

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF
THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION
HELD ON THE 21st 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 Mrs. Gage-Watts, and Mr. Epperson, led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Kimberley Jones came before the Commission and gave the following comment:

As a member of the nonprofit Cedar Grove Affirms Real Effort Care Neighborhood Association and the residents of Cedar Grove, I want to thank the following person for attending our first of many accountability days on October 2, 2021. To our Commissioner Lynn Cawthorne for District 6. I also appreciate that you stayed around to answer questions and provide contact information. To our representative, Mr. Jim Taliaferro, District 8, I understand that you weren't able to attend due to prior obligations, but I do appreciate that you did email us your positions on those subject matters. We do invite you to our meeting on Tuesday, December 7, 2021 because we are all accountable for our neighborhoods. Thank you.

ADOPT REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

It was **moved by Mrs. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. Hopkins, *to adopt the Regular Session Minutes from October 7, 2021.* Motion carried.

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

It was **moved by Mrs. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. Johnson, *that Special Resolution of Appreciation & Recognition for C. Wright Pink Ribbon for Breast Cancer Awareness 10 Year Anniversary* be adopted. Motion carried by acclamation.

Mrs. Gage-Watts thanked Ms. Wright for her service to the community for the past ten years. She pointed out that the Commission wore pink today to honor those who have passed on, those who in the fight, and those who survived this awful disease.

Ms. Wright said that she is a 17 year survivor. This organization helps those who in the fight in this community. Anyone who is fighting needs to reach out to them and they take care of utilities, medication, mortgages, rent, prosthetics, etc. She thanked the Commission for this honor.

Mr. Epperson said that Ms. Wright is a true warrior. He also mentioned that his mom is a 19 year breast cancer survivor.

Mr. Cawthorne commended Ms. Wright and this organization for all of the work they are doing in this community.

**SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION
C. WRIGHT PINK RIBBON FOR BREAST CANCER AWARENESS
10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY**

WHEREAS, for 10 years now, the C. Wright Pink Ribbon Project's goal has been to help breast cancer survivors in the local community while providing access to resources pertinent to their overall health, mental and emotional care; and

WHEREAS, the C. Wright Pink Ribbon Project was established on October 30, 2011, as a 501 (c)-(3) and a collaborative effort between the Multicultural Development Center & Stonewall Missionary Baptist Church and named in honor of 17 years breast cancer survivor, Catherine A. Wright; and

WHEREAS, the C. Wright Pink Ribbon Project's mission is to impact breast cancer through education, awareness, and support; and

WHEREAS, the Pink Ribbon Project provides ongoing emotional assistance to underserved and uninsured patients undergoing breast cancer treatment; and

WHEREAS, the Pink Ribbon Project's financial sponsorship allows patients to focus on recovery and survivorship along with providing community agencies comprehensive service to

breast cancer patients in Bossier and Caddo Parishes; and

WHEREAS, 1 in 8 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer during their lifetime; it is of major importance that local programs like the Catherine Wright Pink Ribbon Project be available to the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, meeting in legal and regular session this 21st day of October, 2021 that it does hereby congratulate and commend the Catherine Wright Pink Ribbon Project on their 10th Anniversary of positively impacting our Community, particularly regarding Breast Cancer awareness and support for those dealing with the effects of Breast Cancer in Caddo Parish.

It was **moved by Mr. Cawthorne**, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *to englobe and adopt the following special resolutions:*

- *Special Resolution Recognizing National Disability Employment Awareness Month*

Ms. Lynn Stevens thanked the Commission for recognizing people with disabilities. She believes work is important to a person's dignity, and this is an important month to recognize.

Ms. Fawn Jennings said that Goodwill Industries has been in Shreveport/Caddo Parish since 1926, and it was founded on the principles of ensuring that everyone had an opportunity to work with dignity. They've put in place approximately twelve workforce programs that target various pollution who have unusually high barrier to employment and find them opportunity to work.

- *Special Resolution Recognizing Sharon Jackson*

Ms. Sharon Jackson thanked the Commission for recognizing her and the work that she does for this community every day.

Mr. Cawthorne saluted Ms. Jackson for her efforts and hard work in the community. Mr. Jackson congratulated Ms. Jackson for her part in the Tournament of Roses.

At this time, Mr. Cawthorne's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Cawthorne, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (12). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: None (0). ABSTAIN: None (0).

PROCLAMATION NATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT MONTH

WHEREAS, Caddo Parish employers, government agencies, and non-profit agencies, including Goodwill Industries of North Louisiana, join together in October to honor the contributions of works with disabilities by celebrating National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM); and

WHEREAS, as our economy works to recover from the effects of the pandemic, companies have a critical need for skilled and reliable workers of all backgrounds. The Caddo Parish Commission asks, alongside Goodwill, for employers to consider hiring people with disabilities and adopt inclusive policies and practices in the workplace; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that just over 21% of Americans with disabilities participate in the labor force, compared with more than 67% of people in the general population. We should work together to ensure that all Americans who want to work can work, and that they have access to services that enable them to do so. Further, people with disabilities are a dependable and valuable workforce who have higher rates of employee retention, which reduces hiring and training costs; and

WHEREAS, in addition to placing disabled workers into jobs, support organizations, like Goodwill, provide support services like rehabilitation programs for people with injuries or illnesses, occupational skills training, and job readiness and soft skills training, an example being the upcoming Disability Job & Resource Fair on Wednesday, October 27, 2021, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at 800 W. 70th Street in Shreveport, LA being held by Goodwill and sponsored by Healthy Blue Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Labor has designated October as National Disability Employment Awareness Month with an emphasis on the theme America's Recovery: Powered by Inclusions; and

WHEREAS, The Parish of Caddo recognizes the benefits of a workforce open to and comprised of all who are interested in working.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, that it does hereby proclaim October, 2021 as:

‘NATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT 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 SHARON JOHNSON

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission is always pleased to recognize and honor those sons and daughters of Caddo Parish who have gone forth to gain singular and outstanding personal achievements, and in so doing, reflect favorably and positively upon their home community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Sharon Johnson, a Shreveport native and local business owners who has achieved tremendous success throughout her career in floral design, beginning her love of flowers as a child making construction paper flowers, through her 30 year career as a Designer & Project Manager for AT&T and culminating when she launched her own event planning and floral design company; and

WHEREAS, Johnson's natural creativity and work ethic led her to seek out the best and during a trip to Birmingham, Alabama to meet with nationally renown floral designer Preston Bailey, Johnson befriended designer and reality television star Scot Wedgeworth, their professional relationship over the "years has produced mutual inspiration as evidenced by Wedgeworth's invitation to Johnson to join the creative team for the 133 Tournament of Roses Parade which he has been involved with for the last 9 years; and

WHEREAS, Johnson's talents are remarkable, not only because she will be designing for Pasadena's nationally celebrated and widely watched parade, which is produced in conjunction with the Rose Bowl College Football Game, but also because she has the distinction of being the only African American woman to serve on the design team that will produce floral and natural material floats designed for sponsors such as Honda, The Masked Singer, The Bachelor, Chin Airlines & Reese's among other famous brands; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in legal and regular session this 21st day of October, 2021, that it does hereby extend its most sincere and heartfelt expressions of recognition and appreciation to MS. SHARON JOHNSON for her praiseworthy achievements in floral design and for representing Caddo Parish so elegantly and admirably through her creative endeavors on the national stage as she prepares to join the team in creating the 133 Tournament of Roses Parade. We ask all Caddo Citizens to join us in our recognition and celebration of Ms. Johnson's talents and accomplishments which have brought pride to our community.

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *to englobo and adopt the following special resolutions:*

- *Special Resolution of Recognition & Appreciation for the 2021 Winners of the Trey Hutchison Domestic Violence Prevention Award*
- *Special Resolution Recognizing Filipino American Heritage Month*

At this time, Mr. Cawthorne'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 OF RECOGNITION 2021 TREY HUTCHISON AWARD WINNERS

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, Domestic Violence is widespread, affecting over 4 million Americans each year and the threat is even more severe in Louisiana where women are killed by men at a rate which ranks 2nd nationally, and unfortunately children of these victims are fifty percent more likely to experience domestic violence and trauma in their own lives; and

WHEREAS, Communities must join together to combat this heinous reality and celebrate those whose efforts are reducing or combating domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, Trey Hutchison was Bossier City Police Officer who gave his life in service on

August 11, 2004 while answering a 911 domestic violence call and in his honor, recipients are selected by the Caddo/Bossier Domestic Violence Taskforce to receive the Trey Hutchison Award, and its companion award The Charles Rex Scott Civilian of the Year awards in recognition of their contributions towards reducing domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Steven Griego with the Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office and Deputy Vickie Johnson with the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office are the 2021 Trey Hutchison Memorial Award recipients and Assistant District Attorney Britney Green of the Caddo Parish District Attorney's Office is the 2021 Charles Rex Scott Civilian of the Year recipient; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission meeting in legal session convened this 21st day of October, 2021, that it does hereby convey its deepest and most sincere appreciation and recognition to Deputy Steven Griego, Deputy Vickie Johnson, and Assistant District Attorney Britney Green and asks that all Caddo citizens joins with them and the other members of the Caddo/Bossier Domestic Violence Taskforce in honoring and thanking these individuals for their selfless work toward reducing domestic violence.

**PROCLAMATION
FILIPINO HERITAGE MONTH**

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES

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

- *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. 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. 6109 of 2021, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & 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 re-enact 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 & Expenditures for the Health Tax Fund for the year 2021 to provide an appropriation of \$54,000 to purchase drones to distribute larvicides and adulticides to help combat the mosquito population, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

ORDINANCES (for final passage)

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Hopkins, *that 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 otherwise providing 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. 6096 OF 2021

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

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

WHEREAS, the hereinbelow described properties are no longer needed for public purposes and should be declared surplus properties; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo has received offers to purchase its tax interest in the hereinbelow described properties as indicated below.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal, and regular session convened, that the hereinbelow described properties are no longer needed for public purposes and are surplus properties.

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo has a tax interest in the hereinbelow described properties which have been adjudicated for the non-payment of Parish property taxes; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Caddo Parish Commission hereby authorizes the sale of its tax interest in the hereinbelow described properties.

Property No. 1, Lot 10, Blk 5, West Shreveport Subdivision in the City of Shreveport of Caddo Parish, Louisiana as per plat recorded in the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, LA (GEO # 171402-065- 0010)

Property No. 2, Lot 14, Blk 7, West Shreveport Subdivision in the City of Shreveport of Caddo Parish, Louisiana as per plat recorded in the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, LA (GEO # 171402-067- 0014)

Property No. 3, Lots 9 & 10, Bell Partition, Subdivision in the City of Shreveport of Caddo Parish, Louisiana as per plat recorded in the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, LA (GEO # 181426-057- 0033)

Property No. 4, All that part of Lot 5, Blk 1, Lying outside the of the Govt traverse line, Lakeside Park Subdivision in the City of Shreveport of Caddo Parish, Louisiana as per plat recorded in the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, LA (GEO # 181435-002-0029)

Property No. 5, Lot 7, Luchini Subdivision in the City of Shreveport of Caddo Parish, Louisiana as per plat recorded in the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, LA (GEO # 171401-038-0007)

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Caddo Parish Administrator, or his designee, shall be authorized to do any and all things and to sign any and all documents, including Acts of Cash Sale, in a form acceptable to the Caddo Parish Attorney necessary to effectuate the purposes set forth herein.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall become effective 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.

It was **moved by Mrs. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. Chavez, *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 Regular Session.

Mrs. Gage-Watts mentioned that it was delayed in Committee and would like to see it delayed until the next Regular Session.

At this time, Mrs. Gage-Watts' motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioner 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. Cawthorne, *that Ordinance No. 6103 of 2021, be amended to include creating an advisory committee to the Amazon TIF District, and* be postponed until the next Regular Session for consideration.

Mr. Jackson said that the amendment sets up an advisory committee. He also explained that Councilwoman Taylor is working to put it on the City Council's agenda for approval.

At this time, Mr. Jackson's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioner 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. Taliaferro**, seconded by Mr. Hopkins, *that Ordinance No. 6109 of 2021, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Riverboat Fund for the year 2021 to provide an appropriation of \$165,3000 to provide ballistic vests for Shreveport and Caddo Parish Fire Districts, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be adopted.

Mr. Taliaferro said that this is for Caddo Parish Fire Districts and the Shreveport Fire Department. He said that they are much needed because these first responders go into dangerous situations.

Mr. Johnson said that during the last meeting, the gentleman came down and said that this number could be reduced because they already purchased some when they bought new trucks. He wanted to know if this would be up to \$165,300.

Attorney Frazier said that there could be an amendment to change the title for "up to" \$165,300 without it laying over because the lower number is already included, and the lesser amount will be put in the CEA.

Amendment by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Atkins, *to amend Ordinance No. 6109 of 2021 to say "up to" \$165,300.*

Mr. Jackson wanted to know if this went through committee. Mr. Taliaferro said that this came from the floor, and someone came to speak on it. Mr. Jackson then wanted to know if this is for law enforcement. Mr. Taliaferro said that it is not, but it is for the fire districts which is a health and safety issue.

Substitute motion by Mr. Epperson, seconded by Mr. Chavez, *that Ordinance No. 6109 of 2021* be postponed until the next Regular Session.

Mr. Epperson suggested that the proper language be crafted prior to the Commissioners voting on this ordinance.

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

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Hopkins, *that Ordinance No. 6111 of 2021, an ordinance to amend and re-enact 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* be adopted. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioner 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. 6111 OF 2021

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

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.

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission adopted Article II of Chapter 19, generally regarding Housing and Economic Development and specifically the use of adjudicated property in that context; and

WHEREAS, certain changes to that program are seen as proper and desirable;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that Article II of Chapter 19 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

"CHAPTER 19. HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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ARTICLE II. ADJUDICATED PROPERTY PROGRAM DIVISION 1 – GENERALLY

SECTION 19 - 21. DEFINITIONS.

- a. Applicant means a person or organization who applies to acquire property from the Parish under the provisions of this Article.
- b. Adjudicated property means property which has been adjudicated to the Parish by the Sheriff as ex officio tax collector under the provisions of La. R.S. 48:2196.
- c. Property means for the purpose of this Article property which has been adjudicated under La.R.S. 47:2196 to the Parish by the Sheriff as ex officio tax collector for the Parish.

SECTIONS 19-22 – 19-30. RESERVED.

Division 2 - Acquisition by purchase.

SECTION 19 - 31. APPLICATION TO ACQUIRE BY PURCHASE.

Any person interested in acquiring property from the Parish under this Article shall submit an application to the Department of Public Works containing the following information:

- (a) Name of applicant;
- (b) Address, telephone number, and email address for applicant;
- (c) Description of property sought to be acquired (including correct street address or legal description);
- (d) Attach a signed original appraisal performed by a Louisiana licensed real estate appraiser; and
- (e) Attach a plan of work that:
 - (i) clearly states what redevelopment efforts will be made utilizing the property
 - (ii) demonstrates the applicant's financial and organizational ability to execute the plan, and
 - (iii) is supported ~~approved~~ by the City of Shreveport's Office of Community Development.

SECTION 19-32. APPRAISAL.

On receipt of an application which complies with the preceding section, the Department of Public Works shall:

- (a) Review the application for accuracy and sufficiency;
- (b) Determine if the property has been adjudicated to the Parish and is not subject to an existing request for sale; and
- (c) Prepare an estimate of the costs of obtaining full ownership under La.R.S. 47:2236 and selling under La.R.S. 33:4712.

SECTION 19-33. AGREEMENT.

Following notification that the property is adjudicated and not subject to an existing request for sale, the applicant shall execute an agreement to purchase the property for the appraised value. The applicant shall pay a non-refundable deposit to the Parish which equals the appraised value of the property plus the estimate of costs under Section 19-32(b).

SECTION 19-34. ACQUISITION OF FULL OWNERSHIP BY THE PARISH.

On receipt of a signed agreement and non-refundable deposit from the applicant, the Department of Public Works shall initiate the process of acquiring full ownership for the Parish under La.R.S. 47:2236.

SECTION 19-35. SALE OF FULL OWNERSHIP BY THE PARISH.

On completion of the process under Section 19-34 and La.R.S. 47:2236, the Department of Public Works will initiate the process of selling the property to the applicant under La.R.S. 33:4712. Any property acquired by the Parish under this Article shall be deemed surplus and not required for a public purpose. The Parish will transfer ownership of the property to the applicant on successful completion of the process under this section. Should the tax debtor or anyone else redeem the property under La.R.S. 47:2246, the Parish will return to the applicant the purchase price and any portion of the estimated costs under Section 19-23 which are paid by the tax debtor under La.R.S. 47:2246.

SECTIONS 19-36 -- 19-50. RESERVED.

Division 3. Acquisition by donation.

SECTION 19-51. APPLICATION TO ACQUIRE BY DONATION.

Any person interested in acquiring property from the Parish under this Article shall submit an application to the Department of Public Works containing the following information:

- (a) Name of applicant;
- (b) Address, telephone number, and email address for applicant;
- (c) Verification of status as a not-for-profit entity including proof of qualification under IRC 501(c)(3).
- (d) Description of not less than four properties sought to be acquired (including correct street address or legal description);
- (e) Attach a plan of work that:
 - (i) clearly states what redevelopment efforts will be made utilizing the property
 - (ii) demonstrates the applicant's financial and organizational ability to execute the plan,
 - (iii) Ranks the requested properties in order of preference, and
 - (iv) Is supported ~~approved~~ by the City of Shreveport Office of Community Development.
- (f) Verify that the applicant does not have an existing property standards violation on property owned by it within the Parish.

SECTION 19-52. REVIEW.

On receipt of an application which complies with the preceding section, the Department of Public Works shall:

- (a) Review the application for accuracy and sufficiency;
- (b) Determine if the property has been adjudicated to the Parish and is not subject to an existing request for sale; and
- (c) Prepare an estimate of the costs of obtaining full ownership under La.R.S. 47:2236 and donating under La.R.S. 33:4712.

SECTION 19-53. AGREEMENT.

Following notification that the property is adjudicated and not subject to an existing request for sale, the applicant shall execute an agreement to acquire property by donation. The applicant shall pay a non-refundable deposit to the Parish which equals the estimate of costs under Section 19-52(b). If the applicant proposes to include the properties in an Affordable Rental Housing program, the agreement will include the applicant's agreement to a Payment in Lieu of Taxes equal to 40% of the amount of ad valorem taxes which would have been assessed on the property were the property to be owned by a for profit entity.

SECTION 19-54. ACQUISITION OF FULL OWNERSHIP BY THE PARISH.

On receipt of a signed agreement and non-refundable deposit from the applicant, the Department of Public Works shall initiate the process of acquiring full ownership for the Parish under

La.R.S. 47:2236.

SECTION 19-55. DONATION OF FULL OWNERSHIP BY THE PARISH.

On completion of the process under Section 19-54 and La.R.S. 47:2236, the Department of Public Works will initiate the process of donating the property to the applicant under La.R.S. 33:4712. Any property acquired by the Parish under this Article shall be deemed surplus and not required for a public purpose. The Parish will transfer ownership of the property to the applicant on successful completion of the process under this section. Should the tax debtor or anyone else redeem the property under La.R.S. 47:2246, the Parish will return to the applicant any portion of the estimated costs under Section 19-52 which are paid by the tax debtor under La.R.S. 47:2246.

SECTIONS 19-56 —19-70. RESERVED.

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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. Epperson, *that Ordinance No. 6116 of 2021, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Health Tax Fund for the year 2021 to provide an appropriation of \$54,000 to purchase drones to distribute larvicides and adulticides to help combat the mosquito population, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto be adopted. Motion carried*, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioner 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. 6116 OF 2021

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

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 LAVICIDES AND ADULTICIDES TO HELP COMBAT THE MOSQUITO POPULATION AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Animal Services and Mosquito Control department sprays seasonally to combat the mosquito population in Caddo Parish; and

WHEREAS, Mosquito Control officers currently spray pesticides from pick-up trucks; and

WHEREAS, drone technology will allow pesticides to reach terrain that is normally unreachable; and

WHEREAS, drone technology will allow a real time aerial view which will allow the ability to identify and treat troublesome mosquito areas and complaints; and

WHEREAS, the appropriation will cover the equipment and training cost; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission would like to appropriate funds to purchase drones for the Mosquito Control division; 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 Health Tax Fund for the year 2021 is hereby amended as follows:

	<u>Budget Increase (Decrease)</u>
Health Tax Fund	
Mosquito Control	
Other Equipment	\$54,000
Fund Balance	\$(54,000)

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.

ORDINANCES (for introduction by title)

- *Ordinance No. 6119 of 2021, an ordinance adopting the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Shreve Memorial Library for the year 2022*

WORK SESSION MINUTES

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Epperson, *that the Work Session Minutes from October 18, 2021 be ratified. Motion carried.*

RESOLUTIONS

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

- *Resolution No. 75 of 2021, a resolution adopting the Parish of Caddo's Preliminary Floodplain Species Assessment as part of the Parish's Floodplain Management Program, and otherwise providing with respect thereto*
- *Resolution No. 76 of 2021, a resolution authorizing the Parish of Caddo to join with the State of Louisiana and other local governmental units as a participant in the Louisiana State-Local Government Opioid Litigation Memorandum of Understanding (the "MOU") and any subsequent formal agreements necessary to implement the MOU, including but not limited to, the Subdivision Settlement Participation Form(s) in Exhibit K of the Distributer Settlement Agreement and the Janssen Settlement Agreement, and otherwise providing with respect thereto*
- *Resolution No. 78 of 2021, a resolution authorizing the Caddo Parish Administrator to enter into an agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation & Development obligating the Parish to pay 10% of the construction costs, and assume all legal liability for, and all maintenance and operating cost, of the subject Boom or Bust Scenic View Project No. H.0133515, and otherwise providing with respect thereto*

Mr. Young said that there are a few typos in Resolution No. 78 and would like to see it corrected prior to voting on it.

Amendment by Mr. Atkins, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *that Resolution No. 78 of 2021 be postponed until the next Regular Session. 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).

RESOLUTION NO. 75 OF 2021

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE PARISH OF CADDO'S PRELIMINARY FLOODPLAIN SPECIES ASSESSMENT AS PART OF THE PARISH'S FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT PROGRAM, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS the United States Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is requesting that the Parish examine and implement actions for species conservation as a part of the Parish's floodplain management program;

WHEREAS this assessment consists of conservation and recovery actions that the Parish through its floodplain management can maintain;

WHEREAS FEMA provides credit under the Community Rating System (CRS) for such adoption and implementation; and

WHEREAS this credit will be assist in the reclassification of the Parish from its current Class 9 to a lower classification, which will allow Caddo citizens a discounted rate on flood insurance premiums.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Caddo Parish Commission adopts the Parish of Caddo's Preliminary Floodplain Species Assessment as part of the Parish's floodplain management program and CRS submittal.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 76 OF 2021

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PARISH OF CADDO TO JOIN WITH THE STATE OF LOUISIANA AND OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS AS A PARTICIPANT IN THE LOUISIANA STATE-LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPIOID LITIGATION MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (THE "MOU") AND ANY SUBSEQUENT FORMAL AGREEMENTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE MOU, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE SUBDIVISION SETTLEMENT PARTICIPATION FORM(S) IN EXHIBIT K OF THE DISTRIBUTOR SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND THE JANSSEN SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo has suffered harm from the opioid epidemic; and WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo recognizes that the entire State of Louisiana has suffered harm as a result from the opioid epidemic; and

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana has a pending action in state court, and a number of Louisiana Cities and Parishes have also filed an action In re: National Prescription Opiate Litigation, MDL No. 2804 (N.D. Ohio) (the "Opioid Litigation") and the Parish of Caddo is a litigating participant in that action; and

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana and lawyers representing certain various local governments involved in the Opioid Litigation have proposed a unified plan for the allocation and use of prospective settlement dollars from opioid related litigation; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Memorandum of Understanding (the "MOU") sets forth sets forth a framework of a unified plan for the proposed allocation and use of opioid settlement proceeds and it is anticipated that formal agreements implementing the MOU will be entered into at a future date; and,

WHEREAS, participation in the MOU by a large majority of Louisiana cities and parishes will materially increase the amount of funds to Louisiana and should improve Louisiana's relative bargaining position during additional settlement negotiations; and

WHEREAS, failure to participate in the MOU will reduce funds available to the State, the Parish of Caddo, and every other Louisiana city and Parish;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened,

SECTION 1. That the Caddo Parish Commission finds that participation in the MOU would be in the best interest of Caddo Parish and its citizens in that such a plan ensures that almost all of the settlement funds go to abate and resolve the opioid epidemic and each and every City and Parish receives funds for the harm that it has suffered.

SECTION 2. That the Caddo Parish Commission hereby expresses its support of a unified plan for the allocation and use of opioid settlement proceeds as generally described in the MOU, attached hereto as Exhibit "A."

SECTION 3. That John F. Young and/ or Michael G. Stag are hereby expressly authorized to execute the MOU in substantially the form contained in Exhibit "A."

SECTION 4. That Dr. Woodrow Wilson is hereby authorized to execute any formal agreements implementing a unified plan for the allocation and use of opioid settlement proceeds that is not substantially inconsistent with the MOU and this Resolution including but not limited to the Subdivision Settlement Participation Form(s) in the Distributor Settlement Agreement and the Janssen Settlement Agreement.

SECTION 5. That the Clerk be and hereby is instructed to record this Resolution in the appropriate record book upon its adoption.

SECTION 6. The Clerk of this Governmental Unit is hereby directed to furnish a certified copy of this Ordinance/Resolution to:

Attorney General Jeff Landry c/o Bill Stiles
Post Office Box 94005 Baton Rouge, LA 70804

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. Epperson**, seconded by Mr. Johnson, *that Resolution No. 77 of 2021, a resolution recognizing October 11, 2021 as "Indigenous Peoples Day" in Caddo Parish, in recognition of America's first inhabitants and the tribal nations that continue to thrive today, and otherwise providing 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, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (11). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioner Jackson (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

RESOLUTION NO. 77 OF 2021

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 11, 2021 AS "INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY" IN CADDO PARISH, IN RECOGNITION OF AMERICA'S FIRST INHABITANTS AND THE TRIBAL NATIONS THAT CONTINUE TO THRIVE TODAY, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, since time immemorial, American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians have built vibrant and diverse cultures — safeguarding land, language, spirit, knowledge, and tradition across the generations. On Indigenous Peoples' Day, our Nation celebrates the invaluable contributions and resilience of Indigenous peoples, recognizes their inherent sovereignty, and commits to honoring the Federal Government's trust and treaty obligations to Tribal Nations; and

WHEREAS, our country was conceived on a promise of equality and opportunity for all people — a promise that, despite the extraordinary progress we have made through the years, we have never fully lived up to. That is especially true when it comes to upholding the rights and dignity of the Indigenous people who were here long before colonization of the Americas began. For generations, Federal policies systematically sought to assimilate and displace Native people and eradicate Native cultures. Today, we recognize Indigenous peoples' resilience and strength as well as the immeasurable positive impact that they have made on every aspect of American society. We also recommit to supporting a new, brighter future of promise and equity for Tribal Nations — a future grounded in Tribal sovereignty and respect for the human rights of Indigenous people in the Americas and around the world; and

WHEREAS in the first week of President Biden's Administration, he issued a memorandum reaffirming our Nation's solemn trust and treaty obligations to American Indian and Alaska Native Tribal Nations and directed the heads of executive departments and agencies to engage in regular, meaningful, and robust consultation with Tribal officials. It is a priority of the Biden Administration to make respect for Tribal sovereignty and self-governance the cornerstone of Federal Indian policy. History demonstrates that Native American people — and our Nation as a whole — are best served when Tribal governments are empowered to lead their communities and when Federal officials listen to and work together with Tribal leaders when formulating Federal policy that affects Tribal Nations; and

WHEREAS the contributions that Indigenous peoples have made throughout history — in public service, entrepreneurship, scholarship, the arts, and countless other fields — are integral to our

Nation, our culture, and our society. Indigenous peoples have served, and continue to serve, in the United States Armed Forces with distinction and honor — at one of the highest rates of any group — defending our security every day. And Native Americans have been on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic, working essential jobs and carrying us through our gravest moments. Further, in recognition that the pandemic has harmed Indigenous peoples at an alarming and disproportionate rate, Native communities have led the way in connecting people with vaccination, boasting some of the highest rates of any racial or ethnic group; and

WHEREAS, Government has a solemn obligation to lift up and invest in the future of Indigenous people and empower Tribal Nations to govern their own communities and make their own decisions. We must never forget the centuries-long campaign of violence, displacement, assimilation, and terror wrought upon Native communities and Tribal Nations throughout our country. Today, we acknowledge the significant sacrifices made by Native peoples to this country — and recognize their many ongoing contributions to our Nation; and

WHEREAS, on Indigenous Peoples' Day, we honor America's first inhabitants and the Tribal Nations that continue to thrive today. I encourage everyone to celebrate and recognize the many Indigenous communities and cultures that make up our great country.

WHEREAS, it is important to "honor Native Americans, their resilience and their contributions to American society throughout history, even as they faced assimilation, discrimination and genocide spanning generations."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that October 11, 2021 is hereby recognized as "Indigenous Peoples Day."

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.

NEW BUSINESS

It was **moved by Mr. Hopkins**, seconded by Mr. Johnson, *to amend the Classified Personnel Policies, Rules, & Regulations, Section 303, Item N, to say "except Mardi Gras" and adopt as amended. Motion carried*, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Cawthorne, Chavez, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (10). NAYS: Commissioner Epperson (1). ABSENT: Commissioner Jackson (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *to confirm David Hoey to the Northwest Louisiana Human Services District (term to expire August 6, 2027).*

Substitute motion by Mr. Hopkins, seconded by Mr. Atkins *to confirm the following appointments:*

- *Appoint David Hoey to the Northwest Louisiana Human Services District. Term to expire August 6, 2027.*
- *Appoint Patrick Wesley to the Shreveport-Bossier Sports Authority to fill the unexpired term vacate upon the retirement of Billy Montgomery*
- *Reappoint JoAnn Witkowski to the Caddo Parish Sewer District No. 7 Board. Term to expire November 1, 2025*

At this time, Mr. Hopkins' substitute 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).

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

- Opioid Settlement
Attorney John Young

Attorney Young explained that he is one of the team of attorneys that this Commission teams retained to represent Caddo Parish in the opioid litigation. There has been a recommended partial settlement of \$26B to be paid by three of the major distributors, and one of the manufacturers of opioids.

He said those monies are divided among 50 states in over 4,000 counties, parishes, and municipalities throughout the United States. The division was done on metrics based on national data that has been collected by the DEA, FDA, and other governmental agencies. The three major factors that went into determining what percentage Louisiana would get in the distribution of settlement funds are: the number of opioid use disorders are in the State of Louisiana, the number of opioid related deaths are in the State of Louisiana, and the number of pills that were shipped into the State of Louisiana. Based on this data, Louisiana would receive approximately \$325M. If they get 100% of the local governments to approve the settlement by January 2, 2022, Louisiana would be entitled to get 100% of those funds; however, if they only get 90% of the local governments who have joined the litigation, the number is reduced to 60%. Assuming they get 100% participation, Caddo Parish would receive 4.47% of the \$325M that will be paid over 18 years.

Attorney Young also explained that the money will not be payable to Caddo Parish or any other parish in the State of Louisiana. Instead, Caddo Parish will be allocated that percentage amount each year. In every state, there will be a taskforce consisting of five members: one will be appointed by the Police Jury Association of Louisiana; one will be appointed by the Louisiana Municipal Association; one member will be appointed by the Sheriff's Association; the Governor will appoint a licensed SAMSA medical provider; and the Secretary of DHH will appoint one member. This taskforce will serve three-year terms at no compensation. The settlement proceeds have to be spent on opioid related abatement programs, education programs, and treatment programs. He also mentioned that local governments in the State of Louisiana will receive 100% of the funds; 80% will go to parishes and municipalities and 20% will go to the sheriffs.

Attorney Young said that this is only a partial settlement, so it is not the end of the litigation. He also said that under the terms of this settlement, the legal fees are limited to 7.5%. He also explained that in addition to the monetary damages that are going to be paid out, there is an injunctive relief included in this settlement. Johnson & Johnson, one of the major manufacturers, has agreed to not sell or market opioids for ten years. They will not spend any money to lobby Congress with regards to pharmaceuticals related to opioid manufacturing production.

He also mentioned that there will be monies coming down from the Purdue Pharma bankruptcy, along with other bankruptcies.

Mr. Epperson wanted to know if there could be a member from the VA medical center to sit on the taskforce. Attorney Young agreed, but he does not control that aspect of the litigation. He said that there is a way to get someone from the VA on that taskforce, but it would need to go through DHH. Attorney Young said that he will carry Mr. Epperson's comment back to the AG.

Attorney Young also mentioned that Louisiana has been divided into nine health districts. There are some parishes that are small and will not be able to do much with the funds they receive, so there is an opportunity to leverage with other parishes in their region. Caddo has been designated as the lead parish for this region, so Caddo will have the opportunity to work with other parishes and vice versa.

Mr. Jackson wanted to know if the taskforce was set by judgement or statute. Attorney Young said that was set by the MOU by the Attorney General.

Mr. Jackson also wanted to know if they would be making the decisions on how the funds are spent. The taskforce is set up to ensure the monies go towards opioid abatement, treatment, and education. He also explained that the taskforce is more of a checks and balances to make sure the monies being spent are for opioid abatement, treatment, and education. He also mentioned that the records need to be kept for at least five years and are subject to audit by the legislature.

Mr. Cawthorne wanted to know the dollar amount Caddo Parish would be receiving. Attorney Young said that if they receive 100%, Caddo Parish would receive approximately \$14.5M.

Mr. Johnson wanted to know if those funds would be split between the City, Parish, and School Board. Attorney Young said that the monies come to the parishes, but there will be some interplay with the cities and municipalities within the Parish. He also explained that the school boards are not specifically included in this settlement with the thought process that the School Board can work with the parish government in terms of education. He reiterated that the School Board will not be getting a specific allocation. The City of Shreveport will get an allocation. Attorney Young said that the money will flow to the parishes, and then all of those entities within the parish will have to work together.

Mr. Johnson also said, by his calculation, the Sheriff would receive approximately \$2.9M. Attorney Young said that was correct.

Mr. Jackson wanted to know if Attorney Young was representing only Caddo. Attorney Frazier said that they represent several jurisdictions in Louisiana.

- COVID Update

Mrs. Bryant said that there have been no new cases and no new exposures since the last

COVID report.

- Juvenile Detention

Mrs. Bryant said that there are twenty-three juveniles at the detention center; five of which are OJJ. There are also eleven juveniles at the Caddo Correctional Center.

COMMUNIQES AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mrs. Gage-Watts said that the Juvenile Justice Committee met today to discuss Ordinance No. 6101 of 2021. The Committee moved to delay this ordinance to the next Juveniles Justice meeting per recommendation from Attorney Frazier. The Committee also received an update from Juvenile Services Director, Clay Walker, on the "one stop shop". They talked about the objectives from intervention to alternatives and assistance with housing. The Committee also discussed a comprehensive list of actions items for the Juvenile Justice Citizens Advisory Committee.

- Mr. Jackson announced that there will be a redistricting meeting today at LSUS at 5:30 p.m. He encouraged all to attend.

He also mentioned that Caddo School Board Member Terrence Vinson was present at today's meeting.

- Mr. Taliaferro commended Animal Services for an animal welfare concern on the 6400 bock of Willard.

- Mr. Epperson asked about the traffic light for Southern Loop. Mrs. Bryant said that the City is overseeing this particular project. She explained that the Parish provided funding for this project, but are not coordinating it.

Mr. Atkins said that he's been told of supply chain issues with getting the long arms stretched over the intersection. He hopes that this will be resolved soon.

Mr. Jackson wanted to know where he stood on this project and asked the Clerk to research it.

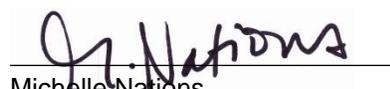
PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Johnson said that the Sports Commission had its board meeting on September 21. He placed a document at each Commissioner's station with regards to upcoming events, sponsorship updates, and highlights from the meeting. Some of the sporting events coming to Caddo Parish include the Louisiana Rodeo Cowboys Association finals, USA Boxing National Championship, Independence Bowl, and LA Tech's Men's Basketball.

He also said that D1 will be teaming up with kids in Caddo Parish. Patrick Wesley, Parks & Recreation Director, said that D1 Training will be providing health and wellness activity field days for children in Caddo Parish. Mr. Johnson pointed out that there is another facility similar to this, Hard But Fair. He asked that Mr. Wesley look into this one as well.

Mr. Johnson said that there are complaints from customers in Sewer District No. 7 regarding the Parish installing pylons and broke the line coming in. As a result, there is raw sewage on the ground. Mr. Hopkins said that he's been receiving complaints regarding this as well. It is his understanding that is a State right-of-way.

There being no more business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 4:56 p.m.


Michelle Nations
Assistant Commission Clerk


Lyndon B. Johnson
President