

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF  
THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION  
HELD ON THE 6th DAY OF MAY, 2021

The Caddo Parish Commission met in a Regular Session, on the above date, at 3:30 p.m., in the Government Chambers, with Mr. Johnson, 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. Burrell, and Mr. Chavez led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS**

Ken Krefft came before the Commission and gave the following statement:

Four items, the last of which is the most important. This orange shirt is a Life Share Blood Center orange for my donation yesterday on 5/5. Cinco de Mayo, but there were no margaritas, no chips, and no salsa. Let's all donate. It really helps. That made nineteen gallons. In the middle of COVID-19, I hit nineteen gallons. Y'all know me. I like number. The phlebotomist, a young lady named Charity, drives all the way from Stanley everyday in Desoto Parish to work. She said, 'ok, you're always talking bout how many years ago. Well today is 5/5. What was 55 years ago?' and I clicked on the Asperger's brain and I said, 'it was 5/5/66. It was a Thursday. I had a calculus test that night. We caught crawfish in St. Charles Parish on the north side of Airline Highway. My buddies were Maurice, Tommy, and Billy. We ate crawfish Friday night. 'Why did you catch them?' I said they were too expensive! \$6 for a 40 lbs. bag, and we couldn't afford it, so we caught our own. Ok, juvenile justice. Lot of shootings, a lot of homicides. Pray that helps somewhat, but you guys have the power and are sworn by your oaths to do something about juvenile justice. When we last tried to do a 1/10 of a percent parish wide sales tax to last 10 years. We failed by 664 votes. Look me up if you want to double check. That was when Mayor Glover won his first term over the yard sign splitter. That's his name for me. Let's do something about juvenile justice, let's address an annual deficit that cumulatively has cost the taxpayers. Let's call the citizens, not a Citizens Committee Let's call a juvenile justice committee, and have people make serious, that would be a building block in the right direction on the crime. Who knows, had these young offenders had proper treatment as juveniles. Whatever we can do let's get serious it was a year ago today, John Paul and I were texting back and forth about juvenile justice, let's do something soon.

Judy Meyer came before the Commission and gave the following statement:

I just relocated back here. I was born and raised here, and moved to Texas. I moved back in the last six months. I just wanted to come today and kind of check things out. I do want to get more involved. I met Mr. Lazarus today. I've met Mr. Chavez once before. We did a community cleanup. So, but really I'm concerned in particular about the area off of Riding Club Lane, which I believe is Mr. Lazarus' district. we're going to visit some more on that but there's lots of debris and wires. I'm just getting nowhere in contacting the utility companies and phone companies, via internet services, nobody wants to take responsibility for it. There's low hanging wires, and it's just a hazard, and I can't get a response from anybody to get anything done about it. I want to see some action, and I'll do what I can to help but I don't know who to go to. But anyway, I just have some concerns and really just wanted to be here today just to kind of try to get more involved. So, thank you for your time.

Dr. Will James came before the Commission and gave the following statement:

I don't feel comfortable sharing the address due to various threats regarding a completely different issue. But with that, I do appreciate the work that Dr. Wilson and several other commissioners are doing to make sure that that particular project goes forward. I'm actually here in response to the death in custody story that's came up in a parish. And with that I was at the press conference yesterday. I heard people asking for solutions. And I talked with a lot of citizens regarding I've talked with a lot of crying mothers and grandparents and so on. So, instead of waiting until the end of May or the end of June. This is feedback that I've gathered from several concerned citizens that are directly affected by what's happened with the death in custody cases. With that being said, the first item that was brought to me was a request to legislator citizens oversight committee with subpoena power to investigate grievances submitted by constituents, and or whistleblowers from the different law enforcement entities. I know some of it does crossover between SPD, the sheriff's office and the state troopers but I've seen proof that stuff can actually work in erect in between the agencies in different states. We're requesting that when we go through the screening process for any law enforcement officers period, that with it, it's actually vetted by a board of three licensed professionals that are able to capture some of the telltale signs that show these officers, deputies troopers, don't have the community's best regards in practice. Another thing that was brought to me was a request to enact policies that make it mandatory for police officers, whether it's officer deputy or a trooper observing another agents overuse of force or violating the rights of citizens to step in and to stop the attack, or mistreatment, without fear of retaliation and accountability programs such as this serves many purposes that include changes, it changes what we look for in the officers, deputies and troopers that we hire trains law enforcement officers to identify danger signs. It also supports and protects those law enforcement

officers who do the right thing. Once again without fear of retaliation. And there's a program that actually copies this that actually started this in New Orleans called Epic, that stands for Ethical Policing Is Courageous. I feel this is something that can work with all the agencies that we have here. And last but not least, all of the citizens that I've talked to actually demanded the policy be legislature that actually bring social workers, case managers into jails are correctional institutions. Every 30 days that an inmate is actually in custody. So that way if there are any health concerns if there are any mental health concerns physical, anything of that nature. There's an independent party that's actually come in and where if someone is complaining about it for 28 days by the 30th day we have someone that comes in and says, Maybe we should get this person checked out, and it doesn't stretch out to 100 day. That's the story.

Betsy Barnes came before the Commission and gave the following statement:

Good afternoon, it's a pleasure to be here today and have the opportunity to share an event that is happening tomorrow with the citizens of Caddo Parish. I'm the press secretary and Director of Public Affairs for Lieutenant Governor Billy Nungesser. As you know the Shreveport Bossier Tourism Commission and the Sports Commission does an extraordinary job with inviting people into this area. literally millions of dollars and 1000s of people coming in for sports, recreation and other types of tourism as we open the state back up, we welcome those people, but for many years there was something missing. In 2017, Lt. Gov. Nungesser realized that people are looking for the opportunity to travel historical trails of their ancestors. Tomorrow, at Mt. Union Baptist Church, I want to invite you and all the citizens of Caddo Parish to come help us unveil a Civil Rights marker honoring Little Union Baptist Church. It was the last pulpit that the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. spoke. Many of you are familiar with Reverend C.C. Mclean and the work he did to bring equality in hiring practices and transportation to a large number of citizens. We are honoring those people who stood up, and we are encouraging people to come through Louisiana, and now what is the Louisiana Civil Rights Trail that is connected to the National Civil Rights Trail. The African-American Museum in Washington, D.C. is the number one tourist attraction. We want to connect with the rest of the nation. And we want our history to be counted. Now, the face marker was unveiled on Monday at Dooky Chase in New Orleans. That's hit national and international news. The second was at the Old State Capitol on Tuesday, which was the location for the 1953 Bus Boycott that preceded the Bus Boycott in Montgomery when Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat. These are historically significant opportunities for us to share the history for people in Louisiana.

Mr. Burrell thanked Lt. Gov. Nungesser and all those who worked on the Louisiana Civil Rights Trail for trying to preserve Louisiana's history.

### **VISITORS**

- Caddo Homeland Security  
Update on FEMA request relative to the Winter Storm FEMA-4590-DR  
Update on FEMA request relative to Hurricane Laura FEMA-4559-LA

Mr. Robert Jump said that there are two programs that traditionally follow disasters that affect this area to a certain level of impact. Public assistance, which is a grant process that the federal government will provide monies available to public entities to recover whatever losses that the Parish may have as a result of that disaster. In Hurricane Laura, Caddo Parish was approved to receive two different categories of public funds, A and B. A is debris removal, and B is emergency protective measures or whatever actions the governing body had to take to be able to mitigate the disaster or to be able to protect life and property. Other categories, such as roads, buildings, levees, etc., were not approved for Caddo Parish. The deadline for Caddo Parish to request public assistance on that grant was close of the year, December 31, 2020. Mr. Jump said that they did not have any public entities that reached out to them for requests for public assistance under Hurricane Laura. Individual assistance is available to the citizens. They would need to reach out to the federal government for different funding programs to help them with their loss according to the disasters that Caddo Parish did qualify for. There were 4,878 registrants who requested assistance from Hurricane Laura. The federal government put \$12.2M back into the Caddo Parish systems to help them restore their properties after Hurricane Laura.

He then talked about the Winter Storm that just happened. Caddo Parish has been approved for Category B and all of the attempts to help mitigate the storm itself and to protect life and property. The deadlines for additional requests for public assistance is Saturday, May 8, 2021. Mr. Jump said that he spoke with the Chief of Staff of GOSHEP, and the State of Louisiana has every intent for submit for an extension. He further explained that the Winter Storm is unusual, and they are seeing more damage from the storm and are unable to accurately reflect how it has impacted this community. There have been several entities who have already submitted a request for public assistance, such as the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office, City of Shreveport, Airport Authority, Oschner LSU, and Willis Knighton. Caddo Parish has to reach a threshold of \$991,000 to be able to qualify for any kind of category outside of protective measures. The City of Shreveport alone has submitted \$7.8M. Caddo Parish is going to meet the threshold and see other categories open up. They are reaching out to the municipalities to see if they have any damages related to the winter storm.

Mr. Jump then talked about COVID-19 as a disaster. He said that Caddo Parish has been

approved for protective measures. The federal government has backdated it to January of 2020, with no deadline since the pandemic is ongoing.

Mr. Jackson reiterated that no public entities submitted for public assistance for Hurricane Laura. Mr. Jump said that there was not a lot of damage that was reported to him. He also said that when it comes to debris removal, both the City and the Parish, manage their own landfills.

Dr. Ward explained that after the Hurricane, they did reach out to FEMA and submitted their budget, insurance, and purchase of materials or replacement. He said that the roof of the building was ripped off and it started raining inside and mildewing. FEMA will pay for rebuilding what's there without any enhancements. The decision was made that it needed to be stripped all the way down and start the rebuilding process, at which time FEMA said that they could not participate.

Mr. Jackson wanted to know if all of the municipalities could be submitted under Caddo Parish. Mr. Jump said that they could.

Mr. Jackson wanted to know if Caddo Parish would be submitting anything for the Winter Storm. Dr. Ward explained that Caddo Parish had less than \$50,000 in damages.

Mr. Jackson then talked about COVID-19 pandemic. Dr. Ward said that they sent applications for reimbursements through FEMA, but some of those were not applicable because the decisions to expend those funds were made in August, September, and October. At the time, FEMA was not paying for it; they were only going back to January-March. They declined it, but Dr. Ward will look back into it.

Mr. Burrell asked for more clarification regarding residential claims. Mr. Jump said that there is a threshold for individual policies within a community. he also explained that it would have to be uninsured or under insured impact of the community. Citizens could go to [disaster.assistance.gov](https://www.disasterassistance.gov) to apply.

#### **ADOPT REGULAR SESSION MINUTES**

It was **moved by Mr. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. Atkins, *to adopt the Regular Session Minutes from April 22, 2021.* Motion carried unanimously.

#### **SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS**

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *that Special Resolution of Recognition & Appreciation for Dr. Martha Whyte* be adopted. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION & APPRECIATION DR. MARTHA WHYTE**

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Caddo Parish Commission to give appropriate acknowledgment and recognition to individuals that have rendered invaluable service to the citizens of Caddo Parish; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Martha Whyte provides invaluable, exceptional leadership in her role as the Regional Medical Director for the Louisiana Department of Health's Region 7 which includes Caddo Parish and 8 other parishes, particularly during the Covid-19 Pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Whyte has taken every opportunity and employed every resource to lead Northwest Louisiana through the Covid-19 Pandemic, providing information, advice & dispelling misinformation at previously unimaginable rates and in doing so she saved many lives; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Whyte's commitment to her community, strength of character and exceptionalism were demonstrated as she cared for a troubled population while also personally caring for her husband as he dealt with Covid-19 and dealing with the loss of a parent during the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, The Caddo Parish Commission called on Dr. Whyte on numerous occasions to provide information that we needed to hear, even when it wasn't what we wanted to hear, to make decisions that were in the best interest of the Citizens of Caddo, and she answered those calls for assistance with grace, consistency and expertise; and

WHEREAS, The Caddo Parish Commission realizes that the ongoing nature of the Covid-19 Pandemic requires leadership going forward and values and appreciates the leadership of Dr. Whyte.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission, meeting in legal session convened this 6th day of May, 2021, that it does hereby convey its deepest and most sincere recognition and appreciation to Dr. Martha Whyte and encourages the citizens of Caddo Parish to join us in the recognition of her unprecedented dedication, resolve and expertise in a time of great need.

It was **moved by Mr. Chavez**, seconded by Mr. Lazarus, *that Special Resolution of*

Recognition for Sam Burns be adopted. Motion carried unanimously.

**SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION  
SAM BURNS**

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission is always pleased to observe and enjoy the accomplishments of those Caddo Parish sons and daughters who have gone forth to attain success and distinction in the various endeavors they pursue in national and world arenas; and

WHEREAS, on May 02, 2021 Caddo Parish native Sam Burns moved into the ranks of golfing's elite by beating the world's best golfers to win the 2021 PGA Championship in Palm Harbor, Florida; and

WHEREAS, This PGA title is the culmination of a long tradition of golfing success, especially for such a young man. At 24, Burn has already been a 3 time state champion while he attending Calvary Baptist Academy, named the American Junior Golf Association Rolex Junior Player of the Year in 2014, a college career at LSU that included being named 1st team All American and the NCAA Division 1 Jack Nicklaus National Player of the year for the 2016-2017 season, won the 2017 Arnold Palmer Cup all before making his professional debut on the PGA tour in 2017, went on to win the 2018 Savannah Golf Championship on the Web.com Tour; and

WHEREAS, Burns has had an incredible 2021 so far starting in February with a 3 rd place finish in the Genesis Invitational and culminating with his 3-stroke victory at the Valspar Championship to secure his first PGA title; and

WHEREAS, Sam Burns has brought great pride to his hometown of Shreveport, LA and carried on the local golfing legacy established by greats like Hal Sutton and David Toms and now continued into the future for many years to come with his amazing achievements and promising career still ahead of him; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission, meeting in legal session convened this 6th day of May, 2021, that it does hereby convey its deepest and most sincere recognition and appreciation to Mr. Sam Burns and encourages the citizens of Caddo Parish to join us in the recognition of such a tremendous achievement in his Golfing career, his first PGA Title.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON ZONING ORDINANCES**

The Chair of the Commission opened the public hearings for the following ordinances:

- *Ordinance No. 6052 of 2021, Zoning Case 21-1-P, an ordinance to amend Volume II of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo, as amended, the Caddo Parish Unified Development Code, by amending the zoning of property located on the south side of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, approximately two hundred fifteen feet east of RC Thompson Road, Caddo Parish, LA, from R-1-5, Single Family residential District to R-A, Rural Agricultural District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

There being no one to speak in favor or against these ordinances, the Chair closed the public hearings.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON ZONING ORDINANCES**

The Chair of the Commission opened the public hearings for the following ordinances:

- *Ordinance No. 6054 of 2021, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Riverboat Fundi in the amount of \$2,000 to provide an appropriation for Bernstein Development and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6055 of 2021, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Riverboat Fund in the amount of \$10,000 to provide an appropriation for Pamoja Art Society and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6056 of 2021, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Reserve Trust Fund and the Capital Outlay Fund for the year 2021 to provide an appropriation of \$1,000,000 from the Reserve Trust Fund to rebuild building destroyed by Hurricane Laura, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6058 of 2021, an ordinance amending the 2020 budget of the*

*Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Head Start Fund and otherwise providing with respect thereto*

- *Ordinance No. 6059 of 2021, an ordinance amending the 2021 Budget to adopt the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Head Start Fund, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6061 of 2021, an ordinance amending the 2020 budget of the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Section 8 Fund, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6062 of 2021, an ordinance amending the 2021 budget of the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Section 8 Fund, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6063 of 2021, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the General Fund to provide an appropriation for a Safe Summer Work Placement Program, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

There being no one to speak in favor or against these ordinances, the Chair closed the public hearings.

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

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Epperson, *that Ordinance No. 6052 of 2021, Zoning Case 21-1-P, an ordinance to amend Volume II of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo, as amended, the Caddo Parish Unified Development Code, by amending the zoning of property located on the south side of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, approximately two hundred fifteen feet east of RC Thompson Road, Caddo Parish, LA, from R-1-5, Single Family residential District to R-A, Rural Agricultural District, 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. 6052 OF 2021, ZONING CASE 21-1-P**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND VOLUME II OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE PARISH OF CADDO, AS AMENDED, THE CADDO PARISH UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE, BY AMENDING THE ZONING OF PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DRIVE, APPROXIMATELY TWO HUNDRED FIFTEEN FEET EAST OF RC THOMPSON ROAD, CADDO PARISH, LA., FROM R-1-5, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO R-A, RURAL AGRICULTURE DISTRICT, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

BE IT ORDAINED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that Volume II of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo, as amended, the Caddo Parish Unified Development Code, is hereby amended and re-enacted to read as follows, to wit:

The official Zoning Map of the Shreveport Metropolitan Planning Area of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, be amended by rezoning property located on the south side of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, approximately two hundred fifteen feet east of RC Thompson Road, Caddo Parish, LA, more particularly described below, be and the same is hereby amended **from R-1-5, Single Family Residential District to R-A, Rural Agriculture District:**

LOTS 6 & 7, R. C. THOMPSON SUBN., SECTION 24, T18N, R15W, Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

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 ten (10) days after publication in the official journal.

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

**ORDINANCES (for final passage)**

It was **moved by Mr. Chavez**, seconded by Mr. Taliaferro, *that Ordinance No. 6049 of 2021, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures of the Oil & Gas Fund to provide an appropriation of \$100,000 for the ESO Fire Reporting System, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be adopted.

**Amendment by Mr. Hopkins**, seconded by Mr. Jackson, *to amend Ordinance No. 6049 of 2021 by amending the following language in the third WHEREAS: WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission would like to appropriate \$100,000 toward the ESO Fire Reporting System contingent on the ~~City of Shreveport~~ Caddo Fire Chiefs Association and Caddo 911 Communications District agreeing to appropriate the remaining \$100,000; and*

Mrs. Gage-Watts wanted to know if this would be operable like the tornado system. Mr. Hopkins said that the City and the Parish Fire Departments will be able to communicate with each other.

Mr. Jackson wanted to know more about the cost share. Mr. Hopkins said that the Caddo Parish Commission will be paying for the initial installment, but the Communications District will be paying the annual fee.

At this time, Mr. Hopkins' amended 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. 6049 OF 2021**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE OIL AND GAS FUND TO PROVIDE AN APPROPRIATION OF \$100,000 FOR THE ESO FIRE REPORTING SYSTEM AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the ESO Fire Reporting system eliminates the manual task of re-entering data from EMS calls to meet National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) requirements so fire crews can focus on more important duties; and

WHEREAS, the total upfront cost of the ESO Fire Reporting system is \$200,000; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission would like to appropriate \$100,000 toward the ESO Fire Reporting System contingent on the ~~City of Shreveport~~ Caddo Fire Chiefs Association and Caddo 911 Communications District agreeing to appropriate the remaining \$100,000; and

WHEREAS it is necessary to amend the 2021 Oil and Gas Fund budget to provide an appropriation of \$100,000 for the ESO Fire Reporting System; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the Oil and Gas Fund for the year 2021 is hereby amended as follows:

	<u>Budget Increase (Decrease)</u>
<b>Oil and Gas Fund</b>	
ESO Fire Reporting System	\$100,000
Fund Balance	(\$100,000)

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 take effect upon adoption.

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

It was **moved by Mr. Cawthorne**, seconded by Mr. Jackson, *that Ordinance No. 6054 of*

2021, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Riverboat Fund in the amount of \$20,000 to provide an appropriation for Bernstein Development and to otherwise provide with respect thereto be adopted.

**Substitute motion by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Lazarus, to englob and adopt the following ordinances:

- Ordinance No. 6054 of 2021, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Riverboat Fund in the amount of \$2,000 to provide an appropriation for Bernstein Development and to otherwise provide with respect thereto
- Ordinance No. 6055 of 2021, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Riverboat Fund in the amount of \$10,000 to provide an appropriation for Pamoja Art Society and to otherwise provide with respect thereto
- Ordinance No. 6056 of 2021, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Reserve Trust Fund and the Capital Outlay Fund for the year 2021 to provide an appropriation of \$1,000,000 from the Reserve Trust Fund to rebuild building destroyed by Hurricane Laura, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto
- Ordinance No. 6058 of 2021, an ordinance amending the 2020 budget of the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Head Start Fund and otherwise providing with respect thereto
- Ordinance No. 6059 of 2021, an ordinance amending the 2021 Budget to adopt the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Head Start Fund, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto
- Ordinance No. 6061 of 2021, an ordinance amending the 2020 budget of the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Section 8 Fund, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto
- Ordinance No. 6062 of 2021, an ordinance amending the 2021 budget of the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Section 8 Fund, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto

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).

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 6054 OF 2021**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE RIVERBOAT FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000 TO PROVIDE AN APPROPRIATION FOR BERNSTEIN DEVELOPMENT AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, Bernstein Development, Inc is a 501(c)(3) non-profit community service organization centrally located in the Hollywood/Caddo Heights neighborhoods of Shreveport; and

WHEREAS, the mission of Bernstein Development is to meet the needs of the community and its individuals by providing educational and academic enrichment opportunities that will result in productive and engaged citizens; and

WHEREAS, Bernstein Development will use funds for Camp Bernstein Summer Reading and STEM programs; and

WHEREAS, as of December 31, 2020, Bernstein Development had an appropriation balance of \$10,000 and the appropriation lapsed at December 31, 2020 and is not available for spending; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the Riverboat Fund for the year 2021 is hereby amended as follows:

Budget Increase (Decrease)

**Riverboat Fund**

Allocation to Other Entities	
NGO Appropriations	
Bernstein Development	\$20,000
Fund Balance	(\$20,000)

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 take effect upon adoption.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 6055 OF 2021**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE RIVERBOAT FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000 TO PROVIDE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PAMOJA ART SOCIETY AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, Pamoja Art Society was founded in 1974 by a group of talented visual artists sharing a vision to nurture, create, and promote art by Black artists in Shreveport- Bossier; and

WHEREAS, Pamoja Art Society is a community-based organization dedicated to celebrating Black culture, serving artist and building a stronger community; and

WHEREAS, the mission of Pamoja Art Society is to stimulate the cultural development of Shreveport and surrounding communities by presenting art programs that showcases and educates the community; and

WHEREAS, in 2002 Pamoja Art Society began operating The Pamoja Cultural ArtCenter located at 3806 Linwood Avenue; and

WHEREAS, as of December 31, 2020, Pamoja Art Society had an appropriation balance of \$5,000 and the appropriation lapsed at December 31, 2020 and is not available for spending; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the Riverboat Fund for the year 2021 is hereby amended as follows:

Budget Increase (Decrease)

**Riverboat Fund**

Allocation to Other Entities	
NGO Appropriations	
Pamoja Art Society	\$10,000
Fund Balance	(\$10,000)

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 take effect upon adoption.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 6056 OF 2021**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE RESERVE TRUST FUND

AND THE CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND FOR THE YEAR 2021 TO PROVIDE AN APPROPRIATION OF \$1,000,000 FROM THE RESERVE TRUST FUND TO REBUILD BUILDING DESTROYED BY HURRICANE LAURA AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, Caddo Parish experienced high winds and rain from Hurricane Laura that demolished the Veteran Affairs and Drug Court building located at 1031 Creswell Avenue in Shreveport, LA; and

WHEREAS, the Veteran Affairs office staff and Drug Court program has been displaced as a result; and

WHEREAS, the previous post and beam facility was 6,438 square foot has a replacement cost to be per the insurance company of \$841,435.04; and

WHEREAS, the building must be rebuilt within 2 years of date of loss; and WHEREAS, the insurance deductible will be \$250,000; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission would like to replace the post and beam building with a 6,600 square foot red iron building on a slab; and

WHEREAS, the new building has an estimated cost of \$1,587,000; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission would like to appropriate the difference of \$1,000,000 to fund the rebuilding; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the Reserve Trust Fund and the Capital Outlay Fund for the year 2021 is hereby amended as follows:

	<u>Budget Increase (Decrease)</u>
<b><u>Reserve Trust Fund</u></b>	
Transfer to Capital Outlay	\$1,000,000
Fund Balance	(\$1,000,000)
<b><u>Capital Outlay</u></b>	
Transfer from Capital Outlay	\$1,000,000
Administration – Building Renovations	\$1,000,000

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 take effect upon adoption.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 6058 OF 2021**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2020 BUDGET TO ADOPT THE BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE HEAD START FUND AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, Head Start programs promote the school readiness of infants, toddlers, and preschool-aged children from low-income families; and

WHEREAS, the Head Start program is funded through a federal grant from the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Community Action Agency (CCAA) has administered our Head Start program since 1972; and

WHEREAS, Caddo Parish was awarded \$57,800,397 from HHS for the period July 1, 2016-June 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to adopt a budget for revenues and expenditures for the Head Start Fund; and

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

	<u>Budget Increase (Decrease)</u>
<b>Head Start Fund:</b>	
Revenue:	
Head Start Grant	\$13,600,000
Head Start Program	\$13,600,000

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 take effect upon adoption.

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

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 6059 OF 2021**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2021 BUDGET TO ADOPT THE BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE HEAD START FUND AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, Head Start programs promote the school readiness of infants, toddlers, and preschool-aged children from low-income families; and

WHEREAS, the Head Start program is funded through a federal grant from the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Community Action Agency (CCAA) has administered our Head Start program since 1972; and

WHEREAS, Caddo Parish was awarded \$66,194,981 from HHS for the period July 1, 2016-January 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to adopt a budget for revenues and expenditures for the Head Start Fund; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the Head Start Fund for the year 2021 as follows:

	<u>Budget Increase (Decrease)</u>
<b>Head Start Fund:</b>	
Revenue:	
Head Start Grant	\$13,400,000
Head Start Program	\$13,400,000

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 take effect upon adoption.

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

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 6061 OF 2021**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2020 BUDGET TO ADOPT THE BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE SECTION 8 FUND AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo has been the recipient of the Section 8 grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) since the 1970s; and

WHEREAS, Section 8 is a housing choice voucher program that the federal program has for assisting very low-income families, the elderly, and the disabled to afford decent, safe, and sanitary housing in the private market; and

WHEREAS, the Section 8 program allows the participate to choose any housing that meets the requirements of the program and is not limited to units located in subsidized housing projects; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to adopt a budget for revenues and expenditures for the Section 8 Housing Fund; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the Section 8 Fund for the year 2020 as follows:

	<u>Budget Increase (Decrease)</u>
<b>Section 8 Housing Fund:</b>	
Revenue:	
Section 8 Grant	\$378,000
Section 8 Grant Expenses	\$378,000

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 take effect upon adoption.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 6062 OF 2021**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2021 BUDGET TO ADOPT THE BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE SECTION 8 FUND AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo has been the recipient of the Section 8 grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) since the 1970s; and

WHEREAS, Section 8 is a housing choice voucher program that the federal program has for assisting very low-income families, the elderly, and the disabled to afford decent, safe, and sanitary housing in the private market; and

WHEREAS, the Section 8 program allows the participate to choose any housing that meets the requirements of the program and is not limited to units located in subsidized housing projects; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to adopt a budget for revenues and expenditures for the Section 8 Housing Fund; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the Section 8 Fund for the year 2021 as follows:

	<u>Budget Increase (Decrease)</u>
<b>Section 8 Housing Fund:</b>	
Revenue:	
Section 8 Grant	\$385,000
Section 8 Grant Expenses	\$385,000

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 take effect upon adoption.

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

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Chavez, *that Ordinance No. 6063 of 2021, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the General Fund to provide an appropriation for a Safe Summer Work Placement Program and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be adopted.

**Amendment by Mr. Cawthorne**, seconded by Mr. Jackson, *to increase the funding up to \$200,000 and to also include a college intern program.*

Mr. Cawthorne said that this was remanded to the Economic Development Committee because another component to the ordinance needed to be added, the internship that would employ twenty students.

Mr. Chavez does not want NGOs to pay salaries for their incumbent employees.

Mr. Taliaferro believes that this will be a worthwhile endeavor, but wanted to know the reason for the hourly wage. Mr. Cawthorne explained that it was decided using prevailing wage.

Mr. Atkins said that this was discussed in detail during the Economic Development Committee. He also pointed out that this will be funded by the American Rescue Plan Funds.

At this time, Mr. Cawthorne's motion carried as amended, 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. 6063 OF 2021**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE GENERAL FUND TO PROVIDE AN APPROPRIATION FOR A SAFE SUMMER WORK PLACEMENT PROGRAM AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic caused summer employment for the youth to be canceled in 2020; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic continues to create challenges for many youth summer activities; and

WHEREAS, the Safe Summer Work Placement Program would allow youth to find their entry into the workplace that would teach valuable life skills such as time management, conflict resolution, money management and character development; and

WHEREAS, the Safe Summer Work Placement Program will allow the youth to contribute to the economy and help support economic recovery; and

WHEREAS, THE Caddo Parish Commission would like to include the Safe Summer Work Placement Program to include a college intern program; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo would contract with a non-profit agency that specializes in workforce development to manage the Safe Summer Work Placement Program; and

WHEREAS, the Safe Summer Work Placement Program is recommended by the Economic Development Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Safe Summer Work Placement Program meets the current requirements of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 and these funds will be used for these expenditures; and

WHEREAS it is necessary to amend the 2021 General Fund Budget to provide an appropriation of \$200,000 for the Safe Summer Work Placement Program; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the General Fund for the year 2021 is hereby amended as follows:

	<u>Budget Increase (Decrease)</u>
<b><u>General Fund</u></b>	
Safe Summer Work Placement Program	\$ 200,000
Fund Balance	(\$200,000)

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 take effect upon adoption.

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

**ZONING ORDINANCES (for introduction by title)**

- *Zoning Case 21-5-P, Ordinance No. 6054 of 2021, an ordinance to amend Volume II of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo, as amended, the Caddo Parish Unified Development Code, by amending the zoning of property located on the north side of N. Market Street, approximately two hundred and sixty feet east of Roy Road Extension, Caddo Parish, LA, from C-1, Neighborhood Commercial District to C-2, Corridor Commercial District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

**ORDINANCES (for introduction by title)**

- *Ordinance No. 6065 of 2021, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the General Fund for the year 2021 to provide an appropriation for a one-time pay adjustment to Parish employees who performed essential work during the COVID-19 Pandemic, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6066 of 2021, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Economic Development Fund and Oil & Gas Fund for Juneteenth fireworks display, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

**WORK SESSION MINUTES**

It was **moved by Mr. Epperson**, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *that the Work Session Minutes from May 3, 2021 be ratified. Motion carried.*

**NEW BUSINESS**

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Chavez, *to englobo and adopt the following items:*

- *Reappointment of Mr. Fred Moss to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Term to expire April 10, 2026*
- *Appointment of Yulonda Lane to the Northwest Louisiana Human Services District. Term to expire August 6, 2027*
- *Appointment of Marty Wooldridge to the Long Range Planning Citizen’s Advisory Committee to study planning and zoning in the Parish*
- *Appointment of Honorable Paul Young to the Long Range Planning Citizen’s Advisory Committee to study planning and zoning in the Parish*
- *Appointment of Ray Holmon to the Long Range Planning Citizen’s Advisory Committee to study planning and zoning in the Parish*
- *Appointment of Billie Francine Brice to the Long Range Planning Citizen’s Advisory Committee to study planning and zoning in the Parish*

- *Appointment of Chris Kracman to the Long Range Planning Citizen's Advisory Committee to study planning and zoning in the Parish*

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).

It was **moved by Mr. Lazarus**, seconded by Mr. Jackson, *that the Waterworks District No. 7 project be forwarded to the State for possible funding relative to the LCDBG project be approved.* 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).

#### **ADMINISTRATION REPORT**

- Confederate Monument Update

Dr. Wilson said that only one bid which came in at four times what is budgeted for the project. They will resume the process and continue to look for a service provider that will relocate the monument within budget.

- Disparity Study Update

Administration has received the proposals from the disparity study and selected Keen Independent Research.

- I-49 Welcome Sign Update

LADOTD approved the design and are now in the finalizing process for that.

- U.S. Treasury Emergency Rental Assistance Program

3,700 applications have been submitted, and the first check was issued April 30 to the recipients of the first round. They are still encouraging people to apply for it.

Mr. Jackson wanted to know if the State has sent in \$8M. Mrs. Bryant said that they have not just yet.

- E. Edward Jones Housing Trust Fund RFP

The RFP is scheduled to be advertised Thursday, April 22 with a return date of June 30.

- Summer Intern Program

Dr. Wilson said that it will go online this Friday.

Mr. Hopkins wanted to know how summer workers would need to apply for summer jobs. Mrs. Bryant explained that they would need to go to [www.caddo.org/jobs](http://www.caddo.org/jobs) or they could reach out to Human Resources.

Mr. Jackson wanted to know how old would a person need to be to apply. Mrs. Bryant said that they would have to be at least 16 years old to apply.

- Pin Ceremony

Dr. Wilson also announced that the Pin Ceremony will be held on Friday, May 7 at 2:00 p.m. The program will be done virtually.

#### **COMMUNIQUES & COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Mr. Atkins announced that the Audit & Finance Committee is scheduled to meet on June 14 at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom.

- Mr. Jackson said that he would like to set up a virtual Expungement Summit & Resource Fair for Caddo District 3. He would like it to be set up in June. Mrs. Gage-Watts pointed out that she has already spoken with Mrs. McGee regarding a virtual Expungement Summit & Resource Fair parish-wide.

He also asked that Administration get in touch with KSLA regarding the Juneteenth Festival.

- Mr. Chavez announced that the Long-Range Planning Committee will meet on Monday, May 17 at 12:30 p.m.
- Mr. Burrell announced that the Spring State Fair is going on at the LA State Fairgrounds. He encouraged all to attend.

***PRESIDENT'S REPORT***

Mr. Johnson said that the American Rescue Plan Committee met and discussed a comprehensive roll out plan for utilizing the American Rescue funds. He said that another meeting is scheduled for June to further discuss the use of these funds.

There was no further discussion to come before the Commission, so the meeting was adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

  
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Michelle Nations  
Assistant Commission Clerk

  
Lyndon B. Johnson  
President