

MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION
OF THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION
HELD ON THE 18th DAY OF JANUARY, 2022

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

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

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Shirley Pierson came before the Commission and gave the following comment:

I am here representing the School Park Neighborhood Association, which consists of approximately 80 families. The subdivision is located right off Fort Street. So, we travel it daily. We're concerned about the deplorable condition of that street and some sections in particular. It has been disgraceful for a few years now and at the section of the street from Leroy to Dale, the southside lane heading east, is tearing up our vehicles. Some people choose to drive on the other side of the street sometime when, you know, I've seen a few people drive on the other side of the street to avoid the bumps, the potholes, the unevenness of the streets. The humps and bumps in certain sections is really like a roller coaster. So, we have informed City and official Parish officials about the condition of the street and we were told that it is a State Highway. So, it is now our understanding that the State is willing to do improvements after the City of Shreveport does their part; and, I understand that the Parish's involvement is also crucial in getting this done; and, that's why we're before you today. We're asking that you do whatever it takes within your power to fix this problem. Fort street is well travelled. It leads directly to downtown; and, I'm sure you know that the Amazon plant is near that section, so that's going to mean even more traffic. Finally, since I am here today I'd like to thank you, especially Commissioner Jackson, for taking the initiative to name a portion of Ford Street after my husband the late Carl Pierson, who served as a Parish Commissioner for twelve years. So, when we received the notification from the state, my family and I were very elated that Carl would be honored in this manner. So, thank you very much. We hope and pray that you will help in repairing and maintaining Fort Street for the citizens in the Allendale community and for those in other communities who travel it frequently and we thank you again for this opportunity.

Travis Bogan came before the Commission and gave the following comment:

I am here to talk about the Ford Street also. I am a member of the historical Mount Canaan Baptist Church with is located in the Allendale community, and all of our members have to travel Fort Street in order to get to our church services. The condition of the street is really unacceptable. It's really as Mrs. Piercing stated, its not even good for your vehicle to travel. I don't know what the speed limit is it's like one continuous speed bump and I, also, would like to thank Commissioner Jackson for his commitment to doing something; and I encourage all of you to support that effort. Thank you.

Paul Pratt came before the Commission and gave the following comment:

I have rising again in opposition of Resolution 84. That would come before you guys today and on Thursday. You should have a joint letter from LAMOGA, as well as, LOGA in opposition of this resolution also. We see that this resolution is very restrictive and essentially imposes a de facto moratorium on oil and gas drilling. Since, 2014 in Natural gas industry has produced about 5,000 jobs annually in here in Caddo Parish, as well as, \$190M annual payroll. In addition to that, \$100M in severance tax as well as ad valorem taxes to Caddo Parish. Resolution 84 should be-will be restrictive and crippling to our economy, because our oil and gas producers can go across state line to Texas, where they have less restrictive language in their language for rules in their drilling and operating. For example, setbacks. We see that it's proposed 3,000 feet setback. It's not based on any science or any data or current analytics. This is overreaching. As well as, probably the most restrictive setback in the nation. So, we've worked with other communities Desoto Parish, Bossier Parish and come down with common language that makes sense not only for those Parish governments, but also for land owners. There're other things that are also in 84, nighttime completion, which could be problematic for operators; because, it will prolong them drilling as well as fracking. Could increase costs as well as pulling thousands of feet of pipe out of the ground each night. That will be a safety issue for, not only our workers on the forefront, but also our land owners. There are other things that are also mentioned in these twelve provisions of Resolution 84. We see something as significant as a financial surety. That could be very problematic, because of the potential for misuse and all the other provisions and mechanism are already the rules of the state. We ask that you continued to work with the industry as well as department of natural resources to come up with a conservative effort to mitigate noise and dust and all that for the land owners here in Caddo Parish; and I just want you guys to remember one of the reason Caddo Parish is flush with a nice revenue because of the money that you receive from oil and gas exploration about ten years ago. Let's not make these operators go to other areas. Thank you.

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

Good afternoon. I am here also in support of Shirley Pierson. I am the Vice President of the School Park Association; and, our concerns are, again, Ford Street. As a lifelong resident of the Allendale/Lakeside community, the neighborhood that I reside in was built in 1962. Therefore, this neighborhood is 59 to 60 years old this year; and, in my lifetime being a residence there, I've never seen Ford Street in such a condition that it is. It is very unsafe to travel. If you don't wear your seatbelt, you will wear it once you come off of Ford Street. I guarantee you. You will end up in the top of your vehicle. It is a very frequent traveled street and I know that you guys will do what is within your power to help us in this situation. There are various churches that are on that street-major churches. As far as, Saint Rest in that area, Mount Canaan, Trinity Baptist Church, and all of these churches use that as an assessment to their property. As well as, going downtown. In fact, there is on the other end of Ford Street, which is Caddo, there is also construction of nice apartments going up; and, I'm quite sure that the people who have the tendency to move in there would not like to have to travel that roller coaster ride in order to get home or away from home. As well as, Amazon being in that area. So, please if you would do what is right in assisting us in getting that corrected. Thank you for your time and your patience.

VISITORS

- Red River Waterway Commission
Colin S. Brown
P.E., Executive Director of Red River Waterway Commission

Mr. Burrell said that they have postponed their visit with the Commission once again. Mr. Jackson and Mr. Young would like to be a part of the discussions with the Red River Waterway Commission.

The Clerk of the Commission mentioned that the Red River Waterway Commission submitted the following letter, which is also attached to the electronic agenda:

Commissioners,

My name is Colin Brown and I am the Executive Director of the Red River Waterway Commission. Thank you for the opportunity to provide a written update on the Red River Waterway Commission. As you well know, we are all living in very challenging times and having to adjust our activities as we continue to deal with the impacts of COVID. I will give you a brief summary of the Commission and recent Commission activities.

- *The Red River Waterway Commission is the local sponsor of the J. Bennett Johnston Navigation Project, which we all know as, the Red River.*
- *The Red River Navigation Project was authorized by Congress in 1968. The Red River Waterway Commission was created in 1965. Construction began on the Locks and Dams in 1977 with Lock and Dam No. 1 opening in 1984. Locks and Dams 4 and 5 were completed in 1994 making the river fully operational.*
- *The Red River flows for 270 miles in Louisiana. Of that 270 miles, approximately 220 miles are commercially navigable with that portion stretching from the Old River Lock to the Caddo-Bossier Port. It is authorized for a 9' deep by 200' wide navigation channel.*
- *Currently there are 5 locks and dams on the Red River that provide a total lift of 141 feet.*
- *The Red River Waterway District covers a 7-parish area that includes Caddo, Bossier, Red River, Natchitoches, Grant, Rapides, and Avoyelles Parishes.*
- *The Commission is chaired by the Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, who appoints someone to act in his stead. It is governed by 11 Commissioners appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. There is one Commissioner from each of the 7 parishes that serve 6-year terms. Additionally, there are 4 At-Large Commissioners that serve terms concurrent with the Governor. As you all know, the Caddo Parish representative on the Commission is Mr. Ronald Lattier and the At-Large Commissioner from Caddo Parish is Mr. Versa Clark.*
- *The Commission, among other things, promotes economic and recreational development along the River.*
- *The Commission, with the Red River as the required nexus, works closely with the 5 public ports on the Red River as part of its economic development role.*
- *The five public ports include the Caddo-Bossier Port, the Red River Parish Port, the Natchitoches Parish Port, the Central Louisiana Regional Port, and the Avoyelles Parish Port.*
- *The Caddo-Bossier Port is the largest of the public ports on the Red River. The Commission currently has three Caddo-Bossier Port projects for which we have budgeted funds including: 1) Heavy Load Multi-Modal Warehouse with RRWC Investment of \$3,435,500, 2) Hardstand/Barge Infrastructure Project with RRWC Investment of \$3,963,650, 3) Slack Water Harbor Dredging Project with RRWC Investment of \$320,000. Recently, the Commission has worked with the Caddo-Bossier Port on completed projects that include: 1) Material Handling Equipment,*

- 2) Warehouse Expansion, 3) Wheel Loader, 4) Dock Fendering System, etc.
- On the recreation side, the Commission owns and operates 19 Recreation Areas. The Commission has 3 Recreation Areas in Caddo Parish - the North Caddo Recreation Area, the Stoner Recreation Area, and the Bishop Point Recreation Area. Combined, these 3 Recreation Areas alone had a 2021 attendance of nearly 240,000 visitors.
- Current Commission projects in Caddo Parish include the Texas Street Bridge Lighting Project with RRWC Investment of \$1,000,000, and the Bishop Point, Red Bayou, and Natchitoches Comfort Station Project with RRWC Investment of approximately \$843,000. Recently completed projects in Caddo Parish include: 1) Stoner/Teague Dock Rehabilitation with RRWC Investment of approximately \$3,000,000, 2) Shreveport Riverview Phase II Project with RRWC Investment of approximately \$1,179,000.
- In a combined economic development/recreation effort, the Commission works with the Shreveport-Bossier Sports Commission to bring fishing events to the Red River. In 2021 the following events occurred in the Caddo Parish area:
 1. The Bass Federations High School State Championship - Economic Impact \$269,622
 2. The Bass Federation National Championship - over 100 anglers from all over the country with an average stay of 7-10 days - Economic Impact \$271,055
 3. Crappie Expo & Mr. Crappie Invitational -The Expo utilized the entire Shreveport Convention Center for 3 days with over 100 vendors. 25,000 visitors attended the Expo over 3 days. Over 200 anglers competed in the event from all over the country. Expo Economic Impact - \$3,739,785, Tournament Economic Impact \$378,162
 4. Kayak Bass Federation National Championship & Expo -The expo was held at the Shreveport Convention Center for 2 days and had over 30 vendors. 350 Anglers competed in the event- Economic Impact \$997,121
- As many of you will recall, the Red River hosted the 2009 and 2012 Bass Master Classics. We continue to seek to have these, and other, tournaments on the Red River.
- In regards to the economic and recreation development on the Red River, a question might be asked as to whether or not the investment in the J. Bennett Johnston Navigation Project is paying off. In that regard, in 2019, the Commission had Dr. Loren Scott complete an update to an Economic Impact Study that was originally prepared in 2006 and updated in 2013. The Economic Impact Study professionally, statistically, and empirically confirms the positive impacts from the Red River. The Red River Waterway Commission, working together with ports and communities along the Red River, has brought over \$10.8 billion dollars to the 7-parish region. As outstanding as that dollar amount is, when adjusted for inflation and put into 2019 dollars, it jumps to almost \$14.4 billion.
- To more easily see the impacts of the Project, for every \$1 of tax collected, over \$36 in new spending, over \$61 in new business sales, and over \$18 in new household earnings has been generated.
- In spite of all of the good news, we face many challenges. One of the major challenges is the reduction in federal funding for channel dredging and backlog maintenance, and for waterways in general. The Commission continues to work closely with the Corps of Engineers regarding these challenges.
- As we move into 2022 and beyond, the Commission will continue to foster economic and recreation development by working with ports and communities on the Red River. New initiatives that the Commission has approved or is considering include the Extension of Navigation into Arkansas and a 12' Navigation Channel on the Red River. These items, if completed, would play a major role in the continued development of the Red River, Caddo Parish, and the entire Red River Waterway District.

Once again, thank you for the opportunity to provide this update on the recent and current activities of the Red River Waterway Commission. Thank you for what you, as Caddo Parish Commissioners, do for Caddo Parish and for our region.

Sincerely,
/s/Colin S. Brown, P.E.
Executive Director

- North LA Criminalistics Laboratory
Teri Pritchard

It was **moved by Mr. Young**, seconded by Mr. Burrell, to move Colin S. Brown as a Visitor to Thursday's agenda. Motion carried by acclamation.

- Put A Poem On It
Poetic X and Pam Atchison

Poetic X thanked the Commission for appointing him as Poet Laureate for Caddo Parish. He is proposing placing a poem mural in each one of the Commission districts that speaks to the history, neighborhood experiences, etc. that depicts that district.

Ms. Atchison said that even though Poetic X put together a timeline and budget for one year, this might be a two-year project.

Mr. Jackson wanted to know how Poetic X sees how this fit in with the character of the neighborhoods and how he would get students involved. Poetic X said that these murals and poems would motivate, encourage, and even inspire students to get more involved in literacy programs. It is his goal to get as many people as possible to gravitate towards poetry. Poetic X also said that he teaches workshops, so he can help people get their works recorded or published.

Ms. Atchison said that the poem murals would be Poetic X's work, and the QR codes attached to it would be a recording of that poem by Poetic X.

Mr. Young suggested power washing murals.

- Greater Shreveport Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Program
Kay West

Ms. West said that she was in the 44th class for the Leadership Program, and they learned about economic development, transportation, and education. For their class project, they put together a public arts project and would like to partner with the Commission to possibly help fund it.

Mr. Cordavian Baylor said that the objective and goal from the Chamber Class is to communicate the deep desire for positive transformation and continued expansion and growth across this community. The project would be to create a landmark at the Marshall Street underpass, which goes right into downtown. It would be wrapped in colors that would represent the welcoming and encompassing feel and identity and culture of Caddo-Bossier citizens. He also said that the symbol of the butterfly would be incorporated in this project because it represents transformation. It is their goal to work with all community leader in order to communicate and serve as pillars of this community and make this happen.

Mr. Jackson requested that they submit an NGO application for this project. He also said that he is supportive of this project and hopes the Commission will support it as well.

Ms. West mentioned that they do have a budget for \$50,000. She said that the first round of funding came from the City of Shreveport, and they were also able to raise about \$13,000. They are asking the Caddo Commission to match those funds.

Mr. Chavez said that he is in support of this project. He mentioned that his office is adjacent to these pillars. He envisions a quarterly community clean-up with murals across every building. It is his hope to revitalize Marshall Street. He appreciates this team from coming today. Mr. Chavez also wanted to know how artists would participate in this endeavor. Mr. Baylor said that he has been doing public art throughout the City. He also said that he is the lead artist on this project and has two assistant artists, Ben Moss and Eric Francis. Boom lifts are also being acquired for this project since the tallest column is about 38 feet tall.

Mr. Young suggested power washing art. He also suggested this same type of art project on Dalzell Street under I-49.

Mr. Burrell asked Dr. Magner to speak on the Umbrella Broadband Committee.

Dr. Magner explained that the City, Caddo Commission, School Board, Shreve Memorial Library, and the Sheriff's Office got together to discuss developing a coherent broadband plan for this Parish. He also said that there is going to be a significant amount of federal dollars coming this way as a consequence of the bipartisan infrastructure bill that was passed. They want to avoid duplication, so they are looking at ways to create connections between the networks and systems that already exist. Currently, there is an informal collaboration to identify areas where there is either under-capacity or over-capacity in both the City and the Parish. They've also been in contact with the State Broadband Direction and are working with to do try and enable the alignment and integration of funding. Currently, the E-Rate Funding is restrictive in terms of how it can be used to access school and library patrons, but many neighborhoods around those institutions could benefit from Wi-Fi access. They've been successful at working with the schools and the law enforcement agencies to provide access to school cameras for first responders in an active shooter situation. They are hoping to meet again beginning in February to figure out the alignment around the federal dollars.

Mr. Burrell said that the Geaux Grant's deadline was December 31, 2021. He mentioned that the providers have to apply for those monies.

- Community Healthcare Solutions
Dr. Yolanda Burnom

Dr. Burnom said that pre-pandemic, Community Healthcare Solutions treated over 3,000 clients with intensive services. She explained that clients come in, and they provide intensive services for 14 days, then they are discharged from their program. Of those 3,000 clients, less than 2% returned for additional services or was admitted to an inpatient psychiatric facility or the legal system. During May of 2019, the Department of Health & Hospitals (DHH) and Medicaid came in and wanted to know why Community Healthcare Solutions were sending their clients through crisis services. Dr. Burnom told them that the old way of keeping clients for long-term is a medical model that does not work. After this site visit, Southern Poverty Law Center sued the State of Louisiana for non-existence intensive community-based services. She said that Community Healthcare Solutions is in the process of opening a 24/7 crisis stabilization center called Alternative Interventions. This will be a duplex that can house 8-12 clients up to 14 days, but their goal is to keep them between 5-7 days. It will be staffed 24/7 with a licensed provider, mental health specialist, peer support, and a nurse. They will also have a computer lab and daily activities. They will also offer a mobile crisis van. It is their goal to offer a different solution aside from Brentwood or the Juvenile Detention Center for non-violent crimes. They hope to partner with law enforcement agencies and probations officers to create a test pilot of this model.

Mr. Burrell said that he visited the facility, and this organization is much needed for this community and Parish.

Mr. Jackson pointed out that three different addresses were mentioned. Dr. Burnom explained that the Youree Drive location is for the admin offices, Quentin Street will be where the duplexes are located, and currently, Community Healthcare Solutions is located at 1519 Creswell. Mr. Jackson understood. He is also interested in talking with Dr. Burnom about the medical costs at CCC. He also mentioned to her the empty building that is across the street from CCC.

Mr. Jackson then wanted to know if this facility will be an in-patient facility. Dr. Burnom said that it is not, but an intensive community-based program. It is not their goal to keep clients in treatment for a long period of time.

Mr. Johnson asked that Administration look in to programs that they already have that would fit into Dr. Burnom's program.

- Waste Water Study Update
Kevin Murnane

Mr. Murnane said that the Parish provided funding for a parish-wide waste water program for community health. This testing is a profoundly useful technology and can detect anything on a community level that a physician can detect from an individual.

Dr. Murnane explained how wastewater testing is a useful technology in public health monitoring as well as detecting COVID viral activity on a community level and that the wastewater testing has the ability to detect coronavirus before someone becomes symptomatic. He further explained that wastewater tests are being used across the country and alerted the Commission that there are reports that Boston's spike in coronavirus was found in their wastewater before the omicron variant reached Massachusetts. Dr. Murnane stated that wastewater tests can also test for methamphetamine, opioids, markers for cardiovascular health, cancer metrics, and any other test similar to what a physician can test. He also stated that the tests are an objective scientific system that could help direct fair and equitable public health decision. Dr. Murnane stated that they have been completing tests for over a year and a half in the City of Shreveport and have found that there are drug prevalence across all communities in Shreveport. Compared to a town in Kentucky that is known for its methamphetamine substance use, their wastewater tests ranged from 200-400 and Shreveport ranged in the 4000s. Dr. Murnane explained that there are drugs in Shreveport's underserved and overserved neighborhoods and that the data from their tests are used in interventions. He stated that they work with the Addiction Center, LSU and the Shreveport Police Department in handling crisis intervention training and de-escalation training in handling excited delirium, an effect of methamphetamine use causing provoked fear. Dr. Murnane also explained that they did not see the spike from the omicron variant due to their sampling schedule and have increased their frequency in testing and sequencing variances. He informed the Commission that they are trying to build a statewide consortium system by expanding into the rural areas of the Parish. They are facing challenges in testing in rural areas, because they are not on the City's water system or use septic tanks. Dr. Murnane stated that they are working with Louisiana Department of Health to create a statewide consortium and are trying to include Tulane, LSU Baton Rouge, University of Louisiana Lafayette, Grambling University, Louisiana Tech University Louisiana, Monroe and Shreveport as well as any other interested partners or universities that were interested. He requested the Commissioners with relationships Shreveport's closest municipalities Oil City, Vivian, Mooringsport, Greenwood, Blanchard and Keithville help facilitate inclusion in the wastewater testing.

Mr. Johnson asked Dr. Murnane if the wastewater plant's aeration pumps that spray mist into the atmosphere are dangerous and spreading the COVID virus to nearby neighborhoods and subdivisions. Dr. Murnane responded that there are small fragments of the virus' DNA strands in the mist that are not living nor can it replicate, reproduce and that is extremely unlikely that it could cause infection. He also stated that the DNA is excreted by people who are infected but are not symptomatic and that excreted DNA can signify the level of infection in a community. Mr. Johnson voiced concern that the wastewater treatment could spray water into the yards and backyards of homes and on people. Dr. Murnane stated that there has not been a recorded circumstance of an infection caused by wastewater mist. Although, he cannot guarantee it won't happen but it is extremely unlikely.

Mr. Young asked how the water is tested from treatment plants and whether those tests can isolate results by neighborhood. Dr. Murnane explained that they gain access to waste water through manholes that they can map the feeder lines that go to through the access point. Then, they go to a lift station to get service from the manhole to the overall system. Mr. Young asked Dr. Murnane for suggestions on possible public health measures could be taken to contain a single, highly infected neighborhood. Dr. Murnane responded that there is heated debate about that and stated that targeted notifications through the City's network in that particular area and increased outreach for vaccinations, social distancing, masking, and other interventions can occur. The issue that is in discussion is for more vigorous interventions. Mr. Young asked if cordoning off a neighborhood is an option. Dr. Murnane stated that they have tried that in South Africa and it did not work at all.

Mr. Burrell expressed excitement for Dr. Murnane's research and how it provides a myriad of significant scientific and unbiased information about neighborhoods. He agreed that being able to identify high drug activity in neighborhoods could help the police department with creating a program to do better.

Mr. Jackson wanted to know if the wastewater testing correlates with testing positive rates and hospitalizations. Dr. Murnane explained that there is a delay between the correlations due to random factors, people who are positive do not get tested or people who are positive with COVID just wait it out and self-quarantine without a follow up test. He also mentioned that reversely the wastewater testing does correlate when infections have increased and decreased in neighborhoods.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

- U.S. Treasury Emergency Rental Assistance Program

Mrs. Barnett said that they are currently writing on their last allocation from the Treasury. They were reallocated funds through the State and through the national pool of \$5.2M, but they have not received those funds. They have already allocated approximately \$4M of those funds to be paid out as soon as they are received. The deadline for submitting applications is Wednesday, January 19, 2022. In the event there is a reallocation from Treasury, they will go through the process of reopening the application portal. The Parish of Caddo has distributed approximately \$40M of ERAP funds.

Dr. Wilson commended the Finance Department for all of their hard work in providing the citizens with this funding.

Mr. Jackson asked about Grace Project. Dr. Wilson said that they are lacking in the proper document based on what the Treasury requires. He also said that they have reached out to them in order to obtain that documentation. Dr. Wilson also mentioned that each of the community partners received \$10,000 for startup costs.

Dr. Wilson also pointed out that no customer, of the 14,000 that were served, said they were displeased with any particular organization.

Mrs. Gage-Watts wanted to know who were the attorneys that were helping with eviction mitigation. Attorney Frazier said Jeremy Baybars, Thomas Mayfield, and Alonzo Jackson were, but their contract ended December 31, 2021. She also mentioned that they were not compensated unless they actually assisted someone. Attorney Frazier also said that Alonzo Jackson is still under contract because he has assisted people since December 31, 2021. Mrs. Gage-Watts then wanted to know how many people were helped. Attorney Frazier said that three or four people were assisted. Mrs. Gage-Watts then wanted to know how was this advertised. Attorney Frazier said that it was placed on the website and mentioned in the meetings. She also mentioned that persons who are eligible for assistance with eviction mitigation have to be direct participants.

Mr. Johnson suggested having more advertisement for important issues, such as eviction mitigation. He said that most people don't go to the website. Mrs. Bryant said that they also used social media as a form of advertisement. Mr. Johnson suggested advertising these types of issues on TV.

- Juvenile Detention

There are 21 children in the detention center; six of which are 17 year old, five are OJJ. There are also 8 children in CCC.

Mr. Young asked for an update on what is needed to make conditions for juveniles at CCC more humane and appropriate to their age. Dr. Wilson said that he, Attorney Bernstein, and Mrs. Bryant met with Sheriff Prator, along with their Chief Deputy. The Sheriff's concern was that they are short on personnel, and he had to put the kids into areas where the adults were located. Some of the kids had gang affiliations; when they were left by themselves, they would fight with each other. To manage that, the Sheriff had to split them up. Sheriff Prator said that they are 75 deputies short, so there is a tremendous staffing problem that prohibits him from having a separate area.

Mrs. Gage-Watts wanted to know how many commissioned deputies are at the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office. Dr. Wilson said that he will find out.

Mr. Johnson wanted to know how many parishes in Louisiana have a detention center. Mr. Clay Walker, Juvenile Services Director, said that there are fourteen centers statewide. Mr. Johnson then wanted to know where do the juveniles go if that parish does not have a facility. Mr. Walker explained that they either go to a place where the Parish rents a bed or in an adult facility for a short period of time. Dr. Wilson said that it has been problematic meeting the State's facility requirements. Mr. Walker said that they did look into how much it would cost to rent beds, and that number came out to be \$2M, which Juvenile Services does not have. He also said that if there is an empty facility, it would need to be staffed. Mr. Johnson then wanted to know if CCC meets the State's guidelines. Mr. Walker said that they do not for juveniles. Dr. Wilson said that those children are there because of the nature of their crimes.

- December, 2021 Financial Report

Dr. Wilson also mentioned that the 2021 December Financial Reports are each Commissioners' station as well as being electronically attached to the agenda.

- Tim James, Inc. and Ford Street Comparison

Dr. Wilson provided copies of this document to the Commissioners, as well as a copy of the Administrator's recommendation regarding Right-Sizing.

Mr. Jackson said that it seems he received a contrast and not a comparison. Dr. Wilson said that he did his best to do a comparison and added that if more is needed, an engineering firm would need to do it.

- COVID

There have been 29 positive COVID cases with the Caddo Parish Commission organization, with 4 contacts. The Clerk of Court's office had three cases; District Attorney's Office had thirteen; Vivian Health Center had two; and the Coroner's Office had two cases.

- Broadband

Mr. Epperson talked about the Broadband Committee. The Clerk of the Commission explained that a Broadband Committee was formed, but there has only been one nomination for the committee. Mr. Epperson said that this is important and is "something that we should get clicking on".

Mr. Burrell mentioned that the Chamber is not "driving the Commission in terms of broadband". He explained that the committee was set up, but he has not heard from anyone, so he reached out to professionals in those areas.

Dr. Wilson said that they submitted three letters of support to internet service providers with regards to the Gumbo Grant to be able to get money to help underserved areas of Caddo Parish or the rural areas.

- Requests from Commissioners

Mrs. Gage-Watts requested an update for COVID testing kits for the citizens. Dr. Wilson said that they requested the kits last week, but have not heard back.

Mr. Epperson talked about orphan wells and mentioned that they are now under the Infrastructure Act. He asked that Administration research it.

Mr. Jackson said that there is a young lady that would like to open an event center on Wells Island Road. He asked that Administration help her resolve this issue.

COMMUNIQES & COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mr. Epperson mentioned that there will be free COVID kits available to citizens. They need to go to special.usps.com/testkits. They will be able to receive four kits per household at no cost.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Atkins reminded the Commissioners to submit names to the Clerk of the Commission with regards to the Broadband Committee.

OLD BUSINESS

It was **moved by Mr. Epperson**, seconded by Mr. Hopkins, *that Ordinance No. 6154 of 2022, in regards to Zoning Case 21-35-P, an ordinance to amend Volume II of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo, as amended, the Caddo Parish Unified Development Code, by amending the zoning of property located on the west end of Sandi Acres Loop, Caddo Parish, LA, from RMHS, Residential Manufactured Home Subdivision District, to R-A Rural-Agricultural District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be moved to Thursday's agenda for introduction.

Mr. Epperson said that he has not received any complaints or concerns from citizens. He asked that the Commission support this ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS

Substitute motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Chavez, *to move the following ordinances to Thursday's agenda for introduction:*

- *Ordinance No. 6154 of 2022, in regards to Zoning Case 21-35-P, an ordinance to amend Volume II of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo, as amended, the Caddo Parish Unified Development Code, by amending the zoning of property located on the west end of Sandi Acres Loop, Caddo Parish, LA, from RMHS, Residential Manufactured Home Subdivision District, to R-A Rural-Agricultural District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6174 of 2022, an ordinance amending the 2021 Budget to amend the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Head Start Fund and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6175 of 2022, an ordinance amending the 2021 Budget to amend the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Section 8 Fund and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6176 of 2022, an ordinance amending the 2021 Budget to amend the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the General Fund to provide an appropriation for the Wheelchair Ramp and Roof Repair Program and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

Mr. Jackson, Mrs. Gage-Watts, and Mr. Burrell asked to be co-sponsors for Ordinance No. 6176 of 2022.

At this time, Mr. Jackson's substitute motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Jackson, Jones, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (11). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioner Johnson (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Burrell, *that Ordinance No. 6177 of 2022, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Oil & Gas Fund and the Riverboat Fund to provide an appropriation of \$32,000 for a mural program and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be moved to Thursday's agenda for introduction and remanded to the Economic Development Committee for review before final passage. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Jones, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (12). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: None (0). ABSTAIN: None (0).

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Epperson, *to englobo and move the following items to Thursday's agenda:*

- *Ordinance No. 6178 of 2022, an ordinance to repeal Sections 32-160 through 32-167 of the Caddo Parish Code of Ordinances regarding Noise Violations, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6179 of 2022, an ordinance to repeal Sections 26-38, Section 26-126, and Sections 26-162 through 26-166 of the Caddo Parish Code of Ordinances regarding Weight Limits, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6180 of 2022, an ordinance to repeal Chapter 8 of the Caddo Parish*

Code of Ordinances regarding Animals & Fowl, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto

- *Ordinance No. 6181 of 2022, an ordinance to repeal Section 12-248 through 12-252 of the Caddo Parish Code of Ordinances regarding Sexually Oriented Businesses, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6182 of 2022, an ordinance to repeal Chapter 4 of the Caddo parish Code of Ordinances regarding Alcoholic Beverages, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6183 of 2022, an ordinance to repeal Sections 12-21 through 12-26 of the Caddo Parish Code of Ordinances regarding Occupancy Taxes, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6184 of 2022, an ordinance to repeal Section 32-115 through 32-118 of the Caddo Parish Code of Ordinances regarding Teen Curfews, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6185 of 2022, an ordinance to repeal Sections 30-19 through 30-31 and Sections 30-51 through 30-55 of the Caddo Parish Code of Ordinances regarding Property Standards, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

Jackson: think some folks have said that I have, you know, tried to slap the fine citizens of the rural areas in the face, which mean I will be slapping my friend Todd Hopkins, and I would dare do that. What I have consistently tried to figure out is what is it that we want, as it relates to zoning regulations, and things of that nature. A lot of us have been some pretty ugly things up here around this issue, and for no reason at all. We've tried to figure out what it is that the rural areas want. I think their Commissioners were on the path to try to figure that out, but we've been bombarded for the last three or four weeks with folks saying they don't want anybody touching their property rights. We've had videos made about us, and they don't want anybody messing with their property rights. At no point did anybody ever tried to make a distinction between property rights and zoning. There has been a mass cadre of folks saying don't mess with my rights. the reality is to say that we're going to live in a society—a lawless society is simply unimaginable and unbelievable. The other thing to me is that we've got a lot of folks who have been quiet on this issue. I got called out by a sector of this community, a business sector of this community for a seconded the motion to move forward the repeal of the UDC. Then I have a developer that is building quarter of million dollar homes in the northern part of the perimeter in my district, call me and chew me out because he said what we're about to do is violate an agreement that he thought he had with local government, which was to build those nice homes with the protection that he would have zoning, which is literally right across the street out in the unincorporated areas of the Parish. I always use Commissioner Gage-Watts for this example. we have a lot of places around here where if we don't have some level of regulation, or rule, we'd have a lawless society but you know, a lot of folks have called me out for introducing this, but I want us to hear what is being said out in the public.

At this time, Mr. Jackson asked that a video be played for the Commission and public to see.

Jackson: Before I put these on the agenda, I questioned whether I should do this. I called the Attorney's Office. I called several folks, and said, 'should I do this?' They were lost on what exactly do we want—or what do the rural residents want. And so you can't say that you want no regulation. You don't want to regulate private property without having any of these as well. So here we are, and I think we need to determine where we want to go.

Johnson: When I first got elected to office, I was getting phone calls, that we had laws on the books that didn't have any teeth to them. And that things weren't happening. The only reason that is even brought in the attention is because we enforced what was on the books. They sent people out to write citations on things that were happening. The UDC had existed for two years, before we send somebody out. We had six months, and I prolonged it in the in the commission, before it even passed—trying to get public input. But they were like, it doesn't bother me, so I'm not worried about. Until we sent officers out and that is when all this happened. So, whether we go back to what we had, until we start putting people out enforcing those laws, they'll be back down here again complaining. But I'm not going to live in a parish where we have no rules because it will get out of hand. I'm not going to support repealing all of this. We need to have at least that in place because that's better than nothing at all. I tried to explain to people that a covenant is good within a neighborhood, but once you go across the street—I can put a dog pound across the street, or I can put a manufacturing plant across the street, and you can't do anything about it, even with all of the pristine covenants you have in your neighborhood. You still want to

know about what's across the street. They don't realize that. Lakeview is one of the worst neighborhoods in the Parish because it has no covenants. So, you have from a single wide trailer to four- or \$5 million-dollar houses all in the same neighborhood. Are you going to turn one way or turn the other way? So that creates a problem. And so, I will not support those, keep those in place until we can come up with something that's better than those, and not as worse as the UDC. When you first saw the UDC, it was ridiculous. You can buy a tract of land, and you cannot cut down all the trees on your own land. I'm not gonna support it, because somebody out their man, they could whatever tree they want down and plant whatever trees they want to play in this place. What I have a problem with one of the groups that came down here that was arguing with us all the time about these laws in place, that property rights, their property rights. Well, they were come to the Commission about property rights, but then going to the City Council and keeping somebody from developing an area right outside of the Cooper Road. You're either for property rights, or you're against property rights. If I own this track land, and you say that you don't want to have no property rights, and do whatever you want to do. But they were being selective. We're going to help support this neighborhood over here, but keep this one from being developed. That's not right. You have to be on one side of the fence or the other. So, with property rights, there are some restrictions that roll with them. They strengthen them some more. And let's move forward instead of doing all of this other stuff.

Young: I just like to point out that the Long-Range Planning Committee appointed a citizens advisory committee to make recommendations about what kind of level of regulation they want in Caddo Parish. All regulations exist within a degree; they're not absolute; none is binary zero or a one. Zoning regulations are the most comprehensive and restrictive form of land use regulations. They are specifically disclaimed as undesirable by the committee and the report that we talked about and was voted on in the Long-Range Planning Committee. That report specifically said that ordinances such as these which are listed for potential repeal, were the level of regulation that they preferred for the place where they live. And so I don't think that claiming to repeal down moves the conversation forward constructively, so I'm gonna vote against it.

Burrell: this kind of thing becomes so political, I guess, just while we in political positions. But at the same time, I'm new to the commission and city ordinances. But as I understood it, even out in the Parish, beyond our city limits, there are regulations. we do have some sort of codes that are out there. I understand that some people did not want the UDC because that was more restrictive than what we already have out there in the rural area. It was my understanding that the MPC said they were modifying those rules that were out in the rural to not make it as astringent as the UDC itself, but a modification of the UDC or the existing rules that are out in the rural. I know he presented a draft to us early on, which almost match what was there originally, they weren't complaining about the rules that were out there before this UDC thing came. I know the MPC director, Alan Clark, did his due diligence to try to modify what was out there by using examples from other rural areas. It appears that they rejected that too. So, I'm back to Commissioner Johnson's statement. Either you want rules or you don't; you can't have it both ways. We need to go back and work with the MPC on getting some sort of modification of what's out there now and to do it so it will be less stringent on the people who are living out there now.

Call for the Question by Mr. Epperson, seconded by Mr. Jackson. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (11). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioner Jones (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

At this time, Mr. Jackson's motion failed, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioner Epperson (1). NAYS: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Jones, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (10). None (0). ABSENT: None (0). ABSTAIN: None (0).

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Johnson, *to englobo and move the following ordinances to Thursday's agenda for introduction*:

- *Ordinance No. 6186 of 2022, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the E. Edward Jones Housing Trust Fund for the year 2022 to appropriate funds received from the U.S. Treasury in the amount of \$5,274,675 for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6187 of 2022, 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*

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

It was **moved by Mrs. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. Johnson, *that Ordinance No. 6188 of 2022, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues for the American Rescue Plan Fund to provide an appropriation for Ring Doorbell Pilot Program in Caddo Parish, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be moved to Thursday's agenda for introduction.

Mrs. Gage-Watts said that this program is designed to help make the community safer by all by purchasing up to \$100,000 Ring devices for residents in hot-spot areas. The mission is to support residents in these areas that are plagued by gun violence in particular, by providing an additional tool to help fight crime. The participants must be in Caddo parish, as it is stated in the ordinance address is identified in targeted areas. The device will also include one year of paid subscription costs, applicants will receive the devices on a first come first served basis, and they have to be at least 18 years old. They must also agree to register with the Shreveport Crim Center to allow law enforcement to access these devices. They must also own a mobile device and have a Wi-Fi internet connection. There will be a limit to one per household.

Mr. Chavez wanted to know if there would be help to those citizens who do not have internet access. Mrs. Gage-Watts said that there are options such as Internet Essentials with Comcast.

Mr. Chavez also wanted to know how the one-year subscription would be paid. Mrs. Gage-Watts said that the Parish would pay for the one-year subscriptions with Ring.

Mr. Johnson pointed out that this is a pilot program to help gather data to determine if this program should carry on year to year.

Mr. Epperson asked about the cameras that were set up. Mr. Chavez said that those cameras could not be used from the American Rescue Plan Fund. Mr. Johnson said that the purpose would need to be changed.

Mr. Epperson then wanted to know if there are any other communities who are using this program. Mrs. Gage-Watts said that Chicago is using it, and it is a successful program.

Mr. Epperson also wanted to know who would be responsible for damages to the cameras. Mrs. Gage-Watts said that it would be the citizen's device.

Mr. Hopkins wanted to know about the residents in the rural areas of the Parish. Mrs. Gage-Watts said that information would go to the Sheriff's Office.

Mr. Taliaferro wanted to know if we had a deal with Ring. Mrs. Gage-Watts said that the Parish does not.

At this time, Mrs. Gage-Watts' motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Jones, Taliaferro, and Young (11). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioner Lazarus (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

It was **moved by Mr. Epperson**, seconded by Mr. Jackson, *that Ordinance No. 6189 of 2022, an ordinance to enact Section 2-5 relative to parish-owned or maintained buildings and offices, to provide that agencies, constitutional officers, or other political subdivisions occupying those buildings and offices shall report data regarding communicable diseases of concern to the public and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be moved to Thursday's agenda for introduction.

Mr. Epperson said that this information is helpful for citizens to determine whether or not they want to come in-person to these public facilities to handle their business.

Mr. Chavez wanted to know how this information would be distributed to the citizens. Dr. Wilson said that they would need to work out the details on how that would be executed. Mr. Chavez then wanted to know if there would be any incurred fees. Dr. Wilson does not feel that a bill would be associated with this information. Attorney Frazier said that this leads to the question, what would be the enforcement mechanism?

Mr. Epperson wanted to know how they received the information Dr. Wilson provided today with regards to COVID cases. Dr. Wilson said that Human Resources contacted the agencies.

Mr. Atkins wanted to know if there were any issues with invasion of privacy. Dr. Wilson said that they do not disseminate names, only data.

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

It was **moved by Mr. Young**, seconded by Mr. Taliaferro, *that Resolution No. 9 of 2022, a resolution authorizing the Parish Attorney's Office to request an opinion from the Louisiana State Attorney General's Office reading the authority of the Parish Commission functioning as a Planning & Zoning Commission and otherwise providing with respect thereto* be moved to Thursday's agenda for consideration.

Mr. Young said that LA.R.S. 33:103F states that a Home Ruled Charter Parish may function as its own board, if certain provisions exist in its Charter. He said that they are not sure what specificity those provisions have to have, so an AG opinion is needed.

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

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Young, *that Resolution No. 10 of 2022, a resolution requiring all ordinances to originate from or be reviewed by Caddo Parish Committees, and otherwise providing with respect thereto* be remanded to the Personnel Policies & Procedures Committee and forward to the January 31, 2022 Work Session.

Substitute motion by Mr. Chavez, seconded by Mr. Young, *that Resolution No. 10 of 2022 be remanded to the Personnel Policies & Procedures Committee.*

Mr. Chavez explained that this will go to committee, but regardless of that discussion, it will be back on the agenda for a Work Session.

Mr. Jackson said that he would like this to be vetted in committee, and would like the committee to be called before the next Work Session.

Mr. Chavez withdrew his substitute motion.

At this time, Mr. Jackson's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Jackson, Johnson, Jones, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (11). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioner Hopkins (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Jones, *that Resolution No. 11 of 2022, a resolution urging and requesting the Louisiana Department of Transportation & Development to consider to inclusion of Louisiana Hwy 173, from Pierre Avenue to Hartman Street, in its Right-Sizing Program, and otherwise providing with respect thereto* be moved to Thursday's agenda for consideration.

Kevin Blunck
DOTD:

The Department has identified a lot of roads in the State System to be what they call right size and that is if any entity would like to receive a road that a state highway that is identified as a right size eligible roadway then the entity can request the state to start process of right sizing. That right sizing means that we bring the road up to a good or better standard—good or better condition in the roadway. Then we give the entity capital outlay credits for 30 years. Caddo Street—I'm sure most of y'all know Caddo for Hwy 173 or Hilary Huckabee. That is a road that has 7,000 cars a day that that drive on a three lane highway. It's a composite roadway. It's got concrete with an asphalt overlay on it. It hasn't been overlaid in quite some time. However, the state is in a in a situation where next year's Pavement Preservation budget is going to be \$6 million. That this district. That's seven parishes. I'm over Caddo and Red River Parish, and I'm basically able to get one road per year overlaid in the Pavement Preservation Program. That means, this year, we're going to get LA 173 up around Oil City up until I-49. Next year, it will be Mansfield Road. However, Ford Street just has to compete with a lot of roads—a lot of bad roads, I guess you could call them. So anyway, it has been discussed over the years that Caddo and Ford and Hilary Huckabee up to I-220 is eligible to be right sized. that's a different program than pavement preservation. If you were to authorize a right size, and we would expect that, that you would authorize it from a state road to a state road. so we've got four options, you've got Spring Street, Market Street, Common, Hearne, and I-220. So if you're talking about right-sizing in front of the Head Start, we would really expect you to go from Hearne to Common, which would be 1.53 miles, and then we would do an overlay, repair any kind of catch basins, and things that were identified. Then you would have to pass another resolution to actually accept the right size. Even though that's up the negotiation and gone through analysis, you get \$2.8 million worth of capital outlay credits.

Tim Weaver
Public Works:

You know, one of the things on the right size, and there's a big pot of money. Caddo Commission has never wanted to right size. I've talked to Bossier Parish Police Jury, and they haven't right sized because it is a credit. You're getting a road that's heavily traveled. We look for roads that are less traveled. And the main thing with Ford Street is the deal with the limits. I know it's been talked about—you can go from district to district. They like

it to be from state road to state road which encompasses a 380 foot bridge that is 80 feet wide—that was built in 1983. The replacement costs for that is probably 5 to \$8M. It's getting close to 40 years, and I've talked to Kevin—it's a 50 year life on that. That the main deal—it's a big long bridge. It's like when we have to do our swaps with the State. That's the same thing. We look for roads that are not traveled and roads that do not have bridges on it. The other main problem with the road is that it's a city road. Its got city water lines. s on it. The other main problem with the road, it's a city road. It's got city water lines. We've been talking about it for four years that the lines are still leaking to this date. We've had meetings we had a meeting last March with all the players involved. And there's the lines are in front of the Head start; they're still leaking. So we have no control. We can't go work on city water lines. So that's now once the water lines are finished—Kevin has said we would try to get it on the preservation program or, but they're not going to overlay a road that has water leaks on it. So if the city would get their water leaks fixed, I think the road would get overlaid. It has a whole lot of other issues with sidewalks retaining walls, street lights, traffic lights, but it's just very busy road. \$2.8M would not help us replace the bridge that is 10-20 years down the road.

Dr. Wilson: Okay, so and to continue with that, then we'll entertain your questions, Mr. Jackson. The letter I sent to you all relative to this subject was pretty detailed. And there's a difference between a urban roadway system and a Parish roadway system. All of them have drain systems under them, but, you see, on a Parish road is an open ditch system. So, the hydrology is different. When you have a road system within an urban setting, you have a connections of piping under the road, which makes it a force system, and the hydrology is different. That you would have to have the vacuum pump truck to clean out the ditches and things of that nature. So, we don't have the equipment, the manpower, the know-how, to maintain the traffic signal devices on that road. We have 55 lights. We have a forced sewer main system in the center of the road. You have lateral water supply off of the center of the road to going towards the homes on the split side. So, it was just too much for us to take care of and we don't have, as I say, the manpower to put into that. This about using the right tool method for the right job. We haven't looked at the right size program. I had the benefit of being a Public Works Director 16 years ago and it's been around. And it wasn't our strategic manage to take on a road. And the essence of this whole program, that the state was telling us, they have more roads than they can take care of would love someone else to take care of some of the roads that we have to take care of. And then you notice the City just had a bond issue recently, that they were going to go off of a public launch to repair the roads. It'd be a great idea for them to go ahead and right size this road, take to \$2.8 million and repair another City road. We spend an average of \$10 million a year on Parish roads, because we get part of the Parish Road Tax that comes from the state. The Tim James project is going to be 1.6 miles of roads specifically in the Parish designed to state standards. The City will also have to adopt part of that road, too, and to their system. So, there's a difference of apples and oranges here, but the complexity of urban setting we are not equipped to do. That's why I suggested that my-that's not a suggestion-but my recommendation is that we do not go forward with the right sizing of Ford Street and look at other alternative means that we can assist the state and getting this area paved that Commissioner Jackson has pointed out to us. Okay. And, also my closing comments, Miss Pearson. I love you dearly. You and I work together when I was the Director of the Maintenance Department at the school board. We work closely together. Your husband and I, when he was the Director of Athletics at the School Board, we work closely together and he was very instrumental in me being the Administrator today. So, I truly respect you all and no better statesperson to get a street named after him than your-than Mr. Pearson himself. That concludes my comments, sir.

Jackson: Kevin. I heard you say that the state will rebuild this road to good standards by the state measurements. We had a conference call earlier today.

Blunck: Yes. We-right now the 173 is in pavement condition. It's in poor and fair condition. We are proposing that we would bring it up to good or very good pavement standards. With that, that would mean patch and mill and overlay of the road. Now, it has a level of service of low. That means you've got a lot of cars going through, and so, therefore, we do not-with the right sizing-we don't we don't improve the level of service. But, yes, we would spend-the state would spend-money to improve it and it's not coming out of the pavement preservation. So, it wouldn't come out of, you know, the Mansfield Road project or anything. It's got its own separate thing. So.

Jackson: So, and I just want to be very clear, because I heard Dr. Wilson talk about all the structures, all the lights. If we accept the right sizing program that doesn't obligate us to maintain City services, does that?

Blunck: Absolutely not.

Jackson: We don't-

Blunck: We do not maintain them. So, therefore, you would not maintain.

Jackson: We wouldn't have to maintain anything that y'all-

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- Blunck: So, in other words, any City street lights, that's the City. Any sidewalks, that's the City. Now, since it is curbs you-we have to, and we would have to do that if we did the overlay. We would have to come in and put handicap ramps on any curb that is not up to handicap standard. Now I know that he was saying, and everybody's saying the state standard. Well, the state standard is the federal standard. And no, we would not-we cannot and we do not on any of our roads-we don't bring on old road up to a 2022 standard. When it-because lane widths, because of total streets, because of control of access, we wouldn't reevaluate every driveway in there. We wouldn't check the lane width to make sure that it's-Up to federal, state standard or to the current standard. But, of course, we're going to-we would make sure that that road is riding with our roughness index. So, it's a smooth road. And of course, once again, with that is whoever takes it-the City, the Caddo, if they do right sizing-they get to negotiate what we're going to do.
- Jackson: So, we wouldn't be boxed into a back, a wall.
- Blunck: Not any-
- Jackson: And so, there's flexibility between the entity who accepts the road and the State of Louisiana-
- Blunck: Correct.
- Jackson: For how this is gonna go forward. And then, if we adopt this resolution, we're not gonna come accept the road from y'all tomorrow, next month, or two months from now.
- Blunck: No, sir.
- Jackson: And my understanding from the October 12th email that I received is that the City is actually moving those water lines-
- Blunck: Correct.
- Jackson: to the sidewalk.
- Blunck: Yes.
- Jackson: So, they are in the process of doing all of this. This is a multi-stepped, multi-phased process.
- Blunck: Correct.
- Jackson: And I, I heard you say before we even accept the road, we would still have to-and negotiations can fail right?
- Blunck: Correct.
- Jackson: They can recognized that negotiations
- Blunck: Correct. Haughton failed when they-
- Jackson: And so, this resolution does nothing but start the process-
- Blunck: Correct.
- Jackson: -of participating in the right sizing program.
- Blunck: But it requires that letter from the Caddo Commission or the City to for the State or the State to start that process and get the monies and the perms passed out.
- Jackson: Right. So, if we never start the process, we'll never get anywhere. There will always be-we'll have Ms. Pearson, Ms. Bogan, Pastor Williams down here begging, again, for Caddo Ford to be right sized; and, what I want to impress upon this body is we've heard from a lot of folks who have said that this is a very traveled road. Amazon is on their way to this area and I have supported the Bel Di Gil Water System, where we had to take over. Didn't we have to take that system over? Oh, I'm sorry, didn't we have to upsize their lines? We paid to upsize their lines. We paid to take over, I mean, we paid to repair Greenwood's water systems. We paid to help out the Lakeview water system. We paid to put a stoplight down in southeast Shreveport. The residents in that area, they pay into the Public Works tax, because every time they go spend money at that Walmart, that Shane's, that Louisiana daiquiri, that Cajun daiquiri, whatever it is up there, that Silver Star, whenever they go up and spend money. They're paying into that Public Works tax, but they never see one dime of benefit coming back to them. This resolution starts the process. It doesn't accept the road. It doesn't commit us. Does this commit us to accepting the road?
- Blunck: No.

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- Jackson: It starts the process, and what I heard today is we only want to do the least amount of work. Don't give us anything else extra. Don't make us do any more than what we're already doing. If it is too tedious, if it's too tough. Why are we running away from helping citizens? Citizens who deserve services that we say we provide. We're in the roads and streets business, but absolutely nothing obligates us to taking care of the other issues on that street. All of it is up for negotiation. I would ask that we move this forward to Thursday, and we start this process. Thank you, Mr. President.
- Dr. Wilson: Mr. President, I can get back on the board?
- Jackson: I didn't know I was here to debate Administration.
- Dr. Wilson: No, I'm just getting on the-
- Jackson: I mean, but we got your letter. We got your letter.
- Dr. Wilson: I think-I think the board
- Atkins: Let me take-hold on.
- Jackson: Man, I'm just saying.
- Atkins: I've got, I've got the floor. You've spoken. We all listened, and you're back on the board. No, you're not. If you need to. If you need to get back on the board, get back on the board. We have Commissioner Chavez.
- Chavez: Thank you, President. I just had a couple of questions. The gentleman from DOT he said that this doesn't improve the level of service and I missed that. What is? What does that mean, doesn't improve the level of service?
- Blunck: What level of services is A through F classifications that the federal government classifies; and, a level of service A would be free flowing, you have no obstructions. B, it slows down. C on to F, where it's gridlock traffic. So, all roads have a level of service. And a lot of it is determined is dictated by how many cars, how many left turns, right turns, and how many lanes, how wide they are or what have you. So, when we're talking about right sizing, whatever the size of the road is, then that is the size of the road. Where we wouldn't propose to widen it, or are allowed to allow it to be six-lane, even though it's three lanes right now.
- Chavez: What's the current level of service rated A through F on this specific street?
- Blunck: There's some C sections and there are some D sections, and usually that level of service that is reported like that, that means it's during the peak hours. So, it's not consistently throughout the day, but at 5pm it does go down to, not gridlock, but stop and go and slower than the speed limit.
- Chavez: I got Okay, so level of service is like the flow. How do you rate the condition of the street itself? Is it an A through F?
- Blunck: No, no. Well, yes and no, but, really, there's an actual numerical score. It's 100 to zero. And they have this machine that runs every two to four years over all the state highways. And it talks about the roughness it talks about the ruts, cracks, and faults. I believe this one is a 46.
- Chavez: is one Texas streets, 100 Louisiana streets?
- Blunck: No. The Interstate I-49, no I-20 at Texas, at the Texas line that we just built, that's a 99. Texas street, I believe, is that 80 something.
- Chavez: I meant the state of Texas as in the quality of the roads. Are we Louisiana at zero and Texas at 100 or where? How's the flow go?
- Blunck: Depends on what road, you know?
- Chavez: But they said this one is 46. And an acceptable road, where we wouldn't have the citizens down here talking about having to wear their seatbelts in the bumps, would be at what? What is it going to be maybe a 75?
- Blunck: Yeah, I would say, I would say so, but in theory, if we, if whoever, when we-when the City of Shreveport-fixes the water valves, the four or five water valves, moves the water line out and gets the sewage line fixed. And I can go out there and actually confidently put two inches of hot mix on it, I should get it up to about an 85. Now, if a contractor comes out there and we mill and we patch and we spend money on it, we can get it up to about a 99, you know?
- Chavez: That's a great segue to my second question is on Ford Street, and nobody will ever say

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that Commissioner Jackson is not a champion for his neighborhood. Let me tell you. He worked hard for the for the people over there. Ford Street is it a City street or is it a State Street?

Blunck: It's a state highway. It's LA 173.

Chavez: So, the responsibility is within the State of Louisiana and not the City of Shreveport to overlay this street. Is that right?

Blunck: That's correct.

Chavez: Okay, but you guys only have enough, I guess, in your budget to overlay one street in this district per year?

Blunck: One road. Yes. Well no. Not the district, in the Parish. There's 7 Parishes that's competed for this.

Chavez: So, right now if we don't do this, Commissioner Jackson deals with the citizens and these complaints for who knows how many more years, because the state can never get to it.

Blunck: Over 15, yes. But like I said, now keep in mind in Caddo Parish, and the City, and everybody else, when we maintain, we maintain to different levels. The instant maintain-if there's a pothole they call us or we discover that pothole, we put cold mix in that pothole. That hole gets fixed. You know, it rides like junk, but it's fixed, you know. And then if we have a stretch of road, that's base failure, then we'll come in and we'll smear some hot mix and we'll do a skin patch on it, and that's fixed. But it's-it rides even worse, you know. And then if you-but we have a pavement preservation project that we only get one a year. But you grind all that, with all the patches and fix the bases, and then you-it's a full contractor-and then that's actually when you get a good road, a ride road. But, you know, there's complaints on road maintenance and road ride. The roads can't afford at least Caddo, we just had to put some money into that about, what? Seven years ago? We put-we did a block there, and that was with the City. The City laid it and we paid the hot mix for it.

Chavez: Chairman, may I ask one last question. I know the Biden Administration with the Infrastructure Bill appropriated billions. Are we still stuck on that one street per year? Or is this Infrastructure Bill going to help you out to solve this issue?

Blunck: No, it's not going to help.

Chavez: Where's where is that billions going to?

Blunck: They're going to special projects. So, in other words, as Mr. Jackson asked that same question. When you-I would love for Ford to be there. I'd love for Hearne to be there. I'd love for Common to be there, but Jimmy Davis bridge is going to take it and the Inner City Connector is going to take it, and, you know, the causeway down in New Orleans is going to take it. There's only that they're not going to give it to pavement preservation.

Hopkins: Okay. My question is has he City of Shreveport passed on rightsizing?

Dr. Ward: I talked to Gary Norman, last week, and they've known about it; and, he said that he couldn't make that decision. He would have to get with Chief White and the Mayor to, you know, to move that forward. Because before that, Patrick Furlong, you know, was involved and now they've kind of moved their hierarchy over there. So, I mean, and right now, the City is engaged with Raley and Associates to do some surveying on the waterline. So, they are trying to move forward. So, that's a long, it's a two-year process to get the water lines moved, so.

Blunck: But we can say that as he's saying that the previous City Engineer and the previous City Engineer before that, Mr. Westerman, they all were in-they had different Mayors. This is not a new concept. It's an old concept that, you know, it'- you can't-I can't say it's good or bad. I can say that the City of Bossier's enjoying the East Bank, and they took Barksdale over. And they've got, you know, bypass and park benches and all that. And it's probably easier for the City than the Parish to take it over. Because they have more need or infrastructure. But you know, your Mayor, your Mayor's got to be on board with it.

Hopkins: And I guess, Mr. Jackson's, right, we try. We try to work together as much as we can. There are some things that give me great concern from being a one-time Parish employee in Public Works. And I know for sure we do not have the expertise on traffic signals. We don't have the equipment. We don't have the manpower. So, we would have-we would be-the City of Shreveport would have to still do that, but it wouldn't be that, well but it's a road. In the sense, that it's inside the City? The City does is traffic engineering, correct?

Blunck: So, as far as right now, the City and the City State that has a City State Agreement that we pay for the traffic signals that are maintained, but they maintain them with their traffic engineering.

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- Hopkins: So, you would pay us, but like, I guess the other thing is we don't have-
- Blunck: We would adopt the traffic signals that are not-would not-be in the State Highway. So, in other words, Common, Market Spring, and Hearne all are still going to be in a State Highway System. So, we're still paying the City. But then I think it's Highland, is it? There's two or three, maybe four more that you would adopt, yes. And so you either would have to enter in with a City State Agreement, or take them down for all we-it's not our road anymore.
- Hopkins: Because there is-I'm looking at this and I'm seeing the complexity of it. Because you've got a state road that's inside the City, which makes the traffic regulations inside the City, has speed limits and stuff like that. So, we don't have the authority to do that inside that municipality. So, there's still some problems, I see; and, the main thing is the bridge. We're at the end of the life of that bridge, basically. I mean, we're-they say 10 years way? That could be very, off by two or three years, and that we need to do something immediately. And that's, that's a big bridge. I know which bridge it is and so that gives me concern. That's all I have.
- Blunck: Can I say anything about the bridge or no? The bridge right now is in a good rating; and, I'm not saying-and I do know, well, I do know that our state, our state system, once again, with the overlay, you're not gonna like to hear that-we're replacing a bridge every 200 years, you know. So, if this bridge, if 173 were to go to, if it were to go into a condition of we have to close it down, we're going to have to close it down because we can't replace it.
- Hopkins: you mean like 530 and Caddo Lake Bridge?
- Blunck: Yeah, absolutely. 530 is a great example, that it never well, LA-1, we just had to close it down. And it wasn't because we were-Yes, we were replacing it-but we, it went down so bad that we had to close it down whether it was just lucky that we were replacing it. You know that because that's your district, you know; and so, I know this is bleak for the state, but that is the alternative if the Parish did take it, and the bridge went to, you know, went to zero, or went to a rating of whatever, you're probably in the same boat that we would be in.
- Hopkins: We wouldn't be responsible if you still had it.
- Blunck: Right. But you still, whoever the user is would not. They're still looking at they don't have a bridge.
- Dr. Wilson: If neither city, neither city or the Parish, accept this road, when would you all get around to doing that? Your own road?
- Blunck: Like, like I said, it depends on what you're wanting to talk about doing. If we're talking about the repair of water lines that are leaking on the roadway, then once the City repairs their water lines there they have promised that they're going to move them outside of out from underneath the roadway. When that happens, then we-I pledged in promises like that-that we would go in overlay two blocks of it. As for to put it in the pavement, and that would be with our forces, with as for when we will have it in the pavement preservation, right now we're looking at probably 15 to 16 more years.
- Dr. Wilson: Okay. Mr. Blunck I was out there the other day for the third or fourth time looking at it. There are forced sewer mains in the center of the road. What's going to be done about that?
- Blunck: That's the city.
- Dr. Wilson: So, in other words, no matter who owns the surface of the road, the City will have to dig it up occasionally to make repairs on it.
- Blunck: That's correct. Just like your Parish roads. I assume that they do that same thing to your Parish roads.
- Dr. Wilson: No, we don't. We don't have forced mains that our parents roads, we have culverts that we take care of, but not force main utility systems like that.
- Blunck: So you're saying that there is no sewerage lines that are cross, that are going down or any entire Parish roads?
- Dr. Wilson: We don't have sewer plants outside the parish, in the Parish. We have a sewer treatment plant here in the City. We don't have any in the Parish.
- Blunck: So, that's an unfortunate thing for right sizing. Now, of course, that's something to be discussed. But that's the unfortunate thing with the right sizing that you inherit all utilities that have done things in the, you know, 50 years ago. Electricity, telephone or sewer.
- Taliaferro: Thank you, Mr. President, as I understand it, so this is all conditional on whether the City

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does its infrastructure repair or not correct?

Blunck: Which part?

Taliaferro: The overlaying, the repairing of the roadway, what we're talking about here. ,So in other words, no, it's not.

Blunck: No. What I understand the resolution is he's asking the y'all make a letter and send it to the Secretary of Department Transportation for them to work up a package for you to receive and look over and start a negotiation for right sizing. The City they have to repair their waterline and they have-well, I see they have to, you know. Apparently, they can allow it to leak for, you know, years and-

Taliaferro: Which is a moot point then for us to even getting in the engagement into any kind of research or any kind of proposal or anything like that unless we have a great infrastructure underneath. I mean, I don't disagree Fort Street. I and I've traveled it many, many, many times over my career as a law enforcement officer and it is always been in poor, poor shape. We all know that it does need to be repaired. I'm just not convinced or I'm very concerned that even going through the negotiation process or the research process that unless the City's ponies up and does what they're supposed to do by fixing the infrastructure underneath, which is in poor condition, probably. Then, you know, it just seems like it's a moot point. If I was going to do anything, I would, you know, send it to a committee based on the City doing their deal and fixing the infrastructure repairs underneath. Thank you, Mr. President.

Young: Thank you, Mr. President. I wanted to ask a quick question about the bridge, Mr. Blunck. Did you indicate to us that when the bridge falls into disrepair, there will be no one to repair it?

Blunck: No, no, I'm not indicating that. No, I'm not saying that. We continue to repair bridges. However, this bridge right now is in good. It has no weight rating, and then it'll start dropping down. And then, it'll start low grading the bridge and then we'll have to repair it to try to bring it back up to standards. And, it'll have a slow decline and it'll go back down to 2015. And then, as he was talking about was, at the end of end of its life, it will be at a 510 ton no trucks whatsoever are allowed. But that's, that's not 50 years, that's probably going to be, if I were to guess, 100 years.

Young: 100 years from now.

Blunck: Well, 100 years from '87.

Young: Okay, so, for the foreseeable future, we'll have a bridge that crosses the shore.

Blunck: And it'll be in a good, good condition, good shape bridge that that had that's able to take any load that we need.

Young: Okay, thank you. And so, just a quick follow up question. Have you Did you read the letter that Dr. Wilson wrote us about this topic? Okay, well, let me ask you about some of my highlights from it. So, the first one is the 55 lights, the traffic signals, the sewer and the water, and the hydrants on the sidewalks those are going to those are still City properties. Is that correct?

Blunck: Sewer, water, sidewalks-

Young: The streetlights.

Blunck: -and streetlights are also.

Young: So, unless we made some different agreement with the City, we wouldn't be taking care of those? We would just be

Blunck: You would serve them to take care of them.

Young: The City would take care of those.

Blunck: And you would expect them-if something happened-then, it would be your responsibility to contact the City and say 'hey, take care of your stuff'.

Young: Okay. And then. So, this letter also said that the entire road needs to be taken in, but that's-but that's not accurate. Is that your opinion? It's-you wanted your department to go from one state highway intersection to another-

Blunck: Correct.

Young: along this road. So, it could be any of several segments?

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Blunck: Correct.

Atkins: Thank you, Mr. President. Commissioner Jackson, as I understand your resolution, this is to get the process going correctly. So, if I understand the resolution as it is, I think it'd be best for us to start the process in a lot of these questions that we have. We still can ask these questions. We still can do the research, but we've got to get the ball rolling somewhere. I don't see how-because some of the stuff that we're asking-you mentioned about the bridge. I would have to be 102 years old before that bridge is deemed to be repaired. So, I don't think any of us are going to live to the point to where we're going to have to worry about that bridge being repaired so much today, that we can't even get this resolution moving forward. So, I'm thinking that if we're going to try to make some improvements, and be of service to our constituents, we've got to at least do the due diligence of starting the process. And, it seems like we're not even trying to do that. Am I misunderstanding something?

Dr. Wilson: Commissioner Jones I'm assuming if you start a process that has the beginning and an end, right?

Jones: Absolutely.

Dr. Wilson: And, I'm telling you if you go forward with the process, the ultimate goal seem to be to right size and what would be end up accepting it. I'm telling you, there's something we ought to consider and while we go through it, and I'm trying to give you enough information you can make an informed decision; but, you want to go forward with something that you have to maintain eventually. And I'm telling you there's limits in our ability to maintain that road.

Dr. Wilson: I'm pointing out to you as informed commissioner voter that it's not like a Parish road that we take here all the time. These-this road require some additional skill set and equipment that we currently don't utilize to maintain that road, because we will have the storm drain system on our road too as part of inheriting the road. And, it is not easy to clean those systems out. We'd have to buy additional back big fat trucks to suck those things out. All that stuff that we're having purchased. We don't have any of that.

Jones: Okay, I guess the resolution is to start the process to get a package back, so we can understand what we're dealing with right?

Dr. Wilson: Yes, sir.

Jones: Okay. So, why not? And we still have to accept the right size. We can be considered, but we will still have to make a decision down the road to accept this correct. Am I right?

Blunck: Yes, sir. You would have to, they would have to negotiate and get everything in writing. All the monies. And, then, you would have to either decide how you want to spend the \$2.8 million or push it back into credits. The project that we're talking about to bring the road up from poor to fair, that is right now to good to very good, would have to go at least have to go in place. Unless you're going to do it like Bossier City and then you take all of the money and then you could spend the money the way-

Jones: On the road.

Blunck: -the way you want it and you can put park benches and whatever you want in it. But, that's all before. I'm just spitballing the 2.8 out, because that's what Baton Rouge has already said. That money that's not a that's a negotiable number and the scope is a negotiable scope. And, that's one thing that y'all are going to need to decide, and maybe not tonight or whatever. But I do know that whenever it was the Pierre and to Hartman is not going to be acceptable. So, you're going to need to know whether or not it's going to be Common to Hearne, whether or not it's going to be Spring to Hearne, whether or not it's going to be to 220, or whether or not. Common to Hearne's your smallest piece that we would be interested in. Market to Hearne. It sounds like the big one because y'all are wanting Pierre to Heartman, which is that two to four block in front of the Head Start that's hot mix. But unfortunately, we can't have dangling road in there, you know. So if we're going to split it, we're gonna have to split it to a no.

Blunck: And, by the way, the 100 years I'm just giving you a idea of how bridge replacements work. We keep on maintaining them and we keep fighting the good fight. So, it may not last 100 years, and it would absolutely probably start, absolutely probably, start requiring maintenance money about 50 years into it. At about 2037 You're probably gonna need to start spending some money on maintaining it. Now of course, in our Right Sizing Program, which is also negotiable, but it says that they're allocating \$400,000 of the of the 2.8 for the 40 years of maintenance.

Jackson: Thank you, Mr. President. Let me just say again, that as of today, the bridge is not an issue. On the Tim James row when it is completed, if it is ever completed the maintenance and upkeep of that bridge and that road is not going to be an issue. It's not an issue. We are jumping to the worst possible outcome. And what is before us is a process. It starts a

process and to say, we don't even want to start the process, is unimaginable today. We have staff that is paid every day to come in and talk about and discuss how we're going to provide roads and bridge services to the citizens of Caddo Parish. School Park is in Caddo Parish, folks. Allendale is in Caddo Parish. Squirrel Point, where Chief Whitehorn cuts through every morning to come to work, is in Caddo Parish. This is a process. I heard Dr. Wilson say, we don't have the equipment. We don't have to have the equipment tomorrow, do we?

Blunck: We don't have equipment either.

Jackson: Okay, is their road and they don't have the equipment. But guess what else we didn't have equipment for? We didn't have equipment for that snow that hit the roads last-early last year. But what did we come down here and do? We bought the equipment. This is what we do. And to sit here and say, we're not gonna even start a process? I just think that it is unimaginable for the people we say we represent and the resources they pay a lot of taxes when they go up there to that Walmart, and to that Shane's, and to those other locations that are in the Parish to shop. I'm there, probably just because of my spending habits, but I'm up in that area almost every other day. I eat out almost every day. So, why shouldn't the residents in these areas benefit? But we're gonna spend our Public Works dollars on the road to connect the Red River expressway. This is an issue of equity. This is an issue of equitable resources. We start talking about how we distribute resources around the Parish you telling people who pay into a public works tax, they cannot benefit from it. They cannot reap the services of it. And oh, by the way, we're not going to even consider a process that may or may not result in that. I just don't understand. Buncombe Road starts out in the City of Shreveport, converts to a Parish road about midway, and before you finish to get back out to the Pines Road, you back on the City street. And they have residential utilities on it. They've got sewer on it. In there, from time to time, just potholes on it. And so, there are scenarios off Dixie Garden. When you come into Dixie Garden off of, what is that? Captain Shreve? You come in off of Captain Shreve, you go down Dixie Road and you come back onto a State Road, 70th Street. So, these scenarios are there all the time. There're utilities on Dixie Road. There're homes on Dixie Road. There're sidewalks on Dixie Road. There are gutters on Dixie Road. So, our action to do today and Thursday is start the process and let's see where we end up. Thank you, Mr. President.

At this time, Mr. Jackson's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Chavez, Gage-Watts, Jackson, Johnson, Jones, Taliaferro, and Young (7). NAYS: Commissioners Atkins, Hopkins, and Lazarus (3). ABSENT: Commissioners Burrell and Epperson (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Jones, *to advance Grace Project as a Visitor for January 20, 2022 Regular Session. Motion carried*, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Chavez, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Jones, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (10). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Burrell and Epperson (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

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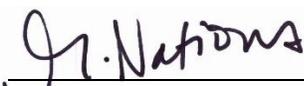
- Mr. Johnson wanted to know if the equipment was bought for the wintry mix that this area is supposed to receive. Dr. Ward said that the funds were approved for the budget, and the order has been submitted for the materials.

CONSENT AGENDA

- *Ordinance No. 6155 of 2022, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Economic Development Fund in the amount of \$5,000 to provide an additional appropriation for the Delta Upsilon Lambda Foundation, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6156 of 2022, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Economic Development Fund in the amount of \$5,000 to provide an additional appropriation for the Dress for Success Shreveport-Bossier, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6157 of 2022, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Public Works Fund and the Capital Outlay Fund in the amount of \$107,500 to provide an appropriation to install welcome signs on I-49, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6158 of 2022, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Economic Development Fund in the amount of \$5,000 to provide an appropriation for Friends in Unity, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

- *Ordinance No. 6159 of 2022, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Economic Development Fund in the amount of \$10,000 to reduce the appropriation for the Playaz & Playettes, Inc., and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6160 of 2022, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Oil & Gas Fund for the year 2022 to provide an appropriation of \$109,000 to provide Caddo Fire District No. 7 with a part-time employee, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6161 of 2022, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues for the American Rescue Plan Fund to provide an appropriation of up to \$30,000 for Red G Enterprises, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6162 of 2022, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues for the American Rescue Plan Fund to provide an appropriation for counseling in public high schools in Caddo Parish and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6163 of 2022, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues for the American Rescue Plan Fund to provide an appropriation for Volunteers for Youth Justice for truancy, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6164 of 2022, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues for the American Rescue Plan Fund to provide an appropriation for Caddo Parish Juvenile Court, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6165 of 2022, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the E. Edward Jones Housing Trust Fund to provide an appropriation for ERAP Housing Quality Inspections and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6166 of 2022, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the E. Edward Jones Housing Trust Fund to roll over an existing 2021 appropriation for eviction mitigation into the 2022 Budget, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6169 of 2022, an ordinance approving a cooperative endeavor agreement with Tim James, Inc. relative to construction of a privately-owned tollway over the Red River pursuant to Louisiana Revised Statute 48:2037, and to otherwise providing with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6170 of 2022, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Oil & Gas Fund for the year 2022 to provide an appropriation for relocation assistance, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6171 of 2022, an ordinance amending the 2022 Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the American Rescue Plan Fund to provide an additional appropriation for Fit For Life Ministries, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6172 of 2022, an ordinance amending the 2022 Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the E. Edward Jones Housing Trust Fund to provide appropriations for housing projects, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Resolution No. 84 of 2021, urge and request the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources to consider negative impacts of oil and gas drilling in or near urban areas, implement rules to combat those negative impacts, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Appoint members to the Caddo Parish Planning Commission. Commission to appoint 5. Kay Proby-Waller to fill one spot.*

At this time, there was no further discussion to come before the Commission, so the Commission adjourned at 6:43 p.m.


Assistant Commission Clerk