

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
CADDO PARISH COMMISSION
HELD ON THE 23rd DAY OF MAY, 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. Louis Johnson, and Mr. Chavez led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Mr. Brandon Graham, Oasis Outreach Group, came before the Commission to invite the Commissioners and the public to their first annual Father's Day 5K Run/Walk. The event will take place on Saturday, June 8 at 8:30 a.m. It will be held at the Louisiana State Fairgrounds, 3701 Hudson Avenue, Shreveport. Participants can register online at www.sportspectrum.com for \$25, or on the day of the 5k for \$35. For more information, please contact (318) 393-0880.

Mr. Joe Kain, Carr, Riggs, & Ingram, came before the Commission to invite the Commissioners to their Opportunity Zone Conference, which will be held on Thursday, May 30. Opportunity Zones came out of the Tax Cut & Jobs Act of 2016. They reached out to governors and mayor to help determine which areas are economically depressed and have not come out of the recovery. Shreveport has five Opportunity Zones, and the Parish has one. There are over 180 Opportunity Zones in the State. It is another tax incentive for developers to look into these areas. Several economic development stakeholders will be invited to the conference. He also said it is free to the public and will be held at their office on E. Preston.

Mr. T.H. Mac, Sr. came before the Commission to discuss a property in District 12. He asked to speak with the Parish Attorney regarding this matter. Mrs. Gage-Watts requested that Attorney Frazier speak with him offline.

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

It was **moved by Mrs. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. Jackson, *to englobo and adopt the following special resolutions:*

- *Special Resolution of Recognition to Booker T. Washington High School, recognizing the Lady Lions 2019 Track & Field Team*
- *Special Reading & Recognition of Resolution No. 36 of 2019, National Maritime Day Resolution*
- *Special Resolution of Recognition to the Isabella Simon-Sanders Scholarship Awards Banquet*

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, Jackson, Louis Johnson, Lyndon B. Johnson, Linn, Middleton, and Smith (12). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: None (0). ABSTAIN: None (0).

Coach commended all of the track and field team members for all of their hard work and dedication. Mrs. Gage-Watts wished the ladies well on their future endeavors and congratulated them for being runner-ups. Mr. Bowman agreed and said the ladies made him and this Parish proud. Mr. Cawthorne also commended the ladies on all of their hard work. He pointed out that he is Booker T. Washington's alumni. Mr. Jackson pointed out that Booker T. Washington has moved from F/D status to C status. He congratulated the students and staff for achieving that academic achievement. Mr. Louis Johnson congratulated the ladies on the team. He said that sweat, tears, and hard work went into their success. Mr. Lloyd Thompson also said that the School Board is extremely proud of the ladies and wished them continued success.

**RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION
BOOKER T. WASHINGTON LADY TRACK & FIELD STATE RUNNER-UPS**

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission is always pleased to observe and enjoy the accomplishments of those Northwest Louisiana sons and daughters who have gone forth to attain success and distinction in the various endeavors they pursue; and

WHEREAS, Lady Lions coach Erica Wynne brought her winning formula from Texas in 2013 and has worked to build a powerhouse in the Louisiana's 4A girls track and field division; and

WHEREAS, Coach Wynne's formula for success included the following Lady Lions: Chyler Turner, Alexis Harris, Portia Harris, ShaBrenda Ford, Shaterica Cannon, Aisya Taylor, and Shakira Huglon, who spent countless hours training and preparing for the 2019 season; and

WHEREAS, on May 4, 2019 in Baton Rouge, Turner's first place finishes in the 100 meters, 100-meter hurdles, 300-meter hurdles and second place finish in the 4x400 relays helped to anchor their "Runner-up" team finish. Other team member top finishes included A. Harris's second place finish in the 400-meters, P. Harris's fourth place finish in the 800-meters, Ford, Harris, Huglon and Taylor's second place finish in 4x100 and 4x200 relays, and P. Harris, Taylor, A. Harris and Turner's second place finish in the 4x400 relays; and

WHEREAS, coach Wynne and her Lady Lions team bring great pride to their school and community through their championship efforts on the track and in the classroom.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, that it does hereby declare and proclaim May 23, 2019 to be:

'BTW GIRLS TRACK & FIELD STATE CHAMPION RUNNERS-UP DAY'

in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, in recognition and admiration of their notable achievements in the sport of Louisiana high school girls track & field.

The Clerk of the Commission pointed out that Mr. Ted Knight and Capt. Thomas Murphy are in attendance to receive the special reading. He mentioned that they are both graduates of United States Merchant Marines.

Captain Murphy thanked the Commission for honoring the Merchant Marines. Mr. Middleton appreciates everything the Merchant Marines have done for this Parish.

RESOLUTION NO. 36 OF 2019

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION DECLARING MAY 22, 2019 AS NATIONAL MARITIME DAY AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, on May 22, 1819, the steamship *The Savannah* set sail from Savannah, Georgia on the first successful transoceanic voyage under steam propulsion, thus making a material contribution to the advancement of ocean transportation, and

WHEREAS, on May 20, 1933, the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled and approved that May 22 of each year shall be designated and known as National Maritime Day, and

WHEREAS, during WW II in what became the world's largest sealift operation, more than 250,000 members of the American Merchant Marine served their country, with more than 6,700 giving their lives, hundreds being detained as prisoners of war and more than 800 ships being sunk or damaged, and

WHEREAS, waterways have enabled much of the commerce that has expanded America's economy, sprouted cities near waterways and facilitated vast domestic and international commerce crucial to our economy today, and

WHEREAS, merchant mariners have served America with distinction throughout our history, but especially at critical moments of war and natural disaster, and

WHEREAS, the United States Merchant Marine and thousands of other workers in our Nation's maritime industry continue to make immeasurable contributions to our economic strength and our ongoing efforts to build a more peaceful world, and

WHEREAS, the United States Merchant Marine also shepherds the safe passage of American goods, move exports to customers around the world, support the flow of domestic commerce on our maritime highways, strengthen our Nation's economy, bolster job creation and, along with the transportation industry, employ Americans on ships and tugs, and in ports, like our Port of Caddo Bossier, and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Caddo-Bossier Parishes Port Commission to increase the awareness of the maritime industry within Caddo and Bossier Parishes and the State of Louisiana.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Caddo Parish Commission joins the President of the United States of America in proclaiming May 22, 2019, as **NATIONAL MARITIME DAY** and calls upon the citizens of to celebrate this observance.

Ms. Paulette thanked the Commission for honoring her late sister and their scholarship awards. She said that the banquet is this Saturday, May 25 at 6:00 p.m. It will be held at Mt. Bethel Baptist Church in Keithville. She also mentioned that Mr. Jackson will be the keynote speaker for the event. Mr. Jackson appreciates the legacy that Ms. Isabella Sanders left for Caddo Parish.

**RESOLUTION OF WELCOME & RECOGNITION
25TH ANNUAL ISABELLA SIMON-SANDERS SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS BANQUET**

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission is pleased to acknowledge events of significance that occur in the community, and to recognize the organizations and individuals who are now and for a long time have been in the forefront of positive and worthy activities and deeds that accrue to the benefit of all; and

WHEREAS, such an organization is the Isabella Simon-Sanders Scholarship Foundation, that will be held on Saturday, May 25, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. at the Mt. Bethel No. 1 Baptist Church in Keithville, LA; and

WHEREAS, twenty-five years ago, the family of Mrs. Isabella Simon-Sanders established a scholarship in her honor, as a memorial to her and the work to which she dedicated her life. Mrs. Sanders worked in education for over 39 years with the Caddo Parish School Board. She began her career as a teacher, and during her career was promoted to principal and then to supervisor. She exemplified the scholarship motto "Promoting Education, Recognizing Achievement, and Supporting the Community". Ms. Sanders passed away recently, in March 2019, and family and friends are still grieving her loss to our community; and

WHEREAS, the IS Sanders Scholarship Fund awards scholarships to graduating seniors in Caddo Parish and surrounding communities who will attend a post high school college or vocational school. Preference is given to graduates who live, work, or attend church in the Keithville, LA community, graduates from Southwood High School, or resident of Caddo Parish.

WHEREAS, the scholarship is designed to encourage and recognize scholarship, good character, and other achievements of youth in the community; and

WHEREAS, during its 25-year existence, the IS Sanders Scholarship Fund has been able to award over 80 scholarships, and is sustained by voluntary pledges and contributions from organizations, businesses, sponsors, family and friends. Since its inception, the IS Sanders Scholarship Fund has awarded over \$80,000 scholarships to Caddo Parish students to further their education.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in legal session convened, that it does hereby welcome and recognize the **ISABELLA SIMON-SANDERS SCHOLARSHIP FUND and AWARDS BANQUET** and request all citizens of the Parish to join in applauding its committee in selection of 2019's scholarships to recipients.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission recognizes and thanks the Graham Family of Keithville for carrying on the mission and legacy of Isabella Simon-Sanders

ADOPT REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

It was **moved by Mrs. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to *adopt the Regular Session Minutes from May 9, 2019. Motion carried.*

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. Gage-Watts announced that Parish Assistant Parish Administrator's retirement party will be held on Friday, May 31 in the Government Plaza Lobby.

She wished everyone a Happy Memorial Day Weekend. Mrs. Gage-Watts also reminded everyone to remember what this holiday is about: those who gave their lives for our freedoms. She also cautioned the citizens to be careful on the waterways since the water is still high.

Mrs. Gage-Watts also announced that Public Information Office, Krystle Grindley, is back working with the Parish.

May 31 is known as the World's Non-Smoking Tobacco Day. She urged those who smoke to not on this day.

She announced that there will be a Sickle Cell Awareness Motorcycle Ride on Saturday, May 25 at St. Matthew AME Church parking lot. A variety of motorcycles will be featured in this ride.

There was also an unveiling ceremony that took place at Bill Cockrell Park with two former Commissioners being honored: Mrs. Joyce Bowman and Mr. Bill Cockrell. J.W. Hudson was also honored. Councilman Jerry Bowman, Jr. was the recipient of the Joyce Bowman Award.

She also congratulated the 2019 graduates and wished them the best of luck on their future endeavors. Mrs. Gage-Watts hopes that the children will not be idle this summer and would like to keep them involved and safe this summer.

Mrs. Gage-Watts recognized Save Our Sons (SOS) who were in attendance today.

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. 5875 of 2019, to set the General Purpose Millages and Special Purpose Millages and to instruct the Tax Assessor to include said millages on the tax roll of the Parish of Caddo for the year 2019*
- *Ordinance No. 5876 of 2019, to adopt the values fixed, or to be fixed, by the Louisiana Tax Commission on all assessments for railways and other public service corporations, and to instruct the Assessor to extend such assessments and values on the tax roll of the Parish of Caddo for the year 2019*
- *Ordinance No. 5877 of 2019, setting the assessment of property classified as timberlands and to instruct the Assessor to include said assessment on the tax roll of the Parish of Caddo for the year 2019*
- *Ordinance No. 5878 of 2019, setting the Parish Millage for the purpose of paying principal and interest, due in 2019 on outstanding Parish Bond Issues and to instruct the Assessor to include said millage on the tax roll of the Parish of Caddo for the year 2019*

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

ORDINANCES (for final passage)

It was **moved by Mr. Dominick**, seconded by Mr. Atkins, *to englobe and adopt the following ordinances:*

- *Ordinance No. 5875 of 2019, to set the General Purpose Millages and Special Purpose Millages and to instruct the Tax Assessor to include said millages on the tax roll of the Parish of Caddo for the year 2019*
- *Ordinance No. 5876 of 2019, to adopt values fixed, or to be fixed, by the Louisiana Tax Commission on all assessments for railways and other public service corporations, and to instruct the Assessor to extend such assessments and values on the tax roll of the Parish of Caddo for the year 2019*
- *Ordinance No. 5877 of 2019, setting the assessment of property classified as timberlands and to instruct the Assessor to include said assessment on the tax roll of the Parish of Caddo for the year 2019*
- *Ordinance No. 5878 of 2019, setting the Parish Millage for the purpose of paying principal and interest, due in 2019, on outstanding Parish Bond Issues and to instruct the Assessor to include said millage on the tax roll of the Parish fo Caddo for the year 2019*

Mr. Dominick explained that the Commission has to do this each and every year and sets the millage.

Substitute motion by Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Middleton, *to reduce the Biomed mills from 1.71 mills to 1.24 mills in Ordinance No. 5875 of 2019.*

Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson believes this is an opportunity to reduce the tax burden for the citizens of Caddo Parish. He said that Biomed participates in a federal grant which will give them, along with other medical organizations, \$20M.

Answering a question from Mr. Linn regarding the millages rolling forward or backwards, Mrs. Barnette said that the millages have not rolled forward in 20+ years. She said that they have remained the same.

Attorney Frazier explained to reduce the number of mills, it would need to go to the citizens for a vote. Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson stated that it was his understanding that when the voters voted on the mills, it was the maximum amount that the Commission could set. He thought that it could be reduced at any time. Attorney Frazier believes the actual number has to go before the voters.

Mr. Dominick pointed out that these millages have to be set by June 1, 2019. If it is not set by June 1, it could affect the collection rates for next year. Mr. Dominick suggested to have Biomed involved if the mills are reduced.

Substitute motion by Mr. Bowman, seconded by Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson, *to postpone Ordinance No. 5875 of 2019 until a Special Meeting can be held before June 1, 2019.*

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Chavez, *to call for the question on Mr. Bowman's substitute motion. 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).

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

Mr. Jackson believes the most fiduciary thing to do at this moment is to approve the millages as is. Mr. Dominick agreed with Mr. Jackson.

Mr. Chavez would like to see more information regarding Biomed's federal grant. He will be supporting the original motion.

Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson would like to go on record to show that he would like this millage to be reduced.

Mr. Middleton recalled his second on Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson's substitute motion.

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 5875 OF 2019

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE TO SET THE GENERAL PURPOSE MILLAGES AND SPECIAL PURPOSE MILLAGES AND TO INSTRUCT THE TAX ASSESSOR TO INCLUDE SAID MILLAGES ON THE TAX ROLL OF THE PARISH OF CADDO FOR THE YEAR 2019, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, in due, legal and regular session convened, that the following general purpose and special purpose millages (that is, fractional mills on the dollar) on the assessed valuation of all property subject to taxation in the whole of Caddo Parish, Louisiana and not specifically levied by ordinance of the Caddo Parish Commission for the year 2019 be and the same are hereby levied at the following rates for the year 2019, in accordance with Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974 and LA R.S. 47:1705, as applicable:

General:

General Alimony - For all property lying outside of cities and towns, as described below 6.05 mills

Exempted Municipalities - For all property lying within the confines of incorporated cities and towns having a population in excess of 1,000 and which maintain a system of street paving and those being Shreveport, Vivian and Bossier City 3.02 mills

Special Purpose:

Public Health:

For the creation and support of public health centers in the parish .87 mills

For the maintenance and operation of public health centers in the Parish and portion rededicated for payment of mandatory costs of the criminal justice system 1.27 mills

Shreve Memorial Library:

For the acquiring, equipping, construction, improving, maintaining and operating the public library system 4.65 mills

For the maintenance and operation of parish library facilities and portion rededicated to payment of mandatory costs of the criminal justice system 4.57 mills

Juvenile Court:

For the maintenance and operation for the juvenile court, and juvenile detention home facilities 1.97 mills

Detention Facilities:

For the maintenance and operation of detention facilities and portion rededicated for payment of mandatory costs of the criminal justice system 5.41 mills

Courthouse Maintenance:

For the maintenance and operation of parish courthouse and other building facilities 2.72 mills

Public Works:

For the maintenance and operation of road, bridge, drainage, garbage collection, and mandatory costs of the criminal justice system 5.84 mills

Public Facilities:

For the maintenance and operation of public facilities, specifically road and bridge, parks and recreation, garbage collection and drainage .83 mills

Biomedical Research:

For the promotion of economic development through the Biomedical Research Foundation of Northwest Louisiana and portion rededicated to mandatory costs of the criminal justice system 1.71 mills

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Commission Clerk shall give notice of this ordinance to the Assessor of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and instruct him to levy and assess each tax as set forth herein for the year 2019, and the Tax Collector of Caddo Parish, Louisiana shall collect and remit the same to said taxing authority in accordance with law.

This ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

MEMBERS:	YEAS:	NAYS:	ABSENT:	ABSTAINING:
Doug Dominick	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Lyndon B. Johnson	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Steven Jackson	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Matthew Linn	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Jerald Bowman	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Lynn D. Cawthorne	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Stormy Gage-Watts	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Mike Middleton	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
John E. Atkins	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Mario Chavez	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Jim Smith	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Louis Johnson	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

And the ordinance was declared adopted on this, the 23rd day of May, 2019.

 /s/ Todd Hopkins
 Clerk

 /s/ Stormy Gage-Watts
 President

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 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.

ORDINANCE NO. 5876 OF 2019

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE VALUES FIXED, OR TO BE FIXED BY THE LOUISIANA TAX COMMISSION ON ALL ASSESSMENTS FOR RAILWAYS AND OTHER PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATIONS, AND TO INSTRUCT THE ASSESSOR TO EXTEND SUCH ASSESSMENTS AND VALUES ON THE TAX ROLL OF THE PARISH OF CADDO FOR THE YEAR 2019, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal, and regular session convened, that the Caddo Parish Commission hereby adopts any and all assessments covering property owned by railways, tank car lines, and other public service corporations, and that the values named, fixed and reported be accepted and adopted as the values for all Parish purposes.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Commission Clerk shall give notice of this ordinance to the Assessor of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and instruct him to levy and assess each applicable tax millage upon these values as set forth herein for the year 2019.

This ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

MEMBERS:	YEAS:	NAYS:	ABSENT:	ABSTAINING:
Doug Dominick	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Lyndon B. Johnson	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Steven Jackson	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Matthew Linn	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Jerald Bowman	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Lynn D. Cawthorne	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Stormy Gage-Watts	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Mike Middleton	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
John E. Atkins	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Mario Chavez	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Jim Smith	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Louis Johnson	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

And the ordinance was declared adopted on this, the 23rd day of May, 2019.

/s/ Todd Hopkins
 Clerk

/s/ Stormy Gage-Watts
 President

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 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.

ORDINANCE NO. 5877 OF 2019

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE ASSESSMENT OF PROPERTY CLASSIFIED AS TIMBERLANDS AND TO INSTRUCT THE ASSESSOR TO INCLUDE SAID ASSESSMENT ON THE TAX ROLL OF THE PARISH OF CADDO FOR THE YEAR 2019, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal, and regular session convened, that the Tax Assessor of Caddo Parish be authorized and instructed to assess property in Caddo Parish, classified as timberlands at eight cents (\$.08) per acre for the year 2019.

This ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

MEMBERS:	YEAS:	NAYS:	ABSENT:	ABSTAINING:
Doug Dominick	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Lyndon B. Johnson	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Steven Jackson	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Matthew Linn	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Jerald Bowman	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Lynn D. Cawthorne	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Stormy Gage-Watts	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Mike Middleton	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
John E. Atkins	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Mario Chavez	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Jim Smith	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Louis Johnson	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

And the ordinance was declared adopted on this, the 23rd day of May, 2019.

/s/ Todd Hopkins
 Clerk

/s/ Stormy Gage-Watts
 President

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that, the Commission Clerk shall give notice of this ordinance to the Assessor of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and instruct him to levy and assess the applicable tax, at the above stated rate, upon these values as set forth herein for the year 2019.

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 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.

ORDINANCE NO. 5878 OF 2019

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE PARISH MILLAGE FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST, DUE IN 2019 ON

OUTSTANDING PARISH BOND ISSUES AND TO INSTRUCT THE ASSESSOR TO INCLUDE SAID MILLAGE ON THE TAX ROLL OF THE PARISH OF CADDO FOR THE YEAR 2018, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, on August 1, 2007, the Parish of Caddo issued general obligation bonds in the total aggregate sum of \$10,000,000; and

WHEREAS, on August 1, 2008, the Parish of Caddo issued general obligation bonds in the total aggregate sum of \$10,000,000; and

WHEREAS, on September 17, 2009, the Parish of Caddo issued general obligation bonds in the total aggregate sum of \$10,000,000; and

WHEREAS, on May 15, 2015, the Parish of Caddo sold Refunding Bonds in the total aggregate sum of \$6,850,000; and

WHEREAS, on February 25, 2015 the Parish of Caddo sold Refunding Bonds in the total aggregate sum of \$6,345,000; and

WHEREAS, on May 19, 2016 the Parish of Caddo sold Refunding Bonds in the total aggregate sum of \$7,250,000; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to levy a millage tax for the year 2019 in order to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, which will fall due in the year 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, in due, legal, and regular session convened, that a special tax of 1.5 mills on the dollar on assessed valuation of all property subject to taxation within the whole of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, be and the same is hereby levied for the year 2018, for the purpose of paying principal and interest which will become due in the year 2019 on the aforesaid public improvement bonds and refunding bonds.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Commission Clerk shall give notice of this ordinance to the Assessor of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and instruct him to levy and assess each tax as set forth herein for the year 2018.

This ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

MEMBERS:	YEAS:	NAYS:	ABSENT:	ABSTAINING:
Doug Dominick	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Lyndon B. Johnson	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Steven Jackson	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Matthew Linn	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Jerald Bowman	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Lynn D. Cawthorne	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Stormy Gage-Watts	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Mike Middleton	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
John E. Atkins	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Mario Chavez	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Jim Smith	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Louis Johnson	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

And the ordinance was declared adopted on this, the 23rd day of May, 2019.

 /s/ Todd Hopkins
 Clerk

 /s/ Stormy Gage-Watts
 President

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 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 19-300-9, in regards to Ordinance No. 5879 of 2019, 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 Williamson Way and Union Pacific Line from R-E, Residential Estate District to I-1, Light Industrial District

ORDINANCES (introduction by title)

- *Ordinance No. 5880 of 2019, amending Section 30-52 of the Code of Ordinances relative to Regulation of Nonindustrial Waste, Garbage, and Junk, to include property in violation of Chapter 30, Article II, Dilapidated and Dangerous Buildings & Structures*
- *Ordinance No. 5881 of 2019, amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Economic Development Fund in the amount of \$20,000 to provide an appropriation for the Small Business Development Center*

It was **moved by Mr. Middleton**, seconded by Mr. Linn, *that the Work Session Minutes from May 20, 2019 be approved. Motion carried.*

RESOLUTIONS

It was **moved Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *to englobo and adopt the following items:*

- *Resolution No. 40 of 2019, a resolution approving Ternium USA, Inc. for participation in the Industrial Tax Exemption Program at 2500 Ron Bean, Bld, Shreveport project site*
- *Resolution No. 41 of 2019, proclaiming May as "Skin Cancer Awareness Month" in Caddo Parish*
- *Resolution No. 42 of 2019, proclaiming May as "National Stroke Awareness Month" in Caddo Parish*
- *Caddo Parish Selection of LCDBG Application. Selection to forward to the State for possible funding relative to the LCDBG Program: 1. Lakeview Waterworks District*

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. 40 OF 2019

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION APPROVING
TERNIUM USA, INC. FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE INDUSTRIAL TAX
EXEMPTION PROGRAM AT 2500 RON BEAN BLVD, SHREVEPORT
OF THE PROJECT SITE

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, Ternium is in the process to revamp the Galvanizing Line at its steel products manufacturing plant, located in Caddo Parish, and to support and optimize the plant's operations and logistics; and

WHEREAS, Ternium USA, Inc. was approved by the BCI on April 24, 2019 for an Industrial Tax Exemption ("ITE") for a contract granting that exemption; and

WHEREAS, the approval grants Ternium, subject to Ternium's adherence to the terms and conditions of the agreement with the BCI, (1) an 80% exemption from ad valorem taxes for the initial exemption contract of five years and (2) 80% exemption from ad valorem taxes for the renewal exemption contract of five years with the express understanding that Ternium's compliance with and performance of the of the agreed upon objectives and conditions shall be a consideration as to the renewal of the exemption; and

WHEREAS, Title 13 of the Louisiana Administrative Code, 503(H)(1) ("Rule") provides that local government entities have thirty days to determine whether to take further action on the approval in accordance with the Rule and provide the necessary notice to the Louisiana Department of Economic Development (LED); and

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 of the 80% exemption from ad valorem taxes as approved by the BCI providing Ternium adheres to the terms and conditions of the agreement

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, Jackson, Louis Johnson, Lyndon B. Johnson, Linn, Middleton, and Smith (12).

NAYS: None (0).

ABSENT: None (0).

ABSTAIN: None (0).

AND the resolution was declared adopted on this 23rd day of May 2019.

RESOLUTION NO. 41 OF 2019

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY AS "SKIN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH" IN CADDO PARISH

WHEREAS, May is designated as National Skin Cancer Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, Skin cancer touches the lives of countless Caddo residents from every background and every community across our Parish; and

WHEREAS, skin cancer is the most common cancer in the United States. It accounts for between 30 and 40 percent of all cancers and is increasing at a significant rate. Approximately 18,000 Americans will develop a primary melanoma and over 500,000 Americans will develop nonmelanoma skin cancer this year. Epidemiological studies show that the incidence of melanoma has doubled every decade since the 1930s and is now increasing at a faster rate than any other cancer, except lung cancer in women; and

WHEREAS, Melanoma has a mortality rate of 25 percent and causes 5,000 deaths per year, and nonmelanoma skin cancer causes another 2,000 deaths per year. The 1983 National Institutes of Health Consensus Conference on Precursors to Malignant Melanoma found that the incidence of melanoma and the number of deaths from melanoma are increasing in many areas of the world and found evidence that early recognition and surgical removal of melanoma make it a highly curable cancer; and

WHEREAS, patients with increased risk of developing melanoma and nonmelanoma skin cancers can be identified, and early treatment of melanoma and nonmelanoma skin cancers results in high cure rates; and

WHEREAS, sun exposure is an undisputed cause of nonmelanoma skin cancer and is an important factor in the development of melanoma. The number of skin cancers can be reduced through sun protection measures such as the use of sun screen lotions and simple changes in lifestyle. The American Academy of Dermatology and State and local dermatologic organizations are committed to

heightening the awareness and understanding of melanoma and nonmelanoma skin cancers among members of the general public and the health care community; and

WHEREAS, during National Skin Cancer Awareness Month, the Caddo Parish Commission honors those we have lost, lend our strength to those who carry on the fight, and pledge to educate ourselves and our loved ones about this tragic disease; and

WHEREAS, this month we stand and we recognize the ongoing efforts of dedicated advocates, researchers, and health care providers who strive each day to defeat this terrible disease.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, meeting in legal and regular session this 23th day of May, 2019 that it does hereby proclaim May, 2019 as:

'SKIN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH'

in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and urges all citizens to join with the Parish in recognition of this important month.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 42 OF 2019

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY AS "NATIONAL STROKE AWARENESS MONTH" IN CADDO PARISH

WHEREAS, stroke is a leading cause of death in the United States and a major cause of adult disability. It strikes between 400,000 and 600,000 Americans each year. Many of its victims, their brain cells damaged by impaired circulation, never fully regain their physical and mental abilities. Stroke costs this country more than \$11 billion annually in medical treatment and lost productivity, but far more regrettable is the immeasurable suffering it brings to victims and their families; and

WHEREAS, stroke occurs suddenly, abruptly ending careers and thwarting plans for the future. Its causes, however, are more subtle. Stroke can result from a blood clot that blocks circulation, a buildup of fatty deposits in arteries that then become dangerously narrow, or the rupture of a blood vessel in the brain. Smoking, diabetes, and stress also may contribute to a stroke attack; and

WHEREAS, stroke can often be avoided by controlling its risk factors. Paying attention to stroke's warning signals, particularly the symptoms of a transient ischemic attack, or "little stroke," can prevent serious damage to a victim's health and may even save his life. During this temporary attack, a person may experience numbness, weakness, or tingling in an extremity or side of the face, momentarily lose sight in one or both eyes, or have difficulty speaking. Such a "little stroke" requires immediate medical attention to prevent its probable recurrence as a major attack; and

WHEREAS, scientists, physicians, and public health educators are working hard to eliminate the threat of stroke. The research assault on this disease is being led by the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke. Several major clinical trials of preventive treatments are currently being conducted, and 13 clinical research centers have been established in medical complexes across the country; and

WHEREAS, so many of the condition's risk factors can be minimized by personal effort, public awareness is the key weapon in conquering stroke. The National Stroke Association, the National Heart Association, and other private voluntary agencies play an important role in educating the public about stroke and provide valuable services for victims and their families. We do well to support their efforts and to heed their advice in caring for our health; and

WHEREAS, to enhance public awareness of stroke, the Caddo Parish Commission has designated the month of May as "National Stroke Awareness Month".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, meeting in legal and regular session this 23th day of May, 2019 that it does hereby proclaim May, 2019 as:

'NATIONAL STROKE AWARENESS MONTH'

in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and urges all citizens to join with the Parish in recognition of this important month.

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

COMMUNIQUES/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mr. Louis Johnson acknowledge Mr. Jim Taliaferro, who was in attendance today.

- Mr. Linn congratulated Byrd's Golf Team for their State Championship.
- Mr. Jackson gave kudos to Animal Services for tending to a citizens complaint immediately.

He also asked Clay Walker, Juvenile Services, for information regarding Solen's Law. Mr. Walker stated that he has spoken with the judges regarding this matter. The law asks for a risk assessment instrument, which has been conducted by the Juvenile Services Department since 2007. He also said that they will be working with the State to help out the areas who do not have this tool.

He also asked Mr. Walker about the capacity of the detention center. Mr. Walker explained that they have not been at capacity since the implementation of the Raise the Age Act. In July 2020, all seventeen year olds, including the violent ones, will have to go to the Juvenile Detention Center. Mr. Walker also said that he will be sending the monthly statistics every month.

- Mr. Middleton mentioned that this is Memorial Day Weekend. He reminded everyone that this weekend is to honor those who did not make home after the wars.

He announced that the Veterans Celebration Committee will be hosting a Memorial Day event at Bill Cockrell Park on Friday, May 24 at 11:00 a.m.

- Mr. Chavez talked about the Summer Work Program. He said that the budget for the program is \$140,000, which is approximately thirty-nine students. Mr. Chavez mentioned that the number of currently reserved spots for students is sixty. He said some of the Commissioners on the list have 10-15 students. He asked that the Commissioners review the listing to ensure that those the students were actually sponsored by the Commissioners. He would like the list to be "dialed down".

Mr. Chavez gave kudos to the MPC for their business friendly attitude.

- Attorney Frazier pointed out that student workers are not allocated by district. The Charter prohibits spending by district.

She also announced that the Mr. Lucky's Retirement Celebration will be held on Friday, May 31 at 2:00 p.m. in the Government Plaza Lobby.

- Mr. Dominick wanted to know if the Commission went over budget with the Student Worker Program. Mrs. Barnett stated that the Commission went over budget last year and is projected to go over budget this year. Mr. Dominick wanted to know how the budget was amended to cover the extra expenses. Mrs. Barnett explained that the Commission would have to amend the budget if they go over by 5% in total. She also said that the students have not started working as of yet, but based on the number of students that have submitted applications, they are projected to go over. There are currently sixty-one students on the list, and the Commissioners are the ones who submit the applications.

- Mr. Atkins also commended the MPC and their business friendly attitude.

He also talked about the Summer Work Program. He said that the Commissioners look to Administration to help manage this program and keep it in budget.

- Mrs. Gage-Watts wanted to know how much over budget the Summer Work Program is. Mrs. Barnett explained that sixty-one students working forty hours a week getting paid \$9 an hour is approximately \$260,000. She also pointed out that thirty-nine students would keep the Summer Work Program in budget of \$140,000. Mrs. Barnett also mentioned that not all of the students will be working forty hour weeks, nor will they all work the full twelve weeks.

Mrs. Gage-Watts explained that several of the Commissioners are still receiving phone calls regarding the Summer Work Program. She encouraged all of the students to continue to apply. She pointed out that nobody has been hired just yet. She "does not consider real numbers at this point".

- Mr. Louis Johnson appreciated Mr. Chavez for bringing this information forward. He also said that the Summer Work Program is one of the most important services the Commission provides. This program puts children in a position of responsibility and is a learning experience.


- Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson said that the Summer Work Program helps prevent crime by giving the students something to do in the summertime. He suggested to possibly shorten the program time.

- Mr. Jackson stated that the experience the students gain from the Summer Work Program is "lifelong".

- Mrs. Gage-Watts would like to be on the books for a Juvenile Justice Committee meeting on June 3 at 2:00 p.m., and Expungement Summit Committee meeting on June 6 at 2:00 p.m.

- Mr. Atkins asked that the Commissioners maintain discipline in the Summer Work Program.

There being no further business to come before the body, the meeting was adjourned at 5:27 p.m.



Stormy Gage-Watts
President

Todd Hopkins
Commission Clerk