

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
CADDO PARISH COMMISSION
HELD ON THE 4TH DAY OF JUNE, 2020

The Caddo Parish Commission met in legal and regular session, on the above date, at 3:30 p.m., via Zoom teleconference, with President Chavez, presiding, and the following members in attendance, constituting a quorum: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Cawthorne, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (11). ABSENT: Commissioner Jackson (1).

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

AGENDA ADDITIONS

It was **moved by Mr. Burrell**, seconded by Mr. Epperson, *to expand the agenda and add Resolution No. 40 of 2020, a resolution opposing Louisiana HB 10 of the Special Legislative Session and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* under New Business.

At this time, Mr. Chavez opened the floor for anyone to speak in favor or opposition to this agenda addition.

Mr. Kris Kracman sent in the following statement:

Good afternoon Commission. The Caddo Alliance for Freedom questions the intentions in the expedite of the i-49 connector. Its proponents project economic & commerce boost. But as we review the facts we find extremely deep holes & lack of community support. Allendale has found its self at a halt in community & homeowner revitalization. A practice that most of urban Shreveportians have been begging communities to do. Now this project & its beneficiaries want to run a 800 million dollar highway down the heart of Allendale. And at what benefit? To get to Texarkana two...maybe three minutes faster? This is yet another scheme, preying on a city in financial dismay. We as a parish & city are going to practice eminent domain on our citizens for no permanent benefits. All local jobs created are temporary. Most concrete contracts aren't likely to be local. Think about the resolution before you push it forward. Ask yourselves "Do I want to rip family homes out from under hard working citizens? Citizens that have stayed in this community, overcame many adversities, & stood by the city they love. For a three minute driving convenience." This is not a reasonable request. Your position as a elected officials is to protect the needs & wants of your constituents. The Caddo Alliance for Freedom can promise you all, not one of the twelve of you have a constituent prepared to lose their home in vain. We urge you all to vote a resounding "NO" to resolution 40. The Caddo Alliance for Freedom will ALWAYS stand strong for private property rights regardless of rural or urban. Caddo Alliance for Freedom Co-founder, Chris Kracman

Mr. John Perkins expressed his opposition to the agenda addition.

Mr. Burrell said that this project has been in the works for several years. He also explained that there is now 80% more people in that area than when it first started. Mr. Burrell also said that this would have a huge economic impact for this City and Parish. He asked that the Commissioners support this agenda addition.

Mr. Johnson said that the Inner-City Connector is approximately 3.8 miles, with less than a mile of residential area. The remainder of the area is not occupied or is wasteland. Mr. Johnson also explained that this would connect I-49. He believes that the Commission should be supporting this and pushing for it to be completed.

Mr. Cawthorne echoed the same sentiments as Mr. Johnson. He also said that Allendale was decimated about two decades ago, not in the more recent years. He said that the "damage has been done" to Allendale when the housing areas and entertainment areas were no longer in Allendale. He believes that this would be an economic driver for this area. Mr. Burrell pointed out that the majority of the property in that area was adjudicated.

Mr. Taliaferro wanted to know if the Inner-City Connector would have an exit for commerce in downtown Shreveport. Mr. Burrell said that it would.

At this time, Mr. Burrell's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Cawthorne, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (11). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioner Jackson (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Ms. Tara Mondloch sent in the following statement:

Thank you for the opportunity to attend. I unfortunately have a conflict and won't be able to attend but I appreciate the opportunity to bid for the Official Journal of Publication- if there's anything I can assist with or provide in addition to what was submitted, please let me know.

ADOPT REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

It was **moved by Mr. Hopkins**, seconded by Mr. Johnson, *that the Regular Session Minutes from May 21, 2020* be adopted. Motion carried.

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

It was **moved by Mr. Taliaferro**, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *that Special Proclamation recognizing the Senior Class of 2020 in Caddo Parish* be adopted. Motion carried by acclamation.

Mr. Taliaferro express that he would like for all the Seniors to receive a copy of the proclamation in some form.

**PROCLAMATION
GRADUATION CLASS OF 2020**

Whereas, 2020 has been a year marked by unprecedented circumstances which have prohibited typical high school graduation, year-end activities and celebrations; and

Whereas, Caddo Parish Schools' Seniors have exhibited incredible strength, resiliency, grace, adaptability & school spirit; and

Whereas, the Class of 2020 makes Caddo Parish Citizens proud with their commitment to responsible citizenship in this unprecedented time of Covid-19; and

Whereas, the Class of 2020 will be our future leaders, pioneers, creators, motivators, and role models;

Whereas, there's a resilience in the heart of those who endure hardship, like broken bones that heal stronger than before, because adversity does not build character, it reveals it;

Whereas, Caddo Parish supports and congratulates all of the students who will continue to influence our parish long after this crisis has ended.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, by the Caddo Parish Commission, meeting in legal and regular session this 4th day of June, 2020 that it does hereby proclaim June 2020 as:

'Caddo Parish Class of 2020 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 we applaud the students whose hard work is deserving of recognition. We recognize and appreciate the sacrifices that the 2020 Senior class has made for the wellbeing of Caddo Parish citizens. We offer special recognition for those who have had family members or future plans directly impacted by Covid-19.

It was **moved by Mr. Epperson**, seconded by Mr. Chavez, *that Special Proclamation observing Monday, May 25, 2020 as Memorial Day in Caddo Parish* be adopted. Motion carried by acclamation.

**PROCLAMATION
MEMORIAL DAY 2020**

Whereas, since our nation's inception, brave men and women have given their lives to protect our freedoms in service to our great nation, and we have strived to honor their sacrifice through historic burial grounds and battlefields, memorials, and other tributes that recognize the fallen; and

Whereas, in 1967, federal law declared that the last Monday in May is designated as Memorial Day, beginning in 1971; and

Whereas, memorial day is a day of remembrance and celebration in honor of the heroism and valor of the members of the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Air Force, and National Guard; and

Whereas, the Parish of Caddo pays tribute to the fallen, our veterans; and

Whereas, on this day, in our communities across the united states of America will remember loved ones who have given the ultimate sacrifice as part of ongoing conflicts, as well as those who fell during previous conflicts and war; and

Whereas, on this day, and throughout the year, the Parish of Caddo, joins citizens in their sorrow and pride for the fallen and in giving thanks to those who made the ultimate sacrifice to keep our nation free.

Be it Resolved, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, please observe all safety measures regarding social distancing and other CDC guidelines.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, by the Caddo Parish Commission, in due and legal session, that it does hereby proclaim the 25th day of May, 2020 as

“Memorial Day”

in Caddo Parish and commend its observance to all citizens.

COMMUNIQUES/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- NOTE: Certificate for Teleconference

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Louisiana has issued Proclamation Number 33 JBE 2020, stating that, due to the current Public Health emergency declared in the Governor’s Proclamation Number 25 JBE 2020, and citing the provisions of La. R.S. 29:721, et seq., granting him the authority to control the “ingress and egress to and from a disaster, the movement of persons within the area, and the occupancy of premises therein; and,

WHEREAS, the Governor, in Proclamation Number 33 JBE 2020, has limited all gatherings of 10 or more people, for public safety purposes; and,

WHEREAS, Governor has issued a general stay at home order “unless performing an essential activity,” 33 JBE 2020, Section 3; and,

WHEREAS, attendance at a Caddo Parish Commission Regular Session meeting is not stated in the list of essential activities, listed in 33 JBE 2020, Section 3; and,

WHEREAS, the usual conduct of the meeting would require travel and the presence of a number of persons in excess of ten (10); and,

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State, in Proclamation Number 30 JBE 2020, Section 4, issued on March 16, 2020, has invoked the aforementioned statutes authorizing him to allow attendance at essential governmental meetings via teleconference or video conference during the pendency of this emergency; and,

THEREFORE, the Caddo Parish Commission hereby certifies that it will not be able to obtain a quorum and convene a meeting in a public forum on June 4, 2020 due to the Governor’s proclamations, and will be required to meet by video conference, and, if necessary teleconference, on that date as allowed by law and the Proclamations of the Governor listed above. Date: May 20, 2020

/s/Mario
Chavez
Caddo Parish Commission President

- Dr. Wilson advised the Commissioners that they received the 2020 April Financial Reports via email.

- Mr. Epperson reminded the Commissioners of the 76th Anniversary of the D-Day Invasion on June 6, 2020. He also announced that June 14th is Flag Day. He also announced that U.S. Army will be celebrating its 245th Anniversary on June 14th.

Mr. Epperson also talked about the USS Golet, which was declared missing and on eternal patrol on June 14, 1944. Petty Officer Second Class, Carl McCasland Bickham, from Vivian was on that submarine.

He also offered condolences for Mr. George Floyd and his family.

ORDINANCES (for introduction by title)

- *Ordinance No. 5959 of 2020, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Oil & Gas Fund for the year 2020 to provide an appropriation for the purchase of masts to combat COVID-19 and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

It was **moved by Mrs. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. Hopkins, *that the Work Session Minutes from June 1, 2020 and June 3, 2020 be approved. Motion carried.*

Mr. Johnson asked for a point of clarification regarding the June 1 Work Session minutes. He stated that there was no meeting, so he wanted to know how those minutes are to be ratified. Attorney Frazier clarified that the Work Session scheduled for June 1, 2020 was a regularly scheduled meeting, so the minutes for that meeting have to be ratified and filed. She said that the minutes call for the Commissioners who were in attendance and that there was not a quorum.

RESOLUTIONS

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Hopkins, *to englobo and adopt the following resolutions:*

- *Resolution No. 34 of 2020, a resolution authorizing Administration to suspend 2020 NGO payments with certain exceptions and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Resolution No. 35 of 2020, a resolution to authorize the Caddo Parish Administrator to request and authorize the Louisiana State Mineral & Energy Board and the Office of Mineral Resources to accept nominations and advertise for oil, gas, and mineral leases, accept bids, and award and execute oil, gas, and mineral leases on certain mineral interests owned by the Parish of Caddo, and otherwise providing with respect thereto*
- *Resolution No. 36 of 2020, a resolution urging the State Legislature to authorize the automatic extension of time for voting at polling places that are opened late or suffer delays for unforeseen emergencies, and otherwise providing with respect thereto*
- *Resolution No. 37 of 2020, a resolution urging Governor Edwards and the Louisiana Legislature to review enforcement of fines and penalties for violations of Louisiana Ethics Laws, and otherwise providing with respect thereto*
- *Resolution No. 38 of 2020, a resolution proclaiming and supporting June as Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness Month and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Resolution No. 39 of 2020, a resolution urging Governor Edwards to consider changes to his disaster proclamation to allow for public meetings to be held in person with teleconference participation and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Resolution No. 40 of 2020, a resolution opposing Louisiana HB 10 of the Special Legislative Session and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

There was discussion regarding Resolution No. 36 of 2020:

Mr. Hopkins stated that his question was regarding the number of instances where precincts were not opened up in time. He also pointed out that it is a lengthy process regarding getting laws changed with regards to voting. Mr. Mike Spence, Clerk of Court, stated that there has been times—very few times, where the precincts opened up late. He said that the latest was thirty minutes.

Mr. Atkins wanted to know if there was any concerns with the adoption of Resolution No. 36. Mr. Spence stated that right now, it only allows for federal elections and it requires a judge's signature to extend it. The only concern would be keeping the Commissioners there past the polls closing time. He also said that it does not give him any concerns regarding election results or integrity.

Mr. Taliaferro wanted clarification regarding power outages at a precinct. Mr. Spence explained that if the power goes out, the machines have battery backup which can last up to two hours. Once the power goes out, the Secretary of State's Office is notified, who then contacts the Voters Warehouse. They bring generators to the polling places to ensure that the machines stay on.

Mr. Burrell said that voters should have every opportunity to vote. Mrs. Gage-Watts thanked Mr. Spence for all of his hard work, especially during elections.

Mr. Chavez wanted to know how much of an impact would it be on the voting results if a precinct were to stay open late on the last day of an election. Mr. Spence said that it would have little impact.

Mr. Spence provided the Commissioners with his contact information.

At this time, Mr. Johnson's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Cawthorne, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Johnson, Lazarus, and Taliaferro (10). NAYS: Commissioner Young (1). ABSENT: Commissioner Jackson (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

RESOLUTION NO. 34 OF 2020

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADMINISTRATION TO SUSPEND 2020 NGO PAYMENTS WITH CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, COVID19 is a national pandemic in the United States; and

WHEREAS, national, state and local health emergencies have been declared due to the COVID 19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana citizens are contracting COVID19 in large numbers; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the pandemic, revenues used to fund the Parish's NGO program have declined; and

WHEREAS, this decline has caused a situation wherein the Parish does not have the revenue that was budgeted to fully fund the 2020 NGO program; and

WHEREAS, it is a violation of the State Budget Act for the Parish to pay expenditures when the revenue source does not have adequate funds to cover those expenditures; and

WHEREAS, there is enough revenue to pay a limited amount of the funds budgeted for the NGO program; and

WHEREAS organizations providing essential services should be paid.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened that the Caddo Parish Commission hereby authorizes Parish Administration to suspend NGO payments until a revenue analysis shows that the revenues in the requisite funds will cover the full amounts appropriated, with the following exceptions:

1. Caddo Council on Aging - \$75,000.00
2. Food Bank of Northwest Louisiana - \$90,000.00
3. Hope Connections - \$15,000.00
4. MLK CDC - \$10,000.00
5. Robinson's Rescue - \$25,000.00
6. Shreveport Green - \$7,500.00
7. St. Luke's Episcopal Mobile Medical - \$6,750.00
8. SuperMen for Christ - \$5,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that excepted organizations must still meet all requirement of the NGO program prior to receiving any disbursement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution is effective immediately upon its passage.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 35 OF 2020

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CADDO PARISH ADMINISTRATOR TO REQUEST AND AUTHORIZE THE LOUISIANA STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD AND THE OFFICE OF

MINERAL RESOURCES TO ACCEPT NOMINATIONS AND ADVERTISE FOR OIL, GAS AND MINERAL LEASES, ACCEPT BIDS, AND AWARD AND EXECUTE OIL, GAS AND MINERAL LEASES ON CERTAIN MINERAL INTERESTS OWNED BY THE PARISH OF CADDO, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo may own certain mineral rights underlying the following described property, to-wit:

Those certain road dedications located in Section 1, Township 17 North, Range 15 West, known as Lake Hills Drive, Southridge Drive, Bradford Drive, Sandra Drive, Gorton Road, Hatcher Road, Yarbrough Road, and other unnamed or unbuild roads all located in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and containing 19.95 acres, more or less, and those certain adjudicated properties described as Portion of Lot 91, Yarbrough Subdivision, Unit 2 with a Geo. #1714501-014-0121, containing .22 acres and Lot 30, Cross Lake Hills Subdivision, Unit 1 with a Geo. #171501-007- 0030, containing .89 acres, more or less, with Section 1, T17N, R15W containing a total of 21.06 acres, more or less, all in Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

Those certain road dedications located in Section 12, Township 17 North, Range 15 West, known as Dianne Street, Hatcher Road, Melrose Lane, Newman Lane, Autumn Lane, Sandra Drive, Gorton Road, Yarbrough Road, Lawton Lane, Linda Street, Lake Hills Drive, a portion of Parkwood, and other unnamed or unbuild roads all located in Caddo Parish, Louisiana and containing 24.94 acres, more or less, and those certain adjudicated properties described as a portion of Lot 3, Longwood Village Subdivision, Unit 9 with a Geo. #171512-039-0007, containing .16 acres, more or less and that certain tract located in the East Half of Southwest Quarter (E/2 of SW/4) of Section 12 with a Geo. #171512-000-0204, containing .03 acres, with Section 12, T17N, R15W containing a total of 25.13 acres, more or less, all in Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

Those certain road dedications located in Section 13, Township 17 North, Range 15 West, known as Chest Drive, Land O Trees Street, Greenwood Blvd., Wildwood Drive, Yontan Road, Honda Drive, Chibana Circle, McKinnon, Noyes Drive, and other unnamed or unbuild roads all located in Caddo Parish, Louisiana and containing 9.66 acres, more or less, and those certain adjudicated properties described as Lot 9 and ½ abandoned Hillside Street, Blk. 3, Greenwood Park, Geo. #171513-009-0009, Lot 1, Geo. #171513-005-0001 and Lot 2, Geo. #171513-005- 0002, both in Wildwood Terrace, Unit No. 1, Lot 77, Geo. #171513-033-0077, Lot 78, Geo. #171513-033-0078, Lot 79, Geo. #171513-033-0079, all in Pine Ridge Subdivision, Phase 4, Lot 5, Geo. #171513-035-0005, Lot 6, Geo. #171513-035-0006, Lot 9, Geo. #171513-035-0009, Lot 11, Geo. #171513-035-0011, Lot 12, Geo. #171513-035-0012, Lot 13, Geo. #171513-035-0013, Lot 14, Geo. #171513-035-0014, Lot 15, Geo. #171513-035-0015, Lot 16, Geo. #171513-035- 0016, Lot 17, Geo. #171513-035-0017, Lot 18, Geo. #171513-035-0018, Lot 19, Geo. #171513- 035-0019, Lot 20, Geo. #171513-035-0020, Lot 23, Geo. #171513-035-0023, Lot 24, Geo. #171513-035-0024, Lot 25, Geo. #171513-035-0025, Lot 26, Geo. #171513-035-0026, Lot 27, Geo. #171513-035-0027, Lot 28, Geo. #171513-035-0028, Lot 31, Geo. #171513-035-0031, Lot 32, Geo. #171513-035-0032, Lot 34, Geo. #171513-035-0034, Lot 37, Geo. #171513-035-0037, Lot 43, Geo. #171513-035-0043, Lot 44, Geo. #171513-035-0044, Lot 45, Geo. #171513-035- 0045, Lot 51, Geo. #171513-035-0051, Lot 52, Geo. #171513-035-0052, Lot 56, Geo. #171513- 035-0056, Lot 58, Geo. #171513-035-0058, Lot 64, Geo. #171513-035-0064, Lot 69, Geo. #171513-035-0069, and Lot 78, Geo. #171513-035-0078, all in Oaklawn Village Townhomes Subdivision, said adjudicated property total acreage being 3.96 acres, more or less, with Section 13, T17N, R15W containing a total of 13.62 acres, more or less, all in Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

Those certain road dedications located in Section 24, Township 17 North, Range 15 West, known as Dixie Blvd., Frances Street, Greenwood Blvd., Rose Road, Wildwood Drive, Noyes Drive and other unnamed or unbuild roads, all located in Caddo Parish Louisiana and containing 6.92 acres, more or less, and those certain adjudicated properties described as the North 50.4 feet of Lot 46, Blk. 2, Greenwood Park Subdivision, Geo. #171513-008-0074, the North 71.3 feet of South 102.6 feet of Lot 46, Blk. 2, Greenwood Park Subdivision, Geo. #171513-008-0078, and the West 13.56 feet of Lot 1, Teetom Subdivision, Geo. #171524-

010- 0005, said adjudicated property total acreage being .21 acres, more or less, with Section 24, T17N, R15W containing a total of 7.13 acres, more or less, all in Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

Those certain adjudicated properties located in Section 25, Township 17 North, Range 15 West, described as Lot 97, Fairway Forest Area 3, Huntington Park Subdivision, Geo. #171525- 015-0097, a portion of Lot 42, Steeple Chase Area 2, Huntington Park Subdivision, Geo. #171525-016-0155, the West ½ of Lot 119, Fox Crossing, Huntington Park Subdivision, Geo. #171525-006-0119, Lot 128, Oak Hollow Area 2, Huntington Park Subdivision, Geo.#171525- 024-0128, the South 18.83 feet of Lot 54, Geo. #171525-022-0089, the South .17 feet of Lot 60, Geo. #171525-022-0093 and portion of Lot 66, Geo. #171525-022-0068 all in Oak Hollow Area 1, Huntington Park Subdivision, said adjudicated property total acreage being 3.40 acres, more or less, with Section 25, T17N, R15W containing a total of 3.40 acres, more or less, all in Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

Those certain road dedications located in Section 13, Township 18 North, Range 15 West, known as Charles Street, Rae Street, Dansby Street and other unnamed or unbuilt roads, all located in Caddo Parish Louisiana and containing 11.57 acres, more or less, and a ½ interest to the Northeast Quarter of Northwest Quarter (NE/4 of NW/4) of Section 13, T18N, R15W, containing 40 acres, more or less, and those certain adjudicated properties described as the Lot 555, Geo. #181513-001-0555, portion of Lot 568, Geo. #181513-001-0606, the East ½ of Lot 574, Geo. #181513-001-0609, South ½ of West ½ of Lot 573, Geo. #181513-001-0633, North ½ of West ½ of Lot 573, Geo. #181513-001-0634, the East ½ of Lot 576, Geo. #181513-001-0604, the West ½ of Lot 575, Geo. #181513-001-0616, East ½ of Lot 575, Geo. #181513-001-0617, portion of Lot 547, Geo. #181513-001-0618, Lot 578, Geo. #181513-001-0578, portion of Lot 551, Geo. #181513-001-0645, portion of Lot 551, Geo. #181513-001-0644, East ½ of Lot 571, Geo. #181513-001-0635, all in the Jones-Mabry Subdivision, Unit 9, and Lot 16, Geo. #181513-002- 0016, Lot 25, Geo. #181513-002-0025, Lot 38, Geo. #181513-002-0038, Lot 48, Geo. #181513- 002-0048, and Lot 54, Geo. #181513-002-0054, all in Cross Lake Heights Subdivision, Unit 1, said adjudicated property total acreage being 11.18 acres, more or less, with Section 13, T18N, R15W containing a total of 42.75 acres, more or less, all in Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo has received a written request from McGinty-Durham, Inc., that the Parish seek public bids for an oil, gas and mineral lease covering said property; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo does not have the knowledge or resources available to determine if it owns the mineral rights and the Parish of Caddo will rely on the expertise and experience of the lessee in determining ownership; and

WHEREAS, it is expressly agreed that any lease granted by the Parish of Caddo and accepted by lessee is without any warranty of title and without any recourse against the Parish of Caddo whatsoever, either express or implied, and it is expressly agreed that the Parish of Caddo shall not be required to return any payments received or be otherwise responsible to lessee therefore; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board and the Office of Mineral Resources, is available upon the request of Caddo Parish to lease the aforesaid property for oil, gas and other minerals if requested to do so by Caddo Parish.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that the Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board and the Office of Mineral Resources, be and it is hereby requested and authorized to accept nominations and advertise for oil, gas and mineral leases, accept bids and award and execute oil, gas and mineral leases on the aforesaid properties of certain mineral interests owned by the Parish of Caddo.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any such lease contain a no surface operations provision as follows: Lessee, its successors or assigns, may produce oil, gas and other minerals from the leased premises by drilling from a surface location on other lands, but notwithstanding any other provision of this lease, Lessee, its successors or assigns, shall not use the surface of the Lessor's property for drilling or any other operations without prior written permission of Lessor, which permission may be withheld at Lessor's discretion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any such lease contain a horizontal pugh provision as follows: Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein contained, at the end of the primary term or any

extension thereof by operations, if the Commission of Conservation of the State of Louisiana establishes a drilling unit which includes a part of the land herein leased, the production of oil, gas and other minerals from such unit shall maintain this lease in full force and effect only as to such portions of the leased land embraced in said pooled unit; and this lease shall expire as to that part of the land herein leased not included in such unit; and lessee, its successors and assigns agrees to relinquish by formal instrument any portion of the leased land not included in a unit created by the Commission of Conservation while this lease is in effect.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any such lease contain a vertical pugh provision as follows: Upon the expiration of the primary term hereof or any extension thereof by operations, this lease shall automatically terminate and be of no further force or effect except as to all that part of the leased premises then included within the geographical boundaries of a producing unit duly established by governmental agency or authority having jurisdiction, from the surface of the earth to a depth of 100 feet below the deepest depth from which any well commenced during the primary term hereof on the leased premises or on lands pooled therewith is completed and from which there is production in paying quantities, such depth determination to be made on a unit by unit basis. In the absence of units so established, this lease shall terminate except as to 40 acres around each producing oil well and 160 acres around each producing or shut-in gas well located on the leased premises, in as near the form of a square as is practicable, from the surface of the earth down to a depth of 100 feet below the deepest depth from which said well or wells are completed and from which there is production in paying quantities, such depth determination to be made on a well by well basis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any such lease contain a minimum royalty provision as follows: Royalty of not less than 1/5 th or 20%.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any such lease contain a minimum bonus provision as follows: Bonus of not less than \$1,500.00 per acre. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any such lease contain a hard or solid mineral exclusion provision as follows: This lease shall exclude free sulphur, potash, lignite, salt and any other hard or solid mineral. Lessee shall not have any rights to explore, drill for, mine, produce or take any action whatsoever in regard to any such hard or solid mineral deposits.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any such lease contain a maximum term provision as follows: Primary term of lease shall not exceed three (3) years.

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

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 36 OF 2020

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION URGING THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO AUTHORIZE THE AUTOMATIC EXTENSION OF TIME FOR VOTING AT POLLING PLACES THAT ARE OPENED LATE OR SUFFER DELAYS FOR UNFORSEEN EMERGENCIES, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, one of the principal purposes of having poll opening and closing times established by statute is to allow citizens sufficient time to cast votes;

WHEREAS, polls are sometimes opened late through no fault of the citizens or voting is delayed by unforeseen emergencies;

WHEREAS, a late opening or delay may cause citizens to miss the opportunity to vote if the polls are not opened for the full number of hours specified by statute; and

WHEREAS, in order for Louisiana citizens to enjoy equal access to the polls, they should stay open for the number of hours specified by statute even if the polls are opened late or voting is delayed by unforeseen emergencies.

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

the Legislature of the State of Louisiana to take all steps necessary to ensure full participation by the State of Louisiana's citizens in the voting process, including but not limited to passing all necessary laws and regulations to extend the time for voting at polls that are opened late or where voting is delayed due to unforeseen emergencies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to the Parish's state legislative delegation and the Louisiana Secretary of State's Office.

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

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 37 OF 2020

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION URGING THE GOVERNOR EDWARDS AND THE LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE TO REVIEW ENFORCEMENT OF FINES AND PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF LOUISIANA ETHICS LAWS, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, a review of the Louisiana Board of Ethics website shows that there are numerous outstanding fines to be collected;

WHEREAS, it appears that the penalties and fines for violations of Louisiana Ethics laws are not being enforced;

WHEREAS, enforcement of fines and penalties for violation of the Louisiana Ethics laws needs to be improved;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that it does hereby urge and request the Louisiana Governor, John Bel Edwards, and the Louisiana Legislature, to review enforcement of fines and penalties for violation of Louisiana Ethics Laws and implement laws and procedures that will result in better enforcement and collection rates.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to the Louisiana Governor's Office, Caddo Parish's state legislative delegation, the Honorable Clay Schexnayder, Speaker of the House, and the Honorable Patrick Page Cortez, President of the Louisiana Senate.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be effective immediately.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 38 OF 2020

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING AND SUPPORTING JUNE AS ALZHEIMER'S & BRAIN AWARENESS MONTH AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is a progressive disease of the brain causing deterioration in memory, reasoning, motor skills, and the ability to take care of oneself. The impact of Alzheimer's on individuals, families, and our health care system makes the disease one of our nation's primary medical, social, and fiscal challenges; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's affects every level of society. According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention: every sixty-six seconds, someone in the United States develops the

disease; more than 5 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's; and Alzheimer's is the 6th leading cause of death, and it kills more than breast and prostate cancer combined; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's is the most common form of dementia; and

WHEREAS, the social, emotional, and financial impacts of dementia are felt by everyone—persons with dementia, their families, caregivers, and communities; and WHEREAS, there is approximately 18.1 billion hours of unpaid care; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, Alzheimer's and other dementias cost the nation approximately \$236 billion; and

WHEREAS, currently, there are no treatments that can prevent, delay, or reverse Alzheimer's disease; and

WHEREAS, stigma leads many people with dementia, and their families, to fear exclusion and differential treatment, preventing them from seeking help and disclosing their diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, early detection provides individuals and families to adjust to the diagnosis and plan for the future; and

WHEREAS, all Caddo Parish citizens need to be better informed about Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia and to work to create more supportive and inclusive communities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that it does hereby declare the month of June 2020 as:

"ALZHEIMER'S & BRAIN AWARENESS MONTH"

in Caddo Parish and urges citizens and organizations to participate in activities and demonstrations that provide a special opportunity to educate the community about Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 39 OF 2020

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION URGING AND REQUESTING GOVERNOR JOHN BEL EDWARDS TO INCLUDE, IN ALL ORDERS RELATED TO THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC, AN ALLOWANCE FOR PUBLIC BODIES TO MEET IN A COMBINATION OF VITRUAL AND PHYSICAL MEETINGS AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, COVID19 is a national pandemic in the United States; and

WHEREAS, national, state and local health emergencies have been declared due to the COVID 19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana citizens are contracting COVID19 in large numbers; and

WHEREAS, Governor John Bel Edwards has issued an executive order allowing public bodies to meet virtually if they cannot obtain a physical quorum; and

WHEREAS, the order does not allow for the attendance of some members virtually and some members physically; and

WHEREAS, allowing the virtual and physical attendance at meetings of public bodies would allow those members who are at higher risk of contracting COVID19 to continue to quarantine while doing the work of the public body;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that the Caddo Parish Commission hereby urges and requests Governor John Bel Edwards to amend his current executive order to include and include in any future orders, an

allowance for members of public bodies to attend, participate in, and vote at public meetings both virtually and physically until the pandemic is over.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution is effective immediately upon its passage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution will be forwarded to Governor John Bel Edwards and the Police Jury Association of Louisiana.

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

Point of Clarification by Attorney Frazier in regards to Resolution No. 40 of 2020. She said that there needs to be a paragraph inserted into the paragraph: *NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened that the Caddo Parish Commission hereby opposes HB 10 of the 2020 Louisiana Special Legislative Session.*

It was **moved by Mr. Chavez**, seconded by Mr. Burrell, *that Resolution No. 40 of 2020 be amended to add the following language: NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened that the Caddo Parish Commission hereby opposes HB 10 of the 2020 Louisiana Special Legislative Session. Motion carried*, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Cawthorne, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (11). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioner Jackson (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

RESOLUTION NO. 40 OF 2020

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING LOUISIANA HB 10 OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE SESSION AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the I-49 Inner-City Connector (ICC) project in Shreveport is vital to the sustainability and advancement of Northwest Louisiana and the surrounding region; and

WHEREAS, although Louisiana has routinely completed an environmental impact study in a timely manner for many other federal/state projects in the past, the ICC has been a frustrating exception; and

WHEREAS, without an environmental impact study, it is not possible to obtain a final Record of Decision (ROD) by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), which is necessary to complete a project's construction; and

WHEREAS, HB 10 would transfer monies allocated to the ICC project to the Jimmie Davis Bridge project, thus further hindering the environmental impact study and the ability to move forward on the ICC; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened that the Caddo Parish Commission hereby opposes HB 10 of the 2020 Louisiana Special Legislative Session.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution is effective immediately upon its passage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution will be forwarded to the President of the Louisiana Senate, Speaker of the Louisiana House, the Caddo Parish legislative delegation and Governor John Bel Edwards.

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

NEW BUSINESS

The Commission then moved onto the next New Business item, *confirmation of selection of Official Journal for the Parish of Caddo for the year July 1, 2020- June 30, 2021.*

It was **moved by Mr. Atkins**, seconded by Epperson, *to vote on the candidates of the Official Journal in the following order: 1. Caddo Citizen, 1. Focus SB/Inquisitor, and 3. Shreveport Times, with the plurality vote receiving the bid.*

Mr. Lazarus spoke in favor of the Inquisitor. He said that the bid is the lowest and has a large circulation.

The Caddo Citizen/Shreveport Sun received six votes: Commissioner Burrell, Cawthorne, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, and Johnson (6). ABSENT: Commissioner Jackson (1).

At this time, the Clerk of the Commission announced that the Caddo Citizen/Shreveport Sun received the plurality of the votes with the current members of the Commission who were in attendance.

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Epperson, *to englobo and confirm the following reappointments:*

- *Reappointment of Mr. Rickey Hall and Mr. Herbert Rogers, Jr. to the North Shreveport Industrial Park. Terms to expire April 30, 2022.*
- *Reappointment of Mr. Anthony Starks to Pine Hill Waterworks District No. 8 Board. Term to expire May 20, 2025.*
- *Reappointment of Mr. Homer Norris to Pine Hill Waterworks District No. 8 Board. Term to expire May 1, 2025.*

At this time, Mr. Johnson's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Cawthorne, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (11). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioner Jackson (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

COMMUNIQUES AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mrs. Gage-Watts scheduled a Juvenile Justice Committee Meeting on June 18 at 1:30 p.m.
- Mr. Burrell gave the following statement in regards to Mr. George Floyd:

Mr. Chairman, my comments have to do with George Floyd and all the unrest that has been carried on across the nation. I like to send a message out to our city and Parish, if we want to protest, let's protest peacefully. They seem to be making progress in terms of the law, and how they are applying it to this situation, hopefully, others. And I want to say too, that I was very impressed with Councilman Boucher, who came out and gave his view on the necessity for our justice system to be fair. You don't normally get that especially from other communities, other than the minority community. Also, Dr. Henderson, President of the University System, came out with an article. I was very impressed. You'd be surprised of how that calmed a lot of people who feel that they are just a victim of our justice system. Also, there was a priest that had an article in The Times on that. There's nothing wrong with speaking out against injustice because who you are. I've been in the political arena for over 20 years, and we've had some tough situations in the late 90s, with our police department where there were people who were shot. I remember one young man who was shot in a wheelchair. That caused a lot of concern within the community. I remember the Cedar Grove riots and that shooting down which disrupted the community. Also, the situation—I was a part of all that, standing on the City Hall steps, trying to calm the fears of a community who felt that there was an injustice that could have caused a lot of damage within our city. Sometimes we just need to open up and, and be fair to each other, and be able to speak. Along that line because silence, sometimes is complicity. People understand that now. So again I was to see in the national news and even in Shreveport, the outpouring of many ethnic groups. It was clearly, from the video, unjust and it's proven out to be so. Thank you.

- Mr. Epperson thanked the staff for everything that has been done together up until this point. He also mentioned that even though the Commission is not meeting in the Chambers, the work is ongoing.

Mr. Epperson also talked about the protests in regards to Mr. George Floyd and gave the following statement:

I received numerous calls from our National Military and Veterans Association with NACo, as well as my colleagues, with the Military & Veterans Steering Committee with the PJAL about the situation relative to our military being called up to go against our citizens who want a peaceful protest. I was also—on April 4, 1968, when Dr. Martin Luther King was shot, riots erupted. I was stationed at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and our commander, for some reason thought that the black soldiers were going to riot. Very offensive to us because we had sworn allegiance to the United States of America and no outside situation was going to make us break that. After that was over, he did apologize to us. The Cedar Grove Riots, the same thing happened, less than a quarter of a mile from my house. I did what I could to quell it. The 1967 riots for me, I was overseas. They gave me a newspapers and said, why do you want to go back to America? Stay with us. We won't treat you like that. It's offensive to me that we could call up our

military on private citizens. Even though some of those Guard members and military personnel have served numerous deployments; some of them are getting are getting ready to be deployed out this fall. They were called up to go against common everyday American citizens. Absolutely horrendous. Thank you.

There being no further business to come before the body, the meeting was adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

Mario Chavez
President

Michelle Nations
Deputy Commission Clerk