series, to run not exceeding 25 years from the date thereof, with interest at a rate not exceeding 7% per annum, for the purpose of constructing a multi-sports complex and other capital improvements, together with acquiring all necessary land, equipment and furnishings, which bonds will be general obligations of the Parish and will be payable from ad valorem taxes to be levied and collected in the manner provided by Article VI, Section 33 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974 and statutory authority supplemental thereto, with no estimated increase in the millage rate to be levied in the first year of issue above the 1.50 mills currently being levied to pay General Obligation Bonds of the Parish?

SECTION 2. Publication of Notice of Election. A Notice of Special Election shall be published in the official journal of the Parish once a week for four consecutive weeks, with the first publication to be made not less than forty-five (45) days nor more than ninety (90) days prior to the date of the election, which Notice shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as "Exhibit A" and incorporated herein by reference the same as if it were set forth herein in full.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, prior to the publication of the Notice of Election, the President is authorized and directed to make any amendments to the foregoing propositions that may be required to comply with any state or federal regulatory agencies.

SECTION 3. Canvass. This Governing Authority shall meet at its regular meeting place, the Government Plaza Chambers, 505 Travis Street, Shreveport, Louisiana, on **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2026, at 3:30 P.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election.

SECTION 4. Polling Places. The polling places for the precincts in the Parish are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said elections, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, will be the same persons as those designated in accordance with law.

SECTION 5. Election Commissioners; Voting Machines. The officers designated to serve as Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners pursuant to Section 4 hereof, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, shall hold the said special election as herein provided, and shall make due returns of said election for the meeting of the Governing Authority to be held as provided in Section 3 hereof. All registered voters in the Parish will be entitled to vote at the special election, and voting machines shall be used.

SECTION 6. Authorization of Officers. The Clerk of the Governing Authority is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to arrange for and to furnish to said election officers in ample time for the holding of said election, the necessary equipment, forms and other paraphernalia essential to the proper holding of said election and the President and/or Clerk of the Governing Authority are further authorized, empowered and directed to take any and all further action required by State and/or Federal law to arrange for the election.

SECTION 7. Furnishing Election Call to Election Officials. Certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, the Clerk of Court and *Ex-Officio* Parish Custodian of Voting Machines of Caddo Parish and the Registrar of Voters of Caddo Parish, as notification of the special election, in order that each may prepare for said election and perform their respective functions as required by law.

SECTION 8. Application to State Bond Commission. Application is made to the State Bond Commission for consent and authority to hold the special election as herein provided, and in the event said election carries for further consent and authority to issue, sell and deliver the bonds provided for therein. A certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the State Bond Commission on behalf of this Governing Authority, together with a letter requesting the prompt consideration and approval of this application. By virtue of applicant/issuer's application for, acceptance and utilization of the benefits of the Louisiana State Bond Commission's approval(s) resolved and set forth herein, it resolves that it understands and agrees that such approval(s) are expressly conditioned upon, and it further resolves that it understands, agrees and binds itself, its successors and assigns to, full and continuing compliance with the "State Bond Commission Policy on Approval of Proposed Use of Swaps, or other forms of Derivative Products Hedges, Etc.", adopted by the Commission on July 20, 2006, as to the borrowing(s) and other matter(s) subject to the approval(s), including subsequent application and approval under said Policy of the implementation or use of any swap(s) or other product(s) or enhancement(s) covered thereby.

SECTION 9. Employment of Bond Counsel. This Governing Authority finds and determines that a real necessity exists for the employment of special counsel in connection with the issuance of the proposed general obligation bonds of the District, and accordingly, Foley & Judell, L.L.P., of New Orleans, Louisiana, as Bond Counsel, is hereby employed to do and perform work of a traditional legal nature as bond counsel with respect to the issuance and sale of said Bonds. Said Bond Counsel shall prepare and submit to this Governing Authority for adoption all of the proceedings incidental to the authorization, issuance, sale and delivery of such Bonds, shall counsel and advise this Governing Authority as to the issuance and sale thereof and shall furnish its opinions covering the legality of the issuance of the Bonds. The fee of Bond Counsel for each series of bonds shall be fixed at a sum not exceeding the fee allowed by the Attorney General's fee guidelines for such bond counsel work in connection with the issuance of such Bonds and based on the amount of said Bonds actually issued, sold, delivered and paid for, plus "out-of-pocket" expenses, said fees to be contingent upon the issuance, sale and delivery of said Bonds. The Parish Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to execute, and this Governing Authority hereby agrees to and accepts the terms of, the engagement letter of Bond Counsel appended hereto as Exhibit "B". A certified copy of this resolution shall be submitted to the Attorney General of the State of Louisiana for written approval of said employment and of the fees herein designated, and the Parish Administrator is hereby empowered and directed to provide for payment of the work herein specified upon completion thereof and under the conditions herein enumerated without further approval of this Governing Authority.

SECTION 10. Appointment of Municipal Advisor. The Issuer hereby retains Government Consultants, Inc., of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to act as its Municipal Advisor ("MA") pursuant to the provisions of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and the rules promulgated thereunder by the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Issuer hereby acknowledges that it is represented by the MA and will rely upon the advice of the MA with respect to the Bonds. The fee to be paid the MA shall be payable solely from the proceeds of the Bonds when and if issued, and the amount thereof shall be subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission. The Parish Administrator is hereby authorized and directed, in her discretion, to execute any contract the MA may require with respect to the engagement.

SECTION 11. Declaration of Official Intent. Prior to the delivery of the Bonds, the Issuer presently intends and reasonably expects that it may pay all or a portion of the costs of the Project from legally available funds in its General Fund or that may be transferred into its General Fund. Upon the issuance of the Bonds, the Issuer presently intends and reasonably expects to reimburse any such expenditures for the Project from a portion of the proceeds of the Bonds, provided that such reimbursement shall be in an amount not currently reasonably expected to exceed the maximum principal amount of the Bonds set forth in Section 1 hereof. Any such allocation of proceeds of the Bonds for reimbursement will be with respect to capital expenditures (as defined in Reg. 1.150-1(b)) and will be made not later than 18 months after the later of (i) the date such expenditure was paid or (ii) the date on which the Project was placed in service or abandoned, but in no event more than three years after the original expenditure is paid. This Section is intended to be a declaration of official intent within the meaning of Reg. 1.150-2, and certain terms used in this Section shall have the meaning given in such Regulation. For purposes of this Section, the Project includes constructing a multi-sports complex and other capital improvements, together with acquiring all necessary land, equipment and furnishings in the Parish. All of the expenditures covered by this Section were or will be made on and after the date which is 60 days prior to the effective date of this Resolution or as otherwise allowed by Reg. 1.150-2 which includes, among other things, an exception for "preliminary expenditures" as defined therein.

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

YEAS: Blake, Burrell, Cothran, Gage-Watts, Jones, Thomas, and G. Young (7).

NAYS: Atkins, Kracman, and Lazarus (3).

ABSENT: Epperson and J. Young (2).

And the resolution was declared adopted, on this, the 21<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2026.

/s/ Jeff Everson  
Clerk

/s/ Gregory Young  
President

**EXHIBIT "A"**

#### NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Caddo Parish Commission (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Caddo Parish, Louisiana (the "Parish"), on May 21, 2026, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held within the Parish on **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2026**, and that at the said election there will be submitted to all registered voters in the Parish qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

#### PROPOSITION (BOND)

Shall Caddo Parish, Louisiana (the "Parish"), incur debt and issue bonds not exceeding \$60,000,000, in one or more series, to run not exceeding 25 years from

the date thereof, with interest at a rate not exceeding 7% per annum, for the purpose of constructing a multi-sports complex and other capital improvements, together with acquiring all necessary land, equipment and furnishings, which bonds will be general obligations of the Parish and will be payable from ad valorem taxes to be levied and collected in the manner provided by Article VI, Section 33 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974 and statutory authority supplemental thereto, with no estimated increase in the millage rate to be levied in the first year of issue above the 1.50 mills currently being levied to pay General Obligation Bonds of the Parish?

The said special election will be held at each and every polling place in the Parish, which polls will open at six o'clock (6:00) a.m. and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La.

R.S. 18:541.

The polling places at the precincts in the Parish are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law.

The estimated cost of this election as determined by the Secretary of State based upon the provisions of Chapter 8-A of Title 18 and actual costs of similar elections is \$20,400.

Notice is further given that a portion of the monies collected from the tax described in the Proposition shall be remitted to certain state and statewide retirement systems in the manner required by law.

The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5, Chapter 6-A and Chapter 6-B of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, as provided in this Notice of Special Election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, will make due returns thereof to said Governing Authority, and **NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN** that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, the Government Plaza Chambers, 505 Travis Street, Shreveport, Louisiana, on **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2026, at 3:30 P.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election. All registered voters of the Parish are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used.

**EXHIBIT "B"**

## **ENGAGEMENT LETTER**

May 21, 2026

Ms. Erica Bryant, Parish Administrator  
Caddo Parish Commission  
Shreveport, Louisiana

Re: Proposed General Obligation Bonds of the Parish of Caddo, State of Louisiana

Dear Ms. Bryant:

The purpose of this engagement letter is to set forth certain matters concerning the role we will serve and the legal services we will provide as bond counsel to the Caddo Parish Commission (the "Issuer") in connection with the issuance of the captioned bonds (the "Bonds"). We understand that the Bonds will be issued for the purpose (the "Project") described in the resolution adopted by the Caddo Parish Commission (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Issuer, on May 21, 2026.

As bond counsel, we will prepare and submit to the Governing Authority for adoption all of the legal proceedings required for the authorization, issuance, sale and delivery of the Bonds and provide advice of a traditional legal nature as to the issuance and sale of the Bonds. Our job is principally to render certain opinions to the Issuer regarding (i) the validity of the Bonds under applicable Louisiana law, (ii) the exemption of interest paid on the bonds from federal and/or state taxes, and (iii) other matters as may be applicable. The bond opinion will be based on facts and law existing as of its date. In rendering such opinion, we will rely upon the certified proceedings and other certifications of public officials and other persons furnished to our firm without undertaking to verify the same by independent investigation, and we will assume continuing compliance by the Issuer with applicable laws and other resolutions relating to the Bonds. During the course of this engagement, we will rely upon the staff of the Issuer and the members of the Governing Authority to provide us with complete and timely information on all developments pertaining to any aspect of the Bonds.

In our engagement as bond counsel, we will:

- Confer with members of the working group, including you and other officials of the Issuer, relating to the Project and review legal issues relating to the structure of the Bond issue;

- Prepare the Issuing Bond Resolution and all related financing documents (collectively, the "Bond Documents");
- As requested, attend meetings of the Governing Authority at which the Bond Documents are adopted;
- Prepare the application for approval of the issuance of the Bonds by the State Bond Commission and attend the State Bond Commission meeting at which such approval will be considered;
- Prepare the closing index and various closing certificates, including the Tax Compliance Certificate, and supervise the execution of certain closing documents by the various parties thereto;
- Prepare and file Internal Revenue Service Form 8038-G, as required by Federal law;
- Prepare the Bonds and supervise their execution and authentication,
- Prepare complete transcripts of record covering the issuance of the Bonds and furnishing the transcripts to various parties in connection therewith; and
- Submit applicable post-closing reports to the State Bond Commission.

Our fee as bond counsel is based upon the terms, structure, size and schedule of the financing, the services provided, and the responsibilities assumed; however, our fee will not exceed that permitted by guidelines set forth by the Attorney General of the State of Louisiana and is subject to her approval. Our fee as bond counsel is a "contingent fee," meaning you are required to pay for our legal services only in the event the Bonds are actually sold and delivered. Other vendors or members of the working group may charge additional fees or costs for their services.

In addition to our services provided as bond counsel, you have requested that we prepare an official statement with respect to the sale of the Bonds in coordination with the working group. The costs associated with the preparation of the official statement will be invoiced separately from our fee as bond counsel as approved by the State Bond Commission.

We will continue to serve as bond counsel until the delivery of the Bonds; however, the Issuer and our firm each have the right to terminate this engagement at any time after providing reasonable advanced written notice, subject to the applicable rules of professional responsibility. Upon conclusion or termination of our representation of the Issuer, papers and property furnished by the Issuer will be returned promptly upon request.

Please note that we are not municipal advisors, and we do not render financial advice or other financial services to the Issuer; however, in the course of providing traditional legal services, we may provide factual information to the Issuer that is not specifically tailored to the Bonds or that does not rise to the level of a recommendation concerning a course of action. We will, however, analyze and advise the Issuer regarding the legal ramifications of the structure, timing, terms and other provisions of the Bonds, as these functions are essential to developing a plan of finance.

On behalf of the Issuer, you have represented to us that in connection with the issuance of the Bonds the Issuer is represented by, and with respect to financial matters will rely on the advice of, Government Consultants, Inc., of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, a registered municipal advisor under the rules promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission. By obtaining such representation from you, our firm is not a municipal advisor and is not subject to the fiduciary duty established in Section 15B(c)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

Applicable ethical rules in Louisiana prohibit us from undertaking this representation if we represent another party that is directly adverse to the Issuer or if there is a significant risk that other considerations will materially limit our representation of the Issuer. As you are aware, our firm represents the State of Louisiana and many other political subdivisions, including others in Caddo Parish. At this time, we do not believe any other current or past engagement of our firm adversely affects our ability to represent the Issuer as provided in this letter; however, we invite you to discuss any concerns you have with us.

In the interest of facilitating our services to you, we may (i) send documents, information or data electronically or via the Internet or (ii) store electronic documents or data via computer software applications hosted remotely or utilize cloud-based storage. Confidential electronic documents or data of the Issuer may be transmitted or stored using these methods. We may use third party service providers to store or transmit these documents or data. In using these electronic communication and storage methods, we employ reasonable efforts to keep such communications, documents and data secure in accordance with our obligations under applicable laws, regulations, and professional standards; however, the Issuer recognizes and accepts that we have no control over the unauthorized interception or breach of any communications, documents or data once it has been transmitted or if it has been subject to unauthorized access while stored, notwithstanding all reasonable security measures employed by us or by our third party service providers. By acceptance of this letter, the Issuer consents to our use of these electronic devices and applications and submission of confidential client information to or through third party service providers during this engagement.

If this letter is acceptable to the Issuer, please so indicate by executing below and returning a copy to us, retaining an original for your files. We appreciate the opportunity to serve the Issuer and look forward to working with you.

**FOLEY & JUDELL, L.L.P.**

**C. GRANT SCHLUETER, PARTNER**

**ACCEPTED AND APPROVED:  
PARISH OF CADDO, STATE OF LOUISIANA**

**NAME: ERICA BRYANT  
TITLE: PARISH ADMINISTRATOR**

**DATED: MAY 21, 2026**

cc: Government Consultants, Inc.

It was **moved by Mr. Jones**, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *that Resolution No. 36 of 2026, a resolution opposing the Louisiana Legislature's redistricting of Louisiana's United States Congressional Districts* be adopted.

President G. Young, who authored the resolution, spoke in support of the measure. He expressed concern regarding what he described as national and statewide efforts to redraw districts in ways that divide communities along partisan and racial lines. President G. Young stated that he believed such actions threatened progress achieved over several decades regarding representation for communities of color and warned against policies that could undermine cooperation and unity within Caddo Parish.

President G. Young stated that the purpose of the resolution was to send a message to state leaders in Baton Rouge urging them to avoid actions that could create further division within local communities. He characterized the resolution as an effort to promote collaboration and bridge-building rather than political polarization.

At this time, Mr. Jones' motion failed, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Burrell, Cothran, Gage-Watts, Jones, Thomas, and G. Young (6). NAYS: Commissioners Atkins, Blake, Kracman, and Lazarus (4). ABSENT: Commissioners Epperson and J. Young (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

There was no New Business nor Old Business.

#### **COMMUNIQUES & COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Mr. Thomas thanked President Young for introducing the resolution and stated that although the measure failed, he wished to join in sending a formal letter expressing opposition to the congressional redistricting effort. He invited other Commissioners who agreed with the position to join the correspondence individually.

- Mr. Burrell then offered extensive remarks concerning the historical significance and long-term implications of redistricting decisions. He reflected upon prior periods of both cooperation and division within the parish and warned that the recent congressional redistricting actions could produce lasting consequences for representation and community relations.

Mr. Burrell stated that racial considerations have historically influenced redistricting efforts, despite claims to the contrary, and argued that communities of color risked losing meaningful representation through the current process. He further expressed concern that longstanding progress achieved through decades of civil rights efforts could be undermined through political actions undertaken "with the stroke of a pen."

- Mr. Cothran requested that his name also be included on the formal letter opposing the redistricting proposal.

- Mrs. Gage-Watts likewise requested inclusion on the letter and clarified that the communication would represent only those Commissioners individually supporting the position rather than the Commission as a whole. She stated that fair representation and protection of electoral integrity are issues affecting all citizens and emphasized the national attention currently focused on Louisiana's redistricting efforts.

Mrs. Gage-Watts added that she believed elected officials had a responsibility to stand publicly for what they believed to be right and to advocate for equitable representation on behalf of their constituents

- Mr. Cothran also requested inclusion on the letter while clarifying that the position did not

represent an official action of the full Commission because fewer than a quorum of Commissioners supported the correspondence

- Mr. Jones concluded the discussion by remarking that if congressional maps were being justified based upon partisan voting tendencies statewide, similar logic could theoretically be applied to local political districts within Caddo Parish, noting that the parish itself often trends Democratic.

There were no Citizens Comments for late arrivals. There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

  
Michelle Nations  
Assistant Commission Clerk

  
Gregory Young  
President