

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
CADDO PARISH COMMISSION
HELD ON THE 13th DAY OF JANUARY 2020

The Caddo Parish Commission met in legal and special session on the above date at 12:00 p.m. in the Government Chamber with Mrs. Gage-Watts, President, presiding, and the following members in attendance, constituting a quorum: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Cawthorne, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (11). ABSENT: Commissioner Jackson (1).

The invocation was given by Pastor Brian Wilson, and Mr. Ken Epperson, Sr. led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The President stated the purpose of the special meeting as being to administering the Oaths of Office to the 2020-2024 board of Caddo Parish Commissioners.

SWEARING-IN-CEREMONY

At this time, Mrs. Gage-Watts asked the Commissioners to stand and be joined by their family members at their desk for the administering of the Oath of Office.

The Honorable Robert P. Waddell, Chief Judge, 1st Judicial District Court came forward to administer the Oaths of Office to the Commissioners. Chief Judge Waddell congratulated and wished the Commissioners good luck in their coming term.

Mrs. Gage-Watts recognized clergy and elected officials by asking them to stand. She welcomed them to today's Special Session. She congratulated and took time to allow Commissioners time to recognize their special guest in attendance.

Mr. Lazarus thanked his wife and the voters of District 11 for allowing him to serve these next four years. He asked for prayers while going through this term as Caddo Parish Commissioners.

Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson asked his family and friends who joined him in today's swearing in ceremony. He stated that this will be his last term, and his goal is to help as many people as he possibly can.

Mr. Taliaferro recognized his wife and daughter who were in the audience today. He also recognized his friends who have also joined him. He said that he intends to be the best servant leader that he can.

Mr. Epperson recognized his wife, Patricia Epperson, and other colleagues and friends in attendance. Mr. Epperson also thanked the citizens of District 12 for their support during this time. He especially recognized Mr. Troy who has handled his campaign since he was 10 years old.

Mr. Burrell recognize his family who joined him today. He especially recognized Mr. Rudy who has been in every campaign he's held since 1991. Mr. Burrell said that he's been on the City Council and at the State level, which have all encompassed Caddo Commission District 5. He looks forward to serving with all of his fellow colleagues.

Mrs. Gage-Watts recognized her husband, Christopher Watts, son, friends, and others who joined her for today's ceremony. She said that their support has been amazing during this journey. She thanked God and is excited to continue this journey.

Mr. Chavez recognized his parents, wife, Megan, sons, and other friends and family who joined him today. He appreciates those who believe in him and did the footwork during his campaign. He also is looking forward to working together for the betterment of this Parish.

Mr. Hopkins recognized his wife, Karen, and his family and friends who pounded the pavement with him during his campaign. He said that his wife played a huge part in this campaign and has been his support since he ran for mayor of Oil City. He said that it will be different being a Commissioner, since he was the previous Commission Clerk. He also said that his father was the last president of the Police Jury and the first president of the Commission. He is looking forward to working with the other Commissioners to take care of the citizens of this Parish.

Mr. Cawthorne recognized his family and pastor who joined him today. He thanked them for being with him throughout his journey of politics. He also mentioned that the body is comprised of 6 democrats and 6 republicans, and even though the body is diverse, they have been able to work together to help out the citizens of this Parish.

Mr. John-Paul Young recognized his family and partner, Brandon, who has helped him and been beside him during this campaign. He is looking forward to advancing long term planning, solutions, and investments for this parish. He thanked his family and friends once again.

Mr. Atkins recognized his wife, Lyndsey, and Mother-In-Law, Cindy, for being in

attendance today. He said that his wife has supported him through this journey and this campaign. He also thanked the previous Commissioners for all of the help during the last four years. He thanked the citizens of District 9 for entrusting his leadership for another term. He is looking forward to working with all of the Commissioners during these next four years.

Mrs. Gage-Watts then asked the employees of Caddo Parish to stand. She thanked and gave appreciation to all of the hard work behind the scenes.

There being no further business to come before the Special Meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Stormy Gage-Watts
President

Michelle Nations
Deputy Commission Clerk