

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
CADDO PARISH COMMISSION
HELD ON THE 4TH DAY OF APRIL, 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. Cawthorne, and Mr. Atkins led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

It was **moved by Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson**, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *that Special Resolution of Recognition to the following Shreveport/Caddo Parish Civil Rights Activists: Dr. Harry Blake, Dr. C.O. Simpkins, Sr., Dr. Louis Pendleton, Maxine Sarpy, Jesse N. Stone, Jr., Esq., Rev. C.C. McLain, Mamie Love Wallace, and Bernice Smith* be adopted.

Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson stated that this special resolution holds several different meanings. He said that Shreveport and Caddo Parish has their very own civil rights leaders. He pointed out that on this day, in 1968, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated. Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson also presented the recipients with keys to the Parish. He thanked them for their service and making the Parish a better place to live for all people.

Mr. Bowman also thanked the recipients for all of their hard in ensuring all people are created equal.

Pastor McLain acknowledged those members of the Civil Rights Coalition who were in attendance today. He also presented the Commissioners with a Civil Rights book that he wrote.

Mr. Cawthorne echoed the same sentiments as the other Commissioners. He commended those people for paving the way for our youth.

Mr. Middleton commended the author of the proclamation. He also said that he remembers the exact day and moment when Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated.

Mr. Dominick also commended Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson for writing the proclamation. He said it was beautifully written and thanked the Civil Rights activists for all they have done.

Mrs. Gage-Watts said that it has been a blessing to honor the living legacies. She also thanked them for all they have done.

Dr. Harry Blake thanked the Commission for honoring them today. Ms. Mamie Love Wallace's granddaughter came before the Commission and thanked them for keeping her memory alive.

At this time, Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson's motion carried by acclamation.

RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION

WHEREAS, the civil rights movement was a struggle for social justice that took place mainly during the 1950s and 1960s for blacks to gain equal rights under the law in the United States. The Civil War had officially abolished slavery, but it didn't end discrimination against blacks—they continued to endure the devastating effects of racism, especially in the South. By the mid-20th century, African Americans had had more than enough of prejudice and violence against them. They, along with many whites, mobilized and began an unprecedented fight for equality that spanned two decades; and

WHEREAS, all Americans had gained the right to vote, many southern states made it difficult for blacks. They often required them to take voter literacy tests that were confusing, misleading and nearly impossible to pass. Wanting to show a commitment to the civil rights movement and minimize racial tensions in the South, President Dwight Eisenhower pressured Congress to consider new civil rights legislation; and

WHEREAS, on September 9, 1957, President Eisenhower signed the Civil Rights Act of 1957 into law, the first major civil rights legislation since Reconstruction. It allowed federal prosecution of anyone who tried to prevent someone from voting. It also created a commission to investigate voter fraud; and

WHEREAS, on July 2, 1964: President [Lyndon B. Johnson](#) signed the [Civil Rights Act of 1964](#) into law, preventing employment discrimination due to race, color, sex, religion or national origin. Title VII of the Act establishes the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) to help prevent workplace discrimination; and

WHEREAS, on August 6, 1965: President Johnson also signed the [Voting Rights Act of 1965](#) to prevent the use of literacy tests as a voting requirement. It also allowed federal examiners to review voter qualifications and federal observers to monitor polling places; and

WHEREAS, Shreveport had its fair share of foot soldiers for justice during the Civil Rights Movement. These individuals lifted the hopes of our community with the powers of their voice and actions. They fought not merely for the absence of oppression but for the presence of opportunity. Because they kept moving forward with unwavering resistance, they changed help change laws and our current form of local government. As change rippled across the city and parish, building on the progress realized on buses, in schools, in the court rooms, at lunch counters, retail stores, and public buildings through protests, marches, and boycotts. Dr. King once said "The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of convenience and comfort, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy." One didn't have to go to Memphis, TN; Selma, AL; Birmingham, AL; Little Rock, AR; or Montgomery, AL; to experience the ills of the South; and

WHEREAS, it was in their hearts, to secure economic opportunity, access to education, and equal treatment under the law for all. The arc of the moral universe may bend toward justice, but it only bends because of the strength and sacrifice of those who reject complacency and drive us forward. Only by drawing on the lessons of our past can we ensure the flame of justice continues to shine. By standing up for what we know to be right and speaking uncomfortable truths, we can align our reality closer with the ideal enshrined in our founding documents that all people are created equal.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in legal and regular session that it does hereby extend its most sincere and heartfelt expressions of congratulation and appreciation to these local Civil Rights Activists for their strength and sacrifice to our community: Dr. Harry Blake, Rev. C.C. McLain, Dr. Louis Pendleton, Maxine Sarpy, Dr. C.O. Simpkins, Bernice Smith, Jesse Stone, Jr. Esq, and Mamie Love Wallace.

It was **moved by Mr. Chavez**, seconded by Mr. Dominick, *that Special Resolution of Recognition to Mr. Chris Opp recognizing Local Community Artist* be adopted.

Mr. Chavez said that much of the artwork that is seen downtown was crafted by Mr. Opp. He thanked Mr. Opp for "speckling downtown" with his artwork.

Mr. Opp thanked the Commission for honoring him today. He said that he came back to Caddo Parish after leaving California and started painting downtown. Mr. Opp stayed in Caddo Parish because of the people and food. He has completed numerous artworks from Shreveport to Bossier.

At this time, Mr. Chavez's motion carried by acclamation.

RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION MR. CHRIS OPP

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Caddo Parish Commission to give appropriate acknowledgment and recognition to individuals who have rendered invaluable service in its behalf to the citizens of Caddo Parish; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Chris Opp, the Artistic Shark has worked to enrich the physical, economic, social and cultural elements of Caddo Parish. Towns and cities are harnessing the power of art to improve their landscapes and build stronger inter-community connections; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Opp came to Shreveport-Bossier in 1999 to provide specialty artwork at the new Hollywood Casino and in 2006 came back to Shreveport to complete the Hollywood themed artwork at the Eldorado Casino. While in town, he decided to stay and make Shreveport-Bossier his permanent home and headquarter his art business; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Opp's work provides a look at the community through his colors, style and messaging that mixes historical events of Shreveport, Bossier, and Caddo Parish with beauty and other important messages of today; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Opp has always had the heart for sharing art with people and has consistently proven himself to be a loyal and dedicated individual of this community. Citizens, family, and friends are inspired by his artwork and dedication to the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, that it does hereby extend its heartiest and most sincere congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Chris Opp and does hereby call upon all citizens of the Parish to share in the sense of pride, distinction, and honor that this artwork and service deserves.

ADOPT REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

It was **moved by Mrs. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. Cawthorne, to *adopt the Regular Session Minutes from March 21, 2019. Motion carried.*

COMMUNIQUES/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson said that the Animal Services Committee met today. Animal Services Director, Travis Clark, gave a year in review for 2018. He also provided the Committee with initiatives for PetPoint. He also has a QC person, who does the checks and balances. Mr. Clark also discussed with the Committee the future initiatives for Animal Services. Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson also announced that Animal Services will start providing citizens with a customer service form they could fill out.
- Mr. Middleton acknowledged Mr. John Barr, who represents Senator Kennedy.
- Mr. Dominick reminded everyone of the Fairy Homes & Gnomes event that will take place on Saturday, April 13.
- The Clerk of the Commission reminded the Commissioners of the Intergovernmental Meeting that is scheduled for tomorrow, April 5 at the Independence Stadium Skybox.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. Gage-Watts gave accolades to Animal Services and the rabies vaccinations clinic that they hosted. Animal Services provided 199 rabies vaccinations and 97 microchips to the citizens of Caddo Parish.

She also stated that the Commissioners just received the Legislative Priorities and asked that they peruse the list.

She also reminded the Commissioners of the Black Caucus Empowerment Summit on April 13.

Mrs. Gage-Watts also pointed out that this month is Autism Awareness Month. She gave kudos to Ms. Tabatha Taylor, who had a balloon release to show support for those who are suffering from autism.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ZONING ORDINANCES & CASES

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

- *Ordinance No. 5862 of 2019, in regards to Zoning Case P-4-19, amending the zoning of property located on the southwest corner of Lakeshore Drive and Interstate Twenty, Caddo Parish, LA, from R-A, Rural Agricultural District to R-1-7(PUD), Single-Family Residential District
(Technical errors in title and description)*
- *Ordinance No. 5863 of 2019, in regards to Zoning Case P-7-19, amending the zoning of property located approximately two hundred and forty (240) feet northwest of Regmar Drive, Caddo Parish, LA, from R-1-7, Single-Family Residential District to C-1, Neighborhood Commercial District*

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

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES

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

- *Ordinance No. 5864 of 2019, to close and abandon a portion of a road dedication and a portion of an alley dedication in the Village of Rodessa*

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

ZONING ORDINANCES (for final passage)

It was **moved by Mrs. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. Chavez, *that Ordinance No. 5862 of 2019, in regards to Zoning Case P-4-19, amending the zoning of property located on the southwest corner*

of Lakeshore Drive and Interstate Twenty, Caddo Parish, LA, from R-A, Rural Agricultural District to R-1-7(PUD), Single-Family Residential District be removed from the agenda.

Mrs. Gage-Watts explained that this ordinance needs to be removed from the agenda due to technical errors in the title and body of the ordinance.

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

It was **moved by Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Dominick, *that Ordinance No. 5863 of 2019, in regards to Zoning Case P-7-19, amending the zoning of property located approximately two hundred and forty (240) feet northwest of Regmar Drive, Caddo Parish, LA, from R-1-7, Single-Family Residential District to C-1, Neighborhood Commercial District* be approved. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Bowman, Cawthorne, Chavez, Dominick, Gage-Watts, Louis Johnson, Lyndon B. Johnson, Linn, Middleton, and Smith (11). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioner Jackson (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

It was **moved by Mr. Atkins**, seconded by Mr. Chavez, *to reconsider Ordinance No. 5863 of 2019. 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).

It was then **moved by Mrs. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. Dominick, *to amend the language in Ordinance No. 5863 of 2019 to say Unified Development Code, not Uniformed Development Code. 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. 5863 OF 2019

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 UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE, BY AMENDING THE ZONING OF PROPERTY LOCATED APPROXIMATELY TWO HUNDRED AND FORTY FEET NORTHWEST OF REGMAR DRIVE, CADDO PARISH, LA., FROM R-1-7, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO C-1, NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL 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 Unified 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 approximately two hundred and forty feet Northwest of Regmar Drive, Caddo Parish, LA, more particularly described below, be and the same is hereby amended **from R-1-7, Single-Family Residential District to C-1, Neighborhood Commercial District:**

1.92 ACRES-M/L- A PARCEL OF LAND IN NW/4 OFNE/4 OF SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 18N, RANGE 14W, 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.

ORDINANCES (for final passage)

It was **moved by Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Bowman, *that Ordinance No. 5845 of 2019, amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the General Fund in the amount of \$20,000 to provide an appropriation for crime prevention and citizen participation* be adopted. Motion 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).

ORDINANCE NO. 5845 OF 2019

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE GENERAL FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000 TO PROVIDE AN APPROPRIATION FOR CRIME PREVENTION AND CITIZEN PARTICPATION AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, crime has been on the rise in Caddo Parish and the Caddo Parish Commission would like to institute crime prevention mechanisms; and

WHEREAS, crime prevention is an active approach utilizing public awareness and preventive measures to reduce crime; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission would like to keep the community fully informed about crime awareness and prevention through various activities including community notifications, advertising through social media and billboards, or public awareness campaign; and

WHEREAS it is necessary to amend the 2019 General Fund Budget to appropriate \$20,000 to develop a crime prevention campaign; 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 General Fund for the year 2019 is hereby amended as follows:

	<u>Budget Increase (Decrease)</u>
<u>General Fund</u>	
Administration	
Public Information	\$20,000
Fund Balance	(\$20,000)

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 Mrs. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. Middleton, *that Ordinance No. 5858 of 2019, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the General Fund and the Capital Outlay Fund in the amount of \$45,000 to provide an appropriation for a cosmetology program at the re-entry facility at CCC be removed from the agenda. 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).

It was **moved by Mr. Dominick**, seconded by Mr. Middleton, *that Ordinance No. 5864 of 2019, to close and abandon a portion of a road dedication and a portion of an alley dedication in the Village of Rodessa 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. 5864 OF 2019

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE TO CLOSE AND ABANDON A PORTION OF A ROAD DEDICATION AND A PORTION OF AN ALLEY DEDICATION IN THE VILLAGE OF RODESSA, 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 and a portion of an alley dedication located in the Village of Rodessa 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 and a portion of an alley dedication located in the Village of

Rodessa and finds that portion of the dedication for a road and that portion of an alley dedication 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 and a portion of an alley dedication located in the Village of Rodessa and finds that the closure and abandonment of a portion of the dedication for a road and a portion of an alley dedication 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 and a portion of an alley dedication located in the Village of Rodessa 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 and an alley; said portion of the dedication for a road and the dedication for an alley more specifically described as follows:

All of that portion of the dedication for a road lying between Main Street and Williams Street and between Lots 6 and 7, Block 23 and between Lots 1 and 10, Block 24, Rodessa and the portion of a dedication for an alley lying between Lots 1 and 10, Block 24, Rodessa, as per plat 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 and the portion of the dedication for an alley 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.

ZONING ORDINANCES (introduction by title)

- *Zoning Case P-4-19, in regards to Ordinance No. 5865 of 2019, amending the zoning of property located on the southwest corner of Lakeshore Drive and Interstate Two Twenty, Caddo Parish, LA, from R-A, Rural Agricultural District to R-1-7(PUD), Single-Family Residential District*

ORDINANCES (introduction by title)

- *Ordinance No. 5866 of 2019, amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Riverboat Fund in the amount of \$15,000 to provide an appropriation for the NORWELA Council, Boy Scouts of America*
- *Ordinance No. 5867 of 2019, amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Riverboat Fund in the amount of \$20,000 to provide an appropriation for the Stuffed Shrimp Festival*

It was **moved by Mr. Middleton**, seconded by Mr. Cawthorne, *that the Work Session Minutes from April 1, 2019 be approved. Motion carried.*

RESOLUTIONS

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Dominick, *that the following items be englobed and adopted:*

- *Resolution No. 19 of 2019, authorizing the Parish Administrator to request administrative consultant's proposal for services*
- *Resolution No. 20 of 2019, authorizing the Parish Administrator to request engineer's qualifications statements*

- *Resolution No. 22 of 2019, to relocate polling place for Precinct No. 139 and Precinct No. 157 from Caddo Fire District 7, Station 5, 122 Croom Street, Mooringsport, LA 71060 to Mooringsport Elementary School Gym, 602 Latimer Street, Mooringsport, LA 71060*
- *Resolution No. 23 of 2019, proclaiming and supporting April as National Autism Awareness Month*
- *Resolution No. 24 of 2019, proclaiming and supporting April as National Child Abuse Prevention Month*
- *Confirm the following appointments/reappointments to the Animal Services Board: Dr. Brad Everson, Ms. Catherine Alred, and Mr. Alfred Barrow*

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. 19 OF 2019

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PARISH ADMINISTRATOR TO REQUEST ADMINISTRATIVE CONSULTANT'S PROPOSAL FOR SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission intends to apply for funding under the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) program in order to make public facility improvements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Parish Administrator or his designated representative is hereby authorized to request proposals for professional services from administrative consultants on the above referenced project as soon as possible, and to execute a contract for LCDBG administrative consultant's services with the firm that scores highest in the selection process. Points shall be assigned to each firm submitting a proposal based upon the following criteria:

- (1) Educational background of project manager who will be assigned to project (10 points maximum) – 10 points shall be awarded to managers who have a College degree; 7 points to managers who have an Associate degree; 4 points to managers who have a high school diploma.
- (2) Firm's experience in administering LCDBG projects during the last four calendar years (10 points maximum) – 10 points shall be awarded to firms who have administered more than 5 LCDBG projects; 5 points to firms who have administered 1 - 5 LCDBG projects; 0 points to firms who have never administered LCDBG projects.
- (3) Length of time the firm has been in business (10 points maximum) – 10 points shall be awarded to firms who have been in business over 10 years; 5 points to firms who have been in business 5 to 10 years; 1 point to firms who have been in business less than 5 years.
- (4) Proximity of firm to local governing body (10 points maximum) - 10 points for firms located less than 100 miles away; 5 points for firms located 100 miles away or more.
- (5) Price Consideration (10 points maximum) – 10 points shall be awarded to the firm whose price proposal is less than \$25,000; 7 points shall be awarded to the firm whose price proposal is between \$25,000 and \$30,000; 5 points shall be awarded to the firm whose price proposal is between \$30,001 and \$35,000; 2 points shall be awarded to the firm whose price proposal is more than \$35,000.

Points will be awarded from zero to ten for each category, to firms submitting statements of qualifications in accordance with the points system described above, by the Parish Administrator or his designee. In the event of a tie, 1 point will be awarded to the firm which the Parish of Caddo believes will best represent its interests. Negotiations with the firm receiving the highest number of points shall begin immediately.

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Todd Hopkins, Parish Clerk of the Caddo Parish Commission, hereby certify that the above constitutes a true and accurate copy of a Resolution, which UPON MOTION of Mr. Steven Jackson, and seconded by Mr. Doug Dominick, was adopted by the following Yea and Nay vote:

YEA: Commissioners Atkins, Bowman, Cawthorne, Chavez, Dominick, Gage-Watts, Jackson, Louis Johnson, Lyndon B. Johnson, Linn, Middleton, and Smith (12)

NAY: None (0)

ABSENT: None (0)

and the same was declared adopted by the Parish Administrator this day 4th of April, 2019.

_____/s/Todd Hopkins
Todd Hopkins, Parish Clerk
Caddo Parish Commission, Louisiana

RESOLUTION NO. 20 OF 2019

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PARISH ADMINISTRATOR TO
REQUEST ENGINEER'S QUALIFICATIONS STATEMENTS

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission intends to apply for funding under the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant program in order to make public facility improvements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Parish Administrator or his designated representative is hereby authorized to request statements of qualifications from engineers on the above referenced project as soon as possible, and to execute a contract for LCDBG engineering services with the firm that scores highest in the selection process. Points shall be assigned to each firm submitting a statement of qualifications based upon the following criteria:

- (1) Experience of the firm with this type of construction project under the LCDBG Program during past five calendar years (10 points maximum) – 10 points shall be awarded for firms under contract with more than 10 grantees during past 5 calendar years (identify grantee and type of project); 5 points for firms under contract with 1-10 grantees during past 5 calendar years (identify grantee and type of project); 0 points for firms with no previous experience.
- (2) Proximity of firm to local governing body (10 points maximum) - 10 points for firms located less than 100 miles away; 5 points for firms located 100 miles away or more.
- (3) Length of time the firm or project engineer has been in business (10 points maximum) - 10 points shall be awarded to firms or project engineers who have been in business over 10 years; 5 points to firms or project engineers who have been in business 5 to 10 years; and 1 point to firms or project engineers who have been in business less than 5 years.

Points will be awarded from zero to ten for each category, to firms submitting statements of qualifications in accordance with the points system described above, by the Parish Administrator or his designee. In the event of a tie, 1 point will be awarded to the firm which the Parish of Caddo believes will best represent its interests. Negotiations with the firm receiving the highest number of points shall begin immediately.

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YEA: Commissioners Atkins, Bowman, Cawthorne, Chavez, Dominick, Gage-Watts, Jackson, Louis Johnson, Lyndon B. Johnson, Linn, Middleton, and Smith (12)

NAY: None (0)

ABSENT: None (0)

and the same was declared adopted by the Parish Administrator this day 4th of April, 2019.

/s/Todd Hopkins
Todd Hopkins, Parish Clerk
Caddo Parish Commission, Louisiana

RESOLUTION NO. 22 OF 2019

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION

A RESOLUTION TO RELOCATE POLLING PLACE FOR PRECINCT NO. 139 AND PRECINCT NO. 157 FROM CADDO FIRE DISTRICT 7, STATION 5, 122 CROOM STREET, MOORINGSPOUR, LA 71060 TO MOORINGSPOUR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYM, 602 LATIMER STREET, MOORINGSPOUR, LA 71060, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the established polling located for Precincts No. 139 and No. 157, is Caddo Fire District 7, Station 5, 122 Croom Street, Mooringsport, LA 71060; and

WHEREAS, the facility has become a liability; and

WHEREAS, Mooringsport Elementary School Gym, 602 Latimer Street, Mooringsport, LA 71060 is available and to serve as the polling place for Precincts No. 139 and No. 157; and

WHEREAS, Mooringsport Elementary School Gym meets 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. 139 and Precinct No. 157 from Caddo Fire District 7, Station 5, 122 Croom Street, Mooringsport, LA 71060 to Mooringsport Elementary School Gym, 602 Latimer Street, Mooringsport, LA 71060.

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 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 of this resolution 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 FUTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

RESOLUTION NO. 23 OF 2019

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING AND SUPPORTING APRIL AS NATIONAL AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, every person deserves the chance to reach for their highest hopes and fulfill their greatest potential. On National Autism Awareness Month, we reaffirm our dedication to ensuring that belief is a reality for all those who live on the autism spectrum -- including 1 in 68 children. And we uphold our obligation to help make sure every man, woman, and child, regardless of ability or background, is accepted for who they are and able to lead a life free from discrimination and filled with opportunity; and

WHEREAS, from home to school and in businesses and communities around the nation, people living with autism spectrum disorder contribute in immeasurable ways to our society. They remind us each day that every person is born with unique talents and should be treated with respect, play an active role in planning for their futures, and feel empowered to fully participate in and contribute to their communities. When those with autism have access to equal opportunities, we all do better, and that begins with making sure our country lives up to its commitment to ensure all things are possible for all people; and

WHEREAS, Americans with autism play an important role in our national story, and in their daily lives they embody the belief at the heart of our founding: that in America, with hard work and equal access, all people can realize their aspirations. Today, and every day, let us reach for a future in which no person living on the autism spectrum is limited by anything but the size of their dreams -- one in which all people have the opportunity to live a life filled with a sense of identity, purpose, and self-determination; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that it does hereby proclaim April, 2019 as National Autism Awareness Month and urge citizens and organizations to participate in activities and demonstrations that provide a special opportunity to educate the community about autism.

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.

RESOLUTION NO. 24 OF 2019

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING AND SUPPORTING APRIL AS NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, all children deserve to grow up in a caring and loving environment, yet across America, hundreds of thousands of children are neglected or abused each year, often causing lasting consequences. Although effectively intervening in the lives of these children and their families is an important responsibility at all levels of government, preventing abuse and neglect is a shared obligation. During National Child Abuse Prevention Month, we recommit to giving every child a chance to succeed and to ensuring that every child grows up in a safe, stable, and nurturing environment that is free from abuse and neglect, and

WHEREAS, many victims face challenges in finding appropriate services, including victims with disabilities, young victims of color, Deaf and hard of hearing victims, tribal victims, elder victims, victims with mental illness, immigrant victims, teen victims, victims with limited English proficiency, and others;

WHEREAS, preventing child abuse is an effort that we must undertake as one American family, and in our schools, neighborhoods, and communities, we must look after every child as if they are our own. Between four and eight children die every day from abuse or neglect, but together we can prevent these tragedies from occurring. Children who are being abused or neglected may display constant alertness, sudden changes in behavior and school performance, or untreated physical or medical issues. Child abuse may take many forms, including neglect and physical, sexual, or emotional abuse. More information on preventing child abuse can be found at www.ChildWelfare.gov/Preventing, and

WHEREAS, all families can benefit from strong support systems and resources in the face of these challenges, and as parents, friends, neighbors, and fellow human beings, keeping our kids safe is among our highest priorities. My Administration is dedicated to fostering healthy and supportive conditions that enable our children to develop and thrive and that ensure parents and caretakers have the resources they need to properly care for their children. We are supporting efforts that lift up vulnerable families, improve the coordination of programs and services within communities, and promote meaningful and measurable changes in the lives of children across America to improve their social and emotional well-being. The effects of child abuse and neglect can negatively impact a child throughout their life. Together, we must address this issue so that our children and our children's children never know the pain caused by child abuse, and

WHEREAS, our Nation's enduring commitment to prevent child abuse and neglect demands that individuals and communities partner together to provide safe and nurturing environments for all of America's daughters and sons. We must all join in the work of uplifting and safeguarding our youngest individuals and ensuring they are limited by nothing but the size of their dreams and the range of their aspirations. This month, let us aim to eradicate child abuse from our society, and let us secure a future for our children that is bright and full of hope, opportunity, and security, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that it does hereby: Proclaim the week of April, 2019 as National Child Abuse Prevention Month and urge citizens and organizations to participate in activities and demonstrations that provide a special opportunity to educate the community about child abuse prevention.

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.

It was **moved by Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson**, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *that Resolution No. 21 of 2019, opposition of all proposed legislation that transfers the administration and collection of local Sales & Use Taxes to the Louisiana Department of Revenue* be adopted.

Mr. Jackson stated that he will not be voting for this resolution because federal agencies request that states adopt a single streamline tax collection.

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, Louis Johnson, Lyndon B. Johnson, Linn, Middleton, and Smith (11). NAYS: Commissioner Jackson (1). ABSENT: None (0). ABSTAIN: None (0).

RESOLUTION NO. 21 OF 2019

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION

A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION OF ALL PROPOSED LEGISLATION THAT TRANSFERS THE ADMINISTRATION AND COLLECTION OF LOCAL SALES & USE TAXES TO THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE.

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the State of Louisiana grants local governments the right to levy and collect local sales and use taxes;

WHEREAS, there are several constitutional amendments and bills introduced in the 2019 Regular Legislative Session that would transfer collection responsibility of local sales and use tax levies to the state Department of Revenue; and

WHEREAS, local taxing authorities possess the best knowledge and experience to properly collect its own taxes and have a proven record of proactive advancements in the areas of enforcement, audit coverage, dispute resolution, reporting technology and successful litigation; and

WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana's budget issues does not offer prospects for the Department of Revenue to have sufficient resources to provide the necessary taxpayer assistance, enforcement programs and training of its employees on the specific application of local sales and use tax ordinances without significant cost contributions from local governments, thereby resulting in the direct and indirect loss of local tax receipts; and

WHEREAS, many local taxing authorities have issued bonded indebtedness guaranteed by the passage locally adopted sales and use tax levies, collection of said levies the direct responsibility of local governments, and which transfer of that responsibility to a state agency may generate legal challenges and jeopardize future bond issues; and

WHEREAS, the central local collector in each parish is directly responsible to the local taxing authorities and their elected officials for the performance of local tax administration, and the Secretary Revenue being an appointee of the Governor of the state, uncertainty exist as to who in the Department of Revenue will be accountable to local taxing authorities for the performance of such critical local tax administration,

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Caddo Parish Commission, as a local taxing authority and /or governing body, that each member of the legislative delegation for the Parish of Caddo is urged to vigorously oppose any and all proposed legislation that transfers the administration and collection of local sales and use taxes to the Louisiana Department of Revenue; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent forthwith to said legislators so that they will be made aware of our position on this matter, 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.

There being no further business to come before the body, the meeting was adjourned at 4:21 p.m.



Stormy Gage-Watts
President

Todd Hopkins
Commission Clerk