

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF  
THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION  
HELD ON THE 4<sup>th</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 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, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (9). ABSENT: Commissioners Chavez, Epperson and Jackson (3).

The invocation was given by Mrs. Gage-Watts, and Mr. Taliaferro led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS**

Mr. Johnson presented Mrs. Omari Ho Sang with a gift from the Louisiana RISE Organization that he received on her behalf.

Omari Ho Sang came before the Commission and gave the following comment:

I just want to say thank you. It's definitely an honor to receive a print with those hard hitters on there. I hope that my work with Black Voters Matter across the state and ASAP is just a drop in the bucket of those heroes. I wish I saw at least one woman, Ella Joe Baker, on there. Because I do believe that our power is not necessarily in our oil and gas or even in our sugar cane. It's in the people of this state. No matter who you are, whatever your identity is. And so as we head through elections and redistricting and other work, I just want to lift up every person in the City of Shreveport and the Parish of Caddo and the State of Louisiana. So, again, thank you, Commission, for allowing this to be presented during your meeting have a wonderful day.

Ken Epperson, Sr. came before the Commission and gave the following comment:

Good afternoon, everyone. I stand before you today as a board member of the Timberline Homeowners Association, Incorporated. Also, as one of the many signatories on petition opposing zoning case 20-11-P, which was the ruling of the Metropolitan Planning Commission was overturned by the Caddo Parish Commission on February the 4, 2021. Also representing person on that had signatures on that petition opposing 20-11-P, Western Hills Village, Western Hills Estate, West Peak Association, Deer Creek Subdivision, Colonial Subdivision. I respectfully direct this request to the Caddo Parish Legal department as well as the MPC administration. Based upon the amount of discussion that we that transpired on Monday, November 1, 2021, in our work session, relative to the status of zoning case 20-11-P. I respectfully ask for the following information from the Caddo Parish Commission legal department. Whatever information that can be publicly submitted, please submit that to me in writing by 2:00 PM Monday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. Also, to the MPC Administration, whatever information that transpired relative to our discussion in the work session on Monday, November 1, 2021, relative to zoning case 20-11-P. I request that you submit whatever the status is based upon your organization tome in writing by Monday November 8<sup>th</sup> 2:00 PM. Reason being we are getting ready for the newsletter to be disseminated in those respective neighborhoods and iw atn to make sure that information is factual and consistent and in writing where there wont be any misunderstanding as to where we are relative to that case. Thank you.

Alex T. Ray came before the Commission and gave the following comment:

Good afternoon. I want to start off by saying I'm excited to be here today to present a plaque to some great men here in Shreveport. Many of you all know Dad's on Duty. I wanted to present a plaque to them today. I usually put on the event each year of a Father's Day 5k Run and Walk and I wanted to come here just to show my appreciation for what they're doing because I was thinking, you know, there are a lot of things that take place here in Shreveport. But God used something to put Shreveport on the map. 58 million views. Shreveport got recognized by what Dad's on Duty did. So, I just wanted to present a plaque and stand on behalf of Southern Hills Community for what has taken place at Southwood and just say a few words from for Mario Chavez. He ha a few words in his absence he's not here today, ut I just want to say these words that he wanted to say to the Dads on Duty. He said "It is always easy to stand on the sidelines and point fingers at others and proclaim what they are not doing or demanding someone do something. But it is a refreshing sight to see a group of men stand up and say we are not waiting for anyone else. We are going to be in the catalyst to spark the change in our City and in our world. That's exactly what Dads on Duty did for a school in the midst of a crisis by being present available and caring. They not only changed the atmosphere of a high school, but in a few short weeks inspired a nation. My hats off to each and every father that has decided to stand in the gap and be a light in our troubled world. May the inspiration you have been to all of us not stop with Southwood, but help us bring revival and values back to every school in our Parish, our state and our country. Thank you, Dads on Duty. Commissioner Mario Chavez." So, I just want to see if the Dad's on Duty can come up so I can present this plaque to them. And I want to thank you all for you all time. Because I just want to highlight what has taken place. Because, like I said before, anything

could have took place here in Shreveport to put Shreveport on the map. But he used fathers. And I'm glad that this has taken place. So, I just want to present this plaque here. IT says 'On a Mission LLC. Southern Hills Community presents Above and Beyond Award presented to Dads on Duty. So, if you guys can get them a hand. Thank you all.

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Johnson, *to suspend the rules and move the special resolutions Shirley Simmons Snell, Dads on Duty, Allen Clark and Paris LaCour.* Motion carried.

Ken Kreft came before the Commission and gave the following comment:

Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Commission, Dr. Wilson. Go Braves. My oldest and youngest son loves the Braves. So, I'm saying this for them. I'm hopeful that the Commission at some point, in our Juvenile Justice subcommittee, should be meeting soon. And, at some point, maybe next year, there will be an election hopefully to fun the annual deficit. But whenever there's a Parish Wide election on any topic. Let's add in those two recommended Charter changes from several months ago, the Charter doesn't require a time limit when a Committee recommends changes to the Parish Charter. But certainly, at some point, the voters have opportunity to vote for or against those two proposals that we made. In elections, I was so glad to see President Johnson with the young lady and all voters matter in my mind. Black, white and I'm a voter. Voter-holic. The election originally October 9<sup>th</sup>, no November 13<sup>th</sup>, was my 199<sup>th</sup>. The December 11<sup>th</sup> election is my 200<sup>th</sup> election. And just kind of remember a couple that strike me as unusual, because tomorrow 16 years ago was smelly-stilly. A second amendment out of 14 state amendments, November 5<sup>th</sup> 2002. It might have been 19 years. It was way back. It was November 5<sup>th</sup>. And then, the odd thing for a guy with numbers on the brain and Asperger's is my 40<sup>th</sup> election, in which I voted was 41 years ago today, when the 40<sup>th</sup> President beat President Jimmy Carter. So, my 40<sup>th</sup> election was the 40<sup>th</sup> President and if you sum those you get 80. And it was in 1980. So, these are the type of afflictions I have, which I like to share with y'all. The final thing I want to say is, I think, 2022 is going to be a whole lot better overall. Pandemics tamping down, numbers coming down. Here we are. I wear this by choice. I don't-am I required to wear this still in here? Because I will. Because I choose. But, so, things are getting better in all the areas of hospitals and deaths and children 5-11. Two grandsons got a shot yesterday. They were in that 5-11 great age group and that makes me feel good just to know that they got the shot. And I appreciate what y'all are doing. And I'm sorry for the Astros fans but that's the way it goes.

Mr. Johnson recognized the substitute Fire Chief of Shreveport J.P. Lane and Tony Nations of the Caddo Parish School Board in the audience.

Mr. Cawthorne commented that the Fire Chief be recognized as interim.

### ***SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS***

It was **moved by Mr. Epperson**, seconded by Mr. Lazarus, *that Special Resolution of Recognition & Appreciation for Shirley Simmons Snell be adopted.*

Patrick Wesley recognized Mrs. Snell's accomplishments in the Hall of Fame and enlisting her help in youth programs with the Parish Parks and Recreation Department.

Mrs. Snell expressed overwhelming gratefulness to continue playing and coaching softball and being honored for the recognition. She is the President of the USA Commission and offers her volunteer help and recognized her family members in the audience for attending her honor.

Mr. Epperson commented that honoring Mrs. Snell is a positive thing occurring in Caddo Parish.

Mr. Burrell recalled his experience in the Sickle Cell Softball Team with Mrs. Snell and how she helped fundraise the event. He commended that her involvement brought Governor Edwards's attention to their games.

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

### **RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION SHIRLEY SIMMONS SHELL**

*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. SHIRLEY SIMMONS SNELL, a Shreveport native and graduate of Northwestern State University who has achieved tremendous success throughout her Softball career, beginning in the Amateur Softball Association where she was the 6th person and 1st Slow Pitch Player to be inducted into the ASA Softball Hall of Fame in 2013 after a career that included 5 All American titles, competing in the National Championships 6 times, Home Run Champion in 1994 and 2001, Tournament - MVP in 1996, Batting Champion in 1994, and included notable feats such as her 1998 record setting home run during the Women's Class B Slow Pitch National Championship when she hit a home run at 350 feet, becoming the 1st woman to hit a ball that distance at the Bloomington Complex;

WHEREAS, Snell's record of success didn't slow down as she transitioned her career into the Senior Softball USA where she continued to blaze a path of success that includes 5 straight World Masters Championships with her team, the Dreamgiriz, 5 Straight Triple Grand Slam Titles, 2 Batting titles in the Tournament of Champions, a 2009 Women's World Series Championship with the Kinder Sharks, and a consistent path of 1st places in Senior Softball and SPA Softball with the Dreamgiriz from 2013 through 2019, being named All tournament several times and selected as the 2017 MVP; and

WHEREAS, Snell's distinguished career has been rightfully honored with as second Hall of Fame induction, this time into the National Senior Softball Hall of Fame where she was inducted earlier this month in Las Vegas, NV; Terry Hennessey, CEO of Senior Softball USA says in her nomination letter of Snell, "She is a key impact player on the Dreamgiriz first 50 Women's Major Plus team. She has played the hot corner at 3rd base and played down in age for the past 5 years which is a clear indication of the depth of her talent as a fielder and hitter,";

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. SHIRLEY SIMMONS SNELL for her praiseworthy achievements and for representing Caddo Parish so elegantly and admirably through her consistently impressive Softball career and especially upon her induction into her 2nd Hall of Fame, the National Senior Softball Hall of Fame. We ask all Caddo Citizens to join us in our recognition and celebration of Ms. Snell's talents and accomplishments which have brought pride to our community.

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Atkins, *that Special Resolution of Recognition & Appreciation for Dads on Duty be adopted. Motion carried*, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Gage-Watts, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (7). . NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioner Cawthorne, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins, and Jackson (5). ABSTAIN: None (0).

Mr. Johnson expressed his pride in the Dads making a difference touring America and requested that each Dad receives a framed proclamation.

The Team from Dad's on Duty each expressed how they saw the need of father figures in local youth and the stigma of negative male role models. They filled the need by forming their group and expanding their outreach of love and positivity to students across Louisiana one school at a time.

Mrs. Gage-Watts acknowledged the Black men of Dads on Duty for their advocacy of young Black children and their need for love. And thanked Dads on Duty and the Nuclear Medicine department will bring them breakfast in the morning.

Mr. Burrell commended Dads on Duty for their success in doing something that Black fathers do for their sons and daughters on a large scale.

Mr. Atkins thanked Dads on Duty for their contribution towards the community.

MR. Cawthorne expressed how proud he was to see Shreveport represented nationally and Dads on Duty bringing a solution for a challenging issue.

Mrs. Gage-Watts confirmed the number of Dads that will be present for their breakfast.

Mr. Taliaferro commended Dads on Duty and expressed that children's needs have not changed and they are filling the need that people expect the Police Department to step in at.

Mr. Tony Nations commented that Dads on Duty has his full support and their presence helped Southwood High School progress from their hard times. And that his experience in Juvenile Probation Officer for truant students was their lack of a male role model and he appreciates Dads on Duty for their work.

**RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION & APPRECIATION  
DADS ON DUTY**

WHEREAS, the health and safety of all Caddo Parish Citizens is important, especially our youth as they seek to learn the skills necessary for success; and

WHEREAS, Southwood High School faced a challenging situation as violence interfered with the school's operations, culminating in 23 students being arrested related to fights on the campus over a span of 3 days; and

WHEREAS, Community members and Southwood leadership knew that this behavior was not indicative of the best that its students had within them, and the idea of Dads on Duty emerged as a way to bring back the peace and allow students to thrive by providing a sense of safety; and

WHEREAS, Dads on Duty was established with 40 fathers who would patrol the school in shifts and since the inception of this program there have been no more incidents of violence; and

WHEREAS, this dedicated group of positive male role models, the Dads on Duty, know the importance of keeping order with high expectations and a stern look from a confident, supportive role model as well as maintaining comfort and modeling tolerance, perspective and levity through humor, have been featured in news stories, both local and national, for their efforts that illustrate the benefits that caring father figures can have in high schools as well as providing an example of how community leaders *and* school officials can work together to find innovative and creative solutions to help those they serve; and

WHEREAS, Dads on Duty has helped increase participation and instilled a sense of confidence that benefits students and staff and helps to create a sense of safety that has been inspiring institutions across the country, after more than 50 million views of the Dads on Duty story on CBS Evening News, dozens of school districts across the country have reached out to the learn how to implement similar programs and the Dads on Duty, along with Southwood Principal Dr. Kim Pendleton, will be the featured panelists for a 1 hour session entitled, "Dads Step Up to Stop School Violence. Lessons Learned," during the 5 th National Student Safety and Security Conference to be held November 17-19 in Las Vegas, NV.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, meeting in legal and regular session this 4 th day of November, 2021 that it does hereby commend and thank Dads on Duty on for their inspiring and meaningful work and caring, strong spirits and wishes them continued success while encouraging all Caddo citizens to support such positive initiatives as this.

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Burrell, *that Special Resolution of Recognition & Appreciation for Alan Clarke* be adopted.

Mr. Atkins spoke on behalf of Mr. Chavez and that he regrets missing the opportunity to recognize Mr. Clarke's accomplishments, 'We all know the MPC has had some trying times over the past few years, but since MR. Clarke took the reins, I cannot count the number of meetings that we have attended and the willingness he has had to work with everyone from the City to the Parish and most importantly the business community to resolve our zoning and community issues. I know its not where we want to be, but with the addition of the upgraded website and the constant neighborhood participation meetings, we will achieve the planning commission model that works for everyone.' Mr. Atkins concluded that through disagreements Mr. Clarke lead the MPC very well.

Mr. Clarke commented he came across many challenges in his position across age groups and economically disadvantaged and challenged individuals and an old spiritual gave him strength. And that he is honored to received the reward of recognition.

Mr. Burrell appreciated Mr. Clarke for his work with the Northeast Louisiana University and that he is valued in his position.

Mr. Johnson recalled how Mr. Clarke mentored him in his youth and their acquaintance from his organ musicianship at their church and thanked him for his work with the MPC.

Mrs. Gage-Watts commended Mr. Clarke's leadership and achievements.

Mr. Cawthorne commented that Mr. Clarke prevailed through challenges and commended his work on the MPC.

Dr. Wilson commended Mr. Clarke's dedication and his work with the Parish.

At this time, Mr. Johnson's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell Cawthorne, Gage-Watts, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro (6). NAYS: Young (1). ABSENT: Commissioner Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins, and Jackson (4). ABSTAIN: None (0).

**RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION  
ALAN CLARKE**

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission desires to acknowledge and commend individuals whose lives and efforts are devoted to helping Caddo Parish, and who strive to make a difference in the community through the pursuit of excellence in their professions; and

WHEREAS, such an individual is Mr. Alan Clarke, Executive Director of the Shreveport Caddo Metropolitan Planning Commission, who was recently honored as the recipient of the prestigious American Planning Association's Louisiana Chapter's 2020 Achievement Award for Leader presented during a ceremony in Lafayette, Louisiana on October 29th, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Clarke was awarded the Achievement Award for Leadership from the American Planning Association in 2020, but due to the Covid-19 Pandemic was unable to accept the award in person, until this year's APA Conference where his 40 plus year career in planning was honored; his most recent work as the Executive Director for the Metropolitan Planning Commission, as well as the more than 27 years that he spent as the Zoning Administrator for the MPC and more than 14 years that he spent as a Planner for the Shreveport Department of Economic Development were all recognized; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Clarke's role in the Shreveport Caddo Great Expectations Master Plan 2030, the Caddo Unified Development Code and the Shreveport Unified Development Code were noted, so was his support of other planners, as evidenced by his willingness to host events or attend workshops to ensure awareness of best practices; his peers also noted that Clarke has left an indelible mark on the future of Shreveport, epitomizing the role of a well rounded community planner who has been able to form a strong planning process, foster community participation, and construct a creative yet durable plan of action making him a 'people's planner,'

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, that it does hereby extend its heartiest expressions of commendation and appreciation to Mr. Alan Clarke for his untiring efforts on behalf of Caddo Parish planning and zoning, and wishing him much continued success.

It was **moved by Mr. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. Atkins, *that Special Resolution of Recognition & Appreciation for Paris LaCour* be adopted. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Cawthorne, Hopkins, Gage-Watts, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (9). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioner Chavez, Epperson, and Jackson (3). ABSTAIN: None (0).

Mrs. Gage-Watts encouraged Paris LaCour, as the youngest honored citizen of the Commission, and that she is recognized and appreciated.

Mr. Burrell recommended that Paris LaCour sign up for a summer entrepreneurship program to help her build on her talent and congratulated her.

Mr. Johnson recommended that Paris LaCour design shoes for women sororities that will expand her business locally and nationally. He disliked that the news is not present to expose the positivity and good news that is happening, but encouraged her to continue her hard work.

Mrs. LaCour thanked the Commission and advised other parents to find what their child has an interest in and push them towards goals that they like. She informed the Commission that ALIVE Shoes will support Sirap shoes with a photoshoot in Italy, build her an ecommerce site and build more shoes based on her designs.

Mr. Taliaferro congratulated Paris LaCour's success from the support of her mother and their representation of Caddo Parish and positivity.

Mr. Burrell acknowledged that a parent can plant seed and help their child grow.

#### **RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION PARIS LACOUR**

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. Paris LaCour, a Shreveport native who, at 10 years old, has taken the worlds of fashion & footwear by storm with her vibrant sneaker design that features positive messages and bold, meaningful colors; and

WHEREAS, Paris' shoe design is currently in production through Alive Shoes and are produced in Italy of Italian leather, the shoe, which is named with a backwards spelling of Parish and called

the 'Sirap' reflects the personality of the designer with the encouraging phrase, "Never give up because great things take time," inside the tongue of each shoe to remind the wearer of their strength and ability to persevere through challenges, and contrasting colors of purple, pink, yellow and dark blue symbolizing her love of LSU, her favorite color of blue and a contrasting pink to express passion and contrast; and

WHEREAS, LaCour also designed the graphics on the shoe box along with the support of her mother and their company the Paris Nicole Collection which she was inspired to start because she loves to help other young women feel pretty and express themselves through fashion, she has developed her interests while a student at Walnut Hill Elementary and has been recognized as a Stand Out Student by KTAL and featured in news stories and interviews by KSLA and other local news media.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in legal and regular session this 4th day of November, 2021, that it does hereby extend its most sincere and heartfelt expressions of recognition and appreciation to MS. PARIS LACOUR for her praiseworthy achievements in fashion, entrepreneurial spirit and for representing Caddo Parish with your creative, caring and bold personality. We ask all Caddo Citizens to join us in our recognition and celebration of Ms. LaCour's talents and accomplishments which have brought pride to our community.

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Atkins, that the Commission returns to their regular agenda. Motion carried by acclamation.

### **ADOPT REGULAR SESSION MINUTES**

It was **moved by Mr. Atkins**, seconded by Mr. Johnson, *to adopt the Regular Session Minutes from October 21, 2021 and the Special Session Minutes from October 18, 2021.* Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (8). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Cawthorne, Chavez, Epperson, and Jackson (4). ABSTAIN: None (0).

### **SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS**

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

- *Special Resolution Of Remembrance For Tony Rhodes*
- *Special Resolution Acknowledging National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month*
- *Special Resolution Proclaiming National Diabetes Awareness Month*

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

### **SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF REMEMBRANCE TONY RHODES**

#### **PROCLAMATION NATIONAL ALZHEIMER'S AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is a progressive disease of the brain causing deterioration in memory, reasoning, motor skills, and the ability to take care of oneself. The impact of Alzheimer's on individuals, families, and our health care system makes the disease one of our nation's primary medical, social, and fiscal challenges; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's affects every level of society. According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention: every sixty-six seconds, someone in the United States develops the disease; more than 5 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's; and Alzheimer's is the 6th leading cause of death, and it kills more than breast and prostate cancer combined; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's is the most common form of dementia, and the social, emotional, and financial impacts of dementia are felt by everyone—persons with dementia, their families, caregivers, and communities; and

WHEREAS, there is more than 18.1 billion hours of unpaid care per year by caregivers, resulting in Alzheimer's and other dementias causing a negative economic impact, costing the nation approximately \$236 billion; and

WHEREAS, currently, there are no treatments that can prevent, delay, or reverse Alzheimer's disease & stigma leads many people with dementia, and their families, to fear exclusion and differential treatment, preventing them from seeking help and disclosing their diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, early detection provides individuals and families to adjust to the diagnosis and plan for the future; and all Caddo Parish citizens need to be better informed about Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia and to work to create more supportive and inclusive communities;

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

**'National Alzheimer 's Awareness Month'**

in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and urges all citizens to join with the Parish in recognition of this important month and urges citizens and organizations to educate themselves about Alzheimer's, Dementia and other Brain diseases.

**PROCLAMATION  
NATIONAL DIABETES MONTH**

WHEREAS, November is designated as National Diabetes Awareness Month and diabetes, types 1 and 2 as well as gestational diabetes, affects over 26 million Americans; and

WHEREAS, diabetes is a devastating disease of which Type 2 diabetes accounts for 90% of all diabetes diagnoses and can be prevented or delayed; and

WHEREAS, if trends continue, 1 out of every 3 American adults born after the year 2000 will have diabetes with an even higher risk for minorities; and

WHEREAS, approximately 88 million, or 1 in 3 American adults have pre-diabetes, which means their blood sugar level is higher than normal but not high enough to be classified as diabetes; and

WHEREAS, the American Diabetes Association estimates that the total cost of diabetes in the United States as \$174 billion annually with additional costs for gestational diabetes, pre-diabetes, and undiagnosed diabetes adding another \$44 billion annually in costs; and

WHEREAS, early detection and disease management can help prevent complications of diabetes, including cardiovascular disease, blindness, nervous system damage and kidney failure, and

WHEREAS, improving awareness about diabetes, including its prevention, detection, and treatment can greatly improve the lives of all citizens while improving the lives of those affected by diabetes

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

**'National Diabetes Month'**

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

**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 3246.1 of the Caddo Parish Code of Ordinances regarding the Carrying of Weapons, and otherwise providing with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6117 of 2021, an ordinance amending the Caddo Parish Personnel Policy to require that all parish employees hired, appointed or promoted to Parish Attorney, Assistant Parish Administrator, Parish Administrator/CEO, Department Director or Commission Clerk, must be residents of Caddo Parish, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

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

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

**ORDINANCES (for final passage)**

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Taliaferro, *that Ordinance No. 6101 of 2021, an ordinance amending and re-enacting Section 3246.1 of the Caddo Parish Code of Ordinances regarding the Carrying of Weapons, and otherwise providing with respect thereto*, be adopted.

Mr. Young asked for an update from Legal about whether having a weapon on the seat is recognized as being carried on a person. Mrs. Frazier acknowledged that carrying a gun on one's person is not relative to a gun being located in a vehicle, but in a firearm free zone the two phrases are treated the same. And that treating them similarly would not allow a person to carry concealed weapons in non-firearm free zones and law enforcement will have authority to look into precarious situations.

Mr. Young asked if the weapon was on the seat or on the person in the parking lot situation at Juvenile Court. Mrs. Frazier acknowledged that it was on the seat. Mr. Young explained that the ordinance doesn't cover the instance that caused them to draft the ordinance.

Mr. Johnson commented that a gun sitting on a seat can't shoot.

Mr. Hopkins wanted to know that as long as his gun is in his vehicle while he is inside a Parish facility then he would not be in violation. Mrs. Frazier acknowledged that he is correct. Mr. Hopkins stated that there is no reason for suspicion simply having his firearms in his vehicle.

Mr. Johnson stated not to touch the firearms.

At this time, Mr. Johnson's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Cawthorne, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (8). NAYS: Lazarus (1). ABSENT: Commissioners Chavez, Epperson, and Jackson (3). ABSTAIN: None (0).

**ORDINANCE NO. 6101 OF 2021**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

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.

WHEREAS, parish buildings and their surrounding grounds are foci of activity for the public and for parish government;

WHEREAS, there has been an increase in gun violence within the parish over the past several years; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to protect the public from potential gun violence on public property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that Section 32-46.1 of the Caddo Parish Code of Ordinances is amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 32-46.1. - Parish buildings—Prohibited acts.**

- (a) No persons, group or association shall use the grounds or steps of parish buildings for rallies, meetings, exhibits, or other gatherings without prior authorization of the director of the department of facilities and maintenance or designee of the parish administrator. Provided that prior authorization shall not be required for any person, group or association using the grounds or steps of Government Plaza with the approval or permission of the City of Shreveport.
- (b) The parish buildings and grounds are defined as any of the following:

- (1) Frances P. Bickham Building being the building and grounds within the City of Shreveport located on Lots 1 and 2 of Block [32](#), City of Shreveport except any street rights-of-way, including sidewalks, belonging to or maintained by the City of Shreveport.
  - (2) Government Plaza being the building and grounds within the City of Shreveport located on Lots 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 of Block 22, City of Shreveport except any street rights-of-way, including sidewalks, belonging to or maintained by the City of Shreveport.
  - (3) Juvenile Justice Complex being the buildings and grounds within the City of Shreveport located on a tract of land in the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of [Section 31](#), Township 18 North, Range 13 West as per Assessors City Plat 979, Tr. [53](#), being 4.627 acres more or less.
- (c) No person shall possess or drink any alcoholic beverage in a parish building or on grounds thereof or remain on or in a parish building or on grounds thereof while in an intoxicated condition.
  - (d) No person shall deliberately scatter or leave upon grounds of a parish building any paper, rags, bottles, cans, broken glass, garbage, offal or offensive matter.
  - (e) No person shall void any excrement or urine in a parish building or on the grounds thereof unless that person is using a facility designed for that purpose such as a restroom or portable toilet.
  - (f) No person shall cut, write upon, deface, defile or otherwise injure or destroy property of the parish.
  - (g) No person shall carry any 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. For the purposes of this ordinance, "carry" shall mean to have on one's person.

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. Taliaferro**, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts *to englobe and adopt the 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*

Mr. Johnson requested that the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement reflects "up to" the appropriation amount. Mrs. Bryant acknowledged that they will do that.

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

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 6109 OF 2021**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

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

WHEREAS, the local fire departments are called to most all emergencies in the community many of which that do not involve a fire; and

WHEREAS, many of these emergencies are to rescue or assist victims or violence, including shootings; and

WHEREAS, local police officers are equipped ballistic vest; and WHEREAS, local fire fighters are not equipped with ballistic vest; and

WHEREAS, many of the fire districts do not have the funds to pay for this type equipment and the Fire Districts are seeking assistance from the Caddo Parish Commission to purchase ballistic vest; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission would like to appropriate funds to purchase ballistic vest for our local Shreveport and Caddo Fire Districts; and

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

	<u>Budget Increase (Decrease)</u>
<b>Riverboat Fund</b>	
Allocations to Other Entities	
Fire Districts—Ballistic Vests	\$165,300
Fund Balance	\$(165,300)

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. Hopkins**, seconded by Mrs. Johnson, *that Ordinance No. 6117 of 2021, an ordinance amending the Caddo Parish Personnel Policy to require that all parish employees hired, appointed or promoted to Parish Attorney, Assistant Parish Administrator, Parish Administrator/CEO, Department Director or Commission Clerk, must be residents of Caddo Parish, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.*

Mr. Hopkins expressed that although he does not agree with the ordinance it is mutual agreement.

Mrs. Frazier asked the Commission to clarify whether the requirement does not apply to currently employed positions by January 1, 2022.

**Amendment by Mr. Hopkins**, seconded by Mr. Johnson, *that a grandfather clause applies to current employees.*

Mrs. Frazier suggested that people who apply for a Director position and are currently employed are not required to be residents of Caddo Parish. And that the other requirements apply as stated in the ordinance.

Mr. Johnson stated that is what he wanted as well.

At this time, Mr. Hopkin's amendment carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Burrell, Cawthorne, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Johnson and Young (6). NAYS: Commissioners Atkins, Lazarus and Taliaferro (3). ABSENT: Commissioners Chavez, Epperson and Jackson (3). ABSTAIN: None (0).

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Hopkins, *that be adopted as amended. Motion failed*, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Burrell, Cawthorne, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Johnson and Young (6). NAYS: Commissioners Atkins, Lazarus and Taliaferro (3). ABSENT: Commissioners Chavez, Epperson and Jackson (3). ABSTAIN: None (0).

Mr. Johnson requested that Ordinance No. 6117 of 2021 be placed under old business on the next Regular Session. The Clerk confirmed.

It was **moved by Mr. Hopkins**, seconded by Mr. Atkins, *that Ordinance No. 6119 of 2021, an ordinance adopting the Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the Shreve Memorial Library for the year 2022* be adopted.

Mr. Young asked whether Mr. Atkin's inquiry regarding the budget deficit as answered. Mr. Atkins acknowledged that there were capital expenditures to enter the budget and expressed he is not in favor of moving the budget forward.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 6119 OF 2021**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE SHREVE MEMORIAL LIBRARY FOR THE YEAR 2022

BE IT ORDAINED by the Caddo Parish Commission, in legal and regular session convened, that the Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the Shreve Memorial Library for the year 2022, is hereby adopted and appropriated as follows, to wit:

2022 BUDGET

<b><u>Revenues</u></b>	
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 15,910,100
State Revenue Sharing	355,000
Charges for Services	78,000
Interest Earned	16,000
Other Receipts	200,000
Fines and Forfeitures	<u>5,000</u>
Total Revenues	<u>16,564,100</u>
<b><u>Expenditures</u></b>	
Shreve Memorial Library Maintenance & Operation	16,455,700
Library Debt Service	682,100
Capital	<u>3,960,000</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>21,097,800</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	<u>(4,533,700)</u>
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	<u>22,480,363</u>
Fund Balance at End of Year	<u>\$ 17,946,663</u>

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that any time during the year the Shreve Memorial Library Board of Control shall have the authority to transfer part or all of the unencumbered appropriation from one budget category to another budget category within the Library Fund.

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

- Ordinance No. 6118 of 2021, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues for the American Rescue Plan Fund to provide an appropriation for counseling in public high schools in Caddo Parish and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
- Ordinance No. 6143 of 2021, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the Economic Development Fund to provide an appropriation of \$6,500 for the USA Boxing National Championship, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
- Ordinance No. 6144 of 2021, an ordinance to close and abandon a portion of the dedication for East Pine Island Road in the Parish of Caddo, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto

## WORK SESSION MINUTES

It was **moved by Mr. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. Atkins, *that the Work Session Minutes from November 1, 2021 be ratified. Motion carried*, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro and Young (8). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Cawthorne, Chavez, Epperson and Jackson (4). ABSTAIN: None (0).

### RESOLUTIONS

Mrs. Gage-Watts wanted to know what the percent amount for the project is. Dr. Wilson confirmed that it is 20%

Mr. Johnson stated that it went up 10%.

Mrs. Gage-Watts recalled that it was introduced at 10% for the construction costs and it was supposed to be changed to 20%. Mr. Travis Clark acknowledged that it is 80/20.

It was **moved by Mr. Hopkins**, seconded by Mr. Atkins, *that Resolution No. 78 of 2021, a resolution authorizing the Caddo Parish Administrator to enter into an agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development obligating the Parish to pay 20% of the construction cost, and assume all legal liability for, and all maintenance and operating cost, of the subject Boom or Bust Scenic View Project-No. H.013315, and otherwise providing with respect thereto be adopted. Motion carried*, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro and Young (8). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Cawthorne, Chavez, Epperson and Jackson (4). ABSTAIN: None (0).

### RESOLUTION NO. 78 OF 2021

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CADDO PARISH ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT OBLIGATING THE PARISH TO PAY 20% OF THE CONSTRUCTION COST, AND ASSUME ALL LEGAL LIABILITY FOR, AND ALL MAINTENANCE AND OPERATING COST, OF THE SUBJECT BOOM OR BUST SCENIC VIEW PROJECT-NO. H.013315, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Transportation will provide for the installation of the Boom or Bust Scenic View Project-No. H.013315; and

WHEREAS, prior to installation of said Boom or Bust Scenic View Project-No. H.013315, the Parish of Caddo must enter into an agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation which obligates the Parish to pay 20% of the construction cost, and take the garde, and assume all legal liability for, and all maintenance and energy cost, of said project; and

WHEREAS, in order to proceed with the design of said Boom or Bust Scenic View Project-No. H.013315, the Department of Transportation and Development requires that the governing authority authorize the Parish Administrator to execute the subject agreement on behalf of the Parish.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that the Caddo Parish Administrator is authorized to execute on behalf of the Parish of Caddo, an agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development which obligates the Parish to pay 20% of the construction cost, take the garde, and assume all legal liability for, and all maintenance and operating cost, of the subject Boom or Bust Scenic View Project-No. H.013315.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any portion or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this resolution which can be given effect without 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.

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. 80 of 2021, A resolution approving the issuance of not exceeding Twelve Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$12,500,000) Certificates of Indebtedness, in one or more series, of Communications District Number One of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and providing for other matters in connection therewith.*

Mr. Atkins reminded the Commission that the resolution will allow the Communications District No. 1 to refinance their existing debt and reduce their principal and interest payments. He pointed out that it is not new debt.

Mr. Young wanted to know why the Commission must approve the debt. Mr. Bernstein acknowledged that legislation requires the entity to get approval.

Mr. Young wanted to know if they share the Parish's bond rating for their bonds, permission to borrow the money, and the Parish does not get a guarantee that they will pay their debt. Dr. Wilson acknowledged.

Martha Carter from the Caddo Parish 911 District explained that the 911 District requested for bond certificates in 2017 to fund their radio project and they have refinanced to update their facility. She added that the State Bond Commission requires that they receive permission from their authority that created their district and ensure they are being accountable for their task.

Mr. Atkins wanted to know if they have an AAA rating due to the Caddo Parish Commission's rating. Mrs. Carter acknowledged that the District earned their own rating and their rating does not affect the Parish's bond rating.

Mr. Young asked what the District's revenue is. Mrs. Carter confirmed that their revenue is derived from telephone surcharge fees from telephone bills. And that the surcharge fees are determined by billing location in the Parish. She added that they have a guaranteed revenue and they provide financial projections to the Bond Commission in order to apply for financing. And that they are audited annually with out a management letter in over 30 years.

Mr. Young wanted to know if it is ethical to invest in their bonds. Mr. Bernstein stated that he would look into it.

Mr. Johnson stated that if a Commission votes they will not be able to invest.

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

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 80 OF 2021**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT EXCEEDING TWELVE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$12,500,000) CERTIFICATES OF INDEBTEDNESS, IN ONE OR MORE SERIES, OF COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT NUMBER ONE OF CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA, AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Communications District Number One of Caddo Parish, Louisiana (the "District"), adopted on October 19, 2021, a resolution requesting that this Commission approve the issuance of not exceeding Twelve Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$12,500,000), for the purpose of (i) refunding of the District's outstanding Certificates of Indebtedness, Series 2017, maturing December 1, 2022 through December 1, 2032 (ii) making capital improvements and (iii) paying the costs of issuance thereof; and

WHEREAS, in compliance with the terms and provisions of Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, it is now the desire of this Commission to approve said borrowing;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission (the "Commission"), acting as the governing authority of Caddo Parish, Louisiana (the "Parish"), meeting in legal and regular session, that:

SECTION 1. In compliance with the provisions of Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, and in accordance with the request of the Board of Commissioners of Communications District Number One of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, this Commission hereby approves the issuance of not exceeding Twelve Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$12,500,000) of Certificates of Indebtedness (the "Certificates") of the District for the purpose of (i) refunding of the District's outstanding Certificates of Indebtedness, Series 2017, maturing December 1, 2022 through December 1, 2032 (ii) making capital improvements and (iii) paying the costs of issuance thereof. The Certificates are to be payable from and secured, together with (i) Certificates of Indebtedness, Series 2011, maturing December 1, 2021 and (ii) Certificates of Indebtedness, Series 2017, maturing December 1, 2021 (collectively, the "Outstanding Parity Certificates"), solely from the excess of annual revenues of the District above statutory, necessary and usual charges in each of the fiscal years during which the Certificates are outstanding. The Certificates shall bear interest at a rate or rates not to exceed three per centum (3%) per annum and shall mature over a period not exceeding 20 years. Neither Caddo Parish nor this Commission shall in any way be liable for the payment of principal and/or interest on the Certificates.

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

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

And the ordinance was declared adopted on this, the 4<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2021.

                  /s/Jeff Everson                    
Clerk

                  /s/Lyndon B. Johnson                    
President

It was **moved by Mr. Hopkins**, seconded by Mr. Lazarus, *that Resolution No. 81 of 2021, a resolution giving notice of intention to create an Economic Development District known as the I-49 North Corridor Economic Development District, and otherwise providing with respect thereto* be adopted.

Mr. Hopkins explained that the resolution outlines the district's boundaries and he has received neighboring municipalities' consent.

Mr. Burrell wanted to know if the I-49 Travel Center and Mr. Hopkin's district will intercept.

Mr. Hopkins acknowledged that the Economic Development District is at the ninth intersection of I-49 and Highway 173 and that each intersection on I-49 have tiff districts not including the distance between each.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 81 OF 2021**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION GIVING NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CREATE AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT KNOWN AS THE I-49 NORTH CORRIDOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, Part II, Chapter 27, Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 33:9038.31, et seq.) (the "EDD Act") authorizes municipalities, parishes and certain other local governmental subdivisions to create economic development districts to carry out the purposes of the EDD Act, which economic development districts are political subdivisions of the State of Louisiana

and possess such power and authority and have such duties as provided by the EDD Act and other law; and,

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), acting through this Parish Commission as its governing authority, desires to avail itself of the EDD Act to create an economic development district to be called the "I-49 North Corridor Economic Development District, State of Louisiana" (the "District"), in accordance with La. R.S. 33:9038.32, in which local and State sales tax and property tax increments are expected to be determined and used to fund infrastructure for the District and other Caddo Parish economic development projects; and,

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 33:9038.34(O) provides that this governing authority may create a special trust fund for the furtherance of economic development projects, as defined in the EDD Act, into which the incremental increases in such sales, property and hotel occupancy taxes shall be deposited and loaned, granted, donated, or pledged in furtherance of economic development projects as defined in the EDD Act; and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with the EDD Act, particularly La. R.S. 33:9038.32(B) and La. R.S. 33:9038.39, the Parish now desires to give notice of its intention and to hold a public hearing relative to the proposed creation of the District, including a description of the boundaries of the District and containing a map showing the boundaries of the District; and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Caddo, State of Louisiana, that:

THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION HEREBY RESOLVES:

SECTION ONE: Intention to Create Economic Development District. In accordance with the EDD Act, and particularly La. R.S. 33:9038.32 and La. R.S. 33:9038.39, the Parish does hereby give notice of its intention to create an economic development district to be called the "I-49 North Corridor Economic Development District, State of Louisiana," and to collect tax increments pursuant to La. R.S. 33:9038.39 for the purpose of paying the costs of economic development projects as defined in La. R.S. 33:9038.34(M) and La. R.S. 33:9038.36. The proposed economic development district shall have the boundaries described in Exhibit A to this resolution.

SECTION TWO: Notice of Intention. The Clerk of the Commission is authorized and directed to publish a notice of intention, in substantially the following form, which notice shall be published two (2) times in the Parish's official journal prior to the public hearing described therein:

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**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CREATE AN  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
IN THE PARISH OF CADDO, STATE OF LOUISIANA**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Caddo Parish Commission (the "Commission"), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Caddo, Louisiana (the "Parish"), proposes to consider the adoption of an ordinance, pursuant to La. R.S. 33:9038.32, creating an economic development district within the Parish to be called the "I-49 North Corridor Economic Development District, State of Louisiana" (the "District").

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that upon the creation of the District, the Governing Authority, in its capacity as the governing authority of the newly created District, further proposes to consider the adoption of ordinances, pursuant to La. R.S. 33:9038.39, collecting tax increments, for the purpose of financing economic development projects, as defined in La. R.S. 33:9038.34(M) and La. R.S. 33:9038.36 (the "District Taxes"). The proceeds of the incremental revenues of Parish sales, property and hotel occupancy taxes designated by this Governing Authority for such purposes, will be deposited in a special trust fund to be used for the furtherance of economic development projects within the District and Caddo Parish, all pursuant to the authority of Part II, Chapter 27, Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 33:9038.31, et seq.).

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Commission will meet in open and public session on December 9th at three-thirty o'clock (3:30) p.m., at the Government Plaza, 505 Travis Street, Shreveport, in Caddo, Louisiana, to hear any objections to the creation of the District as described above.

A description of the boundaries of the proposed District, and a map of the proposed District, are as follows:

[LEGAL DESCRIPTION (GEO Numbers) &  
MAP, AS SHOWN IN EXHIBIT A TO THIS  
RESOLUTION, TO BE ATTACHED TO  
NOTICE IN PUBLICATIONS]

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SECTION THREE: Public Hearing. At the date, time and place mentioned in the aforesaid Notice of Intention, or at such other time and place as may be determined by the Commission and properly advertised, this Governing Authority will meet in open and public session, to hear any objections to the proposed creation of the District, and may consider the adoption of an ordinance creating the district.

SECTION FOUR: Authorization of Officers. The Parish Administrator and Clerk of the Commission are hereby authorized and empowered to do all acts, sign any and all instruments or documents, and do all things necessary and proper in order to carry out the purpose and provisions of this resolution.

SECTION SIX: Effective Date. This resolution shall become effective upon publication.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

It was **moved by Mr. Hopkins**, seconded by Mr. Young, that Ordinance 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 (as amended) be delayed for two weeks. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Cawthorne, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro and Young (9). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Chavez, Epperson and Jackson (3). ABSTAIN: None (0).

It was moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Cawthorne, to englobo and delay for two weeks the following special resolutions:

- Resolution No. 72 of 2021, a resolution to authorize the Caddo Parish Administrator to request and authorize the Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board and the Office of Mineral Resources to accept nominations and advertise for Oil, Gas And Mineral Leases, accept bids, and award and execute oil, gas and mineral leases on certain mineral interests owned by the Parish of Caddo, and otherwise providing with respect thereto
- Resolution No. 73 of 2021, a resolution to authorize the Caddo Parish Administrator to request and authorize the Louisiana State Mineral and Energy board and the Office of Mineral Resources to accept nominations, advertise for, accept and award bids, and execute all oil, gas and mineral leases on certain mineral interests owned by the Parish of Caddo, and otherwise providing with respect thereto

Mr. Johnson withdrawn his motion.

It was **moved by Mr. Atkins**, seconded by Mr. Hopkins, that Resolution 72 of 2021, , a resolution to authorize the Caddo Parish Administrator to request and authorize the Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board and the Office of Mineral Resources to accept nominations and advertise for Oil, Gas And Mineral Leases, accept bids, and award and execute oil, gas and mineral leases on certain mineral interests owned by the Parish of Caddo, and otherwise providing with respect thereto be adopted. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro and Young (8). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Cawthorne, Chavez, Epperson and Jackson (4). ABSTAIN: None (0).

### **RESOLUTION NO. 72 OF 2021**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CADDO PARISH ADMINISTRATOR TO REQUEST AND AUTHORIZE THE LOUISIANA STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD AND THE OFFICE OF MINERAL RESOURCES TO ACCEPT NOMINATIONS AND ADVERTISE FOR OIL, GAS AND MINERAL LEASES, ACCEPT BIDS, AND AWARD AND EXECUTE OIL, GAS AND MINERAL LEASES ON CERTAIN MINERAL INTERESTS OWNED BY THE PARISH OF CADDO, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo may own certain mineral rights underlying the following described property, to-wit:

Those certain road dedications located in Section 14, Township 18 North, Range 16 West, known as Winston Drive, Howard Street, Clarence Street and Park Lane, and other unnamed or unbuilt roads all located in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and containing 4.09 acres, more or less, and those certain adjudicated properties described as Lots 1689 to 1700, Warren Oil Tract, Geo. #181614-002-1689, Lot 1782, Warren Oil Tract, Geo. #181614-002-1782, Lot 18, Greenmoor Park Subdivision, Geo. #181614-005-0018, Lot 10, Greenmoor Park Subdivision, Geo. #181614-004-0010, Lot 418, Warren Henderson Subdivision, Geo. #181614-002-0418, Lot 1780, Warren Subdivision, Geo. #181614-002-1780, Lot 9, Greenmoor Park Subdivision, Geo. #181614-004-0009, and Lots 1547 to 1599, Warren Oil Tract, Geo. #181614-002-2095, said adjudicated property total acreage being 1.96 acres, more or less, with Section 14, T18N, R16W containing a total of 6.05 acres, more or less, all in Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

Those certain road dedications located in Section 23 Township 18 North, Range 16 West, known as Heibner Road, Parkhurst Road and Lowry Road, all located in Caddo Parish, Louisiana and containing 4.19 acres, more or less, and that certain adjudicated property described as the South 1/3 of Lot 4-A, Partition of Henderson Estate, said adjudicated property total acreage being 4.79 acres, more or less, with Section 23, T18N, R16W containing a total of 8.98 acres, more or less, all in Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo has received a written request from Allen & Kirmse, Ltd., that the Parish seek public bids for an oil, gas and mineral lease covering said property; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo does not have the knowledge or resources available to determine if it owns the mineral rights and the Parish of Caddo will rely on the expertise and experience of the lessee in determining ownership; and

WHEREAS, it is expressly agreed that any lease granted by the Parish of Caddo and accepted by lessee is without any warranty of title and without any recourse against the Parish of Caddo whatsoever, either express or implied, and it is expressly agreed that the Parish of Caddo shall not be required to return any payments received or be otherwise responsible to lessee therefore; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board and the Office of Mineral Resources, is available upon the request of Caddo Parish to lease the aforesaid property for oil, gas and other minerals if requested to do so by Caddo Parish.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that the Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board and the Office of Mineral Resources, be and it is hereby requested and authorized to accept nominations and advertise for oil, gas and mineral leases, accept bids and award and execute oil, gas and mineral leases on the aforesaid properties of certain mineral interests owned by the Parish of Caddo.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any such lease contain a no surface operations provision as follows: Lessee, its successors or assigns, may produce oil, gas and other minerals from the leased premises by drilling from a surface location on other lands, but notwithstanding any other provision of this lease, Lessee, its successors or assigns, shall not use the surface of the Lessor's property for drilling or any other operations without prior written permission of Lessor, which permission may be withheld at Lessor's discretion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any such lease contain a horizontal pugh provision as follows: Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein contained, at the end of the primary term or any extension thereof by operations, if the Commission of Conservation of the State of Louisiana establishes a drilling unit which includes a part of the land herein leased, the production of oil, gas and other minerals from such unit shall maintain this lease in full force and effect only as to such portions of the leased land embraced in said pooled unit; and this lease shall expire as to that part of the land herein leased not included in such unit; and lessee, its successors and assigns agrees to relinquish by formal instrument any portion of the leased land not included in a unit created by the Commission of Conservation while this lease is in effect

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any such lease contain a vertical pugh provision as follows: Upon the expiration of the primary term hereof or any extension thereof by operations, this lease shall automatically terminate and be of no further force or effect except as to all that part of the leased premises then included within the geographical boundaries of a producing unit duly established by governmental agency or authority having jurisdiction, from the surface of the earth to a depth of 100 feet below the deepest depth from which any well commenced during the primary term hereof on the leased premises or on lands pooled therewith is completed and from which there is production in paying quantities,

such depth determination to be made on a unit by unit basis. In the absence of units so established, this lease shall terminate except as to 40 acres around each producing oil well and 160 acres around each producing or shut-in gas well located on the leased premises, in as near the form of a square as is practicable, from the surface of the earth down to a depth of 100 feet below the deepest depth from which said well or wells are completed and from which there is production in paying quantities, such depth determination to be made on a well by well basis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any such lease contain a minimum royalty provision as follows: Royalty of not less than 1/5th or 20%.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any such lease contain a minimum bonus provision as follows: Bonus of not less than \$1,500.00 per acre.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any such lease contain a hard or solid mineral exclusion provision as follows: This lease shall exclude free sulphur, potash, lignite, salt and any other hard or solid mineral. Lessee shall not have any rights to explore, drill for, mine, produce or take any action whatsoever in regard to any such hard or solid mineral deposits.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any such lease contain a maximum term provision as follows: Primary term of lease shall not exceed three (3) years.

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

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

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

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Hopkins, *that Resolution No. 73 of 2021, a resolution to authorize the Caddo Parish Administrator to request and authorize the Louisiana State Mineral and Energy board and the Office of Mineral Resources to accept nominations, advertise for, accept and award bids, and execute all oil, gas and mineral leases on certain mineral interests owned by the Parish of Caddo, and otherwise providing with respect thereto* be delayed for two weeks. **Motion carried**, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro and Young (8). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Cawthorne, Chavez, Epperson and Jackson (4). ABSTAIN: None (0).

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 73 OF 2020**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CADDO PARISH ADMINISTRATOR TO REQUEST AND AUTHORIZE THE LOUISIANA STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD AND THE OFFICE OF MINERAL RESOURCES TO ACCEPT NOMINATIONS, ADVERTISE FOR, ACCEPT AND AWARD BIDS, AND EXECUTE ALL OIL, GAS AND MINERAL LEASES ON CERTAIN MINERAL INTERESTS OWNED BY THE PARISH OF CADDO, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo may own certain mineral rights underlying the following described property, to-wit:

#### **Section 28, Township 17 North, Range 15 West**

##### Tract 1:

A tract of land containing 16.048 acres, more or less, located in the Northwest Quarter of Section 28, Township 17 North, Range 15 West, Caddo Parish, LA, being more particularly shown on Caddo Parish Assessor's Map as Geo. #: 171528-000-0035.

##### Tract 2:

A tract of land containing 35.93 acres, more or less, located in Section 28, Township 17 North, Range 15 West, Caddo Parish, LA, being more particularly shown on Caddo Parish Assessor's Map as Geo. # 171528-000-0054.

##### Tract 3:

A tract of land containing 2.074 acres, more or less, located in Section 28, Township 17 North, Range 15 West, Caddo Parish, LA, being more particularly shown on Caddo Parish Assessor's Map as Geo. # 171528-000-0037.

Tract 4:

A tract of land containing 0.42 acres, more or less, located in Section 28, Township 17 North, Range 15 West, Caddo Parish, LA, being a portion of a tract of land containing 2.129 acres, more or less, located in Section 28 & 33, Township 17 North, Range 15 West, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, being the same Geo. # 171528-000-0056.

Tract 5:

That certain road dedication located in Section 28, Township 17 North, Range 15 West, known as Atkinson Drive located in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and containing 2.12 acres, more or less

All of the above described tracts located in Section 28, Township 17 North, Range 15 West, Caddo Parish, Louisiana and containing a total of 56.592 acres, more or less.

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo has received a written request from Madole Land Services, LLC, that the Parish seek public bids for an oil, gas and mineral lease covering said property; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo does not have the knowledge or resources available to determine if it owns the mineral rights and the Parish of Caddo will rely on the expertise and experience of the lessee in determining ownership; and

WHEREAS, it is expressly agreed that any lease granted by the Parish of Caddo and accepted by lessee is without any warranty of title and without any recourse against the Parish of Caddo whatsoever, either express or implied, and it is expressly agreed that the Parish of Caddo shall not be required to return any payments received or be otherwise responsible to lessee therefore; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo has determined that it desires to take advantage of LSA R.S. 30:152 (A), et seq, to authorize the Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board to nominate the property described hereinabove for state agency mineral lease.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that it does hereby direct and authorize the Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board and the Office of Mineral Resources to accept nominations, advertise for, accept and award bids, and execute all oil, gas and mineral leases on the aforesaid properties of certain mineral interests owned by the Parish of Caddo.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any such lease contain a no surface operations provision as follows: Lessee, its successors or assigns, may produce oil, gas and other minerals from the leased premises by drilling from a surface location on other lands, but notwithstanding any other provision of this lease, Lessee, its successors or assigns, shall not use the surface of the Lessor's property for drilling or any other operations without prior written permission of Lessor, which permission may be withheld at Lessor's discretion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any such lease contain a horizontal prugh provision as follows: Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein contained, at the end of the primary term or any extension thereof by operations, if the Commission of Conservation of the State of Louisiana establishes a drilling unit which includes a part of the land herein leased, the production of oil, gas and other minerals from such unit shall maintain this lease in full force and effect only as to such portions of the leased land embraced in said pooled unit; and this lease shall expire as to that part of the land herein leased not included in such unit; and lessee, its successors and assigns agrees to relinquish by formal instrument any portion of the leased land not included in a unit created by the Commission of Conservation while this lease is in effect

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said well or wells are completed and from which there is production in paying quantities, such depth determination to be made on a well by well basis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any such lease contain a minimum royalty provision as follows: Royalty of not less than 1/5th or 20%.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any such lease contain a minimum bonus provision as follows: Bonus of not less than \$1,500.00 per acre.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any such lease contain a royalty payment back to date of first production provision as follows: Lessee hereby agrees that all production royalties due and payable under this Oil, Gas and Mineral lease shall be due and payable and calculated from the date that the production of oil, gas and other hydrocarbons first occurs from any unit, whether voluntary or established by the Commissioner of Conservation, in which all or any part of the property herein described is included, even is said production occurs prior to the effective date of this lease.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any such lease contain a hard or solid mineral exclusion provision as follows: This lease shall exclude free sulphur, potash, lignite, salt and any other hard or solid mineral. Lessee shall not have any rights to explore, drill for, mine, produce or take any action whatsoever in regard to any such hard or solid mineral deposits.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any such lease contain a maximum term provision as follows: Primary term of lease shall not exceed three (3) years.

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

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

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Mrs. Bryant said that they received the approvals from the State and are in the process of getting quotes for that project.

#### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Johnson wanted to know the status of the I-49 welcome sign and why not do things in parallel. Dr. Johnson said that they received the approvals from the State and are still in the process of getting quotes for that project. They were unable to seek quotes beforehand in the event the State declines their request for approval.

Mr. Kevin Lawrence commented that needed to know the requirements for the signage from the state and they had pre-bids this week. But they will open bids on November 15<sup>th</sup> and will inform the Commission about the prices and next steps are.

#### **COMMUNIQES/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Burrell requested a meeting to discuss the broadband project. Dr. Wilson acknowledged that Tracy will set a meeting to discuss the broadband issue.

Mr. Johnson commented that Amazon had satellites to provide worldwide broadband services and to consider them as a provider instead of using fiber.

Dr. Wilson commented that Tesla may do as well.

Mr. Johnson stated that it is a method to monitor people everywhere.

There was no further discussion to come before the Commission, so the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

  
Linda J. Montgomery  
Administrative Assistant III

  
Lyndon B. Johnson  
President