

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF
THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION
HELD ON THE 7TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2021

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

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

AGENDA ADDITIONS

It was **moved by Mr. Chavez**, seconded by Mr. Johnson, *to expand the agenda and add Resolution No. 6 of 2021, a resolution proclaiming January 9, 2021 as 'National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day' in Caddo Parish* under New Business on the agenda.

At this time, the President of the Commission opened the floor for any public hearings for or against adding this item to the agenda. There was no one to speak in favor or against this agenda addition.

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

It was **moved by Mr. Epperson**, seconded by Mr. Johnson, *to expand the agenda and add a resolution requesting the MPC to conduct their meetings virtually via Zoom* under New Business.

Mr. Epperson explained that he would like the Shreveport-Caddo Metropolitan Planning Commission be conducted via Zoom. He said that the participation with the Caddo Parish Commission has been phenomenal, and he would like the MPC to be consistent with the Caddo Parish Commission. Mr. Epperson also said that the COVID pandemic is not over, so he would like to do all that can be done to protect the applicants, staff, and citizens.

Mr. Atkins wanted to know if Mr. Epperson talked to Mr. Clarke or the Legal Counsel requiring the MPC to conduct their meetings via Zoom. Mr. Atkins further stated that he is not sure if the Caddo Commission has jurisdiction over the MPC or their schedules. Mr. Epperson said that this resolution would be to request that the conduct their meetings via teleconference.

Mr. Burrell wanted to know if the Caddo Commission allocated funds to the MPC so they would be able to conduct their meetings via Zoom. Mr. Epperson said that the Caddo Commission did not allocate funds to the MPC so that they could conduct their meetings via Zoom.

Mr. Hopkins wanted to know if the Caddo Commission has the jurisdiction or the authority to tell the MPC that they have to conduct their meetings via Zoom. Attorney Frazier said that the Caddo Commission does not have the authority to tell the MPC that they would have to conduct their meetings via teleconference.

At this time, the President of the Commission opened the floor for any public hearings for or against adding this item to the agenda. There was no one to speak in favor or against this agenda addition.

At this time, Mr. Epperson's motion failed, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Cawthorne, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Johnson, Lazarus, and Young (9). NAYS: Commissioners Hopkins and Taliaferro (2). ABSENT: Commissioner Jackson (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

It was **moved by Mr. Epperson**, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *to expand the agenda and add a resolution urging and requesting the Louisiana State Legislature to increase the minimum wage to \$11 per hour for the State of Louisiana* under New Business.

Mr. Epperson explained that Arkansas has increased their minimum wage to \$11 per hour. He stated that it is "appalling that we are sitting at \$7.25 per hour". Increasing the minimum wage to \$11 per hour would provide a decent and living wage for all the workers.

At this time, the President of the Commission opened the floor for any public hearings for or against adding this item to the agenda. There was no one to speak in favor or against this agenda addition.

At this time, Mr. Epperson's motion failed, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Burrell, Cawthorne, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Johnson, Taliaferro, and Young (8).

NAYS: Commissioners Atkins, Hopkins, and Lazarus (3). ABSENT: Commissioner Jackson (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

It was **moved by Mr. Epperson**, seconded by Mr. Johnson, *to expand the agenda and add a Special Resolution recognizing the Louisiana National Guard under New Business.*

Mr. Epperson explained that the National Guard has been on the forefront of all the natural disasters in Louisiana as well as battling the coronavirus. He also said that some of the troops are also preparing to deploy for overseas duties.

At this time, the President of the Commission opened the floor for any public hearings for or against adding this item to the agenda. There was no one to speak in favor or against this agenda addition.

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

It was **moved by Mr. Epperson**, seconded by Mr. Johnson, *to expand the agenda and add a Special Resolution of Appreciation recognizing local, state, and national elected officials under New Business.*

Mr. Epperson explained that being an elected official is not a calling for everyone. He feels that elected officials deserve a pat on the back for all of their hard work.

At this time, the President of the Commission opened the floor for any public hearings for or against adding this item to the agenda. There was no one to speak in favor or against this agenda addition.

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

It was **moved by Mr. Epperson**, seconded by Mr. Cawthorne, *to expand the agenda and add a resolution condemning the insurrected actions that occurred in Washington D.C. on January 6, 2021 against the national government of the United States of America under New Business.*

Mr. Epperson said that it was an appalling incident that happened yesterday, and it should be condemned.

At this time, the President of the Commission opened the floor for any public hearings for or against adding this item to the agenda. There was no one to speak in favor or against this agenda addition.

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

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Atkins *to expand the agenda and to approve the consideration of items under La.R.S. 42:17.1.*

At this time, the President of the Commission opened the floor for any public hearings for or against adding this item to the agenda. There was no one to speak in favor or against this agenda addition.

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

CERTIFICATE FOR TELECONFERENCE

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Louisiana has declared a statewide Public Health emergency, inclusive of Caddo Parish, in Proclamation Number 25 JBE 2020; and,

WHEREAS, the Governor, has further extended that declaration via Proclamations Number 158 JBE 2020 and Number 159 JBE 2020; and

WHEREAS, R.S. 42:17.1 allows members of political subdivisions to participate in its meetings electronically under certain limited circumstances.

THEREFORE, in accordance with the Provisions of R.S. 42:17.1, the presiding officer of the Caddo Parish Commission hereby certifies that this meeting is to address matters that are:

- (a) directly related to the public Commission's response to the Coronavirus Pandemic and are critical to the health, safety, or welfare of the public.
- (b) that if they are delayed will cause curtailment of vital public services or severe economic dislocation and hardship.
- (c) critical to continuation of the business of the Commission and that are not able to be postponed to a meeting held in accordance with the other provisions of Open Meetings Law due to a legal requirement or other deadline that cannot be postponed or delayed by the public body.
- (d) critical or time-sensitive and have been determined by the undersigned should not be delayed;*

**consideration of matters under Paragraph (d) will initially require a two-thirds vote of those members present).*

Date: January 5, 2021
/s/Mario Chavez
Caddo Parish Commission President

SELECTION OF 2021 CADDO COMMISSION OFFICERS

Mr. Chavez opened the floor for nominations for the 2021 Caddo Commission officers of the Caddo Parish Commission.

It was **moved by Mr. Epperson**, seconded by Mr. Cawthorne, *to nominate Mr. Johnson for the 2021 Caddo Parish Commission President. Motion carried*, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Cawthorne, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (11). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioner Jackson (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

It was **moved by Mr. Lazarus**, seconded by Mr. Cawthorne, *to nominate Mr. Atkins for the 2021 Caddo Parish Commission Vice-President. Motion carried*, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Cawthorne, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (11). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioner Jackson (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

It was **moved by Mr. Chavez**, seconded by Mr. Atkins, *to nominate Mr. Burrell for the 2021 Caddo Parish Commission Parliamentarian. Motion carried*, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Cawthorne, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (11). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioner Jackson (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Jerry Stratman called in with the following comment:

I live in 8959 Shirley Francis Road. I'm one of Mr. Phillips' neighbors for a property adjacent to his. I am opposing the approval of this rezoning request. I would like to be clear my opposition has nothing to do with Mr. Phillips per se. He seems to be a nice guy, would make a fine neighbor. Based on his supporter's testimony, he is a great dog trainer and saving the Caddo Parish tax payer's money by training the Sherriff's department K-9 for free, is great. He should be commended for his military service. My family honors our veterans. Both my dad and my wife's dad fought in WWII, along with 3 uncles. One of which didn't come home. Mr. Phillips friends are very supportive of him, but none of them are his neighbors They all live miles away. Some even in other parishes. The support for opposing position you aren't directly affected. His supporters have no skin in the game and no dog in the fire. The issue at hand actually has nothing to do with Mr. Phillips. Question I put forward is this, did an individual have the right to come to a neighborhood, or a residential area, and impose his will on everyone living there? It's unfortunate that Mr. Phillips didn't do his due diligence before he purchased the property. Instead, he could have informally warned his future neighbors to see what they thought of his plan and laid out what he wanted to do before he spends \$450,000. It sounds as if Mr. Phillips may have got some bad advice from his friends or realtor. Instead, he definitely assumed he can do what he wanted regardless. If I remember from my 5th grade civics class America is a democracy. And for one person to push his wishes over 61 of his closest neighbors is fundamentally wrong. I therefore, respectfully ask the Commissioners to thoughtfully consider 61 of their fellow citizen's wishes and oppose this rezoning.

Jacqueline Woodson called in with the following comment:

My name s Jacqueline Woodson and my address is 8988 meadow creek drive in Shreveport, LA. I would like to address a couple of comments made during the MPC meeting on Monday the 4th. Mr. Phillips' behavior and anger displayed during the meeting of the 4th that day leads me to believe

he feels our objections and concern of the zoning change are personal and directed toward him this is only about keeping our neighborhood rural agriculture and residential only. Mr. Phillips also stated on several occasions no one from the neighborhood has tried contacting him regarding his plan or made themselves accessible. Mr. Phillips also has a gate to his property but he has had my phone number prior to his purchase of this property, which I gave to him. Those states the dogs are hearing are not his dogs. I have video and audio of Mr. Phillips dogs barking as I am walking and working outside in my car. Mr. Phillips would not know this because he is not at home. His dogs are inside his kennels unseen but heard. I would also like to address a statement made by Mr. Phillips and Mr. Corey regarding my personal relationship with Mr. Epperson. I met Mr. Epperson one time during a meet and greet of candidate during a Greenwood Chamber of Commerce meeting. Since that time the only contact with Mr. Epperson has been through phone conversation concerning this proposed zone change. I hope this clears up any misunderstanding on their part regarding any speculation of who you know. I am not in favor of this zoning change and I'm asking you to please consider all our concerns and objections. Thank you again Commissioners for your time and consideration.

Troy Phillips called in with the following comment:

Hello. I was talking. It wasn't working. Hello this is Troy Phillips owner of 8595 Greenwood Springridge Road. Also, owner of All dogs. First, I would like to say to my neighbors I am not trying to be hostile. I'm sorry that it appears that way. I did not realize there would be these choose when I moved in being there were dogs here before I bought the property. I understand if a vote is no. I'm not upset about that. All I've been asking for is a fair chance. It just mentioned I had her phone number. I have one. One time, the day I met her before the house and it is not in my phone. All the neighbors it's around here I cannot approach them. They have my business name, they have my phone number. They know how to get ahold of me. If this is voted a no, I respect my neighbors in either way. I'm just asking for the fair chance for a possible rezoning as well. I asked all my neighbors come over to meet me. I am not sure how to meet my neighbors in person at this point with gated properties and me gone all the time. Or if I am no I will not retaliate. I will not do anything back, anything like that. I just don't feel like I have had the fair chance in any way shape or form. Or to be able to talk to my commissioner as well when situation. I'm sorry for any struggles this was caused. That wasn't my purpose for coming in here, okay. I just asked that if is a chance that this be done that it's looked at. I'm sorry for anything that you guys have taken as personal attacks. It's not meant in any way shape or form. Please reach out to me if you have any questions. That's all I have. Thank you.

Quinton Corey called in with the following comment:

My name is Quinton Corey. I'm calling in today called in before I was actually a Tryoy's realtor like you people have mentioned already. Addressing those concerns of you know, did I, myself, do my due diligence, were the proper steps taken. What was this an incentive for me just for money? None of those things are the truth. We had multiple, multiple months searching to find this property, because the previous two owners this facility has been used for dog breeding and dog training. You know, even currently if this was to pass there is nothing preventing Mr. Phillips from having fifty dogs rescue dogs on his property that he can contain and train, and they would be no less safe. And the Commission can do nothing about that. You know, so this is something that he is actually going to be investing tons of money into to prevent any disruption to the neighbors. I've mentioned this in my last speech that the dogs are going to be kept indoors almost 100 percent of the day other than to go use the restroom. Fix up his dogs and drops them off at the client house so the traffic is not going to be a problem. The thing is the letters of opposition specifically address their concerns. With those two things alone negate the probability of those concerns coming to fruition. You know, I understand the neighbors have taken issue with this but this, look, this was not done on a whim or from the fire pants of our seat in connect that we were far reaching. If you guys have went and visited, which you all may have 11.5 acres is a huge spread of land. Residential neighborhood this is not a rock's throw. The closest neighbor is over 100 yards away, you know, probably more than that. The second nearest neighbor's 200 yards away and the third one is probably 300 yards away. It is a residential neighborhood but he is well, well in a rural area. You know, he does deserve the opportunity to have this happen. You know, I don't know why a mutual resolution can be considered where you know this is passed for 12 months and see how it affects the area. Again, there's a place right down the road a few miles on the same road, down the road, that does the exact same thing in the same district. This can be an they're closer to their neighbors by more than half. This can be done. That is evidence that it can be done. And just strongly want to consider those facts. I understand emotions are all involved in this but when you look at the facts and look at what reality as opposed to what emotions are spreading and you know I guess I would say some hostile language, you know we need to look at that. Lastly, you know in the previous meeting, some words were mentioned about me of saying some bad language in an email that I sent to Mr. Epperson directly. That email should have not come to anyone's knowledge other than myself and Mr. Epperson. The fact that that email was shared from Mr. Epperson to one of the neighbors is by far an ethics violation in my eyes. And should not have happened by her speech that she did in Monday's meeting showing evidence of that. So that conduct is unbecoming in my eyes but I just want to again call and support Mr. Phillips and I appreciate your time.

Mr. & Mrs. Brice submitted the following comment:

To Whom It Concerns: The observance of yesterday's meeting regarding the rezoning of our subdivision in District 12 has brought forth new concerns and questions. First, I want to emphasize that

my husband and I do not consider Mr. Phillips an adversary, and we certainly hope he will not consider the homeowners in our area as his; however, the anger he exhibited yesterday leads us to believe he considers our objections to rezoning our neighborhood as a personal dispute. It is far from it. We do not know Mr. Phillips and certainly harbor no ill feelings toward him. What we do know is that we chose land, built a home in a restricted neighborhood that is zoned specifically for residential use, and worked very hard for many years to pay for it. Now that we have reached a stage in our lives when we should be enjoying the remainder of our years in solitude and comfort, we are confronted with a negative disruption that we implore you not to allow. Did Mr. Phillips and his real estate agent, Mr. Koury, not know the zoning restrictions, or did Mr. Koury mislead Mr. Phillips to believe there would be no objections to rezoning our area? There are commercial businesses within five to ten miles in every direction from our neighborhood; why did Mr. Koury not locate property for Mr. Phillips that was already commercial? Did Mr. Phillips and Mr. Koury not consider our opinions, or was there a rush to sell/buy the property with a cavalier regard for the zoning regulations? What possible mutual benefits to all of us would a commercial dog kennel/training facility provide? Is this "spot zoning" for the benefit of one individual only? In addition, we respectfully request that not only our questions but our concerns receive equitable consideration. Mr. Koury and Mr. Phillips seem to emphasize the fact that they are disabled veterans. We thank them both for their service. I thank my husband, my father, my father-in-law, our uncles, and other relatives and friends who are veterans, especially those who are disabled. They have our upmost regard, respect, and gratitude. Mr. Phillips also has a working relationship with the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Department. That being said, my husband, a veteran, and I are aging, gray-haired, hard-working, tax-paying, registered voting individuals who have no working relationship with any city or parish department, but whose preferences and voices we ask you to consider equally important as anyone's. Again, we implore you to reject the rezoning of our area. There are no mutual benefits in doing so. We thank you all for your service and appreciate, more than you'll know, your attention to our concerns. Sincerely, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Brice

VISITORS

- Representatives from Overton Brooks VA Medical Center

Mr. Shannon Arledge, Public Affairs Officer, VA Medical Center, introduced the members of the VA Medical Center to the Commissioners.

Mr. Richard Crockett, Medical Center Director, VA Medical Center, said that they have received routine shipments of the Moderna vaccine. The staff who is interested in receiving the vaccine has gotten it. He also mentioned that the vaccine is not mandatory for the VA Medical Center staff. Mr. Crockett also explained that they are risk strategizing for the veteran population on who gets the vaccines, depending on age and comorbidities. He also said that it is a clinical decision. They are currently vaccinated 150 veterans per day.

Mr. Epperson wanted to know how many veterans the VA Medical Center serves annually. Mr. Crockett said that they serve about 38,000 veterans in the Ark-La-Tex. Mr. Epperson then asked about the emergency room facilities. Mr. Crockett said that they have seen an uptick, but nothing that has overwhelmed the staff, supplies, nor the facility.

Mr. Jackson requested an email contact from the VA Medical Center. Mr. Arledge said that the number a citizen can call is 318-990-5820. He will provide the email address to the Commissioners.

ADOPT REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

It was **moved by Mr. Atkins**, seconded by Mr. Lazarus, *to englobo and adopt the following minutes:*

- *Regular Session Minutes December 3, 2020*
- *Special Session Minutes—Property Standards November 30, 2020*

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

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

It was **moved by Mr. Hopkins**, seconded by Mr. Johnson *that Resolution of Remembrance for Andrea Michelle Shyne* be adopted. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Cawthorne, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, and Taliaferro (11). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioner Young (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF REMEMBRANCE ANDREA MICHELLE SHYNE

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission pauses with sadness and appreciation to

reflect upon the passing of Andrea Michelle Shyne who went to meet her heavenly Father in April of 2020; and

WHEREAS, Andrea Michelle Shyne changed the lives of so many with her talent for teaching, her work ethic, and her inspiring character; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Shyne learned to love learning as a student rising through Caddo Schools from Hillsdale Elementary, to Turner Middle, to Huntington High School and continuing to Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, maintaining a 4.0 average from Middle School through College; and

WHEREAS, Andrea Shyne was called to share her love of learning as a teacher in Caddo Parish where she began her teaching career and Donnie Bickham before moving to her Alma Mater at Huntington High School, where she would be named Huntington Teacher of the Year. Ms. Shyne was then called to North Caddo Magnet High School where she was also named NCMHS Teacher of the Year and even selected as Caddo Parish High School Teacher of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Shyne's many honors were well deserved, her motivation came from her belief in the potential of others and her strong sense of community. Not only did she take the time to help students embrace Algebra, she took the time to participate in school wide initiatives that would help NCMHS earn an "A" rating, to serve as the Math Department Chair, to receive additional training and use it to teach and lead other teachers, to sponsor National Honor Society, to organize the Black History Program, to coordinate International Travel, and to co-sponsor the Student Council; and

WHEREAS, Faith in God was the source of Andrea's humble confidence and satisfaction in helping others. She honored her family and her God with service as a founding member of the United Outreach Church, fulfilling roles where she was needed, serving as the Vacation Bible School Coordinator, Youth Ministry Leader, Youth Sunday School Teacher, and many other roles; and

WHEREAS, Andrea Shyne will be remembered for her infectious smile, her silver hair and her ability to see the best in others, to make time for others and to inspire confidence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby express its deepest sense of gratitude and reverence upon the passing of Andrea Michelle Shyne conveying

its sincerest expressions of sympathy and consolation, and the prayer that those grieving Andrea Shyne will be comforted by the indelible impact that she had on our community and in the knowledge of the eternal rewards that is hers.

It was **moved by Mr. Epperson**, seconded by Mr. Burrell, *that Special Resolution of Recognition for Roseview Nursing & Rehabilitation Center* be adopted.

Mr. Epperson thanked the Roseview Nursing & Rehabilitation Center for all of their hard work in providing for the residents within the facility. He said that the staff is topnotch and cares for their patients.

Ms. Carol Pittman thanked the Commission for the recognition. She said that the residents are their family.

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

SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION ROSEVIEW NURSING & REHABILITATION CENTER

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Caddo Parish Commission to give appropriate acknowledgement and recognition to institutions that have rendered invaluable service to the citizens of Caddo Parish; and

WHEREAS, Roseview Nursing & Rehabilitation Center's commitment to improving the quality of lives through long term care has earned them the respect of their patients, the families of their patients, their peers in the healthcare community and through the long-term care industry; and

WHEREAS, Roseview Nursing & Rehabilitation Center and its parent company Central Management Company have been awarded the 2020 Employee Approved Award for Outstanding Culture from NRC Health, the leading national provider of in-depth customer insights in healthcare; and

WHEREAS, Roseview Nursing & Rehabilitation Center and its parent company Central Management Company were one of only 20 long term facilities in the country to earn this honor, and the only one in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has been extremely challenging for the long-term care industry and NRC Health noted that this year's winners are even more exceptional for their ability to

thrive and provide exemplary care experiences to residents and safe, empowering work experiences for staff; and

WHEREAS, Roseview Nursing & Rehabilitation Center has a staff of 110 employees caring for 95 residents. Their team who has led to this success includes Administrator Ed Killian, Assistant Administrator Carole Pittman, Director of Nursing Christy Campbell, Assistant Director of Nursing Angie Bonnett, Business Office Manager Christy Mitchell, Human Resources Coordinator Christy Mueller, Dietary Manager Diane Cooper, Activity Director Regina Jackson, Assistant Activity Brian Cavanaugh, Social Services Director Michelle Nesters, and Clinical Care Coordinators Amanda Thompson, Rescindia Brown and Vanity Johnson and many more who work together to improve the quality of life for their residents and their resident's families.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission, meeting in legal session convened this 7th day of January, 2021, that it does hereby convey its deepest and most sincere congratulations and recognition to Roseview Nursing & Rehabilitation Center.

It was **moved by Mr. Epperson**, seconded by Mr. Cawthorne, *that Special Resolution of Appreciation to the National Guard* be adopted. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Cawthorne, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (11). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioner Hopkins (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

Mr. Epperson said that he would provide a copy of the Special Resolution to the Commissioners prior to sending it out.

It was **moved by Mr. Epperson**, seconded by Mr. Jackson, *that Special Resolution of Appreciation to local, state, and national elected officials* be adopted. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Cawthorne, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (10). NAYS: Commissioner Chavez (1). ABSENT: Commissioner Hopkins (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

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ADMINISTRATION REPORT

- COVID-19 Vaccines

The Commissioners received a report from Mrs. Bryant with information regarding the vaccine. The information included a list of locations that residents can call to get them on the waiting list. He also explained that all of the vaccines will be flowing through the State.

- Libbey Glass

Dr. Wilson also mentioned that Mr. Epperson requested a breakdown of the \$650,000 Libbey Glass paid to the taxing bodies. Those monies were sent to the Industrial Development Board. An email was sent with that breakdown.

- Update on MPC website
Granicus Presentation

Mr. Adam Isern, Granicus, came before the Commission and conducted a presentation regarding Granicus, the largest government software in the world. He broke the implementation of the new MPC website into a timeline. Phase 1 is the consulting phase and will take between 4-5 weeks. Phase 2 is the graphic design, this will also take between 4-5 weeks. Phase 3 is the development phase, which will take between 6-8 weeks. Phase 4 is the soft launch and will take about 3-4 weeks. The final phase is launching the website and it will take between 4-8 weeks. In all, the project will take about 6-8 months to complete.

Mr. Chavez thanked Granicus for the presentation. He said that the website looks user-friendly. He would like to see on the website a map of a citizen's governing body, the zoning of that property, and how to request a change to the zoning. Mr. Clarke said that this will be possible on the new website.

Mr. Jackson suggested that the MPC reach out to the NLEP and the Chamber of Commerce to advise them of the new website.

Mr. Clarke said that the MPC will continue to bring periodic updates on the website.

- Requests from Commissioners

Mr. Jackson requested that the Confederate Monument, Disparity Study, and Master Plan be placed under Administrator Report on the agenda.

COMMUNIQUES & COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mr. Hopkins said that he will not move items on a Thursday agenda without seeing the body of the item. He feels that it is the responsibility of the Commissioners to provide the information all of the Commissioners prior to voting on it.

- Mr. Chavez gave his last president's report:

As we close 2020 and my Presidency of the Commission, I wanted to say thank you. Thank you to the eleven Commissioners that allowed me this opportunity. A big thank you to Commissioner Johnson, it's never a one man show but truly a team and having someone I can lean on with experience has been nice. Thanks for being my VP. Thank you to the staff that made this task very uncomplicated. When I say staff, we have many people on the eighth floor, so it'd be hard to thank them each by name. Erica, Haley, Donna, and Henry a huge thank you. To Michelle, the best Deputy Clerk we could ever have aka Bootz to everyone that knew her prior to government. You were a one woman show in for months ran the entire Commission Clerk's Office all alone. You deserve a huge thanks. Jeff, you took to the Clerk position like a duck to water. I'm so glad you are there, and your assistance through this crazy year has been a constant comfort. Linda, I can't leave you at either. Thank you for putting up with the twelve very assertive people trying to keep us organized and in the know. I'm sure has been a tiresome job. Thank you to Krystle for getting the message out of both mine and the Parish's information. Dr. Wilson, thank you for the many one on ones, advice, and prayers. And lastly, and most importantly to the citizens of Caddo Parish. As the Declaration of Independence states, men deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. If it were not for you, none of us would be sitting here serving you. And it is an honor and a privilege, and I do not take this responsibility lightly. Now 2020. What can I say what a year. When I first got elected and I asked what exactly does the President do. I was told he gives speeches and shows up for events, more of a ceremonial position. The President also runs the meetings and keeps the decorum. Well that was not the case for this last year. I remember signing the Declaration of Emergency, when COVID hit and the sheriff deputies saying this might be one of the most important documents and sign. Little did I know I'd be signing a secondary declaration a few months later. 2020 was an extremely trying year in between the constant press releasing emergency meetings, COVID updates, zoom, attending every committee meeting at what seemed like weekly trips to a quarantine government Plaza to sign documents and checks. I'm ready to hand the torch and take a vacation. When it comes to politics I think most people think the twelve of us are sitting in a room yelling at each other. As the President of the Commission I can say that is not the case. When it comes to our local parish politics, we all want the same thing. We all want what's best for our constituents. We want nice streets, quality services, and a balanced budget. We have enough external pressures in this world that I can say during this last year working with my fellow Commissioners has been the easiest part of my job. Even super opinionated, yet highly knowledgeable, Commissioner Jackson was an asset over the last year. He was a constant advocate on advice when it comes to duties and the parameters of local government. I know that surprised a lot of people that are often received advice from the opposite political party, but that's the beauty of our team. I truly believe we all build on each other's strengths and politics takes a backseat to offering quality government to the Parish of Caddo. In closing, I would like to remember our old friend Commissioner Bowman in touch on a valuable lesson, he would often teach us without many of us knowing. 1 Timothy:2, 1-3, teaches us to pray for our leaders, regardless if we agree with them or not. God put them there for a reason. 1 Timothy:2, 1-3, I urge then first of all that petitions, prayers, intercession, and thanksgiving be made for all people for kings and all those in authority that may we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good and pleases God our Savior. That being said, to Stormy, Jim, John, Steven, Ed, Lyndon, John-Paul, Lynn, Ken, and Roy, and especially Todd—who I thank God has brought him into 2021 with us—I am praying for you, and I am looking forward to 2021 and continuing the great work we are all doing together. Thank you, Clerk. That concludes my report.

- Mr. Epperson recited Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. He also said that the Special Resolutions will be sent to the Clerk of the Commission prior to it being sent to any body.

Mr. Epperson also offered prayers and well wishes to those who are on the forefront of the COVID-19 pandemic. The United States has over 21 million positive COVID cases as of yesterday with over 361,000 deaths. Louisiana has over 334,000 positive COVID-19 cases as of yesterday with almost 7,000 deaths. Caddo Parish has over 18,000 positive COVID-19 cases as of yesterday with over 500 deaths.

Mr. Epperson also announced that his District 12 Informational Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 14 at 6:00 p.m. It will be held via teleconference. He encouraged all to attend.

- Mr. Burrell thanked Mr. Chavez for his leadership through 2020. He also thanked the Commissioners for electing him as 2021's Parliamentarian. Mr. Burrell mentioned to the Clerk of the

Commission to schedule a Parliamentary Review session for the Commissioners.

Mr. Burrell then talked about the incidents that occurred at the Capitol yesterday. He was disturbed by the events that took place. He said in 1898, after Reconstruction, Louisiana redid the Constitution that restricted and nearly eliminated the rights for all African-Americans in Louisiana to vote. He further said that in 1964, the Civil Rights Act was passed, and in 1965, the Voting Rights Act was passed. Mr. Burrell explained that he was only 13 years old when it passed, but his parents did not have that right. He said that he has an issue with people storming the Capitol because he's always held those things in deep respect. Mr. Burrell said that he understands the right to protest because he did so when he was in college. He said, "the United States has been divided to the point to where many citizens feel disenfranchised because of lies that has replaced the truth in our democracy".

- Mr. Atkins also thanked Mr. Chavez for his leadership through 2020. He also said that he is very confident with Mr. Johnson's new role of President. "Our body is in good hands", he said.

Mr. Atkins also talked about the incidents that occurred at the Capitol yesterday. He said that many were disturbed by those events that took place. He was both shocked and disappointed to see the riots occurring at Washington D.C. He hopes that everyone can find some common ground as a country and move forward together.

- Mr. Jackson wished everyone a Happy New Year. He hopes that 2021 is better than 2020. He also thanked Mr. Chavez for his role as President in 2020.

Mr. Jackson then talked about the events that took place in the Capitol yesterday. He said that it starts by people showing up in places saying they are expressing their freedom of speech and escalates from there. Mr. Jackson also quoted Mitt Romney, "the best victory you can give a friend is to tell them the truth." He said that people have followed him to school, as he dropped off loved ones, etc. At what point do we say enough is enough, he said. Mr. Jackson said that he would like to have discussions regarding having protocols in place for local elected officials.

Mr. Jackson thanked Dr. Wilson and Mrs. Bryant for all of their hard work last year.

He also mentioned that any email sent to any of the Commissioners' public email addresses are considered public documents.

Mr. Jackson also talked about the efforts from people who "stripped Caddo Parish from the MPC", and now they want to use the MPC one way or the other, either for or against.

- Mrs. Gage-Watts congratulated the newly elected officers for this year.

She extended her condolences for the family and friends of the Shreveport Firefighter who lost his life yesterday. She encouraged all to continue to practice the safety protocols in combatting the COVID-19 pandemic. Mrs. Gage-Watts said, "we are not in the clear". She listed several events for testing in Caddo Parish.

Mrs. Gage-Watts quoted the famous Harriet Tubman, "If you see the torches in the woods, keep going. If they're shouting after you, keep going. Don't ever stop. Keep going. If you want to taste the freedom, keep going." She encouraged all to keep going.

Mrs. Gage-Watts received a phone call from a gentleman in regards to Animal Services. The man saw a dog get hit by a car and was in complete misery. He wanted to pick up the dog, but he understood the consequences of touching a wounded animal, so he called Animal Services who came out and put that animal to peace. He wanted to thank Animal Services for all of their hard work in a often times, thankless job.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Johnson presented outgoing president, Mr. Chavez, with a plaque honoring his year as President of the Commission. He thanked him for all of his hard work during a trying year.

Mr. Johnson also requested an update on the I-49 Welcome signs at least once a month.

He also thanked his Commissioners for voting him as the 2021 Caddo Commission President.

PUBLIC HEARING ON LOCAL ASSESSMENT ORDINANCES

The Chair of the Commission opened the public hearing for the following ordinances:

- *Local Assessment Ordinance No. 61 of 2020, an ordinance accepting improvements and paving of Winder Drive, Winder Circle West, Winder Circle East*

and Cashmere Circle being located in Fredola's Place and Windermere Estates Subdivisions, Phase 1, Unit 2, Phase 3, and Unit No. 4, all located in Section 25, Township 17 North, Range 15 West, of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and providing for the assessment of all abutting real estate in the amounts respectively due and providing for the imposition of liens and privileges in favor of the Parish of Caddo and providing for the terms of payment, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto

There being no one else to speak in favor or against these ordinances, the Chair closed the public hearings.

LOCAL ASSESSMENT ORDINANCES (final passage)

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Epperson, *that Local Assessment Ordinance No. 61 of 2020, an ordinance accepting improvements and paving of Winder Drive, Winder Circle West, Winder Circle East and Cashmere Circle being located in Fredola's Place and Windermere Estates Subdivisions, Phase 1, Unit 2, Phase 3, and Unit No. 4, all located in Section 25, Township 17 North, Range 15 West, of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and providing for the assessment of all abutting real estate in the amounts respectively due and providing for the imposition of liens and privileges in favor of the Parish of Caddo and providing for the terms of payment, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be adopted.

Mr. Epperson commended Mrs. Gage-Watts on her persistence on this subdivision. He said that the neighborhood is beautiful.

Mr. Johnson recommended adding PD to Private Drives. Dr. Wilson said that was standard practice.

Mrs. Gage-Watts stated that she will abstaining from the vote due to her living in this subdivision.

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

LOCAL ASSESSMENT ORDINANCE NO. 61 OF 2020

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING IMPROVEMENTS AND PAVING OF WINDER DRIVE, WINDER CIRCLE WEST, WINDER CIRCLE EAST AND CASHMERE CIRCLE BEING LOCATED IN FREDOLA'S PLACE AND WINDERMERE ESTATES SUBDIVISIONS, PHASE 1, UNIT 2, PHASE 3 AND UNIT NO. 4, ALL LOCATED IN SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 17 NORTH, RANGE 15 WEST, OF CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF ALL ABUTTING REAL ESTATE IN THE AMOUNTS RESPECTIVELY DUE AND PROVIDING FOR THE IMPOSITION OF LIENS AND PRIVILEGES IN FAVOR OF THE PARISH OF CADDO AND PROVIDING FOR THE TERMS OF PAYMENT, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened that it does hereby order the following action to be taken in accordance with La. R.S. 33:3681 et seq.:

Section 1. Notice is hereby that the Parish of Caddo does hereby accept the final satisfactory completion of the improvements and paving of Winder Drive, Winder Circle West, Winder Circle East and Cashmere Circle being located in Fredola's Place and Windermere Estates Subdivisions, Phase 1, Unit 2, Phase 3 and Unit No. 4, all located in Section 25, Township 17 North, Range 15 West, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, to the standards of Chapter 48, Article III, Division 5, Caddo Parish Code of Ordinances.

Section 2. The Caddo Parish Commission hereby orders an assessment of all abutting real estate in the amounts respectively due by the owners thereof according to the rules of the apportionment provided for in La. R.S. 33:3681 et. seq., each assessment being separately numbered as follows:

WINDERMERE ESTATES PHASE 1

Property Owner	Lot Number	Footage Abutting	Assessed Amount
Bruce Liewellyn Bryant &	8	199.98	\$2,579.74

Shirlene Rena Buggs Bryant
 5935 Buncombe Rd.
 Shreveport, LA 71129
 GEO# 1715250450008

Shirley Ann Wardlow 7228 Winder Dr. Shreveport, LA 71029 GEO# 1715250450009	9	170.00	\$2,193.00
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Carrie J. Robinson 5931 Buncombe Rd. Shreveport, LA 71129 GEO# 1715250450011	11	199.98	\$2,579.74
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Jessie James Roberts, Sr. & Dorothy H. Roberts 7229 Winder Dr. Shreveport, LA 71129 GEO# 1715250450010	10	199.98	\$2,579.74
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WINDERMERE ESTATES UNIT 2 (CORRECTION PLAT)

Property Owner	Lot Number	Footage Abutting	Assessed Amount
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Landry Peace, Jr. & Carrie C. Peace 7240 Winder Dr. Shreveport, LA 71129 GEO# 1715250490001	1	217.10	\$2,800.59
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Jonathan McClinton & Brenda McClinton 7260 Winder Dr. Shreveport, LA 71029 GEO# 1715250490002	2	185.45	\$2,392.31
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Deborah L. Reed 7266 Winder Dr. Shreveport, LA 71129 GEO# 1715250490003	3	441.35	\$5,693.42
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Frederick D. Morris, Sr. & Shemeka S. Morris 5309 Prentiss Av. Shreveport, LA 71108 GEO# 1715250490017	17	412.52	\$5,321.51
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Timothy Lee Warren & Eurydicea Katrina Warren 7310 Winder Dr. Shreveport, LA 71129 GEO# 1715250490018	18	174.60	\$2,252.34
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Edward J. Lee, Jr. & Sophia L. Jackson Lee 5614 Winder Dr. Shreveport, LA 71129 GEO# 1715250490023	23	476.41	\$6,145.69
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Theresa A. German 6203 Border Ln. Shreveport, LA 71119 GEO# 1715250490022	22	332.17	\$4,284.99
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Robert Henderson & James E. Young, Jr. 7303 Winder Dr. Shreveport, LA 71129 GEO# 1715250490021	21	125.00	\$1,612.50
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Veronica Frazier Levy 7307 Winder Dr.	20	125.00	\$1,612.50
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Shreveport, LA 71129 GEO# 1715250490020			
Brandon D. Davis 5610 Buncombe Rd., Apt. 603 Shreveport, LA 71129 GEO# 1715250490019	19	125.00	\$1,612.50
Theorlando Goldsmith 6624 Winder Circle West Shreveport, LA 71129 GEO# 1715250490004	4	125.00	\$1,612.50
Tersa Ann Kirkikis 6628 Winder Circle West Shreveport, LA 71029 GEO# 1715250490005	5	125.00	\$1,612.50
Leslie Marie Scott P. O. Box 3132 Shreveport, LA 71133 GEO# 1715250490006	6	125.00	\$1,612.50
Kenneth Wayne Thomas & Karena Nadine Payne Thomas 6636 Winder Circle West Shreveport, LA 71129 GEO# 1715250490007	7	154.00	\$1,986.60
Tyrone Mitchell 6640 Winder Circle West Shreveport, LA 71129 GEO# 1715250490008	8	177.48	\$2,289.49
Phyllis A. Hart 6644 Winder Circle West Shreveport, LA 71129 GEO# 1715250490009	9	68.52	\$883.91
Christopher L. Watts 6648 Winder Circle West Shreveport, LA 71129 GEO# 1715250490010	10	53.86	\$694.79
Lorenzo Wilson, Jr. 6645 Winder Circle West Shreveport, LA 71129 GEO# 1715250490011	11	103.34	\$1,333.09
Debra Lavon Bowman White 6641 Winder Circle West Shreveport, LA 71129 GEO# 1715250490012	12	157.45	\$2,031.11
Reginald Mills & Cherolyn Ann Reed Mills 6637 Winder Circle West Shreveport, LA 71129 GEO# 1715250490013	13	125.00	\$1,612.50
Roy Kenneth Leejay, Jr. & Verlonda Anderson Leejay 6633 Winder Circle West Shreveport, LA 71129 GEO# 1715250490014	14	125.00	\$1,612.50
Sanda Rena Lawrence Lawson 629 Winder Circle West Shreveport, LA 71129 GEO# 1715250490015	15	125.00	\$1,612.50
Jerald D. Danzell & Brenda G. Danzell	16	125.00	\$1,612.50

6625 Winder Circle West
Shreveport, LA 71029
GEO# 1715250490016

WINDERMERE ESTATES PHASE THREE

Property Owner	Lot Number	Footage Abutting	Assessed Amount
Paul Wayne Pugh, Sr. 5610 Winder Circle East Shreveport, LA 71129 GEO# 1715250500001	1	125.00	\$1,612.50
Corey D. French & Christolyn C. French 5606 Winder Circle East Shreveport, LA 71029 GEO# 1715250500002	2	125.00	\$1,612.50
Emile Norton & Marquita Norton 5602 Winder Circle East Shreveport, LA 71129 GEO# 1715250500003	3	125.00	\$1,612.50
Chad Garland, Trustee of the Frankayla Johnnie Ruth Anderson Heritage Trust 5598 Winder Circle East Shreveport, LA 71129 GEO# 1715250500004	4	125.00	\$1,612.50
Christine Ann Hall Graham 5594 Winder Circle East Shreveport, LA 71129 GEO# 1715250500005	5	125.00	\$1,612.50
Don Patrick Gibbs & Yolonda Woods Gibbs 5590 Winder Circle East Shreveport, LA 71129 GEO# 1715250500006	6	149.07	\$1,923.00
Mary Edna Duncan Williams 5586 Winder Circle East Shreveport, LA 71129 GEO# 1715250500007	7	67.58	\$871.78
Quiana T. Davis 6203 Border Lane Shreveport, LA 71119 GEO# 1715250500008	8	41.48	\$535.09
Evelyn Collins Kelly 5578 Winder Circle East Shreveport, LA 71129 GEO# 1715250500009	9	45.69	\$589.40
Jason DeWayne Montgomery & Kristin Gayle Brown Montgomery 5577 Winder Circle East Shreveport, LA 71129 GEO# 1715250500010	10	37.26	\$480.65
Brodrick Curry 5585 Winder Circle East Shreveport, LA 71129 GEO# 1715250500011	11	121.17	\$1,563.09
Louis V. Collins & Beverly J. Collins 5589 Winder Circle East Shreveport, LA 71129 GEO# 1715250500012	12	125.00	\$1,612.50

Willie Lee Henderson, Jr. & Letetia P. Henderson 5593 Winder Circle East Shreveport, LA 71129 GEO# 1715250500013	13	125.00	\$1,612.50
Melvin R. Nelson, Sr. & Tangelia T. Nelson 5597 Winder Circle East Shreveport, LA 71129 GEO# 1715250500014	14	125.00	\$1,612.50
Lakisha Renee' Carthen 5601 Winder Circle East Shreveport, LA 71129 GEO# 1715250500015	15	125.00	\$1,612.50
Rosalyn Washington Bowman & Uri'ah Bowman 5605 Winder Circle East Shreveport, LA 71129 GEO# 1715250500016	16	125.00	\$1,612.50
John L. Monroe, Jr. 5609 Winder Circle East Shreveport, LA 71129 GEO# 1715250500017	17	130.20	\$1,679.50

WINDERMERE ESTATES UNIT NO. 4

Property Owner	Lot Number	Footage Abutting	Assessed Amount
Michael Dwight Arvie & Brittany Bass Arvie 0000 Winder Dr. Shreveport, LA 71129 GEO# 1715250520001	1	225.00	\$2,902.50
Corey Jamar Young & Tia Laine Johnson Young 7319 Winder Dr. Shreveport, LA 71129 GEO# 1715250520002	2	413.50	\$5,334.15
Sha'Michael Dion Conway & La Jessica Denetta Carter 5590 Cashmere Circle Shreveport, LA 71129 GEO# 1715250520003	3	83.98	\$1,083.34
Karla A. Duncan & Levert Duncan, Jr. 5580 Cashmere Circle Shreveport, LA 71129 GEO# 1715250520004	4	65.18	\$840.82
Latoyia R. Smith Pouncy 2744 Elmhurst St. Shreveport, LA 71108 GEO# 1715250520005	5	60.07	\$774.90
Jeffrey J. Batiste & Jimmeka T. Batiste 5591 Cashmere Circle Shreveport, LA 71129 GEO# 1715250520006	6	150.63	\$1,943.13
Marva J. Jones 5597 Cashmere Circle Shreveport, LA 71129 GEO# 1715250520006	7	131.00	\$1,689.90

Gabriel O. Fagbeyiro 4200 Madera Drive Shreveport, LA 71119 GEO# 1715250520008	8	131.00	\$1,689.90
Antonio G. Washington 310 Johnson St. Mansfield, LA 71052 GEO# 1715250520009	9	131.00	\$1,689.90
Shona Tenise Adams 5617 Cashmere Circle Shreveport, LA 71129 GEO# 1715250520010	10	131.00	\$1,689.90
Sandra Lynn Bryant Walls 5623 Cashmere Circle Shreveport, LA 71129 GEO# 1715250520011	11	131.00	\$1,689.90
Kenneth Allen Glover & Veronica Deloris Graham Glover 5629 Cashmere Circle Shreveport, LA 71129 GEO# 1715250520012	12	131.00	\$1,689.90
Earl Armstrong, Jr. & Vernita S. Armstrong 5635 Cashmere Circle Shreveport, LA 71129 GEO# 1715250520013	13	131.00	\$1,689.90
Bruce Wayne Davis & Veronica McClure Davis 5641 Cashmere Circle Shreveport, LA 71129 GEO# 1715250520014	14	131.00	\$1,689.90
John Robert Norris & Eboney Rhodes Norris 5147 Cashmere Circle Shreveport, LA 71129 GEO# 1715250520015	15	153.30	\$1,977.57

FREDOLA'S PLACE

Property Owner	Lot Number	Footage Abutting	Assessed Amount
Drayden Dubois Dunn & Brittney Alexis Odom Dunn 2053 Francais Drive Shreveport, LA 71118 GEO# 1715250560001	1	56.58	\$729.88
Freddie Lee Johns & Leola Johns 1206 Johns Rd. Bossier City, LA 71112 GEO# 1715250560002	2	56.56	\$729.62

WINDERMERE ESTATES UNIT NO. 4 (continued)

Property Owner	Lot Number	Footage Abutting	Assessed Amount
Rickey Lee Farris & Tracy Yvette Hardman Ferris 5642 Cashmere Circle Shreveport, LA 71129 GEO# 1715250520017	17	129.82	\$1,674.68
Kevin J. Carter & Drucilla Carter 5636 Cashmere Circle Shreveport, LA 71129	18	125.00	\$1,612.50

GEO# 1715250520018

Patrick L. Dennis 845 Francois Dr. Shreveport, LA 71118 GEO# 1715250520019	19	125.00	\$1,612.50
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Felisa Annette Burks-Payne & Antonio Tyrone Payne 5624 Cashmere Circle Shreveport, LA 71129 GEO# 1715250520020	20	125.00	\$1,612.50
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Billy Joe Johnson & Inolia Ann Yearby Johnson 5618 Cashmere Circle Shreveport, LA 71129 GEO# 1715250520021	21	125.00	\$1,612.50
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Cedric W. Davis & Vanessa L. Davis 5612 Cashmere Circle Shreveport, LA 71129 GEO# 1715250520022	22	125.00	\$1,612.50
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Darryl Edward Stephens & LaJuana Franklin Stephens 3522 Red Bud Lane Shreveport, LA 71108 GEO# 1715250520023	23	538.50	\$6,946.65
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Section 3. The Caddo Parish Commission, following a public hearing relating to the enactment of this ordinance, has determined that each assessment as outlined in Section 2 above will benefit each lot or parcel of real estate in an amount not less than the special assessment as outlined above.

Section 4. A certified copy of this ordinance containing the assessments as outlined in Section 2 above shall be filed in the office of the recorder of mortgages for the Parish of Caddo, and when so filed and recorded shall operate as a lien and privilege in favor of the Parish of Caddo against all properties herein assessed. The lien and privilege shall prime all other claims except taxes.

Section 5. This ordinance provides for payment terms as follows:

- . Full payment is due within thirty (30) days of the final passage of this ordinance.
- a. The property owner may elect within thirty (30) days of the final passage of this ordinance to pay twenty percent (20%) down and twenty percent (20%) per year for four years by signing a series of promissory notes with an annual interest rate of five percent (5%).
- b. The property owner may elect within thirty (30) days of the final passage of this ordinance to pay ten percent (10%) down and ten percent (10%) per year for nine years by signing a series of promissory notes with an annual interest rate of five percent (5%).

Section 6. The Clerk of the Caddo Parish Commission shall file a certified copy of this ordinance, upon its passage, in the office of the recorder of mortgages.

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

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

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

ZONING ORDINANCES (for introduction by title)

- *Zoning Case 20-15-P, in regards to Ordinance No. 6021 of 2021, 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 east corner of Ellerbe Road and Stewart Drive, Caddo Parish, LA, from R-1-7, Single-Family Residential District to C-1, Neighborhood Commercial District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Zoning Case 20-12-P, in regards to Ordinance No. 6022 of 2021, an ordinance to amend Volume II of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo, as amended, the Caddo Parish Unified Development Code, by amending the zoning of property located on the north side of N. Market Street approximately one thousand one hundred sixty-five feet northwest of Roy Road Extension, Caddo Parish, LA, from R-A, Rural Agriculture District to C-1, Neighborhood Commercial District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Zoning Case 20-16-P, in regards to Ordinance No. 6023 of 2021, 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 east side of Greenwood Springridge Road, approximately seven hundred feet north of Meadow Creek Drive, Caddo Parish, LA, from R-A, Rural Agriculture District to R-A (PUD), Rural Agriculture Planned Unit Development District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

WORK SESSION MINUTES

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Johnson, *that the Work Session Minutes from January 4, 2021 be ratified. Motion carried by acclamation.*

RESOLUTIONS

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Hopkins, *to englobo and adopt the following resolutions:*

- *Resolution No. 1 of 2021, a resolution to authorize the Caddo Parish Administrator to request and authorize the Louisiana State Mineral & Energy Board and the Office of Mineral Resources to accept nominations and advertise for oil, gas, and mineral leases, accept bids, and award and execute oil, gas, and mineral leases on certain mineral interests owned by the Parish of Caddo, and otherwise providing with respect thereto*
- *Resolution No. 3 of 2021, a resolution authorizing the Caddo Community Action Agency, Inc. to administer the Head Start program for the Parish of Caddo, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Resolution No. 5 of 2021, a resolution urging and requesting the Louisiana Legislature to support, encourage, and work to provide high speed internet for rural Louisiana, and otherwise providing with respect thereto*

Friendly amendment by Mr. Burrell *to adopt the revised language of Resolution No. 5 of 2021. Mr. Jackson accepted.*

Mr. Epperson said that the Caddo Community Action Agency is an excellent organization. He commended Mr. Guidry and his staff on all of their hard work with this program and the Head Start Program.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 1 OF 2021

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CADDO PARISH ADMINISTRATOR TO REQUEST AND AUTHORIZE THE LOUISIANA STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD AND THE OFFICE OF

MINERAL RESOURCES TO ACCEPT NOMINATIONS AND ADVERTISE FOR OIL, GAS AND MINERAL LEASES, ACCEPT BIDS, AND AWARD AND EXECUTE OIL, GAS AND MINERAL LEASES ON CERTAIN MINERAL INTERESTS OWNED BY THE PARISH OF CADDO, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo may own certain mineral rights underlying the following described property, to-wit:

Those certain road dedications located in Section 1, Township 17 North, Range 15 West, known as Lake Hills Drive, Southridge Drive, Bradford Drive, Sandra Drive, Gorton Road, Hatcher Road, Yarbrough Road, and other unnamed or unbuild roads all located in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and containing 19.95 acres, more or less, and those certain adjudicated properties described as Portion of Lot 91, Yarbrough Subdivision, Unit 2 with a Geo. #1714501-014-0121, containing .22 acres and Lot 30, Cross Lake Hills Subdivision, Unit 1 with a Geo. #171501-007-0030, containing .89 acres, more or less, with Section 1, T17N, R15W containing a total of 21.06 acres, more or less, all in Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

Those certain road dedications located in Section 12, Township 17 North, Range 15 West, known as Dianne Street, Hatcher Road, Melrose Lane, Newman Lane, Autumn Lane, Sandra Drive, Gorton Road, Yarbrough Road, Lawton Lane, Linda Street, Lake Hills Drive, a portion of Parkwood, and other unnamed or unbuild roads all located in Caddo Parish, Louisiana and containing 24.94 acres, more or less, and those certain adjudicated properties described as a portion of Lot 3, Longwood Village Subdivision, Unit 9 with a Geo. #171512-039-0007, containing .16 acres, more or less and that certain tract located in the East Half of Southwest Quarter (E/2 of SW/4) of Section 12 with a Geo. #171512-000-0204, containing .03 acres, with Section 12, T17N, R15W containing a total of 25.13 acres, more or less, all in Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

Those certain road dedications located in Section 13, Township 17 North, Range 15 West, known as Chest Drive, Land O Trees Street, Greenwood Blvd., Wildwood Drive, Yontan Road, Honda Drive, Chibana Circle, McKinnon, Noyes Drive, and other unnamed or unbuild roads all located in Caddo Parish, Louisiana and containing 9.66 acres, more or less, and those certain adjudicated properties described as Lot 9 and ½ abandoned Hillside Street, Blk. 3, Greenwood Park, Geo. #171513-009-0009, Lot 1, Geo. #171513-005-0001 and Lot 2, Geo. #171513-005-0002, both in Wildwood Terrace, Unit No. 1, Lot 77, Geo. #171513-033-0077, Lot 78, Geo. #171513-033-0078, Lot 79, Geo. #171513-033-0079, all in Pine Ridge Subdivision, Phase 4, Lot 5, Geo. #171513-035-0005, Lot 6, Geo. #171513-035-0006, Lot 9, Geo. #171513-035-0009, Lot 11, Geo. #171513-035-0011, Lot 12, Geo. #171513-035-0012, Lot 13, Geo. #171513-035-0013, Lot 14, Geo. #171513-035-0014, Lot 15, Geo. #171513-035-0015, Lot 16, Geo. #171513-035-0016, Lot 17, Geo. #171513-035-0017, Lot 18, Geo. #171513-035-0018, Lot 19, Geo. #171513-035-0019, Lot 20, Geo. #171513-035-0020, Lot 23, Geo. #171513-035-0023, Lot 24, Geo. #171513-035-0024, Lot 25, Geo. #171513-035-0025, Lot 26, Geo. #171513-035-0026, Lot 27, Geo. #171513-035-0027, Lot 28, Geo. #171513-035-0028, Lot 31, Geo. #171513-035-0031, Lot 32, Geo. #171513-035-0032, Lot 34, Geo. #171513-035-0034, Lot 37, Geo. #171513-035-0037, Lot 43, Geo. #171513-035-0043, Lot 44, Geo. #171513-035-0044, Lot 45, Geo. #171513-035-0045, Lot 51, Geo. #171513-035-0051, Lot 52, Geo. #171513-035-0052, Lot 56, Geo. #171513-035-0056, Lot 58, Geo. #171513-035-0058, Lot 64, Geo. #171513-035-0064, Lot 69, Geo. #171513-035-0069, and Lot 78, Geo. #171513-035-0078, all in Oaklawn Village Townhomes Subdivision, said adjudicated property total acreage being 3.96 acres, more or less, with Section 13, T17N, R15W containing a total of 13.62 acres, more or less, all in Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

Those certain road dedications located in Section 24, Township 17 North, Range 15 West, known as Dixie Blvd., Frances Street, Greenwood Blvd., Rose Road, Wildwood Drive, Noyes Drive and other unnamed or unbuild roads, all located in Caddo Parish Louisiana and containing 6.92 acres, more or less, and those certain adjudicated properties described as the North 50.4 feet of Lot 46, Blk. 2, Greenwood Park Subdivision, Geo. #171513-008-0074, the North 71.3 feet of South 102.6 feet of Lot 46, Blk. 2, Greenwood Park Subdivision, Geo. #171513-008-0078, and the West 13.56 feet of Lot 1, Teetom Subdivision, Geo. #171524-010-0005, said adjudicated property total acreage being .21 acres, more or less, with Section 24, T17N, R15W containing a total of 7.13 acres, more or less, all in Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

Those certain road dedications located in Section 25, Township 17 North, Range

15 West, known as Winder Drive, Winder Circle West, Winder Circle East and Cashmere Circle, all located in Caddo Parish Louisiana and containing 7.09 acres, more or less, and those those certain adjudicated properties located in Section 25, Township 17 North, Range 15 West, described as Lot 97, Fairway Forest Area 3, Huntington Park Subdivision, Geo. #171525-015- 0097, a portion of Lot 42, Steeple Chase Area 2, Huntington Park Subdivision, Geo. #171525- 016-0155, the West ½ of Lot 119, Fox Crossing, Huntington Park Subdivision, Geo. #171525- 006-0119, Lot 128, Oak Hollow Area 2, Huntington Park Subdivision, Geo.#171525-024-0128, the South 18.83 feet of Lot 54, Geo. #171525-022-0089, the South .17 feet of Lot 60, Geo. #171525-022-0093 and portion of Lot 66, Geo. #171525-022-0068 all in Oak Hollow Area 1, Huntington Park Subdivision, said adjudicated property total acreage being 3.40 acres, more or less, with Section 25, T17N, R15W containing a total of 10.49 acres, more or less, all in Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo has received a written request from McGinty-Durham, Inc., that the Parish seek public bids for an oil, gas and mineral lease covering said property; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any such lease contain a vertical pugh provision as follows: Upon the expiration of the primary term hereof or any extension thereof by operations, this lease shall automatically terminate and be of no further force or effect except as to all that part of the leased premises then included within the geographical boundaries of a producing unit duly established by governmental agency or authority having jurisdiction, from the surface of the earth to a depth of 100 feet below the deepest depth from which any well commenced during the primary term hereof on the leased premises or on lands pooled therewith is completed and from which there is production in paying quantities, such depth determination to be made on a unit by unit basis. In the absence of units so established, this lease shall terminate except as to 40 acres around each producing oil well and 160 acres around each producing or shut-in gas well located on the leased premises, in as near the form of a square as is practicable, from the surface of the earth down to a depth of 100 feet below the deepest depth from which said well or wells are completed and from which there is production in paying quantities, such depth determination to be made on a well by well basis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any such lease contain a minimum royalty provision As follows: Royalty of not less than 1/5th or 20%.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any such lease contain a minimum bonus provision as follows: Bonus of not less than \$1,500.00 per acre.

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

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

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

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3 OF 2021

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CADDO COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY, INC. TO ADMINISTER THE HEAD START PROGRAM FOR THE PARISH OF CADDO, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission desires to obtain state and federal funds, where available, to benefit low and moderate income persons in the Parish of Caddo; and

WHEREAS, federal grants which are administered by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services are available for the purpose of providing a Head Start Preschool Education Program to qualified parish governments; and

WHEREAS, the program provides a comprehensive program to children in Early Head Start ages 0-3 and Traditional Head Start ages 3-5 and their families; and

WHEREAS, this program consists of five components: education, health, parent involvement, social services and transportation; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned program provides critical services by assisting children from low and moderate income families during their formative years; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Community Action Agency, Inc. has administered this program for the Caddo Parish Commission over the last forty-five (45) years; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission is the appropriate agency to receive federal and/or state funding for the purpose of providing programs to support the indigent persons living with the Parish of Caddo.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission, in due, legal and regular session convened, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby authorize the Caddo Community Action Agency, Inc. to administer the Head Start program on behalf of the Parish of Caddo.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Laurance Guidry and/or his successor is hereby authorized to do all things necessary to implement, maintain, amend or review any documents associated with the Head Start Program from the effective date of this resolution through January 31, 2022.

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

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 5 OF 2021

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION URGING AND REQUESTING THE LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE TO SUPPORT, ENCOURAGE, AND WORK TO PROVIDE HIGH SPEED INTERNET FOR RURAL LOUISIANA, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission strives to enhance the quality of life of for the residents of Caddo Parish, both personally and economically;

WHEREAS, high-speed internet service has become a necessary component to participating in the modern economy, healthcare and education, but this service is unavailable or of an inadequate quality for many residents;

WHEREAS all residents of Caddo Parish deserve the same educational, medical and economic opportunities as citizens served by high speed internet;

WHEREAS, neighboring states of our region have invested in the development of broadband infrastructure at varying levels, while Louisiana has made no financial investment thus far;

WHEREAS, Act No. 16 of the First Extraordinary Session of 2020 allows opportunities for installation by private providers using the infrastructure of the Rural Electric Cooperative and the Cooperatives themselves have been given permission to expand into broadband from the Public Service Commission recently;

WHEREAS, various departments of the Federal Government have made funds available for expansion of broadband targeted to rural areas. These funds provide an initial step toward bridging the digital divide,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby urge and request the Louisiana State Legislature to adopt legislation that will invest in the installation of high speed internet for rural Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Hon. Patrick Page Cortez, President of the Louisiana State Senate, the Hon. Clay Schexnayder, Speaker of the Louisiana House of Representatives, and the members of the Caddo Parish legislative delegation.

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

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Caddo Parish seek to include public private partnerships created for the purposes of deploying high-speed Internet service in rural Louisiana as beneficiaries for state funding and tax benefits.

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Epperson, *that Resolution No. 2 of 2021, a resolution ordering and calling a Special Election to be held in Caddo Parish Louisiana, to amend the Caddo Parish Home Rule Charter; making application to the State Bond Commission in connection therewith; and providing for other matters in connection therewith* be postponed.

Mr. Jackson said that these changes are not pertinent enough to be placed on the agenda by itself.

Substitute motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Cawthorne, *that Resolution No. 2 of 2021 be put on the ballot during a regular election. Motion carried*, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Cawthorne, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (12). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: None (0). ABSTAIN: None (0).

Attorney Frazier explained that the Commission has to call an election before it is sent to the Bond Commission, so she will bring this resolution back before the Commission once another election is called.

It was **moved by Mr. Hopkins**, seconded by Mr. Atkins, *that Resolution No. 4 of 2021, a resolution approving the amended 2020 of North Louisiana Criminalistics Laboratory Commission and otherwise provide with respect thereto* be adopted.

Mr. Hopkins explained that this resolution is a “technical deal” that the Commission is asked to approve. The Commission is one of twenty-nine agencies who approves it. He also mentioned that it has nothing to do with the Commission’s budget.

Mr. Atkins mentioned that there were some concerns regarding their deficit. He was informed that their deficit was coronavirus related and not a systematic problem.

Mr. Jackson pointed out that there are still some deficits. The Clerk of the Commission advised that those questions have been submitted to the crime lab. Mr. Jackson said that the Commission is a pass through for the crime lab, but if there is a shortfall, the Commission could be responsible for the shortfall. Attorney Frazier said that the Commission is not responsible for meeting the shortfall.

Mr. Jackson then wanted to know if the Sheriff has responsibility to the crime lab. Attorney Frazier is not sure if the Sheriff has any responsibility to the crime lab. She explained that the parishes approve it, not law enforcement agencies.

Mr. Jackson suggested that more discussion take place regarding this resolution. He stated that he does not feel comfortable voting in favor of it today.

Mr. Johnson mentioned that the Parish is not responsible for Intergovernmental Grant Revenue. He also explained that the crime lab has a fund balance of \$2.1M.

At this time, Mr. Hopkins’ motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Cawthorne, Chavez, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Johnson, Lazarus, and Taliaferro (8). NAYS: Commissioners Burrell, Epperson, Jackson, and Young (4). ABSENT: None (0). ABSTAIN: None (0).

RESOLUTION NO. 4 OF 2021

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AMENDED 2020 OF NORTH LOUISIANA CRIMINALISTICS LABORATORY COMMISSION AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened this 7th day of January, 2021, that it hereby approves the amended 2020 budget of the North Louisiana Criminalistics Laboratory Commission, as presented.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall become effective immediately.

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

It was **moved by Mr. Chavez**, seconded by Mr. Taliaferro, *that Resolution No. 6 of 2021, a resolution proclaiming January 9, 2021 as ‘National Law Enforcement Day’ in Caddo Parish* be adopted.

Chavez: It’s extremely self-explanatory. However, I know everyone on the commission truly appreciates our local law enforcement so thanks for your support and passing this. That’s all.

Jackson: I’m a little perplexed about this one Commissioner Chavez. I have a lot of friends who are law enforcement, but I also know that the constituents that I represent also have—is this like a national recognition or something like this.

Chavez: Clerk, would you read it?

Clerk of the Commission: Yeah, sure. Just one moment I’ll pull it up.

Jackson: I thought we said we wouldn’t add stuff that people weren’t able to see?

Clerk of the Commission: This one is attached to your agenda. This was attached to your agenda when it was released yesterday.

Jackson: Can somebody--I’m just trying to figure out. You know the constituents that I represent

don't always have the best relationship with law enforcement and I want to be cautious of the message that we sending.

Clerk of the Commission: Sure thing. Would like me to read it and share my screen so that you can all see it as I read it?

Chavez: Sure.

Clerk of the Commission: Okay, one moment I will. I've got a few things open here. Okay. This is Resolution No. 6 of 2021 by the Caddo Parish Commission: a resolution proclaiming January 9, 2021 AS 'National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day' in Caddo Parish. WHEREAS, the health and safety of all Caddo Parish citizens is important; and WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo is the proud home to many dedicated law enforcement officers who put their lives on the line to keep our community safe; and WHEREAS, these officers stand as leaders and teachers in the community, educating the citizens about the importance of public safety; and WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission appreciates the extraordinary efforts and sacrifices made by officers and their family members on a daily basis in order to protect our schools, workplaces, roadways, and homes. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, meeting in legal and regular session this 7 th day of January 2021 that it does hereby proclaim January 9th, 2021 as: 'NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION DAY' in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and urges all citizens to join with the Parish in recognition of this important day.

Jackson: Okay, appreciate it, Mr. Clerk. Thank you, Commissioner Chavez. I'm actually hoping that we can maybe get some consensus to maybe push this back so that we can change the language. If this was recognizing law enforcement in Caddo Parish and Shreveport, I'd be all over it. But national law enforcement, I just I'm wrestling with that particularly after the scenes of yesterday knowing that again as I said earlier in the meeting that there is a double standard obviously, and it was on display yesterday. So, I just have some concerns about being that broad that generalized about law enforcement at this particular time. Thank you, Mr. president. Respectfully, thank you.

Chavez: Thank you, Mr. President. I was going to say if it's okay with Commissioner Jackson, I'm fine removing the national part and just acknowledging our local guys here.

Jackson: Then that would be a title change and when we have to do some advertising that different at that point.

Chavez: Attorney Frazier?

Attorney Frazier: I apologize I was on mute. Let me take a look at the resolution please. What is the title?

Attorney Frazier: This mention national law enforcement for some reason I'm not seeing it on my copy of the agenda.

Clerk of the Commission: It's Resolution No. 6 of 2021 under Agenda Additions. The title is a resolution proclaiming January 9th 2021 as National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day in Caddo Parish.

Attorney Frazier: Well, then, yes it would require a title change. If you're not going to proclaim it National Law Enforcement Day, then you would need to change the title.

Chavez: Mr. Jackson, I'd accept a substitute if you'd want to make it local. I think our guys here do a great job, but if not, we'll just vote on it as it is.

Jackson: No what I'm saying is if we change that then it becomes a title issue. So I'm open to working with you on something uh maybe next meeting for something localized.

Chavez: Okay.

Jackson: Got you, localized and personalized.

Chavez: Okay, I'm game.

Johnson: Roll call please.

At this time, Mr. Chavez's motion failed, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Chavez, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (5). NAYS: Commissioners Burrell,

Cawthorne, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Jackson, and Johnson (6). ABSENT: Commissioner Hopkins (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

NEW BUSINESS

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Lazarus, *to englobo and confirm the following appointments:*

- *Reappointment of Mike McCullough to the Fire District No. 6 Board. Term to expire January 1, 2023*
- *Reappointment of Glenda E. Britton to the Waterworks District No. 7 Board. Term to expire January 8, 2026*

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

COMMUNIQUES/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mr. Jackson reminded the Commissioners that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is January 18. He also said that the NACo Human Services met today, and they are asking that the parishes and counties light up their facilities in observance of this day and in honor of COVID-19 victims.

He also requested an update on additional voting locations to the Administrator Report.

Mr. Jackson also encouraged everyone to stay safe, practice social distancing, and wash their hands.

- Mr. Epperson would like the Parish to notify the public of any COVID infections that are present in parish facilities.

He also wanted to know if there was a bomb threat made to Government Plaza. Dr. Wilson said that it was brought to his attention that the City of Shreveport did receive a form of ransomware demanding \$100,000 to an account. They did not give into the threat, and the bomb team did go through Government Plaza to ensure there was nothing unusual.

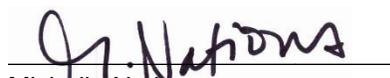
Mr. Epperson also asked for an update on the POW flag. Dr. Wilson said that he will provide that update to him.

Mr. Epperson then asked about the verbiage surrounding the Confederate Monument. Dr. Wilson explained that they received a quote for \$980.

- Mr. Cawthorne congratulated the newly appointed officers for 2021.

He also talked about the March on Washington in 1963. Over 250,000 people went to Washington, D.C. and spoke at the Lincoln Memorial with no casualties.

There was no further discussion to come before the Commission, so the meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.


Michelle Nations
Assistant Commission Clerk


Lyndon B. Johnson
President