

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
CADDO PARISH COMMISSION  
HELD ON THE 17TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2019

The Caddo Parish Commission met in legal and regular session, on the above date, at 3:30 p.m., in the Government Chambers, with President Gage-Watts, presiding, and the following members in attendance, constituting a quorum: Commissioners Atkins, Bowman, Cawthorne, Chavez, Dominick, Gage-Watts, Jackson, Louis Johnson, Lyndon B. Johnson, Linn, Middleton, and Smith (12). ABSENT: None (0).

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

**CITIZENS COMMENTS**

Mr. Calvin Austin came before the Commission to ask their support for his appointment with the Zoning Board of Appeals.

**ADOPT REGULAR SESSION MINUTES JANUARY 17, 2019**

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Louis Johnson, to *adopt the Regular Session Minutes from January 3, 2019.* Motion carried.

**ADMINISTRATION REPORT**

- Mrs. Anna Cole read aloud the following poem to honor the fallen Shreveport Police Officer Chateri Payne:

*In Loving Memory of Shreveport Officer, Chateri Payne*

*There was a great officer, such a pleasure to know  
She was so strong, compassionate, and caring with a heart of gold.  
God made her so special, and you can truly believe  
She was just as close to an angel as anyone could be.  
She was loved by so many as everyone can see.  
She was a hero and a beloved officer—  
Such a blessing to her family, the Shreveport Police Department, all who knew her indeed!  
She is now in the arms of Jesus and has her own wings.  
She is smiling down from heaven with her halo glowing like a queen.  
Chateri is so very happy and wants us all to be strong,  
For she is now in God's kingdom and will never again be harmed, suffer, or ever be alone.*

- Mr. Travis Clark  
Director, Animal Services

Mr. Clark came before the Commission to address some rumors that were spread on social media. He stated that the rumor is that all heartworm positive dogs will be humanely euthanized seven days after their stray hold is up. He stated that was not true, however, the legal hold dates are 4 days, 7 days, 10 days, and 15 days. Mr. Clark also explained that larger heartworm positive dogs are harder to place. These dogs are occupying a kennel space that other animals are not being granted the same opportunity for visibility.

Dr. Wilson also pointed out that CPAS has been written up for non-compliance of Caddo Parish's ordinances for going beyond the length of stay for some animals. He also explained the length of stay is spelled out in the ordinances.

Mr. Clark also said that currently, there are about 40 pitbull/bully type dogs and 38 black dogs. He said, unfortunately, those types of dogs normally are looked over. He also stated that in the summer, there were 102 pitbull/bully type dogs in the shelter. Mr. Clark explained that those breeds have a stigma, and some families feel that they should not adopt adult pitbulls.

Mr. Clark said that due to the high volume of animals in the shelter, the length of stay needs to be considered to keep the animals healthy.

Answering a question from Mr. Jackson regarding an offsite adoption event at Pierre Bossier Mall, Mr. Clark stated that there was an offsite adoption event, but he is unsure of the date. Mr. Jackson stated that there was a crowd there, so he hopes that it was a successful event. Mr. Jackson also commended Mr. Clark on all of his hard work in increasing adoptions and decreasing the euthanasia rate at the shelter.

Mr. Chavez thanked Mr. Clark for coming to the Commission meeting and clearing up the false rumors that were spread on social media.

Mr. Linn requested a monthly report of the animals at the shelter. Mr. Clark stated that he will provide that report. He also pointed out that there is one posted on the website.

Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson pointed out that Caddo Parish has an Animal Services Department; it is not a no-kill shelter. He said that there is a timeline for those animals to be there, and often times, the deadline is met before the animal can be rescued/adopted. Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson suggested that there be more communication with the public stating that once they get a pet, that pet is theirs for life.

Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson also announced that he will be chairing the Animal Services Committee this year. He said that in those meetings, there will be more clarification regarding what services Caddo Parish offers to these animals, the laws regarding animals, and what the ordinances states.

Mr. Clark stated that he is preparing a presentation for the first Animal Services Committee meeting to provide an update on the numbers between July 1<sup>st</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup>. He said during that period of time, 641 dogs were humanely euthanized—approximately 400 were pitbull type dogs, followed by Labradors and Shepherds. He said that the larger breed dogs are the main ones being humanely euthanized.

Answering a question from Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson regarding the adoption fee for the animals being transported, Mr. Clark stated that the Parish does not receive the adoption fees received from the animals. He also explained that those funds are being utilized for getting the animal transported up north.

Answering another question from Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson regarding the charge of the Animal Services Advisory Committee, Attorney Frazier explained that they were to advise on animal ordinance revisions, which has been completed. Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson stated that their task has been completed, and his first order of business will be to dissolve that committee.

Answering a question from Mr. Middleton regarding the number of offsite adoptions, Mr. Clark stated that they try to have one every weekend, but some of them get rained out.

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

- Mr. Jackson thanked Animal Services for responding to the complaint earlier with the stray dogs. Mr. Jackson also recognized Pastor Oliver, Mt. Canaan Baptist Church, who was in attendance today.
- Mr. Dominick sent condolences to Mr. Atkins and his family because his mother passed away. Mr. Dominick also said that Mr. Joe Lawler, former Police Juror, passed away.
- Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson reminded the Commissioners that the Long Range Planning Committee is scheduled for Monday, February 4 at 2:00 p.m. to discuss the amendments to the UDC.

#### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Mrs. Gage-Watts presented a plaque honoring Mr. Dominick for his service as former President of the Commission. She thanked him for his service. Mr. Dominick thanked the Commission for this plaque and looks forward to Mrs. Gage-Watts' leadership this year.

Mrs. Gage-Watts announced that the sub-committee assignments have been provided to the Commissioners.

She also thanked Mr. Clark and Animal Services for handling the complaints that her citizens had regarding pitbulls. Mr. Clark stated that this is the second impound regarding that particular animal, so it must be altered before returning it to its owners.

Mrs. Gage-Watts commended Mr. Clay Walker and Juvenile Detention Center on his interview and the facts that he provided to the public. She also announced that the Human Trafficking Summit will be held at the Juvenile Detention Center on Friday, January 18.

She also announced that Delta Sigma Theta will be presenting an Arts & Letters event in regards to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with Civil Rights icon, Harry Blake. This will take place on Sunday, January 20 at 3:00 p.m. at Mt. Canaan Baptist Church.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING ON ZONING ORDINANCES**

Mrs. Gage-Watts asked if there was anyone to speak in support of or in opposition of the following zoning ordinance:

- *Ordinance No. 5839 of 2019, in regards to Zoning Case P-35-18, 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, Rural Agricultural District, to I-1, Light Industrial District*

There being no one to speak in favor of or in opposition to the ordinance, the President closed the public hearing.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING ON ZONING ORDINANCES**

Mrs. Gage-Watts asked if there was anyone to speak in support of or in opposition of the following ordinances:

- *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 for Showtime Boxing Event*

Mr. Kelly Wells came before the Commission in favor of Ordinance No. 5842 of 2019. He said that the \$8,000 will go directly to renting StageWorks. He also pointed out that they have received several phones regarding that venue. Mr. Wells also said that they were only 42 tickets short of sold-out event. Mr. Wells also said that Devan Haney will be fighting for the world title in Las Vegas.

Ms. Amber Bishop thanked the Commission for their support. She appreciates all of the Commissioners for helping out with this 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*

Mr. John Settle came before the Commission to speak against Ordinance No. 5847 of 2019. He believes that this would be appropriate going through the NGO Committee process. He also said that he could not find any backup data regarding Cedar Grove CDC. Upon researching it, Mr. Settle discovered that the corporation is not in good standing with the State. According to [www.nonprofitfacts.com](http://www.nonprofitfacts.com), the contact person for this nonprofit is Commissioner Jackson, he said. Mr. Settle believes this should go through the NGO Committee process.

- *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*

Mr. Travis Bogan came before the Commission in favor of Ordinance No. 5848 of 2019. He said that Grace Project has been in business for approximately 20 years. They have completed several economic development projects within the Allendale Community and has even built five single family dwellings. He also said that they are in good standing with the Secretary of State's Office. They would like the opportunity to do more community projects within the Allendale Community.

Mr. John Settle came before the Commission in opposition of Ordinance No. 5848 of 2019. Mr. Settle pointed out that the language in the ordinance states Grace Community, not Grace Projects. He believes that this should go through the NGO Committee process. He also pointed out that this is for housing, and the Commission already has the E. Edward Jones Housing Trust Fund.

- *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 one to speak in favor of or in opposition to the ordinance, the President closed the public hearing.

#### **ZONING ORDINANCES (for final passage)**

It was **moved by Mr. Louis Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Dominick, *that Ordinance No. 5839 of 2019, in regards to Zoning Case P-35-18, 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, Rural Agricultural District, to I-1, Light Industrial District* be adopted. Motion carried, as shown by the

following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Bowman, Cawthorne, Chavez, Dominick, Gage-Watts, Jackson, Louis Johnson, Lyndon B. Johnson, Linn, Middleton, and Smith (12). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: None (0). ABSTAIN: None (0).

**ORDINANCE NO. 5839 OF 2018**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND VOLUME II OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE PARISH OF CADDO, AS AMENDED, THE CADDO PARISH UNIFORM DEVELOPMENT CODE, BY 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, RURAL AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT, TO I-1, LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

BE IT ORDAINED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that Volume II of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo, as amended, the Caddo Parish Uniform Development Code, is hereby amended and re-enacted to read as follows, to wit:

The official Zoning Map of the Shreveport Metropolitan Planning Area of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, be amended by rezoning property located on the North side of Greenwood Road, approximately 1,600 feet West of Broadacres Road, Caddo Parish, LA, more particularly described below, be and the same is hereby amended **from RA, Rural Agricultural District, to I-1 Light Industrial District:**

AS 5.00 ACRES -M/L- EAST 162.8 FT. OF WEST 1075.6 FT. OF THAT PART OF NW/4 SEC 23-17-15 LYING NORTH OF GREENWOOD ROAD, SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 17N, RANGE 15W, CADDO PARISH LOUISIANA.

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

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after publication in the official journal.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

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

***ORDINANCES (for final passage)***

It was **moved by Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Cawthorne, *that 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 for Showtime Boxing Event* be adopted.

**Amendment by Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Chavez, *to change the payment to Showtime Boxing event, not the Shreveport-Bossier Sports Commission.*

Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson attended the boxing event. He said that it put a "great spotlight" on Shreveport. He also watched the event on Showtime. Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson believes that the Commission should support this resolution because it provide economic stimulus in this area.

Answering a question from Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson regarding the economic impact study, Mr. Wells stated that they are still getting the numbers together and would provide it to the Commission when it is available.

Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson suggested installing a replay screen for the next event.

Mr. Linn asked for additional clarification on how the \$8,000 is spent. Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson stated that it will go to the Showtime Boxing event, instead of the Sports Commission. Mr. Wells explained that it would go towards the rental of StageWorks. Mr. Linn then asked who would receive the money. Mr. Wells said that it would go to StageWorks, LLC. Mr. Linn then wanted to know if the City of Shreveport still owns the building. Mr. Wells believes that the City still owns it, but he cannot really speak on it.

Mr. Atkins stated that it was a great event and showed Shreveport well. He also believes that the Parish is getting "its bang for its buck". He said that the only concern he has is appropriating funds to a for-profit organization.

Mr. Louis Johnson attended the event, and it was well attended. He also said that the audience represented all people of socio-economic status in this Parish. He looks forward to more events like this in the future.

**Mr. Chavez removed his second; Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson withdrew his amendment.**

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 5842 OF 2019**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,000 TO PROVIDE AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE SHOWTIME BOXING EVENT AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Showtime Boxing Network will televise a full line-up for a fight night at Louisiana StageWorks on January 11, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana StageWorks will be transformed into a mega boxing arena where local and international fighters will compete; and

WHEREAS, the event will be televised nationwide and in South Africa to an audience of millions; and

WHEREAS the Shreveport-Bossier Sports Commission would like to obtain \$8,000 in funding from the Caddo Parish Commission to assist with local advertising and costs to reopen StageWorks for the Showtime Boxing Event; 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 Economic Development Fund for the year 2019 is hereby amended as follows:

	<u>Budget Increase (Decrease)</u>
<b><u>Riverboat Fund</u></b>	
Allocation to Other Entities	
NGO Appropriations	
Sports Commission – Showtime Boxing Event	\$8,000
Fund Balance	(\$8,000)

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

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall take effect upon adoption.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

It was **moved by Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Jackson, *that 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* be adopted. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Bowman, Cawthorne, Chavez, Dominick, Gage-Watts, Jackson, Louis Johnson, Lyndon B. Johnson, Linn, Middleton, and Smith (12). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: None (0). ABSTAIN: None (0).

**ORDINANCE NO. 5843 OF 2019**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND TO CANCEL THE \$125,000 APPROPRIATION FOR NLEP AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, since 2015, the Caddo Parish Commission has provided \$125,000 annually to the North Louisiana Economic Partnership (NLEP) to fund a staff person focused on the economic development needs of Caddo Parish; and

WHEREAS, the person who was hired by NLEP to perform the services focused on Caddo Parish recently resigned; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission has not witnessed any meaningful success in economic development activities since the hiring of the Caddo focused position; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission would like to discontinue funding the Caddo position at NLEP; and

WHEREAS it is necessary to amend the 2019 Economic Development Fund Budget to cancel the \$125,000 appropriation to NLEP for the Caddo focused staff position; 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 Economic Development Fund for the year 2019 is hereby amended as follows:

	<u>Budget Increase (Decrease)</u>
<b><u>Economic Development Fund</u></b>	
Allocation to Other Entities	
NGO Appropriations – NLEP	(\$125,000)
Fund Balance	\$125,000

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

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall take effect upon adoption.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Louis Johnson, *that 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* be adopted.

Mr. Jackson stated that he is no longer on the board of this organization. He said that he has not been associated with this board since 2014. He also pointed out that his organization has until March 8, 2019 to get in compliance with the State. He said this organization is an investment in this community to get the young people off the streets.

Mr. Dominick wanted to know if an application was submitted from this organization. Attorney Frazier stated that one has not been submitted nor has it been vetted by the Legal Department this year. She explained, in the past, the funds were used for mentoring and tutoring low-income students.

Attorney Frazier explained that once the Commission approves the organization, a CEA is sent to them. If they are not in good standing, they are sent a notification. They must be in good standing before a check is written.

Mr. Dominick stated that this has not been through the NGO process nor have they even submitted an application.

Mr. Atkins stated that it is only fair that all of the NGO applications be submitted and vetted through the NGO process.

Mr. Middleton asked that the record reflect that he resigned from the board of Shreveport Green on December 31, 2015.

**Substitute motion by Mr. Chavez**, seconded by Mr. Dominick, *that 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 be remanded to the NGO Committee.*

Mr. Chavez believes that this should be vetted through the NGO process.

Mr. Jackson reminded the Commissioners that the Commission just approved \$8,000 for the Showtime Boxing event.

At this time, Mr. Chavez's motion failed, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Chavez, Dominick, Middleton, and Smith (5). NAYS: Commissioners Bowman, Cawthorne, Gage-Watts, Jackson, Louis Johnson, Lyndon B. Johnson, and Linn (7). ABSENT: None (0). ABSTAIN: None (0).

Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson pointed out that the organization would not receive any funds unless an application is submitted and the organization is vetted.

Mrs. Bryant stated that there are times that some organizations, i.e. Sports Commission, do not submit applications. Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson requested that the Sports Commission submit an application.

At this time, Mr. Jackson's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Bowman, Cawthorne, Gage-Watts, Jackson, Louis Johnson, Lyndon B. Johnson, and Linn (7). NAYS: Commissioners Atkins, Chavez, Dominick, Middleton, and Smith (5). ABSENT: None (0). ABSTAIN: None (0).

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 5847 OF 2019**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE RIVERBOAT FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000 TO PROVIDE AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE CEDAR GROVE CDC AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Cedar Grove Community Development Corporation (Cedar Grove CDC) works to provide assistance to families of Caddo Parish through enrichment programs, outreach, and academic development; and

WHEREAS, the Cedar Grove CDC would like to obtain \$5,000 in funding from the Caddo Parish Commission to provide educational opportunities to youth in Caddo Parish through summer enrichment; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission has provided past funding to the Cedar Grove CDC; and

WHEREAS it is necessary to amend the 2019 Riverboat Fund Budget to appropriate \$5,000 to the Cedar Grove CDC to provide a summer enrichment program; 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 2019 is hereby amended as follows:

**Riverboat Fund**

Budget Increase (Decrease)

Allocation to Other Entities	
NGO Appropriations - Cedar Grove CDC	\$5,000
Fund Balance	(\$5,000)

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

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall take effect upon adoption.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Bowman, *that 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* be adopted.

Mr. Jackson commended Grace Community for all of their work in the Allendale community.

**Amendment by Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Jackson, *to change the organization to ‘Grace Project’*.

At this time, Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson’s amendment carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Bowman, Cawthorne, Chavez, Dominick, Gage-Watts, Jackson, Louis Johnson, Lyndon B. Johnson, Linn, and Smith (10). NAYS: Commissioners Atkins and Middleton (2). ABSENT: None (0). ABSTAIN: None (0).

At this time, Mr. Jackson’s motion as amended carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Chavez, Dominick, and Middleton (4). NAYS: Commissioners Bowman, Cawthorne, Gage-Watts, Jackson, Louis Johnson, Lyndon B. Johnson, Linn, and Smith (8). ABSENT: None (0). ABSTAIN: None (0).

**ORDINANCE NO. 5848 OF 2019**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND 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 PROJECT AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Grace Project works to provide assistance to families of Caddo Parish through community and economic development programs; and

WHEREAS, the Grace Project would like to obtain \$15,000 in funding from the Caddo Parish Commission to help support the Camp Canaan Summer Program (\$5,000) and provide economic development opportunities through affordable housing for the Allendale area (\$10,000); and

WHEREAS it is necessary to amend the 2019 Economic Development and the Riverboat Fund Budget to appropriate \$15,000 to the Grace Project to help support a summer enrichment program and promote economic development; 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 Economic Development Fund and the Riverboat Fund for the year 2019 are hereby amended as follows:

	<u>Budget Increase (Decrease)</u>
<b><u>Economic Development Fund</u></b>	
Allocation to Other Entities	
NGO Appropriations – Grace Project	\$10,000
Fund Balance	(\$10,000)
<b><u>Riverboat Fund</u></b>	
Allocation to Other Entities	
NGO Appropriations – Grace Project	\$5,000

Fund Balance (\$5,000)

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

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall take effect upon adoption.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

It was **moved by Mr. Chavez**, seconded by Mr. Jackson, *that 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* be adopted. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Bowman, Cawthorne, Chavez, Dominick, Gage-Watts, Jackson, Louis Johnson, Lyndon B. Johnson, Linn, Middleton, and Smith (12). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: None (0). ABSTAIN: None (0).

**ORDINANCE NO. 5849 OF 2018**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE TO CLOSE AND ABANDON A PORTION OF A ROAD DEDICATION IN SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 14 WEST, IN THE PARISH OF CADDO, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, a request for the closure and abandonment of a portion of a road dedication located in Section 1, Township 16 North, Range 14 West has been received by the Parish of Caddo; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo has reviewed the request for the closure and abandonment of a portion of a road dedication located in Section 1, Township 16 North, Range 14 West and finds that portion of the dedication for a road is no longer needed for Parish of Caddo public purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo has reviewed the request for the closure and abandonment of a portion of a road dedication located in Section 1, Township 16 North, Range 14 West and finds that the closure and abandonment of a portion of the dedication for a road is in the best interest of the Parish of Caddo.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that the closure and abandonment of a portion of a road dedication located in Section 1, Township 16 North, Range 14 West in the Parish of Caddo be, and the same is hereby, closed and abandoned, and only to the extent, that said dedication was used as a public road; said portion of the dedication for a road more specifically described as follows:

All of that portion of the dedication for a road lying between Lot 1, I-49 Industrial Subdivision, Unit No. 2 and Lot 56, Suburban Acres Subdivision, as per plats recorded in the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, as shown in hash marks on the attached plat marked Exhibit "A".

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a copy of this ordinance and plat marked Exhibit "A", displaying the portion of the dedication for a road to be closed and abandoned, shall be filed in the conveyance records of the Parish of Caddo.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the property described hereinabove shall revert to the adjoining property owners or their successors, heirs or assigns subject to the reservation of rights of passage for other property owners, or to their successors, heirs or assigns having property contiguous to the property described hereinabove, said reservation of rights running with the land.

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

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after publication in the official journal.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**ORDINANCES (introduction by title)**

- *Ordinance No. 5841 of 2019, authorizing emergency aid to those who were affected by the April 2018 tornadoes*
- *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*
- *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*
- *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*

It was **moved by acclamation** that the Work Session Minutes from January 14, 2019 be approved. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTIONS**

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Dominick, to englobe and approve the following resolutions:

- *Resolution No. 3 of 2019, to authorize the Parish Administrator to enter into a CEA and share fees with Capital Area Finance Authority*
- *Resolution No. 4 of 2019, to relocated 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 an National Stalking Awareness Month*

At this time, Mr. Jackson's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Bowman, Cawthorne, Chavez, Dominick, Gage-Watts, Jackson, Louis Johnson, Lyndon B. Johnson, Linn, Middleton, and Smith (12). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: None (0). ABSTAIN: None (0).

**RESOLUTION NO. 3 OF 2019**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE PARISH ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A CEA AND SHARE FEES WITH CAPITAL AREA FINANCE AUTHORITY, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, Capital Area Finance Authority (CAFA) has several home lending programs that would benefit the citizens of Caddo Parish; and

WHEREAS, for the citizens to take advantage of these programs, the Parish must enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with CAFA; and

WHEREAS, the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement provides that any fees generated from the programs are split 50-50 between CAFA and the Parish;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Caddo Parish Commission hereby authorizes the Parish Administrator to enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with CAFA to allow citizens to take advantage of CAFA programs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications

which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

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

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 4 OF 2019**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION 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, SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA 71118, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the established polling location for Precinct No. 94 is located at Summerfield Estates Retirement Center, 9133 Baird Road, Shreveport, Louisiana 71118;

WHEREAS, the polling place lease for Precinct 94 at its current location is up for renewal;

WHEREAS, ownership of the physical facility of Summerfield Estates Retirement Center has changed and the new owners have not agreed to renew the polling place lease;

WHEREAS, Christ United Methodist Church, 1204 Crabapple Drive, Shreveport, Louisiana 71118 is willing to serve as a polling location; and

WHEREAS, the distance between the current location of the polling place for Precinct No. 94 and the proposed location is 1.1 miles; and

WHEREAS, the proposed polling place has been reviewed and meet all requirements for polling places.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby change the polling location for Precinct No. 94 from Summerfield Estates Retirement Center, 9133 Baird Road, Shreveport, Louisiana 71118 to Christ United Methodist Church, 1204 Crabapple Drive, Shreveport, Louisiana 71118.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that notice of this change shall be published in the official journal of the parish in accordance with La.R.S. 18:535.

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.

**RESOLUTION NO. 5 OF 2019**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING AND SUPPORTING JANUARY AS NATIONAL STALKING AWARENESS MONTH AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, under the laws of all fifty states and the federal government, stalking is a crime; and

WHEREAS, 6-7.5 million people were stalked in a one year period in the United States, and the majority of victims are stalked by someone they know; and

WHEREAS, 3 in 4 women killed by an intimate partner had been stalked by that intimate partner; and

WHEREAS, many stalking victims lose time from work and experience serious psychological distress and lost productivity at a much higher rate than the general population; and

WHEREAS, many stalking victims are forced to protect themselves by relocating, changing their identities, changing jobs, and obtaining protection orders; and

WHEREAS, many stalkers use technology-such as cell phones, global positioning systems (GPS), cameras, and spyware-to monitor and track their victims; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for great public awareness about the nature, criminality, and potential lethality of stalking; and

WHEREAS, criminal justice systems can enhance their responses to stalking by regular training and assertive investigation and prosecution of the crime; and

WHEREAS, all Caddo Parish citizens need to be better informed about the laws and public policies concerning stalking along with the tactics used by stalkers and their effects on the community.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that it does hereby declare the month of January 2019 as:

**“NATIONAL STALKING AWARENESS MONTH”**

In Caddo Parish and urges citizens and organizations to participate in activities and demonstrations that provide a special opportunity to educate the community about National Stalking Awareness.

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 all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Dominick, *to englobo and approve the following New Business items:*

- *Approve Commission President to travel January 31-February 2, 2019 to Washington D.C. for lobbying purposes*
- *Confirm Sheriff's nomination of Mr. Clarence A. "Jackie" Lewis to Caddo Parish Communication District No. 1 Board. Term to expires September 25, 2021*
- *Confirm reappointment of Mr. Mike McCullough to Fire District No. 6 Board. Term to expire January 1, 2021*
- *Confirm reappointment of Ms. Ann Osment to Water District No. 7 Board. Term to expire January 8, 2019*
- *Confirm appointment of Mr. Calvin Austin to the Zoning Board of Appeals to fill vacancy left by the resignation of Mr. Robert Stewart. Term expires April 10, 2019.*

At this time, Mr. Jackson's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Bowman, Cawthorne, Chavez, Dominick, Gage-Watts, Jackson, Louis Johnson, Lyndon B. Johnson, Linn, Middleton, and Smith (12). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: None (0). ABSTAIN: None (0).

**COMMUNIQUES AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Mr. Jackson announced that Centenary College's Dream Week honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s legacy will kick off on Monday, January 21 at 8:15 a.m. He invited all to attend.

He also announced that A Day of Racial Healing will be held on Tuesday, January 22 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Minicine, 846 Texas Avenue, Shreveport.

On January 26, NACA Home Buying Workshop is scheduled at Galilee Baptist Church. This event will start at 9:00 a.m.

- Mr. Linn announced that the Highland Restoration organization will meet this evening at Noell Methodist Church starting at 6:30 p.m.
- Mrs. Gage-Watts congratulated Caddo Parish for achieving the AAA Bond Rating for the 10<sup>th</sup> year. She also announced that there is an Ask A Lawyer seminar every third Monday at the Shreveport BAR Center at 5:30 p.m.
- Mr. Bowman congratulated Pastor Calvin Austin for being the Commission's appointment to the ZBA Board.

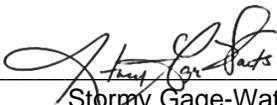
**COMMISSION WILL CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

It was **moved by Mr. Dominick**, seconded by Mr. Cawthorne, *that the Commission will convene into Executive Session to discuss litigation regarding No. 18-30951, United States Court of Appeal for the 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit and Docket #51-148 CA, 2<sup>nd</sup> Circuit Court of Appeal Docket #585,797, First JDC.*

**Substitute motion by Mr. Jackson** *to discuss litigation in an open session. Motion died due to the lack of a second.*

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

There being no further business to come before the body, the meeting was adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

  
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Stormy Gage-Watts  
President

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Todd Hopkins  
Commission Clerk