

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE
CADDO PARISH COMMISSION
HELD ON THE 20TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2020

The Caddo Parish Commission met in a Work Session, on the above date, at 3:32 p.m., via Zoom teleconference, with Mr. Chavez, presiding, and the following members in attendance constituting a quorum: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Cawthorne, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Johnson, Lazarus, and Young (12). ABSENT: Commissioners Jackson and Taliaferro (2).

The invocation was given by Mr. Cawthorne, and Mr. Lazarus led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CERTIFICATE FOR TELECONFERENCE

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Louisiana has declared a statewide Public Health emergency, inclusive of Caddo Parish, in Proclamation Number 25 JBE 2020; and,

WHEREAS, the Governor, has further extended that declaration via Proclamations Number 96 JBE 2020 and Number 97 JBE 2020; and

WHEREAS, R.S. 42:17.1 allows members of political subdivisions to participate in its meetings electronically under certain limited circumstances.

THEREFORE, in accordance with the Provisions of R.S. 42:17.1, the presiding officer of the Caddo Parish Commission hereby certifies that this meeting is to address matters that are:

- (a) directly related to the public Commission's response to the Coronavirus Pandemic and are critical to the health, safety, or welfare of the public.
- (b) that if they are delayed will cause curtailment of vital public services or severe economic dislocation and hardship.
- (c) critical to continuation of the business of the Commission and that are not able to be postponed to a meeting held in accordance with the other provisions of Open Meetings Law due to a legal requirement or other deadline that cannot be postponed or delayed by the public body.

Date: August 19, 2020

/s/Mario Chavez, President

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES

At this time, the President asked if there was anyone in support or opposition to the following ordinances:

- *Ordinance No. 5963 of 2020, an ordinance to set the General Purpose & Special Purpose Millage providing for millage rate adjustments, as allowed by Article VII, Section 23 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974 and LA R.S. 47:1705 (B), levying and imposing taxes and assessments for 2020 on all the property subject to taxation in the Parish of Caddo, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. of 5964 2020, an ordinance setting the assessment of property classified as timberlands and to instruct the Assessor to include said assessment on the tax roll of the Parish of Caddo for the year 2020, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 5965 of 2020, an ordinance to adopt the values fixed, or to be fixed, by the Louisiana Tax Commission on all assessments for railways and other public service corporations, and to instruct the Assessor to extend such assessments and values on the tax roll of the Parish of Caddo for the year 2020, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 5966 of 2020, and ordinance setting the Parish millage for the purpose of paying principal and interest, due in 2020 on outstanding Parish Bond Issues and to instruct the Assessor to include said millage on the tax roll of the Parish of Caddo for the year 2020, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. of 5967 2020, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the General Fund for the year 2020 to provide an appropriation for COVID-19 testing site and small business support by issuing "COVID Kits" and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

There being no one in support or in opposition, the public hearing was closed.

At this time, there was no further discussion to come before the Commission, so the meeting was adjourned at 2:12 p.m.



Michelle Nations
Assistant Commission Clerk



Mario Chavez
President