

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
CADDO PARISH COMMISSION  
HELD ON THE 9<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2020

The Caddo Parish Commission met in legal and regular session, on the above date at 3:30 p.m., via ZOOM teleconference, with President 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. Taliaferro, and Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS**

Christopher Lyon submitted the following comment: *We know death rates for those who cannot access adequate testing and live in underserved areas are highest. Please support proposal today by voting in favor of allowing satellite testing locations for those who are unable to travel to existing sites.*

Summer Reding submitted the following comment: *We know death rates for those who cannot access adequate testing and live in underserved areas are highest. Please support Commissioner Jackson's proposal today by voting in favor of allowing satellite testing locations for those who are unable to travel to existing sites. Sincerely, Summer Reding.*

**COMMUNIQUES/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Certificate of the need to teleconference and/or video conference

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Louisiana has issued Proclamation Number 33 JBE 2020, stating that, due to the current Public Health emergency declared in the Governor's Proclamation Number 25 JBE 2020, and citing the provisions of La. R.S. 29:721, et seq., granting him the authority to control the "ingress and egress to and from a disaster, the movement of persons within the area, and the occupancy of premises therein; and,

WHEREAS, the Governor, in Proclamation Number 33 JBE 2020, has limited all gatherings of 10 or more people, for public safety purposes; and,

WHEREAS, Governor has issued a general stay at home order "unless performing an essential activity," 33 JBE 2020, Section 3; and,

WHEREAS, attendance at a Caddo Parish Commission meeting is not stated in the list of essential activities, listed in 33 JBE 2020, Section 3; and,

WHEREAS the Caddo Parish Commission has its regular meetings following the first and third Tuesday of each month at 3:30 p.m.; and,

WHEREAS, the usual conduct of the meeting would require travel and the presence of a number of persons in excess of ten (10); and,

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State, in Proclamation Number 30 JBE 2020, Section 4, issued on March 16, 2020, has invoked the aforementioned statutes authorizing him to allow attendance at essential governmental meetings via teleconference or video conference during the pendency of this emergency; and,

THEREFORE, the Caddo Parish Commission hereby certifies that it will not be able to obtain a quorum and convene a meeting in a public forum on April 9, 2020 due to the Governor's proclamations, and will be required to meet by video conference, and, if necessary teleconference, on that date as allowed by law and the Proclamations of the Governor listed above.

Date: April 3, 2020 /s/ Mario Chavez - Caddo Parish Commission President

- Mr. Atkins announced that the Finance Committee will meet on April 20 at 1 PM via Zoom. He also said that the Economic Development Committee will meet on April 20 at 2 PM via Zoom.
- Mr. Epperson thanked the staff and Administration for handling this situation dealing with this uncharted territory.

He also asked that Administration provide the Commissioners an analysis of project loss revenue during this time as well as a projected loss revenue analysis in the event that this is extended to September 30. Mrs. Bryant stated that they will provide this information to the Commissioners, but pointed

out that it will be difficult to get estimates on property taxes because those do not come out until November. Mr. Johnson asked that Administration provide a report on how much the Commission has spent as a result of COVID-19.

- Mr. Burrell also thanked the staff and the Commissioners for all of their hard work during this time.

He also requested that Administration reach out to Sheriff Prator for an update on how they managed the sequester for the prisoners that were released. Mr. Johnson said that he spoke with the Sheriff today. He said that before any inmates are released, their temperatures are checked. If they do not show any signs or symptoms of COVID-19, they are not tested.

Mr. Burrell also wanted to know what kind of instructions are the released prisoners given prior to being released out into the community. Mr. Johnson said that they are not given any instructions other than what they are supposed to do for house arrest or if they are released and have to report back to court, they are given instructions then. Mr. Johnson also said that if they are released and free, then they are regular citizens who follow the Stay-At-Home Order.

Mr. Chavez also pointed out that he spoke with the Sheriff this morning regarding masks for inmates, and it was confirmed that every inmate has been issued a mask.

Dr. Wilson also explained that 33 inmates were released on house arrest and had to sign an affidavit stating that they would adhere to the guidelines that restrict them to their dwelling. If they go outside of the perimeter, authorities will be alerted. He also said that they have rented 50 ankle monitor, and 33 are currently in use.

- Mr. Young asked about the community gardens. Dr. Wilson explained that the person who was running that program has since resigned, so they are in the process of hiring another person to get that back running again.

#### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Chavez thanked the Shreve City Walmart for administrating tests to first responders, care takers, etc.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES**

Mr. Chavez asked if there was anyone to speak in support of or in opposition of the following ordinance:

- *Ordinance No. 5955 of 2020, an emergency ordinance authorizing an expenditure for the Reserve Trust Fund for the year 2020 to provide LSUHSC an appropriation to perform COVID-19 testing and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

There being no one to speak in favor of or in opposition to the ordinance, the President closed the public hearing.

#### **ORDINANCES (for final passage)**

Mr. Jackson asked that Dr. Andrew Yurochko and Dr. Chris Kevil provide information regarding COVID-19 testing.

Answering a question from Mr. Burrell regarding the total budget for the mobile testing unit, Dr. Kevil said that they just set the laboratory up, and the funding used came out of their own pockets. He also said that the operational budget for year is approximately \$750,000 for this type of lab with the certifications that are needed.

Dr. Kevil also said that the test costs about \$55-\$60, but can vary because of supply chain issues.

Mr. Burrell also wanted to know if any of the monies are reimbursable. Dr. Kevil said that some of the costs may be reimbursable, but they are not focusing on the reimbursable charges, they are focusing on providing the services to the citizens as needed.

Mr. Burrell also wanted to know if the funds will be for the clinical lab or the mobile unit. Dr. Kevil agreed that the lab is separate from the mobile unit. He also pointed out that the Feist-Weiller Cancer Center has partners with wellness vans, which will be used to go out into the community. Mr. Burrell asked if those funds would be used for the mobile unit or the clinical lab. Dr. Kevil said that the

funds will be used to get the tests done, but the Cancer Center's vans and staff can be utilized for the tests.

Mr. Atkins said that he is supportive of more testing, but he would like to know the proper funding mechanism. He pointed out that the CARES Act provided billions of dollars into the hospital system. He wanted to know where the Caddo Parish dollars fit into that funding mechanism. Dr. Kevil explained that the CARES Act focuses on the hospitals themselves, not any other outreach initiatives. He also mentioned that the Governor commented on the lack of testing in the rural areas. He said that those funds are not coming down from the CARES Act. Dr. Kevil also said that they are actively engaging with FEMA and GOSEP to try to get funds, but those funds are going to the hospitals for immediate care.

Mr. Burrell asked Dr. Kevil if he would be ok with the Commission setting a limit with a cost reimbursable amendment. He explained that they would send in their expenses, and the Commission would pay them up to \$200,000. Dr. Kevil believes that is possible.

Mr. Jackson thanked Dr. Kevil and Dr. Yurochko for attending the meeting today. Mr. Jackson believes that preventative measures are needed for this pandemic.

Mr. Johnson wanted to know what exactly the proposed funding would be used for. Dr. Yurochko said that the funding would be used for personnel costs, equipment costs, blind reagent costs, nasal pharyngeal swab kits, media costs, etc. to keep the lab going forward.

Mr. Johnson then wanted to know if Oschner will be supplying any funding for those costs. Dr. Yurochko said that does not look to be the case. They are set up through the LSU med school and part of LSU. The Pathology Lab that is associated with the hospitals is important to our aspects of hospital patient diagnosis.

Mr. Johnson wanted to know if this is the same test that will be given at other hospitals. Dr. Yurochko stated that it is not the same test; they will be using the CD test, which is the same test that most have been using, but theirs has been validated and has the same level of sensitivity as other tests. What is unique about their lab is that they have scientists working in the lab, so they can troubleshoot or modify if the virus were to change quickly.

Mr. Johnson then asked if a person becomes positive, what is the protocol. Dr. Yurochko explained if a citizen were to become positive after the lab, then they would contact the medical office and the information would be released to whomever is the appropriate medical staff to follow the normal medical guidelines.

Mr. Epperson wanted to know if LSU-Oschner has a legislative liaison within the administrative hierarchy that would be possibly have been lobbying the state legislators to advocate on behalf of this program. Dr. Yurochko said that they are approaching the federal level.

Mr. Jackson wanted to know why is this needed in the immediate moment. He pointed out that Taiwan, South Korea, and Washington were able to successfully flatten the curve. Dr. Yurochko explained that when a person tested positive in South Korea, they tracked down every person who was in contact with the positive person within the community and family. He pointed out that South Korea has been dealing with this virus longer than the United States and has fewer deaths. Part of that reason is aggressive contact tracing and isolating is a critical part. He said tracing potential contacts provides a better chance of preventative spread within the community. Dr. Yurochko said that aggressive testing and knowing who needs to be isolated is key to preventing the spread of this virus.

Dr. Yurochko continued and explained that this virus will not go away in June and July. He also said that the virus could come back in the Fall.

Mr. Burrell wanted to know if the testing would only be for Caddo Parish residents. He also asked if there would be a report showing that the funding for the testing would only be for Caddo Parish residents. Dr. Yurochko stated that they would be willing to report to the Commission showing that the funding would only be for Caddo Parish.

Dr. Yurochko reassured that the goal would be to cover Caddo Parish, the "hot spots", nursing homes, rural parts of the Parish, etc.

Mr. Jackson pointed out that he will be presenting an amendment in regards to this ordinance when the time is appropriate. He also said that this ordinance will help alleviate the pressure in the hospitals, so they can focus on the emergency issues.

Answering a question from Attorney Frazier regarding the CDC guidelines, Dr. Yurochko said that there are different tiers of important guidelines. Until there are enough test kits, they are only handling patients that have doctor's orders, which is one of the critical guidelines that they have to follow.

Answering a question from Mr. Chavez regarding the convalescent plasma therapy, Dr. Yurochko explained that they were initially set up to detect the presence of the viral virus. He also said that they are setting up serology test for the next step after a person tests positive and recovers.

Mr. Jackson thanked Dr. Yurochko and Dr. Kevil for updating the Commission and answering questions the Commissioners had.

**Amendment by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Burrell, *that the amount identified in the ordinance be reduced to up to \$175,000 and the individuals who are at 138% federal poverty level or receive unemployment assistance as a result of COVID-19 be allowed to participate in the testing.*

Mr. Jackson explained that the amount has been reduce so that the fund is not depleted in the event there is another emergency this year. He also pointed out that the amount is up to \$175,000. He also explained that he added the stipulation that the individuals who are at 138% federal poverty level be allowed to participate because those individuals would most likely qualify for Medicaid assistance. The reason he added the unemployment assistance as a result of COVID-19 is because it would cover the individuals who have been recently laid off.

**Substitute motion by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Epperson, *that the amount be reduced to \$75,000 and the Commission President call an emergency meeting when \$60,000 of those funds have been expended for a report to see if those figures need to be expanded or not; individuals who are low-income and those who have been laid off due to COVID-19.*

Mr. Johnson said that based on the information received to day and other information he received, all of the hospitals are testing for COVID-19 and have remote locations for testing.

Mr. Epperson believes that this dollar amount will afford the opportunity to start the testing and “work out the kinks”. He also pointed out that there are several other efforts around relative to testing. He believes that this will give the Commission an opportunity to assess what is going on around them and still provide additional help if needed.

Answering a question from Mr. Burrell regarding if the funding is for a clinical lab or for mobile testing, Mr. Jackson stated that it would be for both.

Mr. Atkins said that he is in support of Mr. Johnson’s proposal to get this up and running, and if more monies are needed, then the Commission can come back and allocate more monies.

Mr. Taliaferro asked for a point of clarification regarding a stand-up testing lab, not a remote collection facility. Mr. Jackson stated that this would be supporting a mobile unit to go out into rural areas and hotspot areas and also support an EBT lab. He also clarified that it would be two functions, but one entity. Mr. Taliaferro would be in favor of supporting the \$175,000.

Mr. Jackson does not believe \$75,000 will be enough for one entity to do both functions. He said that the mobile testing would be for rural areas, such as Ida, Rodessa, Greenwood, Keithville, Blanchard, etc. as well as hotspot areas, such as Hollywood, Pines Road, etc. He said that the purpose of the call earlier was not to mention that testing was already being done, but was because hospital executives, the Mayor, and Chief Whitehorn said that mobile testing would take a lot of the stress of what is already being done.

Point of clarification from Mr. Chavez saying that the ordinance does not mention the lab; it only mentions the mobile test sites.

Mr. Chavez also mentioned that the mobile test sites is one van with six personnel with the average pay for the personnel being approximately \$1,000 per week per staff member, so approximately \$6,000 per week for all of the personnel on one van. The tests costs about \$55 per test, and they can do about 100 tests per day. Mr. Jackson does not feel that the substitute motion would not be enough to cover enough people.

Mr. Burrell agreed that the amount may be too low to adequately test enough people. He would like to amend the motion to leave the appropriation at \$175,000, but do a draw down of \$50,000 increments along with a report that the funding goes to Caddo residents.

Mr. Epperson said that he was not aware that the Commission was paying salaries. He thought that the funding was going towards testing. He said that he is not in favor of paying for salaries.

Mr. Johnson pointed out that would mean that the Commission would be funding this project on the back end and paying for all of their employees and the testing itself. He said that the LSU is a major employer, and these employees are already employed by LSU. He believes that the payroll

should not be transferred to this project because they are already working for LSU. He said that the payroll should be where it already is at and focus on the testing. The tests costs approximately \$55 per day, once the math is configured and the \$60,000 threshold is reached, the Commission can then better determine whether or not more funds are needed for the tests itself. He also pointed out that the fund only has \$250,000. If a natural disaster were to occur between now and then, the Commission might have to reach into the Reserve Trust Fund to assist with the disaster.

Mr. Jackson wanted to know if the \$350,000 is dedicated to anything. Mrs. Barnette said that it was not.

Answering another question from Mr. Jackson regarding the total amount of money in the Reserve Trust Fund, Mrs. Barnette said that there is approximately \$36.2M. He also wanted to know how much was incumbent in that funding. Mrs. Barnette said that there is a budget line item for an emergency for \$350,000 along with general finance and legal expenses of \$1,000. Mr. Jackson explained that if the \$175,000 was utilized, the Reserve Trust Fund would not be depleted. He asked that the Commissioners support his motion.

Mr. Johnson clarified that his motion is fund this project up to \$75,000 with a report given once the organization reaches the \$60,000 threshold. Mr. Johnson also said that he does not believe that LSU would put a project in place for the Commission to fund it at 100%. Mr. Johnson would like to have the project started, collect data, and see at that point if the Commission needs to provide more funding.

Answering a question from Mr. Johnson regarding the original amount of \$300,000, Mr. Jackson said that nobody asked for the \$300,000. Mr. Jackson explained that there was money set aside for an emergency situation. He reiterated that Mr. Johnson's substitute motion would not cover North Caddo.

**Friendly amendment to Mr. Jackson's motion by Mr. Burrell, to fund the project for \$175,000, but draw it down in \$50,000 increments. Mr. Jackson accepted.**

**Friendly amendment to Mr. Jackson's motion by Mr. Cawthorne, to fund the project for up to \$175,000, but draw it down in \$82,700 increments based on reports and receipts from the organization for the first 30 days and then provide the other \$82,700 after the first 30 days. Mr. Jackson accepted.**

**Call for the Question by Mr. Epperson, seconded by Mr. Johnson. 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).**

At this time, Mr. Johnson's substitute motion failed, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, and Johnson (5). NAYS: Commissioners Burrell, Cawthorne, Hopkins, Jackson, Lazarus, Taliaferro and Young (7). ABSENT: None (0). ABSTAIN: None (0).

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

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 5955 OF 2020**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN EXPENDITURE FOR THE RESERVE TRUST FUND FOR THE YEAR 2020 TO PROVIDE LSUHSC AN APPROPRIATION TO PERFORM COVID 19 TESTING AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, COVID 19 is a national pandemic in the United States; and

WHEREAS, national, state and local health emergencies have been declared due to the COVID 19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Caddo Parish citizens are contracting COVID 19 in large numbers; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Diseases Control, World Health Organization, and expert virologist at LSU Health Sciences Center agree testing for COVID 19 is necessary to slow the spread of the disease and to create informed public policy; and

WHEREAS, LSU Health and Sciences Center Shreveport has created a Emerging Viral Disease Clinic that is able to provide 24hour test results; and

WHEREAS, LSU Health and Sciences Center Shreveport has decided to deploy its Partners in Wellness Mobile Units to test for COVID 19; and

WHEREAS, Caddo Parish has \$350,000.00 appropriated for emergency aid in its Reserve Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, Caddo Parish can assist in funding the mobile testing, thus reaching more Parish citizens, especially medically underserved and rural citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that the Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the Reserve Trust Fund for the year 2020 is hereby allocated as follows:

Up to \$175,000.00 (one-hundred seventy-five thousand dollars) to LSUHS to reimburse for Partners in Wellness Mobile Testing in areas identified as community clusters of COVID19 spread and in rural areas of Caddo Parish. Individuals must meet CDC guidelines for testing with an income not to exceed 138% of the federal poverty level or meet CDC guidelines for testing and receive unemployment assistance. The Administrator will pursue any and all FEMA reimbursements for which these funds may be eligible. LSUHSC is to make draws in \$87,500.00 (eighty-seven thousand, five-hundred dollar) increments; the first \$87,500.00 is to be based on receipts for the first 30 days of the program and then provide the other \$87,500.00 after the first 30 days.

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 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 is introduced and passed pursuant to Charter provision 3-13 and is effective immediately.

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

### **RESOLUTIONS**

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Atkins, *that Resolution No. 24 of 2020, to consider and take action with respect to adopting a resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, to authorize the renewal of special taxes therein; making application to the State Bond Commission in connection therewith; and providing for other matters in connection therewith* be adopted. 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: Commissioner Gage-Watts (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

### **RESOLUTION NO. 24 OF 2020**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION

A RESOLUTION ORDERING AND CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA, TO AUTHORIZE THE RENEWAL OF SPECIAL TAXES THEREIN; MAKING APPLICATION TO THE STATE BOND COMMISSION IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Caddo Parish, Louisiana (the "Parish"), that:

SECTION 1. Election Call. Subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission, and under the authority conferred by the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, including Article VI, Section 26 thereof, the applicable provisions of the Louisiana Election Code, and other constitutional and statutory authority, a special election is hereby called and ordered to be held in the Parish on **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020**, between the hours of six o'clock (6:00) a.m. and eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, and at the said election there shall be submitted to all registered voters qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and laws of this State and the Constitution of the United States, the following propositions, to-wit:

PROPOSITION NO. 1 OF 3

(PUBLIC HEALTH FACILITIES MILLAGE RENEWAL)

Shall Caddo Parish, Louisiana (the "Parish"), continue to levy a tax of eighty-seven hundredths (.87) mills on all property subject to taxation in Caddo Parish (an estimated \$1,586,360 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2021 and ending with the year 2030, for the purpose of maintaining and operating public health units, mosquito and rodent control units, and animal control facilities throughout the whole of said Parish?

PROPOSITION NO. 2 OF 3  
(JUVENILE COURT & DETENTION MILLAGE RENEWAL)

Shall Caddo Parish, Louisiana (the "Parish"), continue to levy a tax of one and ninety-seven hundredths (1.97) mills on all property subject to taxation in Caddo Parish (an estimated \$3,592,100 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2022 and ending with the year 2031, for the purpose of maintaining, equipping and operating the Juvenile Court and Detention facilities?

PROPOSITION NO. 3 OF 3  
(COURTHOUSE MILLAGE RENEWAL)

Shall Caddo Parish, Louisiana (the "Parish"), continue to levy a tax of two and seventy-two hundredths (2.72) mills on all property subject to taxation in Caddo Parish (an estimated \$4,959,660 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2022 and ending with the year 2031, for the purpose of maintaining, equipping and operating the Parish Courthouse and ancillary offices?

SECTION 2. Publication of Notice of Election. A Notice of Special Election shall be published in the *Caddo Citizen*, a newspaper of general circulation within the Parish, published in Vivian, Louisiana, and being the official journal of the Parish, once a week for four consecutive weeks, with the first publication to be made not less than forty-five (45) days nor more than ninety (90) days prior to the date of the election, which Notice shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as "Exhibit A" and incorporated herein by reference the same as if it were set forth herein in full.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, prior to the publication of the Notice of Election, the President is authorized and directed to make any amendments to the foregoing propositions that may be required to comply with any state or federal regulatory agencies.

SECTION 3. Canvass. This Governing Authority shall meet at its regular meeting place, the Government Plaza Building, 505 Travis Street, Shreveport, Louisiana, on **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2020, at THREE-THIRTY O'CLOCK (3:30) P.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the results of the said special election.

SECTION 4. Polling Places. The polling places for the precincts in the Parish are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, will be the same persons as those designated in accordance with law.

SECTION 5. Election Commissioners; Voting Machines. The officers designated to serve as Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners pursuant to Section 4 hereof, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, shall hold the said special election as herein provided, and shall make due returns of said election for the meeting of the Governing Authority to be held as provided in Section 3 hereof. All registered voters in the Parish will be entitled to vote at the special election, and voting machines shall be used.

SECTION 6. Authorization of Officers. The Clerk of the Governing Authority is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to arrange for and to furnish to said election officers in ample time for the holding of said election, the necessary equipment, forms and other paraphernalia essential to the proper holding of said election and the President and/or Clerk of the Governing Authority are further authorized, empowered and directed to take any and all further action required by State and/or Federal law to arrange for the election.

SECTION 7. Furnishing Election Call to Election Officials. Certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, the Clerk of Court and *Ex-Officio* Parish Custodian of Voting Machines of Caddo Parish and the Registrar of Voters of Caddo Parish, as notification of the special election, in order that each may prepare for said election and perform their respective functions as required by law.

SECTION 8. Application to State Bond Commission. Application is made to the State Bond Commission for consent and authority to hold the special election as herein provided, and in the event said election carries for further consent and authority to continue to levy and collect the special taxes provided for therein. A certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the State Bond Commission on behalf of this Governing Authority, together with a letter requesting the prompt consideration and approval of this application.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

| MEMBERS:              | YEAS:        | NAYS: | ABSENT:      | ABSTAINING: |
|-----------------------|--------------|-------|--------------|-------------|
| Todd Hopkins          | <u>  X  </u> | _____ | _____        | _____       |
| Lyndon B. Johnson     | <u>  X  </u> | _____ | _____        | _____       |
| Steven Jackson        | <u>  X  </u> | _____ | _____        | _____       |
| John-Paul Young       | <u>  X  </u> | _____ | _____        | _____       |
| Roy Burrell           | <u>  X  </u> | _____ | _____        | _____       |
| Lynn D. Cawthorne     | <u>  X  </u> | _____ | _____        | _____       |
| Stormy Gage-Watts     | _____        | _____ | <u>  X  </u> | _____       |
| Jim Taliaferro        | <u>  X  </u> | _____ | _____        | _____       |
| John E. Atkins        | <u>  X  </u> | _____ | _____        | _____       |
| Mario Chavez          | <u>  X  </u> | _____ | _____        | _____       |
| Ed Lazarus            | <u>  X  </u> | _____ | _____        | _____       |
| Kenneth Epperson, Sr. | <u>  X  </u> | _____ | _____        | _____       |

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020.

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/s/Michelle Nations  
Clerk

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/s/Mario Chavez  
President

**EXHIBIT "A"**

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Caddo Parish Commission (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Caddo Parish, Louisiana (the "Parish"), on April 9, 2020, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held within the Parish on **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020**, and that at the said election there will be submitted to all registered voters in the Parish qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following propositions, to-wit:

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(COURTHOUSE MILLAGE RENEWAL)

Shall Caddo Parish, Louisiana (the "Parish"), continue to levy a tax of two and seventy-two hundredths (2.72) mills on all property subject to taxation in Caddo Parish (an estimated \$4,959,660 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2022 and ending with the year 2031, for the purpose of maintaining, equipping and operating the Parish Courthouse and ancillary offices?

Said special election will be held at each and every polling place in the Parish of Caddo, which polls will open at six o'clock (6:00) a.m. and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541.

The polling places at the precincts in the Parish are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law.

The estimated cost of this election as determined by the Secretary of State based upon the provisions of Chapter 8-A of Title 18 and actual costs of similar elections is \$75,900.

Notice is further given that a portion of the monies collected from the taxes described in the Propositions shall be remitted to certain state and statewide retirement systems in the manner required by law.

The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, as provided in this Notice of Special Election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, will make due returns thereof to said Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, the Government Plaza Building, 505 Travis Street, Shreveport, Louisiana, on **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2020**, at **THREE-THIRTY O'CLOCK (3:30) P.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the results of the said special election. All registered voters of the Parish are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Shreveport, Louisiana, on this, the 9th day of April, 2020.

ATTEST:

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/s/ Michelle Nations  
Clerk

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/s/ Mario Chavez  
President

There being no further business to come before the body, the meeting was adjourned.

  
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Mario Chavez  
President

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Michelle Nations  
Deputy Commission Clerk