

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF
THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION
HELD ON THE 9TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2021

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

The invocation was given by Mr. Kelvin Samuel, and Mr. Epperson led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ADDITIONS

It was **moved by Mr. Burrell**, seconded by Mr. Chavez, *to expand the agenda and add Special Resolution recognizing Claiborne Elementary Student of the Year, Kelsey Jai Samuel.*

At this time, the Chair opened the floor for anyone to speak in favor or against expanding the agenda. There being no one to speak in favor or against the agenda addition. The Chair closed the public hearing.

At this time, Mr. Burrell's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (10). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Jackson and Jones (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Glen Moore came before the Commission and gave the following comment:

Commissioners, good afternoon. It's getting to be a repeat record here all the time now. I'm speaking in respect to Commissioner Epperson on Resolution 84. We weren't successful in passing 60, resolution 60. And so, I'm hoping today that we can get that resolution passed. Because we need to have a say-so in our communities. And right now, we don't have any type of say-so. And I don't think that's fair living in a country like the United States of America. The community is ours. We pay our taxes there. We raise our families there. And we should have a say-so in that what the oil and gas company is trying to do in our communities. And we're concerned about our property values. We're also concerned about the water drilling in our neighborhoods. I have residents and neighbors that live on my block that use well water. And we're afraid that with all the chemicals they push down into the ground, it's going to contaminate that well water. And also, there's a lot of chemicals they're using that we just recently found out that are very hazardous can cause cancer. And we don't all know the long-term effects of that. And I like to be on this Earth a few more years just like other people would. And when oil and gas come in to an urban area, it really affects more than what it does out in a rural area. So, we want to make sure that we do have a say-so in that. Thank you.

Paul Pratt came before the Commission and gave the following comment:

Good afternoon, Commissioners. My name is Paul Pratt, 935 E. 70th. I am here to respectfully ask that you remove passing resolution 84. But if you feel compelled to pass something, I ask that you delay this for 45 to 60 days. This delay will give the office of Conservation, as well as, Department of Natural Resources and operators the opportunity to sit down with you and come up with some common language that will lead this healthy dialogue. A healthy dialogue with the oil and gas company is not a community meeting with the media. It's sitting in a room and talking about the effects of not only urban drilling, but drilling in itself. Now, this is a method that we've done throughout the Haynesville Shell. And the Haynesville Shell is not just Caddo Parish. The Haynesville Shell is more than one million acres of land that's in DeSoto Parish, Red River Parish, Sabine Parish, Webster Parish and East Texas. In 2008, at the height of the Haynesville Shell, I worked for the second largest independent oil and gas producer in the world. We discovered the Haynesville Shell over a decade ago. And because of this new technology called horizontal drilling and fracking, we were able to move into the Haynesville Shell with no problem. The gas prices were \$13.42 an MCF. That's the measurement of calculating with the commodity prices at the Henry Hub. That's equivalent to 7.4 gallons if you were to put that into a liquid. Today, the price is about \$4.58. So, but, due to the high demand and the unprecedented price back in 2008, there were millionaires being created overnight because of this lease bonus frenzy. Some started out at a thousand dollars an acre and got up as high as \$25,000 an acre. I was there on the front row. Every night there was a meeting at a church or a park or a school, because everyone wanted to find out about this newfound richness for our land. So, I was the one that helped to build our first urban drilling location and most of you probably already seen it. It's back in 2009, we built our first urban drilling property at the corner of Flournoy Lucas Road and Colquitt Road. I was the one to take then the former City Councilwoman Joyce Bowman out to the location. I conducted rig tours there so that the public can be educated about urban drilling. The second location was at Kingston Road and Williamson Way. That location we did first responder training to teach Fire Departments and others how to-. Thank you,

Commissioners. Okay, at the height of the Haynesville Shell there were 143 rigs operating in Haynesville. And that was in 2005. But, by 2010, most of the rigs left the location because of price. At one point the price got down to \$1.60 a mcf. So, what's this reoccurrence that's going on right now Is prices have stabilized and what you see is an influx of companies wanted to come back into this mature field. Now, compared to 2010, 2005, there were 143 rigs in the Haynesville. There's only 37 rigs right now operating in the Haynesville Shell. And in Caddo Parish, there's only four or five. Not 37. So, I just asked that when you look at the point, this kind of language, it sends the message to the rest of the world. Because these companies are planning where they deploy their capital. The rig is on location about 45 days. There's two weeks for fracking and its gone. They spend between twelve, \$10-12 million every 50 days, but that rig has to go somewhere. Check around. There's a lot of operators here in Shreveport-Bossier. And they don't even drill in Louisiana. Over regulation de-incentivizes capital outlay for these companies. So, again I respectfully ask that you postpone or get rid of this resolution. Because the state already sets the rules for oil and gas drilling in Louisiana. So, let's drill for some clean abundant affordable natural gas right in our own country. Or we can get it from Russia. Thank you.

Gisele Proby-Bryant submitted the following comment:

I want to thank the seven (7) Commissioners who supported advancing Resolution No 84 OF 2021 [URGE AND REQUEST THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO CONSIDER THE NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF OIL AND GAS DRILLING IN OR NEAR URBAN AREAS, IMPLEMENT RULES TO COMBAT THOSE NEGATIVE IMPACTS, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO] to your December 9, 2021 agenda. Resolution No. 84 of 2021 will help level the playing field for the citizens of Caddo Parish, establishing a dialogue, and hopefully some procedural safeguards/regulations in collaboration with the oil and gas industry. Caddo Parish is OUR Parish, and citizens must have and will continue to demand environmental integrity. I had an opportunity to attend the entire Caddo Parish Commission work session on Monday, December 6, 2021. At the end of the work session, I heard a request from Commissioner Hopkins requesting that the Parish of Caddo get actively involved in strong collaboration with the state to create an alternative travel route for emergency vehicles due to the bridge closure LA 1. Commissioner Hopkins, your concern about the road closure and the adverse impact it will have on emergency services is worthy of consideration; just as important is the consideration of alternatives to lessen the negative effects as it relates to the oil and gas industry. We need RELIEF from the toxic air, water, sinkholes, tremors shaking of our homes' foundations, the noise level that is impacting our hearing threshold, and the suffering of upper respiratory illnesses from the dust and toxins that has invaded the exterior and interior of the places we call "Home." As we are not all privileged to have a medical plan like many of you who are opposing Resolution No 84, that ONLY seeks collaboration with the oil and gas industry to consider incorporating some regulations that allow the Caddo Parish Commission some leverage to monitor and hold companies accountable. I am concerned that these issues will continue to drive health issues and health costs to increasingly higher levels. I strongly encourage Commissioners who oppose Resolution No 84 to have a dialogue with any oncologist and/or pulmonologist who provides medical care for you, a family member or friend, and they may share many of the medical illnesses that become life threatening are related to toxins released by the oil and gas industry. Please take a moment and review your water bill if you live within the city limits, CITIZENS, not oil and gas companies pay a cost for the following: two (2) fee charges for the quantity of water used, safe drinking water fee, and a security fee; yet we are not holding these billion dollars companies FINANCIALLY accountable for the millions of gallons of water they are using daily, depleting our water supply. In the work session, there was discussion in support of a long-range plan to grow the Caddo Parish population—please review the densely populated areas that have lost its population. Oil and gas drilling companies' lack of accountability and lack of concern for the well-being of citizens may be one of factors of people deciding to move out of Caddo Parish. Citizens live in very close proximity of these sites and are exposed to pollutants on a daily basis. It is critically important that citizens have representation, and as a parish we need to move from a fixed mind-set to a growth mind-set. There is no doubt the citizens of Caddo Parish will be using oil and gas for decades to come. The oil and gas industry must meet the challenges of providing clean air and water while creating a partnership with the local governmental body and citizens. WE must all do our part. Move RESOLUTION NO 84 2021 forward and get a seat at the table of discussion for the citizens of Caddo Parish. We can no longer compromise the integrity of our health, well-being, water supply, environment and the livelihood of generations to come. Most importantly, special thanks to Commissioner Epperson for his unwavering service and commitment. Thank all of you for your service. Happy Holidays, and blessings for the New Year.

Representative Cedric Glover submitted the following comment:

Dear Honorable Members of the Caddo Parish Commission, I write you today to express my full support for Resolution 84 of 2021. The advent of increased drilling activity within close proximity to densely populated communities calls for at the very least an examination of the existing capacity of the current measures in place to protect the safety and sanctity of the people who live within the neighborhoods of our state. The recommendations contained within Resolution 84 of 2021 encourage us to do just that. I can assure that these sentiments are shared by many of the residents of House District Four. A week ago today I co-hosted the third town hall meeting within my district since July of this year regarding these issues. The crowd gathered at the Bill Cockrell Community Center was standing room only. Almost everyone in attendance expressed firsthand concerns about the drilling activity currently

taking place in the western portions of the city and parish. They were all dismayed to hear that their local governments are largely without authority to address any of their issues and concerns. They were equally disappointed to learn that the state measures currently in place are largely focused on addressing the issues of drillers, operators and large parcel landowners as opposed to people who live within populated neighborhoods. These reasons and more account for why a measure like Resolution 84 has come forth and is worthy of both your support and continued advancement. My thanks to each of you for your service and I wish you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas and the Happiest of Holidays.

David Zimmer came before the Commission and gave the following comment:

Sorry for looking for which. My name is David Zimmer. I live at 1450 Yale Avenue. I'm here on behalf of the People of Praise. We've applied for five different properties through the faith builders program. And we're very grateful that you've considered our application. I'm more here just to answer any questions that you all have about the application. We've asked for these five properties. We're planning to there's a couple that have houses that will need to get demoed. Several lots that will need to get be cleared. Our hope long term is to continue what we've been doing, which is to be building low income quality houses for people who live in the neighborhood, people who want to foster community here. So, far we've built 11 homes. Bought and renovated another five. We've run a camp for kids in the neighborhood. We've done fix-it projects for about a hundred different neighbors. It's a wonderful thing. Real sense of community happening in this little pocket of Shreveport and your help will help us. So, I'm also here in case you have questions about our application.

Ron Gray came before the Commission and gave the following comment:

Good afternoon, my name is Ronald Gray. I live at 8132 Timmons Trail, just outside of Blanchard. I was asked to come down and reinforce what I had spoken to you all once before about. That for commercial industrial facilities that DEQ and EPA is there, does allow for public comments for any challenges. For if a business just suddenly announced they're going to build some nasty plant beside you. You must go through a long laborious process. There's always public comment. Watching the television show that you had this morning, someone said they were not aware of where EPA's office is. We're in region 6, Dallas is where their office is. Anytime you don't get satisfaction out of DEQ you can call EPA, because DEQ is like a contractor for the feds. Certainly the environmental justice about where you build your plants. If there's better places and all this is part of the application from DEQ. If you don't like those answers you always can appeal to them. Now, they also the question came up about DEQ. Yes, the headquarters is in Baton Rouge. But Shreveport, down on Fairfield, that's where the local office is. And that would be a place for citizens that has a concern to start with. Would be to contact them. And then they can also get them in touch with the experts for the particular problem or issue. Like the oil well thing came up, well if you had a problem with that you would call Baton Rouge and they would get their experts to discuss it with you and guide you and direct you where you need to go. Now I am retired from DEQ. I spent 23 years working for them and I've also work for a private environmental company. If you all, and I'm more than happy, I live here. I have a commitment to Caddo. I been here all my life. So, if you all have questions I will certainly make myself available to help answer questions, give guidance is what I spent seven years as the enforcement office for all of North Louisiana. So, we can certainly provide that for you. I am here in support of the Caddo Alliance and for the changes in the zoning. Thank you.

Larry Little came before the Commission and gave the following comment:

Yeah. My name's Larry Little. I live at 5057 Dixie Garden. I'm just here. I wanted to kind of make everybody aware. I have a business testament construction. We've been at 7115 Greenwood Road for over 20 years now. We are oil and gas contractor and we are a general contractor also. We had recently applied for zoning change that was voted down by you all's body. In the 20 years prior to that, I'd never had a complaint, never a issue, never any problems from any of my neighbors. We're located right across from Timberline Western Hill Subdivision. Since that time, I've had sales tax enforcement, DEQ, EPA, Property Standards all come to me wanting to inspect my property. Commissioner Epperson is one that told had directed him to come and inspect my property. I've had zero violations that they wrote me for. Here, the other day, I was told I had to have a certificate of Occupancy. Didn't know I had to have one. I'm now being fined \$500 per day for not having a Certificate of Occupancy. I can't even find out from anyone what I have to do to stop the fine. I went to the MPC's office today, they directed me to the Attorney's Office. I spoke with him. I'm waiting on a call back from him. I have a small business here in Caddo Parish. Been here all my life. We have about 120 employees. And I'm basically being shut down by this body. I just wanted you all to be aware of what you all are doing.

Chris Kracman came before the Commission and gave the following comment:

Chris Kracman. 4530 Pine Old Drive. I'll keep it simple and I won't put any bass in my voice this time I promise. I just one thing that we addressed really briefly and the Citizen's Advisory Committee was a lot of the smaller things about the UDC Master Plan, all you all know the issues. And a lot of the discussion and today and in our Committee meetings is about power plants, rendering plants, creosote plants that don't exist anymore. But a lot of these big issues that are actually very rare. And I know Attorney Bernstein was talking about a rare instance of a nursing home versus a parking lot and that's like a really rare occasion. And usually ends up going to court regardless of what this body or the MPC does. What I would like to really talk about is the smaller more common things, especially since we've been in. Well, the Caddo Alliance for Freedom we had a lot of public outreach. We talked to

thousands of people. And we never really came before this body and talked about the little things that we hear the most about. And since being put on the Citizen's Advisory Committee, we got even more outreach from people and the most common things that were addressed were real little small things. And I'm gonna give you a small example. Back in September, I think it was, there was a woman who's 86 years old. She lost her carport in the snow storm and she had one put back up that didn't match the one that fell in. And so, somebody called in and put in a blanket complaint on the whole neighborhood. It was Lakeview in District 2. And, put in a blanket complaint, and she got a violation warning. 86-year-old woman, she spent. She, of course, has a controlled income and she thought that she was going to either have to tear it down or pay a big fine. She didn't understand the warning and she sent us a copy of the warning. And looking at it, it was a pretty intimidating letter. But it's those little things like that that we hear a lot about people putting up carports, people doing things to their home where they're having to pay these fees and stuff. And I know from personal experience, when I put in our manufactured home in 2017, I believe it was, I had no idea that we had to jump through so many hoops. And a lot of it I did myself because I couldn't afford to do anything else. I couldn't hire anyone to do our blueprints and our site plan and all that. I had to do it myself. And it was taxing. But the fees really caught me off guard. Because we barely were able to afford what we were getting coming in. And then we had to attach on all this. And, so, a lot of that is something that we don't bring up a lot. But it's the little things. Okay.

Lorraine Guerrero came before the Commission and gave the following comment:

My name is Lorraine Guerrero. And I'm president of an organization called Nova's Heart. We help to feed, give collars, harnesses, leashes, vaccinations, a once a month rabies clinic and spay free spay neuters to the homeless pets of the homeless, low income, veterans and disabled. None of this cost anybody that qualifies a penny. I really wasn't prepared to speak, but had a situation that happened at our office today. we were supposed to take a beautiful Cane Corso 10-month old puppy in to get spayed. I called the owner to see why she didn't show up this morning. And she told me that she lost a dog a few months ago and a man had given her this pup. Well, she wanted to have the pup spayed, but when the man found out that she was going to get the dog spayed, he came back after three months and took the pup away from her. Because he thinks that he can make money selling the puppies. This dog is beautiful but is in no way a Cane Corse that should be bred. Just not that kind of dog. This is what we deal with every day. Every day in our organization the fight against spay neuter. Therefore, resulting in us seeing 7-10 litters of puppies every year that we give shots to. We never know where those puppies end up. Most of them are sold for \$50 because they think they can make a little money. It's not morally. And it's not ethically right to treat an animal like this who didn't ask to be here. Just like a child doesn't ask to be born an animal does not ask to be born. And we should treat those animals, the animals that God gave us the responsibility over, with respect and dignity. And I ask that you please pass the spay neuter ordinance in order to alleviate the problem we have at all of our local animal controls who are over populated with stray and unwanted animals. Do this. Do something for Shreveport to move ahead. Thank you.

Linda Schemwell came before the Commission and gave the following comment:

I'm Linda Shimwell. Founder and president of Pet Savers No Kill Shelter. I can't say it much better than Lorraine just said it. Today, we took in two severely emaciated young lab mixes abandoned in an old trailer. Yesterday, we took in a tiny old dog left behind when his owners moved. A little research indicates, from talking to my phone volunteers, that we probably turned down about 2,000 dogs and cats a year. Where they come from? Strays, they were found somewhere, people were moving and didn't want to take them with them. In fact, most people come in and they're moving tomorrow and they want us to take their dogs. Most, most of those dogs are not spayed or neutered. It's an endless stream. It's a bottomless pit. Those of us in animal rescue are exhausted most of the time. So, we thank you if you pass this spay neuter mandate. We need it. Thank you.

Chris Alwhite came before the Commission and gave the following comment:

I foster for Caddo Animal Control Parish PAS. I also do transports for Alone to Home and Kindred Hearts. Just this month alone, I run three local lost pet sites. I'm also a member of several other pet sites, because a lot of animals that are found are immediately re-homed to other people without even looking for the owners. The month of December, 638 puppies on my sites that I'm on were born. 509 kittens were born. Where are these animals going to go? On my street alone, two neighbors between the two of them have 29 puppies. One of my neighbors is selling the puppies for \$50 a piece unvaccinated, not wormed and they're 13 days old. She already has them on Facebook for sale. Wants them gone by Christmas time. In the last week, I've brought four dos to Caddo. Two weeks ago, I brought 6 dogs to Caddo. Yesterday, I spent four hours chasing three dogs off of Hearne and one on Jewella. It's never ending. There're not enough fosters. There are not enough rescues in this area. The animals do not stop. I live in Blanchard. And it is a daily occurrence for me to chase animals, try to find their homes, bringing them home. Last week, I was at Dollar General there was a woman out there at 9 o'clock at night with her three young children giving away free puppies in the Dollar General. They were not vaccinated. The mom runs loose. The mom again yesterday was out running loose. So, more than likely she's going to be pregnant again and give birth in 60 days. On my street alone, we have 12 dogs that regularly run loose. I'm sure Travis is sick of me calling Caddo, because I call non-stop. They're tired when I walk in Caddo it's what do you have with you today. it is a never-ending battle. We need to pass this ordinance. There're just not enough people in Shreveport Caddo Parish alone to help these rescues to foster. So, we are begging you to please consider passing this ordinance.

Megan Everett came before the Commission and gave the following comment:

Hello, I'm Megan Everett. And I am the transport rescue foster, event coordinator for Parish PAS. Last time I came up here, we were at over 450 animals we had taken in and transported this year. Along with the 71 we too on the transport that I took the next day. Next week, I'm sending another 60. Three of those 60 are moms and, I believe, I'm at 20 of those 60 are puppies to those moms. There are two puppies. There are two mama dogs at Caddo right now with 7 puppies. And there are two pregnant moms at Caddo. I don't know where I can put them anymore. Commissioner Taliaferro you foster and I commend your efforts. I'm-we're grateful but you know as well as all of us do there's not enough of us. My home is full. I live in a duplex in on Kirby. And I am full of kittens and I am full of puppies. A guy today came in today with three puppies. And if I didn't post them immediately and get them out they would have sat at the shelter and possible caught something. I can't move. We can't and I say this as, myself, but my team, Linda, Lorraine. We can't move these animals quick enough. And I have been contacted by other people in other Parishes. They want to know what I did to get this started. I told him it wasn't me. It was you guys. It was Commissioner Young. And you guys have no idea how groundbreaking this would be if we could get this started here. We would be paving the way for the South and animal welfare. And I commend all of your efforts. And I am just super thankful for you guys for even bringing it up. And I really, really hope this pass. Because this-it would be a game changer down here. And it would be where she said most of us don't, you know, don't rest and, you know, all that with what Miss Schimwell said. We never do. It's never ending. And this, this would be a really great fix for it. So, thank you Commissioners.

Donna Chance Hall came before the Commission and gave the following comment:

Hi my name is Donna Chance Hall. And my husband and I, Wynston Hall. We live in south Shreveport on Bethlehem Lane. And I brought a picture. This might be too small for you all to see. But this puppy along with three of her sisters were at the end of a street in our neighborhood sitting in the middle of a street that cars drive on. And we saw this Friday morning at 10 am. And when I leaned down those puppies came right to me. So, somebody had those puppies. They were used to people and they dumped them. And we knocked on every door. We put we looked for signs. Nobody was missing these puppies. We took them in, tried to keep them safe. Our home was not set up for four puppies, but we tried our best thinking we could bring them to the Humane Society or to Pet Savers. When I started making phone calls, they told us we could not contact anybody for the whole weekend at any either Caddo Animal Control or Bossier Animal Control. I finally got somebody on the phone on Saturday and we were told that Bossier was completely full. Caddo said we couldn't bring them until Monday. So, that was three more days my husband and I got an hour of sleep trying to keep these puppies safe. And they obviously were not vaccinated their stomachs were extended, but we could see their ribs. So, they had not been dewormed or anything yet. No vaccines whatsoever. So, I called 29 rescues in five cities in Louisiana. Not one single rescue was available to take these animals. This was four little girl dogs. So, that means had we left them on the street, they could have possible had two litters a piece, possible, for 40 more dogs in our area. And, so, we kept them the whole time. A rescue in Wisconsin is who finally saved us. And they said we will help you. They arranged for a private transport of these four puppies. I'm a photographer and I took awesome photos like you can see in that one of these little puppies and they are transporting them tomorrow to Wisconsin at that rescue's cost. And she already has calls about adopting them and I asked her. She said that in since 2016, 7,000 dogs have been sent to them in Wisconsin and adopted out and I said why do you all not have the problem that we have. And she said we have very educated, you know, laws about spay and neuter and people abide by them. And I know it won't fix this problem, but I feel like it's a start. And we've got to start somewhere, because they are euthanizing healthy animals every day. And these littles are going to make somebody a great home, but they're not going to keep breeding, you know, continually. And I don't know the fix for that if you have to get a permit if you're a breeder or something. But we have to start reducing that, because if 29 shelters couldn't take four puppies to save them. Then, we have a problem. And I think this ordinance would be a great start to help solving that. Thank you so much.

Ken Booth came before the Commission and gave the following comment:

Thank you for letting me talk. I'm Ken Booth. 10006 winding Ridge Shreveport. One of the multitudes of responsible pet owners in our Parish. I have some concerns about the ordinance that I'd like to express. Some of the particulars. One, our breed is a Kuvasz, which is a giant breed. My male weighs 114 pounds. Their skeletal systems not mature until probably 18 months and spaying them at 12 months is too early according to a lot of people. Some would recommend waiting until 18-24 months before spaying a giant breed dog. There are some exceptions including for show dogs. This wasn't supposed to involve show dogs. Well, not all quality breeders who show their dogs show every year. My breeder who is nationally renowned in her breed, teaches judges how to judge the breed, takes a puppy at 6 months, she starts showing it and by two years she expects to have the championship. Then, she starts waiting for the health certificates. The dog will be 2.5 to 3 years old before she even starts to breed it. Over the next three years, she'll get two or three litter from it. So, if she stops breeding at 6, that means that she bred this dog for four years after she stopped showing it. I tried to look at some of the exceptions for breeders. She certainly doesn't have a commercial kennel. She does not make money what she does. There are some apparently permits to possess intact dogs and spayed dogs. I don't know what the requirements or the expense of those are or if she could afford to pay it. Who's going to enforce this? They say we're not going door-to-door to check your dog and see if they've been spayed or neutered.

We're going to ask our veterinarians to do it? Will this put them in a position of responsibility or liability for dogs that are not neutered or spayed that they continue to care for because they want to take care of their pets? There was an honest escape clause, which seemed to say that if your dog is vaccinated, has a collar and tag, or a chip that they won't be forcefully spayed or neutered. I was taught that a collar should be loose enough that the dog can slip out of it to keep it from strangulating if it gets caught on something. It's not uncommon for dogs to slip out of its collar. Our dogs are collared, tagged, chipped and vaccinated. And then there's a question of the expense. It seems to say that the Parish is going to pay the expense to have all the dogs that are found over 12 months spayed or neutered. Does this include all the dogs that are currently in the rescues in this Parish? And are going in the future to be in the rescues in this Parish? I know that my tax bill is on my desk now. And I don't want my tax dollars going to have my neighbors Maltese spayed and neutered if she happens to slip out and slips out of her collar. So, I certainly agree there's an issue. I'm not sure mandatory spay neuter with these exceptions is the answer and I would suggest maybe looking at a different approach as far as what animals do you really wish to have spayed and neutered. The ones that are picked up with no owner? Thank you.

VISITORS

- Citizens Advisory Committee
Maj. Gen. Jim Graves

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Chavez, *that this item be removed from the agenda.* Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Johnson, Jones, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (10). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Hopkins and Jackson (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

- Fracking in Populated Areas—Scientific Concerns
Dr. Brian Salvatore
Dr. Peter Siska

Dr. Salvatore came before the Commission to discuss fracking in populated areas. He said that there has been a lot of oil and gas activity in Northwest Louisiana since 1977. Dr. Salvatore said that he is concerned with hydraulic fracturing in the Cross-Lake area. He believes there needs to be a greater exploration of geology in the area. Dr. Salvatore also said that there are several orphan wells, some even 100 years old.

Dr. Salvatore also talked about the Federal Bureau of Land Management's proposed fracking lease sales around Cross Lake. He said that they own the rights on navigable water, and they have already gone through and given their "go ahead" for these leases. Dr. Salvatore said that the federal government must undertake an environmental review, acre by acre, but that has not been done. He also mentioned that this would be "split lease" leases. The royalties would be split between the federal government, state, and the drilling company.

Dr. Salvatore showed a video of C.L. Bryant's property in Desoto Parish where the natural gas was bubbling up. They finally drilled a relief well to release some of the pressure, he said. Dr. Salvatore said that they also found benzene in C.L. Bryant's well water.

Dr. Salvatore said that some of his concerns about fracking include: air pollution around drill sites, depletion of fresh water, surface water contamination, ground water contamination, noise pollution, well explosions and fires, chemical spills, 18-wheeler traffic, rig accidents, and damage to our roads and bridges. He is also concerned with "forever chemicals", such as PFAS—Polyfluorinated Alkyl Substances, which bioaccumulate and stay in our bodies forever. Some of these chemicals have been associated with health effects including fertility problems, birth defects, altered metabolism, obesity, diabetes, and cancer. They are harmful at part per trillion levels (i.e. less than a one-liter bottle of Coke in Cross Lake).

Dr. Siska came before the Commission to talk about drilling in Caddo Parish. He said that there is a concern with the water sources being depleted and polluted.

ADOPT REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

It was **moved by Mr. Epperson**, seconded by Mr. Young, *that Regular Session Minutes November 18, 2021 be adopted.*

It was **moved by Mrs. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. Young, *to englobe and adopt the following minutes:*

- *Regular Session Minutes November 18, 2021*
- *Special Session Minutes Budget Intro October 28, 2021*

- *Special Session Minutes Budget Adoption November 1, 2021*
- *Special Session Minutes Interim Commissioner District 6 November 29, 2021*

At this time, Mrs. Gage-Watts' motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Johnson, Jones, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (10). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Burrell and Jackson (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

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

- *Special Resolution of Appreciation & Recognition for James Flurry*

Mr. Chavez commended Mr. Flurry for all of his selfless hard work in the Southern Hills area. He wished him the best on his future endeavors.

Mr. Flurry said that it has been a pleasure to serve the citizens of City District E. He appreciated this special resolution and looks forward to his retirement.

Mr. Burrell thanked Mr. Flurry for his friendship. He also said that Mr. Flurry “reaches across the aisle to make things better for everybody”.

Mr. Jones also thanked Mr. Flurry for his mentorship and encouragement. He wished Mr. Flurry the best on his retirement.

Mrs. Gage-Watts appreciates Mr. Flurry and his wife for everything that they have done. She also wished him well on his retirement.

- *Special Resolution for Southwood Student of the Year*

Mr. Chavez commended Mr. Caleb Taylor for all of his hard work at Southwood.

Mr. Taylor said that there is a lot of excellence at Southwood. He said that there are a lot of students who are low-income and told they would never be something, but are making something of themselves. He said that should be commended.

Mr. Epperson congratulated Mr. Taylor on being Student of the Year and commended him on “remembering his peers”.

Mr. Jones commended Mr. Taylor for being the positive at Southwood.

Mr. Taliaferro said that the definition of a leader is someone who thinks of themselves last; someone who puts others before themselves. He also said that the job of a leader is to build other leaders. He congratulated Mr. Taylor on being Student of the Year and being a leader for his peers to follow.

- *Special Resolution Recognizing the Southwood Robotics Team*

The FIRST Robotics Team thanked the Commission for honoring them today.

- *Special Resolution Recognizing Claiborne Elementary Student of the Year Kelsey Jai Samuel*

Mr. Burrell said that Claiborne Elementary is one of the best kept secrets in Caddo Parish. He congratulated Ms. Samuel for all of her achievements.

Mr. Jones all congratulated Ms. Samuel for being a shining light for Caddo Parish.

Mrs. Gage-Watts also commended Ms. Samuel for all of her achievements. She wished her the best of luck on her future endeavors.

Principal Lester came before the Commission and said that Ms. Samuel is the shining example of a kind person. She pointed out that Ms. Samuel is dedicating her Christmas to helping someone else out.

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

**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO
OUTGOING CITY COUNCILMAN JAMES FLURRY**

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission notes with regret that the relentless passage of time carries with it a succession of inevitabilities, among them the end of long and productive affiliations with valued colleagues and associates; and

WHEREAS, this body now pauses to bid “farewell” to one such friend, James Flurry, who is leaving his City Council seat after nearly 8 years of distinguished service as the District E City Councilman and retiring from his nearly 20 years in elected public service, including 12 years as a Justice of the Peace in Caddo Parish; and

WHEREAS, his departure from the City Council, in addition to being a personal milestone for him which will allow him to enjoy time with family and friends, is also an excellent opportunity to honor and thank him for his leadership which included an unprecedented run as Chairman of the City Council, a courageous and public battle with Cancer, and an accessible and relatable personality noted for his realistic but hopeful outlook and caring personality; and

WHEREAS, James was first elected to City Council in 2014 and was returned to office by the citizens of District E which is indicative of the esteem in which he was held by his constituents and colleagues alike. His warm personality endeared him to all, even those who were on the opposing end of his formidable and impassioned advocacy on behalf of those he represented. His sense of fairness and commitment to community radiate from him as witnessed volunteering for the Clerk of Court’s office with his beloved wife, Pat, or enjoying the noted comradery of his friendship with former District A City Councilman Willie Bradford; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Flurry served with integrity, dedication, and commitment—traits which in every instance impelled him to seek to do the “right thing” in the service of the people of District E, the City of Shreveport and Caddo Parish. He judiciously guarded the taxpayer assets placed in his trust, cared deeply about public safety and worked to build relationships that cross traditional boundaries.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission meeting in legal and regular session this 9th day of December, 2021, that it does hereby express a sense of regret that its esteemed colleague JAMES FLURRY has reached the end of his local elected service, but with profound appreciation for the efforts that he has long and faithfully expended in behalf of this institution and the people of our community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Commission does wish James and his family many continued years of health, contentment and prosperity as they enjoy the fruits of his toil and devoted service.

**RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION
CALEB TAYLOR**

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission is always pleased to recognize and honor those sons and daughters of Caddo Parish who have gone forth to gain singular and outstanding personal achievements, and in so doing, reflect favorably and positively upon their home community; and

WHEREAS, MR. CALEB TAYLOR, a Shreveport native and Senior at Southwood High School, has been named Student of the Year in recognition of his commitment to scholastic achievement, dedication to community and helping others, interview etiquette and leadership skills;

WHEREAS, Mr. Taylor’s impressive resume includes not only academic success marked by awards like the Renaissance Gold Award and Principal’s List, but also involvement in community service based organizations like Beta Club, academic leadership organizations like National Honor Society and Mu Alpha Theta, and activities as diverse as Southwood Powerlifting and Taylor’s strongest passion and an activity which Taylor has distinguished himself time and again, First Robotics Club and Regional Autonomous Robotics; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Taylor’s essay and interview highlight not only his achievements, but also his admirable character and powerful life perspectives as well, illustrating how he has overcome challenges, cultivated his love of learning and shared that love with others in extraordinary ways;

WHEREAS, Mr. Taylor is thankful to have the support of his family, classmates, educators, and the competitive robotics community who have guided him to becoming the leader that he is today, capable of accomplishing goals that he could never have imagined as a child facing challenges that were yet to be overcome while looking forward to a future unafraid of the challenges to come knowing that he has everything he needs to continue to set and reach higher aspirations and accomplishments,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in legal and regular session this 9th day of December, 2021, that it does hereby extend its most sincere and heartfelt expressions of congratulation and appreciation to MR. CALEB TAYLOR for his praiseworthy

achievements and for representing Caddo Parish with such distinguished leadership as the Southwood High School Student of the Year.

**RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION
KELSEY SAMUEL**

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission is always pleased to recognize and honor those sons and daughters of Caddo Parish who have gone forth to gain singular and outstanding personal achievements, and in so doing, reflect favorably and positively upon their home community; and

WHEREAS, MS. KELSEY JAI SAMUEL, a Shreveport native and 5th grader at Claiborne Fundamental Magnet Elementary School, has been named Student of the Year in recognition of her commitment to scholastic achievement, dedication to community and helping others, interview etiquette and leadership skills;

WHEREAS, Ms. Samuel's impressive resume includes straight A's the entire year, receiving the Creative Writing Award along with other scholastic awards in Math and Science, serving as a 5th grade representative on Student Council, helping her classmates as a peer tutor, a Student Teacher's Aide & Teaching Assistant and participating in activities like 4H, Girl Scouts, the Fellowship of Christ Youth Ministry, where she serves multiple leadership roles, and even being named Queen of the Young Miss Mother/Daughter Pageant; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Samuel's essay and interview highlight not only her achievements, but her character, illustrating that she has a thankful and appreciative perspective on life, an appreciation for differences in people, and is able to maintain a strong work ethic while also being joyful and passionate about causes such as anti-bullying;

WHEREAS, Ms. Samuel is thankful to have the support of her loving parents, Kelvin and Kimberly Samuel, as well as the support of her community, classmates and educators who have guided her to becoming a leader capable of setting her goals high, while keeping a humble and generous heart to help those around her;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in legal and regular session this 9th day of December, 2021, that it does hereby extend its most sincere and heartfelt expressions of congratulation and appreciation to KELSEY SAMUEL for her praiseworthy achievements and for representing Caddo Parish with such distinguished leadership as Claiborne Fundamental Magnet Elementary School's Student of the Year.

**RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION
SOUTHWOOD HIGH SCHOOL'S ROBOTICS TEAM**

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, FIRST is a robotics lab course that teams professionals and students in order to solve engineering design problems in an intense and competitive environment. The competitions, held at both the regional and national levels, show students that technological disciplines hold countless exciting opportunities for their futures; and

WHEREAS, the FIRST Robotics lab reinforces the importance of education and careers in science, technology, engineering, and math. In addition to enjoying a unique learning opportunity, participants in this class are also eligible to apply for a variety of scholarships through the program and is offered to students in grades 9-12; and

WHEREAS, FIRST is a robotics lab course that teams volunteer professional mentors and students to solve engineering design problems in a competitive environment. Often called the "Ultimate Sport for the Mind", FIRST Robotics Competition challenges students to build and program industrial-sized robots to complete specific tasks; and

WHEREAS, Southwood High School's Robotics Team has won several awards, including the Regional Autonomous Robotics Competition and the Gracious Professional Award.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, that it does hereby wish much continued success to the students on Southwood High School's Robotics Team as they continue to dream, to aspire, to strive, to achieve, and to excel as they face the challenges and opportunities their lives will present.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ZONING ORDINANCES & CASES

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

- Ordinance No. 6145 of 2021, in regards to Zoning Case 21-30-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 east side of Ratcliff Rd., approximately 400' south of S Roach Dr., Caddo Parish, LA., from C-1, Neighborhood Commercial District to I-1, Light Industrial District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto

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

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES

- Ordinance No. 6147 of 2021, an ordinance to donate surplus property under Chapter 19, Article II, Division 3 of the Code of Ordinances relative to donation of adjudicated property acquired by the Parish under LA.R.S. 47:2236 et seq., to authorize the donation of property to People of Praise, Incorporated to address substandard housing and provide a benefit to low and moderate income residents of distressed areas, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto
- Ordinance No. 6148 of 2021, an ordinance enacting Section 8-37.1 of the Caddo Parish Code of Ordinances regarding the mandatory sterilization of dogs and cats otherwise providing with respect thereto

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

ZONING ORDINANCES (For Final Passage)

It was **moved by Mrs. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. Young, *that Ordinance No. 6145 of 2021, in regards to Zoning Case 21-30-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 east side of Ratcliff Rd., approximately 400' south of S Roach Dr., Caddo Parish, LA., from C-1, Neighborhood Commercial District to I-1, Light Industrial District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto be adopted.*

Mrs. Gage-Watts said that this has been an ongoing project. She asked for everyone's support on this ordinance.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 6145 OF 2021

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND VOLUME II OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE PARISH OF CADDO, AS AMENDED, THE CADDO PARISH UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE, BY AMENDING THE ZONING OF PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF RATCLIFF RD., APPROX 400' SOUTH OF S ROACH DR., CADDO PARISH, LA., FROM C-1, NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO I-1, LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

BE IT ORDAINED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that Volume II of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo, as amended, the Caddo Parish Unified Development Code, is hereby amended and re-enacted to read as follows, to wit:

The official Zoning Map of the Shreveport Metropolitan Planning Area of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, be amended by rezoning property located on the east side of Ratcliff Rd., approx 400' south of S Roach Dr., Caddo Parish, LA, more particularly described below, be and the same is hereby amended from C-1, Neighborhood Commercial District to 1-1, Light Industrial District:

THE SOUTH 450' OF THE NORTH 650' OF LOT 1 SWPCO SHREVEPORT/BOSSIER OPERATION CENTER, AS RECORDED IN BOOK 1900, PAGE 152 (INST NO 2766765) OF THE RECORDS OF CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA, SECTION 8, T17N, R14W, CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA.

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

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after publication in the official journal.

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

ORDINANCES (For Final Passage)

It was **moved by Mr. Hopkins**, seconded by Mr. Atkins, *that Ordinance No. 6147 of 2021, an ordinance to donate surplus property under Chapter 19, Article II, Division 3 of the Code of Ordinances relative to donation of adjudicated property acquired by the Parish under LA.R.S. 47:2236 et seq., to authorize the donation of property to People of Praise, Incorporated to address substandard housing and provide a benefit to low and moderate income residents of distressed areas, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be adopted.

Mr. Hopkins said that People of Praise are going to expand the school, create a garden, and recreational space for that neighborhood.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 6147 OF 2021

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE TO DONATE SURPLUS PROPERTY UNDER CHAPTER 19, ARTICLE II, DIVISION 3 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO DONATION OF ADJUDICATED PROPERTY ACQUIRED BY THE PARISH UNDER LA.R.S. 47:2236 ET SEQ., TO AUTHORIZE THE DONATION OF PROPERTY TO PEOPLE OF PRAISE, INCORPORATED TO ADDRESS SUBSTANDARD HOUSING AND PROVIDE A BENEFIT TO LOW AND MODERATE INCOME RESIDENTS OF DISTRESSED AREAS, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, People of Praise, Inc., applied under Section 19-51 of the Code of Ordinances to acquire certain property adjudicated to the Parish for unpaid property taxes;

WHEREAS, People of Praise, Inc., met the requirements to acquire those properties by donation;

WHEREAS, those properties had previously been adjudicated to the Parish for unpaid property taxes;

WHEREAS, pursuant to La.R.S. 47:2236, the Parish took full ownership interest in those properties;

WHEREAS, under Section 19-51, those properties are deemed surplus and not needed for a public purpose;

WHEREAS, People of Praise, Inc., will use those properties to assist low and moderate income residents of distressed areas and specifically work to reduce or eliminate substandard and blighted structures in those areas which is an appropriate basis to donate public property; and

WHEREAS, the Parish is now ready to donate those properties to People of Praise, Inc.;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that, pursuant to La.R.S. 47:2236 and 2237, it does hereby donate, for the public purpose stated above to People of Praise, Inc., the following property:

- a. Lot 5 of Block 14, West End Subdivision, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, bearing municipal address 1435 Harvard Street (Geo. No. 171402-052-0005-00);
- b. Lot 11 of Block 14, West End Subdivision, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, bearing municipal address 1407 Harvard Street (Geo. No. 171402-052-0011-00);
- c. Lot 10 of Block 14, West End Subdivision, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, bearing municipal address 1415 Harvard Street (Geo. No. 171402-052-0010-00);
- d. Lot 20 & the East Half of Lot 21 of Block 1, Currie Subdivision, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana bearing municipal address 1912 W. Gary Street (Geo. No. 171402-021-0020-00; and
- e. Lot 7 of Block 9, Currie Subdivision, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana bearing municipal address 1937 Walnut Street (Geo. No. 171402-029-0007-00.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Parish Administrator or his designee is authorized to take all necessary actions to comply with the requirements of La.R.S. 47:2236-37 and this donation, subject to approval of the Parish Attorney of any documents or transactions.

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

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall take effect upon adoption.

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

It was **moved by Mr. Young**, seconded by Mr. Chavez, *that Ordinance No. 6148 of 2021, an ordinance enacting Section 8-37.1 of the Caddo Parish Code of Ordinances regarding the mandatory sterilization of dogs and cats otherwise providing with respect thereto* be adopted.

Mr. Johnson wanted to know if dogs who a part of an organization or club exempt from this ordinance. Mr. Young said that they are. Mr. Johnson also wanted to know if puppies under 52 weeks are exempt. Mr. Young said that they are with the exception of the big breed dogs. Mr. Johnson also asked about the microchips. Mr. Young said that groomers/boarders are exempt, as well as intact permits for intact males/females. Mr. Johnson stated essentially this is for mixed breeds and those who do not have papers. Mr. Young agreed.

Mr. Johnson has concerns with dogs who are well taken care of, but are mixed breeds. He said now, according to this ordinance, they would have to be fixed. Mr. Young said that is an enforcement matter. If I'm not at your house, I don't know you have a pet, Mr. Travis Clark, Animal Services Director, said. Mr. Johnson gave an example of a dog barking complaint. Mr. Clark explained that they would have to do an investigation at that point. He said if the dog is not running loose, he will not lean on them to fix their animals, unless they have a history of dogs running at-large. He said that they will advise them on the ordinance, but they are not going to start seizing people's pets.

Mr. Hopkins said that his constituents are not in favor of this ordinance. He said that he will be voting no on this ordinance.

Mr. Taliaferro gave the following statement:

Of course, this is a very emotional topic for a variety of us and it requires its due diligence. This ordinance is most likely one of the most discussed outside the chamber walls and with good reason. I commend Commissioner Young, who has been very thorough to be fair to all pet owners regarding bringing this legislation to our attention. As I said in our last time together as a proud member of the animal rescue community, there would be nothing more than I would like them to be out of the job as far as fostering. I think this effort has alluded to that, we just cannot keep up with the number of fosters that are requested. It is difficult for us, that are fosters, to have to turn fosters down. So it's very emotional for us, but I believe this will never happen regardless. I mean, I won't be out of a job and this will never happen regardless if this ordinance passes or not. We will always have animals that need fostering. I remain a strong advocate for licensing, rabies vaccination, tattooing, chipping, even identity registries, or

utilizing advanced facial recognition technology—yes, it does exist—with whom our agencies come in contact with to ensure that these animals get back home. I will tell you that I know what I don't know and pride myself on relying on those people whom I value, and those organizations who are established in this specific field, such as the American Kennel Club, American Humane, ASPCA, natural interest Alliance, Cat Fanciers Association, and many more. The opinions of these organizations, as well as our local veterinarians on whether a mandatory spay neuter programs are effective vary, and they vary depending on the area and the shelter that they've been observing. However, the majority of these organizations have stated that the greatest obstacles to widespread spaying and neutering are the costs and education, not outright the opposition to the procedure itself. Many of these organizations have the opinion just the opinion that MSN does not and will not address the root problem. Again, this is dependent on the area in which they were a survey and the shelter in which was involved. I want less government involvement, and I'm hesitant to support more regulation that will require law enforcement attention because they're already spread thin. We need to enforce the laws currently on our books. We need to focus more on our efforts and money on the eradication of puppy mills, parking lot sales, illegal dog fighting, even using cyber technology. We should continue and encourage and promote education of responsible pet ownership. Since this ordinance was first introduced, I've had my concerns about its effectiveness. That is no secret. The ability to enforce such an ordinance, on what animal owners it would have a direct impact on, and the possibility of property rights. While I still have reservations and concerns I'm willing to work with all those involved for the implementation of this program and remain optimistic that with proper management and enforcement, we could be the exception to the rule for our success. Therefore, since this is a two-year pilot program, during which time we will be collecting data to reevaluate the program's effectiveness. We'll mainly focus on irresponsible animal owners whose animals repeatedly come in contact with CPAS. I will be supporting this ordinance with the expectation that CPAS and members of our rescue community make every effort to ensure this program is one of the successful ones.

Mr. Atkins said that he also has some reservations when this ordinance first came out, but working with Mr. Young on an honest escape clause, he will be supporting this ordinance.

Mr. Chavez applauded Mr. Young for bringing forth this ordinance.

Substitute motion by Mr. Young, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *that the amended version of Ordinance No. 6148 of 2021* be adopted.

Mr. Young thanked all of the Commissioners for contributing to the discussion regarding spaying/neutering of animals. He said that it was important to his constituents when running for this office to move towards a low-kill animal shelter. Mr. Young also thanked all of the rescuers and the animal rights activists for their work on this ordinance.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 6148 OF 2021

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING SECTION 8-37.1 OF THE CADDO PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES REGARDING THE MANDATORY STERILIZATION OF DOGS AND CATS AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, dogs and cats are heavily overpopulated in the Parish of Caddo with 4,000 – 5,000 animals in Caddo Parish custody annually and 20% - 30% of animals euthanized by Caddo Parish staff or die while in Caddo Parish Custody; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of Caddo Parish citizens to reduce the number of dogs and cats taken in and euthanized at Caddo Parish Animal Services and Mosquito Control; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission, citizens of Caddo Parish, and animal rights advocates throughout the United States believe that sterilization of dogs and cats is far more humane than euthanization as a means of population control; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission finds it prudent to monitor and study the effect of mandatory sterilization of dogs and cats before making it a permanent part of the Parish Code of Ordinances;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that Section 8-47.1 of the Caddo Parish Code of Ordinances is

enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 8-37.1 Owner Responsibilities-Dogs and Cats

- (a) Dog means any member of the *Canis lupus familiaris* family.
- (b) Cat means any member of the *Felidae* (feline) family.
- (c) No person may own, keep, reside with or harbor a dog or cat within the parish that is not spayed or not neutered.
- (d) Subsection (c) does not apply to:
 - (1) Puppies 52 weeks or younger and Kittens 26 weeks or younger.
 - (2) Any dog or cat which is registered with the American Kennel Club, United Kennel Club, American Dog Breeding Association, Continental Kennel Club, Cat Fanciers Association, American Cat Fanciers Association or other nationally or internationally recognized organization and participates in shows sponsored by these organizations. An animal owner who presents proof of registration and participation in shows is exempt from the neutering and spaying requirements of this section.
 - (3) Animals with a chronic or debilitating disease or medical condition whose health will be seriously, permanently and detrimentally affected if it is spayed or neutered as documented by a licensed Veterinarian. This includes any developmental variation from the timeline expressed Subsection (d)(1) of this ordinance that would make sterilization of the animal inappropriate until maturity.
 - (4) Animal Establishment owners as defined in Section 8-2 of this code are exempted. Also exempted are those who obtain an intact permit (males)/ breeding permit (females) for their pet which is microchipped and the permit is to be obtained annually to expire on December 31st of every year.
 - (5) Honest Escape Exception: The spay/neuter requirement of this section shall not apply to any dog or cat intercepted by Caddo Parish Animal Control Officers if such dog is (a) collared and tagged with current rabies vaccination in accordance with section 8-37 of the parish code of ordinances; or (b) microchipped with information identifying the owner of such dog and current rabies vaccination in accordance with 8-37 of the parish codes of ordinances.
- (e) The primary penalty for violation of this Section shall be the impounding of the dog/cat believed to qualify under Subsection (c), the neutering/spaying of such dog/cat, and the return of such dog/cat to its owner after an appropriate time for healing after surgery. Any further penalty imposed for any violation of this Section of the Code of Ordinances shall follow the schedule as provided in Section 1-8 of this Code.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Caddo Parish shall, at Parish expense, spay or neuter as appropriate any dog found to be in violation of this Ordinance for the duration of this ordinance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED 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 RESOLVED that this ordinance shall take effect July 1, 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this ordinance shall expire June 30, 2024, unless re-enacted it as a permanent ordinance.

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

ORDINANCES (For Introduction By Title)

- Ordinance No. 6152 of 2021, an ordinance to accept the streets in New Territory

Subdivision Unit VI into the Parish of Caddo Road System, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto

- Ordinance No. 6153 of 2021, an ordinance amending the Caddo Parish Personnel Policy to require that all parish employees hired, appointed or promoted to Parish Attorney, Assistant Parish Administrator, Parish Administrator/CEO, Department Director or Commission Clerk, must reside in Caddo Parish, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

WORK SESSION MINUTES

It was **moved by Mrs. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. Jones, *that Work Session Minutes December 6, 2021 be ratified.* Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Atkins, *that Resolution No. 74 of 2021, 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 be adopted.* Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Johnson, Jones, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (11). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioner Jackson (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

RESOLUTION NO. 74 OF 2021

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 adjudicated properties located in Section 17, Township 18 North, Range 14 West described as W. 70 Ft of E. 220 Ft Of N. 77.57 Ft Of lot 349, Jones-Mabry Sub., Unit 4, Geo # 181417-001-0379; Lot 3, Joseph Redd Subn, Geo # 181417-003-0003; W. 50 Ft Of E. 115 Ft Of N. 120 Ft Of Lot 375, jones-Mabry Sub Unit 6, Geo # 181417-005-0393; W/2 Of Lot 422, Jones-Mabry Sub, Unit #7, Geo # 181417-010-0009; E/2 Of Lot 390, Jones-Mabry Sub Unit 7, Geo # 181417-010-0011; N. 65 Ft Of S. 135 Ft Of Lot 398, Jones-Mabry subn., Unit #7, Less R/W, Geo # 181417-010-0014; South 45 Ft. Of North 135 Ft. Of Lot 418, jones-Mabry Sub., Unit 7, Less R/W, Geo # 181417-010-0027; South 45 Ft. Of North 135 Ft. Of Lot 418, jones-Mabry Sub., Unit 7, Less R/W, Geo # 181417-010-0027; N. 90 Ft Of Lot 418, Jones-Mabry Sub Unit 7 less R/W, Geo # 181417-010-0036; W. 66 Ft. Of E. 132 Ft. Of N. 80 Ft. Of Lot 412, jones Mabry Subn., Unit #7, Geo # 181417-010-0087; Lot 416 Jones-Mabry #7, Geo # 181417-010-0416; Lot 421, Jones-Mabry Sub., Unit #7, Geo # 181417-010-0421; Lot C, Reed Subn, Geo # 181417- 011-0003; Lot E, Reed Subn., Geo # 181417-011-0005; Lot F, Reed Sub., Geo # 181417-011-0006; Lot G, Reed Subn, Geo # 181417-011-0007; Lot I, Reed Subn, Geo # 181417-011-0009; Lot J, Reed Subn., Geo # 181417-011-0010; Lot K, Reed Subn, Geo # 181417-011-0011; Lot L, Reed Subn., Geo # 181417-011-0012; S/2 Of Lot 457, Jones-Mabry Subn., Unit 7, Geo # 181417-013-0469; Lot 432, Jones-Mabry Sub. 7, Less west 70 Ft. Of South 310 Ft. Thereof, Geo # 181417-013-0479; S/2 Of W. 40 Ft. Of E/2 Of Lot 429, Jones-Mabry sub., Unit #7, Geo # 181417-013-0532; W. 10 Ft. Of E. 40 Ft. Of N. 10 Ft. Of S. 140 Ft of Lot 456, Jones Mabry Subn. Unit #7, Geo 181417-013-0545; S. 40 Ft Of N. 120 Ft Of E. 119.285 Ft Of Lot 439, Jones Mabry Sub, Unit 7, Geo # 181417-013-0574; S. 35 Ft. Of The N. 80 Ft. Of The E. 119.285 Ft. Of Lot 439, Jones-Mabry Subn.unit #7, Geo # 181417-013-0581; S. 17.27 Ft. Of N. 117.27 Ft. Of W. 119.285 Ft. of Lot 439, Jones Mabry Subn., Unit No. 7, Geo # 181417-013-0584; N. 37 Ft. Of S. 79 Ft. Of E. 119.285 Ft. of Lot 439, Jones-Mabry Subn., Unit No. 7, Geo # 181417-013-0588; N. 72.78 Ft. Of S. 151.78 Ft. Of E. 119.285 Ft. of Lot 439, Jones-Mabry Subn., Unit No. 7, Geo # 181417-013-0590; Lot 6, Mary Joe Place Subn., Geo # 181417-016-0006; N. 37.6 Ft Of S. 46.3 Ft Of Lot 9, 181417-16-21 mary Joe Place, Geo # 181417-016-0021; West

35.23 Ft. Of North 140.75 Ft. Of Lot 12, van Sub, Geo # 181417-017-0025; Lot 7, Knox Subn, Geo # 181417-019- 0007; Lot 10, Knox Sub, Geo # 181417-019-0010; N. 6 Ft Of E. 15 Ft Of Lot 1, Knox Sub, Geo # 181417-019-0012; North 20.75 Ft. Of East 15.4 Ft. Of Lot A, alex Lee Park, Geo # 181417-024- 0004; Lot 1-A, Alex Lee Park, Unit #1-A, Geo # 181417-026-0001; Lot 3-A, Alex Lee Park, Unit #1-A, Geo # 181417-026-0003; Lot 4-A, Alex Lee Park, Unit #1-A, Geo # 181417-026-0004; Lot 5-A, Alex Lee Park, Unit #1-A, Geo # 181417-026-0005; Lot 7-A, Alex Lee Park, Unit #1-A, Geo # 181417-026-0007; Lot 9-A, Alex Lee Park Sub, Unit #1-A, Geo # 181417-026-0009; Lot 10-A, Alex Lee Park, Unit #1-A, Geo # 181417-026-0010; Lot 11-A, Alex Lee Park, Unit #1-A, Geo # 181417-026-0011; Lot 16-A, Alex Lee Park, Unit #1-A, Geo # 181417-026-0016; Lot 17-A, Alex Lee Park, Unit #1-A, Geo # 181417-026-0017; E. 0.97 Acre Of Lot 601, Jones-Mabry sub., Unit 10, Geo # 181417-028-0625; E/2 Of Lot 607, Jones-Mabry Sub., Unit #10, Geo # 181417-028- 0642; E. 59.65 Ft. Of Lot 606 & W/2 Of Lot 607, Jones-mabry, Sub., Unit #10, Geo # 181417- 028-0643; South 65 Ft Of E. 1 Ac Of Lot 618, Jones-mabry Sub 10, Geo # 181417-028-0651; W. 60 Ft Of E/2 Of Lot 596, Jones-Mabry Subn., unit #10., Geo # 181417-028-0661; E/2 Of Lot 596, Less W. 60 Ft. Thereof, Jones mabry Subn., Unit 10, Geo # 181417-028-0662; N. 1 Acre Of Lot 614, Jones-Mabry Sub, Unit 10, Geo # 181417-028-0672; Lot 631 Jones Mabry Sub 10, Geo # 181417-029-0631; S. 50 Ft Of N. 250 Ft Of Lot 624, Jones-mabry Sub., Unit 10, Geo # 181417- 029-0648; N. 200 Ft Of Lot 624 & N. 150 Ft Of S. 356.9 Ft of Lot 624, Jones-Mabry Sub., Unit #10, Geo # 181417-029-0649; N. 50 Ft Of S. 106.9 Ft Of Lot 624, Jones-mabry Sub., Unit 10, Geo # 181417-029-0658; S. 56.9 Ft. & N. 100 Ft. Of The S. 206.9 Ft. Of lot 624, Jones-Mabry Sub., Unit 10, Geo # 181417-029-0659; 1 Ac. W/2 Of Lot 643, Jones-Mabry Sub 10, Less s. 5 Ft For St, Geo # 181417-029-0664; The N. 89.57 Ft. Of S. 179.14 Ft. Of Lot 641, jones-Mabry Subn., Unit #10, Geo # 181417-029-0667; Lot 647, Jones-Mabry Sub., Unit 10, Geo # 181417- 030-0647; W. 1/2 Of Lot 659, Jones-Mabry Sub, Unit 10, Geo # 181417-030-0668; W/2 Of Lot 661, Less Drainage Ditch, Jones-Mabry subn., Unit 10, Geo # 181417-030-0674; W/2 Of Lot 646 Jones Mabry Sub., Unit #10, Geo # 181417-030-0678; South 40 Ft. Of North 80 Ft. Of E/2 Of Lot 646, jones Mabry Sub., Unit #10, Geo # 181417-030-0680; South 45 Ft. Of North 315 Ft. Of Lot 664, Jones-mabry Sub., Unit 10, Geo # 181417-030-0691; E/2 Lot 648 Jones-Mabry Subn. 10, Geo # 181417-030-0696, E. 72.15 Ft. Of N. 151.19 Ft. Of S. 302.38 Ft. of Lot 660, Jones Mabry Sub., Unit 10, Less drain Eas., Geo # 181417-030-0719; W. 72.16 Ft. Of S. 151.19 Ft. Of Lot 660, jones Mabry Sub., Unit #10, Geo # 181417-030-0721; E. 72.15 Ft. Of N. 151.20 Ft. Of S. 453.58 Ft. of Lot 660, Jones Mabry Sub., Unit #10, Geo # 181417-030-0722; N. 151.19 Ft. Of S. 302.38 Ft. Of W. 72.16 Ft. of Lot 660, Jones Mabry Sub, Unit 10, Geo # 181417-030-0723, 0.46 Ac.-M/L-E. 44.44 Ft. Of Lot 657, Less N. 150 Ft. Thereof, Jones-Mabry Sub., Unit #10, Geo # 181417-030-0725, All That Part Of Lot 662, Jones-Mabry unit No. 10, Lying S. Of A Drainage Ditch, Geo # 181417-030-0741; Lot A, Mims Sub, Geo # 181417-031-0001; Lot B, Mims Sub, Geo # 181417-031-0002; Lot C, Mims Sub, Geo # 181417-031-0003; Lot D, Mims Sub, Geo # 181417-031-0004; Lot E, Mims Sub, Geo # 181417-031-0005; Lot 1, Mary Pearl Subn., Geo # 181417-033-0001; Lot 2, Mary Pearl Subn, Geo # 181417-033-0002; Lots 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Mary Pearl Subn., Geo # 181417-033-0003; Lot 9, Mary Pearl Subn, Geo # 181417-033-0009; Lot 10, Mary Pearl Subn., Geo # 181417-033-0010; Lot 7, Peach Tree Subn., Geo # 181417-040-0007; Lot 1, Heritage Sub, Geo # 181417-042-0001; Lot 3, W. W. Jones Sub., Unit #1, less Drainage Ditch, Geo # 181417-043-0003; Inst. # 2529592 - W/2 Of Lot 8, W. W. Jones Sub., Unit #1, Less drainage Ditch R/W, Geo # 181417-043-0028; E. 131.94 Ft Of Lot 9, Less Drainage Ditch R/W, w. W. Jones Subn., Unit No. 1, Geo # 181417-043-0031; North 200.39 Ft. Of W/2 Of Lot 7, W. W. Jones subn., Unit No. 1, Geo # 181417-043-0040; Lot 6, Less N. 50 Ft. Thereof, W. W. Jones Subn. unit No. 1, Less R/W, Geo # 181417-043-0044; Lot 6, Legardy Oaks Sub., Unit #1, Geo # 181417-045-0006; Lot C, Legardy Oaks, Unit #2, Geo # 181417-046-0003; Lot D, Legardy Oaks, Unit #2, Geo # 181417-046-0004; Lot 4, Legardy Hills Sub. Unit #1, Geo # 181417-047-0004; Lot 5, Legardy Hills Sub., Unit #1, Geo # 181417-047-0005; Lot 6, Legardy Hills Sub., Unit #1, Geo # 181417-047-0006; Lot 25, Legardy Hills Sub, Unit 1., Geo # 181417-047-0025; Lot 32, Legardy Hills Subn., Unit 1, Geo # 181417-047-0032; Lot 33, Legardy Hills Subn., Unit 1, Geo # 181417- 047-0033; Lot 53, Legardy Hills Sub., Unit 1, Geo # 181417-047-0053; Lot 55, Legardy Hills Subn., Unit 1, Geo # 181417-047-0055; Lot 58, Legardy Hills Sub., Unit 1, Geo # 181417-047- 0058; Lot 61, Legardy Hills Sub., Unit 1, Geo # 181417-047-0061; Lot 67, Legardy Hills Subn Unit #1, Geo # 181417-047-0067; Lot 81, Legardy Hills Subn., Unit 1, Geo # 181417-047-0081; Lot 85, Legardy Hills Subn., Unit 1, Geo # 181417-047-0085; Lot 87, Legardy Hills Sub., Unit 1, Geo # 181417-047-0087; Lot B, Legardy Hills Park., Geo # 181417-048-0002; Lot 91, Legardy Hills Sub Unit 2, Geo # 181417-050-0091; Lot 93, Legardy Hills Subn., Unit 2, Geo # 181417-050- 0093; Lot 101, Legardy Hills Subn., Unit 2, Geo # 181417-050-0101; Lot 102, Legardy Hills Subn., Unit 2, Geo # 181417-050-0102; Lot 112, Legardy Hills Subn., Unit #2, Geo # 181417- 050-0112; Legardy Hills Sub lot 118, Geo # 181417-050-0118; Lot 124, Legardy Hills Subn., Unit 2, Geo # 181417-050-0124; Lot 129, Legardy Hills Subn., Unit 2, Geo # 181417-050-0129; Lot 1, Cooperville Subn., Unit 1, Geo # 181417-051-0001; Lot 2, Cooperville Subn,

Unit #1, Geo # 181417-051-0002; Lot 15, Cooperville Subn., Unit 1, Geo # 181417-051-0015; Lot 18, Cooperville Subn., Unit 2, Geo # 181417-052-0018; Lot 20, Cooperville Subn., Unit 2, Geo # 181417-052- 0020; Lot 21, Cooperville Subn., Unit 2, Geo # 181417-052-0021; Lot 28, Cooperville Subn. Unit #2, Geo # 181417-052-0028; Lot 29, Cooperville Subn., Unit 2, Geo # 181417-052-0029; Lot 30, Cooperville Subn., Unit 2, Geo # 181417-052-0030; Lot 58, Cooperville Subn., Unit 2, Geo # 181417-052-0058; Lot 59, Cooperville Subn., Unit 2, Geo # 181417-052-0059; Lot 64, Cooperville Subn., Unit 2, Geo # 181417-052-0064; Lot 65, Cooperville Subn., Unit 2, Geo # 181417-052- 0065; Lot 66, Cooperville Subn., Unit 2, Geo # 181417-052-0066; Lot 67, Cooperville Subn., Unit 2, Geo # 181417-052-0067; Lot 72, Cooperville Subn., Unit #2., Geo # 181417-052-0072; Lot 107, Cooperville Subn., Unit 2, Geo # 181417-052-0107; Lot 109, Cooperville Subn., Unit 2, Geo # 181417-052-0109; Lot 114, Cooperville Subn., Unit 2, Geo # 181417-052-0114; Lot 115, Cooperville Subn., Unit 2, Geo # 181417-052-0115; Lot 116, Cooperville Subn., Unit 2, Geo # 181417-052-0116; Lot 117, Cooperville Subn., Unit 2, Geo # 181417-052-0117; Lot 118, Cooperville Subn., Unit 2, Geo # 181417-052-0118; Lot 119, Cooperville Subn., Unit 2, Geo # 181417-052-0119; Lot 120, Cooperville Subn., Unit 2, Geo # 181417-052-0120; Lot 34, Cooperville Subn., Unit 2, Geo # 181417-053-0034; Lot 36, Cooperville Sub., Unit #2, Geo # 181417-053-0036; Lot 37, Cooperville Subn., Unit 2, Geo # 181417-053-0037; Lot 38, Cooperville Subn., Unit 2, Geo # 181417-053-0038; Lot 39, Cooperville Subn., Unit 2, Geo # 181417-053- 0039; Lot 94, Cooperville Subn., Unit 2, Geo # 181417-053-0094; Lot 95, Cooperville Subn., Unit 2, Geo # 181417-053-0095; Lot 96, Cooperville Subn., Unit 2, Geo # 181417-053-0096; Lot 158, Less R/W, Cooperville Sub., Unit 2, Geo # 181417-053-0158; Lot 159, Less R/W, Cooperville Sub., Unit 2, Geo # 181417-053-0159; Lot 160, Cooperville Subn., Unit 2, Geo # 181417-053-0160; Lot 162, Cooperville Subn., Unit 2, Geo # 181417-053-0162; Lot 165, Cooperville Subn., Unit 2, Geo # 181417-053-0165; Lot 166, Cooperville Subn., Unit 2, Geo # 181417-053-0166; Lot 167, Cooperville Subn., Unit 2, Geo # 181417-053-0167; Lot 169, Cooperville Subn., Unit 2, Geo # 181417-053-0169; Lot 171, Cooperville Sub., Unit #2, Geo # 181417-053-0171; Lot 172, Cooperville Sub Unit 2, Geo # 181417-053-0172; Lot 175, Cooperville Subn., Unit 2, Geo # 181417-053-0175; Lot 176, Cooperville Subn., Unit 2, Geo # 181417-053-0176; Lot 177, Cooperville Subn., Unit 2, Geo # 181417-053-0177; Lot 10, Legardy Village, Geo # 181417-057- 0010; Lot 54, Legardy Village, Geo # 181417-057-0054; W. 65 Ft. Of E. 485 Ft. Of N. 77.57 Ft. Of lot 349, Jones-Mabry Sub., Unit 4, Geo # 181417-001-0383; Lot 352, Less W. 50 Ft. On N. 125 Ft. Thereof & less E. 125 Ft. Thereof, Jones-Mabry Subn. Unit #4, Geo # 181417-001-0401; W. 132 Ft Of S. 82.5 Ft Of N. 165 Ft Of lot 413, Jones-Mabry Sub., Unit #7, Geo # 181417-010- 0044, S. 45 Ft Of N. 180 Ft Of Lot 418 Jones-Mabry sub., Unit #7, Less R/W, Geo # 181417-010-0052; S. 80 Ft. Of E/2 Of Lot 412, E/2 Of Lot 412, less N. 80 Ft....Of Lot 412, Jones-Mabry subn., Unit 7, Geo # 181417-010-0098; 2.00 Acs- Lot 386, Jones-Mabry Sub, Unit 7 181417-10-386., Geo # 181417-010-0386; Lot 404, Jones-Mabry Sub, Unit # 7, Geo # 181417-010-0404; Lot D, Reed Sub, Geo # 181417-011-0004; Lot 458, Jones-Mabry Sub, Unit 7, Geo # 181417-013-0458; W. 70 Ft. Of S. 310 Ft. Of Lot 432, Jones-Mabry Sub, Unit 7, Geo # 181417-013-0478; North 44 Ft. Of South 263 Ft. Of West 1/2 Of Lot 442, Jones-Mabry Sub. 7, Geo # 181417-013-0515S. 52 Ft Of The N. 361.46 Ft Of Lot 456, Jones-mabry Subn., Unit 7, Geo # 181417-013-0527; S. 51 Ft Of N. 102.46 Ft Of Lot 456, Unit #7, jones-Mabry Subn, Geo # 181417-013-0541; N. 41 Ft. Of S. 192.78 Ft. Of E. 119.285 Ft. Of lot 439, Jones-Mabry Subn., Unit No. 7, Geo # 181417-013-0589; S.31.44 Ft. Of N. 148.71 Ft. Of W. 119.285 Ft. of Lot 439, Jones-Mabry Subn., Unit #7, Geo # 181417-013-0592; Lots 9 Thru 13, Savoy Subn., Geo # 181417-014-0018; Lot 3, Knox Subn., Geo # 181417-019-0003; Lot 2, Norton Subn., Geo # 181417-020-0002; Lot 4, Norton Sub., Geo # 181417-020-0004; Lot 8, Norton Sub, Geo # 181417-020-0008; Lot 6-A, Alex Lee Park, Unit #1- A, Geo # 181417-026-0006; Lot 8-A, Alex Lee Park Sub, Unit #1-A, Geo # 181417-026-0008; E. 109.24 Ft Of W. 218.48 Ft Of Lot 606, Jones-mabry Sub, Unit 10., Geo # 181417-028-0669; Lot 633, Jones-Mabry Sub., Unit # 10, Geo # 181417-029-0633; E/2 Of Lot 661, Less N. 150 Ft. Thereof, less R/W, Jones-Mabry Sub, Unit #10, Geo # 181417-030-0712; All That Part Of Lot 662, Jones-Mabry unit No. 10, Lying N. Of A Drainage Ditch, Geo # 181417-030-0740; Lot 2, Heritage Sub, Geo # 181417-042-0002; Lot 3, Heriatage Subn. 181417-42-3., Geo # 181417- 042-0003; Lot 5, Heriatage Subn., Geo # 181417-042-0005; Lot 3, Reese Sub, Geo # 181417- 044-0003; Lot 21, Legardy Hills Sub Unit 1, Geo # 181417-047-0021; Lot 23, Legardy Hills Sub Unit 1, Geo # 181417-047-0023; Nwly Portion Of Lot 52, Legardy Hills Sub., Unit #1, Measuring 55 Ft. On Street & 70.3 Ft. On rear, Geo # 181417-047-0091; Lot 3, Cooperville Subn., Unit 1, Geo # 181417-051-0003; Lot 31, Cooperville Subn., Unit 2, Geo # 181417-052-0031; Lot 42, Cooperville Subn., Unit 2, Geo # 181417-052-0042; Lot 43, Cooperville Subn., Unit 2, Geo # 181417-052-0043; Lot 47, Cooperville Subn., Unit 2, Geo # 181417-052-0047; Lot 48, Cooperville Subn., Unit 2, Geo # 181417-052-0048; Lot 98, Cooperville Sub., Unit 2, Geo # 181417-053- 0098; Lot 127, Cooperville Subn., Unit 2, Geo # 181417-053-0127; Lot 129, Cooperville Subn., Unit 2, Geo # 181417-053-0129; Lot 135, Cooperville Sub., Unit 2, Geo # 181417-053-0135; Lot 161, Cooperville Subn., Unit #2, Geo # 181417-053-0161; Lot 1, Audrey Park Sub., Geo #

181417-054-0001; Lot 2, Ballard Park Subn., Less Ditch, Geo # 181417-061-0002; Lot 1, Casey Park, Geo # 181417-062-0001, said adjudicated property total acreage being 45.81 acres, more or less situated within Section 17, Township 18 North, Range 14 West, Caddo Parish, Louisiana

Those certain adjudicated properties located in Section 18, Township 18 North, Range 14 West described as LOT 15, E-Z LIVING SUB, Geo # 181418-001-0015; LOT 95, E-Z LIVING SUB., Geo # 181418-001-0095; LOT 96, E-Z LIVING SUB., Geo # 181418-001-0096; LOT 16, E- Z LIVING SUB, Geo # 181418-002-0016; LOT 17, E-Z LIVING SUBN, Geo # 181418-002-0017; LOT 60, E-Z LIVING SUBN, Geo # 181418-002-0060; LOT 107 E-Z LIVING SUBN., Geo # 181418-002-0107; LOT 148, E-Z LIVING SUB, Geo # 181418-002-0148; LOT 153, E-Z LIVING SUB, Geo # 181418-002-0153; LOT 154, E-Z LIVING SUB, Geo # 181418-002-0154; A TRIANGLE TR. IN SW COR OF LOT 142, MEASURING 87.08 FT ON W. LINE & 57.7 FT ON S. LINE, E-Z LIVING SUBN. , Geo # 181418-002-0158; LOT 143 LESS TRIANGULAR TR. OFF NE COR MEASURING 37.12 FT ON N. LINE & 56.02 FT OF E. LINE E-Z LIVING SUBN, Geo # 181418-002-0159; THAT PART OF LOT 61 E-Z LIVING SUB., LYING N. & E. OF SHREVEPORT-BLANCHARD ROAD, Geo # 181418-002-0161; LOT 32, E-Z LIVING SUB, Geo # 181418-003-0032; LOT 37, E-Z LIVING SUB, Geo # 181418-003-0037; LOT 39, E-Z LIVING SUB, Geo # 181418-003-0039; LOT 52, E-Z LIVING SUB., Geo # 181418-003-0052; LOT 115, E- Z LIVING SUB, Geo # 181418-003-0115; LOT 128, E-Z LIVING SUBN, Geo # 181418-003-0128; LOT 131, E-Z LIVING SUB, Geo # 181418-003-0131; LOT 132, E-Z LIVING SUBN, Geo # 181418-003-0132; LOT 136 E-Z LIVING SUBN, Geo # 181418-003-0136; LOT 137, E-Z LIVING SUB, Geo # 181418-003-0137; LOT 138 E-Z LIVING SUB, Geo # 181418-003-0138; LOT 2, JOHNNIE ROBINSON SUB, Geo # 181418-004-0002; LOT 3, JOHNNIE ROBINSON SUB, Geo # 181418-004-0003; LOT 6, JOHNNIE ROBINSON SUB., Geo # 181418-004-0006; LOT 8, JOHNNIE ROBINSON SUBN, Geo # 181418-004-0008; LOT A, JOHNNIE ROBINSON SUB, UNIT 2, Geo # 181418-005-0001; LOT 187, E-Z LIVING SUBN., UNIT 2, Geo # 181418-007-0187; LOT 194, E-Z LIVING SUB, UNIT 2, Geo # 181418-007-0194; W. 40 FT OF S. 150 FT OF TR. C, WASH & MARY SOLOMON PARTN. OF SE/4 OF NE/4 SEC 18-18-14, Geo # 181418- 009-0003; E. 40 FT OF W. 80 FT OF S. 150 FT, TR. C, WASH & MARY SOLOMAN PARTN. OF SE/4 OF NE/4 SEC 18-18-14 181418-9-5., Geo # 181418-009-0005; E. 40 FT OF W. 120 FT OF S. 150 FT OF TR C, WASH & MARY SOLOMON PARTN OF SE/4 OF NE/4, Geo # 181418-009- 0007; WEST 120 FT. OF NORTH 181.5 FT. OF SOUTH 331.5 FT. OF LOT C, WASH & MARY SOLOMON PARTN. OF SE/4 OF NE/4 SEC 18-18-14., Geo # 181418-009-0010; LOT 7, PRINCE HALL VILLAGE SUBN, Geo # 181418-010-0007; LOT 10, PRINCE HALL VILLAGE SUB, Geo # 181418-010-0010; LOT 18, PRINCE HALL VILLAGE SUBN, Geo # 181418-011- 0018; LOT 31, PRINCE HALL VILLAGE SUB., Geo # 181418-011-0031; LOT 38, PRINCE HALL VILLAGE SUB, Geo # 181418-011-0038; LOT 66, PRINCE HALL VILLAGE SUBN, Geo # 181418-011-0066; LOT 7, FAIRYLAND PARK, Geo # 181418-013-0007; LOT 72, FAIRYLAND PARK, Geo # 181418-013-0072; LOTS 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 69 & 70, FAIRYLAND PARK, Geo # 181418-013-0076; LOT 114, FAIRY LAND PARK, Geo # 181418-014-0114; LOT 115, FAIRYLAND PARK SUBN, Geo # 181418-014-0115; LOT 118, FAIRYLAND PARK SUB, Geo # 181418-014-0118; LOTS 9, 10, 11, 12, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103 & 104, FAIRY LAND PARK, LESS R/W ADJ. LOTS 9, 10, 11 & 12, Geo # 181418-014-0120; LOTS 116 & 117, FAIRY LAND PARK, Geo # 181418-014-0121; LOT 15, FAIRY LAND PARK, Geo # 181418-015- 0015; LOT 16, FAIRY LAND PARK, Geo # 181418-015-0016; LOT 17, FAIRY LAND PARK, Geo # 181418-015-0017; LOT 18, FAIRY LAND PARK, Geo # 181418-015-0018; LOT 19, FAIRY LAND PARK, Geo # 181418-015-0019; LOT 20, FAIRY LAND PARK, Geo # 181418-015-0020; LOT 21, FAIRY LAND PARK, Geo # 181418-015-0021; LOT 22, FAIRY LAND PARK, Geo # 181418-015-0022; LOT 23, FAIRY LAND PARK, Geo # 181418-015-0023; LOT 30, FAIRY LAND PARK, Geo # 181418-015-0030; LOT 31, FAIRY LAND PARK, Geo # 181418-015-0031; LOT 32, FAIRY LAND PARK, Geo # 181418-015-0032; LOT 33, FAIRY LAND PARK, Geo # 181418-015- 0033; LOT 34, FAIRY LAND PARK, Geo # 181418-015-0034; LOT 35, FAIRY LAND PARK, Geo # 181418-015-0035; LOT 36, FAIRY LAND PARK, Geo # 181418-015-0036; LOT 37, FAIRY LAND PARK, Geo # 181418-015-0037; LOT 38, FAIRY LAND PARK, Geo # 181418-015-0038; LOT 45, FAIRY LAND PARK, Geo # 181418-015-0045; LOT 46, FAIRY LAND PARK, Geo # 181418-015-0046; LOT 47, FAIRY LAND PARK, Geo # 181418-015-0047; LOT 48, FAIRY LAND PARK, Geo # 181418-015-0048; LOT 49, FAIRY LAND PARK, Geo # 181418-015-0049, LOT 50, FAIRY LAND PARK, Geo # 181418-015-0050; LOT 51, FAIRY LAND PARK, Geo # 181418-015- 0051; LOT 52, FAIRY LAND PARK, Geo # 181418-015-0052; LOT 53, FAIRY LAND PARK, Geo # 181418-015-0053; LOT 60, FAIRY LAND PARK, Geo # 181418-015-0060; LOT 61, FAIRY LAND PARK, Geo # 181418-015-0061; LOT 62, FAIRY LAND PARK, Geo # 181418-015-0062; LOT 63, FAIRY LAND PARK, Geo # 181418-015-0063; LOT 64, FAIRY LAND PARK, Geo # 181418-015-0064; LOT 65, FAIRY LAND PARK, Geo # 181418-015-0065; LOT 66,

FAIRY LAND PARK, Geo # 181418-015-0066; LOT 67, FAIRY LAND PARK, Geo # 181418-015-0067; LOT 68, FAIRY LAND PARK, Geo # 181418-015-0068; LOT 75, FAIRY LAND PARK, Geo # 181418-016- 0075; LOT 76, FAIRY LAND PARK, Geo # 181418-016-0076; LOT 77, FAIRY LAND PARK, Geo # 181418-016-0077; LOT 78, FAIRY LAND PARK, Geo # 181418-016-0078; LOT 79, FAIRY LAND PARK, Geo # 181418-016-0079; LOT 80, FAIRY LAND PARK, Geo # 181418-016-0080; LOT 81, FAIRY LAND PARK, Geo # 181418-016-0081; LOT 82, FAIRY LAND PARK, Geo # 181418-016-0082; LOT 83, FAIRY LAND PARK, Geo # 181418-016-0083; LOT 90, FAIRY LAND PARK, Geo # 181418-016-0090; LOT 91, FAIRY LAND PARK, Geo # 181418-016-0091; LOT 92, FAIRY LAND PARK, Geo # 181418-016-0092; LOT 93, FAIRY LAND PARK, Geo # 181418-016- 0093; LOT 94, FAIRY LAND PARK, Geo # 181418-016-0094; LOT 95, FAIRY LAND PARK, Geo # 181418-016-0095; LOT 96, FAIRY LAND PARK, Geo # 181418-016-0096; LOT 97, FAIRY LAND PARK, Geo # 181418-016-0097; LOT 98, FAIRY LAND PARK, Geo # 181418-016-0098; LOT 105, FAIRY LAND PARK, Geo # 181418-016-0105; LOT 106, FAIRY LAND PARK, Geo # 181418-016-0106; LOT 107, FAIRY LAND PARK, Geo # 181418-016-0107; LOT 108, FAIRY LAND PARK, Geo # 181418-016-0108; LOT 109, FAIRY LAND PARK, Geo # 181418-016-0109; LOT 110, FAIRY LAND PARK, Geo # 181418-016-0110; LOT 111, FAIRY LAND PARK, Geo # 181418-016-0111; LOT 112, FAIRY LAND PARK, Geo # 181418-016-0112; LOT 112, FAIRY LAND PARK, Geo # 181418-016-0112; LOT 113, FAIRY LAND PARK, Geo # 181418-016-0113; LOT 15, COOPER HEIGHTS SUBN., UNIT 1, Geo # 181418-019-0015; LOT 24, COOPER HTS. SUBN., UNIT 1, Geo # 181418-019-0024; LOT 28, COOPER HEIGHTS SUB, UNIT 2, Geo # 181418-020-0028; LOT 37, COOPER HEIGHTS SUBN., UNIT 2, Geo # 181418-020-0037; LOT 49, COOPER HEIGHTS SUBN., UNIT 2, Geo # 181418-020-0049; LOT 50, COOPER HEIGHTS SUBN., UNIT 3, Geo # 181418-021-0050; LOT 57 COOPER HTS SUB UNIT 3, Geo # 181418-021-0057; LOT 57 COOPER HTS SUB UNIT 3, Geo # 181418-021-0059; LOT 61, COOPER HEIGHTS SUB UNIT 3, Geo # 181418-021-0061; LOT 68, COOPER HEIGHTS SUBN., UNIT 3, Geo # 181418-021-0068; LOT 69, COOPER HEIGHTS SUBN., UNIT 3, Geo # 181418-021-0069; LOT 71, COOPER HEIGHTS SUB., UNIT 3, Geo # 181418-021-0071; LOT 72, COOPER HEIGHTS SUBN., UNIT 3, Geo # 181418-021-0072; LOT 73, COOPER HTS SUBN., UNIT 3, Geo # 181418-021-0073; LOT 74, COOPER HEIGHTS SUBN., UNIT 4 , Geo # 181418-022- 0074; LOT 75, COOPER HTS. SUB., UNIT #4, Geo # 181418-022-0075; LOT 77, COOPER HEIGHTS SUBN., UNIT 4 , Geo # 181418-022-0077; LOT 78, COOPER HEIGHTS SUBN., UNIT 4, Geo # 181418-022-0078; LOT 81, COOPER HEIGHTS SUBN., UNIT 4, Geo # 181418-022-0081; LOT 82, COOPER HEIGHTS SUBN., UNIT 4, Geo # 181418-022-0082; LOT 83, COOPER HEIGHTS SUBN., UNIT 4, Geo # 181418-022-0083; LOT 85, COOPER HEIGHTS SUBN., UNIT 4, Geo # 181418-022-0085; LOT 86, COOPER HEIGHTS SUBN., UNIT 4, Geo # 181418-022-0086; LOT 87, COOPER HEIGHTS SUB. 4, Geo # 181418-022-0087; LOT 88, COOPER HEIGHTS SUB., UNIT 4, Geo # 181418-022-0088; LOT 89, COOPER HEIGHTS SUBN., UNIT 4, Geo # 181418-022-0089; LOT 92, COOPER HEIGHTS SUBN., UNIT 4, Geo # 181418-022-0092; LOT 93, COOPER HEIGHTS SUBN., UNIT 4, Geo # 181418-022-0093; LOT 94, COOPER HEIGHTS SUB. UNIT 4, Geo # 181418-022-0094; LOT 95, COOPER HEIGHTS SUBN., UNIT 4, 181418-022-0095; LOT 98, COOPER HEIGHTS SUBN., UNIT 4, Geo # 181418-022-0098; LOT 99, COOPER HEIGHTS SUBN., UNIT 4, Geo # 181418-022-0099; LOT 100, COOPER HEIGHTS SUBN., UNIT 4 , Geo # 181418-022-0100; LOT 103, COOPER HEIGHTS SUB, UNIT 4, Geo # 181418-022-0103; LOT 104, COOPER HEIGHTS SUB, UNIT 4 , Geo # 181418-022-0104; LOT 105, COOPER HEIGHTS SUBN., UNIT 4, Geo # 181418-022-0105; LOT 110 COOPER HEIGHTS SUB UNIT 4, Geo # 181418-022-0110; LOT 112, COOPER HEIGHTS SUBN., UNIT 4, Geo # 181418-022-0112; LOT 116, COOPER HEIGHTS SUBN., UNIT 4, Geo # 181418-022-0116; LOT 117, COOPER HEIGHTS SUBN., UNIT 4 , Geo # 181418-022-0117; LOT 119, COOPER HEIGHTS SUBN, UNIT #4, Geo # 181418-022-0119; LOT 125, COOPER HTS SUB UNIT 4; Geo # 181418-022-0125; LOT 126, COOPER HTS SUB., UNIT #4, Geo # 181418-022-0126; LOT 127, COOPER HEIGHTS SUB., UNIT #4, Geo # 181418-022-0127; LOT 133, COOPER HEIGHTS SUBN., UNIT 4, Geo # 181418-022-0133; LOT 43, UNIVERSITY VILLAGE, UNIT #1-A, Geo # 181418-027-0043, FROM SW'LY COR. OF LOT 43, UNIVERSITY VILLAGE UNIT #1-A, RUN SE'LY ALONG AN EXTENSION OF THE SW'LY LINE OF SAID LOT, 75 FT., THENCE NE'LY 114.42 FT. PARALLEL TO SW LINE OF SAID LOT, THENCE SW'LY 114.42 FT. ALONG SE LINE OF SAID LOT, TO POINT OF BEGIN., Geo # 181418-000-0075; LOT 21, E-Z LIVING SUBN., Geo # 181418-002-0021; LOT 28, E-Z LIVING SUB, Geo # 181418- 002-0028; LOTS 68 & 69, E-Z LIVING SUB, Geo # 181418-002-0068; LOT 144, E-Z LIVING SUB., Geo # 181418-002-0144; LOT 36, E-Z LIVING SUBN, Geo # 181418-003-0036; LOT 119, E-Z LIVING SUBN, Geo # 181418-003-0119; LOT 129, E-Z LIVING SUB, Geo # 181418-003- 0129; LOT 133, E-Z LIVING SUB, Geo # 181418-003-0133; LOT 7, JOHNNIE ROBINSON SUB, Geo # 181418-004-0007; Geo # 181418-006-0249; 312.55 FT. & E. 30 FT. OF N. 347.13 FT. OF LOT D, WASHINGTON & MARY SOLOMON PARTN., SEC. 18-18-14, LESS S. 94.31 FT OF E.

230.94 FT., LESS R/W, Geo # 181418-009-0026; LOT 2, PRINCE HALL VILLAGE SUB, Geo # 181418-010-0002; LOT 47, PRINCE HALL VILLAGE SUBN, Geo # 181418-010-0047; LOT 25, PRINCE HALL VILLAGE SUBN, Geo # 181418-011-0025; LOT 37, PRINCE HALL VILLAGE SUBN, Geo # 181418-011-0037; LOT 39, PRINCE HALL VILLAGE SUB, Geo # 181418-011- 0039; LOT 40, PRINCE HALL VILLAGE SUB, Geo # 181418-011-0040; LOT 6, FAIRYLAND PARK, LESS R/W, Geo # 181418-013-0006; LOTS 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 39, 40, 41, 42 & 43, FAIRYLAND PARK, Geo # 181418-013-0075; LOT 32, COOPER HTS SUB UNIT 2, Geo # 181418-020-0032; LOT 34, COOPER HEIGHTS SUB, UNIT 2, Geo # 181418-020-0034; LOT 58, COOPER HEIGHTS SUB, UNIT 3, Geo # 181418-021-0058; LOT 67, COOPER HEIGHTS SUB, UNIT 3, Geo # 181418-021-0067; LOT 70, COOPER HEIGHTS, UNIT 3, Geo # 181418-021-0070; LOT 76, COOPER HEIGHTS SUB. UNIT #4, Geo # 181418-022-0076; LOT 131, COOPER HEIGHTS SUBN., UNIT 4 , Geo # 181418-022-0131; LOT 132, COOPER HTS UNIT 4, Geo # 181418-022-0132; LOT 1, E-Z LIVING SUB., UNIT NO. 3, Geo # 181418-032-0001, said adjudicated property total acreage being 32.78 acres, more or less situated within Section 18, Township 18 North, Range 14 West, Caddo Parish, Louisiana

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo has received a written request from USG Properties Haynesville, 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 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 1/5th 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 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.

It was **moved by Mr. Hopkins**, seconded by Mr. Atkins, *that Resolution No. 83 of 2021, a resolution amending the Rules & By-Laws of the Caddo Parish Commission in order to modernize, remove redundant language, reflect current commission practices, and otherwise providing with respect thereto* be adopted.

Mr. Epperson asked about the amendments that were made during the last Regular Session. The Clerk of the Commission stated that there was an amendment to remove the seating from the President's power and remove having the Sheriff compel Commissioners for attendance.

Mr. Johnson suggested that the seating chart be placed by seniority and maybe in alphabetical order. Mr. Hopkins said that the seating chart is typically done by district with the exception of the officers.

Amendment by Mr. Epperson, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *that the seating chart be first based on seniority and secondly by drawing lots.*

Mr. Burrell suggested that everyone draw lots.

Mr. Chavez wanted to know which seat is the best seat. Mr. Jones agreed and feels that this should be voted on and move on.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 83 OF 2021

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE RULES AND BY-LAWS OF THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION IN ORDER TO MODERNIZE, REMOVE REDUNDANT LANGUAGE, REFLECT CURRENT COMMISSION PRACTICES, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Caddo Parish Commission that the By-Laws contain repeated language from the Charter, gender specific language, formatting errors and some outdated practices; and

WHEREAS, this causes the potential for inconsistencies, inefficiency, and confusion;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that the Bylaws of the Caddo Parish Commission Bylaws be amended and reenacted to read as described in Attachment (A).

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.

EXHIBIT A

**RULES AND BY-LAWS
OF THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION
RESOLUTION NO. 77 OF 1984**

As, amended by:

Resolution No. 47 of 1991	Resolution No. 74 of 2013
Resolution No. 39 of 1992	Resolution No. 48 of 2015
Resolution No. 6 of 1993	Resolution No. 7 of 2016
Resolution No. 5 of 1994	Resolution No. 88 of 2016
Resolution No. 11 of 1994	Resolution No. 89 of 2016
Resolution No. 30 of 1994	Resolution No. 99 of 2016
Resolution No. 32 of 1995	Resolution No. 61 of 2017
Resolution No. 21 of 1996	Resolution No. 71 of 2017
Resolution No. 3 of 2000	Resolution No. 23 of 2018
Resolution No. 24 of 2000	Resolution No. 26 of 2021
Resolution No. 4 of 2001	Resolution No. 84 of 2021
Resolution No. 25 of 2001	
Resolution No. 30 of 2010	

**RULES AND BY-LAWS OF THE COMMISSION
OF CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA**

ARTICLE I

Powers of Duties of the President

- RULE 1:

The President shall take the Chair on the Thursday following the first and third Tuesday of each month at 3:30 p.m., unless otherwise provided for by the Caddo Parish Commission. In case the President is absent or unable to preside, the Vice President shall call the Commission to order and preside during the absence or inability of the President. The President shall call the Commission to order, direct a call of the roll, and, except in the absence of a quorum, proceed to business in a manner prescribed by these rules. A special meeting may be called by the President with twenty-four hours previous notice, but not on weekends or holidays, except in extreme emergencies.
- RULE 2:

The President shall possess the following powers and perform the following duties:

A.

The President shall preserve order and decorum.

B.

The President shall decide all questions of order subject to appeal to the Commission. The Parliamentarian may render an opinion on parliamentary procedures only at the request of the President. However, the President shall not be bound by such opinion.

C.

In the Vice President's absence, the President may substitute any member of the commission to perform the duties of the Chair.

- D. When the Commission shall be ready to go into the Committee of the Whole, the President shall preside therein or name a Chairman from the body to preside therein or name a Chairman from the body to preside therein.
- E. The President shall be a member ex officio of all committees and shall have the right of notice of all meetings thereof and to vote on all propositions before any such committees, and in their absence, the Vice President shall serve.
- F. The President shall assign all members of the Caddo Parish Commission to their respective committees and chairmanships. There shall be twelve standing committees of the Caddo Parish Commission whose duties respectively shall be to take into consideration all such subjects as properly pertain to the subjects and purposes assigned to each of them and which may be referred to them by the Caddo Commission. Those committees are as follows:
- (1) Animal Services Committee: To this committee shall be referred, legislation relating to the following subjects: creation and modification of Animal and Fowl ordinances.
 - (2) Appropriations Committee: To this committee shall be referred legislation relating to the following subjects: appropriation of parish funds from the Riverboat Fund; budgetary requirements and procedures; comprehensive parish capital budget.
 - (3) Code Enforcement and Property Standards Committee: To this committee shall be referred all legislation relating to the following subjects: all matters related to the dereliction of public and private lands within the parish outside incorporated municipalities; building code modifications, all matters related to subdivision creation; all matters related to health and safety issues effecting the public.
 - (4) Commission Clerk and Parish Administrator Evaluation Committee: To this committee shall be referred the annual evaluation of Caddo Parish Administrator and Caddo Parish Commission Clerk; setting forth annual recommendation for pay raises and other matters.
 - (5) Economic Development Committee: legislation relating to the following subjects: appropriation of funds from the parish's video poker proceeds; Caddo Parish industrial inducement; economic development districts and special industrial taxing districts, industrial parks and enhancement avenues for new and existing businesses within the Parish of Caddo.
 - (6) Juvenile Justice and Related Services Committee: To this committee shall be referred legislation relating to the following subjects: matters related to Juvenile Court, and Juvenile detention in Caddo Parish; matters regarding community and faith based juvenile programs in the parish.
 - (7) Natural Resource Committee: To this committee shall be referred legislation relating to the following subjects: natural resources generally; mineral resources of parish owned lands; all matters relating to parish parks and recreation and parish waterways.
 - (8) Personnel Policies and Procedures Committee: To this committee shall be referred legislation regarding matters encompassed by the Parish Charter, Commission By-Laws, and Parish Personnel Policies.
 - (9) Veterans Affairs and Services: To this committee shall be referred legislation relating to the following subjects: matters related to Veteran issues, including parish veteran affairs offices, issues effecting veteran care, and support for various programs veterans' throughout the parish.
 - (10) Long Range Planning & Special Needs Committee: To this committee shall be referred legislation relating to the following subjects: matters related to issues not covered in the other nine standing committees, including but not limited to long range planning, alcohol licenses, constables and justices of the peace, facilities and space utilization, and all matters related to disaster relief and emergency response.
 - (11) Audit/Finance Committee: To this committee the Administrator shall present his recommended process for a comprehensive internal audit of

the parish no later than the second regular Commission meeting of each year. This committee shall make a recommendation regarding approval of that process to the Commission body no later than the first regular February meeting of each year. The Administrator and Director of Finance shall also present an overview of the financial matters of the Parish to this committee on a quarterly basis and this committee shall make recommendations to the Commission body regarding any budget amendments requested by agencies or departments included in the Parish budget

(12) Alcoholic Beverage Committee: The committee shall consist of five members of the Parish Commission appointed by the President of the Commission. The purpose of the alcoholic beverage permit committee shall be to hold hearings and recommend penalties for violations of parish ordinances on alcoholic beverage permits and to consider and make recommendations for changes in the alcoholic beverage ordinances of the Parish.

- G. The President shall represent the Caddo Parish Commission in all public functions, ceremonies, and events, or assign this responsibility.
- H. The President shall be authorized to assign appointees on all boards and other bodies that require Caddo Commission appointments with adoption by the Commission.
- I. The President is authorized to sign the State Constable Supplemental Pay Warrant.

RULE 3: All of the above duties and responsibilities of the President apply to the Vice President in the absence or at the direction of the President. This includes the right of notice to all meetings.

ARTICLE II

Order of Business

RULE 1: The business of each regular Caddo Parish Commission meeting shall be as follows, and shall not be departed from except by a majority vote of the members present.

- A. Roll Call
- B. Invocation
- C. Pledge of Allegiance
- D. Agenda Additions
- E. Citizen Comments
- F. Visitors
- G. Special Resolutions
- H. Approval of the minutes of any preceding meeting and correction of any error that may exist therein
- I. Communiques and Reports (includes Administrator, Committee & President's Reports)
- J. Public Hearings
- K. Ordinances
- L. Work Session Minutes
- M. Resolutions
- N. Unfinished Business
- O. New Business
- P. Communiques and Reports
- Q. Citizen Comments (late arrivals)
- R. Adjourn

ARTICLE III

Rights and Duties of Members of the Caddo Parish Commission

RULE 1: Petitions, memorials, and any other papers addressed to the Caddo Parish Commission shall be presented by the President, Administrator, or by any member.

RULE 2: All resolutions and ordinances to be presented to the Commission shall be filed with the Commission Clerk by 1:00 p.m. on the Thursday preceding the Commission's Work Session meeting. The Commission Clerk shall have a synopsis of all such resolutions and ordinances and make them all Ordinances and Resolutions available to all members prior to the commencement of such meeting. The parish attorney or other departments shall prepare all ordinances or resolutions to be sponsored by parish commissioners for

the consideration of the commission. All resolutions and ordinances presented to the Commission shall be reviewed and approved as to legal form by the Parish Attorney. All resolutions and ordinances presented to the Commission Clerk in contravention of the time limitations imposed herein shall not be considered by the Caddo Parish Commission unless specifically exempted from this rule.

- RULE 3: To fill any vacancy or vacancies by appointment, and solely for the purpose of filling any vacancy or vacancies by appointment, a majority of the membership of the Commission shall be a majority of the remaining Commissioners. For the purpose(s) of this Rule 3, vacancy(ies) shall mean the death, resignation, removal or forfeiture of office of any Commissioner.
- RULE 4: Any member requesting to be excused from voting, may when his name is called, and before the results shall be announced, make a brief statement of the reason for making such a request, and the President shall excuse from voting any member who wishes to be excused. After a vote has been taken, no member passing or abstaining shall be allowed to vote on the issue.
- RULE 5: A full roll call vote shall be taken on any question whenever requested by a member. The election of officers shall be by roll call voice vote. No member shall speak during the call of the roll except to request to be excused from voting. Any member desiring to leave the meeting of the Caddo Parish Commission shall notify the President.
- RULE 6: All roll call votes shall be called in order of District, from 1 to 12.

ARTICLE IV

Order and Decorum

- RULE 1: No member rising to debate, to give a notice, to make a motion or report, or to present a petition or other paper, shall proceed until they have addressed the President and been recognized.
- RULE 2: While a member is speaking, no other member shall speak, carry on any private discourse, or pass between the speaker and the President.
- RULE 3: While the President is putting a question or while the roll is being called, no member shall speak or leave their place.
- RULE 4: When a motion to adjourn is carried, the members shall keep their seats until the President declares the Commission adjourned.
- RULE 5: No member shall speak more than once to the same question before all members of the commission desiring to speak have been heard. Members wishing to speak shall seek recognition to be put in order of debate, and shall speak when called upon by the President. Members of the Commission shall not speak on a question, nor on items presented during “Communiques and Committee Reports”, for a period in excess of seven (7) minutes except by a vote of the full body which can vote to extend up to three (3) minutes. No member shall speak more than two times at the same meeting on the same question. Such limitations, as listed herein, may be changed upon a majority vote of the commission in the case of an emergency.
- RULE 6: If any member in speaking transgresses these rules, the President shall call them to order, in which case the member so called to order shall immediately sit down and shall not rise unless to explain or proceed in order. In the event the member does not follow this procedure, the President shall call them out of order. In cases when a member, after being called out of order by the President, continues to disrupt decorum, they may be instructed to leave the meeting on order of the President.

ARTICLE V

Rights and Duties of the Commission

- RULE 1: In the absence of a quorum during a session of the Commission, the members present may take such measures as they deem necessary to secure the presence of a quorum and may request the Sheriff of Caddo Parish to compel the attendance of any absent member and may impose such censure or pecuniary penalty, not exceeding \$10.00, as provided in the Louisiana Statutes (R.S. 1227-1235), on a member who, on being called for that purpose shall render no sufficient reason for their absence.
- RULE 2: When the Commission shall be equally divided on any question, including the President’s vote, the question shall be deemed lost.

- RULE 3: Sessions of the Commission, Work Sessions, Standing and ad hoc committees shall be open to the public, except when the Commission or committee shall meet in executive session in accordance with State law, at which time all persons not invited by the Commission to remain shall be excluded.
- RULE 4: Annually in January, the Caddo Parish Commission shall give written public notice of its meetings by resolution showing the dates, times and places of the meetings.
- RULE 5: Election of all officers shall be by electronic voting method. The passage of all other questions shall be by electronic voting method, voice or hand vote, and shall be by majority of the members constituting a quorum or as required by the Charter.
- RULE 6: At the first regular meeting of a newly elected Commission and annually thereafter, a President and Vice President shall be elected by the Commission from among its members. Said officers shall be elected for a one-year term or until a successor is elected. No person may serve more than one consecutive term as President, Vice President or Parliamentarian. The President shall preside at meetings of the Commission, and in the absence or disqualification of the President, the Vice President shall preside. In the absence or disqualification of both the President and the Vice President, the Commission shall designate one of its other members as temporary presiding officer. The President, Vice President, and temporary presiding officer shall be voting members of the Commission. The President or Vice President may be removed by the procedure outlined in Rule 10 of this section.
- RULE 7: The Commission may elect annually a Parliamentarian. The Parliamentarian shall be elected for a one-year term or until a successor is elected. The parliamentarian may be removed by the procedure outlined in Rule 10 of this section. On any question, at the request of the President, the Parliamentarian may advise. If there is any question, any Commission member may call for a Division of the House.
- RULE 8: The Commission may remove the President, Vice President or Parliamentarian for one or more of the following causes: persistent violation of the rules; assaults on the floor; slanderous or insulting remarks such as calling a member 'liar' or 'thief', etc.; disorderly conduct; reference to personalities; misconduct in office; neglect of duty; disobedience to instructions by delegates or committees; threats to hurt a member of the organization; defrauding or cheating the organization; bribery; conspiracy; larceny; misuse of funds; false charges and accusations; violation of the oath; disloyalty; secession; vilification of a member or the presiding officer or the organization; willful destruction of organization property; absenteeism. The procedure for removal is:
- (1) The commission shall adopt by affirmative vote a resolution calling for an investigation committee to investigate the behavior of the officer. The investigation committee shall not include the commissioner making the resolution or the officer to be investigated. The investigation committee shall consist of five members of the commission, appointed by and headed by the most senior officer not under investigation. No more than two members of the committee, total, shall be members of the same political party as the officer being investigated.
 - (2) Within thirty (30) days of the time an investigation committee is convened, the investigation committee shall either (a) report to the entire commission, in writing, that it found no cause for removal or (b) report to the entire commission, in writing, that it found evidence of cause for removal and recommend a written resolution specifying the cause(s) along with supporting evidence thereof and recommending trial.
 - (3) If a resolution of the investigation committee recommending trial is adopted, a trial date shall be set no sooner than thirty (30) days and no later than forty-five (45) days from the date the resolution is adopted. A special meeting for the purpose of the trial shall be called by the most senior officer not under investigation, and notice of the time and date of the meeting shall be sent by the commission clerk to the officer to be tried, within five days of the date the trial resolution is adopted.
 - (a) The trial shall be held in executive session of the commission unless the officer being tried requests it be held publicly.
 - (b) The trial shall be held before a quorum of the commission.
 - (c) The regular rules regarding speakers before the commission shall govern speakers at the trial.

- (d) At the end of the trial, the commissioners hearing the trial will convene into regular session and adopt a resolution of “no cause for removal” or resolutions of cause for removal for each charge cited in the investigation committee’s resolution for trial. Resolutions of cause for removal will require a majority vote of the quorum to move to the full body. Resolutions of no cause for removal shall end the matter.
- (e) Resolutions of cause for removal shall be placed on the next regular commission meeting agenda and if adopted by a majority of the entire commission, they will cause the removal of the officer as recommended.

ARTICLE VI

Ordinances

RULE 1: All ordinances shall be introduced in writing and in the form required for adoption and, except for codifications, the operating budget and capital improvement budget, shall be confined to one subject, expressed clearly in the title.

ARTICLE VII

Motions and Their Precedence

RULE 1: Every motion, ordinance or resolution shall be read by title or definition by the President or the Commission Clerk before debate or putting of the question.

RULE 2: After a motion, ordinance or resolution is stated by the President, the Commission may act upon it, but it may be withdrawn by the maker and the second at any time before it is amended or voted upon.

RULE 3: A motion to adjourn or to take a recess shall always be in order except when the President is putting a question, while a member has the floor, after the previous question has been ordered, or while the Commission Clerk is calling the roll.

RULE 4: An amendment to an amendment cannot be amended. An amendment to an amendment can be reconsidered under a Motion of Reconsideration by a member of the prevailing side. [Additional language from Robert’s Rules]

ARTICLE VIII

The Previous Question

RULE 1: The previous question shall be as follows: A vote on the main question must be taken and until it is decided, it shall preclude all amendments of debate. When, on taking the previous question, the Commission shall decide that the main question shall not now be put to a vote, the main question shall be considered as still remaining under debate. The main question shall be considered as still remaining under debate. The main question shall be on passage of the motion, ordinance, or resolution, but when the amendments are pending, the question shall first be taken upon such amendments in their order. The previous question is a motion to close debate that can only be made by someone who has been recognized by the chair and it requires a two-thirds vote. If the previous question isn’t adopted, you continue with unrestricted debate. Unrestricted debate means that you keep debating until the cows come home or until no one else has anything else to say, whichever comes first.

ARTICLE IX

General Provisions

RULE 1: The Caddo Parish Commission shall meet on the Thursday following the first and third Tuesday of each month at 3:30 p.m. in the Government Chamber on the first floor of the Government Plaza Building, 505 Travis Street, Shreveport, Louisiana, unless a holiday, and then on the business day following, and on such other days as the Commission may adjourn to. Special meetings may be called by the President or a majority of all members with twenty-four hours previous notice, but not on weekends or holidays, except in extreme emergencies.

RULE 2: The Commission shall determine what communications, petitions, resolutions, ordinances or other matter shall go into the official proceedings or minutes.

- RULE 3: Any of these rules may be changed by a two-thirds vote of a majority of all members, provided previous notice has been given at the prior regular meeting.
- RULE 4: All previous acts, rules, resolutions, or parts thereof pertaining to by-laws inconsistent with these rules are hereby rescinded and repealed.
- RULE 5: These rules will become effective immediately upon adoption.

ARTICLE X

Work Sessions

- RULE 1: Work Sessions will be in the Government Chamber 3:30 p.m. on the first floor of the Government Plaza Building, 505 Travis Street, Shreveport, Louisiana, on the Monday preceding the meeting of the Caddo Parish Commission, unless a holiday, and then on the business day following, or on such other day as the Commission may set.
- RULE 2: Work Sessions will be chaired by the Commission President, or the Vice President or the President's designee in the President's absence, and shall constitute a standing committee of the whole. Motions, Ordinances, Resolutions or other matters to submitted to the Work Session can, by a majority vote of those members present, be forwarded to the Commission agenda on Thursday by a recommendation for approval or, in instances where additional information or further deliberation is required, by a motion to delay action until Thursday. Actions approved or delayed by the Work Session can also specify referral to a future Commission meeting agenda. Actions forwarded to a Commission agenda will be placed in the appropriate agenda heading, i.e., Old Business, New Business, Ordinances, Resolutions, etc. Administration responses to requests for additional information made during the Work Session will be placed on the Thursday Commission agenda under the heading of Communiques and Reports.
- RULE 3: The Commission Clerk, assisted as required, will record the actions taken in the Work Sessions. In addition, the Commission Clerk will prepare the minutes of each Work Session in final form prior to subsequent Commission meetings.
- RULE 4: Two Work Session agenda files will be established by the Commission Clerk. Agenda items for each Work Session should be developed from this file. In addition, key staff members should advise the Commission Clerk regarding additional items that should be placed on the Work Session agenda. It will also be the responsibility of the Commission Clerk to ensure that items referred from the Commission for Work Session action are included on the subsequent agendas. Moreover, the Commission Clerk will be responsible for inclusion of follow-up action to be placed on subsequent agendas.

ARTICLE XI

Procedures Governing Speakers before the Commission

- RULE 1: Public does not speak at the Work Sessions unless invited by the Commission to make a special presentation or during Citizen Comments.
- RULE 2: At the beginning of each meeting (Work Session or Regular Meeting), the President shall announce that individuals wishing to be heard under Citizen Comments, must fill out a card which will be presented to the President or the Commission Clerk prior to their comments. Those wishing to address the Commission under Public Hearings shall fill out their card which will be presented to the President. Each card will have blanks for subject matter and case number, as well as name of individual wishing to speak for or against that subject.
- RULE 3: The President shall group all requests to speak according to subject matter.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

- RULE 4: Visitors who desire to address the Commission will be notified by the President or the Commission Clerk at the beginning of the meeting to fill out a card to be presented to the President prior to recognition.
- RULE 5: Discussion is limited to 3 minutes per person.
- RULE 6: The number of people speaking on a single subject will be limited to 5.
- RULE 7: Questions may be asked by Commissioners when the subject appears on the agenda. If the subject being discussed does not appear on the agenda for that day, the Commission will place it on the following Work Session agenda if requested by the visitors.

PUBLIC HEARING AND ZONING HEARINGS:

- RULE 8: Discussion shall be limited to 3 minutes per person, or a total of 15 minutes for all the proponents of an issue, and 15 minutes for all opponents.
- RULE 9: The number of people speaking on each side of a subject shall be limited to 5.
- RULE 10: The Commission cannot ask any questions during Public Hearings until both sides, proponent and opponent, have completed their presentations. The Commission cannot ask questions during Citizen Comments, the President shall assign staff to follow up on issues brought up during comments.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

- RULE 11: The time limit for Special Presentations shall be at the discretion of the President limited to 15 minutes per presentation from visitors.

ARTICLE XII

Travel Policy

RULE 1: AUTHORIZATION

Each Commissioner shall be authorized to attend the following annual meetings:

- A. The Louisiana Police Jury Association of Louisiana Convention
- B. Two (2) additional national meetings sponsored by the National Association of Counties
- C. The National Association of Black County Officials or the American Counties for Energy Independence
- D. The Police Jury Day at the Legislature

Travel by Commissioners on official Caddo Parish business such as bond sales, financial consultation, economic development, or in support of federal or state grants, education or lobbying members of the Louisiana Legislature and United States Congress, or their staffs on behalf of the Commission as a body shall be by majority vote of the Commission except in emergency cases.

Furthermore, the same exception applies in the case of a Commissioner currently serving on the National Association of Counties, National Association of Black County Officials, or the American Counties for Energy Independence, or the Police Jury Association of Louisiana, or traveling within the State of Louisiana to and from official functions of said association.

Whenever all or a portion of a Commissioner's travel expenses are reimbursed by a third party any further reimbursement of such expenses by Caddo Parish shall be limited to the difference between the expenses reimbursed by said third party and those authorized by current parish policy.

The Parish has no obligation to pay travelers for expenses that are not in compliance with this policy. Personal items, entertainment, alcoholic beverages, and expenses of family members or guests are not authorized travel expenses. Additionally, Commissioner travel shall not be paid out of any other department's budget during a calendar year.

RULE 2: DAILY EXPENSES

- A. Meals - Meal charges will be reimbursed at IRS established rates established by the Department of Finance applicable to all Parish Employees. These rates will include tips. No entertainment expenses in excess of the applicable per diem limits will be allowed unless pre-approved by the Commission. (For current per diem rates, visit: <https://www.gsa.gov/travel/plan-book/per-diem-rates>)
- B. Hotel - Room charges shall be reported at the actual rate incurred. If the spouse or family of the official also stay in the room, then the single room rate shall be charged. Rate differentials may be obtained from the hotel or may be listed on registration form in the case of group rates for conventions. Occupancy taxes shall also be pro-rated to the single rate. Any advance room deposits paid by the Commission must be deducted from the first night's charges. Hotel receipts must be attached to the Expense Account.

Telephone—Reasonable charges may be entered for necessary calls to the home or office of the individual.

Taxi—Reasonable vehicle for hire tolls are allowed for necessary ground

transportation at the travel destination; reimbursement will be made only for vehicle for hire toll charges supported by a receipt.

Tips— All customary tips for normal services, excluding meals, should be reported on this line of the Expense Account.

Parking—Charges reported related to necessary fees at hotels, garages, airports and other paid parking while on official business.

RULE 3: TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES

A. Airline Ticket

1. Elected officials and employees have the option of making their own travel arrangements or having the parish purchase airline tickets directly. In either case, discounted airfare rates shall always be utilized where available for scheduled events, and flights shall be made by the most direct routing.
2. The Commission Clerk shall, within 40 calendar days in advance of the scheduled departure date for a planned event, ascertain available airline discount rates by contacting airline agents. All Commissioners shall be advised of this rate by memo from the Commission Clerk within three days.
3. The airline ticket rate so ascertained will be used as the base rate for air travel reimbursement or as reimbursement for travel by private automobile (as outlined in Item C,2 below). Any costs in excess of 110% of the base rate will be borne by the individual Commissioner.
4. Baggage Fees—when not provided as part of the ticket price, baggage fees are a permissible reimbursement expense up to one checked bag per person.
5. A copy of the ticket shall be attached to the Expense Account whenever an airfare charge is claimed thereon.

B. Personal Car

1. Mileage for use of personal automobiles utilized on Parish business is reimbursed at the rate established by the State of Louisiana. Mileage charged shall be measured by direct route to the destination and may include required local driving upon arrival. For current reimbursement rates, please visit: <https://gsa.gov/travel/plan-book/transportation-airfare-pov-etc/privately-owned-vehicle-pov-mileage-reimbursement-rates>
2. Mileage for side trips or personal usage of the automobile should not be claimed. The mileage rate reimbursements method may not be utilized for out of state trips of over 250 miles. In instances where the elected official or employee wishes to drive a personal automobile on a lengthy business trip, an amount equal to the lowest established round-trip airfare will be utilized in lieu of the mileage rate (See Item A,3 above). This amount is an all-inclusive reimbursement and such items as automobile operating expenses, meals and lodging will not be claimed while en route to the destination.
3. Documentation of mileage shall be attached to expense report. Trip routes using online mapping are acceptable documentation.

C. Rental Car

1. The use of rental cars should be limited to those cases where extensive local usage is required at the travel destination, the cost of taxis or other alternatives would not be cost effective, or no other means of local transportation is readily available. Receipts should be attached to the Expense Account whenever charges for rental cars are claimed.

RULE 4: OTHER ITEMIZED EXPENSES

- A. Registration Fees - Actual amounts paid for on-site conference registration fees may be charged, though early registration is strongly encouraged when it results in a reduced fee. Receipts for these items must be attached. Dues for special

affiliations and/or advocacy groups will not be reimbursed.

- B. Other - All other necessary or unusual expense items, for which no other category is appropriate, must be claimed on this part of the Expense Account. Receipts for all such items should be attached.

RULE 5: TRAVEL EXPENSE ADVANCES

Travel expense funds may be disbursed by the Director of Finance prior to travel if such an advance is requested, unless such a request is in conflict with Rule 6 (below). Travel expense advances will be calculated to include an amount sufficient only for hotel cost, transportation (if not purchased in advance), and the established per diem meal cost.

RULE 6: REPORTING EXPENSE ACCOUNTS

Expense accounts shall be filed within 30 days after completion of the Parish business for which the travel was incurred. Failure to file an expense account within the 30-day period shall result in a garnishment of wages from that individual until the outstanding expense advance is reconciled. No subsequent travel advances nor reimbursement for subsequent travel shall be granted to an individual with a previous outstanding expense advance.

RULE 7: GENERAL

- A. The Director of Finance shall comply with the foregoing procedures when it becomes necessary to process individual travel expense reports.
- B. The Administrator and Chief Executive Officer shall apply similar guidelines to Commission, staff and agency travel requests and accounting.
- C. The Administrator and Chief Executive Officer shall provide the Commission with a quarterly report of staff and agency travel for informational purposes.

ARTICLE XIII

CHAMBER USE

RULE 1: The Government Plaza Chamber Standing Committee is established to oversee the operation of the Chamber and adjoining conference rooms and to make recommendations to the Caddo Parish Commission and the Shreveport City Council relative to the use and operation of the chamber and conference rooms. The committee shall recommend to their respective bodies that, to ensure that the chamber and its electronic feature were properly maintained and available to the governmental entities when needed. To ensure internal security, joint rules should be adopted by the Commission and the Council regulating the use of the chamber in Government Plaza.

RULE 2. The standing committee (ad hoc committee) for the chamber shall consist of three members of the Caddo Parish Commission and three members of the Shreveport City Council members. Those members being the president, vice president and the immediate past president). (Resolution No. 27 of 2000)

RULE 3: The Government Chamber and adjoining conference rooms shall have restricted use only by the following entities: (Resolution No. 27 of 2000) (Resolution No. 38 of 2001)

- A. Caddo Parish Commission
- B. Shreveport City Council
- C. Metropolitan Planning Commission
- D. Shreveport Metropolitan Zoning Board of Appeals
- E. Louisiana House of Representatives and committees
- F. Louisiana State Senate and committees

VOTING TABLE

Action	Meeting	To Pass	Notes
Action Items (Appointments, Directives, etc.)	Any meeting	Simple Majority of those present	
Add to/Expand the Agenda	Any meeting	All members present	Also requires a public hearing
Adjust the Order of Business	Regular Session	Simple Majority of those present	
Adopt Ordinance	Regular Session	Majority of the Body (7+)	Per Charter, adoption must be by majority of the body. Also requires a public hearing to

			occur at least 2 weeks after introduction.
Adopt Resolution	Regular Session	Majority of the Body (7+)	Per Charter, adoption must be by majority of the body
Adopt Resolution Amending the By-Laws	Regular Session	Majority of the Body (7+)	Per Charter, adoption must by majority of the body. Must be introduced then lay over two meetings. Can be adopted upon the third reading.
Advance to Agenda	Work Session	Simple Majority of those present	
Amend	Any meeting	Simple Majority of those present	
Amend something previously adopted	Regular Session	(a) Majority with notice; or (b) 2/3; or (c) a majority of entire membership	
Approve Agenda for Teleconference	Teleconference Meeting	Two thirds (2/3) of those present	The items also must have been allowed on the agenda pending the 2/3 approval
Call for the Question/ Previous Question/ Close Debate	Any meeting	Two thirds (2/3) of those present	
Election of Officers	Regular Session	Plurality	
Emergency change to speaking limitations		Simple majority	In case of emergency
Emergency Ordinance	Regular or Special Meeting	Seven or more (majority of the body)	To meet a public emergency affecting life, health, property, or public safety. It cannot levy taxes or special assessments; grant or extend a franchise; incur debt, except as provided in Section 6-04B of the Caddo Parish Charter; adopt or amend an official map, platting, or subdivision controls or zoning regulations; or propose amendments to the Home Rule Charter. Emergency ordinances are only in place for 30 days.
Extend Emergency Ordinance	Regular Session	8 or more (2/3 of the entire body)	Can extend emergency ordinance 30 days, but only 1 extension allowed.
Extend limits of time or debate	Any meeting	Two thirds (2/3) of those present	
Friendly Amendment	Any meeting	Allowable if it is a clarification of intent viewed by all parties to enhance the original motion.	These are often allowed by Chairs under Parliamentary Procedures, but don't technically exist under Robert's Rules. Alternately can be done as a motion by unanimous consent.
Postpone	Any meeting	Simple Majority of those present	
Recess	Any meeting	Simple majority of those present	
Recommend to Commission	Committee	Simple Majority of those present	
Reconsider	Any meeting	Simple Majority of those present if motion is debatable	
Refer to Committee	Any meeting		
Remove from agenda	Any meeting		
Remove from table	Depends when it was laid on the table	Must be unanimous	
Selection of nominees with multiple choices	Regular Session	Plurality	
Suspend the Rules	Any meeting	Majority for standing Rules, 2/3 for Rules of Order	
Table	Any meeting	Majority	

To fill a vacancy on the Commission	Regular or Special Meeting	Requires a majority of body (7) less any vacated seats	Per By-Law Article III, Rule 3
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GLOSSARY OF TERMS

A

Abstain	To refrain deliberately from voting.
Action Items	
Ad-hoc	For a particular purpose, for a limited time.
Adopt	Formal acceptance of what a motion proposes usually established by a vote.
Agenda	A list or outline of things to be done at a meeting; the most important of which is the terms of business.
Appointments	

C

CAFR	Comprehensive Annual Financial Report
Call to order	The opening action of a presiding officer or chair that officially starts a meeting.
Call or put the question to vote	A motion; a subject or point of debate or a proposition to be voted on in a meeting; the bringing of such to a vote; the specific point at issue. The “question” is whether the board/committee/assembly agrees to or will adopt the immediately pending motion.
Carried	The same as “adopted.”
Chair	The person presiding; the station in the meeting room from which the person presides.
Chairman	The person in the chair or the one presiding over the meeting.
Chairman pro tem	Chairman (pro tempore) The individual appointed or elected to preside on a temporary basis.
Citizen’s Advisory Committee	a private citizens’ advisory group or a private citizens’ advisory committee established by a public body, when the members of such group or committee do not receive any compensation and serve only in an advisory capacity. These groups are not subject to the same notification (posting) and record keeping (minutes) requirements of the Open Meetings law. These are established by ordinance, which also explains what triggers the end of such committees.
Committee of the Whole	the whole membership of a legislative body sitting as a committee and operating under informal rules
Consent agenda	groups the route, procedural, information, and self-explanatory, non-controversial items typically found in an agenda. These items are then presented to the board in a single motion for an up or down vote after allowing anyone to request that a specific item be moved to the full agenda for individual attention. Other items, particularly those requiring strategic thought, decision making or action, are handled as usual.

D

Debate	Discussion on the merits of a motion; the formal discussion on the reasons for or against a pro-posed action.
Decorum	Customs of formality that are followed by the presiding officer and members of a board/ committee/assembly; propriety and good taste in conduct or appearance.
Defeated motion	A motion which has been defeated.

E

Executive session	Any meeting of a deliberative assembly, or a portion of a meeting at which the proceedings are secret
Ex officio	By virtue of an office or chairmanship held in the society or in the state or national society or federation. An ex-officio member, is an individual who is a member of boards/committees by virtue of an office held.
<u>F</u>	
Floor	The exclusive right to speak in a meeting.
<u>M</u>	
Main motion	A formal proposal by a member, in a meeting, that the board/committee take certain action; the lowest ranking of the thirteen ranking motions. weight with other members as expressed by a vote. A member has the right to make motions, to speak in debate and to vote.
Minutes	The official record of the proceedings of a deliberative board/ committee/ assembly which contain mainly a record of what was done at the meeting, not what was said by the members.
Motion	A formal proposal for action made to a deliberative board/ committee/ assembly; a question.
<u>N</u>	
Negative vote	A vote against the adoption of a motion.
New business	New items of business or matters which may be brought up to a board/committee/assembly for consideration.
<u>O</u>	
Obtain the floor	Secure recognition in order to speak or to make a motion.
Order of business	An established sequence in which certain types or classes of business are to be brought up or permitted to be introduced at sessions of a given board/committee/assembly.
Out of order	A motion, request, or behavior which is in violation of the rules of an organization.
<u>P</u>	
Pass/passed	The same as adopted or carried.
Pending motion	A motion which has been stated by the chair but has not yet been disposed of permanently or temporarily.
Precedence (or rank)	Briefly, priority or rank of motions; the rules whereby secondary motions take precedence (may be made while a main motion or secondary motions of lower rank are pending).
Preside	To exercise guidance, direction or control of a meeting; to occupy the place of authority; act as president, chairman, or moderator.
Presiding officer	The person conducting a meeting; the individual who has the responsibility of exercising guidance, direction and control of a meeting of a deliberative board/committee/assembly.
Prevailing side	The winning side, whether affirmative or negative.
Pro tem (pro tempore)	For the time being; temporarily.
<u>Q</u>	
Quorum	the minimum number of members of an assembly or society that must be present at any of its meetings to make the proceedings of that meeting valid
<u>R</u>	
Recognition	The chair's formal acknowledgment that a member is assigned the floor.
Recognize	The process by which the presiding officer assigns the floor to a member for the purpose of making a motion, to speak in debate or to make a proper inquiry permitted under the rules.

Roll call vote	The process of voting by each member responding “yea” or “nay” as their names are called by the minutes secretary or staff liaison. It has the opposite effect of a ballot vote. Rules of order- Refers to the written rules of parliamentary procedure; such rules relate to the orderly transaction of business in meetings and to the duties of officers in that connection.
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Ruling	a decision of the chair on questions of parliamentary law usually rendered in response to a point of order
S Stating the question	After a motion is made and seconded the presiding officer repeats the motion so there will be no doubt what is to be considered.
Substitute motion	The motion proposed to be substituted for the pending motion.
T Taskforce	formally established advisory body of Commissioners whose membership and establishing/ending triggers are established by ordinance
V Voice vote	The process of voting by voice where an “Aye” vote indicates for or in favor and a “No” vote means against or not in favor.
Vote	A formal expression of the will, or opinion, or preference of the members of an assembly in regard to a matter submitted to it.
W Withdraw (as a motion)	To take back or remove from consideration.
Y Yeas and nays	Another term for a roll call vote.
Yield	Give precedence to; give way to. A lower ranking motion yields to a motion of higher rank.
Yield the floor	When a member who has been recognized as “having the floor” finishes speaking, he is said to “yield the floor” after he sits down.

It was **moved by Mr. Epperson**, seconded by Mr. Burrell, *that Resolution No. 84 of 2021, urge and request the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources to consider the negative impacts of oil and gas drilling in or near urban areas, implement rules to combat those negative impacts, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be postponed until the first meeting in January.

Mr. Chavez suggested meeting with the citizens and industry with regards to protecting the water in Cross Lake. Mr. Johnson mentioned that there are already several wells all around the lake.

Mr. Burrell said that he would like industry people to come and talk to the citizens.

Mr. Atkins suggested that this be postponed to the second meeting in January.

Substitute motion by Mr. Hopkins, seconded by Mr. Atkins, *that Resolution No. 84 of 2021, urge and request the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources to consider the negative impacts of oil and gas drilling in or near urban areas, implement rules to combat those negative impacts, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be postponed until the last meeting in January.

Mr. Hopkins said that this will provide for enough time to sit down and have discussions after the holidays.

Mr. Epperson said that he will not support this substitute motion. He does not want to send the message to the citizens that “we are stalling and kicking the can down the road”.

At this time, Mr. Hopkins’ motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Chavez, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Jones, Lazarus, and Taliaferro (7). NAYS: Commissioners Burrell, Epperson, and Johnson (3). ABSENT: Commissioner Jackson (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

Mrs. Gage-Watts and Mr. Jones said that they should have been NAYS on the last vote. Mr. Johnson suggested that the votes be taken again.

At this time, Mr. Hopkins' motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Hopkins, Lazarus, and Taliaferro (6). NAYS: Commissioners Epperson, Gage-Watts, Johnson, Jones, and Young (5). ABSENT: Commissioner Jackson (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

OLD BUSINESS

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Taliaferro, *that the following end of the year appointments be adopted*:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Board</u>	<u>Term Expire</u>
Vacant	Pinehill Waterworks District No. 8	5/20/2022
Vacant	Sewerage District No. 2	9/18/2022
Appoint 5	Caddo Zoning Commission	
Appoint 12	Caddo Broadband Committee	
Carlos Gibson	Fire District No. 1	1/1/2022
Ed Angel	Fire District No. 1	1/1/2022
Helen Mazier	Fire District No. 3	1/1/2022
Mickey Gilcrease	Fire District No. 4	1/1/2022
James Robinson	Fire District No. 4	1/1/2022
John B. Frierson	Fire District No. 5	1/1/2022
Kyle Dill	Fire District No. 5	1/1/2022
Charles Partain, Jr.	Fire District No. 6	1/1/2022
Claude Jackson	Fire District No. 8	1/1/2022
Jewell Wagner	Waterworks District No. 7	1/8/2022
Dep. Jessica Anderson	Caddo Animal Services Board	1/1/2022

Substitute motion by Mr. Chavez, seconded by Mr. Hopkins, *that all of the End of the Year Appointments be adopted with the exception of the Caddo Zoning Commission (delay until the second meeting in January)*.

Mr. Chavez said that this will provide enough time for the applications to be submitted and vetted. Mr. Hopkins agreed.

Mr. Epperson said that nothing has been put in place in regards to the Zoning Commission. He suggested that this be delayed. Mr. Atkins agreed.

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

NEW BUSINESS

It was **moved by Mr. Hopkins**, seconded by Mr. Gage-Watts, *to appoint Casey B. Hartley to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. Edie Festavan who has resigned from the Shreveport-Bossier Convention and Tourist Board (Term to expire December 31, 2022)*. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Johnson, Jones, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (11). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioner Jackson (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

It was **moved by Mr. Atkins**, seconded by Mr. Burrell, *to adopt the 2022 Audit Schedule as follows: 1. Finance—Purchasing & Procurement Services, 2. Public Works—Street Maintenance, and 3. Other Auditable Areas—Parish Administration and Legal*. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Johnson, Jones, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (11). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioner Jackson (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

COMMUNIQUES AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mr. Burrell read aloud the following Christmas story:

There is nothing like a good old Christmas tale and the Grinch is my favorite story because every town has one, and sometimes more than one. So, let me share this holiday story with a Coronavirus or COVID twist. Some may find it amusing while others a bit distasteful, according to your perspective. Both COVID and the Grinch story are similar, but one can be deadlier than the other. Both comes silently to steal and pilfer the happiness and joy of citizens and their families. Neither has any value of note, yet they persistently find ways to annoy and cause harm to the lives of citizens year-round, not just Christmas. To begin this special Christmas tale, it would be only proper to put names with the face of these two minuses--COVID and the Grinch. They both reside in the river village of Caddo-ville. COVID (short for Corona Virus) is known by many names like Alpha, Delta, Lambda, and the latest Omicron. Delta had proven so far, the worse among the viruses. Therefore, the Delta Virus is known to

have caused more people suffering, and more death both locally, in the state, nation and the world, totaling some 750 million or more—a tragic pandemic. More on than later. The other character in our Christmas tale is the Grinch. Most know him as “John Mettles”—a real tormented soul who is known to mettle in other folk’s business uninvited. He is sometimes called “Mr. PRR”—Mr. Public Record Request. This dubious reputation came from old Grinch Mettle constantly requesting and suing government bodies for the public records, taking immense pleasure in slandering people’s character and embellishing the truth, hiding his true intent. His main target is the Black male leadership, where he gets most of his kicks. Some may consider him a bit racist. He is described as little man in more ways than one, short in stature, a gray beard like old Saint Nick, mean as a snake. Most times, he wears a Cabana style hat, copying the style of former popular Shreveport Lawyer named K. D. Kelly, known as “the man with the hat”. Unfortunately, was debarred in 2019. Like Attorney Kelly, old Grinch Mettles was once a bonified attorney in Caddo-ville and Bossier-ville, a fairly good one some say. But just like the “other man with the hat”, old Grinch Mettles was also permanently and shamefully debarred by the Louisiana Supreme Court in 2017 for criminal activities. He was found not to be an honorable man of the judiciary, according to court filings and Wikipedia. Some say, after this, old Grinch Mettles started a downward mental spiral in life, sometimes regressing fast back into criminal and deviant behavior. He became very self-centered and self-absorbed, often lashing out and seen drunken in public. Yes, he was paying for his past sins. According to media reports, old Grinch Mettles had a long criminal history and legal ethics problems prior to his 2017 legal debarment for an unauthorized lawyer practice, threatening harm to the judiciary, intentional contempt of court, and trying to intimidate judges in their courtrooms. The story has it that old Grinch Mettles was mentally diagnosed with the “Napoleon Small-man Complex”, coupled with “narcissistic psychosis”; whatever that is? Maybe that explains his deviant behavior, given that he was also criminally charged with soliciting prostitution. What an upstanding character? It was also noted that old Grinch Mettles ran for Caddo-ville City Council against a Republican fellow named Arcenaux and was beaten like the “Little Drummer Boy”. Some say that is why he is obsessed with destroying the reputation of public officials, especially the Black ones. After becoming a washed-up attorney, he became a mediocre journalist by acquiring a failing magazine tabloid, the “Unquisitor”. Old Grinch Mettles often used it to spear and tear down the reputation of those who he secretly hate; pushing his toxic propaganda to whoever is gullible enough to believe it. Many jokingly say “The Unquisitor”, only good for spreading gossip and mess. I must agree! How ironic, Old Grinch Mettles often accuses Black politician of taking government money when he uses his tabloid to extort media business as the official journal for local government organizations like the Caddo-ville and Bossier-ville Tourist Bureau, Caddo-ville Sheriff Office, and Blanchard-ville and Greenwood-ville governments. Is there no shame? Most people who live in Caddo-ville are afraid of old Grinch Mettle, especially most politicians, trying to avoid the wrath his “toilet paper”, the Unquisitor. They avoid it like the plague, or let’s say a COVID Pandemic. Like the little green Christmas grinch that stole Christmas from people in Who-ville, old Grinch Mettles is trying to make a name for himself. The moral of this story is: Don’t let COVID or old Grinch Mettle steal your Christmas. Get vaccinated! Merry Christmas to All in Caddo-ville!

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Mr. Johnson wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Years. He reminded everyone that Independence Bowl is December 18th. He asked everyone be safe during the holidays.

CITIZENS COMMENTS (Late Arrivals)

Marvin Muhammad came before the Commission and gave the following comment:

I’m sorry. Oh man. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you as well. Marvin Muhammad and I wish I was bringing good cheer. But I rise today and I’ll preface my comments by saying. First of all, I want to commend Dr. Wilson and his staff with the support of this Commission for administering over \$25 million dollars in the rental assistance program. I believe if many might not know they are one of only four parishes of counties in the country that has received recognition of just excellent work. And that is definitely be to be commended. But today, I rise to speak of a dilemma. Earlier today there was a probably a hundred residents, maybe 75% of the activists and maybe two or three car loads of Shreveport Police Officers trying to keep the peace over at what is now Woodlawn Terrace Apartment. It’s a Wood Wool estates Apartments. And why I won’t get into the deplorable conditions or all the allegations going back and forth, what I do have an issue with is that there’s a company that tenant that would that received rent assistance money. They’re not being given credit. And the reason why is because the property was recently sold. And, so, what is happening the new ownership, allegedly, is saying we don’t have those funds and so we’re not giving you credit. And on yesterday to make the matter extreme, over 60 residents in that apartment complex electric was cut off. Today, those residents and I’m assuming a few more receive five-day notices to vacate. As the third vice president of the NAACP and the legal register, I have received a lot of phone calls from some of those residents. So, today I stand. Many of those residents, they sent me screen shots of the rental assistance account. And it showed where they had where their rent was paid to December, some even to January 2022. But, yet, some of those residents are asked to leave. So, I’m not a lawyer and what I don’t want to happen is the great work of this Administration, this Commission, to be smeared. I’m hoping that maybe, I know, welcome to the Horseshoe Commissioner Jones. But, maybe Commissioner Jones could put task force together or something that can begin to try to regulate between the two past owners. I don’t know what legal binding the Commission could do or the administration. But I do know with federal dollars something should be have to be done. Because what I would hate is to see tenants with children at tow being evicted after the Parish that came to the aid and their assistance. That’d be a black arrow on the Parish that wouldn’t be the fault of the Parish. But actually because of the dilemma that two owners are having. I,

personally, don't know where the truth lies. But what I do know is that several residents over there do have rent paid up by the Parish through the Federal Government. And now they're being asked to leave. So, I'm hoping there's some type of remedy and there will be, in fact, some interference and engagement to help them. Thank you.

At this time, there was no further discussion to come before the Commission, so the Commission adjourned at 6:14 p.m.



Michelle Nations
Assistant Commission Clerk