

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
CADDO PARISH COMMISSION  
HELD ON THE 18TH 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, Louis Johnson, Lyndon B. Johnson, Linn, Middleton, and Smith (11). ABSENT: Commissioner Jackson (1).

The invocation was given by Mr. Louis Johnson, and Cadet Stewart led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Gage-Watts said that there are Junior Commissioners in attendance today as part of national County/Parish Government Month. She asked that all of the Junior Commissioners introduce themselves.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS**

Mr. Bill Wiener came before the Commission regarding funding Boy Scouts of America. He cautioned that funding the Boy Scouts could “cross the lines of the establishment clause by a government body supporting one faith over all others”. He suggested that the ordinance be postponed until it is determined that the Boy Scouts allow anyone to join their organization.

**SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS**

Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson presented Judge Shonda Stone with a key to the Parish for her father’s work on the Civil Rights Movement.

Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson stated that Jesse Stone was the first one in his graduating class of Southern Law School. He worked with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. during the Civil Rights Movement.

Judge Shonda Stone thanked the Commission for honoring her father. She said that this award is received on behalf of her mother and herself.

It was **moved by Mr. Louis Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Dominick, *that Special Resolution of Recognition & Remembrance to Mr. Ralph D. Balentine.*

Mr. Casey McBeath, Balentine Ambulance Service, thanked the Commission for honoring Mr. Balentine. He said that they will take care of their patients as well as their community.

Mr. Louis Johnson asked that all first responders please stand and be recognized.

Mr. Dominick said that Mr. Balentine was a great leader to the community and will be missed. He offered condolences to the family and friends of Mr. Balentine.

Mr. Bowman thanked Balentine Ambulance Services for all they do in the community.

At this time, Mr. Louis Johnson’s motion carried by acclamation.

**RESOLUTION OF REMEMBRANCE & RESPECT  
RALPH D. BALENTINE**

**WHEREAS**, the Caddo Parish Commission pauses to reflect with sad fondness upon the life and legacy of **Ralph D. Balentine**, whose passing on April 8, 2019, marked the close of a long and productive life of service to his God, his family, and his community; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Ralph Balentine has served the community faithfully and effectively since 1966, he has served as a provider of elderly home care, broadened his contributions when he established Medical Transportation Services for Medicaid wheel chair non-emergency ambulance services in 1979 and further endowed the citizens of Caddo Parish and Shreveport in 1983 by forming Balentine Ambulance Service to provide non-emergency ambulance services; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Balentine served his community with integrity, dedication and commitment. His passionate dedication to health care, public safety and the welfare of citizens can be traced through his entire lifetime. Mr. Balentine’s love for this community has resonated throughout with his many hours of community service and his willingness to provide the citizens of Caddo Parish a quality service in every endeavor; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Balentine was also a devout Gideon, assisting in distribution of Bibles to all parts of the world in various languages. He loved his Lord, church, and his men’s Sunday School class; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Balentine lived a life filled with helping others, which was made complete with sharing his love and his life with the love of his life, Mrs. LaVeta Cloud Balentine, their children, and their grandchildren.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Mr. Ralph Balentine will be forever remembered as a true friend to Caddo Parish and that this Commission does extend to his family and many friends its most sincere expressions of sympathy and consolation; an assurance that the Commission shares their grief, and the prayer that they will be comforted by the certainty of the joy and peace that Mr. Balentine has now found in his eternal home.

#### **ADOPT REGULAR SESSION MINUTES**

It was **moved by Mr. Chavez**, seconded by Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson, to *adopt the Regular Session Minutes from April 4, 2019. Motion carried.*

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

- Notice is hereby given that the Caddo Parish Commission of Caddo Parish, Louisiana (the "Parish"), plans to consider ordinances to adopt (levy) the Parish's ad valorem tax millages for properties within the Parish of Caddo, at the meeting on Thursday, May 23, 2019 at 3:30 p.m. at the Government Plaza Building, 505 Travis Street, Shreveport, Louisiana. At this meeting, the Parish will consider adoption of its General Purpose Millages, Special Purpose Millages, and Debt Service Millage. The Parish will also consider adoption of the values fixed or to be fixed by the Louisiana Tax Commission on all assessments for railways and other public service corporations and consider setting the assessments of property classified as timberlands.
- Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson requested that Public Works provide a list of all the roads the Commission is working on this year.
- Mr. Bowman announced that District 5 will be hosting a town hall meeting on Tuesday, April 30 at 6:00 p.m. It will be held at the Boys & Girls Club.
- Mr. Louis Johnson announced that there will be a neighborhood association meeting this afternoon at Bill Cockrell Park. It will begin at 6:00 p.m.
- Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson asked for an explanation for the Notice of Intent read by the Commission Clerk. Mrs. Bryant explained that persons who own residential property have to pay property taxes. The governing entities have to determine what the rate will be each year, so this is an announcement that the Commission's intent is to set the rate for property taxes.

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

Mrs. Gage-Watts wished everyone a Happy Easter. She also is proud to have the Junior Commissioners behind the dais today to learn about parish government. She hopes that they take this as a learning experiencing and to get involved in the community.

She also thanked the first responders once again. She commended them for all of their hard work, especially during that high speed chase that occurred this past week. Mrs. Gage-Watts pointed out that no citizens were harmed during that tragedy. If anyone has any information, please contact the Shreveport Police Department (318) 673-7300.

Morning Star Baptist Church will be hosting a community Day of Prayer tomorrow at 11:00 a.m. The event will take place at the Dr. MLK Life Center. She said it is free and open to the public.

Mrs. Gage-Watts requested that Administration bring Mr. Ernie Roberson, Registrar of Voters, to the next Regular Session to inquire about the satellite voting locations.

There will also be a Global Mixed Gender Basketball Tournament on Saturday, April 27 at George's Pond. A boxing event will take place the day before the basketball tournament.

Mrs. Gage-Watts also said that the Black Caucus held its annual Empowerment Summit, with several parishes in attendance.

She requested that Public Works provide her an update on a property on Denny Drive.

On April 23, Caddo Parish Juvenile Services will host its Light of Hope Ceremony at 5:30 p.m., which will take place on the steps of the Juvenile Services Courthouse.

#### **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. 5865 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 Two Twenty, Caddo Parish, LA, from R-A, Rural Agricultural District to R-1-7(PUD), Single-Family Residential 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. 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*

Mr. Damien Chapman, Orlandeaux's Café, stated that stuffed shrimp is unique to Shreveport. He said that the festival will put a spotlight on Shreveport and Caddo Parish. In addition to the festival, they will be providing scholarships to students who have an interest in culinary arts. He is asking that the Commission help fund this festival.

Mrs. Gage-Watts thanked Mr. Chapman for coming today. She also pointed out that their family has the oldest African-American restaurant in the country.

**Point of Order by Mr. Dominick.** He stated that the Commissioners are not supposed to be asking questions and making comments during the public hearings.

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. Lyndon B. Johnson, *that Ordinance No. 5865 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 Two Twenty, Caddo Parish, LA, from R-A, Rural Agricultural District to R-1-7(PUD), Single-Family Residential 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).

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 5865 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 UNIFORM DEVELOPMENT CODE, BY 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, 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 Southeast corner of Lakeshore Drive and Interstate Two Twenty, Caddo Parish, LA, more particularly described below, be and the same is hereby amended **from R-A, Rural Agricultural District to R-1-7, Single-Family Residential District:**

A tract of land in fractional Section 5, Township 17 North, Range 14 West, Caddo Parish, Louisiana and more particularly described as follows: Begin at the intersection of the southerly right of way line of South Lakeshore Drive and the easterly right of way line of Interstate No. 220 which is monumented with a 3" iron pipe; Thence proceed South 65° 43' 01" east along said southerly right of way line for a distance of 550.69 feet to the point of

curvature of a curve to the left which is monumented with a 3" iron pipe; Thence proceed along said right of way curve (having a long chord bearing of North 89° 17' 59" East a radius of 634.46 feet) an arc distance of 553.30 feet to a point of reverse curvature which is monumented with a 3" iron pipe; Thence proceed along said right of way curve (having a long chord bearing of North 73° 37' 25" East and a radius of 590.39 feet) an arc distance of 191.81 feet to a 3/4" iron rod; thence proceed South 29° 44' 10" East a distance of 144.99 feet to the northwest corner of Lot 3, Bolinger Acres Subdivision, Unit No. 2 as recorded in Book 600, Page 291 of the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana which is monumented with a 1" iron pipe; Thence proceed South 09° 56' 42" West along the westerly lot lines of said Bolinger Acres Subdivision, unit No. 1 as recorded in Book 600, Page 119 of the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana to the southwest corner of Lot 1 of said Bolinger Acres Subdivision, Unit No. 1 which is monumented with a 1" iron pipe; Thence proceed South 66° 22' 33" West for a distance of 1341.96 feet to a 3" iron pipe; Thence proceed North 58° 38' 05" West for a distance of 900.00 feet to the easterly right of way line of said Interstate No. 220 which is a curve to the left and a 3" iron pipe; Thence proceed along said right of way curve (having a long chord bearing of North 29° 14' 15" East and a radius of 23068.31 feet) an arc distance of 1714.02 feet to the Point of Beginning of the tract herein described, containing 60.708 acres, more or less, 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. Gage-Watts, *that 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* 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).

#### **ORDINANCE NO. OF 5866 2019**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE RIVERBOAT FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000 TO PROVIDE AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE NORWELA COUNCIL, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Norwela Council, Boy Scouts of America (the "Norwela Council, BSA") has been chartered since 1923 to deliver the program of Scouting to the youth of Northwest Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Norwela Council, BSA is to prepare young people to make ethical choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law; and

WHEREAS, the Norwela Council, BSA annually serves nearly 3,200 youth and 1,000 adult volunteers with a full-time staff of 16; and

WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts did not receive an appropriation in the Commission's 2019 budget; however, they received previous appropriations from the Commission of \$7,000 in 2018 and 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Norwela Council, BSA would like to obtain funding from the Caddo Parish Commission to continue to support Scouting in low-income and rural areas through their ScoutReach program; and

WHEREAS, the funds will greatly assist the Norwela Council, BSA by helping to keep their commitment of making sure all young people have an opportunity to join Scouting regardless of their circumstances, neighborhood, ethnicity, or economic background; and

WHEREAS, the NGO Committee of the Caddo Parish Commission recommends providing a \$15,000 appropriation to the Norwela Council, BSA; 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:

	<u>Budget Increase (Decrease)</u>
<u>Riverboat Fund</u>	
Allocation to Other Entities	
NGO Appropriations	
Boy Scouts of America, Norwela Council	\$15,000
Fund Balance	(\$15,000)

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. Louis Johnson, *that 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* be approved.

**Substitute motion by Mr. Atkins**, seconded by Mr. Cawthorne, *to amend the language and strike out \$20,000 and replacing it with \$10,000, and also adding to the title with an additional \$10,000 raised from private sources.*

Mr. Atkins thinks this is a worthy cause, but he is concerned with large financial contributions to numerous organizations throughout the community. He said that this substitute motion would be a compromise.

**Substitute motion by Mr. Middleton**, seconded by Mr. Dominick, *to provide an appropriation of \$5,000 for the Stuffed Shrimp Festival.*

Mr. Middleton believes this could be a great festival, but feels "it should be toned back a bit".

Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson said that this festival could be Shreveport's "identity" and could put Shreveport on the map. Mr. Cawthorne agreed and will be supporting Mr. Atkins' substitute motion.

Mr. Louis Johnson will also be supporting the substitute motion. Mrs. Gage-Watts shared the same sentiments as Mr. Louis Johnson, Mr. Cawthorne, and Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson.

At this time, Mr. Middleton's substitute motion failed, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Dominick, Linn, Middleton, and Smith (4). NAYS: Commissioners Atkins, Cawthorne, Chavez, Gage-Watts, Louis Johnson, and Lyndon B. Johnson (6). ABSENT: Commissioners Bowman and Jackson (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

At this time, Mr. Atkins' substitute motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Cawthorne, Chavez, Gage-Watts, Louis Johnson, Lyndon B. Johnson, and Linn (7). NAYS: Commissioners Dominick, Middleton, and Smith (3). ABSENT: Commissioners Bowman and Jackson (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 5867 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 \$10,000 TO PROVIDE AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE STUFFED SHRIMP FESTIVAL, ALONG WITH AN ADDITIONAL

**\$10,000 RAISED THROUGH PRIVATE SOURCES AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO**

WHEREAS, the Inaugural Shreveport Stuffed Shrimp Festival (the "Festival") will be held, 11 am to 7 pm, Saturday, May 11, 2019 at the Louisiana State Fairgrounds; and

WHEREAS, the festival will be a free, family-friendly event celebrating the unique style of stuffed shrimp created and popularized in Shreveport as well as the cultural and historical significance of this beloved regional specialty; and

WHEREAS, the Festival will include live musical entertainment, historical presentations, food trucks, vendors, arts and crafts, and a kid-friendly play area with bounce houses; and

WHEREAS, the Shreveport Stuffed Shrimp Festival is a presentation of the Eddie E. Hughes Foundation, a Shreveport-based nonprofit organization named in honor of the late Chef Eddie Hughes, owner and proprietor of Eddie's Restaurant in Shreveport; and

WHEREAS, funds raised by the Festival will establish a scholarship for a deserving student to obtain a Certificate of Technical Studies in Culinary Arts; and

WHEREAS, the NGO Committee of the Caddo Parish Commission recommends providing a \$20,000 appropriation for the Shreveport Stuffed Shrimp Festival; and

WHEREAS, an additional \$10,000 will be raised through private sources; 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:

	<u>Budget Increase (Decrease)</u>
<u>Riverboat Fund</u>	
Allocation to Other Entities	
NGO Appropriations	
Eddie E. Hughes Foundation, Stuffed Shrimp Festival	\$10,000
Fund Balance	
(\$10,000)	

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.

**ZONING ORDINANCES (introduction by title)**

- *Zoning Case P-9-19, in regards to Ordinance No. 5868 of 2019, amending the zoning of property located at the three thousand eight hundred block of Old Mooringsport Road, Caddo Parish, LA, from R-A, Rural Agriculture Zoning District to R-1-7, Single-Family District*

**ORDINANCES (introduction by title)**

- *Ordinance No. 5869 of 2019, amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the General Fund and the Capital Outlay Fund in the amount of \$100,000 to provide an appropriation for a Law School Feasibility Study*
- *Ordinance No. 5871 of 2019, to amend Ordinance Nos. 5754, 5755, 5757, 5758, 5766, 5783, 5784, 5790, 5799, 5825, 5826, 5827, 5839, 5853, 5856, 5857, and 5861, relative to zoning matters and the Unified Development Code, by amending the reference to Uniform Development Code to read Unified Development Code wherever it appears, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

- *Ordinance No. 5872 of 2019, to deem property surplus and authorize the sale of surplus property owned by the Parish of Caddo*
- *Ordinance No. 5873 of 2019, to deem property surplus and authorize the sale of surplus property owned by the Parish of Caddo*
- *Ordinance No. 5874 of 2019, to amend Volume II of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo, as amended, the Caddo Parish Unified Development Code, by amending Section 15.1 Code Text Amendment regarding the Amendment Process; by amending Section 16.2 Zoning Map Amendment regarding the Amendment Process; by amending Section 16.5 Administrative Exception to Zoning regarding Process and Standards; by amending Section 16.6 Site Plan Review regarding Process and Standards; by amending Article 16 Zoning Application Approval Processes to enact Section 16.11 Certificate of Occupancy*

It was **moved by Mrs. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson, *that the Work Session Minutes from April 15, 2019 be approved. Motion carried.*

### **RESOLUTIONS**

It was **moved by Mr. Bowman**, seconded by Mr. Atkins, *that Resolution No. 25 of 2019, to amend Resolution No. 27 and No. 77 of 2019 approving Calumet Shreveport Refining, LLC and Calumet Branded Products, LLC for participation in the Industrial Tax Exemption Program at 3333 Midway Street and 10411 Hwy 1, Shreveport of the project sites be approved.*

Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson will be abstaining from this vote due to him being employed with Calumet.

At this time, Mr. Bowman's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Bowman, Cawthorne, Chavez, Dominick, Gage-Watts, Louis Johnson, Middleton, and Smith (9). NAYS: Commissioner Linn (1). ABSENT: Commissioner Jackson (1). ABSTAIN: Commissioner Lyndon B. Johnson (1).

### **RESOLUTION NO. 25 OF 2019**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION TO AMEND RESOLUTIONS NO. 27 AND NO. 77 OF 2018 APPROVING CALUMET SHREVEPORT REFINING, LLC AND CALUMET BRANDED PRODUCTS, LLC FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE INDUSTRIAL TAX EXEMPTION PROGRAM AT 3333 MIDWAY STREET AND 10411 HWY 1, SHREVEPORT OF THE PROJECT SITES

WHEREAS, Article 7, Section 21(F) of the Louisiana Constitution provides for the Board of Commerce and Industry ("BCI"), with the approval of the Governor, to approve contracts for the exemption of ad valorem taxes of a new manufacturing establishment or an addition to an existing manufacturing establishment, on such terms and conditions as the board, with the approval of the Governor, deems in the best interest of the state;

WHEREAS, Calumet Shreveport Shreveport Refining, LLC and Calumet Branded Products, LLC (collectively referred to in this resolution as "Calumet") has applied for an Industrial Tax Exemption ("ITE") and seeks approval of the BCI and the Governor for a contract granting that exemption;

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission approved resolutions no. 27 and no. 77 of 2018 establishing the terms and conditions of Calumet's participation in the ITE program; however, the resolutions did not include the correct names for Calumet operations; and

WHEREAS, Calumet Shreveport Lubricants & Waxes, LLC should have been Calumet Shreveport Refining, LLC and Calumet Packaging, LLC should have been Calumet Branded Products, LLC; and

WHEREAS, this resolution will amend resolutions #27 and #77 of 2018 to include the correct names for the Calumet operations as required by the BCI;

WHEREAS, Governor Edwards, through Executive Order JBE 16-73, has set forth the conditions for his approval of ITE contracts, and affirmed that those conditions are in the best interest of the state of Louisiana;

WHEREAS, Executive Order JBE 16-73 provides that ITE contracts should be premised upon job and payroll creation at new or expanded manufacturing plants or establishments, and that the percentage of exemption from ad valorem taxes, and length of the contract for such exemption, may vary depending upon the nature of the project and its economic development benefit in accordance with guidance received from the Secretary of Economic Development and concurred in by the appropriate parish or municipal governing authority, school board, and sheriff;

WHEREAS, Executive Order JBE 16-73 mandates that each exemption contract approved by the Governor shall include as Exhibit "A" a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for the ITE between the State of Louisiana, the Louisiana Department of Economic Development, and the applicant for the ITE contract, which provides for the creation or retention of jobs, and provides for the exercise of the option in the Louisiana Constitution for the term or percentage of the parish ad valorem tax exemption granted in the contract, and provides for the reduction or loss of the exemption based upon the applicant's compliance with the contract.

WHEREAS, Executive Order JBE 16-73 further requires that this parish commission together with the other required local governmental entities signify their consent to the terms of the exemption by resolution and the sheriff of this parish shall signify consent to the terms of the exemption by letter. Executive Order JBE 16-73 further provides that the resolutions of approval and the sheriff's approval shall be attached as Exhibit "B" to the ITE contract between the BCI and Calumet; and

WHEREAS, Calumet and the Louisiana Department of Economic Development have advised that certain terms and conditions forming Exhibit "A" to the Industrial Tax Exemption Contract pending approval before the Louisiana Board of Commerce and Industry have been reached and have conveyed the same to this parish commission, and thus this matter is now ready for a determination of approval of this parish commission as required by Executive Order JBE 16-73,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, upon consideration of the foregoing and the public discussion held this day, that the Caddo Parish Commission hereby approves the terms of the Industrial Tax Exemption contract based on the inclusion of the following terms and conditions into Exhibit "A" (the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the State of Louisiana, the Louisiana Department of Economic Development, and Calumet to the Industrial Tax Exemption contract between the Board of Commerce and Industry and Calumet with respect to its operations located at 3333 Midway Street and 10411 Hwy 1, Shreveport, Louisiana:

<u>Project #</u>	<u>No. of New Direct Jobs</u>	<u>Payroll</u>	<u>Term of Exemption Contract</u>	<u>% of Exemption From Parish Taxes</u>	<u>Loss of Exemption for Non-Compliance</u>
<b><u>Calumet Shreveport Refining, LLC</u></b>					
2017-0091	1	\$36,840	5 Years	100%	100%
2017-0190	4	\$147,360	5 Years	100%	100%
2017-0191	4	\$147,360	5 Years	100%	100%
2017-0192	4	\$147,360	5 Years	100%	100%
20161561-ITE	5	\$184,200	5 Years	100%	100%
20161562-ITE	5	\$184,200	5 Years	100%	100%
	<u>23</u>	<u>\$847,320</u>			
<b><u>Calumet Branded Products, LLC</u></b>					
2017-0161	<u>60</u>	<u>\$2,500,000</u>	5 Years	100%	100%
<b>Total All</b>	<u><u>83</u></u>	<u><u>\$3,347,320</u></u>			

The Caddo Parish Commission further authorizes the Louisiana Department of Economic Development, on behalf of the Board of Commerce and Industry, to include this resolution in Exhibit "B" to the Industrial Tax Exemption Contract between the Board of Commerce and Industry and Calumet Manufacturing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to Board of Commerce and Industry and the Louisiana Department of Economic Development.

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.

**THE FORGOING RESOLUTION WAS READ, AND, AFTER PUBLIC DISCUSSION, THE ROLL WAS CALLED ON THE ADOPTION THEREOF AND RESULTED AS FOLLOWS:**

YEAS: Atkins, Bowman, Cawthorne, Chavez, Dominick, Gage-Watts, Louis Johnson, Middleton, and Smith (9)

NAYS: Linn (1)

ABSENT: Jackson (1)

ABSTAIN: Lyndon B. Johnson (1)

AND the resolution was declared adopted on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2018.

It was **moved by Mrs. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. Cawthorne, *that Resolution No. 26 of 2019, urging members of the Northwest Louisiana Legislative Delegation and the Louisiana Legislature to support House Concurrent Resolution (HCR) 24 relative to requesting the Louisiana Board of Regents to study establishing a Southern University Law Center Campus in Shreveport be approved.*

**Substitute motion by Mr. Dominick**, Mrs. Gage-Watts, *to englobo and approve the following resolutions:*

- *Resolution No. 26 of 2019, urging members of the Northwest Louisiana Legislative Delegation and the Louisiana Legislature to support House Concurrent Resolution (HCR) 24 relative to requesting the Louisiana Board of Regents to study establishing a Southern University Law Center Campus in Shreveport*
- *Resolution No. 29 of 2019, declaring 'County/Parish Health Day' in Caddo Parish, Louisiana*
- *Resolution No. 30 of 2019, declaring 'National County/Parish Government Month' in Caddo Parish, Louisiana*

At this time, Mr. Dominick's substitute 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).

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 26 OF 2019**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION

A RESOLUTION URGING MEMBERS OF THE NORTHWEST LOUISIANA LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION AND THE LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE TO SUPPORT HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION (HCR) 24 RELATIVE TO REQUESTING THE LOUISIANA BOARD OF REGENTS TO STUDY ESTABLISHING A SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER CAMPUS IN SHREVEPORT

WHEREAS, the 2019 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature is considering HCR 24 to request the Louisiana Board of Regents to study how to meet education, economic, and workforce needs of the Shreveport-Bossier region, including through establishment of Southern University Law Center campus in Shreveport; and

WHEREAS, HCR 24 also requests the Louisiana Board of Regents submit a written report of findings and recommendations to the House Committee on Education by not later than ninety days prior to the beginning of the 2020 Regular Session of the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, under Article VII, Section 5(5)(2) of the Constitution of Louisiana provides, relative to public institutions of postsecondary education, that it is a power, duty, and responsibility of the

Board of Regents to approve a proposed degree program, department of instruction, division, or similar subdivision; and

WHEREAS, the Shreveport-Bossier area has great interest in establishing a campus of the Southern University Law Center in Shreveport; and

WHEREAS, there is a need in the Shreveport area for law degree programs in order to meet the educational needs of students and the economic and workforce development needs of the region; and

WHEREAS, HCR 24 seeks to provide the ability to fulfill the regions needs relative to a law school in Shreveport; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission is considering providing resources to help pay cost of study and that local facilities are available to SU System at no cost to help make this effort a reality.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that it does hereby:

Support HCR 24 requesting a feasibility study on the establishment of a Southern University Law Center campus in Shreveport.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be forwarded to the following: the Northwest Louisiana Legislative delegation, the Honorable Speaker of the House Taylor Barras, The Honorable President of the Louisiana Senate, John Alario, the House and Senate Education Committee Chair, the Commissioner of Education, and urge their support.

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. 29 OF 2019**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION

A RESOLUTION DECLARING 'COUNTY/PARISH HEALTH DAY' IN  
CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA

WHEREAS, County Health Day celebrates counties/parishes working to build a culture of health; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties encourages counties/parishes to engage around strategies for building healthy communities; and

WHEREAS, similarly, Caddo Parish also recognizes its role and responsibilities in addressing and meeting the needs of the community, and even the region, and to protect and enhance the health, well-being and safety of the citizens in efficient and cost-effective ways; and

WHEREAS, Caddo Parish will emphasize the county/parish role in health and human services and encourage cross-county/parish discussion of the challenges, benefits and best practices associated with building a culture of health at the local level; and

WHEREAS, in observance of County Government Month and County Health Day, the National Association of Counties will be launching the "County Health Works" series, highlighting health efforts at the county/parish level specifically around vulnerable populations, substance use, health equity, and innovative service delivery.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby proclaim Thursday, April 18, 2019, as:

**'COUNTY/PARISH HEALTH DAY MONTH'**

in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, in an effort to focus public attention on the role and scope of Caddo Parish Government and its relationship with the health care community.

**RESOLUTION NO. 30 OF 2019**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION

A RESOLUTION DECLARING 'NATIONAL COUNTY/PARISH GOVERNMENT MONTH' IN CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA

WHEREAS, each spring the National Association of Counties calls attention to the role that the nation's 3,069 county and parish governments play in the lives of the citizens of this nation, declaring a week in April as "National County Week" and staging activities and events that focus on county-level programs and services; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana, with its historic and singular 'parish' governmental structure serving as a unique yet functionally equivalent partner to the nation's counties, enthusiastically participates in the aims and objectives of the observance; and

WHEREAS, similarly, Caddo Parish also recognizes its role and responsibilities in addressing and meeting the needs of the community, and even the region, and to protect and enhance the health, well-being and safety of the citizens in efficient and cost-effective ways; and

WHEREAS, through National Association of Counties (NACo) President Greg Cox "Connecting the Unconnected" initiative, NACo is demonstrating how counties deliver "people-centered" services to our residents nationwide; and

WHEREAS, each year since 1991 the National Association of Counties has encouraged counties/parishes across the country to actively promote programs and services to the public we serve.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby proclaim the month of April, 2019, as:

**'PARISH GOVERNMENT MONTH'**

in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, in an effort to focus public attention on the role and scope of Caddo Parish Government, in all its aspects, and urging all citizens to recognize and reflect upon the invaluable role that Parish government plays in their lives.

It was **moved by Mr. Middleton**, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *that Resolution No. 28 of 2019, a resolution proclaiming and supporting April 14-20 as "National Public Safety Telecommunicator Week" and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. Motion carried by acclamation.*

Ms. Martha Carter, Executive Director Caddo 911 District, stated that the 911 district works well due to the well-trained officers and first responders in this area. She thanked the Commission for recognizing all of their hard work.

Chief Wolverton said that the communications officers are professionals and answers every 911 call in Caddo Parish. He thanked the Commission once again for recognizing these professionals.

Sheriff Prator echoed the same sentiments as Chief Wolverton. Sheriff Prator talked about an incident that occurred recently with three different agencies on a high speed chase and ending on Jewella and Greenwood. He said that it was chaos, but the communications officers were able to "keep everything straight". He also pointed out that the communications officers answer the phone each and every time not knowing if it is a baby choking to death and a mother needing help or someone who can't find the Holiday Inn. He said that they have to be ready for anything and should not be overlooked.

Chief Raymond also thanked the Commission for recognizing the telecommunications officers. He commended them on all of their hard work and always answering the call.

Councilman Boucher stated that he served on the board for Caddo 911. He said that the communications officers are the backbone for the first responders.

Mrs. Gage-Watts thanked the first responders for all of their hard work and keeping the citizens safe.

**RESOLUTION NO. 28 OF 2019**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING AND SUPPORTING APRIL 14-20 AS  
"NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATOR WEEK" AND TO  
OTHERWISE PROVIDE RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, tele-communicators and public safety dispatchers, are a vital link between the public and emergency service personnel by answering calls to E-911, dispatching appropriate fire, medical, and law enforcement resources, monitoring activities by radio, providing critical information, and insuring safety for all; and

WHEREAS, public safety dispatchers at Caddo Parish Communications District Number One provide services to the citizens of Caddo Parish with a heightened degree of compassion and professionalism twenty-four hours a day; and

WHEREAS, emergencies can occur at any time that may require police, fire, medical or other emergency services. The prompt response of emergency service personnel is critical to the protection of life and preservation of property here in Caddo Parish. The effectiveness and safety of emergency service personnel is dependent upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained from citizens who telephone dispatchers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission meeting in regular session on Thursday, April 18, 2019, does hereby proclaim April 14-20 as:

**NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATOR WEEK**

in Caddo Parish, in honor of the men and women whose diligence and professionalism help keep our parish and citizens safe.

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

It was **moved by Mrs. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. Bowman, *to confirm appointment of Mrs. Erica Bryant to the Caddo-Bossier Port Commission Board, term to expire June 30, 2025. 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).

**COMMUNIQUES/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

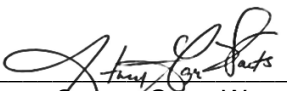
- Mrs. Gage-Watts thanked the Junior Commissioners for attending the Regular Session today. She also pointed out that the Clerk of the Commission has excuse letters for the students.

She also suggested that everyone read I Can Do All Things, by Kenya Samuels. She pointed out that the author of the book is Assistant Animal Services Director Kelvin Samuels' daughter.

- Mr. Cawthorne applauded the students who came and participated in National Parish/County Government Day. He wished all the children the best of luck on their future endeavors.

- Mr. Chavez recognized Mr. Billy Henderson, Pathways, who was in the audience today. He also announced that Word of God Ministries will be hosting their Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 20.

There being no further business to come before the body, the meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

  
Stormy Gage-Watts  
President

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Todd Hopkins  
Commission Clerk