

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
CADDO PARISH COMMISSION
HELD ON THE 9TH DAY OF APRIL, 2009

The Caddo Parish Commission met in legal and regular session on the above date at 3:30 p.m. in the Government Chamber with Ms. Stephanie Lynch, President, presiding, and the following members in attendance, constituting a quorum: Commissioners Baker, Cox, Dominick, Epperson, Escude, Jenkins, Linn, Lynch, McCulloch and Thibodeaux (10). ABSENT: Commissioners Pierson and Smith (2).

The President noted that Commissioner Pierson is still recovering from emergency surgery.

The invocation was given by Administrator Woodrow Wilson, and Mr. Thibodeaux led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was **moved by Mr. Thibodeaux**, seconded by Mr. Linn, *that the Minutes of the regular meeting held on March 19, 2009, be adopted.* Motion carried.

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

At this time Mrs. McCulloch asked Mr. Ed Myers, chairman, and the members and staff of the Board of Commissioners of Pine Hills Waterworks District No. 8 to come forward. She said that the District has been engaged in a lot of activity and some Commissioners had made inquiries about the progress being made there. She asked Mr. Myers to come forward and present that update.

Mr. Myers said that in years past the District had difficulty in supplying adequate volumes of water to fight fires. In recent years the District has obtained a \$526,000 grant that has allowed it to install six-inch lines throughout the district, with fire hydrants every 600 feet. Pine Hill Waterworks is now second to none in the distribution of water, he said. It maintains a positive cash-flow balance and no debt other than a bond issue.

He said the District currently has 1,900 customers, and it is his hope that by sometime in 2010 there will be 3,000 customers. A \$45 flat commercial rate was approved by the Board in December. That rate compares very favorably with rates charged by other providers, he said.

He invited Commissioners to visit the District and tour the system.

Mrs. McCulloch then went forward and presented a plaque to Mr. Myers for his loyal and dedicated leadership to the Pine Hill Waterworks District Board during his ten years of service.

COMMUNIQUES AND REPORTS

□ Mr. Cox stated that as he had announced at the Work Session meeting, he had traveled to Baton Rouge to attend a Homeland Security meeting to review preparations for the upcoming hurricane season. The State is considering adopting a plan developed by Florida where that state has more than a million square feet of floor space to temporarily house people dislocated by storms. The State of Louisiana still has partnerships with Texas, Tennessee, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Alabama on sheltering evacuees.

The old Sports Mall building in District 12, which was used as a shelter during the previous year's storms, will be converted by the State into a headquarters building for the Red Cross and National Guard, and for storage facilities for materials and supplies. Very rarely will anyone be sheltered there, he said. The Sam's building on Jewella will continue as a shelter but no further improvements will be made to it.

The Hirsch Coliseum, he said, will be reserved for a worst-case scenario, but it may even be rented out. Also, the condition of the Hirsch may render it unsuitable for housing evacuees. Mr. Cox said that in his opinion north Louisiana is in a very susceptible position insofar as being able to house displaced people from the upcoming hurricane season. He said he will be attending the next meeting of the committee and will again report to the Commission.

Ms. Lynch said that at one time the State was discussing the possibility of building State-owned shelters in key locations in north Louisiana. Mr. Cox said that idea is still on the table as part of a ten-year plan. The State was thinking in terms of three such facilities in north Louisiana, but Mr. Cox said he had suggested to the Governor that each northern parish should have one that could serve as a multi-use facility. He said he still believes that the best plan would be for each parish to have a shelter that can house up to 8,000 people. Florida uses such a plan, he said.

VISITORS

Dr. Todd Thoma, Caddo Parish Coroner, came forward. He said that March 24 marked his first year in office and he is reporting on the progress of the office during that time. Numerous things have changed, he said: his office had recently moved into a new building on Creswell Avenue and there were some unexpected costs associated with that move.

Dr. Thoma said that when he took office archaic record-keeping was in place; everything was done on paper, with 75 file cabinets full of records on-site. Those are now archived at LSU, and a computer server and software was installed in their place.

He said he retained the previous staff, implemented training, and now his death investigators are certified by the Police Officers Standards and Training (POST) for firearms use. All six death investigators are about to be certified by the American Board of Legal Death Investigators. Two are currently certified, and the other four, as well as himself, will be sitting for the exams within the next 60 days. When the process is complete Caddo will have the only coroner's office in the State that has a full complement of certified death investigators. Total investigations in 2008 were 7,200, compared to 5,486 in 2002.

Because of streamlining and despite some unplanned expenditures, he said, the Coroner's Office still finished 2008 under budget. He said he hopes the office will improve even more in 2009.

Dr. Thoma said that when he ran for this office he said he wanted to use local resources and stop sending autopsies to Little Rock, Arkansas, using LSU Medical Center instead. The cost of autopsies does not come from his budget, he said; the cost is divided between the City of Shreveport and Caddo Parish. The Coroner's Office was spending \$36,646 per month for autopsies in 2006; in 2007 that number rose to more than \$49,000. In the first three months of 2008, prior to his taking office, the cost had risen to more than \$50,000 per month. In the last nine months of 2008 that number went down to \$18,000 per month, he said. The savings, which will amount to some \$250,000 per year, comes primarily from reduced transportation costs.

He pointed out that backlogged death certificates were previously a problem at the Coroner's Office. The backlog has been cleaned up and death certificates are now done on a daily basis, he said.

Recent news accounts reflect that a building on Hearne Avenue near Greenwood Road recently donated to the Parish, with the back half of that building designated for use by the Coroner's Office. He said he allocated about \$150,000 for renovations to the space, but the architect's proposal came in well over that figure and the project has been placed on hold until adequate funds can be identified. Dr. Thoma said it is his goal to continue to control costs to save money for the Parish and the citizens of the Parish.

Answering a question from Mr. Epperson, Dr. Thoma stated that Louisiana is unique in that the parish coroner performs sanity investigations. If someone is found to be suicidal, homicidal or gravely disabled, the coroner can fill out an emergency certificate which allows the police to pick up someone against their will and be taken for psychiatric evaluation.

Answering a question from Mr. Escude, Dr. Thoma said that when the coroner investigates a death his job is to determine if a crime has been committed or if there is a public health risk. The coroner does not investigate all deaths, only those that are violent in nature, those that occur outside the presence of a doctor, those that occur at home, or within 24 hours of admission to a hospital.

The number of coroner deaths is increasing for a number of reasons, he said, including the fact that there is an aging population. Another factor is the fact that LSU Hospital serves as a regional trauma center and a number of people from other parishes and states die there. Under Louisiana law the jurisdiction applies to the parish in which a death occurs, he said.

President Lynch thanked Dr. Thoma for his presentation.

Then came Mrs. Mary Ann Tice, executive director and CEO of Shreveport Regional Sports Authority, who stated that she had come to express appreciation to the Commission for its support of the recent Bassmasters Classic, held on the Red River in February. She said that the Sports Authority's goals and objectives were vastly exceeded, with record attendance being recorded. The event had 11 hours of live coverage by ESPN2 sports network, beamed to a world-wide audience, and there will be more than 50 hours of re-broadcast—all spotlighting this area, she said.

She then presented to the Commission a copy of the souvenir edition of Bass Times Magazine, featuring the Red River on the cover, and a commemorative tournament poster signed by all 51 entrants in the tournament.

She pointed out that the Bassmaster Classic is the first truly joint project entered into by

both Caddo and Bossier Parishes, as well as Bossier City and the City of Shreveport.

President Lynch thanked Mrs. Tice for her presentation and informed her that the Commission had a presentation for her as well. She then directed the Clerk to present the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION
to MARY ANN TICE**

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission is pleased to acknowledge and recognize the extraordinary accomplishments of citizens of this Parish, and particularly when those achievements accrue to the benefit of the entire citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Mary Ann Tice, executive director and CEO of Shreveport Regional Sports Authority, has seen her long-held vision and her work come to fruition during the past several months, resulting in a series of major victories for the Caddo-Bossier area. The first of those triumphs occurred when a bi-parish effort she headed up was successful in “luring” the Bassmaster Classic---the “Super Bowl” of professional fishing tournaments---to stage its annual competition in the Red River with Bossier City and Shreveport as the host cities, beating out numerous other locales that were vigorously competing for the event; and

WHEREAS, she then got busy developing local interest and support and riding herd on the million-and-one details necessary to make an event of that magnitude happen as planned. The degree to which she succeeded in that goal was demonstrated on February 20-22, when the Bassmaster Classic was held. Where the local planners had expected a crowd of about 70,000 participants and spectators, actual attendance was some 137,000 people—nearly doubling the previous attendance record for the tournament since it began in 1971. Its economic impact on the area has not yet been calculated, but it was estimated even before the event to be about \$24 million. The Saturday weigh-in finale at CenturyTel Center drew 60,000 people—obliterating the previous one-day record of 19,000—plus the many millions more who were watching live coverage on the ESPN sports network; and

WHEREAS, Mary Ann Tice has already made another major “catch”: the 2009 Bassmaster Women’s tour will also be coming to Northwest Louisiana this fall to follow up on the staggering success of the Bassmaster Classic, and it is almost inevitable that the Classic itself will be returning here in the near future. Mrs. Tice, typically discounting her role in all these achievements, attributes them instead to the many Caddo and Bossier organizers and volunteers, the public bodies, the businesses and individuals who gave their money, time and work to maximize the event’s benefit to the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, in legal and regular session this 9th day of April, 2009, that it does hereby extend its heartiest expressions of appreciation and congratulation to **Mrs. Mary Ann Tice** for making the Bassmaster Classic both a reality and a glittering success, thereby bringing here a wholesome activity that entertained, elevated and enriched the community while at the same time presenting it in a favorable light to a world-wide audience.

It was **moved by Mr. Cox**, seconded by Ms. Lynch, *that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Motion carried.*

Mr. Cox said that he made the motion on behalf of Mr. Pierson, Commissioner for the downtown district, and who had instigated recognition for Mrs. Tice. Mr. Cox said he was surprised and amazed by the number of people who had attended the Bassmaster. The event was a tremendous opportunity for visitors to see Bossier and Caddo Parishes at their best, he said, and Mrs. Tice can given a very large portion of the credit.

Other Commissioners expressed similar sentiments to Mrs. Tice.

Mr. Wayne Woodson, 4841 North Market Street, Shreveport, then came forward. He said that he spoke to the Commission at its previous meeting concerning a large increase in water rates imposed by the Pine Hill Waterworks District. He said he has a five-unit apartment complex served by one water meter. The water bill for the past 30 years has never been above \$600 per year. The new rate amounts to \$2,700 per year.

This new flat rate makes no allowance for differing water uses by the separate tenants of the apartments, he said. This is too much of an increase, he said, and he and his tenants cannot afford it. The building is 35 years old, and nothing about its operation has changed; it should have been “grandfathered” into the old rate, he said.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ZONING CASES

- Ordinance No. 4866 of 2009 in regard to ZONING CASE P-2-09(Pleasant Hills Drive), property

located on the northeast side of Pleasant Hill Road approximately .9 miles south of Flournoy-Lucas; MONICA JOY SEEVERS, APPLICANT.

Request to rezone property **from** I-2, Heavy Industry District **to** R-1D, Urban, One-Family Residence District for a proposed residence

The President asked if there was anyone present to speak in support of or in opposition to the above zoning case, and there was no one. The President declared the public hearing on zoning cases to be concluded.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES

- Ordinance No. 4867 of 2009 to authorize the Parish Administrator to grant on behalf of the Parish of Caddo a permanent right of way and servitude on Parish property located in Section 4, Township 18 North, Range 14 West

The President asked if there was anyone present to speak in support of in opposition to the above ordinance, and there was no one.

- Ordinance No. 4868 of 2009 declaring certain adjudicated properties to be surplus and to authorize the Parish Administrator or a designee to sell the Parish's interest therein

The President asked if there was anyone present to speak in support of in opposition to the above ordinance, and there was no one.

- Ordinance No. 4869 of 2009 to grant an encroachment on North Pointe Circle, a public residential street for the purpose of construction of an access gate according to Chapter 19 of the Code of Ordinances

The President asked if there was anyone present to speak in support of in opposition to the above ordinance, and there was no one.

- Ordinance No. 4870 of 2009 to authorize the Parish Administrator to execute a surface and subsurface agreement with Chesapeake Operating, Inc., pertaining to the use of the surface and subsurface of a portion of Eddie D. Jones Park, including access thereto, to provide for an effective date

The President asked if there was anyone present to speak in support of the above ordinance, and Mrs. Debra Connell, 6135 Victoria Lane, Keithville, came forward. She said that it is a sad commentary on Chesapeake Energy Company that it could not find a more favorable route to one of their well sites than through a subdivision or a public park. The Commission is about to decide the lesser of those two evils, she said.

She said she bought a home in Springridge Estates Subdivision because of its peaceful, quiet, friendly rural nature. That atmosphere has been disrupted by the entrance of Chesapeake through the neighborhood to reach a well site. If the Commission adopts this proposed ordinance, Chesapeake would divert its movements to another road, as yet unbuilt, through the Eddie Jones Park, she said.

If the Commission does not adopt the ordinance, she said it is her understanding that Chesapeake can and will continue to use her subdivision's streets not just for the well it is currently drilling, but for future wells in the area from which Springridge Estates residents will receive no benefit.

For more than four months the Springridge Estates residents have endured heavy truck traffic, diesel fumes, vehicles parked in front of their homes, litter and damage to lawns, Mrs. Connell continued. People have been kept awake by the noise of trucks moving down the streets, and residents have felt like prisoners in their own homes. They can no longer walk their streets safely.

Minor inconveniences can be expected for people to enjoy the economic benefits of the Haynesville Shale, but this kind of activity should not be happening in any subdivision of Caddo Parish, she said. She said she understands that diverting the traffic through Eddie Jones Park will cause disruptions there, but Chimp Haven and Veterans Cemetery have operating hours; the residents of the subdivision are affected 24 hours per day.

Mrs. Connell asked that the Commission protect the residents of Springridge Estates and to set a precedent that will demonstrate that although the Commission welcomes the oil and gas industry it will not sacrifice quality of life for the residents of Caddo Parish.

Next came Mr. Wilfred Smith, 6081 Victoria Lane, Keithville. He said he is a resident of the neighborhood affected by the drilling. He said he is an avid photographer of birds and wildlife and spends much time in forest settings such as Eddie Jones Park. He said that as much as he loves

wildlife, he would put the interests of birds or wildlife above the well-being and welfare of any neighborhood. He asked that the Commission allow Chesapeake to construct a road through the park to access future well sites and relieve the Springridge Estates neighborhood.

Mr. Charles Ramsey, 8686 Shane Lane, Keithville, came forward. He said he has lived in Springridge Estates for 12 years, where he moved to obtain peace and quiet. He said Commissioners should visit the subdivision to witness the damage that Chesapeake has done. This kind of activity should never be put in a neighborhood, he said.

Mrs. Kathy Gandy, 8737 Shane Lane, Keithville, came forward. She said she agrees with the previous speakers, particularly with the point that residents of the subdivision are not just occasional visitors to the area—they live their lives there. Children can no longer ride their bicycles on the neighborhood streets, and residents can no longer even walk down the streets because of debris and heavy traffic.

Next came Mr. Marion Heath, 6122 Victoria Lane, Keithville, who agreed that the neighborhood has suffered greatly because of noise, traffic and destruction. He said he has had to forego walking in the evenings because of the condition of the street and because speed limits are ignored.

Mr. Wes Williams, 8830 Springridge Drive, Keithville, came forward. He said his is a family of six who chose to live outside the City to enjoy the tranquility. By coming into the neighborhood, Chesapeake has taken that away, he said. The safety and security they had enjoyed no longer exists.

Then came Mrs. Terry Williams, 8830 Springridge Drive, Keithville. She stated that dust clouds hang over the neighborhood as the result of truck traffic, and on some occasions she has had to call the Sheriff's office to gain access to her home when trucks have blocked the street. She also was late picking up her children from school because of being blocked into her neighborhood. She said she does not like it that the only alternative is to route Chesapeake through the park, but it is preferable to their going through the neighborhood.

Mr. Gary Whitis, 2753 Shane Lane, Keithville, came forward. He said would like for the Commission to take whatever steps necessary to get Chesapeake out of his neighborhood.

Finally there came Mr. Kevin McCotter, who stated that he is corporate development director for Chesapeake Energy Corporation, 333 Texas Street, Shreveport. He said he would begin with a heartfelt apology and admission that often a thing that looks good on paper may be that in actuality. When the company was trying to determine its route location to the Bryant-Wallace pad site in the fall of 2008, Eddie Jones Park was considered. Chesapeake may not have done as good a job as possible in its due diligence in finding different solutions and different alternatives, finally choosing to go through the subdivision. He apologized to the residents of the subdivision for what they have had to endure during past months.

Mr. McCotter said that a lot of work has gone into the proposal that is now before the Commission. It became apparent that Chesapeake had to find an alternate exit from Spring Ridge Subdivision, and different options were considered. An old construction road on the southern portion of the Park was considered to be suitable for upgrading for access by Chesapeake equipment. Much work was done to insure that the public's interest would be safeguarded, he said, and he would suggest that a very balanced agreement has been reached.

Mr. McCotter that in the negotiations surrounding this agreement, there has not been a single request made by Parish Attorney Charles Grubb to which Chesapeake has not agreed, including an agreement to complete the alternate road by May 1. When the road is complete, Chesapeake will be out of the Springridge subdivision, he said, and at that it will rehabilitate Shane Lane and Victoria Lane to the satisfaction of the Parish.

The President then asked if there were people present to speak in opposition to this ordinance. Dr. Linda Brent, 10956 Elkhart Street, Keithville, came forward and identified herself as president and director of Chimp Haven, which is located in the Eddie Jones Park. She said that the Commission donated the 200 acres on which Chimp Haven is located.

This land was chosen from several parcels the Parish made available because of its very rural location, and because it would be completely surrounded by the nature park, she said. It was felt that the park would insulate Chimp Haven from residential and commercial development and encroachment. However, she said, if this road is approved, the entire northern boundary of Chimp Haven will be bounded by the road. The northern boundary is where the forested habitat for chimps is located, as well as the entire public education program.

Chimp Haven has invested more than \$14 million in the site, all federal dollars and private donations, Dr. Brent said. It supports 30 full-time jobs and has had a positive economic impact on the region. The characteristics of the facility's location have played a part in its ability to obtain

funding, she said, and she has concerns that the potential welfare impact on the animals may jeopardize this ability.

She said that she was surprised that Chimp Haven was never contacted by Chesapeake about this proposed road, though all other parties were contacted. She said had heard only the day before about this hearing.

Protecting the organization and the chimpanzees is her priority goal, she said. The proposed road goes through the very center of the park, she said, on the road that Chimp Haven has utilized to open its facilities to the public free once each month. Chimp Haven will no longer be able to do that with the road in place, she said.

Dr. Brent said she is not opposed to Chesapeake or its efforts to develop the energy resources of the region. She is concerned about the impact of noise, smells, dirt that drilling activities will produce. She asked that the Commission delay its decision on this road until other alternatives can be considered.

Next came Mrs. Candy Peavy, 942 Ontario Street, Shreveport, who identified herself as one of only two local members of the board of directors of Chimp Haven. She said that Chimp Haven is ever grateful to the Caddo Parish Commission for providing the land for a facility that is now known all over the world. The Board's concern is for the health and welfare of these chimpanzees that have served human-kind and are now in Chimp Haven's care for the rest of their lives.

Mrs. Peavy said that the proposed road probably should come through the park somewhere, but the best location has not yet been found. If the road is constructed as proposed, Chimp Haven will need a very tall barrier fence, as well as a separate road. Chimp Haven cannot share a road with a drilling operation, and it needs time to look at alternatives.

Ms. LeeAnna Naranjo, 6569 Keithville-Springridge Road, Keithville, came forward. She said she also fears the proximity of the proposed road to Chimp Haven. The road will jeopardize not only the chimps, but also the public events and educational events that are staged at the facility. Schools from the region come to Chimp Haven for educational opportunities and field trips, and the children walk down the same road that Chesapeake will use. That program will have to be discontinued because of safety considerations, she said. She urged consideration of another route.

Ms. Amy Fultz, 6004 Roseneath, Bossier City, came forward and stated that she is the Behavioral Program manager at Chimp Haven. The road, as proposed, will be too close to the chimpanzee habitat, where chimps used in biomedical research are finally getting the opportunity to live out their lives peacefully after, in some cases, as much as 40 years of service to humanity. She said she believes the road, which will be directly adjacent to this habitat, will be detrimental to the chimps' behavioral well-being.

Ms. Fultz said she also utilizes the park for running, and some staff members hike and walk on the road in question. That will not be possible with truck traffic moving there, she said. An alternate route around the perimeter of the park might be more feasible, she said, and the Commission should take the time to investigate such a possibility.

Then there came Dr. Carolyn McKinnie, 2070 Cedar Hill Road, Keithville, who identified herself as the veterinarian for the chimps at Chimp Haven. As their doctor, she said, she is concerned about their health and well-being and the potential impact of Chesapeake's activities. The proposed road would be directly adjacent to the chimps' habitat. Most of the chimps are elderly and have pre-existing diseases including heart disease, hypertension, liver disease and respiratory problems.

She said one of her primary concerns is that dust and debris from construction and exhaust from passing trucks will exacerbate respiratory distress to the chimps. She is also concerned, she said, that the constant noise will affect their sleeping and adversely affect their psychological well-being. Stress can make even healthy animals ill, she said. She asked that the Commission delay and investigate this decision.

Mr. Nathan Cost, 5608 Goldenglow Lane, Bossier City, came forward. He said that he is an avid mountain-bike rider and user of Eddie Jones Park. When he and his fellow outdoor enthusiasts heard of this proposed road, they met and determined to protest what they see as a barrier—the Chesapeake Road—dividing the park in half.

He said that one member of his group had researched at the Court House and identified an existing road in the park that should be investigated. That route would get the road out of the Park completely. As an alternative, if the road must be in the Park, there are two other options that also could be explored that would get the road away from Chimp Haven. One possible route would go past the Veterans' Cemetery, he said, but he does not believe great numbers of people visit that facility. Also, he pointed out, many cemeteries are located adjacent to high traffic areas.

Next came Mr. Adam Hart, 945 Dudley Drive, Shreveport. He said he is a park user as a cyclist, and he is a veteran who would hope someday he can be buried in Veterans Cemetery. He said he would hope the Commission would take the time to explore alternate routes for a new road that would satisfy all parties.

Mr. Jack Wynne, 442 Wynnewood Drive, Shreveport, came forward and stated that he is the owner of about 600 acres in the Spring Ridge area which adjoins to the property where the intended well site will be placed. He said Chesapeake has never contacted him about coming across his land. It appears, he said, that Chesapeake always takes the route that is easiest and most beneficial to the company. He said that in one instance Chesapeake had placed a drilling rig on 80 acres in which he owned surface rights, but not mineral rights. Chesapeake took 130,000 yards of his dirt from his property and put it somewhere else, completely out of the section. Chesapeake has never paid him for the well site, or for the timber it removed or destroyed, or the dirt.

Mr. Wynne said that his only purpose is to tell how Chesapeake operates—that it does only what is in their interests, and whatever they tell landowners means nothing. The company is subdivided into several different operational companies, none of which seem to be in communication with or accountable to the other, he said.

He said the fact that Chesapeake has never tried to contact him would suggest that the company never tried to find an alternate route to access its drilling sites in the area.

Mr. Justin Reneau, 216 India Drive, Shreveport, came forward. He said he represents the running community and the cycling community. Many events are held at Eddie Jones Park that bring in outside people; one of those had 135 competitors representing 11 states. This park is very well known, much-admired and well-used, he said.

Mr. Reneau said he very much favors moving the location of the proposed road out of the center of the park and using an alternate route.

Next came Chris Clemmons, 5751 Goldcrest Drive, Bossier City. He said he too is an avid cyclist and runner, and he would not like to see the serenity and pristine beauty of the park ruined by a gas well road.

Then came Ms. Teresa White, 2513 Melrose, Bossier City, who said she also is a park user who opposes a road through the park's center. There are other routes available, and the Commission, as the owner and lessor of the park property, can instruct Chesapeake on where it can and cannot place a road, she said.

Next came Mr. Richard Baty, 125 E. Park Avenue, Ruston. He said he represents the Louisiana Off-Road Cycling Association, whose members are opposed to ruining a very good park by bisecting it with a road.

Mr. Charlie Veuleman, 3245 McGregor Street, Bossier City, came forward. He said that many people come to Eddie Jones Park to use its trails. He said he is not opposed to moving Chesapeake's route out of the Springridge Estates community, but he is opposed to a route that will cut the park in half.

Mr. Keith Tennison, 614 Avignon Lane, Shreveport, came forward and stated that he also represents Louisiana Off-Road Cycling Association, and he is a Chesapeake stock owner. He said he also supports a re-routing of the proposed access road. The Eddie Jones is an excellent, unique park from both a recreational and an environmental standpoint, he said, and it should be protected as a valuable asset. He said he is surprised and concerned that no environmental assay has been conducted to evaluate the impact of the road on the plants and animals there.

The President asked if there were any others to speak in regard to this proposed ordinance, and there was no one. She directed the Clerk to present the next ordinance:

- Ordinance No. 4871 of 2009 to authorize the Parish Administrator to execute an easement and right-of-way agreement with Louisiana Midstream Gas Services, L.L.C., pertaining to the granting of an easement and right-of-way for the purpose of constructing and maintaining an oil and gas pipeline across a portion of Eddie D. Jones Park, to provide for an effective date

The President asked if there was anyone present to speak in support of or in opposition to the above ordinance, and there was no one.

Mr. Kevin McCotter, Chesapeake Energy, returned and stated that this ordinance is a companion ordinance to the ordinance just previously discussed. It is necessary because the gas-

gathering system is conducted by Chesapeake Energy Marketing, Inc. It is adjacent to access road on the northern boundary of Section 30 and the south boundary of Section 19.

Mr. McCotter said that the reason Mr. Wynne's property was not utilized as an alternate access route is the fact that related litigation is pending, thereby making that possibility inappropriate. This was the route recommended by the Parish administration and park managers. Also, an asphalt road by the Veterans Cemetery was considered, but the cemetery organization expressed concerns. The cemetery experiences more activity than some might think, he said. There were 13 burials in December alone, and there is a requirement that there be no traffic between one hour and one hour after a funeral service.

There being no other speakers, the President declared the public hearing on ordinances to be concluded.

ZONING ORDINANCE: (For final)

ORDINANCE NO. 4866 OF 2009

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 51 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE PARISH OF CADDO, BY REZONING PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE NORTHEAST SIDE OF PLEASANT HILL ROAD APPROXIMATELY .9 MILES SOUTH OF Flournoy LUCAS ROAD, FROM I-2, HEAVY INDUSTRY DISTRICT, TO R-1D, URBAN, ONE- FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT

BE IT ORDAINED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that Chapter 51 of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo 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 all that part of the SE/4 of the NW4 of Sect. 17, T16N, R13W, lying east of the R/W of Pleasant Hills Road, located on the NE side of Pleasant Hill Road approximately .9 miles south of Flournoy Lucas Road, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, be and the same is hereby changed from I-1, Heavy Industry District, to R-1D, Urban, One-Family Residence District.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the zoning of the property described herein is subject to compliance with the following stipulations:

- 1. Development of the property shall be in substantial accord with the site plan submitted with any significant changes or additions requiring further review and approval by the Planning Commission.**
- 2. Development of the property shall begin within a period of two (2) years from the date of the adoption of this ordinance and the failure to comply with such stipulation will cause the rezoning herein described to become null and void, and the zoning classification will automatically revert to I-2.**

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.

It was **moved by Mr. Thibodeaux**, seconded by Mr. Dominick, *that Ordinance No. 4866 of 2009, in regard to Zoning Case P-02-09, Monica Joy Seavers, applicant, requesting to re-zone property on the northeast side of Pleasant Hill Road approximately .9 miles south of Flournoy-Lucas Road, from I-2 to R-1D for a proposed single-family residence, be adopted. That motion carried*, as shown by the following roll call vote: AYES: Commissioners Baker, Cox, Dominick, Epperson, Escude, Jenkins, Linn, Lynch, McCulloch and Thibodeaux (10). NAYS: None. ABSTAINING: None. ABSENT: Commissioners Pierson and Smith (2).

ORDINANCES: (For final passage)

ORDINANCE NO. 4867 OF 2009

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE PARISH ADMINISTRATOR TO GRANT ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH OF CADDO A PERMANENT RIGHT OF WAY AND SERVITUDE ON PARISH PROPERTY LOCATED IN SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 18 NORTH, RANGE 14 WEST, CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo has received a request from CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission Company to grant a permanent right of way and servitude on an adjudicated lot and unimproved dedication in Caddo Parish, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo has reviewed the request to grant a permanent right of way and servitude on an adjudicated lot and unimproved dedication in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and finds that granting the permanent right of way and servitude is in the best interest of the Parish of Caddo.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that the Parish Administrator or a designee shall be and is hereby, authorized to grant a permanent right of way and servitude in favor of CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission Company on the shaded area of the adjudicated lot and across the unimproved dedication as shown in red hash marks on the attached plat marked Exhibit "A".

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Caddo Parish Administrator or his designee shall be, and is hereby authorized to do any and all things and to sign any and all documents in a form acceptable to the Caddo Parish Attorney necessary to effectuate the purposes set forth herein.

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

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

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

It was **moved by Mr. Linn**, seconded by Mrs. Baker, *that Ordinance No. 4867 of 2009, authorizing the Administrator to grant on behalf of the Parish a permanent right of way and servitude on Parish property located in Section 4, Township 18 North, Range 14 West. That motion carried, as shown by the following roll call vote: AYES: Commissioners Baker, Cox, Dominick, Epperson, Escude, Jenkins, Linn, Lynch, McCulloch and Thibodeaux (10). NAYS: None. ABSTAINING: None. ABSENT: Commissioners Pierson and Smith (2).*

ORDINANCE NO. 4868 OF 2008

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING CERTAIN ADJUDICATED PROPERTIES TO BE SURPLUS AND TO AUTHORIZE THE PARISH ADMINISTRATOR, OR A DESIGNEE, TO SELL THE PARISH OF CADDO'S TAX INTEREST IN CERTAIN SURPLUS ADJUDICATED PROPERTIES, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the hereinbelow described properties are no longer needed for public purposes and should be declared surplus properties; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo has received offers to purchase its tax interest in the hereinbelow described properties as indicated below.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that the hereinbelow described properties are no longer needed for public purposes and are surplus properties.

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo has a tax interest in the hereinbelow described properties which have been adjudicated for the non-payment of Parish property taxes; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby authorize the sale of its tax interest in the hereinbelow described properties for an amount not less than the offer as indicated below.

Property No. 1: The South 20 feet of the North 180 feet of the West half of Lot 83, Jones-Mabry Subdivision, Unit No. 2, together with all buildings and improvements located thereon of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, as per plat filed for record in Book 300, Page 54 of the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana (GEO #181421-001-0200)

AMOUNT OFFERED: \$1,000.00 APPRAISED VALUE: \$1,500.00

Property No. 2: Lot 232, Patzman Sub., a subdivision of the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana together with all buildings and improvements located thereon of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, as per plat filed for record in Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana (GEO #181426-070-0232)

AMOUNT OFFERED: \$1,001.00 APPRAISED VALUE: \$1,200.00

Property No. 3: Lot 233, Patzman Subdivision, a subdivision of the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana together with all buildings and improvements located thereon of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, as per plat filed for record in Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana (GEO #181426-070-0233)

AMOUNT OFFERED: \$1,101.00 APPRAISED VALUE: \$1,200.00

Property No. 4: Lot 29, Lincrest Subdivision, a subdivision of the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana together with all buildings and improvements located thereon of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, as per plat filed for record in Book 650, Page 315 of the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana (GEO #171411-067-0029)

AMOUNT OFFERED: \$8,800.00 APPRAISED VALUE: \$2,500.00

Property No. 5: Lot 8 & S/2 of Lot 9, Block 14, Dixie Pace Annex, a subdivision of the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana together with all buildings and improvements located thereon of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, as per plat filed for record in Book 50, Page 575 of the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana (GEO #171424-081-0016)

AMOUNT OFFERED: \$1,752.00 APPRAISED VALUE: \$1,750.00

Property No. 6: Lot 116, North Cedar Grove, a subdivision of the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana together with all buildings and improvements located thereon of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, as per plat filed for record in Book 50, Page 476 of the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana (GEO #171424-060-0116)

AMOUNT OFFERED: \$2,502.00 APPRAISED VALUE: \$2,500.00

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Caddo Parish Administrator, or his designee, shall be authorized to do any and all things and to sign any and all documents, including Acts of Cash Sale, in a form acceptable to the Caddo Parish Attorney necessary to effectuate the purposes set forth herein.

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.

It was **moved by Mrs. Baker**, seconded by Mr. Cox, *that Ordinance No. 4868 of 2009, declaring certain adjudicated properties to be surplus and authorizing the Administrator to sell the Parish's interest therein, be adopted.* That motion carried, as shown by the following roll call vote: AYES: Commissioners Baker, Cox, Dominick, Epperson, Escude, Jenkins, Linn, Lynch, McCulloch and Thibodeaux (10). NAYS: None. ABSTAINING: None. ABSENT: Commissioners Pierson and Smith (2).

ORDINANCE NO. 4869 OF 2008

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE TO GRANT AN ENCROACHMENT ON NORTH

POINTE CIRCLE, A PUBLIC RESIDENTIAL STREET, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTION OF AN ACCESS GATE ACCORDING TO CHAPTER 19 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, in an effort to provide a public purpose by assisting neighborhoods sense of community and to address the problem of neighborhood crime, the Caddo Parish Commission has designed a plan to regulate vehicular traffic on public residential streets; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Department of Public Works has received a request from the North Pointe Place Homeowners Association to construct and maintain an access gate across North Pointe Circle, a public residential street, to control vehicular access to their neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Department of Public Works has received a petition signed by 100% of the property owners to be affected by the construction of an access gate across North Pointe Circle requesting permission to construct and maintain said access gate; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Department of Public Works has requested and received comments and recommendations from the Caddo Parish Sheriff=s Department, the relevant fire district=s, public utility companies and any other parish department that may be affected by said access gate; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Department of Public Works recommends approval of the access gate subject to the proposed gate having an emergency access box bypassing the cardreader or keypad control and a manual means to open the proposed gate such as a removable pin in opener arm, in order to provide access by emergency response vehicles during a power failure; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo finds that the approval of an access gate subject to the satisfaction of all requirements of Section 19-14 of the Code of Ordinances and the additional requirement of an emergency access box and manual means to open the proposed gate is in the best interest of the Parish of Caddo.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that the Parish of Caddo hereby approves the encroachment on North Pointe Circle for the construction and maintenance of an access gate by the North Pointe Place Homeowners Association subject to the satisfaction of all requirements of Section 19-14 of the Code of Ordinances and the additional requirement of an emergency access box and manual means to open the proposed gate.

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

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

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

It was **moved by Mr. Epperson**, seconded by Mrs. Baker, *that Ordinance No. 4869 of 2009, granting an encroachment on North Pointe Circle, a public residential street, for the purpose of construction of an access gate according to Chapter 19 of the Code of Ordinances, be adopted. That motion carried*, as shown by the following roll call vote: AYES: Commissioners Baker, Cox, Dominick, Epperson, Escude, Jenkins, Linn, Lynch, McCulloch and Thibodeaux (10). NAYS: None. ABSTAINING: None. ABSENT: Commissioners Pierson and Smith (2).

ORDINANCE NO. 4870 OF 2009

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE PARISH ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A SURFACE AND SUBSURFACE AGREEMENT WITH CHESAPEAKE OPERATING, INC. PERTAINING TO USE OF THE SURFACE AND SUBSURFACE OF A PORTION OF EDDIE D. JONES PARK, INCLUDING ACCESS THERETO, TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo has received a request from Chesapeake Operating, Inc. (Chesapeake) to grant rights to the surface and subsurface of the lands described on Exhibit "A", part of Eddie D. Jones Park, to locate and access gas wells; and

WHEREAS, Chesapeake proposes to widen and maintain an existing dirt road in the Eddie D. Jones Park and construct a portion of said road to straighten it, as outlined on the aforesaid Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo has reviewed the request from Chesapeake and determined it is in the best interest of the Parish of Caddo to approve said request.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that the Parish Administrator or his designated representative shall be and is hereby, authorized to grant the right to use the surface and subsurface of the lands described on Exhibit "A" for the drilling, operating and producing of oil, gas and related operations as well as the right to improve and maintain the existing dirt road in Eddie D. Jones Park as depicted on Exhibit "A".

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Caddo Parish Administrator or his designee shall be, and is hereby authorized to do any and all things and to sign any and all contracts and other documents in a form acceptable to the Caddo Parish Attorney necessary to effectuate the purposes set forth herein.

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

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

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

It was **moved by Mr. Escude**, seconded by Mrs. Baker, *that Ordinance No. 4870 of 2009, authorizing the Administrator to execute a surface and subsurface agreement with Chesapeake Operating, Inc., pertaining to the use of the surface and subsurface of a portion of Eddie D. Jones Park, including access thereto, to provide for an effective date, be adopted.*

Mr. Linn pointed out that Mr. McCotter had said that every stipulation set forth by the Parish Attorney had been agreed to by Chesapeake. Mr. Linn asked the Parish Attorney if a request had presented to Mr. McCotter that closed-loop drilling be employed, and if so, was that stipulation included in the ordinance before the Commission at this time. Mr. Grubb said he had discussed the matter with Mr. McCotter, but the item is not a part of the current ordinance.

Mr. Grubb said that after Mr. Linn raised the question about closed-loop drilling he had spent considerable time researching and talking with people in the Department of Natural Resources about the subject. He said he still has no expertise in the matter, but he is advised that drilling a well into the Haynesville Shale is a two-step process: the drilling proceeds vertically down to a point entering the shale formation and then it veers horizontally for a distance.

Mr. Grubb said it is apparently common to have a closed-loop system for the horizontal portion of the drill because oil-based drilling muds are employed at that stage, and the closed-loop system allows that oil-mud combination to be recovered with no harm to the environment. The water-based muds used in the vertical drill are returned to a surface mud retention pond.

Mr. Linn stated that he is in sympathy with the Springridge Estates residents; they are being held hostage as a tool to get a road through Eddie Jones Park. Using those residents in that manner is wrong, he said.

Mr. Thibodeaux asked if anyone has studied the alternative routes that were mentioned, or if they were entirely new suggestions. He said when he came to this meeting he was ready to support the ordinance because it appeared to be the lesser of a combination of evils being offered. However, it now appears that there might be some viable alternatives that have not been explored, particularly on Mr. Wynne's property. He said he understands that pending litigation could be a complicating factor, but he believes that if the issue concerns two sets of reasonable people the differences could have been worked out long ago. Other alternatives have also been proposed that

may be worth considering, he said.

Mr. Thibodeaux said he recognizes that Caddo Parish has been paid a lot of money by Chesapeake to extract gas from Parish lands. However, he said, he also understands that when lands for a park are set aside, it is for the purpose of providing an undisturbed outdoor setting for citizens. This park is obviously a precious commodity, he said, and it does not make much sense to cut a road through the middle of it.

He said that he feels the purpose of the ordinance before the Commission has the primary purpose of getting trucks out of the Springridge Estates subdivision. The proposed means of accomplishing that is to place an ill-advised road through Eddie Jones Park. His choices, he said, are to harm the subdivision or to harm the park. He said he now feels trapped between two unpleasant positions. Anything the Commission might wish to do other than what is being offered at this meeting would take additional time. However, all the principals are present so it shouldn't take much time.

Mr. Epperson asked if it is true that Chimp Haven officials were unaware until the day before this meeting that an agreement with Chesapeake was being formulated that would place a well service road adjacent to their facility. Mr. Larry Raymond, Parks Director, said that there have been conversations with Chimp Haven all along relative to accessing drilling sites, and he has in the past discussed with Dr. Brent the possibility of using that service road. He never gave her a plat of the current proposal, he said.

Mr. Grubb pointed out that after the discussion the Commission held at its Work Session meeting about this issue, at which concern was expressed about insurance or bonding requirements, he contacted Chesapeake and obtained agreement that Chesapeake would furnish insurance at not less than \$1 million, with self-insured retention to be no more than \$100,000. That language has been added since the Commission last saw the document, he said.

Mr. Epperson said he had assumed that Chimp Haven had been fully apprised throughout the process. He said that the negotiations surrounding this agreement seem to have been an ongoing, growing, ever-changing product, much as a snowball rolling down a hill. Changes have been made even as recent as the evening of the day before. He said he does not believe the Commission has given the citizens an opportunity to consider all options, and the Commission itself appears to have tunnel vision on one solution to this issue. No alternatives have even been considered, he said.

Mr. Epperson said he certainly has empathy for the citizens of Springridge Estates, but the Commission may have acted in haste on their behalf. The Commission should have been more proactive on this matter, considered other options and involved the community more.

President Lynch stated that if it should be the wish of the Commission to further study this matter she will be willing to call a special meeting or meetings to resolve the problem.

Mr. Cox said he has followed this matter from the first complaints voiced by the residents of Springridge Estates. He said he understands that a decision needs to be made at this meeting. He said he has concerns about the chimps at Chimp Haven, but he has greater concern for humans. He said he believes that perhaps with some modifications and accommodations the chimps can adapt to new circumstances. He pointed out that some people are going to be unhappy whichever way the Commission decides to act.

Mr. Cox said that this issue has given attention to the fact that Caddo Parish is behind schedule on drafting and adopting an ordinance that would regulate various aspects of energy exploration in the Parish. Bossier Parish has already held two public hearings on their ordinance, and Caddo has not yet had one.

Mrs. Baker said she agrees that the people of Springridge are the true victims in this issue. She said she loves parks, and she has supported Chimp Haven from the beginning. But the real victims are the people of the community, and they have to contend with the noise, risk, dirt and destruction on a 24-hour basis.

Mr. Escude stated that this is a difficult issue—one that affects people's emotions in different ways and on different levels. Everyone feels their position is the only correct one, and they vehemently defend their positions—often to the detriment of facts and details.

The reason the Commissioners are at this point is because they have dragged their feet in preparing a comprehensive energy exploration ordinance that will spell out those practices that will and will not be permitted when a well is being drilled, Parish-wide, he said. The Parish does not have to wait until Bossier Parish finishes its ordinance, he said, nor does it have to wait until the State perhaps amends its rules. If the Caddo Parish Commission had been meeting regularly on this issue and had its

rules in place, there would already be ordinances in place that would address this issue.

Chesapeake Energy does not need for Caddo Parish to approve this road, Mr. Escude said. Chesapeake can continue to use the road it has been using, or it can change to any number of other privately-negotiated routes with or without the permission of Caddo Parish. The company has instead tried to work with the Parish and the community, and it has responded to every request made of it, even one made as recently as during the meeting on Monday.

Mr. Escude said that if this proposed road would be disturbing the Veterans Cemetery in any way he would be greatly concerned, but it is not. Insofar as Chimp Haven, he said, that organization owns the land it occupies for as long as Chimp Haven exists as an entity. When Chimp Haven ceases to exist ownership of the land reverts back to the people of Caddo Parish. The park is an asset created and developed by the Caddo Parish Commission to benefit the citizens. It now has something underneath that is worth a considerable amount of money to the Parish. The revenue from the natural gas will allow the improvement and enhancement of the park, he said.

Mr. Escude said that he does not want to delay the ordinance; he wants to give these citizens some relief. Within 90 to 120 everything will be over and the park will be back to normal. The bigger issue is for the Commission to get moving on passing its comprehensive oil and gas ordinance.

Mr. Dominick said that speakers at this meeting have proposed alternate routes through the park. He asked Mr. Larry Raymond, Parks Director, to comment. Mr. Raymond said that his office looked at all of the proposed routes through the park, the asphalt road and Veterans Cemetery. Anywhere the road goes it will impact somebody in the park. The Veterans Cemetery averages about 12 or 13 funerals per month.

The other issue with the asphalt road is that it is the same one all visitors to the park use; the 18-wheelers and the people in their cars are using the same road. The road behind the Veterans Cemetery is owned by the State Department of Veterans Affairs, as part of the cemetery.

Mr. Dominick said he agrees with other Commissioners that this issue has gone on long enough, and that the Parish Parks Department can be trusted to have considered all options and put forth a recommendation that will minimize damages. It is time now to give the subdivision some relief. Chesapeake has tried to meet the Commission's demands when in actuality it did not have to, he said.

Mrs. McCulloch said that when she brings forth an issue in her district she has an expectation that her colleagues will support her position. She said that Commissioner Smith, who was unable to attend this meeting, has been working diligently for a long time to formulate this agreement and bring relief to the Springridge residents of his district. This issue, and his concern for the families affected, has taken a toll on Commissioner Smith, she said, and she intends to support this ordinance on his behalf.

Mr. Linn asked that the Sheriff's Department be requested to place patrol deputies in the Springridge Estates Subdivision to enforce speed limits in the neighborhood.

Ms. Lynch said that she is somewhat confused in that this ordinance is being presented as an "either/or" situation. She said she thought the drilling rigs had already been brought back out from the drilling sites, exiting through the subdivision, and if so, she wondered why there is an urgent necessity to construct an alternate road.

Mr. Grubb said that the drilling rigs have come out of the drill site.

Ms. Lynch said that in that case, she would like to have some explanation of why the issue is still of pressing concern.

Mr. Wilfred Smith, a resident of the subdivision, said that all discussion of the traffic in the subdivision has been greatly understated. He said that even though Chesapeake has removed two drilling rigs, there will be ten more to take their place. Also, not only has Chesapeake been a major problem with their comings and goings, the neighborhood is now inundated by heavy equipment repairing the roads. Dump trucks carrying materials came into the neighborhood at 6 a.m. this morning, he said. Some 20 trucks have come into the neighborhood since then. He said it took him five minutes to exit his own driveway.

Responding to a question from Ms. Lynch, Mr. McCotter said that the two rigs that drilled the Bryant and Wallace wells were removed the previous week. The process of completing the wells will now begin and will last for three or four weeks. If the Commission approves the road, which would then be completed by May 1, all of that completions traffic would use the new route.

Responding to a question from Ms. Lynch, Mr. Grubb said that the most recent request

made of Chesapeake is for insurance in the amount of \$1 million with a \$100,000 retained limit, and with an excess limit of \$5 million. Ms. Lynch asked if Chesapeake has agreed to that request.

Mr. McCotter said that Chesapeake would meet the request.

Ms. Lynch then asked Mr. McCotter to discuss the "closed loop" drilling process. Mr. McCotter said that it is not his understanding that "closed loop" is being proposed as part of the agreement. Chesapeake is using a closed-loop system in the horizontal portion of its drilling, because from an environmental perspective it provides the best protection to the park, to the park users and the residents of the area.

A closed-loop system will provide the collection and return of any drilling fluids used in the horizontal well-bore, he said. It is pointless to use closed-loop on the vertical portion of the bore, because nothing but water and cuttings that are "native mud" extracted from the bore, and that is all that goes into the reserve pit. There are no contaminated cuttings in the pit, even if the pit should overflow in a deluge. All drilling effluents from the horizontal bore are recycled within the closed loop system and hauled away for disposal in accordance with law.

There being no further discussion, the President ordered the vote on the motion, that being to adopt Ordinance No. 4870 of 2009. That motion carried, as shown by the following roll call vote: AYES: Commissioners Baker, Cox, Dominick, Escude, Jenkins, McCulloch and Thibodeaux (7). NAYS: Commissioners Epperson, Linn and Lynch (3). ABSTAINING: None. ABSENT: Commissioners Pierson and Smith (2).

ORDINANCE NO. 4871 OF 2009

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE PARISH ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE AN EASEMENT AND RIGHT-OF-WAY AGREEMENT WITH LOUISIANA MIDSTREAM GAS SERVICES, L.L.C. PERTAINING TO THE GRANTING OF AN EASEMENT AND RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING AND MAINTAINING AN OIL AND GAS PIPELINE ACROSS A PORTION OF EDDIE D. JONES PARK, TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo has received a request from Louisiana Midstream Gas Services, L.L.C. to grant an easement and right-of-way as depicted on Exhibit "A", part of Eddie D. Jones Park, to place and maintain an oil and gas pipeline; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo has reviewed the request from Louisiana Midstream Gas Services, L.L.C. and determined it is in the best interest of the Parish of Caddo to approve said request.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that the Parish Administrator or his designated representative shall be and is hereby, authorized to grant an easement and right-of-way as depicted on Exhibit "A" for the installation and maintenance of oil and gas pipeline(s).

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Caddo Parish Administrator or his designee shall be, and is hereby authorized to do any and all things and to sign any and all contracts and other documents in a form acceptable to the Caddo Parish Attorney necessary to effectuate the purposes set forth herein.

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

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

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

It was **moved by Mr. Escude**, seconded by Mrs. McCulloch, *that Ordinance No. 4871 of 2009, authorizing the Parish Administrator to execute an easement and right-of-way agreement with Louisiana Midstream Gas Services, L.L.C., pertaining to the granting of an easement and right-of-way for the purpose of constructing and maintaining an oil and gas pipeline across a portion of Eddie D.*

Jones Park, be adopted. That motion carried, as shown by the following roll call vote: AYES: Commissioners Baker, Cox, Dominick, Escude, Jenkins, Linn, McCulloch and Thibodeaux (8). NAYS: Commissioners Epperson and Lynch (2). ABSTAINING: None. ABSENT: Commissioners Pierson and Smith (2).

ZONING ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

- ZONING CASE P-4-09 in regard to Ordinance No. 4873 of 2009(10400 block Norris Ferry Road) property located on the east side of Norris Ferry Road at its intersection with the Southern Loop; ARAMCO, INC, APPLICANT.
Request to amend the Code of Ordinances by rezoning property located on the east side of Norris Ferry Road at its intersection with Southern Loop, **from** R-A, Residence/Agriculture District **to** B-2, Neighborhood District for a proposed B-2 Development
- ZONING CASE P-5-09 in regard to Ordinance No. 4874 (9200 block of Linwood Avenue) property located on the southeast corner of Linwood and McCary, CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, APPLICANT.
Request to amend the Code of Ordinances by rezoning property located on the southeast corner of Linwood Avenue and McCary **from** R-A, Residence/Agriculture District **to** R-3, Urban, Multi-Family Residence District for a proposed adult living facility

ORDINANCES: (For introduction, by title)

- Ordinance No. 4876 of 2009 to relocate the polling place for Precinct No. 146 (District 1) from Deep South Gift Shop, 17558 Hwy, 71, Mira, LA to Ida Community Center, 6955 Cedar Lane, Ida, LA
- Ordinance No. 4878 of 2009 declaring certain adjudicated properties to be surplus and to authorize the Parish Administrator or a designee to sell the Parish of Caddo's tax interest therein

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 8 OF 2009

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE MISSION, PURPOSE AND FUNCTION OF THE CADDO PARISH JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITY, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the establishment of the mission, purpose and function of the Caddo Juvenile Detention Center will set standards for the usage of the facility.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that the mission, purpose and function of the Caddo Parish Juvenile Detention Center are established as follows:

Caddo Parish Juvenile Detention Center Mission Statement

To enhance the protection of the community by enforcing the orders of the Court to ensure the restoration of victims by imposing accountability for offenses committed, and to equip juvenile offenders with the required competencies to live productively and responsibly in the community.

Function and Purpose of Caddo Parish Juvenile Detention Center Facility

To provide the temporary care of individuals under the jurisdiction of the Juvenile Court for Caddo Parish for whom secure custody is required for their own protection or that of the community, in physically restricting facilities, pending court disposition or transfer to another jurisdiction or agency.

Consistent with the belief that the needs of a youthful offender must be balanced with the interests of public safety, secure detention at the Caddo Parish Juvenile Detention Facility is permissible for the youth who meet risk assessment criteria and/or may require detention to protect the public safety in accordance with Article 815(b) of the Louisiana Children's Code; and

Further, use of secure detention at the Caddo Parish Juvenile Detention Facility is consistent with the belief that when a youth has objectively demonstrated an

unwillingness and/or inability to appear before the juvenile court for proceedings, detention is permissible to ensure the offender's future appearance; and

Further, it is the desire of the citizens of Caddo Parish, their duly elected representatives on the Caddo Parish Commission and the Caddo Parish Department of Juvenile Services to maintain and operate the Caddo Parish Juvenile Detention Facility in accordance with LA. R.S. 15:1110 of the Revised Statutes of Louisiana and to practice procedures outlined in Article 817 of the Louisiana Children's Code whenever possible.

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

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

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

It was **moved by Mr. Linn**, seconded by Mr. Escude, that Resolution No. 8 of 2009 declaring the mission, purpose and function of the Caddo Parish Juvenile Detention Facility, be adopted. That motion carried, as shown by the following roll call vote: AYES: Commissioners Baker, Cox, Dominick, Epperson, Escude, Jenkins, Linn, Lynch, McCulloch and Thibodeaux (10). NAYS: None. ABSTAINING: None. ABSENT: Commissioners Pierson and Smith (2).

RESOLUTION NO. 9 OF 2009

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CADDO COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY, INC. TO ADMINISTER THE HEAD START PROGRAM FOR THE PARISH OF CADDO, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission desires to obtain state and federal funds, where available, to benefit low and moderate income persons in the Parish of Caddo, and

WHEREAS, federal grants which are administered by the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services are available for the purpose of providing a Head Start Preschool Education Program to qualified parish governments; and

WHEREAS, this program provides a comprehensive program to children ages 3-5 and their families; and

WHEREAS, this program consists of five components: education, health, parent involvement, social services and transportation; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned program provides critical services by assisting low and moderate income children during their formative years; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Community Action Agency, Inc. has administered this program for the Caddo Parish Commission over the last thirty-six (36) years; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission is the appropriate agency to receive federal and/or state funding for the purpose of providing programs to support indigent persons living within the Parish of Caddo.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission, in due, legal and regular session convened, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby authorize the Caddo Community Action Agency, Inc. to administer the Head Start program on behalf of the Parish of Caddo.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Laurance Guidry and/or his successor is hereby authorized to do all things necessary to implement, maintain, amend, or review any documents associated with the Head Start Program from the effective date of this resolution through January 31, 2010.

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

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

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

It was **moved by Mrs. Baker**, seconded by Mr. Cox, *that Resolution No. 9 of 2009, authorizing the Caddo Community Action Agency, Inc. to administer the Head Start Program within the Parish of Caddo, be adopted. That motion carried*, as shown by the following roll call vote: AYES: Commissioners Baker, Cox, Dominick, Escude, Jenkins, Linn, McCulloch and Thibodeaux (8). NAYS: Commissioners Epperson and Lynch (2). ABSTAINING: None. ABSENT: Commissioners Pierson and Smith (2).

NEW BUSINESS

It was **moved by Mr. Dominick**, seconded by Mr. Linn, *that the Administrator be authorized to obtain a written proposal from Grace & Hebert Architects and two other companies on the cost to perform a scope of work for a 'Needs and Assessment Plan' for the future growth of the Caddo Correction Center. Motion carried.*

It was **moved by Mr. Escude**, seconded by Mr. Epperson, that the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire be accepted as required by the Legislative Auditor's Office. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

/s/ _____
Stephanie Lynch
President

/s/ _____
Jerry C. Spears
Commission Clerk