The Caddo Parish Commission met in a Regular Session, on the above date, at 3:30 p.m., in the Government Chambers, 505 Travis Street, Shreveport, with Mr. Johnson, presiding, and the following members in attendance constituting a quorum: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Cawthorne, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (11). ABSENT: Commissioner Hopkins (1).

The invocation was given by Dr. Wilson, and Mr. Atkins led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CERTIFICATE FOR TELECONFERENCE

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Louisiana has declared a statewide Public Health emergency, inclusive of Caddo Parish, in Proclamation Number 25 JBE 2020; and,

WHEREAS, the Governor, has further extended that declaration via Proclamations Number 96 JBE 2020 and Number 97 JBE 2020; and

WHEREAS, R.S. 42:17.1 allows members of political subdivisions to participate in its meetings electronically under certain limited circumstances.

THEREFORE, in accordance with the Provisions of R.S. 42:17.1, the presiding officer of the Caddo Parish Commission hereby certifies that this meeting is to address matters that are:

(a) directly related to the public Commission’s response to the Coronavirus Pandemic and are critical to the health, safety, or welfare of the public.

(b) that if they are delayed will cause curtailment of vital public services or severe economic dislocation and hardship.

(c) critical to continuation of the business of the Commission and that are not able to be postponed to a meeting held in accordance with the other provisions of Open Meetings Law due to a legal requirement or other deadline that cannot be postponed or delayed by the public body.

Date: October 6, 2020
/s/Mario Chavez
Caddo Parish Commission President

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Jennifer Crow submitted the following comment:

My name is Jennifer Crow. I am a Licensed Professional Counselor and also the Clinical Director of Community Healthcare Solutions (2800 Youree Dr). I was recently informed of a developing Ordinance, Ordinance 5985. Community Healthcare Solutions would like to express great interest in collaborating/partnering with this Ordinance. Community Healthcare Solutions helps members of the community identify barriers to mental wellness. Once those barriers are identified, our agency assists individuals/families in developing a plan to help overcome those barriers through community based services. Community Health Solutions also offers mental health assessments, psychotherapy and medication management as well as other services that I would like to speak more about in the near future.

Community Healthcare Solutions is very interested in partnering with the Shreveport Police Department and Caddo Commission to help offer services that are greatly needed in our community. Please feel free to call me for additional information.

COMMISSION SITS AS THE TAX BOARD OF REVIEW
FOR THE YEAR 2020

Mr. Charlie Henington, Caddo Parish Tax Assessor, said that there are no appeals for this year.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

• Chief Ben Raymond
  Shreveport Police Department

Mr. Cawthorne said that Chief Raymond is here to discuss the ordinance regarding community policing.

Chief Raymond first addressed the concerns regarding voting precincts. He said that
there is a state statute that prevents uniformed officers from being at voting precincts. Officers were advised to be aware and stay vigilant.

Mr. Burrell asked about the four communities that have been experiencing crime for this year. Chief Raymond said that from January 1, 2020 to present, Highland (584), Cedar Grove (353), and Town South/Springlake (322) neighborhoods had the highest part 1 crimes, i.e. rape, murder, etc. Mr. Burrell then asked for the top five neighborhoods. Chief Raymond said that Highland, Cedar Grove, Town South, Queensborough, and Fox Crossing were the top five.

Mr. Burrell then talked about the Neighborhood Assistance Team (NAT). He wanted to know if it has been dissolved. Chief Raymond said that the NAT program is still being implemented and is a part of Community Oriented Policing. There are 4 members of the NAT team, with one position being vacant and possibly having a second vacancy by year’s end. Those positions will be filled in January 2021.

Mr. Burrell then asked the duties and responsibilities of the NAT members. Chief Raymond explained that the members of the NAT are civilian liaisons who work for the Shreveport Police Department (SPD). They have offices in A.B. Palmer Park, Lakeside Community Center, Airport Park, and Southern Hills Park. Their roles are to be a liaison for the citizens to the police department and meet the needs of the citizens, i.e. neighborhood meetings, grassroots walk, etc.

Chief Raymond said that the proposed ordinance that is on the table is to implement three safe houses within the three high crime areas. It would provide more visibility in the neighborhoods and provides a place where the citizens can meet with the officers.

Mr. Burrell then asked about the expected violence at the voting locations. Chief Raymond said that he is not aware of any direct threats for the voting locations. He said that they have a robust intelligence team which tracks a number of things, such as social media, etc. Chief Raymond reiterated that state statute prevents uniformed officers providing security at voting locations, however, the voting commissioners can call the police department if someone needs to be removed, an arrest needs to be made, if there is a threat, etc.

Mr. Burrell wanted to know who would a person call if someone comes to a voting location with a long rifle. Chief Raymond said that state statute prohibits weapons at a voting location. He suggested that person call the police.

Mr. Atkins wanted to know if Chief Raymond was supportive of this project. Chief Raymond said that he was, especially with the procedural justice training funding.

Mr. Taliaferro talked about the NAT program. Chief Raymond said that normally a CLO is attached to that office as well. A citizen can file a report at the NAT office, if an officer is there, as well as receiving crime prevention information. Mr. Taliaferro wanted to know if the safe houses and the NAT offices would be a duplication of services. Chief Raymond said that there are some similarities in the concepts, but is different in the sense that it is an actual house, not a community center, in which the citizens can go to.

Mr. Taliaferro then wanted to know if the safe house would be manned 24/7. Chief Raymond said that there would be a marked unit outside of the house as much as possible. Right now, due to low staffing, the house would be used on an as-needed basis.

Mr. Taliaferro wanted to know where the safe houses would be located and who provides the houses. Chief Raymond deferred to Mr. Cawthorne.

Mr. Taliaferro asked if there was any type of intel regarding threats on Election Day. Chief Raymond said that he has not received any information regarding threats.

Answering a question from Mr. Taliaferro regarding procedural justice training, Chief Raymond said that the terminology is new to the department, but the process encompasses several discussions regarding impartiality, citizens having a voice, etc. This funding would give every police officer the first half of the training in 2021, then SPD would have to identify a funding source for the second half the training.

Mr. Jackson wanted to know the sustainability plan for this proposed ordinance. Mr. Jackson gave the example of criminals being flushed out of one neighborhood and relocating to another. Chief Raymond said that he is not sure of the sustainability plan. He said that the key component is the staff at SPD.

Mr. Jackson then talked about ShotSpotter. Chief Raymond said that representatives from ShotSpotter conducted a presentation a few years ago. Their crime analyst did a feasibility study, and it did not work out feasibly for the department. He said that it would be a great tool if it were placed in the right location, but it is expensive. Chief Raymond also said that there is no proof that ShotSpotter decreases crime.
Chief Raymond said that there are several conversations regarding technology and utilizing it to fight crime, such as crime surveillance cameras throughout the City.

Mr. Jackson wanted to know the balance in the General Fund. Mrs. Bryant said that the expenses in the General Fund is about $13M, but there is an $18M fund balance. The Reserve Trust Fund has about $35M fund balance. Mrs. Bryant said that the $13M in expenses in the General Fund is to fund Parish operations, with a large part of the expenses being for criminal justice.

Chief Raymond said that the procedural justice training would be for every officer in 2021, but it is only half of the training. The second half of the training would be in 2022. He also said that there is ongoing training with the officers regarding implicit bias, community relations, etc. The procedural justice training would be an introduction to the implicit bias, etc.

Mr. Jackson talked about CLOs. He said that he hasn’t seen them active in a while. Chief Raymond said that the CLOs’ work has been affected by the pandemic. The majority of their work is to engage with the citizens. Since the department is lacking in staff, they had to supplement CLOs, Investigations, etc. for patrol. He also explained that CLOs are now assigned to council districts. Chief Raymond provided the Commissioners with a list of the CLOs for the different districts.

Mr. Young asked the Chief if safe houses are needed. Chief Raymond said that he is not sure they would be utilized to their full potential because of their staffing, but he does agree with the concept. He said that the department is 88 officers short, with 3 pending retirement. Recruiting has been difficult, he said.

Mr. Young then asked Chief Raymond if procedural justice training is needed. Chief Raymond said that it is needed. He believes that it is beneficial to have an outside instructor come in and teach the officers rather than having another officer teaching the course.

Mr. Young wanted to know if there is another need that costs the same as the safe houses that is a high priority for the department. Chief Raymond said that most of the needs are large budgetary items, i.e. facilities, equipment, vehicles, etc. He also mentioned that they would like to have drone.

Answering a question from Mr. Young regarding the number of safe houses, Mr. Cawthorne said that there would be three rent houses in Cedar Grove, Mooretown, and Hollywood. He also pointed out that this is a pilot program where the officers can put “boots on the ground” and build relationships with the citizens. Mr. Young said that he would like to have a safe house in Highland as well.

Mr. Cawthorne said that his father joined the Shreveport Police Department in 1966. When he was a police officer, they worked 12-hour shifts, served as security at basketball games, etc. Mr. Cawthorne said that his mom attended the Citizens’ Police Academy and trained people how to police their neighborhoods and be as a liaison for the citizens and police officers.

Mrs. Gage-Watts talked about the staff shortage. She suggested having some of the retired officers fulfilling the safe house roles. Chief Raymond said that it would take some work to do it because of civil service retirement. A civilian position would have to be created in order to fulfill those roles.

Mrs. Gage-Watts then talked about Election Day and the expected violence. She said that it would be comfort to the citizens that the officers will be vigilant and aware of any threats that may arise.

Mr. Jackson thanked Mr. Larry Raymond for all of his hard work on the millages.

Mr. Young suggested, due to the staffing challenges of the police department, that the safe houses be implemented in 2021. Chief Raymond said that the staffing issues will not be resolved in the next year. A new class will go through the academy next Thursday, with possibly 15 graduating the academy. On average, the police department loses three employees per month, but that has increased to four employees per month. By the time, those 15 officers graduate the academy, they will lose approximately 30 employees.

Mr. Johnson thanked the Chief for attending today’s meeting and answering the Commissioners’ questions.

- Administration Response to Commissioners Request
- Mr. Epperson requested an update on the Confederate Monument. He also requested that Administration invite Registrar Sibley to the October 19 Regular Session.

Attorney Frazier said that they are in the midst of drafting the technical specifications to be added to the RFP.
Mr. Epperson thanked the first responders and nurses who are on the forefronts with this pandemic. There are over 7 million COVID positive cases in the United States, with over 212,000 deaths. Louisiana ranks #11 in the nation for COVID positive cases.

Mr. Epperson also said that there were six persons arrested with the potential kidnapping plot of the Governor of Michigan with additional persons with the intent of overthrowing the government.

Mr. Epperson also announced that it is Hispanic History Month. He asked that Dr. Wilson show appreciation for any Hispanic employees.

He announced that there will be a virtual recognition program for local veterans in lieu of an in-person Veterans Honor Ceremony due to the pandemic. Caddo Parish, Bossier Parish, Desoto Parish, Bossier City, and Shreveport will be signing the Veterans Joint-Proclamation on October 30, 2020 designating November 5th through November 11th as ‘Veterans Celebration Week’.

Mr. Lazarus recognizes Mrs. Helen Clark on her retirement from Caddo Fire District No. 4 after 37 years. On November 7 at 2:00 p.m., Fire District No. 4 will have a dedication of a new facility to Mr. Willie Joe Green.

Mrs. Gage-Watts thanked Mrs. Bryant for all of her hard work on the Tire Amnesty Program, which will be held on October 17 at Caddo Parish Fleet Services.

She thanked Facilities & Maintenance for lighting up the courthouse in honor of Sickle Cell Awareness for the month of September.

Mr. Johnson announced that it is also Filipino History Month.

**PRESIDENT’S REPORTS**

Mr. Chavez thanked everyone for checking on him after his wreck.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON ZONING ORDINANCES**

The Chair of the Commission opened the public hearing for the following ordinances:

- Ordinance No. 5980 of 2020, in regards to Zoning Case 50-5-P, an ordinance to amend Volume II of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo, as amended, the Caddo Parish Unified Development Code, by amending the zoning of property located on the south side of Lakeshore Drive and three hundred and sixty feet east of Jolly Napier Road, Caddo Parish, LA, from R-1-7, Single-Family Residential Zoning District to R-A, Rural Agriculture Zoning District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto

Richard Nelson submitted the following comment in regards to this zoning ordinance:

Regarding the zoning of 7763 S Lakeshore Dr: I am requesting that the commission reverse the current zoning change which occurred at the MPC hearing on September 2nd, 2020. The property’s zoning was changed from R-1-7 to R-A, I no longer wish for that portion to be zoned R-A and please return it to R-1-7 to match the surrounding property. Thank you.

There being no one else to speak in favor or against the zoning case, the Chair closed the public hearings.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES**

The President of the Commission opened the public hearing for the following ordinances:

- Ordinance No. 5961 of 2020, an ordinance amending and re-enacting Sections 4-61.1 and enacting Sections 4-63, 4-64, and 4-65, all of Chapter 4 of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo, pertaining to permits for the sale of alcoholic beverages and alcoholic beverage handling cards, and otherwise pertaining thereto

- Ordinance No. 5981 of 2020, and ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Capital Outlay Fund and the Oil & Gas Fund to provide an appropriation for the construction and improvement of Blanchard waters lines that serve unincorporated areas
within Caddo Parish and the Bel-Di-Gil Water System, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto

- Ordinance No. 5982 of 2020, an ordinance proposing an amendment to the Caddo Parish Home Rule Charter relative to Section 3-07. Commission Meetings & Rules for presentation to the electorate, and otherwise providing with respect thereto

- Ordinance No. 5983 of 2020, an ordinance proposing an amendment to the Caddo Parish Home Rule Charter relative to Section 3-07. Commission Meetings & Rules for presentation to the electorate, and otherwise providing with respect thereto

- Ordinance No. 5984 of 2020, an ordinance proposing an amendment to the Caddo Parish Home Rule Charter relative to Section 5-05.2. Department of Fleet Services for presentation to the electorate, and otherwise providing with respect thereto

There being no one to speak in favor or against the ordinance, the Chair closed the public hearings.

**ZONING ORDINANCES (final passage)**

It was moved by Mr. Epperson, seconded by Mr. Lazarus, that Ordinance No. 5980, in regards to Zoning Case 50-5-P, an ordinance to amend Volume II of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo, as amended, the Caddo Parish Unified Development Code, by amending the zoning of property located on the south side of South Lakeshore Drive and three hundred and sixty feet east of Jolly Napier Road, Caddo Parish, LA, from R-1-7, Single-Family Residential Zoning District to R-A, Rural Agriculture Zoning District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto be denied. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Cawthorne, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Johnson, Lazarus, and Taliaferro (9). NAYS: Commissioner Young (1). ABSENT: Commissioner Hopkins and Jackson (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

**ORDINANCES (final passage)**

It was moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Atkins, that Ordinance No. 5981 of 2020, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Capital Outlay Fund and the Oil & Gas Fund to provide an appropriation for the construction and improvement of Blanchard water lines that serve unincorporated areas within Caddo Parish and the Bel-Di-Gil Water System, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto be delayed until the next Regular Session.

Amendment by Mr. Epperson, seconded by Mr. Jackson, that $750,000 be added to the ordinance for the cost analysis survey and expansion of the Greenwood Water System and be delayed until the next Regular Session.

Mr. Epperson would like consistency with these projects. He said that Hwy 169 and the Greenwood area is growing at an increased rate. Several economic development projects are in the works, so water would be beneficial to that area.

Mr. Young wanted to know if this was a new water plant or an extension of an existing one. He also wanted to know if Greenwood would be seeking grants from the State. Mr. Epperson said that he can answer those questions offline.

Friendly Amendment by Mr. Jackson to encourage minority participation on each of these projects. Mr. Epperson agreed.

Mr. Jackson said that he is not opposed to either project, especially since both areas are developing. He would like to keep dollars local.

Mr. Johnson has a concern with Blanchard’s project. He explained that they went through a state grant for the project, but they are coming to the Parish for a grant to upsize the lines. He said that they don’t “have any skin in the game”. He suggested that some type of payback be implemented with this project.

Mr. Atkins would like to see the amendment go to the Economic Development Committee regarding the expansion on the Greenwood Water System and the concerns that Mr. Johnson has.

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

- Ordinance No. 5982 of 2020, an ordinance proposing an amendment to the Caddo Parish Home Rule Charter relative to Section 3-07. Commission Meetings & Rules for presentation to the electorate, and otherwise providing with respect thereto
- Ordinance No. 5983 of 2020, an ordinance proposing an amendment to the Caddo Parish Home Rule Charter relative to Section 3-07. Commission Meetings & Rules for presentation to the electorate, and otherwise providing with respect thereto
- Ordinance No. 5984 of 2020, an ordinance proposing an amendment to the Caddo Parish Home Rule Charter relative to Section 5-05.2. Department of Fleet Services for presentation to the electorate, and otherwise providing with respect thereto

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, Johnson, Lazarus, and Taliaferro, and Young (10). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioner Hopkins and Jackson (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

**ORDINANCE NO. 5982 OF 2020**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CADDO PARISH HOME RULE CHARTER RELATIVE TO SECTION 3-07. COMMISSION MEETINGS AND RULES FOR PRESENTATION TO THE ELECTORATE, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, and pursuant to the provisions of Section 8-03 of the Caddo Parish Home Rule Charter, that the following proposed amendment to the Caddo Parish Home Rule Charter be presented to the voters of Caddo Parish for approval at the next regularly scheduled election at which such matters may be presented, that being December 5, 2020, and that the following amendments be presented as a single proposition on the ballot:

**ARTICLE III. PARISH COMMISSION**

Section 3-07 Commission Meetings and Rules.

A. The commission shall meet regularly at least once in every month at such times and places as the commission may prescribe. Special meetings may be held on the call of the president of the commission or in the absence of the president, the vice-president, or a majority of the membership of the commission with such notice as may be required by state law. To meet a public emergency affecting life, health, property or public safety, the commission may meet upon call of the parish administrator, the president of the commission or in the absence of the president, the vice-president, or a majority of the commissioners at whatever notice it shall be convenient to give. The call convening a special or emergency meeting of the commission shall state the objects of the meeting. The power of the commission to act at a special or emergency meeting shall be limited, under penalty of nullity, to the objects specifically enumerated in the call. In the event of a national declaration of disaster or emergency, a state declaration of disaster or emergency, or a local declaration of disaster or emergency, within or affecting the geographical boundaries of Caddo Parish, the Commission shall meet via teleconference, video conference, or any technical digital means, to the extent allowed by law, to conduct all Caddo Parish Commission business, until it is declared to be safe for all to return to in- person meetings by a majority of the commissioners.
BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall become effective immediately.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 5983 OF 2020

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CADDO PARISH HOME RULE CHARTER RELATIVE TO SECTION 3-07. COMMISSION MEETINGS AND RULES FOR PRESENTATION TO THE ELECTORATE, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, and pursuant to the provisions of Section 8-03 of the Caddo Parish Home Rule Charter, that the following proposed amendment to the Caddo Parish Home Rule Charter be presented to the voters of Caddo Parish for approval at the next regularly scheduled election at which such matters may be presented, that being December 5, 2020, and that the following amendments be presented as a single proposition on the ballot:

ARTICLE III. PARISH COMMISSION

Section 3-07 Commission Meetings and Rules.

H. The president shall be the head of the parish government for ceremonial purposes and for purposes of military law, and for purposes of The Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance And Disaster Act, but shall have no administrative duties with regard to the parish administration.

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

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall become effective immediately.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 5984 OF 2020

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CADDO PARISH HOME RULE CHARTER RELATIVE TO SECTION 5-05.2. DEPARTMENT OF FLEET SERVICES FOR PRESENTATION TO THE ELECTORATE, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, and pursuant to the provisions of Section 8-03 of the Caddo Parish Home Rule Charter, that the following proposed amendment to the Caddo Parish Home Rule Charter be presented to the voters of Caddo Parish for approval at the next regularly scheduled election at which such matters may be presented, that being December 5, 2020, and that the following amendments be presented as a single proposition on the ballot:

ARTICLE V. ADMINISTRATION
Section 5-05.2. - Department of fleet services.

A. The head of fleet services shall be the director of fleet services.

B. The director of the department of fleet services shall direct and be responsible for the following activities:

1. Operation of a central facility for the repair and maintenance of parish government vehicles and equipment.
2. Operation of a central signage facility for the creation, repair and maintenance of parish government signs.
3. Other such activities as may be directed by the administrator.

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

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall become effective immediately.

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

ORDINANCES (for introduction by title)

- Ordinance No. 5985 of 2020, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Riverboat Fund and the Oil & Gas Fund to provide an appropriation for the Community Policing Project and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

- Ordinance No. 5986 of 2020, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Capital Outlay Fund in the amount of $50,000 to increase appropriation for the Pine Hill Road Bridge, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

RESOLUTIONS

It was moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Epperson, that Resolution No. 71 of 2020, a resolution to allow NGOs that have not received their 2020 funds, and who have submitted the requested COVID updates to their programs, to be paid at 50% of the original appropriation and to otherwise provide with respect thereto be adopted.

Mr. Atkins explained that this funding represents 50% funding of the requests that not yet received their 2020 funding, but have had submitted their COVID-19 status letters.

Mr. Burrell stated that he will be abstaining from this vote due to his prior affiliation with the Inner-City Entrepreneur program.

At this time, Mr. Johnson's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Cawthorne, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Johnson, Lazarus, and Talafarro, and Young (9). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioner Hopkins and Jackson (2). ABSTAIN: Commissioner Burrell (1).

RESOLUTION NO. 71 OF 2020

BY THE CADDHO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION TO ALLOW NGOs THAT HAVE NOT RECEIVED THEIR 2020 FUNDS, AND WHO HAVE SUBMITTED THE REQUESTED COVID UPDATES TO THEIR PROGRAMS, TO BE PAID AT 50% OF THE ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION 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

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WHEREAS, this decline has caused a situation wherein the Parish is not projecting 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, the Parish does project collecting enough revenue to pay a limited amount of the funds budgeted for the NGO program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that the Caddo Parish Commission does authorize the payment of all NGOs who have not been paid for 2020, who are complaint with reporting and who have submitted the requested Covid updates, to be paid at 50% of their 2020 appropriation.

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.

It was moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Cawthorne, to englobe and adopt the following resolutions:

- Resolution No. 72 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, advertise for, accept and award bids, and execute all oil, gas, and mineral leases on certain mineral interests owned by the Parish of Caddo, and otherwise providing with respect thereto

- Resolution No. 73 of 2020, a resolution to provide an annual certification of the State of Louisiana Department of Transportation & Development in accordance with the Off-System Bridge Replacement Program, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto

Mr. Epperson said that Resolution No. 72 of 2020 in regards to approximately 11 acres off West Park Drive.

At this time, Mr. Johnson's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Cawthorne, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Johnson, Lazarus, and Taliaferro, and Young (9). NAYS: None (0). ABSTAIN: Commissioner Hopkins and Jackson (2). ABSTAIN: Commissioner Burrell (1).

RESOLUTION NO. 72 OF 2020

BY THE CADDDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CADDDO PARISH ADMINISTRATOR TO REQUEST AND AUTHORIZE THE LOUISIANA STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD AND THE OFFICE OF MINERAL RESOURCES TO ACCEPT NOMINATIONS, ADVERTISE FOR, ACCEPT AND AWARD BIDS, AND EXECUTE ALL OIL, GAS AND MINERAL LEASES ON CERTAIN MINERAL INTERESTS OWNED BY THE PARISH OF CADDDO, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

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

**Section 29, Township 17 North, Range 15 West**

**Tract 1:**

A tract of land containing 11.014 acres, more or less, located in the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 29, Township 17 North, Range 15.
West, Caddo Parish, LA, being more particularly shown on Caddo Parish Assessor's Map as Geog #: 171529-003-0038-00, being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Northeast corner of said Section 29, Thence run South 01° 25' 39" West a distance of 1620.93 feet to a found 3/8" Iron Rod and the True Point of Beginning of said tract of land, said point being in the West right of way line of West Park Road; Thence continue South 01° 25' 39" West with said West right of way line a distance of 449.07 feet to a point of curve in a Westerly direction as shown by dedication as recorded in Conveyance Book 1800, Page 147 of the Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, Thence with said curve having an arc distance of 251.33 feet, having a radius of 80.00 feet with a delta of 180° 00’ 00” and from which there is production in paying quantities, such depth determination to be made on a well by well basis.

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo has received a written request from Madole Land Services, LLC, 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 Parish of Caddo has determined that it desires to take advantage of LSA R.S. 30:152 (A), et seq., to authorize the Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board to nominate the property described hereinabove for state agency mineral lease.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that it does hereby direct and authorize the Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board and the Office of Mineral Resources to accept nominations, advertise for, accept and award bids, and execute all 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 1/5th 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 royalty payment back to date of first production provision as follows: Lessee hereby agrees that all production royalties due and payable under this Oil, Gas and Mineral lease shall be due and payable and calculated from the date that the production of oil, gas and other hydrocarbons first occurs from any unit, whether voluntary or established by the Commissioner of Conservation, in which all or any part of the property herein described is included, even is said production occurs prior to the effective date of this lease.

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. 73 OF 2020

BY THE CADDYO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE AN ANNUAL CERTIFICATION TO THE STATE OF LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OFF-SYSTEM BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Code of Federal Regulations mandates that all structures defined as bridges located on all public roads shall be inspected, rated for safe load capacity, and posted in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards; and

WHEREAS, an inventory of the aforementioned bridges shall be maintained by each state; and

WHEREAS, the responsibility to inspect, rate and loads post these bridges under the authority of the Parish of Caddo in accordance with the above-cited standards is delegated by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to the Parish of Caddo.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby certify to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development that the Parish will perform the following for the period of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021:

1. The Parish will perform interim inspections on all bridges within Caddo Parish, as required.
2. The Parish will load rate non-timber bridges within Caddo Parish, as required.
3. The Parish will load post or close bridges within Caddo Parish, as required.
4. The Parish will verify the inventory data pertaining to all bridges within Caddo Parish, as required.

These stipulations are prerequisites to participation by the Parish in the Off-System Bridge Replacement Program.

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.

COMMUNIQUES/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mr. Epperson said that he loves the Pledge of Allegiance; the stars and the stripes; and the red, white, and blue.

- Mr. Burrell talked about Senator Peacock’s efforts to remove the restrictions for teleconference meetings. He hopes that the Legislature consider this matter.

There was no further discussion to come before the Commission, so the meeting was adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

Michelle Nations  Mario Chavez
Assistant Commission Clerk  President