

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF
THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION
HELD ON THE 7TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2021

The Caddo Parish Commission met in a Regular Session, on the above date, at 3:30 p.m., in the Government Plaza Chambers, 505 Travis Street, Shreveport, 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 Dr. Wilson, and Mr. Epperson, led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Marvin Muhammed came before the Commission and gave the following comment:

Thank you, Mr. President. To the Commission. Marvin Mohammed. Again, I wanted to speak on the importance and critical of this commissions voting favorably of the north Caddo economic TIF in north Shreveport. I believe you we will see short-, middle-range and long term promises in advantage of that. The first, of course, will be storing of extra dollars that can be used in that geographical area that the TIF outlines. Secondly, we get to approve the infrastructure. Not only in that economic stretch that is considered the mouth of Shreveport, coming up North Market or Louisiana State Highway 1. That is very, very critical. On Monday during The Work Session we spoke about the vacancies up and down North Market. It's probably the boisterous malls probably around 50% that has to change. We do know from data that wherever Amazon goes there is growth. And I just believe that it would be very-it would show great foresight for this Commission can take advantage of that. Those dollars, would not add an additional tax burden. And that's key. Not adding additional tax burden on our citizens. On the industrial Development Board, which you gentlemen and lady appointed us to. We recently just passed the TIF for the dow on i-49 to correspond with the travel center. So, I don't want to speak too much about that. So, what we're speaking about is the same thing we are doing on that level. I thank you for your time.

ADOPT REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

It was **moved by Mr. Hopkins**, seconded by Mr. Atkins, *to adopt the Regular Session Minutes from September 23, 2021. Motion carried.*

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Lazarus, *to englobo and adopt the following special resolutions:*

- *Special Resolution Recognizing August As Children's Eye Health & Safety Awareness Month*
- *Special Resolution Recognizing Vanessa Brown*
- *Presentation of Special Resolution Honoring Irene Kamala Lacy*
- *Special Resolution Acknowledging Former State Representative Barbara Norton*

Mr. Epperson, Mr. Cawthorne, Mr. Burrell, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Taliaferro, Mr. Johnson, and Mrs. Gage-Watts thanked former Representative Barbara Norton for all of her hard work she's done throughout Caddo Parish. Mrs. Norton thanked the Commission for honoring her today.

- *Special Resolution Honoring Caddo Centenarian Geneva Moore On Her 106th Birthday*
- *Special Resolution Proclaiming Hispanic Heritage Month*

Mr. Burrell and Mr. Cawthorne asked to be co-sponsors to this special resolution.

- *Special Resolution Declaring September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month*
- *Special Resolution Declaring September as Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month*

Mr. Burrell asked to be a co-sponsor to this special resolution.

- *Special Resolution of Recognition for Centenary College of Louisiana*

Mr. Jackson and Mr. Atkins asked to be co-sponsors to this special resolution.

- *Special Resolution Honoring Gold Star Mothers and Families*

Mr. Epperson recognized the family of Dakota Huse who lost his life defending our country.

- *Special Resolution for Timmie R Howard*
- *Special Resolution for Leona Jackson*
- *Special Resolution for Marla Mitchell*

Mr. Cawthorne asked to be a co-sponsor for this special resolution.

- *Special Resolution of Appreciation for Law Enforcement Officers*

Mr. Burrell asked to be a co-sponsor to this special resolution.

- *Special Resolution for Breast Cancer Awareness Month*

Mr. Johnson wore pink at the meeting in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Mr. Jackson and Mr. Burrell asked to be co-sponsors to this special resolution.

Mr. Epperson recognized his mother who is a breast cancer survivor of nineteen years and ongoing.

Mrs. Gage-Watts asked that everyone wear pink at the next Work Session and Regular Session in honor of those who were diagnosed with Breast Cancer. She also said that early detection is key.

- *Special Resolution Recognizing Domestic Violence Awareness Month*

Mr. Jackson and Mr. Burrell asked to be co-sponsors to this special resolution.

- *Special Resolution of Appreciation and Recognition for the 2021 Winners of The Prize Fest Film Prize*

Mr. Lazarus, Mr. Cawthorne, and Mr. Taliaferro asked to be co-sponsors on this special resolution.

- *Special Resolution Celebrating 100 Years of Boy Scout Troop 15*

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, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (11). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioner Jackson (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

PROCLAMATION CHILDREN'S EYE HEALTH & SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, Children's Eye Health Month is an initiative designed to remind guardians as their children start back to school, to remember the importance of having comprehensive eye exams; and

WHEREAS, children's eye health exams should generally begin at their well-child visits around the age of 3 so that the doctor may check for refractive errors such as nearsightedness, farsightedness and astigmatism as well as diseases such as Amblyopia. (lazy eye), Strabismus (crossed eyes), Ptosis (drooping of the eyelid) or even Color deficiency (color blindness); and

WHEREAS, In addition to developmental problems and diseases, it is very important to remember children's eye health precautions and take preventative measure to protect the eyes so that Children do not become one of the 42,000 sports related eye injuries that happen each year and so that children are prevented from becoming a part of the 12 million vision impaired children if they remember to always wear protective eyewear when participating in sports or recreational activities and for guardians to purchase age-appropriate toys for children and avoid toys with sharp or protruding parts; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission through its parish Health Units hope to raise awareness about efforts to promote health across the Caddo Parish.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby proclaim August 2021 as 'Children's Eye Health Month' in the Parish of Caddo.

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION & RECOGNITION

VANESSA BROWN

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission desires to acknowledge and commend individuals whose lives and efforts are devoted to helping 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. Vanessa Brown, Executive Director at The Boys & Girls Club of Shreveport, who was recently honored as a recipient of the prestigious Maytag Dependable Leader Award, a nationwide award given to 7 individuals for their positive lifetime impact on and teens; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Brown's has over 13 years of experience working with children, specializing in high quality, high impact programs to improve the lives of youth who need it most. Brown's experience in Shreveport was preceded by 5 years as the Unit Director, managing multiple youth programs, at the Boys & Girls Club of North Louisiana in Ruston, LA and her - attaining a Master's Degree, specializing in Juvenile Delinquency, from Grambling State University; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Brown, as a recipient of the Maytag Dependable Leader Award, not only finds herself in good company, along with recipients like former President Jimmy Carter, but accompanying her honor is an award of \$20,000 to the Boys & Girls Club of Shreveport which helped to fund their 2021 Summer Camp program "Responding with Connections." This super hero themed camp for youth aged 6-13, and also open to high school aged children on Fridays, spanned June and July and featured creative and inclusive activities to build relationships between first responders, youth and families, helping each group to appreciate the humanity in one another and allowing first responders to share important life and safety skills and encouragement while youth shared their challenges, perspectives, hopes & joy to create a super powered connection allowing first responders to see a different side of those they serve;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, that it does hereby extend its heartiest expressions of commendation and appreciation to Ms. Vanessa Brown for her untiring efforts on behalf of Caddo Parish's young people and for the worthy example she sets for our community to emulate, and wishing her much continued success.

RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION & APPRECIATION MS. IRENE "KAMALA" LACY

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

WHEREAS, Ms. Irene "Kamala" Lacy is an artist, advocate, educator, and agent of change who has made an indelible mark on Caddo Parish through her efforts to promote and celebrate African heritage, including her three decades as Executive Director of the Afrikan Arts Council; and

WHEREAS, Lacy was born in the once country town of Terrell, Texas, on April 9, 1939 and raised by her grandmother, Emily Moore, a devout member and matriarch of the Church of God in Christ. Lacy moved to Dallas at fourteen years old, attended and graduated from James Madison High School in 1957, she continued her studies by working to pay her own way to Paul Quinn College in Waco, Texas, where she was an Honor Student, President of her Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, and Editor of the School Paper before being married and divorced and returning to complete her degree and graduated with honors from Bishop College in Dallas, Texas, in 1963 and continued her passion for learning with graduate studies at Southern Methodist University in Dallas and the University of Texas at Odessa; and

WHEREAS, Lacy's love for learning took a new path when she was asked what she knew of Mother Africa and answered honestly that, despite her degrees, "I know absolutely nothing about Africa," this realization led her to pursue knowledge of African heritage that included the study of traditional art under esteemed Dallas artist, Jackie Foch, and African studies under Dr. Maulana Karenya, Creator of Kwanzaa, and the Third Eye, who were cultural experts on Africa; and

WHEREAS, Lacy's professional career saw her put her work ethics and love of learning to use helping others whether it be her time in Dallas breaking barriers as the 1st Black Woman to be Terminal Manager of a Greyhound Line, or her twenty-three years of teaching in public schools in Dallas, Odessa, and Shreveport, to her establishment of the Afrikan Arts Council, a non-profit primarily dedicated to Kwanzaa and extending into other areas of African heritage; and

WHEREAS, The Afrikan Arts Council was officially incorporated as a non-profit in 1994 and has undertaken a number of initiative including Kwanzaa For All; The Purple Dream, a drama class; Rise Up, a class teaching entrepreneurial skills through art; Juneteenth-Free at Last, where she worked with then State Representative, and current Commissioner, Roy Burrell to pass House Bill 298 allowing the sale of fireworks to be used in the celebration of Juneteenth; Life Lines, laying lines to create art now on display in the Ethiopia Museum, Dallas Museum, and SUSLA African American Museum; Prison Art, writing letters sharing art to and with prisoners; and Angel Art, providing neighborhood children an opportunity to sing, dance, learn to play instruments for Kwanzaa; and the AAC even travelled to Ethiopia to share and

take back libraries of cultural information; and

WHEREAS, Irene Kamala Lacy's contributions are many, but she has never let her distinguished work get in the way of her love for and commitment to family. Lacy has 5 children, 15 grandchildren, many of whom she home schooled for a decade, and 6 great-grandchildren; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, that it does here by declare and proclaim August 8, 2021 to be:

'MS. IRENE 'KAMALA' LACY DAY'

in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, in recognition and admiration of her notable contributions to Caddo Parish.

**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION & RECOGNITION
MRS. BARBARA NORTON**

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Caddo Parish Commission to give appropriate acknowledgment and recognition to individuals who by their ongoing demonstrations of selfless service to their fellow man set superlative examples of good citizenship and community involvement; and

WHEREAS, such an individual is Mrs. Barbara Norton, a local activist, volunteer, and former State Representative who for over thirty-five years has been active in the community, City, Parish, and State; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Norton has worked many years to help the children in Caddo Parish. She founded the Mooretown Community Library in 1990 and is also founder of the annual African-American History Parade in Shreveport in 1988, which is the largest African-American History Parade throughout the country during the month of February. The parade has been in existence for over thirty-three years, and has grown to over 150,000 people in attendance each year, with thirteen different states participating in the parade, and a committee of over seventy-five members. KTBS Television 3-CW21 televises the parade for four hours each year during the celebration that can be viewed around the country. The Governor, United States Senator's Office, City of Shreveport Mayors, and the Caddo Parish Commission, all have recognized this most important event with special resolutions and proclamations; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Norton also founded the annual "Back to School Free Shoe Giveaway". Since its inception in 2003, the event has given away over 24,000 pairs of shoes to underprivileged children; and

WHEREAS, the African-American Celebration, in which Mrs. Norton chairs and founded, has honored over 1,500 students for their hard work in obtaining the Honor Roll status with certificates of achievements. The African-American Celebration and Mrs. Norton also created an event that educated the youth on crime prevention and how to stay safe. This successful event began this June of 2021, but the organization in collaboration with Mrs. Norton has made a commitment to keep the youth safe by continuing this event for many years to come. The African-American Celebration Committee and Mrs. Norton has also sponsored over 500 free haircuts to children and veterans in need; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission, meeting in legal and regular session convened this 19th day of August, 2021, does hereby extend its warmest expressions of appreciation to Mrs. Barbara Norton, not only for her contributions to this community, City, Parish, and State, but also in recognition of the favorable and honorable reflections her achievements have cast upon Caddo Parish.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission does wish Mrs. Barbara Norton much continued success on her future endeavors.

**PROCLAMATION
MS. GENEVA MOORE**

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission desires to recognize and acknowledge the milestones and special occasions that occur in the lives of those citizens of the Parish who have distinguished themselves through their ongoing demonstration of love and concern for their fellow man and who in doing so have done much to serve the Parish and the larger community; and

WHEREAS, the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc.—Beta Alpha Chapter would like to recognize its oldest member: Ms. Geneva Moore; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Geneva Moore is blessed to have lived 106 glorious years on this earth;
and

WHEREAS, Ms. Moore was born August 15, 1915, and remains an active chapter member;
and

WHEREAS, upon graduating from Southern University A&M College and Howard University, Ms. Moore began teaching in the Caddo Parish School System. She retired as a Home Economics teacher from J.S. Clark High School in 1972; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Moore is known by many, current and past associates and friends, as a woman with a warm and compassionate spirit. She has been a blessing to all she has come in contact with over the past 106 years, and is joined by family and friends today to celebrate this exciting milestone in her life.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, this 15th day of August, 2021, that it does hereby extend its warmest and most sincere congratulations to Ms. Geneva Moore upon her attainment of her 106th Birthday.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Commission does pray that Ms. Geneva Moore will greatly enjoy the activities of her special day, and that she will be blessed with a continuation of life, health, happiness, and contentment for the rest of her days.

PROCLAMATION HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, National Hispanic Heritage Month celebrates the countless contributions of more than 60 million Hispanic Americans to our culture and society; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Americans are the largest minority group in the United States today, and generations of Hispanic Americans have contributed to our nation's strength, prosperity and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Americans, including over 7,000 in Caddo Parish and another 9,000 in bordering parishes, embody the best of our American values, including commitment to faith, family, and community; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Americans contribute in so many ways from protecting this nation; through service in our military to tremendous economic contributions made through commitment, ingenuity and skill to the enrichment experienced as Hispanic culture, food, music, history and traditions that are shared and celebrated. The Hispanic-American community has left an indelible mark on our government, culture, and economy; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Americans lay claim to an undeniably important role in our country's great years to come, and that Caddo Parish Commission proudly stands to honor them and their innumerable contributions to Caddo Parish's prosperity, culture and way of life; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission meeting in legal and regular session convened on October 7th, 2021 does hereby proclaim September 15th through October 15th, 2021 as:

'HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH'

in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and urges all citizens to join with the Caddo Parish Commission to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month and honor the contributions of the Hispanic Community.

PROCLAMATION CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection report cancer is the leading cause of death by disease among U.S. children between infancy and age 15. This tragic disease is detected in nearly 15,000 of our country's young people each and every year.

WHEREAS, one in five of our nation's children loses his or her battle with cancer. Many infants, children and teens will suffer from long-term effects of comprehensive treatment, including secondary cancers; and

WHEREAS, founded over twenty years ago by Steven Firestein, a member of the philanthropic Max Factor cosmetics family, the American Cancer Fund for Children, Inc. and Kids Cancer Connection, Inc. are dedicated to helping these children and their families; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection provide a variety of vital patient psychosocial services to children undergoing cancer treatment at Children's Hospital New Orleans, Tulane Hospital for Children in New Orleans, as well as participating hospitals throughout the country, thereby enhancing the quality of life for these children and their families; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection also sponsor Courageous Kid Recognition Award ceremonies, community get well cards and hospital celebrations in honor of a child's determination and bravery to fight **the battle against childhood cancer**.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Caddo Parish Commission, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2021 as:

“CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH”

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

**PROCLAMATION
SICKLE CELL AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, September is National Sickle Cell Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, Sickle cell anemia is an inherited blood disorder that mostly affects people of African ancestry, but also occurs in other ethnic groups, including people who are of Mediterranean and Middle Eastern descent.; and

WHEREAS, More than 70,000 Americans have sickle cell anemia. And about 2 million Americans— 1 in 12 African Americans — have the sickle cell trait, which means they carry a single gene for the disease, but do not have the disease itself.; and

WHEREAS, sickle cell disease is a complex genetic disorder characterized by chronic anemia, episodes of debilitating pain and damage to vital organs; and

WHEREAS, early identification of a child with sickle cell disease coupled with antibiotic prophylaxis by 3 months of age and early intervention services, helps those with sickle cell disease while researchers continue to search for a cure; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana remains dedicated to the provision of sickle cell screening, education, and medical care for individuals and families living with sickle cell disease through its support of the Louisiana Department of Community Health's Newborn Screening Program and the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, meeting in legal and regular session this 7th day of October, 2021 that it does hereby proclaim September, 2021 as:

'NATIONAL SICKLE CELL AWARENESS MONTH'

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

**SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION
CENTENARY COLLEGE OF LOUISIANA**

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission is pleased to note and commemorate the momentous milestones reached by the institutional members of this community, particularly when those entities have in their time made profound and lasting contributions toward the betterment of the Parish and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, such an institution is Centenary College, which has been named as one of the nation's top colleges for students seeking a superb education at an affordable price by Princeton Review, who named Centenary College as one of the 200 "Best Value" colleges, from more than 650 institutions who were considered for the honor; and

WHEREAS, Centenary College's historic place as the oldest liberal arts college West of the Mississippi and close ties to the United Methodist Church ensure that Centenary is steeped in tradition, while its intimate and dynamic student body allows for adaptations to meet the needs of a fast changing educational environment; and

WHEREAS, the Princeton Review's methodology for their Best Value Award included interviews with administrators, students and alumni to determine the return on investment and rank that ROI against institutions from across the country, resulting in proof of something that is already well known in our community, that Centenary College of Louisiana produces tremendous value; and

WHEREAS, the Princeton Review's editors praised Centenary for its "one of a kind opportunities for undergraduates to immerse themselves in other cultures, both locally and internationally" by supporting travel, volunteerism and multi-cultural experiences as part of the curriculum, resulting in descriptions highlighted from interviews that describe Centenary as "incredibly accepting" and "connected."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, this 7th day of October, 2021, that it does hereby extend its heartiest and most sincere congratulations to Centenary College for their inclusion on the Princeton Review's "Best Value Colleges" list for 2021.

**PROCLAMATION
GOLD STAR MOTHER'S AND FAMILY DAY**

WHEREAS, on June 23, 1936, the U.S. Congress passed a joint congressional resolution that designated the last Sunday in September as Gold Star Mother's Day; and

WHEREAS, the history of Gold Star Mother's Day dates back to World War I when it became the custom of military families to hang a service flag near their front window; these flags featured a blue star for each family member actively serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, and the Gold Star flag first appeared when mothers who lost sons in the war sewed gold stars over the blue stars; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo recognizes the gold star on service flags as a symbol of the soldiers who have fallen in the line of duty protecting our freedom and our nation; and

WHEREAS, we honor those members of our community who have lost a son or daughter, making the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country and recognize that, in an instant, a family is thrust into a group in; which none wants to lay claim: one defined by selflessness, humility and grace, that of a Gold Star Family; and

WHEREAS, the debt our fallen warriors and their families make is one for which our country can never return or sufficiently express our gratitude, for in their sacrifice, Americans enjoy the freedom and liberty on which our country was founded and we recognize the sacrifice that every Gold Star Family has made and will continue to make, living each day with the memory of their loved one in their thought; and

WHEREAS, we pray for peace and comfort to come to their hearts as they know that we have etched the name of their fallen Soldier, Marine, Sailor, Airman or Coast Guardsman in our hearts with them; and

WHEREAS, on this day we remember our commitment to Gold Star Mothers and Families, who carry on with pride and courage despite grieving terrible loss; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, meeting in legal and regular session this 23rd day of September, 2021, proclaim September 26th, 2021 as GOLD STAR MOTHER'S AND FAMILY DAY in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, commend this observance to all our citizens, and encourage all citizens of Caddo Parish to join in the recognition and appreciation of these courageous & generous patriot mothers and families.

**PROCLAMATION
PASTOR TIMMIE R. HOWARD**

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission notes with interest and satisfaction the significant events that occur in the lives of citizens who have made significant and lasting contributions to Caddo Parish and to the larger community; and

WHEREAS, such an individual is Pastor Timmie R Howard, a native of Shreveport, Louisiana who is the son of the late Deacon Calvin Howard and Rosie Brooks-Howard. His love and commitment to God is evident in his daily walk with the Lord, because it is truly his lifestyle. God uses him to encourage, energize and edify; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Howard is the founder of Emmaus Road Church which is now the Kingdom United Church where the ministry stems from the belief and practices that "Every Soul Counts." Through his ministry, Pastor Howard reaches the hurt, rejected, abused, depressed and others in need. Pastor Howard truly believes that, "Lives are Altered at the Alter" and this has lead to the creation of Several ministries under his leadership and under the spiritual covering of T. R. Howard, Sr. Ministries.

WHEREAS, Pastor Howard's teachings are humorous, serious, profound and simple; but most of all, they are in season, relevant and relatable; and;

WHEREAS, Pastor Howard's faith has reaped many rewards, among the most important has been the love of his family where his First Lady Shirley Howard and he are blessed to be loving parents and grandparents. Pastor Howard recently celebrated his birthday on September 18th and enters into the celebration of his Pastoral Anniversary with the full an thankful heart of a blessed servant of God; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, meeting in legal and regular session this 23rd day of September, 2021, proclaim September 26th, 2021 as PASTOR TIMMIE R. HOWARD DAY in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, commend Pastor Howard for his latest pastoral milestone and ask Caddo citizens to join with those he has touched through his ministry in celebration.

**PROCLAMATION
MS. LEONA JACKSON**

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission desires to recognize and acknowledge the milestones and special occasions that occur in the lives of those citizens of the Parish who have distinguished themselves through their ongoing demonstration of love and concern for their fellow man and who in doing so have done much to serve the Parish and the larger community; and

WHEREAS, Centenarians have been and continue to be a valuable asset to Caddo Parish through the preservation of our heritage. They provide an excellent example of responsible citizenship for future generations through their loyalty and dedication to the community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Leona Jackson is blessed to have lived 100 glorious years on this earth on September 29, 2021; and

WHEREAS, She means so much to so many people and of her many accomplishments, her family is the most important to her. Her only daughter, grandchildren and great grandchildren bring her great joy and an opportunity to share her wisdom perspective and memories with generations to come ; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jackson is known for her excellent mind, sharp hearing and precise vision, along with her joyous, upbeat personality, her creativity that is expressed in her love of fashion, crafting, home decorating and other creative pursuits. Jackson has always had an eye for beauty and a gift for bringing more of it into the world; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jackson has made a positive impact on this world through her service to her faith community and the community at large. She has been a source of continuous support for Lake Bethlehem Baptist Church. She has unselfishly given of her time and talents to support civic activities and is even the designated the David Raines Caller for Bingo. Jackson's commitment to her community and steadfast nature is also evident in her voting record as she makes sure to exercise her civic duty and vote in every election.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, this 29th day of September, 2021, that it does hereby extend its warmest and most sincere congratulations to Ms. Leona W. Jackson upon her attainment of her 100th Birthday.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Commission does pray that Ms. Leona W. Jackson will greatly enjoy the activities of her special day, and that she will be will be blessed with a continuation of life, health, happiness and contentment for the rest of her days.

**RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION
MARLA MITCHELL**

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission desires to acknowledge and commend individuals whose lives and efforts are devoted to helping foster and facilitate the culture, recreation and tourism of Caddo Parish; and

WHEREAS, such an individual is Ms. Marla Mitchell, who was recently honored to be named General Manager of the Shreveport Convention Center and the Municipal Auditorium after demonstrating her aptitude for the role as Interim General Manager; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Mitchell was born in Baton Rouge on June 18, 1974 and raised in Shreveport, LA where she developed a love for her community and demonstrated a gift for hospitality and graciously delivering high level service. In October of 2005 Mitchell began working for the Shreveport Convention Center where she quickly earned a reputation for her enthusiasm and consistently high Customer Satisfaction levels; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Mitchell's hard work and dedication helped her to advance through the Organization to her recent appointment as General Manager, she brings an even higher level of dedication and love to her husband and family;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, that it does hereby that it does hereby declare and proclaim September 16th, 2021 to be

'MS. MARLA MITCHELL DAY'

in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, in recognition and admiration of her notable contributions to Caddo Parish through her exemplary work as General Manager of the Shreveport Convention Center and Municipal Auditorium and wishing her much continued success.

RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION & APPRECIATION

FOR AREA LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

WHEREAS, the health and safety of all Caddo Parish citizens is important; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo is the proud home to many dedicated law enforcement officers who put their lives on the line to keep our community safe; and

WHEREAS, these officers stand as leaders and teachers in the community, educating the citizens about the importance of public safety, responding to a wide variety of concerns, dealing with emergent situations; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission appreciates the extraordinary efforts and sacrifices made by officers and their family members on a daily basis in order to protect our schools, workplaces, roadways, and homes; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission acknowledges and stands in admiration of the mental fortitude and strength exhibited by those first responders who are on the front lines of traumatic events and situations, protecting and communicating with members of the public who are often distressed or fearful.

WHEREAS, Law enforcement officers must use strength and discipline to protect those in need & enforce order while also balancing the responsibilities to be caring, consoling and supportive at the same time staying focused on details, procedure, maintaining ongoing operations, investigations and goals of their Department. We recognize that this tightrope of balanced expectations puts our Law Enforcement Officers in direct contact with the best and worst of humanity and we acknowledge with great respect the difficulty that this must present;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, meeting in legal and regular session this 7th day of October 2021 that it does hereby express heartfelt appreciation and admiration to Law Enforcement Officers throughout Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and urges all citizens to join with the Parish Commission in recognition of these important members of our community.

**PROCLAMATION
BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, October is designated as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, Breast cancer touches the lives of Caddo residents from every background and every community across our Parish; and

WHEREAS, though great strides have been made in combatting this devastating illness, more women and men will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year, and hundreds are expected to lose their lives to this disease in Caddo Parish; and

WHEREAS, during National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the Caddo Parish Commission honors those we have lost, lend our strength to those who carry on the fight, and pledge to educate ourselves and our loved ones about this tragic disease; and

WHEREAS, this month we stand with the mothers, daughters, sisters, aunts, and friends who have been affected by breast cancer, and we recognize the ongoing efforts of dedicated advocates, researchers, and health care providers who strive each day to defeat this terrible disease.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, meeting in legal and regular session this 7th day of October, 2021 that it does hereby proclaim October, 2021 as:

'BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH'

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

**PROCLAMATION
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, October is designated as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, Domestic violence impacts women, men and children of every age, background, and belief. Nearly 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men in the United States have suffered severe physical violence by an intimate partner; and

WHEREAS, victims are deprived of their liberty and security and face tremendous threats to their health and safety. During National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, we reaffirm our dedication to forging an America where no one suffers the hurt and hardship that domestic violence causes; and

WHEREAS, during National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the Caddo Parish Commission pledges and their unwavering support to those in need and recognize the advocates, victim service providers, and organizations who work tirelessly to extend hope and healing to survivors and victims' every day.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, meeting in legal and regular session this 7th day of October, 2021 that it does hereby proclaim October, 2021 as:

'NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH'

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

**SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION
2021 PRIZE FEST WINNERS**

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission is desirous of giving special recognition to those events and individuals of special interest and significance that occur in the community; and

WHEREAS, The Louisiana Film Prize is an annual festival held in Caddo Parish that invites filmmakers from across the country to shoot a short film in the Shreveport-Bossier area for a chance to win one of the largest cash prizes for a short film in the entire world—a \$25,000 prize; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana Film Prize celebrates its first complete decade with its 10th anniversary, which it now celebrates alongside the Prize Fest family that includes Food Prize, Start Up Prize, Music Prize, Fashion Prize, Comedy Prize and many additional programs and events that have grown from the success of the Film Prize; and

WHEREAS, the Covid-19 Pandemic forced many organizations, particularly those whose missions include facilitating gatherings or people, to alter their typical programming and the Prize Fest team not only adapted to 2020 with virtual events and services, but maintained their energy for gathering to celebrate creativity and doing so safely by theming their 2021 Prize Fest- Back in the Streets and including in person experiences that were managed with safety of the attendees and participants in mind; and

WHEREAS, this year's Prize Fest featured significant diversity in the winners across the various platforms, each winner capturing important sentiments and feelings that helped their creations connect with judges and audiences, and none more so than this year's Film Prize winning film, Mark Bullard's "Shreveport Son," which won the top prize as well as Best Director, Best Actor and the Founders Circle Awards for its tragic and tragically relatable story of changing nature of relationships during traumatic days; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, meeting in legal and regular session this 7th day of October, 2021, that it does hereby heartily commend and congratulate Mark Bullard and his film, "Shreveport Son," and the entire Prize Fest team for their devotion to excellence, creativity in the face of adversity, hard work and for the pride and inspiration they bring to Caddo Parish.

**SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION
BOY SCOUT TROOP 15**

WHEREAS, scouting is a national program offering youth the opportunity to learn and grow, physically, mentally & civically through activities designed to develop leadership skills, strong values and character; and

WHEREAS, Boy Scout Troop #15 was established 100 years ago, in 1921, by its chartering organization, Noel Memorial United Methodist Church, welcoming boys of all faiths to come together and establish the oldest Boy Scout troop in Northwest Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, since its inception, Troop #15 has provided thousands of young men and boys the opportunity and environment to grow and learn the leadership and citizenship skills offered by scouting, helping to mold their confidence and independence, fostering a fondness for nature and community, and showing them that the world is bigger than their local community by participating in camping at Kinsey Scout Ranch, formerly known as Garland Scout Ranch, as well as Venturing programs and Jamborees across North America; and

WHEREAS, Troop #15 has given scouts and adults the chance to acquire vital skills; including first aid, camping, outdoor safety and survival, protection of the environment, service to the community and knowledge of state and local government; and

WHEREAS, Troop #15 has served Caddo Parish, and particularly the Highland neighborhood in Shreveport, indelibly over the years through volunteer hours on projects of service to the community as well as stewardship of the community resources, such as Highland Park; and

WHEREAS, Troop #15 has contributed to the community through leadership development in a variety of ways, including as a platform for the nearly 50 years of service of Scout Master Tom Keith whose wisdom, dedication and character shaped young men into Judges, Commissioners, and community leaders of all stripes,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, meeting in legal and regular session this 7th day of October, 2021 that it does hereby congratulate and commend Boy Scouts Troop #15 on their 100th Anniversary which they will celebrate on October 23, 2021 and asks all citizens of Caddo Parish to join with us in celebration of this momentous occasion.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ZONING ORDINANCES & CASES

The Chair of the Commission opened the public hearing for the following zoning ordinance:

- *Ordinance No. 6102 of 2021 in relation to Zoning Case 21-27-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 north side of Ellerbe Road at the end of Redrick Drive, Caddo Parish, LA, from R-1-7, Single-Family Residential District to C-1, Neighborhood Commercial District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

There being no one to speak in favor or against the zoning ordinance, the Chair closed the public hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES

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

- *Ordinance No. 6101 of 2021, an ordinance amending and re-enacting Section 32-46.1 of the Caddo Parish Code of Ordinances regarding the Carrying of Weapons, and otherwise providing with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6103 of 2021, an ordinance creating the "Amazon TIF District, State of Louisiana;" defining the boundaries thereof from which area Local Sales Tax, Property Tax and Hotel Occupancy Tax increments will be determined and used to finance economic development projects in accordance with and as authorized by Part II of Chapter 27 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended; and providing for other matters in connection with the foregoing*
- *Ordinance No. 6112 of 2021, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues for the American Rescue Plan Fund To provide an appropriation for Caddo Parish Juvenile Court and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6113 of 2021, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues for the American Rescue Plan Fund to provide an appropriation for Volunteers for Youth Justice for truancy and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6114 of 2021, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues for the American Rescue Plan Fund to provide an appropriation of up to \$30,000 for Red G Enterprises and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6115 of 2021, an ordinance to enact Sections 32-115 – 32-118 of the Code of Ordinances of Caddo Parish relative to Curfews, to provide for a curfew for persons under 18 years of age, to provide for penalties for violation of said curfew, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.*

ZONING ORDINANCES (for final passage)

It was **moved by Mr. Chavez**, seconded by Mr. Atkins, *that Ordinance No. 6102 of 2021 in relation to Zoning Case 21-27-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 north side of Ellerbe Road at the end of Redrick Drive, Caddo Parish, LA, from R-1-7, Single-Family Residential District to C-1, Neighborhood Commercial 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. 6102 OF 2021

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 NORTH SIDE OF ELLERBE ROAD AT THE END OF REDRICK DRIVE, CADDO PARISH, LA., FROM R-1-7, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO C-1, NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL 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 north side of Ellerbe Road at the end of Redrick Drive, Caddo Parish, LA, more particularly described below, be and the same is hereby amended from R-1-7, Single-Family Residential District to C-1, Neighborhood Commercial District:

Lots 16, 17 and 25, Forbing Heights Sub., Section 8, T16N, R13W, 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. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Cawthorne, *that Ordinance No. 6101 of 2021, an ordinance amending and re-enacting Section 32-46.1 of the Caddo Parish Code of Ordinances regarding the Carrying of Weapons, and otherwise providing with respect thereto* be adopted.

Substitute motion by Mr. Burrell, seconded by Mr. Young, *that Ordinance No. 6101 of 2021, an ordinance amending and re-enacting Section 32-46.1 of the Caddo Parish Code of Ordinances regarding the Carrying of Weapons, and otherwise providing with respect thereto* be postponed until the next scheduled Juvenile Justice Committee meeting.

Mr. Burrell said that the Juvenile Justice Committee discussed it in today's meeting, but it still needs to be vetted.

Mr. Young added that a request for Legal to research it further was made during the committee meeting.

At this time, Mr. Jackson removed his original motion.

Mrs. Gage-Watts said that the Committee did discuss this ordinance and agreed to amend the language from "shall carry" to "possess" any firearm, weapons, fireworks or explosives. She said that the majority of the Committee agreed to this amended language, with one in opposition who asked that Legal review and add additional wording for courthouse grounds as well as Government Plaza.

Mr. Johnson pointed out that the Committee did vote and pass some amended language during today's meeting.

Attorney Frazier pointed out that the courthouse and Government Plaza have the same revision, but in another ordinance.

Mr. Taliaferro said that he was not comfortable with the verbiage with the language in Section G, such as the word "shall carry" versus "in possession of". He is also concerned with where the weapon is in the vehicle and if the Commission has the right to go into that person's vehicle. Mr. Taliaferro would like to be as careful as possible when drafting this ordinance. He also said that this ordinance would also apply to Government Plaza. He is concerned that those with a concealed weapons permit will not be able to carry their weapons on the premises.

Mr. Young added that he was under the impression that Legal was going to review this and add additional wording that would suit everyone.

Mr. Jackson wanted to know when this ordinance would go into effect if it were adopted today. Attorney Frazier said that it would go into effect ten days after publication. She also said that if the Commissioners are not comfortable with the language, then it would need to be postponed.

Mr. Jackson also wanted to know if Administration is comfortable with postponing this ordinance. Dr. Wilson said that this stemmed from an incident that happened at Juvenile Services where an individual had a gun in his vehicle and a woman felt threatened.

Answering a question from Mr. Jackson regarding the security officers, Dr. Wilson said that the Sheriff's Office provides security at Juvenile Services. Mr. Jackson also wanted to know if the Sheriff's Office was at the Juvenile Justice Committee meeting. Dr. Wilson said that they were not. Mr. Jackson suggested that the Sheriff's Office should be present at the meetings to voice their concerns.

Substitute motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *to amend the language in Section G to say, "No person shall possess a firearm, weapon, fireworks, or explosives on the parish buildings and grounds, unless that person is a duly qualified law enforcement officer while acting in that capacity.*

Mr. Johnson does not believe anyone should have a firearm, weapon, or firework in this building. He said that this ordinance would increase the security for those who work in this building.

Mrs. Gage-Watts said that gun violence is at an all-time high, and feels that this ordinance should not be delayed or postponed. She asked that the Commissioners move this ordinance forward.

Mr. Burrell feels that this should go back to Committee and vet policies, such as school safety zone with regards to firearms.

Mr. Hopkins wanted to know if he would be able to carry his weapon in his vehicle if he has to go to Juvenile Court. Attorney Frazier said that he would not be able to, if he parks his car on parish property. Mr. Hopkins then gave an example of going to court and his ex-wife saying, "he's got a gun in the car, and I'm scared." He said that now the Sheriff's Office has probable cause and can search his vehicle. At this point, he does not support this amendment. Attorney Frazier suggested that if a person carries a gun in their vehicle, then they can park in the street, which is not parish property. Mr. Hopkins said that he still has a concern with "making criminals out of people who are not criminals".

Mr. Young still would like this ordinance to be vetted to be more precise with the language to achieve the intent of this ordinance.

Mr. Atkins would like to see Mr. Taliaferro comfortable with the language for this ordinance due to his experience in law enforcement before he votes to support it.

Mr. Chavez agreed with Mr. Young and will be voting to postpone this ordinance. He also suggested that a law enforcement officer be invited to the next Juvenile Justice Committee.

Mr. Johnson pointed out that gun free zones at schools do not allow a person to carry a firearm on campus, unless they are actively acting as a law enforcement officer. He also mentioned that a person cannot have a firearm in their car, unless they are actively acting as a law enforcement officer.

Mr. Jackson said that this ordinance is to increase security for those who work in the building. He suggested that there be a "top to bottom" look at security for all Caddo Parish buildings. Mr. Jackson also asked Administration to look into the following questions:

1. Can there be a carve out for the penalties?
2. What if the gun was in someone's trunk?
3. Is there a difference between possess and shall carry?

Mr. Jackson wanted to know who would enforce this ordinance if an incident were to happen across the street from Juvenile Services. Attorney Frazier said that this ordinance would not apply if it were to happen across the street, but Shreveport Police would handle it. Mr. Jackson once again asked that law enforcement be present at the next meeting to address this ordinance.

Mr. Cawthorne said that "we live in a developed society where tensions are high, and things can go awry". He does not want anyone to not be able to have their gun, but would like to develop some type of mechanism to protect innocent people who may not have a gun.

Call for the Question by Mr. Epperson, seconded by Mr. Jackson. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Cawthorne, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (11). NAYS: Commissioner Burrell (1). ABSENT: None (0). ABSTAIN: None (0).

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

At this time, Mr. Burrell's substitute motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Cawthorne, Chavez, Hopkins, Jackson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (9). NAYS: Commissioners Epperson, Gage-Watts, and Johnson (3). ABSENT: None (0). ABSTAIN: None (0).

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Cawthorne, *that Ordinance No. 6103 of 2021, an ordinance creating the "Amazon TIF District, State of Louisiana;" defining the boundaries thereof from which area Local Sales Tax, Property Tax and Hotel Occupancy Tax increments will be determined and used to finance economic development projects in accordance with and as authorized by Part II of Chapter 27 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended; and providing for other matters in connection with the foregoing be amended to insert additional language to include Section 5 and the original Section 5 be moved to Section 6 and the ordinance be postponed until the next Regular Session.*

Mr. Jackson said that this would remove any opportunities or provisions for the Economic Development District's governing authority to raise any sales taxes.

Mr. Chavez wanted to know if the Commission could set aside \$1,000 for Pathways for litter abatement. Attorney Frazier said that the funds from the TIF could only be used for economic development.

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. Jackson**, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *to englobo and adopt the following ordinances:*

- *Ordinance No. 6112 of 2021, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues for the American Rescue Plan Fund To provide an appropriation for Caddo Parish Juvenile Court and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6113 of 2021, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues for the American Rescue Plan Fund to provide an appropriation for Volunteers for Youth Justice for truancy and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6114 of 2021, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues for the American Rescue Plan Fund to provide an appropriation of up to \$30,000 for Red G Enterprises and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

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, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (11). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioner Hopkins (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

ORDINANCE NO. 6112 OF 2021

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES FOR THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUND TO PROVIDE AN APPROPRIATION FOR CADDO PARISH JUVENILE COURT AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) became law on March 11, 2021; and

WHEREAS, for the first time all municipal governments are entitled to direct, non-competitive federal formula grant from the US Treasury Department; and

WHEREAS, Caddo Parish will receive a total of \$46.59 million from the ARPA; and WHEREAS, Caddo Parish Commission would like to appropriate up to \$250,000 to provide for revenue replacement of \$90,000 and \$160,000 in additional programming to the Caddo Parish Juvenile Court; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Juvenile Court has seen an increase in crime due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the revenue replacement and program funding is needed to continue to reach the youth in our area; and

and WHEREAS, this amendment is recommended by the American Rescue Plan committee;

and WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend the 2021 budget for the American Rescue Plan Fund;

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 American Rescue Plan Fund for the year 2021 be amended as follows:

	<u>Budget Increase (Decrease)</u>
American Rescue Plan Fund:	
Expenditures:	
Federal Grant Expenditures	\$250,000

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. 6113 OF 2021

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES FOR THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUND TO PROVIDE AN APPROPRIATION FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR YOUTH JUSTICE FOR TRUANCY AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) became law on March 11, 2021; and

WHEREAS, for the first time all municipal governments are entitled to direct, non-competitive federal formula grant from the US Treasury Department; and

WHEREAS, Caddo Parish will receive a total of \$46.59 million from the ARPA; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Juvenile Services has an ongoing program with the Volunteers for Youth Justice (VYJ) to address concerns related to truant juveniles in Caddo Parish; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 pandemic has drastically increased truancy issues in Caddo Parish; and

WHEREAS, the appropriation will be used to fund truancy expenditures to assist the school system and the Juvenile Services with truancy concerns; and

WHEREAS, the funding is needed to continue to combat the truancy problem in Caddo Parish; and

and WHEREAS, this amendment is recommended by the American Rescue Plan committee;

and WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend the 2021 budget for the American Rescue Plan Fund;

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 American Rescue Plan Fund for the year 2021 be amended as follows:

	<u>Budget Increase (Decrease)</u>
American Rescue Plan Fund:	
Expenditures:	
Federal Grant Expenditures	\$150,000

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. 6114 OF 2021

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES FOR THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUND TO PROVIDE AN APPROPRIATION OF UP TO \$30,000 FOR RED G ENTERPRISES AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) became law on March 11, 2021; and

WHEREAS, for the first time all municipal governments are entitled to direct, non-competitive federal formula grant from the US Treasury Department; and

WHEREAS, Caddo Parish will receive a total of \$46.59 million from the ARPA; and WHEREAS, Caddo Parish Commission would like to appropriate up to \$30,000 to provide for revenue replacement for Red G Enterprises; and

WHEREAS, the Red G Enterprises was unable to rent their facility in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the revenue replacement funding is needed to continue to provide this service to the area; and

WHEREAS, this amendment is recommended by the American Rescue Plan committee; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend the 2021 budget for the American Rescue Plan 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 American Rescue Plan Fund for the year 2021 be amended as follows:

Budget Increase (Decrease)

American Rescue Plan Fund:	
Expenditures:	
Federal Grant Expenditures	\$30,000

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. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Atkins, *that Ordinance No. 6115 of 2021, an ordinance to enact Sections 32-115 – 32-118 of the Code of Ordinances of Caddo Parish relative to Curfews, to provide for a curfew for persons under 18 years of age, to provide for penalties for violation of said curfew, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be adopted.

Substitute motion by Mr. Taliaferro, seconded by Mr. Jackson, *to amend the verbiage in paragraph 1 to mirror the City's Ordinance in regards to Juvenile Curfews: any police officer upon finding a juvenile in violation of Section 50-202A or 50-202B shall determine the name and address of such juvenile and inform such juvenile that he/she is in violation of the curfew and may, at the discretion of the officer.*

Mr. Taliaferro would like the officer to have discretion when finding a juvenile.

Mr. Johnson would like there to be consistency across the board. If a juvenile is out past curfew, they need to be brought in, he said.

Mr. Chavez asked for a copy of Mr. Taliaferro's substitute motion. If not, he suggested that the motion be postponed.

Mr. Jackson wanted to know if juvenile curfew a misdemeanor. Attorney Frazier said that it is. Mr. Jackson wanted to know if law enforcement officers have broad latitude when it comes to misdemeanors. Attorney Frazier agreed and said that the Commission cannot take away an officer's discretion.

Mr. Young wanted to know if this ordinance gives the Commission the authority to discipline an officer for using discretion when finding a juvenile in violation of this ordinance. Mr. Johnson said that would be up to his superior officer.

At this time, Mr. Taliaferro's substitute motion failed, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Chavez, Hopkins, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (6). NAYS: Commissioners Burrell, Cawthorne, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Jackson, and Johnson (6). ABSENT: None (0). ABSTAIN: None (0).

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, and Young (11). NAYS: Commissioner Taliaferro (1). ABSENT: None (0). ABSTAIN: None (0).

ORDINANCE NO. 6115 of 2021

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE TO ENACT SECTIONS 32-115 – 32-118 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF CADDO PARISH RELATIVE TO CURFEWS, TO PROVIDE FOR A CURFEW FOR PERSONS UNDER 17 YEARS OF AGE, TO PROVIDE FOR PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF SAID CURFEW, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, recent events have demonstrated an increase in delinquent activity by teenage youth;

WHEREAS, much of that delinquent activity occurs during nighttime hours;

WHEREAS a substantial increase in the number and in the seriousness of crimes committed by minors against persons and property within the Parish, and this has created a menace to the preservation of public peace, safety, health, morals, and welfare.

WHEREAS, the increase in juvenile delinquency has been caused in part by the large number of minors who are permitted to remain in public places and in certain establishments during night hours without adult supervision,

WHEREAS, the problem of juvenile delinquency can be reduced by regulating the hours during which minors may remain in public places and in certain establishments without adult supervision, and by imposing certain duties and responsibilities upon the parents or other adult persons who have care and custody of minors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that Sections 32-115 – 32-118 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

SECTION 32-115. DEFINITIONS.

- (a) *Curfew* means restriction of activities of juveniles between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. each day, except on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday on which days the hours of the curfew shall be between midnight and 5:00 a.m. the following day.
- (b) *Juvenile* means a person who has not attained 18 years of age.
- (c) *Parent* means a natural or adoptive parent or any person who has legal custody of a juvenile as ordered by a court or as established in an authentic act establishing provisional custody by mandate.

- (d) *Public business* means: (1) any privately-owned place of business or enterprise within the Parish and to which the public is invited or allowed.

SECTION 32-116. PROHIBITIONS.

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any juvenile to remain in or upon any public property in the parish during the curfew hours.
- (b) It shall be unlawful for any juvenile to remain in or upon the premises of a public business in the parish during the curfew hours.
- (c) It shall be unlawful for a parent knowingly to permit or, by neglect, fail to exercise reasonable control, allow his juvenile child to be in or upon any public property or in or upon the premises of a public business within the parish during the curfew hours.
- (d) It shall be unlawful for any owner, operator, or employee of a public business to knowingly allow a juvenile to remain in or upon the premises of such public business within the parish during curfew hours.

SECTION 32-117. EXCEPTIONS.

The prohibitions of Section 32-116 shall not apply when:

- (a) The juvenile is accompanied by a parent, as defined in Section 32-115, or a person, 21 years of age or older, who is authorized by a parent to supervise the juvenile.
- (b) As authorized by a parent, the juvenile is attending a function or activity sponsored by an educational, religious or nonprofit organization that requires the juvenile to be in a public place or public business at an hour later than that authorized in Section 32-116. Juveniles attending such activities shall be subjected to the provisions of Section 32-116 if they remain in any public place or public business one hour past the time the activity is ended.
- (c) The juvenile is on an errand or specific business or activity directed or permitted by his parent or other adult authorized by a parent or where the juvenile is acting within the scope of legitimate employment or returning home from the errand, activity or employment without any detour or stop.
- (d) The juvenile is involved in an emergency not of the juvenile's own making.
- (e) The owner of a public business is the sponsor or co-sponsor of an activity which requires or permits the juvenile to remain overnight on the premises of such business and when the juvenile is authorized by a parent to participate in that activity after the curfew hours.

SECTION 32-118. PENALTIES.

- (a) Violation by juvenile.
 - 1. Any law enforcement officer, on encountering a juvenile in apparent violation of Section 32-116, shall take the juvenile into custody to be delivered to a curfew receiving center operated under agreement with the Parish of Caddo.
 - 2. The law enforcement officer or curfew receiving center shall notify the parent or other adult person having the care and custody of the juvenile to come and take charge of the juvenile. If the parent or other adult person cannot be located or fails to come and take charge of the juvenile, the curfew receiving center will take necessary action to protect the health and welfare of the child.
 - 3. Any juvenile violating the provisions of this article shall be dealt with in accordance with the Louisiana Children's Code.
- (b) Violation by parent or owner, operator or employee of public business.
 - 1. Any parent, upon being found guilty of violating Section 32-116(c) shall be fined as follows:

- i. The first violation shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$250.00.
 - ii. Any subsequent violation shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500.00.
2. Any owner, operator, or employee of a public business, upon being found guilty of violating Section 32-116(d) shall be fined not more than \$500.00.

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.

ORDINANCES (for introduction by title)

- *Ordinance No. 6096 of 2021, an ordinance declaring certain adjudicated properties to be surplus and to authorize the Parish Administrator, or a designee, to sell the Parish of Caddo's tax interest in certain surplus adjudicated properties, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6109 of 2021, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the Riverboat Fund for the year 2021 to provide an appropriation of \$165,300 to provide ballistic vests for Shreveport and Caddo Parish Fire Districts, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6111 of 2021, an ordinance to amend and reenact Article II of Chapter 19 of the Code of ordinances relative to housing and Economic Development, to provide additional requirements for applicants, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.*
- *Ordinance No. 6116 of 2021, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the Health Tax Fund for the year 2021 to provide an appropriation of \$54,000 to purchase drones to distribute laticides and adulticides to help combat the mosquito population and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

WORK SESSION MINUTES

It was **moved by Mrs. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. Hopkins, *that the Work Session Minutes from October 4, 2021 be ratified. Motion carried.*

RESOLUTIONS

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Taliaferro, *that Resolution No. 66 of 2021, a resolution to support the State of Louisiana relocating the State Building on Fairfield Avenue to Downtown Shreveport, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto be adopted.*

Mr. Jackson requested that this resolution be sent to the North Louisiana Delegation, Division of Administration, Secretary Darden's Office, Mayor's Office, and Downtown Development Authority. He also said that there is a developer looking at the building on Fairfield Avenue to ensure there isn't an empty building just sitting there.

At this time, Mr. Jackson's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Cawthorne, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (11). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioner Chavez (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

RESOLUTION NO. 66 OF 2021

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE STATE OF LOUISIANA RELOCATING THE STATE BUILDING ON FAIRFIELD AVENUE TO DOWNTOWN SHREVEPORT, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana office building located on Fairfield Avenue in Shreveport is in need of a major renovation and repairs; and

WHEREAS, the State solicited bids for renovations to the State office building, the bids received were significantly over the estimated cost for the project, which was \$2.7 million dollars, and for that reason the bids were rejected; and

WHEREAS, there have been inquiries from interested parties to purchase the State office building; and

WHEREAS, relocation of the State office building to downtown Shreveport is a great redevelopment opportunity to consolidate State offices in downtown which would result in an investment in a downtown building, more employees officed in the historic city center, and close proximity to City and Parish offices as well as court houses; and

WHEREAS, relocation of the State office building to downtown Shreveport would strengthen the employee base, encourage development of ancillary business to accommodate State workers, and increase pedestrian traffic in downtown Shreveport; and

WHEREAS, investment in downtown Shreveport of the type seen in downtown Baton Rouge and other state urban areas would greatly assist in business and community efforts to reinvigorate and energize Shreveport's downtown as a place where business is conducted, incentivizing additional non-state projects; and

WHEREAS, time is of the essence due to the availability of State funding and the condition of the State building on Fairfield Avenue.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission, acting in due, regular, and legal session convened, that the Caddo Parish Commission hereby supports the State of Louisiana relocating the State building on Fairfield Avenue to downtown Shreveport.

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. Burrell**, seconded by Mr. Jackson, *that Resolution No. 67 of 2021, a resolution establishing a Community-Based Broadband Committee of the Caddo Parish Commission to make recommendations for increasing broadband access in Caddo Parish and otherwise providing with respect thereto* be adopted.

Mr. Burrell said that this committee will continue to work in conjunction with the efforts of other local public and private interests under the existing Greater Shreveport Chamber of Commerce umbrella group to further facilitate our combined mission of providing adequate and dependable broadband services to all Caddo Parish residents.

At this time, Mr. Burrell'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. 67 OF 2021

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A COMMUNITY-BASED BROADBAND COMMITTEE OF THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR INCREASING BROADBAND ACCESS IN CADDO PARISH AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, one of the permissible uses of American Rescue Plan funds is to design broadband infrastructure to provide service to unserved or underserved households and businesses; and

WHEREAS, several units of local government have received American Rescue Plan funds and share a common interest in seeing that such broadband access is provided; and

WHEREAS, the units of local government working together would prevent duplication of services and facilitate creation of a broadband structure that can reach all parish residents and industry without exhausting the resources of any one local government unit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular

and legal session convened, that the Caddo Parish Commission does establish a Community Broadband Committee for the following purposes:

- a. Assessing the comprehensive broadband needs of Caddo Parish;
- b. Determining how those needs can best be addressed;
- c. Determining the contributions of each local government unit in addressing broadband needs;
- d. Composing a comprehensive plan to address broadband needs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Committee shall consist of up to 12 members, including two representatives of the following local government units:

- a. Caddo Parish Commission
- b. City of Shreveport
- c. Caddo Parish School Board

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.

It was **moved by Mr. Hopkins**, seconded by Mr. Atkins, *that Resolution No. 71 of 2021, a resolution in support of resuming federal offshore leasing in the Gulf of Mexico* be adopted.

Mr. Hopkins mentioned that the suit that was filed was from the Attorney General, not the Governor.

At this time, Mr. Hopkin's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, and Taliaferro (9). NAYS: Commissioners Cawthorne, Epperson, and Young (3). ABSENT: None (0). ABSTAIN: None (0).

RESOLUTION NO. 71 OF 2021

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF RESUMING FEDERAL OFFSHORE LEASING IN THE GULF OF MEXICO

WHEREAS, the United States of America Offshore Oil and Gas Program, since its authorization by the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (PCSLA), has provided significant energy to help fuel the great economy of America; and

WHEREAS, the United States of American Offshore Oil and Gas Program, has been very effective in helping America achieve energy security and strengthening our National Security; and

WHEREAS, the offshore industry and government have collaborated with groups such as the Coastal Conservation Association to create innovative ways to find beneficial cooperation such as the Rigs-to-Reef program, which benefits the recreational fishing community by repurposing obsolete structures of which nearly 600 reefed platforms in the United States Gulf of Mexico are home to almost seven million fish and other marine species, enriching marine life; and

WHEREAS, since its inception the United States of America Offshore Oil and Gas Program is responsible for helping to create hundreds of thousands of jobs with a significant economic impact and has generated hundreds of billions in royalty revenue for the United States Treasury; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress in 2020 permanently funded the Land and Water Conservation Fund at \$900 million per year with wide bi-partisan support. Relying solely on earnings from federal offshore oil and gas leasing, the Land and Water Conservation Fund has funded more than \$4 billion worth of projects since its inception in 1965 for purposes of conservation, recreation, and protection of vital national resources; and

WHEREAS, since 2006, more than \$1 billion, funded exclusively by federal offshore lease

revenues, has been disbursed to four Gulf energy-producing states through the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act to support coastal conservation and restoration projects; hurricane protection programs; and activities to implement marine coastal or conservation management plans; and

WHEREAS, in the most recent conservation legislation, the Great American Outdoors Act, the United States Congress set aside up to \$1.9 billion a year from federal offshore lease revenues for the next five years to repair facilities and infrastructure in our nation parks, forests, wildlife refuges, and American Indian Schools; and

WHEREAS, the United States of America Offshore Oil and Gas Program has been managed in the such a way that it is recognized as an environmentally advantaged energy producer with approximately half (53%) of the carbon intensity per barrel of other producing regions worldwide; and

WHEREAS, the United States of America Offshore Energy represents a significant opportunity to help improve the health of our planet due to its low carbon intensity; and

WHEREAS, President Biden and Department of the Interior Secretary Deb Haaland have caused regularly scheduled lease sales for offshore resources, previously authorized by administrations of both political parties, to be canceled resulting in great uncertainty for the economy, the energy, and the environment of America; and

WHEREAS, Terry A. Doughty of the United States District Court recently decided in a suit filed by the States of Louisiana, Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Georgia, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah, and West Virginia that the Executive Brank does not have the legal right to stop leasing Federal territory for Oil and Gas production without approval from Congress; and

WHEREAS, the future production of these oil and gas resources and consequently the funding of the conservation, recreation, restoration, and protection and further consequently the denial of environmentally advantaged, low carbon intensity barrels of production as a substitution for higher carbon intensity barrels of production from foreign sources; all will be negatively impacted by the continued cancellation of offshore lease sales.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission: petitions President Biden and Secretary Haaland to immediately schedule Lease Sales for the Gulf of Mexico, a historic energy producing province, to assist in producing a larger portfolio of natural gas which can serve the Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) worldwide market, all in an effort to restore confidence, generate economic activity, enhance environmental stewardship, create American jobs, and strengthen national and energy security, generate economic activity, enhance environmental stewardship.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to President Biden, Secretary Haaland, members of the United States Congress, the City and Parish governing authorities within the State of Louisiana, the Louisiana Police Jury Association, the Louisiana Municipal Association, and the National Association of Counties.

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.

OLD BUSINESS

It was **moved by Mr. Chavez**, seconded by Mr. Cawthorne, *to confirm appointment of Clay Hargett to the Caddo Industrial Development Board (term to expire August 22, 2027).*

Mr. Chavez said that Mr. Hargett was the first to develop manufacturing in Southern Hills in over thirty years. He asked that the Commission support his motion.

Substitute motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts *to confirm the following appointments:*

- *Appoint Clay Hargett to the Caddo Industrial Development Board. Term to expire August 22, 2027*
- *Reappoint Brad Schmidt to the Industrial Development Board. Term to expire August 22, 2027.*

- *Reappoint Lasonya Moore to the Industrial Development Board. Term to expire August 22, 2027.*

Mr. Jackson mentioned that only a resume was required for these appointments.

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. Epperson**, seconded by Mr. Chavez, *to remove Action Relative to Oil & Gas Drilling in District 12 from the agenda. 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. Chavez, *to appoint Andrew Crawford as the joint appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals to fill the unexpired term left by Brittney Dunn (term to expire April 10, 2024).*

Mr. Atkins stated that Mr. Crawford is his cousin, so he will be abstaining from this vote.

At this time, Mr. Jackson's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Burrell, Cawthorne, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (11). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: None (0). ABSTAIN: Commissioner Atkins (1).

NEW BUSINESS

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts *to confirm the following appointments:*

- *Appoint Phillip Ewald to the Ward II Industrial Development Board to replace the unexpired term of Jimmy Woods*
- *Appoint Heather Courtney and Ryan Williams to the Juvenile Justice Citizens' Advisory Board*

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).

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

- COVID Update

Dr. Wilson said that from July 1, 2021 to October 4, 2021, six departments have been impacted by COVID. There were twenty-one employees who tested positive for COVID; fifteen were exposed; and there was an overall impact on thirty-six employees. Four employees were hospitalized, and there was one death.

- Requests from Commissioners

Mr. Epperson asked that Public Works review the property located at 3822 Winter Park Drive with regards to property standards. He also said that the I-20 sign is down on Pines Road. He asked that be put back up.

Mr. Burrell would like a letter to be sent to the City with regards to the clearing around Fairway.

Mr. Jackson asked that Administration check to see if the community partners are still accepting ERAP applications. He also asked that Administration reach out to Donna Curtis and the City Marshal's Office regarding cameras for illegal dumping. He also asked that firm chosen for the E. Edward Jones Trust Fund come before the Commission and introduce themselves.

Mr. Young said that he has a constituent who has a dog barking all night long at her house. Animal Services told her to make a video of the barking dog. Dr. Wilson asked that Mr. Young provide the address after the meeting to see what can be done to alleviate the issues.

Mr. Johnson said that the City voted to approve the smoking ban on the casino boats. He wanted to know how one governing body can make a decision that impacts several governing bodies. Mr. Johnson asked that Legal and Administration research this.

COMMUNIQUES AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mrs. Gage-Watts said that the Juvenile Justice Committee met today to discuss Ordinance No. 6101 of 2021.

She announced that there will be a balloon release tonight for Oxford Foster who was recently killed in a car wreck.

- Mr. Epperson said that the Veterans Parade has been cancelled this year due to COVID. He also said that the Veterans Honor Ceremony will be held virtually.

Mr. Epperson also welcomed Home Federal Bank and Daqs Wings & Grill in the Pines Road area.

There being no more business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:37 p.m.


Michelle Nations
Assistant Commission Clerk


Lyndon B. Johnson
President