

MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF THE  
CADDO PARISH COMMISSION  
HELD ON THE 14TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2019

The Caddo Parish Commission met in a Work Session, on the above date, at 9:00 a.m., in the Government Chambers, with Mr. Doug Dominick, President, presiding, and the following members in attendance, constituting a quorum: Commissioners Atkins, Bowman, Cawthorne, Chavez, Dominick, Jackson, Louis Johnson, Lyndon B. Johnson, Linn, Middleton, Smith, and Gage-Watts (12). ABSENT: None (0).

The invocation was given by Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Dominick.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS**

Mr. Alan Clarke came before the Commission to discuss the UDC. He said that they are still in the process of amending the UDC. He requested that the Commission review the amendments and vote on them, so the UDC can be implemented. He also commended the Commission on their expediency in appointing board members.

**COMMISSION REMARKS**

- The Clerk of the Commission informed the Commissioners that Mr. Joe Lawler, former Caddo Parish Police Juror, passed away yesterday evening.

Mr. Dominick announced that the funeral will be held at North Point United Methodist Church in Blanchard on Wednesday, January 16 at 10:00 a.m. The visitation is scheduled for Tuesday, January 15 from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

- Mr. Atkins stated that the Finance Committee met today. There are four audits that will be conducted in 2019: NGO processes, vendor/contract manager process, Juvenile Detention, and HR related benefits. Mrs. Bryant stated that these items will be placed on the next Work Session agenda.

- Mr. Middleton reminded the Commission that Shreveport Police Officer Chateri Payne was killed last week on her way to work. He offered condolences to the family, loved ones, and the Shreveport Police Department during this time.

- Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson would like to schedule a Long Range Planning Committee meeting for February 4 at 2:00 p.m. He requested the amendments from the MPC prior to the meeting.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Mrs. Gage-Watts congratulated Caddo Parish for their AAA Bond Rating for the 10<sup>th</sup> year.

She also announced that the Police Jury Association will have their annual meeting from February 13-16 at the Golden Nugget in Lake Charles. The Black Caucus will also be hosting their meeting during this time. She asked that anyone who would like to attend to RSVP to her.

Mrs. Gage-Watts also read aloud a letter from Mr. Don Hathaway regarding a special resolution honoring his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

She also said that the Showtime boxing event was well attended and a successful event. She thanked everyone involved in bringing this type of event to the City/Parish.

Mrs. Gage-Watts also announced that the Pin Ceremony will be held on January 18 at 2:00 p.m., Louisiana State Fairgrounds Agricultural Center.

**OLD BUSINESS**

It was **moved by Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson**, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *that Ordinance No. 5841 of 2019, authorizing emergency aid to those who were affected by the April 2018 tornadoes* be moved to Thursday's agenda for introduction. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Cawthorne, Chavez, Dominick, Gage-Watts, Jackson, Louis Johnson, Lyndon B. Johnson, Linn, Middleton, and Smith (11). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioner Bowman (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

**NEW BUSINESS**

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Chavez, *that Ordinance No. 5850 of 2019, 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* be moved to Thursday's agenda for introduction.

Mr. Jackson wanted to know if these properties were for Bishop Brandon. Mr. Jimmy Whittington stated that it was. Mr. Jackson then asked if these properties were for donation. Mr. Whittington stated that he spoke with Bishop Brandon, and he will decide which way he would like to go once the Commission declares the property being surplus.

At this time, Mr. Jackson's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Cawthorne, Chavez, Dominick, Gage-Watts, Jackson, Louis Johnson, Lyndon B. Johnson, Linn, Middleton, and Smith (11). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioner Bowman (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Chavez, *that Ordinance No. 5851 of 2019, 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* be moved to Thursday's agenda for introduction. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Cawthorne, Chavez, Dominick, Gage-Watts, Jackson, Louis Johnson, Lyndon B. Johnson, Linn, Middleton, and Smith (11). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioner Bowman (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Chavez, *that Ordinance No. 5852 of 2019, 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* be moved to Thursday's agenda for introduction.

Mr. Jackson explained that Midway and Lane Chapel would like to acquire these pieces of adjudicated property for their church.

Mr. Dominick wanted to know if this property has to go through the adjudicated property process. Mr. Whittington stated that they do. He also explained that these pieces of property are right next to the churches that would like to acquire them for parking lots.

At this time, Mr. Jackson's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Cawthorne, Chavez, Dominick, Gage-Watts, Jackson, Louis Johnson, Lyndon B. Johnson, Linn, Middleton, and Smith (11). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioner Bowman (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

It was **moved by Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Jackson, *that Resolution No. 3 of 2019, to authorize the Parish Administrator to enter into a CEA and share fees with Capital Area Finance Authority* be moved to Thursday's agenda.

Mr. Cawthorne requested that he be added to the legislation as one of the authors.

Answering a question from Mr. Chavez regarding the Parish paying any fees, Attorney Frazier stated that the Parish will not pay any fees for this CEA.

Mr. Middleton also requested that he be added to the legislation as one of the authors.

Mr. Jackson requested a copy of the CEA before final voting.

At this time, Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Cawthorne, Chavez, Dominick, Gage-Watts, Jackson, Louis Johnson, Lyndon B. Johnson, Linn, Middleton, and Smith (11). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioner Bowman (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

It was **moved by Mr. Chavez**, seconded by Mr. Middleton, *that Resolution No. 4 of 2019, to relocate the Polling Place for Precinct 94 from Summerfield Estates Retirement Center, 9133 Baird Road, Shreveport, Louisiana 71118 to Christ United Methodist Church, 1204 Crabapple Drive* be moved to Thursday's agenda.

Mr. Chavez stated that the residents of the retirement home were complaining about the traffic at their home, so they requested that the polling place be shut down and relocated. He asked that the Commission support this resolution.

**Substitute motion by Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Dominick, *to englobe and move the following items to Thursday's agenda:*

- *Resolution No. 4 of 2019, to relocate the Polling Place for Precinct 94 from Summerfield Estates Retirement Center, 9133 Baird Road, Shreveport, Louisiana 71118 to Christ United Methodist Church, 1204 Crabapple Drive*

- *Resolution No. 5 of 2019, proclaiming and supporting January as National Stalking Awareness Month*
- *Authorize Sheriff's nomination of Mr. Clarence A. "Jackie" Lewis to Communications District No. 1 Board. Term to expire September 25, 2021.*
- *Authorize reappointment of Ms. Ann Osment to Water District No. 7 Board. Term to expire January 8, 2024.*
- *Authorize joint City/Parish appointment of Mr. Calvin Austin to the Zoning Board of Appeals to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Mr. Robert Stewart. Term to expire April 10, 2019.*

At this time, Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Cawthorne, Chavez, Dominick, Gage-Watts, Jackson, Louis Johnson, Lyndon B. Johnson, Linn, Middleton, and Smith (11). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioner Bowman (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

#### **COMMUNIQUES/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Mr. Jackson announced that Centenary College will be hosting Dream Week, a celebration of the achievements of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., in honor of MLK Day. He will forward the information via email.

He also announced that Meals on Wheels will be hosting a MLK Luncheon for certain sites. He said that Dr. King's favorite meal—fried chicken, greens, cabbage, and sweet potatoes—will be served to the seniors. He will also forward this information via email.

- Mrs. Gage-Watts announced that there will be a Human Traffic Awareness Rally on the steps of the Juvenile Detention Center on Friday, January 18 at 10:00 a.m. She invited all to attend.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- *Zoning Case P-35-18, in regards to Ordinance No. 5839 of 2019, amending the zoning of property located on the north side of Greenwood Road, approximately 1,600 feet west of Broadacres Road, Caddo Parish, LA., from R-A, Ruraly-Agricultural District, to I-1, Light Industrial District*
- *Ordinance No. 5842 of 2019, amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Economic Development Fund in the amount of \$8,000 to provide an appropriation from Showtime Boxing Event*
- *Ordinance No. 5843 of 2019, amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Economic Development Fund to cancel the \$125,000 appropriation for NLEP*
- *Ordinance No. 5847 of 2019, amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Riverboat Fund in the amount of \$5,000 to provide an appropriation for the Cedar Grove CDC*
- *Ordinance No. 5848 of 2019, amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Economic Development Fund and the Riverboat Fund in the amount of \$15,000 (\$10,000—ED and \$5,000—RB) to provide an appropriation for Grace Community*
- *Ordinance No. 5849 of 2019, to close and abandon a portion of a road dedication in Section 1, Township 16 North, Range 14 West, in the Parish of Caddo*

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

/s/ Todd A. Hopkins  
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Commission Clerk