

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
CADDO PARISH COMMISSION
SITTING AS A PROPERTY STANDARDS BOARD
HELD ON MARCH 22, 2021

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 2:00 p.m., via Zoom teleconference, Mr. Johnson, President, presiding, and the following members in attendance constituting a quorum: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Cawthorne, Chavez, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (11). ABSENT: Commissioner Epperson (1).

Mr. Burrell gave the invocation, and Mr. Hopkins led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ADDITIONS

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Burrell, *to expand the agenda and to approve the consideration of items under La.R.S. 42:17.1. Motion carried by acclamation.*

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: March 22, 2020
/s/Lyndon B. Johnson
Caddo Parish Commission President

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Wilson advised the Commissioners that he does have a Mr. Bob Mitchell in attendance who will be speaking about Case No. 2 and Case No. 3. Mr. Johnson suggested that Mr. Wilson provide the reports on Case Nos. 1, 4, 5, and 6, then come back to Case No. 2 and Case No. 3.

- Case 1: 7743 Blanchard Furr Road, Shreveport (District 1)

Mr. Chuck Wilson gave the following report: it is a mobile home which is dilapidated and abandoned. Some doors and windows are busted out or missing. It is open to the elements with junk and debris piled up inside and outside of the dwelling. Grass and vegetation have taken over the property. Certified letters have been sent to the property owners and have been posted in the Official Journal. Mr. Wilson's recommendation is to demolish the property.

- Case 4: 3238 Hiawatha Drive, Shreveport (District 2)

Mr. Chuck Wilson gave the following report: it is a mobile home which is dilapidated and abandoned. Some of the dwelling has been removed and scattered around the property. It is open to the elements with junk and debris piled up inside and outside of the dwelling. Certified letters have been sent to the property owners and have been posted in the Official Journal. Mr. Wilson's recommendation is to demolish the property.

- Case No. 5: 4110 Ridgeway Avenue, Shreveport (District 2)

Mr. Chuck Wilson gave the following report: it is a house which is dilapidated and abandoned. It is open to the elements with junk and debris piled up inside and outside of the dwelling. Certified letters have been sent to the property owners and have been posted in the Official Journal. Mr. Wilson's recommendation is to demolish the property.

- Case No. 6: 11181 Ferry Lake Road, Oil City (District 1)

Mr. Chuck Wilson gave the following report: it is a house which is dilapidated and abandoned. It is open to the elements with junk and debris piled up inside and outside of the dwelling. Certified letters have been sent to the property owners and have been posted in the Official Journal. Mr. Wilson's recommendation is to demolish the property.

At this time, it was **moved by Mr. Atkins**, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *to accept the documents attached to Case Nos. 1, 4, 5, and 6 and accept Public Work's recommendations to demolish those properties. Motion carried*, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, and Taliaferro (9). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Cawthorne, Epperson, and Young (3). ABSTAIN: None (0).

- Case No. 2: 9634 Pelican Lodge Road, Vivian (District 1)
Case No. 3: 9640 Pelican Lodge Road, Vivian (District 1)

Mr. Chuck Wilson gave the following report: both properties are mobile homes which are dilapidated and abandoned. Some of the dwelling has been removed and scattered around the property. It is open to the elements with junk and debris piled up inside and outside of the dwelling. Neither dwelling is habitable. Certified letters have been sent to the property owners and have been posted in the Official Journal. Mr. Wilson's recommendation is to demolish the property.

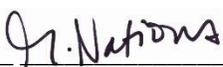
Mr. Bob Mitchell, friend of the property owner, came before the Commission and requested 60 days to clean up the property.

It was **moved by Mr. Hopkins**, seconded by Mr. Burrell, *to accept the documents attached to Case Nos. 2 and 3 and give the property owner 60 days to clean up the properties; if the properties have not been cleaned in 60 days to follow Public Work's recommendation to demolish the properties.*

Mr. Taliaferro wanted to know if the property would be charged if the Parish cleans up the property. Mr. Johnson said that the property owner is charged.

At this time, Mr. Hopkins' motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (10). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Cawthorne and Epperson (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:24 p.m.


Michelle Nations
Assistant Commission Clerk


Lyndon Johnson
President