

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF
THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION
HELD ON THE 9th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2021

The Caddo Parish Commission met in a Regular Session, on the above date, at 3:30 p.m., via Zoom teleconference, with Mr. Johnson, presiding, and the following members in attendance constituting a quorum: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Cawthorne, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (12). ABSENT: None (0).

The invocation was given by Mr. Chavez, and Mr. Cawthorne led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Carla Buntyn called into the Commission and gave the following statement:

Vanessa Smith called into the Commission and gave the following statement:

Dr. Kirk Williams called into the Commission and gave the following statement:

**COMMISSION SITS AS A TAX BOARD OF REVIEW
FOR THE YEAR 2021**

At this time, in keeping with State law, the Commission would designate itself as a Board of Review to hear protest, if any, of the 2021 tax assessments. During the next two weeks, the Board would hear any protests received. He then asked Mr. Charles Henington, Assessor for Caddo Parish, to come forward.

Mr. Henington presented the following letter:

Dear Members of the Board of Review:

As Assessor in and for the Parish of Caddo, this is to certify that the assessments on property located in and/or assessable in Caddo Parish have been listed and assessed in accordance with Title 47; Section 1992.

It is further certified that the said assessments have been exposed for public review for 15 calendar days beginning August 19, 2021 and ending September 2, 2021.

Said certification of the above is hereby given to the Board of Review as required by Title 47; Section 1992.

*/s/Charles R. Henington, Jr., C.L.A.
Assessor Caddo Parish*

Mr. Henington said that there are no appeals, so there is no reason to have an appeal hearing.

ADOPT REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Hopkins, *to adopt the Regular Session Minutes from August 5, 2021 and August 19, 2021. Motion carried by acclamation.*

ZONING ORDINANCES (for introduction by title)

- *Ordinance No. 6102 of 2021, in regards to Zoning Case 21-27-P, an ordinance to amend Volume II of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo, as amended, the Caddo Parish Unified Development Code, by amending the zoning of property located on the north side of Ellerbe Road at the end of Redrick Drive, Caddo Parish, LA, from R-1-7, Single-Family Residential District to C-1, Neighborhood Commercial District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

ORDINANCES (for introduction by title)

- *Ordinance No. 6104 of 2021, an ordinance amending the Budgets of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Building Maintenance Fund, Capital Improvement Fund, General Fund, Parks & Recreation Fund, Oil & Gas Fund, Public Works Fund, Detention Facilities Fund, Juvenile Justice Fund, Riverboat Fund, and the Solid Waste Fund for the year 2021 to terminate completed or lapsed capital projects, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

- *Ordinance No. 6105 of 2021, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the E. Edward Jones Housing Trust Fund for the year 2021 to appropriate Emergency Rental Assistance Program from the State of Louisiana, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6106 of 2021, an ordinance amending the Budgeted of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the E. Edward Jones Housing Trust Fund for the year 2021 to reduce the budget for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program 2, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6107 of 2021, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues for the American Rescue Plan Fund to provide an appropriation of up to \$30,000 for the Martin Luther King Homeowners Association, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6108 of 2021, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Parks & Recreation Fund to appropriate No Kid Hungry Grant proceeds in the amount of \$49,925, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6110 of 2021, an ordinance amending Section 8-8 to expand training opportunities for Animal Control Officers*

WORK SESSION MINUTES

It was **moved by Mr. Epperson**, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *that the Work Session Minutes from August 16, 2021 and September 7, 2021 be ratified. Motion carried by acclamation.*

RESOLUTIONS

It was **moved by Mr. Atkins**, seconded by Mr. Lazarus, *that Resolution No. 62 of 2021, a resolution to relocate the polling place for Precinct 72 from LSUS Baptist Student Center, One University Place, Shreveport, Louisiana 71115 to University Elementary School, 9900 Smitherman Drive, Shreveport, Louisiana 71115, and otherwise providing with respect thereto be adopted.*

Mr. Atkins said that LSUS has been growing dramatically, so much so that they've consumed the location that was used for voting. Because of this, they had to relocate to another location.

Substitute motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Burrell, *that Resolution No. 64 of 2021, a resolution requesting the Registrar of Voters and Caddo Parish Administrator to take all necessary action to add an early voting location at the Shreve Memorial Hamilton Library be postponed until the next Regular Session, and otherwise providing with respect thereto and to englobo and adopt the following resolutions:*

- *Resolution No. 62 of 2021, a resolution to relocate the polling place for Precinct 72 from LSUS Baptist Student Center, One University Place, Shreveport, Louisiana 71115 to University Elementary School, 9900 Smitherman Drive, Shreveport, Louisiana 71115, and otherwise providing with respect thereto*
- *Resolution No. 63 of 2021, a resolution to authorize the Caddo Parish Administrator to consent to the assignment of State Agency Leases 19509, 20131, 20133, and 20134, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.*

Mr. Jackson said that he spoke with the Registrar of Voters. It is his understanding that there may be something that the Secretary of State's Office is looking at something as well.

At this time, Mr. Jackson's substitute motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Cawthorne, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (12). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: None (0). ABSTAIN: None (0).

RESOLUTION NO. 62 OF 2021

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION TO RELOCATE THE POLLING PLACE FOR PRECINCT 72 FROM LSUS BAPTIST STUDENT CENTER, ONE UNIVERSITY PLACE, SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA 71115 TO UNIVERSITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 9900 SMITHERMAN DRIVE, SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA 71115, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING

WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the established polling location for Precinct No. 72 is located at LSUS Baptist Student Center, One University Place, Shreveport, Louisiana 71115; and

WHEREAS, LSUS Baptist Student Center is no longer available to be a polling location; and

WHEREAS, University Elementary School, 9900 Smitherman Drive, Shreveport, Louisiana 71115, located 1.4 miles from the original location, is available and is a suitable location for the polling place for Precinct 72 as it is already a polling place.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby change the polling location for Precinct No. 72 from LSUS Baptist Student Center, One University Place, Shreveport, Louisiana 71115 to University Elementary School, 9900 Smitherman Drive, Shreveport, Louisiana 71115.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that notice of this change shall be published in the official journal of the parish in accordance with La.R.S. 18:535.

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

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63 OF 2021

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CADDO PARISH ADMINISTRATOR TO CONSENT TO THE ASSIGNMENT OF STATE AGENCY LEASES 19509, 20131, 20133 AND 20134, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo is a Lessor in those certain oil, gas and mineral leases described as State Agency Leases 19509, 20131, 20133 and 20134 recorded under various Registry Numbers in the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo has received a written request seeking consent from the Parish of Caddo of an assignment of State Agency Leases 19509, 20131, 20133 and 20134.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that the Administrator is hereby authorized to consent to the assignment of State Agency Leases 19509, 20131, 20134, 20133, 19737 and 19740.

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.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

- U.S. Treasury Emergency Rental Assistance Program

Dr. Wilson said that 7,552 applicants have been served under this program. He also mentioned that there is no waiting period for any of the assistance, as long as all the documentation is completed properly.

- Juvenile Detention Center

Dr. Wilson said there are currently fifteen juveniles in the detention center and six 17-year-olds; two of which came from Houma because of Hurricane Ida. There are eight juveniles in CCC.

- Vaccination Clinic

Dr. Wilson announced that the vaccination clinic went well and was successful.

COMMUNIQUES/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mr. Jackson mentioned that President Biden mandated employees of all Head Start programs to be vaccinated. He also said that any persons who has a federal contract will also have to the vaccine.

He also mentioned to Administration that he would like to have a head start on the Cherokee Park Cleanup. Mr. Jackson asked that a representative come and speak to the residents of Cherokee Park and let them know what their expectations are for the cleanup.

Mr. Jackson also said that he forwarded Administration an email from NACo regarding the Emergency Rental Assistance Program. He explained that those parishes or counties that participate in the webinars may go a larger pool to be vetted by the White House.

- Mr. Atkins commended Mrs. Barnett and the Finance Department for preparing the Budget Retreat earlier this week.
- Mr. Epperson said that he received some complaints of loud music, gunshots, and large crowds at Pinchback Park last Sunday between 4PM to 6PM. He asked that the Parks & Recreation Department check to see if the gates are closed during that time.

He thanked Mr. Weaver for providing a map of the drilling in District 12 and is working on getting an overlay of the transmission pipelines, compressors, and relief valves that are transferring the oil and gas in District 12.

Mr. Epperson also announced that Pleasant Hill Baptist Church will be hosting vaccination clinic on Sunday, September 12 from 11:30 AM until 3:30 PM. Pleasant Hill Baptist Church will also be hosting a blood drive on Saturday, September 18 from 10 AM until 2 PM.

He also reminded everyone of the 20th Anniversary of the September 11 Attack on America.

- Mr. Hopkins commended Mr. Wesley and the Parks & Recreation Department for all the hard work they put into the Richard Fleming Park. He also announced that Robert Nance Park will be celebrating a by-way grant they received. The celebration will be on September 25 at noon. He encouraged all to come.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Johnson said that he's requested extra patrols for the Pinchback Park area. He received information that the shooting at Pinecrest Mobile Home Park could have stemmed from an incident at Pinchback Park.

He also addressed some of the comments made during Citizens Comments. He set up a meeting between Ms. Buntyn and Mr. Guidry regarding a program that she was interested in implementing. Mr. Guidry explained to her that there is a program already in place that is similar to the one she wanted to implement, but she could leave her information and it would be available to the citizens. Mr. Johnson said that Ms. Buntyn wanted to be injected into the process, but he reminded her that was CCAA's process.

Mr. Johnson also said that the NGO Appropriations Committee met. There was \$1.9M in NGO requests, but the Committee was able to cut down the appropriations to \$781,500. He mentioned that Ms. Buntyn's program received \$5,000 during that process. He apologized if Ms. Buntyn felt offended by his language.

There was no further discussion to come before the Commission, so the meeting was adjourned at 4:16 p.m.


Michelle Nations
Assistant Commission Clerk


Lyndon B. Johnson
President