

RESOLUTION NO. 74 OF 2013

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE RULES AND BY-LAWS OF THE
CADDO PARISH COMMISSION, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH
RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, Caddo Parish has long been a member in good standing in the National Association of Counties (NACo) and its various committees, and affiliates; and in the Police Jury Association of Louisiana (PSAO), and its various committees and affiliates; and

WHEREAS, Caddo Parish Commissioners have historically been active in all aspects of NACo and PJAL efforts and activities, with numerous Commissioners serving on various committees and in affiliate organizations as members or in leadership positions; and

WHEREAS, members now serving on the Caddo Parish Commission are eager to continue this tradition of involvement and service; and

WHEREAS, the level of training and education necessary to support a dynamic, progressive, innovative, and thriving parish should also include the elected members of the Caddo Parish Commission, in addition to staff; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Personnel Policies and Procedures Committee recommends the Rules and By-laws of the Caddo Parish Commission be amended to allow each Commissioner to avail himself/herself, within a pre-determined amount adopted during the annual budget, of education and training opportunities extended by NACo and its caucuses, committees, and affiliated associations, and the Police Jury Association of Louisiana, and its caucuses, committees, and affiliated associations, as well as seminars, training, and education offered by non-partisan entities, such as Chambers of Commerce, LABI, LMA, ICMA, etc. and that specifically arise out of their elected duties; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Policies and Procedures Committee recommends the Rules and By-laws of the Caddo Parish Commission be amended as set forth below.

Article XII
Travel Policy

RULE 1: AUTHORIZATION

Each Commissioner shall be authorized to attend the following annual meetings: education and training opportunities arising out of their elected duties in an amount not to exceed \$ 15,000 per calendar year. This amount is subject to review by the Commission every other year so as to maintain a stable amount for a two (2) year period.

- A. ~~The Police Jury Association of Louisiana Convention and the PJAL Black Caucus Empowerment & Economic Conference; and~~
- B. ~~Two (2) additional national meetings sponsored by the National Association of Counties or the National Association of Black County Officials; and~~
- C. ~~To allow travel for board member/alternate or any Commissioner to attend meetings of the American Counties for Energy Independence~~

No other travel will be approved by the ~~Commissioners~~ Commission in excess of this amount, and no portion of said amount is transferrable among Commissioners. Additionally, Commissioner travel shall not be paid out of any other department's budget during a calendar year. ~~shall be approved in advance by a majority vote of the Commission except in cases of the Commission's President or Vice-President traveling on official Caddo Parish business such as bond sales, financial consultation, economic development, or in support of federal or state grants. Furthermore, the same is true exception applies in the case of a Commissioner currently serving on the Executive Board of Directors of the Police Jury Association of Louisiana traveling within the State of Louisiana to and from official functions of said association.~~

~~Travel funds will be allocated to by Commissioners on official Caddo Parish business such as bond sales, financial consultation, economic development, or in support of federal or state grants, shall be included in the \$ 15,000, except in cases of the Commission President or Vice-President, or his or her designee. to be used for the purpose of lobbying members of the Louisiana Legislature, United States Congress, or their staffs.~~

~~Whenever all or a portion of a Commissioner's travel expenses are reimbursed by a third party any further reimbursement of such expenses by Caddo Parish shall be limited to the difference between the expenses reimbursed by said third party and those authorized by current parish policy. All travel funds for Commissioners must come from the~~

~~Commission travel budget.~~

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.

Approved as to legal form:

Parish