

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
CADDO PARISH COMMISSION
SITTING AS A PROPERTY STANDARDS BOARD
HELD ON THE 14th DAY OF MARCH, 2022

The Caddo Parish Commission, sitting as a Property Standards Board duly authorized to review and render directions for action on property standards violations brought to its attention pursuant to the requirements of Chapter 24, Property Standards, of the Caddo Parish Code of Ordinances, met on the above date, at 2:30 p.m., in the Government Chambers, with Mr. Atkins, presiding, and the following members in attendance constituting a quorum: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (9). ABSENT: Commissioners Gage-Watts, Jackson, and Jones (3).

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

NEW BUSINESS

- Case No. 1: 9562 Wallace Lake Road, Shreveport

The property is a dilapidated home with one old house structure. The trailer has parts of the walls missing with tarps placed over them. The old house structure also has parts of the wall missing and the roof is falling in and is open to the elements. There are also three inoperable vehicles on the property. This is the third time the property has been brought back to the Property Standards Board, and Mr. Donald Demarigny has attended the past two meetings. Mr. Demarigny has abated some of the original violations, such as removal of one inoperable boat, removal of one inoperable car, and demolition of one house structure.

Mr. Young wanted to know if there were photos of the property after the abatements. Mr. Wilson said that there are photos attached to the agenda.

Mr. Demarigny came before the Commission and said that they are in the process of removing the other building. Mr. Wilson said that the trailer also needs to be removed. Mr. Demarigny said that the trailer is going to be rebuilt, and if he removes it, the property will be exposed from the street.

Mr. Burrell wanted to know if Mr. Demarigny has the resources to cleanup the property. Mr. Demarigny said that he is "a one man show" and can't afford the help to clean up the property. Mr. Burrell suggested a volunteer group come and help the owner to clean it up.

Mr. Atkins said that this conversation has gone on for over a year, and he is recommending another 60 days to clean up the property. Mr. Demarigny said that he is not sure he will be able to clean up in that amount of time. Mr. Atkins said that there is a long way to go. Mr. Demarigny said that he was there first, and the neighbors have encroached on him.

It was **moved by Mr. Atkins**, seconded by Mr. Epperson, *to provide another 60 day extension for the property owner to clean up the property.*

Mr. Hopkins pointed out that this Commission provided an extension last time. Mr. Atkins understood and said that he pledges that he will not provide another 60 days after this.

At this time, Mr. Atkins' motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (8). NAYS: Commissioner Johnson (1). ABSENT: Commissioners Gage-Watts, Jones, and Jackson (3). ABSTAIN: None (0).

- Case No. 2: 9533 Gay Lane, Oil City, LA

The property is a mobile home that is made of two mobile homes placed side-by-side each. Both structures are abandoned, burned, and dilapidated. There is trash, a dilapidated storage shed, and an inoperable vehicle on the property. Vegetation is overgrown creating a possible health and safety hazard for the neighbors. Proper notifications were sent to the owner, Sapphire Land Company, LLC, and it was published in the Official Journal.

Mr. Hopkins said that there is no reason that people have to live next to "crap like this".

It was **moved by Mr. Hopkins**, seconded by Mr. Taliaferro, *to accept the documents attached to Case No. 2 and accept Public Works recommendation to demolish the property. Motion carried*, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (9). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Gage-Watts, Jackson, and Jones (3). ABSTAIN: None (0).

- Case No. 3: 422 Dellwood Avenue, Shreveport, LA 71107

The property is a dilapidated and abandoned mobile home. There is also a dilapidated shed structure on the property. It is open to the elements, and junk/debris is scattered around the property. Vegetation is overgrown creating a possible health and safety hazard for the neighbors. Proper notifications were sent to the owners, Shayne Cameron Andergregg and Joe David Lawson, and it was published in the Official Journal.

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Chavez, *to accept the documents attached to Case No. 3 and accept Public Works recommendation to demolish the property. Motion carried*, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (9). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Gage-Watts, Jackson, and Jones (3). ABSTAIN: None (0).

- Case No. 4: 4211 Rainer Drive, Shreveport, LA 71107

The property is a dilapidated and abandoned mobile home. There is also a dilapidated shed structure on the property. It is open to the elements, and junk/debris is scattered around the property. Vegetation is overgrown creating a possible health and safety hazard for the neighbors. Proper notifications were sent to the owners, James Graham and Luis Molina, and it was published in the Official Journal.

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Lazarus, *to accept the documents attached to Case No. 4 and accept Public Works recommendation to demolish the property. Motion carried*, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (9). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Gage-Watts, Jackson, and Jones (3). ABSTAIN: None (0).

- Case No. 5: 10771 Old Mansfield Road, Keithville, LA 71047

The property is a dilapidated and abandoned mobile home. There is also a dilapidated camper and two inoperable vehicles on the property. It is open to the elements, and junk/debris is scattered around the property. Vegetation is overgrown creating a possible health and safety hazard for the neighbors. Proper notifications were sent to the owner, Jim Olen Jones, and it was published in the Official Journal.

It was **moved by Mr. Lazarus**, seconded by Mr. Chavez, *to accept the documents attached to Case No. 5 and accept Public Works recommendation to demolish the property. Motion carried*, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (9). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Gage-Watts, Jackson, and Jones (3). ABSTAIN: None (0).

- Case No. 6: 8886 Beaver's Nest Drive, Shreveport, LA 71129

The property is a dilapidated, burned, and abandoned mobile home. It is open to the elements, and junk/debris is scattered around the property. Vegetation is overgrown creating a possible health and safety hazard for the neighbors. Proper notifications were sent to the owners, Sapphire Land Company, LLC, Elizabeth A. Bailey, and Brickly Lynn Treece, and it was published in the Official Journal.

It was **moved by Mr. Epperson**, seconded by Mr. Johnson, *to accept the documents attached to Case No. 6 and accept Public Works recommendation to demolish the property. Motion carried*, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (9). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Gage-Watts, Jackson, and Jones (3). ABSTAIN: None (0).

Mr. Burrell asked that Mr. Wilson look at the property next to the Shreveport Country Club. He said that there is some type of chemical in the barrels that are in the buildings. Mr. Epperson wanted to know if this is inside the city limits or outside. Mr. Wilson said that he will research it further and send it to the appropriate parties.

Mr. Young wanted to know if Sapphire Land Company are a tax purchaser, and if the Commission should look at other properties they own. Mr. Wilson said that they can research what other properties they own.

There was no further discussion to come before the Commission, so the meeting was adjourned at 2:57 p.m.


Michelle Nations
Assistant Commission Clerk


John E. Atkins
President