

RESOLUTION NO. 43 OF 2026

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PARISH ADMINISTRATOR TO RETAIN THE SERVICES OF ATTORNEY MALCOLM S. MURCHISON AND THE LAW FIRM OF BRADLEY MURCHISON KELLY & SHEA LLC AS OUTSIDE LEGAL COUNSEL AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Parish has been named as a defendant in litigation styled Apex Natural Gas, LLC v. Silver Creek Exploration III, LLC, et al., Suit No. 663,621-B in the First Judicial District Court regarding SU138 Tracts and Lazard Wells; and

WHEREAS, Apex's suit seeks a declaratory judgment regarding competing mineral servitudes, ownership interests, and competing state agency leases affecting certain property interests in which both the Parish of Caddo and the City of Shreveport have interests; and

WHEREAS, Apex is represented by the law firm of Bradley Murchison Kelly & Shea LLC; and

WHEREAS, Apex is asserting that the Parish of Caddo has superior mineral ownership in the property at interest and thus, Apex's interest is aligned with Caddo Parish's interest; and

WHEREAS, the issues presented in this litigation involve complex matters of oil and gas law, mineral rights, and land-use law requiring specialized expertise; and

WHEREAS, the Parish has previously retained the services of attorney Malcolm S. Murchison and the law firm Bradley Murchison Kelly & Shea LLC with respect to oil and gas issues; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Murchison and his firm are widely recognized as legal experts in oil and gas matters; and

WHEREAS, the Parish Attorney is recommending to the Commission that it would be in the best interest of Caddo Parish for it waive any conflict of interest and to retain the services of attorney Malcolm S. Murchison of the law firm Bradley Murchison Kelly & Shea LLC to provide counsel to the Parish and Commission in the above-referenced lawsuit; and

WHEREAS, the Parish Attorney's Office is requesting that the Commission appoint outside counsel familiar with matters related to oil and gas, land-use, and other matters so accompanying; and

WHEREAS, the Commission does hereby concur in the Parish Attorney's recommendation to retain Malcolm S. Murchison and the firm of Bradley Murchison Kelly & Shea LLC in the aforesaid matter;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session concerned that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby authorize the Parish Administrator or her designee to waive any potential conflict of interest and retain Malcolm S. Murchison and the firm Bradley Murchison Kelly and Shea LLC on behalf of Caddo Parish at an hourly rate not to exceed **\$350.00** for Mr. Murchison and other attorneys with ten or more years of experience, with other terms of the engagement being set for and a retainer agreement to be negotiated between the Parish Attorney and the law firm.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

Approved as to legal form:

Office of The Parish Attorney

Date