

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
CADDO PARISH COMMISSION  
HELD ON THE 5<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 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, Pierson, Smith and Thibodeaux (12). ABSENT: None.

The invocation was given by Mrs. McCulloch, and Mr. Thibodeaux led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was **moved by Mr. Escude**, seconded by Mrs. Baker, *that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 8, 2009, be adopted.* Motion carried.

**AGENDA ADDITIONS**

It was **moved by Mr. Epperson**, seconded by Mr. Jenkins, *that a resolution be prepared proclaiming February 15 as "Albert McLeod Bethune Day" in Caddo Parish.* Motion carried.

**COMMUNIQUES AND REPORTS**

Administration response to information requests from Commissioners

Administrator Woodrow Wilson came forward and stated that he had distributed to Commissioners copies of a comprehensive synopsis of what the administration is doing in regard to studying water resources.

Mr. Wilson then stated that Commissioner Linn had requested that Mr. Dale Colvin, President of the Metropolitan Planning Commission, be asked to attend this meeting and address the Commission in regard to the Master Plan.

Mr. Colvin came forward and stated that he was told Mr. Linn wished to ask him some questions.

Mr. Linn said that he first wished to commend Mr. Colvin as a person who has consistently been honest and forthright. He pointed out that the MPC members do serve with no compensation for the considerable amount of work they do.

Mr. Colvin said that he has served on the MPC for three years, and the agency is now undertaking the most significant thing it has ever done in working to formulate a comprehensive master plan for the community. The plan is intended to be citizen-driven, with input from all citizens. MPC wants to plan things like economic development, jobs, roads, infrastructure, schools----to provide best possible community in which all citizens can live and work, he said.

Reviewing the work that has been done to develop the plan, Mr. Colvin said that in November the MPC ranked the 20 applications received in response to a request for proposals from potential consultants. The top five were selected and an all-day interview session conducted with those five firms. Those five were then ranked, based on their presentations, and negotiations were begun with the top-ranked consultant over a period of 30 days. That consultant missed the scope of work, and came in over budget, so negotiations began with applicant number two.

That consulting firm is Goody-Clancy, he said, and MPC is now in the process of going through the scope of work and entering into a contract based on the numbers Goody-Clancy proposes. No contract has yet been signed, he said, but once all agree on the scope of work, they will move forward through the master plan subcommittee and get the contract signed. It will be an 18 to 24 month process, but once it is complete it is not just for the City of Shreveport, it is a comprehensive master plan for the City and the Parish.

Mr. Dominick asked if the Master Plan will cover the entire Parish. Mr. Colvin said that it will cover part of the Parish—within the five-mile radius outside the City that encompasses the Planning Limits. The consulting firm will be looking to go to the entire Parish, and that will be an option that they will offer on the scope of work. That scope and its cost will be known soon, he said.

Mr. Colvin pointed out that there are other municipalities in the Parish, such as Greenwood, that may wish to have their towns included in the plan as well. As those considerations arise, their cost will have to be tabulated, he said.

Mr. Linn said that earlier in the day he, President Lynch and Administrator Wilson had attended an MPC meeting at which the consulting firm of Goody, Clancy had representatives. He asked

Mr. Colvin to discuss the master planning board and how it will be structured.

Mr. Colvin said that MPC has a Master Planning Subcommittee that has met a few times over the past two months. It has four MPC members, including himself. Two members from the Commission, two City Council members, one person from the Mayor's office and one person from the Parish Administrator's office will be added. As these meetings go forward, perhaps two or three times per month, notices will be posted, he said.

Mr. Linn asked who chose the sub-consultants that will work under Goody, Clancy. Mr. Colvin said that Goody, Clancy had asked for a list of other consultants. However, Goody, Clancy is an international firm so it has its own consultants they work with. MPC will be reviewing those to determine what will be the best fit for Shreveport/Caddo Parish, he said.

Answering a question from Mr. Linn, Mr. Colvin said that Goody, Clancy will choose the sub-consultants with input from the MPC and from the subcommittee.

Mr. Thibodeaux said that based on newspaper reports he is curious as to why there has been such a major miscommunication in regard to two very basic elements of the master plan process---the scope of work and cost of work---to the point that the first consultant chosen, the Nellesen Group, has been fired.

Mr. Colvin said that he was not privy to all the phone calls and e-mails that went back and forth between Nellesen and the staff, which attends to the intricacies of the plan. He said that in his opinion the company did not pay full attention to all the details in the original request for proposals. Caddo/Shreveport has a diverse citizen group here, and there are a wide variety of needs to be addressed---perhaps more than this company could put its arms around, he said.

He said that the firm was told several times the parameters of the budget in which the master plan must be formulated---just over \$1 million---but the consultant's final proposal came in at \$2.4 million. Efforts to reconcile the cost and the scope were unsuccessful.

Mr. Thibodeaux said he would assume that when Nellesen made its presentation that it would have discussed all the major scope issues of the RFP; otherwise, he cannot understand how they were ever chosen.

Mr. Colvin said that during the presentations by the potential consultants there was only a one-hour window for each. When they presented they talked of what they had done in other cities moreso than about what they would do here, he said. That would be his only explanation, he added.

Those mistakes will not be repeated with the new consultant, Mr. Colvin said. The scope of work now includes all the bullet points of the RFP, and the point has been stressed to the consultant that the MPC does not have \$2.4 million to spend on the plan. The consultant may not be able to do everything that might be desired, but the major elements will be covered, he said.

Answering another question from Mr. Thibodeaux, Mr. Colvin said that the consultant will return with a final offering before any contracts are signed.

Mr. Linn asked if this consultant will handle the gathering of the 'scope of vision' information, and implementation of the information gathered, or will the MPC, the Planning Board gather the information and give it to Goody, Clancy and allow it to make the decisions. Mr. Colvin said that Goody, Clancy will have townhall meetings with local citizens to gather the information insofar as what is important to each neighborhood. They also look at other external factors such as the economy, road system, schools, etc., and where Shreveport/Caddo Parish needs to be in those areas. He pointed out that Goody, Clancy may suggest on the plan where a road or a school should be built, but it will be the choice of the local community or the State to decide whether to do it or not.

Answering another question from Mr. Linn, Mr. Colvin said that the information will come from Goody, Clancy from the people to be included in the document. Then it will go back to the MPC and the people at the same time.

Mr. Smith said that having worked on a number of community plans while a member of the MPC, he witnessed that citizen input was received in each case, but it was not guided by MPC. The planners listened to the people and did what they wanted in each instance. He said that after working on those relatively small plans, he cannot comprehend how big a job this plan will be.

Mr. Colvin agreed that the MPC does have a big job ahead of it. The work has been divided into 16 areas of the Parish and City, and information will be developed within each. The MPC staff is an educated, experienced group of people who want the best for the City and Parish.

Mrs. Baker asked what will happen if the planners are unable to generate any citizen

input into the process. Mr. Colvin replied that that is one of Goody, Clancy's strengths—the ability to develop the information needed. They will go into the communities and hold town hall meetings and other means to obtain that input, even to the point of knocking on doors.

Mr. Pierson asked who will determine how much of the work of the planning process will be outsourced. He said he is assuming that Goody, Clancy will not have enough people to do all of what is being proposed.

Mr. Colvin said that various parts of the project, such as economic development and transportation, are areas that different firms will work on. The committee will look at who that work will be directed to. MPC also operates under the Fair Share doctrine, he said. The committee will ultimately say who does what.

Mr. Linn asked when talks began with Goody, Clancy, following the release of the Nellesen Group. Mr. Colvin said the discussions began within a matter of three or four days. They came in and visited with MPC, the Mayor and the Parish Administrator, as well as others.

Mr. Linn thanked Mr. Colvin for appearing to answer his questions, as did President Lynch.

At this time Mrs. McCulloch stated that she had asked Administrator Woodrow Wilson to contact the City of Shreveport about the City's announcement that due to severe budget restrictions it will not operate swimming pools during the coming summer. She said that the City informed Mr. Wilson that to open the pools will cost \$300,000, and if the Parish would provide half of that sum the City would consider opening the pools.

Mrs. McCulloch said that the swimming pools are a very important part of youth summer activity, and she would like for the Commission to take this proposal under consideration.

Answering a question from Mrs. McCulloch, Administrator Wilson said that the allocation of funds for that purpose would be a decision the Commission would have to make.

Mr. Cox said he agrees that this should be considered. One of the City's largest pools is in his area, he said, and it gets a tremendous amount of use in the summer.

Mr. Escude said that while he appreciates the passion Mrs. McCulloch and Mr. Cox hold for the youth of the area, he believes that operation of the pools is the City's responsibility, and it is incumbent upon the City to provide the service. If it is important to the City Councilmen and their constituents, the phones will begin ringing and the pools will open. It is ridiculous, he said, for the onus to be shifted to the Commission.

This has happened for years, Mr. Escude said, and it is not a matter of the Commission rescuing the City parks department—it is about them taking care of their obligations to the people of the City with the taxes dedicated to recreation. He said he would prefer to take a stance that if the City cannot find the money the Commission might then consider being a safety net, but he does not support that at this time.

Mr. Linn asked Mr. Wilson to inquire of Mr. Steve Snow what those youth would possibly be doing with their time if not swimming.

Mr. Pierson said that he served on the Shreveport Parks and Recreation advisory committee, and he knows that there are decisions the City has to make regarding operating pools or operating golf courses, and how they can piecemeal the funds they have in their budget. The decision was made by the SPAR staff that instead of piecemealing services all over the City, they would have to close one thing rather than operate a lesser part of all things.

Mr. Pierson said that the Commission would probably be wise to get some kind of formal presentation from SPAR before considering action. The President might desire to formulate some kind of committee to study what degree of participation, if any, the Commission might undertake. He said he would not want to pre-suppose what the City might do. He pointed out that he is losing two pools in his district, and he understands the value of having pools, not just because of their recreational purpose, but also because of the swimming lessons that are given there.

### **VISITORS**

At this time Mrs. Lola Shuttleworth, an agent for the LSU Agricultural Extension Service, came forward. She was accompanied by County Agent John Levasseur; co-workers Ms. Catherine Pace and Ms. Elizabeth Jordan; volunteer leaders Ms. Cheryl Taylor and Mrs. Regina McFarland.

Mrs. Shuttleworth then asked 4-H Club member Daniel McFarland to come forward. He said that on behalf of the LSU Ag Center and Caddo 4-H he wished to express appreciation to the

Commission for its ongoing support.

Mr. Levasseur also expressed thanks to the Commission. President Lynch thanked Mr. Levasseur and his group for their presentation.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING ON ZONING CASES**

- ZONING CASE P-22-08 in regard to Ordinance No. 4858 of 2009 (8420 North Lakeshore Drive) (property located on the southeast corner of Blanchard-Furrh Road and Lakeshore Drive) GARY & FLORENCE LABORDE, APPLICANTS.  
Request to amend Chapter 51 of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo by rezoning property located on the southeast corner of Blanchard Furrh Road and Lakeshore Drive, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from B-1, Buffer Business District, to R-A, Residence-Agriculture Use District for a proposed residence or other uses within this zoning classification.

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

#### **PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES**

- Ordinance No. 4859 of 2009 amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the Juvenile Justice Fund in the amount of \$99,000 for probation operations for the year 2009
- Ordinance No. 4824 of 2008 fixing the Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the Riverboat Fund for the year 2009

The President asked if there was anyone present to speak in support of or in opposition to either of the foregoing ordinances, and there was no one. She declared the public hearing on ordinances to be concluded.

#### **ZONING ORDINANCES: ( For final passage)**

##### **ORDINANCE NO. 4858 OF 2008**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 51 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE PARISH OF CADDO, AS AMENDED, THE CADDO PARISH ZONING ORDINANCE, BY REZONING PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE SE CORNER OF BLANCHARD FURRH ROAD AND LAKESHORE DRIVE, CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA, FROM B-1, BUFFER BUSINESS DISTRICT, TO R-A, RESIDENCE-AGRICULTURE USE DISTRICT AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

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 property located on the SE corner of Blanchard Furrh Road and Lakeshore Drive, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, more particularly described below, be and the same is hereby changed **from B-1, Buffer Business District, to R-A, Residence-Agriculture District.**

A tract of land in the NE/4 of the SW/4 of Sect. 9, T18N, R15W, Caddo Parish, LA, more particularly described as: beginning at the NW corner of the NE/4 of the SW/4 of said sect. 9, run thence S89°7'E along the center line of said Sect. 9 612.7 feet to a point on the S R/W line of Blanchard-Furrh Road and the POB of the tract herein described; continue thence S89°7'E 348.7 feet; thence run S0°53'W 358.8 feet; thence run N89°7"W 306.3 feet to a point on the E R/W line of N. Lakeshore Drive; thence run NW along said R/W line 357 feet to the SE point of intersection of the R/W of N. Lakeshore Drive and Blanchard-Furrh Road; thence run NE along the S R/W line of Blanchard-Furrh Road 49.5 feet to the POB, together with all buildings and improvements located thereon. Containing 2.86 acres M/L.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the rezoning 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 B-1.**

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. Dominick**, seconded by Mr. Escude, that Ordinance No. 4858 of 2009, in regard to Zoning Case P-22-08, Gary and Florence Laborde , applicants, requesting to rezone property located on the southeast corner of Blanchard Furrh Road and Lakeshore Drive from B-1 to R-A for a proposed residence or other uses within this zoning classification, be adopted. That motion carried, as shown by the following roll call vote: AYES: Commissioners Baker, Cox, Dominick, Epperson, Escude, Jenkins, Linn, Lynch, McCulloch, Pierson, Smith and Thibodeaux (12). NAYS: None. ABSTAINING: None. ABSENT: None.

**ORDINANCES: (For final passage)**

**ORDINANCE NO. 4859 OF 2009**

BY CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE JUVENILE JUSTICE FUND FOR THE YEAR 2009 TO APPROPRIATE GRANT PROCEEDS, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Department of Juvenile Services received a grant from the Louisiana Office of Juvenile Justice to provide specialized community-based supervision of youth with serious mental illnesses who have been adjudicated Delinquent or as a Child of a Family in Need of Services and who are participants in Caddo's Juvenile Mental Health Court; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Department of Juvenile Services has also received a grant from the National Youth Screening Assistance Project as a part of the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation to engage in a research study to determine the potential effects when risk/needs assessment is employed in juvenile probation departments; and

WHEREAS, said grant funds require the establishment of two (2) full-time salary positions for the Juvenile Mental Health Court, one (1) part-time salary position for the MacArthur Foundation research project, and the purchase of equipment and supplies for the research project ; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo must use the grant funds in accordance with the grant requirements; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend the 2009 Budget in order to appropriate said grant proceeds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that the Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the Juvenile Justice Fund for the year 2009 is hereby amended as follows:

<u>Line Item</u>	<u>Budget Increase (Decrease)</u>
Juvenile Services - Probation Operations:	
Salaries and Benefits	\$97,000
Office Supplies	2,000
Reimbursement from Others	99,000

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. Jenkins**, seconded by Mr. Linn, *that Ordinance No. 4859 of 2009, amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the Juvenile Justice Fund in the amount of \$99,000 for probation operations for the year 2009, be adopted.* That motion carried, as shown by the following roll call vote: AYES: Commissioners Baker, Cox, Dominick, Epperson, Escude, Jenkins, Linn, Lynch, McCulloch, Pierson, Smith and Thibodeaux (12). NAYS: None. ABSTAINING: None. ABSENT: None.

**ORDINANCE NO. 4824 OF 2008**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE **RIVERBOAT FUND** FOR THE YEAR 2009

BE IT ORDAINED by the Caddo Parish Commission, in legal and regular session convened, that the Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the **Riverboat Fund** for the year 2009, is hereby adopted and appropriated as follows, to wit:

2009 BUDGET

<u>Revenues</u>	
Gaming Proceeds	\$ 2,000,000
Interest Earned	<u>8,000</u>
Total Revenues	<u>2,008,000</u>
<u>Expenditures</u>	
Administration	28,475
Allocations To Other Entities	608,100
Debt Service	<u>434,700</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>1,071,275</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	963,725
Other Financing Sources (Uses):	
Transfer to Reserve Trust Fund	(200,000)
Transfer to Capital Outlay Fund	<u>(458,700)</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	5
	278,02
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	<u>359,368</u>
Fund Balance at End of Year	\$ <u>637,393</u>

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that at any time during the year the Administrator of the

Caddo Parish Commission shall have the authority to transfer part or all of the unencumbered appropriation from one budget line item to another budget line item within departments or functions. Appropriation transfers between departments or functions shall only be by Parish Commission action amending this ordinance.

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BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that at any time during the year the Administrator of the Caddo Parish Commission shall have the authority to transfer part or all of the unencumbered appropriation from one budget line item to another budget line item within departments or functions. Appropriation transfers between departments or functions shall only be by Parish Commission action amending this ordinance.

It was **moved by Mr. Pierson**, seconded by Mrs. Baker, *that Ordinance No. 4824 of 2008, fixing the Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the Riverboat Fund for the year 2009, be adopted. That motion carried*, as shown by the following roll call vote: AYES: Commissioners Baker, Cox, Dominick, Epperson, Escude, Jenkins, Linn, Lynch, McCulloch, Pierson, Smith and Thibodeaux (12). NAYS: None. ABSTAINING: None. ABSENT: None.

**ZONING ORDINANCES: (For introduction)**

- ZONING CASE P-1-09 in regard to ORDINANCE NO. 4860 OF 2009 (2500 block of East 70<sup>th</sup> Street)(property located on the northerly side of East 70<sup>th</sup> Street 2,400 feet east of East Bert Kouns Industrial Loop) WARDELL PROPERTIES, L.L.C., APPLICANT.

Request to amend the Code of Ordinances by rezoning property located on the north side of East 70th Street, 2,400 feet east of East Bert Kouns Industrial Loop **from** R-A, Residence-Agriculture District, **to** B-1-E, Buffer Business/Extended Use District (specifically limited to the primary use of a pediatric therapy clinic," only, (all other child related services shall be either supplemental or accessory to the primary use)

**THERE WILL BE A PUBLIC HEARING ON THIS ZONING CASE AND ORDINANCE FEBRUARY 19, 2009.**

**ORDINANCES: (For introduction, by title)**

- Ordinance No. 4861 of 2009 to amend and re-enact Section 19-2 of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo relative to culverts, driveways, and right-of-way standards generally, and to amend and re-enact Section 19-5 of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo relative to pipelines under public roads
- Ordinance No. 4862 of 2009 to authorize the Parish Administrator to grant a right-of-way agreement to Weyerhaeuser Company for the use of a portion of Walter B. Jacobs Memorial Nature Park for the purpose of hauling timber from adjacent property

**WORK SESSION MINUTES: FEBRUARY 2, 2009**

It was **moved by Mr. Epperson**, seconded by Mrs. Baker, *that the Work Session Minutes of February 2, 2009, be ratified. Motion carried.*

**RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 1 OF 2009**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION GIVING WRITTEN PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS OF THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2009, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission is hereby giving written public notice of its regularly scheduled meetings for the calendar year 2009 pursuant to R.S. 42:7; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission is required by law to fix the time, day, and place of its regular meetings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened that 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 of the First Floor of the Government Plaza, 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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the second meeting of the month shall be devoted to the

conduct of zoning business and/or public hearings.

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 is effective immediately upon its passage.

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

It was moved by Mr. Pierson, seconded by Mrs. Baker, *that Resolution No. 1 of 2009, giving written public notice setting the times and dates of the regularly scheduled meetings of the Caddo Parish Commission for the calendar year 2009, be adopted. That motion carried*, as shown by the following roll call vote: AYES: Commissioners Baker, Cox, Dominick, Epperson, Escude, Jenkins, Linn, Lynch, McCulloch, Pierson, Smith and Thibodeaux (12). NAYS: None. ABSTAINING: None. ABSENT: None.

### RESOLUTION NO. 2 of 2009

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE HOLDING OF AN ELECTION IN THE CADDO PARISH FIRE DISTRICT NUMBER EIGHT, STATE OF LOUISIANA, ON SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2009, TO AUTHORIZE THE LEVY OF A SERVICE CHARGE THEREIN.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Caddo Parish Fire District Number Eight, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Caddo Parish Fire District Number Eight, State of Louisiana (the "District"), adopted a resolution on January 20, 2009, calling a special election in the District on Saturday, May 2, 2009, to authorize the levy of a Service Charge therein; and

WHEREAS, the governing authority of the District has requested that this Caddo Parish Commission, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Caddo, State of Louisiana, give its consent and authority for the District to hold the aforesaid election, and in the event that the election carries to levy and collect the Service Charge provided for therein; and

WHEREAS, as required by Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, it is now the desire of this Caddo Parish Commission to approve the holding of said election and in the event that the election carries, to levy and collect the Service Charge provided for therein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission, acting as the governing authority of said Parish, that:

SECTION 1. In compliance with the provisions of Article VI, Section 15 of the constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, and in accordance with the request of the Board of Commissioners of Caddo Parish Fire District Number Eight, State of Louisiana, the Caddo Parish Commission hereby approves the holding of an election in the District, on Saturday, May 2, 2009, at which election there will be submitted the following proposition, to-wit:

#### SERVICE CHARGE PROPOSITION

SUMMARY: AUTHORITY TO LEVY A 10-YEAR SERVICE CHARGE OF UP TO \$75.00 PER STRUCTURE FOR FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES.

Shall Caddo Parish Fire District Number Eight, State of Louisiana (the "District"), be authorized to collect a service charge in an amount not to exceed \$75.00 per annum for each residential or commercial structure for a term not to exceed ten years, commencing January 1, 2010 (an estimated \$243,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the service charge for an entire year), to be assessed on persons owning each such structure, whether occupied or unoccupied, located wholly or partly within the boundaries of the District?

SECTION 2. In the event the election carries, the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby further consent to and authorize the District to levy and collect the Service Charge provided for therein.

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

Yeas: Commissioners Baker, Cox, Dominick, Epperson, Escude, Jenkins, Linn, Lynch, McCulloch, Pierson, Smith and Thibodeaux (12).

Nays:

Absent:

Abstaining:

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 5<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2009.

/s/ Jerry C. Spears  
Clerk

/s/ Stephanie Lynch  
President

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 of this resolution 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. Dominick**, seconded by Mr. Smith, *that Resolution No. 2 of 2009, approving the holding of an election in Caddo Parish Fire District Number Eight, on Saturday, May 2, 2009, to authorize the levy of a service charge 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, Pierson, Smith and Thibodeaux (12). NAYS: None. ABSTAINING: None. ABSENT: None.

**RESOLUTION NO. 3 OF 2009**

WHEREAS, Gerald M. McLeod is currently serving in his 21<sup>st</sup> year on the Beauregard Parish Police Jury representing Electoral District One; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McLeod served as President of the Police Jury in 1995-1996 and has served as Chairman of the Road & Bridge Committee since that time, as well as a member of various other committees of the Police Jury; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McLeod was elected in 1989 to the Region 7 Highway Committee and in 1994 was appointed Chairman of the State Police Jury Association Highway Committee and continues to serve in these capacities. Also, since 2004 McLeod has served as Executive Board Member at Large; and

WHEREAS, in 2007 the President of the Police Jury Association appointed Mr. McLeod to serve on the State Police Jury Association Insurance and Finance Committee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McLeod's wide range of knowledge acquired through his private timber industry business, his highway construction business and his Police Jury duties affords him the necessary experience and ability to competently address highway maintenance and construction issues, taxation issues and management decisions, as well as the many other issues that greatly affect police juries.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, in legal and regular session convened this 5<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2009, that it does hereby endorse Gerald M. McLeod in his candidacy for the position of 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President of the Police Jury Association of Louisiana in the upcoming election at the Association's annual convention.

It was **moved by Mr. Pierson**, seconded by Mrs. McCulloch, *that Resolution No. 3 of 2009, supporting Mr. Gerald McLeod as third vice president for the LA Police Jury Association, be adopted. That motion carried*, as shown by the following roll call vote: AYES: Commissioners Baker, Cox, Dominick, Epperson, Escude, Jenkins, Linn, Lynch, McCulloch, Pierson, Smith and Thibodeaux (12). NAYS: None. ABSTAINING: None. ABSENT: None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

It was **moved by Mrs. McCulloch**, seconded by Mr. Jenkins, *that Mr. Cleve Arkansas be appointed to the Board of Commissioners of Sewerage District No. 5 to fill the unexpired term (August 7,*

2012) of Mr. Lawrence Player, who has resigned. Motion carried.

At this time President Lynch read the following statement:

“Beginning in 2008 under President Cox, the Commission made significant progress toward becoming one of the best governing bodies of the 64 member parishes of Louisiana. In 2009 my goal is for us to become one of the most aggressive, forward-thinking governing bodies in the State, but I cannot do this alone.

This year I am asking the Administration and each and every employee of this Parish, as well as my colleagues, to reach a little higher, to dig a little deeper, and to stretch a little wider. We do a lot of things extremely well; we are going to continue to do those things, but in an even more efficient and effective way. We are going to be more transparent in what we do so that the public we serve will know and understand and appreciate the positive role that government plays in their daily lives.

I am hoping that this year we let go of what I call the ‘ball and chain’ of ‘the way that we’ve always done things’. I hope that we can also take a little of what former Administrator W.T. Hanna said: ‘To not focus on why we cannot do something, but to focus on how we can.’

My presidential initiatives will focus on:

- 1) Establishing Caddo Parish as a viable regional partner, collaborator and leader in economic development
- 2) Strengthening neighborhood associations and non-profit organizations.
- 3) Increasing citizen and youth involvement in public service
- 4) Setting inter-governmental priorities.

All of these things we have already started doing. To achieve these priorities there will be 11 standing and special committees in 2009. There are several completely new committees; some have been re-named and some have been given expanded functions. I will formally provide a written description for each committee next week.

Every Commissioner will chair a committee. To strengthen the effectiveness of our governing body I have asked Mr. Wilson to assign a relevant staff person to work with each committee chair. I’m asking every committee chair to establish two or three priorities for his or her individual committee to accomplish this year, with a goal of ultimately benefitting the citizens of Caddo Parish.

This is a somewhat new approach, but not totally different from what we have already been doing successfully. I see it as building upon what we already do, just in a more strategic and focused manner.

We went on our first lobbying trip last week—Commissioners Escude, Linn and myself, along with Administrator Woody Wilson—and one of the things we heard from our Congressional delegation was that things are becoming a lot more competitive for resources—there is a lot more competition between governing bodies and states in terms of who gets what. You have to have a well thought out plan of action, some equity in the plan, and you have to be able to execute in a short period of time.

The second thing that was reiterated was the value of the regional approach, which is something we’ve been hearing now for a couple of years. So I am endeavoring through this new approach to be more strategic and more focused in what we do. We see the success of our sister parish; when we look at what are they doing different I think we can use the word ‘strategy’—they are very strategic in their focus. They have strong working relationships in each governing body, as well as on an intergovernmental basis. It’s nothing to marvel at, but I think it is something we can model.

So I took a lot of things into consideration in choosing the committees; I looked at NACO, I looked at the Louisiana Police Jury Association and some other progressive counties across the country. But primary in my decision was my desire for the members of this body to work more collaboratively and effectively across party affiliations, across racial and gender lines, and across geographic boundaries.

The committees for 2009 will be:

Finance and Appropriations; Sam Jenkins, Chair  
Personnel Policies and Procedures; Mike Thibodeaux, Chair  
Facilities and Space Utilization; Carl Pierson, Chair  
Juvenile Justice and Youth Services; Matthew Linn, Chair  
Parks and Recreation; Doug Dominick, Chair  
Capital Projects; John Escude, Chair  
Funding Agency/Governmental Affairs; David Cox, Chair  
Natural Resources/Land Management; Jim Smith, Chair

Code Enforcement/Property Standards; Ken Epperson, Chair  
Community and Economic Development and Grants; Lindora Baker, Chair  
Rural Development; Rose McCulloch, Chair

We will also be putting together a Census Task Force because, as we know, the Census is coming next year.”

Mr. Cox congratulated President Lynch for a well-thought-out plan; it will be good for the Parish and good for the people. He said that another area of concern, and one about which he has been receiving numerous calls, is the railroad crossing at the ShrevePark industrial park. With the Public Service Commissioner gaining a bit more regulatory input over the railroads, he said, he would like for the President to invite Commissioner Foster Campbell to come to a Commission meeting and present an update. A lot of businesses want to know what is happening with the crossing, and what the next step might be to insure that the crossing is ultimately installed. The park has had some potential tenants who decided that until the crossing is installed they will not consider locating their businesses in the park.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Stephanie Lynch, President

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Jerry C. Spears, Clerk