

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
CADDO PARISH COMMISSION
HELD ON THE 23rd 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. Cawthorne led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Calvin Ben Lester, JD, sent in the following statement:

Good Afternoon to the Chairman and other Caddo Parish Commissioners. I am Calvin Ben Lester and I have applied to serve on the Parish Charter Review Committee. I was pleased to serve Shreveport and this area as a Shreveport City Councilmember from 2002-2010. I believe my experience with governmental entities, legal education, and work in educational settings would be a benefit working through the issues that would be involved with the Charter review. Thank you in advance for taking the time to review my qualifications. /s/Calvin Ben Lester, JD

Mark Lanier sent in the following statement:

Reference Resolution No. 25 of 2020. I wish to speak about approving Frymaster for participation in the Industrial Tax Exemption Program: Welbilt Corporation is a global leader in kitchen equipment design, manufacturing and system solutions. Over the course of the next two years, Frymaster, a division of Welbilt, will undergo a business transformation that will completely modernize its local manufacturing operations in Shreveport, LA. After a decade of limited capital investment, the company is actively and aggressively investing in equipment, tools, technology, training and people. These investments are intended to enable and ensure the long-term viability of Frymaster's operations in Louisiana. Specific projects include: 1) Purchase & installation of state-of-the art equipment that will improve the quality of its products, decrease the time to market, and potentially become a hub of fabrication for many of Welbilt's companies across the country; 2) Purchase of state-of-the art design software that will enable a new generation of designers to create next-gen products to manufacturing execution systems that will empower our associates on the shop and enhance our digital architecture; and 3) Invest in training and employee up-skilling. /s/Mark Lanier, Director of Operations, Frymaster, Welbilt

Jon Glover submitted the following statement:

Good afternoon President Chavez and Commissioners. These three NGO's are on agenda for your consideration. As I read the detail of each, how much of an impact will each pose on the Commission's 2020 Budget? Would it not be prudent to not expend funding at this time due to COVID-19? 13.I ORDINANCE NO. 5946 OF 2020 \$10,000 to the Southern Hills Homeowners; 13.II Ordinance No. 5947 Of 2020 \$25,000 to Strategic Action Council; 13.III Ordinance No. 5948 Of 2020 \$7,000 to Ivy Crown Community Services, Inc., platform of Delta Lambda Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Too are the resolutions up for your consideration. Again, reading the explanation that supports such request, can you answer the questions highlighted please? 17.I Ordinance No. 5950 Of 2020, SALARY OF THE COMMISSION CLERK *Why the range? What salary will be attached to this position outside of the range?*; 17.II Ordinance No. 5951 Of 2020, \$10,000 KAPPA ALPHA PSI FRATERNITY, INC. *What is the correlation of this Ordinance with Ordinance 5948 of 2020?*; 17.III Ordinance No. 5952 Of 2020 \$8,489 Summer Program; *re-appropriating; why?*; 17.VI Ordinance No. 5956 Of 2020 LSUHSC AN APPROPRIATION OF UP TO \$175,000.00 *After hearing all the locations that provide COVID-19 testing and learning that LSUHSC already has Wellness Mobile Units, why this expenditure?* Thank you for your reading my concerns and I pray that each will be addressed accordingly.

Nancy Mitchell submitted the following statement:

Why are Shreve Memorial Libraries not collecting books and why are they not allowing a person to order books and pick them up curbside like so many other businesses? Are the librarians receiving full pay during this time? What are they doing to earn their pay during this time if we can't order books for pickup? Thank you.

ADOPT REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Jackson, *that the Regular Session Minutes from March 5, 2020* be adopted. Motion carried.

It was **moved by Mr. Hopkins**, seconded by Mr. Epperson, *that the Regular Session Minutes from April 9, 2020* be adopted. Motion carried.

It was **moved by Mr. Burrell**, seconded by Mr. Johnson, *that the Special Session Minutes from March 18, 2020* be adopted. Motion carried.

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

It was **moved by Mr. Taliaferro**, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *that Special Resolution of Recognition to Principal Ginger Gustavson, 2020 Louisiana Association of School Executives Regional Principal of the Year award* 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, Taliaferro, and Young (12). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: None (0). ABSTAIN: None (0).

RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION CAPTAIN SHREVE HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL GINGER GUSTAVSON

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission desires to acknowledge and commend individuals whose lives and efforts are devoted to the youth of Caddo Parish, and who strive to make a difference in the community by making a difference in the lives of the young people who come into their charge; and

WHEREAS, such an individual is Ms. Ginger Gustavson, principal at Captain Shreve High School in Shreveport, who in her 27 years of experience in Caddo Parish Public School System as teacher and principal has served as an exceptional role model for the thousands of students who have passed through the classrooms and school under her leadership. In doing so, she has attained the prestigious award of Louisiana Association of School Executives Regional Principal of the Year for 2020; and

WHEREAS, since taking the reins as Principal of Captain Shreve High School in 2015, she has pushed her students and garnered a reputation of excellence with continued increases in the school's graduation rate, student performance, and parental involvement; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Gustavson effectively combines the demeanor of an authority figure who means business with that of a concerned and caring mentor and friend—and both roles are clearly distinguishable by the students placed in her care.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, that it does hereby extend its heartiest expressions of commendation and appreciation to Principal Ginger Gustavson for her untiring efforts in Captain Shreve High School's behalf and for the worthy example she sets for her students to emulate, and wishing for her much continued success in her future.

It was **moved by Mr. Epperson**, seconded by Mr. Chavez, *that Special Proclamation to the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War* be adopted.

Mr. Epperson mentioned that the COVID-19 pandemic caused these ceremonies to be postponed. He also explained that in 2013, President Obama issued an executive order that each president moving forward would sign an executive order declaring March 29th as the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War until the year 2025.

Mr. Atkins thanked Mr. Epperson for his service in the Vietnam War.

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).

PROCLAMATION 50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE VIETNAM WAR

WHEREAS, although American involvement in the conflict of Vietnam spanned several decades and presidencies, the ground offensive officially began in March of 1965 with the deployment of 2,500 Marines. By Christmas of that year, nearly 200,000 American troops were in the country; and

WHEREAS, though long and controversial in nature, this war in many ways defined an entire generation of Americans and numerous brave men and women served during the conflict. During the Vietnam war, 106,148 of Louisiana's sons and daughters served in the military. Many thousands of Louisianans in uniform served with distinction, and 882 of them died in combat. Five Louisiana residents received the United States highest military honor, the Medal of Honor, for meritorious action in Vietnam. Army Private First-Class Milton A. Lee of Shreveport was one of the five; and

WHEREAS, by the official end of the Vietnam War in April of 1975, nearly 3 million American servicemen and women had been on the ground, in the air, on the rivers, and at sea within

Vietnam's borders serving in some capacity during the conflict. At least 58,195 paid the ultimate sacrifice during this difficult and painful period; and

WHEREAS, of the 7,391,000 Vietnam veterans, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs estimates that roughly 21,766 live in Caddo Parish, Louisiana. In the half century since the official beginning of the Vietnam War, our nation has grappled with the sensitive effects of this struggle, which accompanies all wars. Yet we remain thankful to those who fought in this conflict and honor the legacy of service that they built; and

WHEREAS, the freedoms and liberties we are blessed to enjoy are a direct result of the courage, devotion, and sacrifice of the members of our Armed Forces. We are grateful for their brave service and draw inspiration and pride from all that they are.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, meeting in legal and regular session this 19th day of March, 2020, proclaim March 28, 2020 as the commemoration of the **50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War** in Caddo Parish, Louisiana and do commend this observance to all our citizens.

COMMUNIQUES/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- NOTE: Certificate for Teleconference

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 Regular Session meeting is not stated in the list of essential activities, listed in 33 JBE 2020, Section 3; 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 20, 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 22, 2020

/s/Mario

Chavez
Caddo Parish Commission President

- Mr. Young thanked Tim Weaver for all his help regarding the flash flooding in Dixie Garden. He said that some of the residents in Dixie Garden provided him with suggestions regarding the flooding in Dixie Garden. Mr. Young suggested that the ditches be cleaned up to help alleviate some of the flooding occurring in that area.

- Mr. Epperson thanked Administration for all of their help with the mask distribution. He said all of the sites were well attended.

He also thanked the Public Works Department for all their efforts in helping with the down trees, flooding, and other damages caused by the storm.

Mr. Epperson also announced that the VA Center is providing free COVID-19 testing for all veterans.

- Mr. Jackson thanked Administration for keeping the Commissioners abreast of information regarding COVID-19. He also thanked Administration for their help with the rapid mobile testing for COVID-19.

Mr. Jackson also mentioned that he will be forwarding information to Administration and Finance regarding the \$1.8B for states and city governments. He will also be providing the information regarding FEMA.

Mr. Jackson then thanked the Haynes Corporation for their donation of masks, however, there were no masks available for the Allendale or Lakeside area. He requested that any surplus be provided to that area.

He then provided clarification for the funding for the medical school. He said that the funding is a two for one deal. It will provide testing as well as utilization of the EBT lab that will provide quicker results and readings.

Mr. Jackson then thanked Mr. Alan Organick for matching the Commission's funding and providing \$125,000 as well for the testing.

- Mr. Burrell also thanked Haynes Corporation for their donation of masks.
- Mrs. Gage-Watts offered condolences for all those who have lost loved ones due to the COVID-19 virus. She also thanked all those who has stepped up during this time.

She also thanked Administration and the staff for their quick responses for all of the requests being made at this time. She also thanked Haynes for their donation of masks. She encouraged the Commission in seeking other donors for masks.

Mrs. Gage-Watts also requested that Administration look into the Emergency Transition Grant funding. Mrs. Bryant said that the deadline is April 30, and they are working with Juvenile, the Grant Coordinator, and possibly the Sheriff's Office regarding this grant.

- Mr. Cawthorne wanted to know if there was going to be another distribution of masks available for the citizens.
- Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson thanked Mrs. Bryant for the daily updates that have been received. He also thanked Haynes for their donation of masks. He also thanked Inferno for also providing funding the medical school for testing.

Mr. Johnson then explained the reason he voted no on the \$175,000 funding for the medical school. He said that he is not against the mobile unit, but he felt that the dollar amount was too high being that there are so many different sites that are not costing the taxpayers any money.

He also commended the Commissioners for all their efforts in working as a team to provide information and help during this COVID-19 pandemic.

- Mr. Jackson said that there are several sites for testing throughout Caddo Parish, but this funding is for other areas, such as rural areas and hot spots in the Parish.
- Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson wanted to know if the masks were N95 or surgical masks. Dr. Wilson stated that they are cloth masks.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Chavez thanked the Haynes Corporation for their generous donation of masks to the citizens of Caddo Parish. He also thanked the Shreveport Police Department, Sheriff's Office, Mayor's Office, the Office of Homeland Security, Animal Services, SPAR, etc. for their collaborative efforts in distributing these masks.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES

Mr. Chavez asked if there was anyone in favor or against the following ordinances:

- *Ordinance No. 5946 of 2020, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Riverboat Fund to provide an appropriation for the Southern Hills Homeowners Association (SHHA) and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 5947 of 2020, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Economic Development Fund to provide an appropriation to Strategic Action Council of Northwest Louisiana and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 5948 of 2020, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Riverboat Fund in the amount of \$7,000 to*

provide an appropriation to Ivy Crown Community Services, Inc. and to otherwise provide with respect thereto

- *Ordinance No. 5949 of 2020, an ordinance to deem property surplus and authorize the sale of surplus property owned by the Parish of Caddo, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

Ms. Jon Glover gave the following statement:

Good Evening, everyone! Thank you again for allowing me to address this issue with the NGOs. I don't feel that this is a prudent move. Why would we expend funds when we're in the midst of COVID-19? The impact to the budget, have we even given consideration to that. Not only that, when you're looking at the items themselves individually, I'm trying to figure out why we're even addressing since no one is actually doing work right now because we're all in a stay-at-home mode. So, what's really going on? Why would we actually support either one of these NGOs? Thank you.

At this time, the President closed the public hearings on ordinances.

ORDINANCES (for final passage)

It was **moved by Mr. Chavez**, seconded by Mr. Burrell, *that Ordinance No. 5946 of 2020, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Riverboat Fund to provide an appropriation for the Southern Hills Homeowners Association (SHHA) and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be removed from the agenda.

Mr. Chavez stated that he would like to pull this item due to COVID-19. He believes that they will not go forward with Music in The Park in Southern Hills.

Mr. Burrell requested that he be put back on the NGO Committee. He also would like to have additional information prior to voting on each organization.

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, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (12). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: None (0). ABSTAIN: None (0).

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Epperson, *that Ordinance No. 5947 of 2020, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Economic Development Fund to provide an appropriation to Strategic Action Council of Northwest Louisiana and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be adopted.

Mr. Johnson stated that SAC is working with the City of Shreveport to try and maintain and keep small businesses in the City of Shreveport and Caddo Parish. He said that they are still working especially with small and emerging with minority ownership.

Mr. Burrell wanted to know if the Commission will be suspending funding due to the revenue dropping, or if the Commission will be finding funds elsewhere to supplement the funding of certain items based upon their need.

Mr. Atkins explained that this came out of the Economic Development Committee, which gets its revenues from video poker, not riverboat revenues. He also said that video poker revenues will show an impact, and all of the funding will be challenged. Mr. Atkins also pointed out that this organization continues to support minority owned small businesses and is continuing to operate. He said that he will be continuing to support this modest contribution to the Strategic Action Council.

Mr. Jackson wanted to know if Administration will be sending out letters regarding freezing funding. He also wanted to know who will be prioritizing who gets what appropriation. Mrs. Bryant addressed Mr. Jackson's questions. She said that those letters have been sent out. She also explained that both video poker and riverboat revenues have been significantly impacted. She said that they do not have the amount of funds to cover all appropriations. She said that if it is the Commission's desire to continue to move forward, they would need another budget amendment from a different funding source.

Mr. Atkins wanted to know if there was a letter from Administration to curtail economic development spending as well. Mrs. Bryant explained that there was a letter sent out to both the traditional NGOs and the Economic Development.

Mr. Burrell wanted to know the difference between NGOs and Economic Development organizations. Dr. Wilson explained that the Commission decides which organization comes from the NGO pot and the Economic Development pot.

Call for the Question by Mr. Epperson, seconded by Mr. Jackson.

Mr. Jackson withdrew his second.

Substitute motion by Mr. Hopkins, seconded by Mr. Jackson, *that Ordinance No. 5947 of 2020, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Economic Development Fund to provide an appropriation to Strategic Action Council of Northwest Louisiana and to otherwise provide with respect thereto and Ordinance No. 5948 of 2020, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Riverboat Fund in the amount of \$7,000 to provide an appropriation to Ivy Crown Community Services, Inc. and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be delayed for thirty days and be sent back to their respective committees for the Commission and Administration review the current budget and perspective budget for 2020 prior to making a decision on these two ordinances.

Substitute by Mr. Taliaferro, seconded by Mr. Hopkins, *that Ordinance No. 5947 of 2020, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Economic Development Fund to provide an appropriation to Strategic Action Council of Northwest Louisiana and to otherwise provide with respect thereto and Ordinance No. 5948 of 2020, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Riverboat Fund in the amount of \$7,000 to provide an appropriation to Ivy Crown Community Services, Inc. and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be delayed for sixty (60) days and be sent back to their respective committees for the Commission and Administration review the current budget and perspective budget for 2020 prior to making a decision on these two ordinances.

Mr. Burrell stated that he is in favor of this, but at the same time, he is concerned that the public will have the notion that the Commission is doing preferences now.

Mr. Taliaferro explained that in two full months, the Commission would not be entertaining any additional requests for funding because it would not be prudent nor financially responsible.

Mr. Johnson pointed out that it is the Commission's decision on whether or not organizations are funded or not. He also said that staff gives the Commission the data and recommendations, but it is the Commission's ultimate decision. Mr. Johnson also requested that Ms. Hayley provide him a synopsis of all the NGOs and the reason for funding. Based upon the synopsis of the funding, he will call an NGO meeting to re-evaluate how the Commission will fund those NGOs. He also said that the funding for those NGOs was done in 2019 based on an estimated of what they thought the revenues would be for 2020. Mr. Johnson continued and said that nobody knew that COVID-19 would have such an impact and shut the casinos down for at least a month. He believes that when the casinos do open back up, people will go back to the casinos and gamble. Mr. Johnson said that they need to look at each organization and adjust them as needed.

Mr. Burrell agreed with Mr. Johnson and said that the Commissioners are the ones who make the decision to suspend NGO funding, not administration. Mrs. Bryant clarified that Administration did not make a decision, but they do not have the authority to continue paying businesses that they do not have the revenue for. She said that they were communicating the fact that they are not bringing in revenue, and they do not have the authority to pay costs that they are not receiving.

Mr. Chavez agreed with Mrs. Bryant. He said that it would be prudent that the Commission wait for two months prior to funding NGOs.

Mrs. Gage-Watts agreed that the Commission does not know where the projections are going to go due to this pandemic. Mrs. Gage-Watts wanted to know if those dollars can be repurposed. Attorney Frazier explained that it is not their practice to do a CEA for change purposes unless the Commission, as a body, approves them first. She also pointed out that none of that can be done until a revenue source is identified.

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

It was **moved by Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Hopkins *that Ordinance No. 5949 of 2020, an ordinance to deem property surplus and authorize the sale of surplus property owned by the Parish of Caddo, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* 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, Taliaferro, and Young (12). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: None (0). ABSTAIN: None (0).

ORDINANCE NO. 5949 OF 2020

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE TO DEEM PROPERTY SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY OWNED BY THE PARISH OF CADDO, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo owns the following equipment that is no longer being used:

<u>Year/Make/Model</u>	<u>License</u>	<u>VIN</u>	<u>Mileage</u>
1. 1998 Ford F-150	PP150426	1FTZF17W1WNC17204	154976
2. 1998 Ford Taurus GL	PP150475	1FAFP5219WG253395	90562
3. 2002 Chevrolet Impala	PP166086	2G1WF52EX29311449	124074
4. 2006 Ford E-250	PP183270	1FTNE24W16DA49484	95459
5. 2006 Ford F-150 XL	PP184137	1FTRX12W46FB75531	200905
6. 2006 Ford F-150 XL	PP184135	1FTRX12W76KD98038	124372
7. 2007 Ford E-250 Cargo Van	PP202338	1FTNE24W07DB19316	155040
8. 2008 Ford Fusion	PP210705	3FAHP07159R100630	146287
9. 2008 Dodge Durango	PP211068	1D8HD38N68F155087	183540
10. 2007 Ford Sport Trac	PP202015	1FMEU53817UB01782	122045
11. 2010 Ford Ranger XLT Reg Cab	PP220167	1FTKR1AD0APA00689	157920
12. 2011 Ford Explorer	PP226510	1FMHK7B81BGA94940	206698

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo no longer needs the above equipment and said equipment should be deemed surplus, obsolete or unused for present and future parish needs; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo is authorized to dispose of certain supplies, materials and equipment determined to be surplus; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo desires to dispose of the above listed equipment, by public auction; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission concurs in the finding that the items described above are surplus and are no longer needed for public purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened that the above described property is no longer needed for parish public purposes and is declared surplus property which is to be disposed of by public auction.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the items described above are being offered on an "as is" basis, without warranty of title or recourse whatsoever.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Caddo Parish Administrator or his designee shall be authorized to do any and all things and to sign any and all contracts and other documents in a form acceptable to the Caddo Parish Attorney necessary to effectuate the purpose set forth herein.

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 shall become effective upon adoption.

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

ORDINANCES (introduction by title)

- *Ordinance No. 5950 of 2020, an ordinance to establish the salary of the Commission Clerk pursuant to Section 3-10 of the Home Rule Charter for Caddo Parish, to adopt a compensation schedule for that position, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 5951 of 2020, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Economic Development Fund in the amount of \$10,000 to provide an appropriation for Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 5952 of 2020, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Economic Development Fund in the amount of \$8,489 to provide an appropriation for the Safe Summer Program for funds remaining at December 31, 2019 and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

- *Ordinance No. 5953 of 2020, an ordinance to donate surplus property under Chapter 19, Article II, Division 3 of the Code of Ordinances relative to Donation of Adjudicated Property acquired by the Parish under R.S. 47:2236 et seq., to authorize the donation of property to Northwest Louisiana Community Development Corporation for a public purpose, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 5954 of 2020, an ordinance to close and abandon a portion of the dedication of Bel-Mar Drive, in the Parish of Caddo, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 5956 of 2020, an ordinance authorizing an expenditure for the Reserve Trust Fund for the year 2020 to provide LSUHSC an appropriation of up to \$175,000 to perform COVID 19 testing and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

It was **moved by Mrs. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson, *that the Work Session Minutes from March 16, 2020 be approved.* Motion carried.

It was **moved by Mr. Hopkins**, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *that the Work Session Minutes from April 20, 2020 be approved.* Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

It was **moved by Mr. Hopkins**, seconded by Mr. Atkins, *that Resolution No. 16 of 2020, 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 resources to execute oil, gas, and mineral leases on certain mineral interests owned by the Parish of Caddo, and otherwise providing with respect thereto* adopted.

Mr. Hopkins requested that the district be labeled on the resolution going forward.

Mr. Epperson wanted to know if this was drilling for natural gas. He also wanted to know if natural gas has been affected by COVID-19. Mr. Atkins pointed out that gas prices have strengthened in recent weeks.

At this time, Mr. Hopkins' 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. 16 OF 2020

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 3, Township 15 North, Range 15 West, known as Cedar Hill Road, Post Oak Road, Pine Grove Road and Sparks Davis Road, all located in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and containing 23.71 acres, more or less, and those certain adjudicated properties described as Lot 2, Self Acres Subdivision, with a Geo. #151503-014-0002, containing .76 acres, and the South 52.5 feet of Lot 3, Self Acres Subdivision, with a Geo. #151503-014-0006, containing .38 acres, and that part of the SW/4 of SE/4 of Section 3, T15N, R15W lying West of Dana Farms Unit 5, with a Geo. #151503-006-0102 and that part of the SW/4 of NE/4 of Section 3, T15N, R15W lying West of Dana Farms Unit 4, with a Geo. #151503-005-0068, together containing 1.286 acres, said adjudicated property total acreage being 2.426 acres, more or less, with Section 3, T15N, R15W containing a total of 26.136 acres, more or less, all in Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

Those certain road dedications located in Section 4, Township 15 North, Range 15 West, known as Cedar Hill Road, all located in Caddo Parish, Louisiana and containing .45 acres, more or less, with Section 4, T15N, R15W containing a total of .45 acres, more or less, all in Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

Those certain road dedications located in Section 10, Township 15 North, Range 15 West, known as Farmette Drive, Roberts Drive, Williams Road and Stoer Road, all located in Caddo Parish, Louisiana and containing 7.79 acres, more or less, with Section 10, T15N, R15W containing a total of 7.79 acres, more or less, all in Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo has received a written request from Cypress Energy Corporation, 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 to 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 1/4th or 25%.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any such lease contain a minimum bonus provision as follows: Bonus of not less than \$1,250.00 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.

It was **moved by Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Chavez, *to englobe and adopt the following resolutions:*

- *Resolution No. 17 of 2020, resolution to urge and request Congress to make changes to the Medicaid Exclusion provision, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Resolution No. 18 of 2020, a resolution proclaiming March 28, 2020 as 'Blinded Veterans Day' in Caddo Parish*
- *Resolution No. 19 of 2020, a resolution recognizing and declaring March 2020 as 'National Women's History Month'*
- *Resolution No. 20 of 2020, a resolution proclaiming March 18, 2020 as 'National Take Down Tobacco Day' in Caddo Parish*
- *Resolution No. 21 of 2020, a resolution proclaiming April 2, 2020 as 'Light It Up Blue 2020 Autism Awareness Day' in Caddo Parish*
- *Resolution No. 22 of 2020, a resolution to adopt special signage to designate Stewart Drive as Mr. Bill Bradford Drive, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Resolution No. 25 of 2020, a resolution of the Caddo Parish Commission approving Frymaster LLC for participation in the Industrial Tax Exemption Program, 8700 Line Avenue, Shreveport of the project site*
- *Resolution No. 27 of 2020, a resolution urging and requesting Congress to allocate federal COVID-19 stimulus funds directly to local governments and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

Mr. Chavez explained that the Parish has to pay the medical for the pre-trial detainees at CCC. He, Mrs. Gage-Watts, and Mr. Jackson would like to urge the federal government to allow the pre-trial detainees to keep their affordable care so it does not fall back on the Parish.

Mr. Taliaferro asked for more clarification on Resolution No. 27 of 2020. Mr. Epperson explained that this would request any or future CARES funding that may come down in light of this pandemic be allowed to come to our counties and parishes. He further pointed out that the monies would come directly to the local governments, not the state to distribute it out.

Mr. Burrell talked about the Frymaster ITEP resolution. He said that the company furloughed most of the workers. He wanted to know if anyone has any information regarding the goal in bringing those workers back. Mr. Johnson said that the ITEP is to retain the current workers they have and not hire any new employees. He clarified that the ITEP is for retention of employees.

Mr. Jackson said that the Frymaster ITEP would be dollars leaving the Parish coffers. He wanted to know if the Parish has the financial means and resources to be able to provide tax breaks or incentives to this organization. Dr. Wilson suggested that the Commission allow this application to proceed because it was made far in advance of any COVID situation took place. He also said that they would like Frymaster to make the investment that will lead to sustainability of the existing workforce.

Mr. Johnson explained that if the company does an ITEP application for an 80/20 tax exemption, the Parish still receives 20% of the revenues.

Mr. Burrell pointed out that a tax exempt is money the Parish has not received yet, so it would not be expending anything up front.

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).

RESOLUTION NO. 17 OF 2020

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

RESOLUTION TO URGE AND REQUEST CONGRESS TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE MEDICAID EXCLUSION PROVISION, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, current Medicaid laws make no distinction between pretrial detainees and those who have been convicted; and

WHEREAS, current federal law requires that any incarcerated person, including those housed in juvenile facilities, be excluded from Medicaid coverage unless they require a hospital stay of more than 24 hours; and

WHEREAS, this law poses an undue burden upon counties and parishes because these governing authorities must assume the healthcare costs of all incarcerated persons-for example Caddo Parish spent a total of \$4,559,225.92 on inmate healthcare in 2019 and has budgeted \$4,750,000.00 for 2020; and

WHEREAS, the law also results in unequal treatment because it denies federal benefits to those who are presumed innocent under the Constitution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that the Caddo Parish Commission does support making changes to the Medicaid Exclusion provisions that would allow Medicaid benefits to be provided to pretrial detainees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if any provision or item 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 RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect upon adoption.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Louisiana Federal Delegation.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 18 OF 2020

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MARCH 28, 2020 AS 'BLINDED VETERANS DAY' IN CADDO PARISH

WHEREAS, March 28, 2020 is designated as Blinded Veterans Day and 2020 marks the 75th anniversary of the Blinded Veterans Association; and

WHEREAS, from the early beginnings, the Blinded Veterans Association members demonstrated to all veterans with visual impairments how to take their rightful place in the community creating a world built upon equality; and

WHEREAS, the Blinded Veterans Association, after 75 years, still continues to advocate for veterans with combat related, accidental, or age-related vision impairments to regain independence, confidence and self-esteem through rehabilitation, training and assisting their fellow veterans with visual impairments; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana/Mississippi affiliate of the Blinded Veterans Association is dedicated to improving the blind rehabilitation services, education and benefits for blinded veterans throughout the United States.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, meeting in legal and regular session this 19thday of March 2020 that it does hereby proclaim March 28, 2020 as:

'BLINDED VETERANS DAY'

in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and urges all citizens to join with the Parish in recognition of this important month.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 19 OF 2020

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION

**A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND DECLARING MARCH 2020 AS
"NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH"**

WHEREAS, American women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our Nation in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and

WHEREAS, American women have played and continue to play a critical economic, cultural, and social role in every sphere of the life of the Nation by constituting a significant portion of the labor force working inside and outside the home; and

WHEREAS, American women have played a unique role throughout the history of the Nation by providing the majority of the volunteer labor force of the Nation; and

WHEREAS, American women were particularly important in the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic, and cultural institutions in our Nation; and

WHEREAS, American women of every race, class, and ethnic background served as early leaders in the forefront of every major progressive social change movement; and

WHEREAS, American women have served our country courageously in the military; and

WHEREAS, American women have been leaders, not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement, and other movements, especially the peace movement, which create a more fair and just society for all; and

WHEREAS, despite these contributions, the role of the American women in history has been consistently over-looked and under-valued, in the literature, teaching and study of American history:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, meeting in legal and regular session this 19thday of March, 2020 that it does hereby proclaim March 2020 as:

'NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH'

in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and calls upon all citizens to observe March as Women's History Month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 20 OF 2020

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

**A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING AND SUPPORTING MARCH 18, 2020
AS 'NATIONAL TAKE DOWN TOBACCO DAY' IN CADDO PARISH
AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO**

WHEREAS, traditional cigarette usage in teens has been on a downward trend over the past decade, tobacco use overall has been on an upward trend due to the emergence of a new product, the electronic cigarette. These products are more commonly referred to as "e-cigarettes" and/or "juuls"; and

WHEREAS, these products are easily accessible to the youth population, come in a variety of flavors at an extremely low cost. The lack of a distinct smell and the inconspicuous nature of the devices make them easy to conceal. Therefore, their use often goes unnoticed; and

WHEREAS, according to information provided by the Centers for Disease Control, the number of high schoolers who are using tobacco at least once a day is on the rise and over the past two years the number of students that have developed a smoking habit has more than doubled with 9 out of 10 cigarette smokers starting the habit by the age of 18; and

WHEREAS, although our community has also seen an increase in smokers, mainly at the high school age, middle schoolers still present a cause for concern; and

WHEREAS, Dare County needs to acknowledge the problem that we currently face with tobacco use amongst our youth and encourage our community to focus attention on e-cigarette use in young people.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby proclaim the day of March 18, 2020 as "Take Down Tobacco Day" and call upon the people of Caddo Parish to increase their awareness and understanding of the problems we face regarding tobacco use amongst our youth.

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. 21 OF 2020

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING AND SUPPORTING APRIL 2, 2020 AS 'LIGHT IT UP BLUE DAY' IN CADDO AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, every person deserves the chance to reach for their highest hopes and fulfill their greatest potential. On World Autism Awareness Day, we reaffirm our dedication to ensuring that belief is a reality for all those who live on the autism spectrum -- including 1 in 68 children. And we uphold our obligation to help make sure every man, woman, and child, regardless of ability or background, is accepted for who they are and able to lead a life free from discrimination and filled with opportunity; and

WHEREAS, from home to school and in businesses and communities around the nation, people living with autism spectrum disorder contribute in immeasurable ways to our society. They remind us each day that every person is born with unique talents and should be treated with respect, play an active role in planning for their futures, and feel empowered to fully participate in and contribute to their communities. When those with autism have access to equal opportunities, we all do better, and that begins with making sure our country lives up to its commitment to ensure all things are possible for all people; and

WHEREAS, Americans with autism play an important role in our national story, and in their daily lives they embody the belief at the heart of our founding: that in America, with hard work and equal access, all people can realize their aspirations. Today, and every day, let us reach for a future in which no person living on the autism spectrum is limited by anything but the size of their dreams -- one in which all people have the opportunity to live a life filled with a sense of identity, purpose, and self-determination; and

WHEREAS, in light of the growing impact of autism spectrum disorders and the need for greater awareness, Autism Speaks holds their "Light It Up Blue" campaign on World Autism Awareness Day, designed to increase awareness about autism by asking participating organizations to turn their lights blue; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that it does hereby proclaim April 2, 2020, as 'Light It Up Blue Day' in Caddo Parish and urge citizens and organizations to participate in activities and demonstrations that provide a special opportunity to educate the community about autism.

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 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. 22 OF 2020

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT SPECIAL SIGNAGE TO DESIGNATE STEWART DRIVE AS MR. BILL BRADFORD DRIVE, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo and the East Ridge Country Club owe an eternal debt of gratitude to Mr. Bill Bradford; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana's state and local governments often honor individuals by designating parts of or whole streets and highways after them and their distinctions; and

WHEREAS, a special meeting of the Board of Directors of East Ridge Country Club was convened on February 28, 2020 for the express purpose of requesting that Stewart Drive leading into East Ridge Country Club be dedicated to Mr. Bill Bradford; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bradford joined the club on May 25, 1972 and has served on the Board numerous times, serving as President twice; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bradford has devoted his life to the East Ridge Country Club and has provided a deep, selfless, and tireless commitment to the country club; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission would like to designate Stewart Drive as Mr. Bill Bradford Drive.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that it does hereby enthusiastically request the Caddo Parish Public Works Department to install special signage to designate Stewart Drive as Mr. Bill Bradford Drive in honor of his many years of service to the East Ridge Country Club in Caddo Parish.

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 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. 25 OF 2020

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION APPROVING FRYMASTER LLC FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE INDUSTRIAL TAX EXEMPTION PROGRAM 8700 LINE AVENUE, SHREVEPORT OF THE PROJECT SITE

WHEREAS, Article 7, Section 21(F) of the Louisiana Constitution provides for the Board of Commerce and Industry ("BCI"), with the approval of the Governor, to approve contracts for the exemption of ad valorem taxes of a new manufacturing establishment or an addition to an existing manufacturing establishment, on such terms and conditions as the board, with the approval of the Governor, deems in the best interest of the state;

WHEREAS, Frymaster, LLC ("Frymaster") has applied for an Industrial Tax Exemption ("ITE") for its Transformation Project, Project ID #20190285-ITE, and seeks approval of the BCI and the Governor for a contract granting that exemption;

WHEREAS, Governor Edwards, through Executive Order JBE 16-73, has set forth the conditions for his approval of ITE contracts, and affirmed that those conditions are in the best interest of the state of Louisiana;

WHEREAS, Executive Order JBE 16-73 provides that ITE contracts should be premised upon job and payroll creation at new or expanded manufacturing plants or establishments, and that the percentage of exemption from ad valorem taxes, and length of the contract for such exemption, may vary depending upon the nature of the project and its economic development benefit in accordance with guidance received from the Secretary of Economic Development and concurred in by the appropriate parish or municipal governing authority, school board, and sheriff;

WHEREAS, Executive Order JBE 16-73 mandates that each exemption contract approved by the Governor shall include as Exhibit "A" a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for the ITE between the State of Louisiana, the Louisiana Department of Economic Development, and the applicant for the ITE contract, which provides for the creation or retention of jobs, and provides for the exercise of the option in the Louisiana Constitution for the term or percentage of the parish ad valorem tax exemption granted in the contract, and provides for the reduction or loss of the exemption based upon the applicant's compliance with the contract.

WHEREAS, Executive Order JBE 16-73 further requires that this parish commission together with the other required local governmental entities signify their consent to the terms of the exemption by resolution and the sheriff of this parish shall signify consent to the terms of the exemption by letter. Executive Order JBE 16-73 further provides that the resolutions of approval and the sheriff's approval shall be attached as Exhibit "B" to the ITE contract between the BCI and Frymaster; and

WHEREAS, Frymaster and the Louisiana Department of Economic Development have advised that certain terms and conditions forming Exhibit "A" to the Industrial Tax Exemption Contract pending approval before the Louisiana Board of Commerce and Industry have been reached and have conveyed the same to this parish commission, and thus this matter is now ready for a determination of approval of this parish commission as required by Executive Order JBE 16-73,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, upon consideration of the foregoing and the public discussion held this day, that the Caddo Parish Commission hereby approves the terms of the Industrial Tax Exemption contract based on the inclusion of the following terms and conditions into Exhibit "A" (the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the State of Louisiana, the Louisiana Department of Economic Development, and Frymaster to the Industrial Tax Exemption contract between the Board of Commerce and Industry and Frymaster with respect to its manufacturing plant located at 8700 Line Avenue, Shreveport, Louisiana, Project #20190285-ITE:

<u>0</u>	New Direct Jobs at the Manufacturing Establishment
<u>346</u>	Number of Existing Jobs to be Retained
<u>\$19,578,440</u>	Existing Jobs Payroll
<u>5</u>	Years Term of Exemption Contract
<u>80%</u>	Percentage of Exemption from Parish Ad Valorem Taxes
<u>100%</u>	Loss of Exemption for non-compliance

The Caddo Parish Commission further authorizes the Louisiana Department of Economic Development, on behalf of the Board of Commerce and Industry, to include this resolution in Exhibit "B" to the Industrial Tax Exemption Contract between the Board of Commerce and Industry and Frymaster LLC.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to Board of Commerce and Industry and the Louisiana Department of Economic Development.

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.

THE FORGOING RESOLUTION WAS READ, AND, AFTER PUBLIC DISCUSSION, THE ROLL WAS CALLED ON THE ADOPTION THEREOF AND RESULTED AS FOLLOWS:

- YEAS:** Atkins, Burrell, Cawthorne, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (12).
- NAYS:** None (0).
- ABSENT:** None (0).
- ABSTAIN:** None (0).

AND the resolution was declared adopted on this 23rd day of April, 2020.

RESOLUTION NO. 27 OF 2020

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION URGING AND REQUESTING CONGRESS TO ALLOCATE FEDERAL COVID19 STIMULUS FUNDS DIRECTLY TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, COVID19 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, Louisiana citizens are contracting COVID19 in large numbers; and

WHEREAS, local governments are directly responsible for citizen services that will be most impacted by the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the CBDG formula used in the current federal funding package does not allow the best means of allocating funds; and

WHEREAS, Caddo Parish government and other entities can benefit from direct funding to municipalities and parishes (counties); and

WHEREAS, Police Jury Association of Louisiana has requested that Louisiana parishes unite to request that funding be allocated to municipalities and parishes (counties) directly and that said funds be allocated without using the CBDG formula; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened that the Caddo Parish Commission hereby urges and requests the United States Congress to allocate COVID19 stimulus funds directly to local governments and allocate funds without using the CBDG formula.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution is effective immediately upon its passage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution will be forwarded to the President of the United States Senate, Speaker of the United States House of representatives, and the Caddo Parish federal delegation.

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

It was **moved by Mr. Epperson** seconded by Mr. Johnson, *to adopt Resolution No. 26 of 2020, a resolution urging and requesting that persons subject to a "Stay-At-Home" Order during an emergency be allowed to vote by absentee ballot and to otherwise provide with respect thereto be adopted.*

Mr. Epperson explained that individuals should not have to risk their lives and health to vote during these times. He also gave an example of people voting in Milwaukee with long lines and nineteen people got the corona virus. He does not want to subject the citizens of this Parish to risking their health during this pandemic. Mr. Epperson also pointed out that the right to vote is a constitutional right of all citizens, and would like to do anything the Commission could do to allow those to vote. He asked that the Commission support this resolution.

Substitute motion by Mr. Burrell, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *to add mail-in ballots to Resolution No. 26 of 2020.*

Mr. Burrell said in the state of Texas residents are allowed to vote by mail due to the exposure to COVID-19. He said that this decision was upheld in district court. Mr. Burrell said that it is dangerous for the citizens to be exposed to COVID-19 when they go out to vote.

Mr. Epperson said that his resolution eludes to both mail-in ballots and absentee ballots.

Mr. Taliaferro asked for clarification on this resolution. He wanted to know if the State is

under a Stay-At-Home Order, the citizens be allowed to vote by mail or absentee. Mr. Epperson said that if the citizens are gathered to vote, they could catch the COVID-19.

Mr. Taliaferro said that this resolution is jeopardizing the integrity of the voting system where citizens are encouraged to go vote. He also said that if a person is able and well enough to go to Home Depot or Wal-Mart, then they should be able to go vote. Mr. Taliaferro also mentioned that this does not concern those who are hospitalized, ill, etc. He said that he will not be able to support this resolution because there are too many avenues for fraud.

Mr. Hopkins pointed out that the Secretary of State is responsible for crafting a contingency plan for situations such as this. He said that plan has gone before the Senate and House of Governmental Affairs yesterday. Mr. Hopkins further explained that this resolution is not needed at this time. He also said that in the plan, the Secretary of State recommended to change early voting from 7 days to 13 days. It also expanded the absentee voting to go along with COVID-19. Mr. Hopkins pointed out that this plan has to be approved by the Legislature.

Call for the Question by Mr. Atkins, 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).

Mrs. Gage-Watts withdrew her second on the substitute motion. At this time, Mr. Burrell's motion failed due to the lack of a second.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 26 OF 2020

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION URGING AND REQUESTING THAT PERSONS SUBJECT TO A "STAY-AT-HOME" ORDER DURING AN EMERGENCY BE ALLOWED TO VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, COVID19 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, Louisiana citizens are contracting COVID19 in large numbers; and

WHEREAS, Governor John Bel Edwards has issued an executive "stay-at-home" order banning gatherings of more than ten persons; and

WHEREAS, in-person voting requires that more than ten persons be gathered in one location at one time; and

WHEREAS, the lifting of this stay-at-home order will depend on whether the emergency has sufficiently subsided; and

WHEREAS, to keep registered voters safe in case the medical emergency has not subsided, citizens should not be required to in-person vote;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened that the Caddo Parish Commission hereby urges and requests the Louisiana Legislature and Governor John Bel Edwards to add "persons subject to a stay-at-home" order to the categories of persons allowed to vote via absentee ballot in Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution is effective immediately upon its passage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution will be forwarded to the President of the Louisiana Senate, Speaker of the Louisiana House, the Caddo Parish legislative delegation, Governor John Bell Edward and the Police Jury Association of Louisiana.

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

OLD BUSINESS

The Commission then moved onto the next Old Business item, *to confirm appointments to the Quadrennial Charter Review Committee (6 to be selected)*.

At this time, Mr. Chavez explained that each Commissioner would get six yay votes to appoint six members out of the following candidates:

1. Tom Arceneaux
2. Major Rolland Coleman Ret USAF
3. RJ Johnson
4. Ken Krefft
5. Calvin Ben Lester
6. Randall Liles
7. Rudy Morton
8. Joyce W. Rogers
9. Dr. Melva Kristi Turner-Williams
10. Ryan Williams

Tom Arceneaux received ten AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Cawthorne, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins, Jackson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (10).

Major Rolland Coleman Ret USAF received nine AYES: Commissioners Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (9).

RJ Johnson received seven AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Cawthorne, Chavez, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (7).

Ken Krefft received six AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Chavez, Hopkins, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (6).

Calvin Ben Lester received ten AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Cawthorne, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, and Young (10).

Randall Liles received six AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Hopkins, Lazarus, and Taliaferro (6).

Rudy Morton received five AYES: Commissioners Burrell, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, and Young (5).

Joyce W. Rogers received six AYES: Commissioners Cawthorne, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Jackson, Johnson, and Taliaferro (6).

Dr. Melva Kristi Turner-Williams received five AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Cawthorne, Gage-Watts, Jackson, and Johnson (5).

Ryan Williams received four AYES: Commissioners Cawthorne, Chavez, Gage-Watts, and Johnson (4).

At this time, the following candidates received a majority of the votes and were appointed to the Charter Review Committee: Tom Arceneaux, Major Rolland Coleman, RJ Johnson, and Calvin Ben Lester.

It was **moved by Mr. Epperson**, seconded by Mr. Hopkins, *that each Commissioner receive two votes to break the three-way tie between Ken Krefft, Randall Liles, and Joyce W. Rogers. 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).

Ken Krefft received six AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Chavez, Hopkins, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (6).

Randall Liles received seven AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Chavez, Hopkins, Jackson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (7).

Joyce W. Rogers received six AYES: Commissioners Burrell, Cawthorne, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Jackson, and Johnson (6).

At this time, Mr. Randall Liles received a majority of the votes and was appointed to the Charter Review Committee.

The Commission then voted to fill the remaining vacancy on the Charter Review Committee:

Ken Krefft received six AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Chavez, Hopkins, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (6).

Joyce W. Rogers received six AYES: Commissioners Burrell, Cawthorne, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Jackson, and Johnson (6).

Answering a question from Mr. Jackson regarding the number of people on the committee, Attorney Frazier said that the Home Rule Charter specifies six members. Mr. Chavez wanted to know if they could appoint six members with an alternate. Attorney Frazier explained that the Charter specifies six members.

There being no majority, it was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Chavez, *that the following candidates be considered to fill the remaining vacancy on the Charter Review Committee at the next Regular Session:*

1. Ken Krefft
2. Rudy Morton
3. Joyce W. Rogers
4. Dr. Melva Kristi Turner-Williams
5. Ryan Williams

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).

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Hopkins, *that Ms. LaSonya Moore be appointed to the Industrial Development Board to fill the unexpired term left by the resignation of Dr. Henry Armington, Sr. (term to expire August 22, 2021), and Mr. Fred White be appointed to the Industrial Development Board to fill the unexpired term left by the resignation of Ms. Tanita Gilbert-Baker (term to expire August 22, 2023).* 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).

It was **moved by Mrs. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. Chavez, *that each Commissioner appoint one member from their district to the Complete Census Count Committee to be confirmed at the next Regular Session.* 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).

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Epperson, *that the Executive Session to discuss litigation regarding Case No. 620773 in First Judicial District Court be postponed until the Commission can meet in person.* 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).

NEW BUSINESS

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Atkins, *to confirm Mr. James Gilliam to be reappointed to the Lakeview Waterworks District (term to expire March 17, 2025).* 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 AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mr. Johnson announced that the Appropriations Committee will meet on Monday, May 4 at 1:30 p.m. He also requested that Mrs. Barnett provide a brief outline of the NGOs that are receiving funding from the Parish to the Commissioners.

There being no further business to come before the body, the meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Mario Chavez
President

Michelle Nations
Deputy Commission Clerk