

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
CADDO PARISH COMMISSION
HELD ON THE 4TH DAY OF JUNE, 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 Mr. John Escude, Vice President, presiding, and the following members in attendance, constituting a quorum: Commissioners Cox, Dominick, Epperson, Escude, Jenkins, McCulloch, Pierson, Smith and Thibodeaux (10). ABSENT: Commissioners Baker and Lynch (2).

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

It was **moved by Mr. Thibodeaux**, seconded by Mr. Cox, *that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 21, 2009, be adopted.* Motion carried.

At this time Commissioner Epperson asked members of the Evangel Christian Academy softball and baseball teams, and their coaches, to come forward. The Clerk presented the following special resolution:

**RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION TO
EVANGEL BOYS' AND GIRLS' STATE CHAMPION TEAMS**

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission has for years observed with great pride and satisfaction as the various athletic teams at Evangel Christian Academy have continued to create an incredible legend of excellence and dominance; and

WHEREAS, in the spring of 2009 the Evangel Eagles have not one, but two, teams holding state 2-A championship titles—the boys' team as baseball champs, and the girls' team for softball. For the boys, it is a second title in four years, and a first for the girls; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Eagles, having just beat Kinder 7-2 in the semi-final game, then survived a 14-inning pitchers' duel in their championship game with Rosepine. Ace pitcher Emily Rousseau chalked up 20 strikeouts as both pitchers held the game scoreless for 12 innings. In the 14th, with the score tied at 1-1, Bailey Boggs hit a two-run double to give the Ladies a 3-1 win. Coach Sherilyn Mueller's Lady Eagles finished the season with an amazing 38-3-2 record to give indisputable credibility to their champion status; and

WHEREAS, a couple of weeks later the guys knocked off St. Thomas Aquinas in the semi-finals to take on Sterlington in the Big Game in Monroe. Fire-balling junior pitcher Bronson Gilliam went the distance for the Eagles, allowing only three hits and one unearned run in the 3-1 win over the Panthers. In winning their second State Championship, Coach Tim Hulett's Eagles compiled a convincing 32-4 record on the season.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, meeting in legal and regular session this 4th day of June, 2009, that it does hereby commend and congratulate the coaching staff and the team members of the **EAGLES AND LADY EAGLES OF EVANGEL CHRISTIAN ACADEMY** for the dual championships they won in baseball and softball, and for their continuance of the tradition of achievement and excellence for which their school is known.

It was **moved by Mr. Epperson**, seconded by Mr. Smith, *that the foregoing resolution be adopted.* Motion carried.

Coach Mueller and Coach Hullet then introduced their players and expressed their appreciation to the Commission for the recognition given them. Mr. Epperson stated that academically and athletically, the school is a credit to the Parish and to District 12.

COMMUNIQUES AND REPORTS

□ Mr. Cox stated that he had recently been in conversation with City Councilman Ron Webb concerning the proposed acquisition of the local General Motors plant's Hummer vehicle line by a Chinese manufacturer. Mr. Webb reported that contact has been made with a spokesman for the Chinese company and after the deal has been finalized an invitation will be made for executives of that company to come to Caddo Parish to discuss matters relative to the plant. The Commission will take the lead on this matter, inasmuch as the General Motors plant is in the Caddo Parish-owned industrial park.

□ Mr. Cox then reported that on June 10 a conference will be held at Riverview Hall on a matter that needs to be addressed by the Commission. It is a substance abuse and HIV awareness program that will last all day, he said. They need the support of the Commission, the City Council and the School Board to get the word out that the incidence of HIV cases in this area is sharply increasing. He encouraged all Commissioners to attend.

□ Mr. Dominick reported that Animal Control Director Matthew Pepper had been featured in a television news story the previous day that presented a lot of good information and a favorable review of the work Animal Control is doing with Robinson Rescue on the spay/neutering program.

VISITORS

Ms. Lucy James, 3810 Denton Street, Shreveport, came forward. She said she wished to appeal to the Commission for help in capturing and controlling vicious animals on her street. She said there have been numerous incidents, and Animal Control personnel have come to the neighborhood numerous times, as well as the police.

The neighbor across the street has dogs that get out of their yard regularly, and they have chased her on many occasions, she said. One actually attacked her in her own yard, but she maced the animal and escaped into her house. She required medical attention at the emergency room.

Animal Control is fully aware of these circumstances, she said, but she has had little success in obtaining meaningful help from them, she said. She is about to begin a summer program for children at her home, she said, and she does not want those children to be subjected to this danger. She is afraid, and she does not know what to do, she said. She pleaded for help.

Mr. Escude said that the matter will be investigated thoroughly, and the Commission will do anything and everything it can.

Next came Mr. Jimmy Couvillion, 9950 Mansfield Road, who said he wanted to report on what ashe has learned about the hearing applications that are mailed out to property owners who are included in production units created by energy companies in the Haynesville Shale. He said that most citizens have the idea that they were going to get help with their lease, with water issues, or anything other than what the hearing is for. The hearings are basically for applications that have been applied for in Baton Rouge, and they are for the producers and their lawyers, geologists and production people. These hearings are not for members of the public to go to obtain other than technical information.

The reason these meetings are being held, Mr. Couvillion said, is because the industry is in the process of re-defining the Haynesville Shale by increasing its top. The effect will be to bring the Bossier Shale into the Haynesville Shale to be defined as one formation. Some of the lower Cotton Valley will be defined as part of the Haynesville zone as well, he said.

Mr. Couvillion said that Commissioners' constituents do not have a place to go to obtain the answers they need to questions about the development of the Haynesville Shale. The Commission itself has ongoing issues with the Department of Conservation, as evidenced by that Department's order concerning drilling regulations, which was nothing more than a move to circumvent and nullify efforts by Caddo and other parishes to enact their own regulatory ordinances. The Department of Conservation's hearing on that order, held at the Municipal Auditorium recently, was in no way an effort to receive public input on the issue, he said.

Next came Mrs. Mary Haddox, who identified herself as publisher of the Caddo Citizen newspaper at 203 South Spruce, Vivian. She said that her newspaper had submitted a bid to be Parish's Official Journal once again. She said her company has been proud to serve in that capacity, and it wishes to continue to do so, in partnership with the Shreveport Sun.

Then came Mr. Pete Zanmiller, who identified himself as publisher of The Times in Shreveport. He said he believes The Times should be the official document for the legal advertisements of the Parish. The purpose of legal advertising, he said, is to get information out to the citizens of the Parish. In that light it is important to compare the distribution of The Times (33,000 in Caddo Parish) versus the Citizen/Sun (3,500). Even combined, they do no have the reach that warrants their being named the Official Journal, he said. Several of the Commission districts are not covered by either of these publications, he said.

Even though The Times' per-line rate is four cents higher, he said, when looked at on a cost-per-thousand basis the Citizen/Sun is 6.4 cents while The Times is one cent. Also, he said, The Times has reporters who cover the Commission's meetings on a regular basis and provide information that way. The Times can deliver an audience that reads the publication, he said.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES

- Ordinance No. 4882 of 2009 to set the General Purpose Millages and Special Purpose Millages and to instruct the Tax Assessor to include said millages on the tax roll of the Parish of Caddo for the year 2009
- Ordinance No. 4883 of 2009 setting the Parish Millage for the purpose of paying principal and interest due in 2009 on outstanding Parish bond issues and to instruct the Assessor to include

said millage on the tax roll of the Parish of Caddo for the year 2009

- Ordinance No. 4884 of 2009 setting the assessment of property classified as timberlands and to instruct the Assessor to include said assessment on the tax roll of the Parish of Caddo for the year 2009
- Ordinance No. 4885 of 2009 to adopt the values fixed or to be fixed by the Louisiana Tax Commission on all assessments for railways and other public service corporations and to instruct the assessor to extend such assessments and values on the tax roll of the Parish of Caddo for the year 2009
- Ordinance No. 4886 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
- Ordinance No. 4887 of 2009 to amend Chapter 14 of the Caddo Parish Code of Ordinances, Section 14-1009 Schedule I. "No Truck Zones" to add the streets of Shane Lane, Springridge Drive and Victoria Lane

The Vice President asked if there was anyone present to speak in support of or in opposition to any of the above ordinances, and there was no one. He declared the public hearing to be concluded.

WORK SESSION MINUTES: MAY 18, 2009

It was **moved by Mr. Pierson**, seconded by Mr. Epperson, *that the Work Session Minutes of May 18, 2009, be ratified.* Motion carried.

ORDINANCES: (For final passage)

ORDINANCE NO. 4882 OF 2009

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE TO SET THE GENERAL PURPOSE MILLAGES AND SPECIAL PURPOSE MILLAGES AND TO INSTRUCT THE TAX ASSESSOR TO INCLUDE SAID MILLAGES ON THE TAX ROLL OF THE PARISH OF CADDO FOR THE YEAR 2009, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, in due, legal and regular session convened, that the following general purpose and special purpose millages (that is, fractional mills on the dollar) on the assessed valuation of all property subject to taxation in the whole of Caddo Parish, Louisiana and not specifically levied by ordinance of the Caddo Parish Commission for the year 2009 be and the same are hereby levied at the following rates for the year 2009, in accordance with Article VII, Section 23© of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974 and LA R.S. 47:1705, as applicable:

General Purpose:

General Alimony -

For all property lying outside of cities and towns,
as described below 6.23 mills

Exempted Municipalities -

For all property lying within the confines of incorporated cities and towns having a population in excess of 1,000 and which maintain a system of street paving and those being Shreveport, Vivian and Bossier City 3.11 mills

Special Purpose:

Public Health:

For the creation and support of public health centers in the parish .84 mills

For the maintenance and operation of public health centers in the parish and portion rededicated for payment of mandatory costs of the Criminal Justice System 1.30 mills

Shreve Memorial Library:

For the acquiring, equipping, construction, improving, maintaining and operating the public library system 4.74 mills

For the maintenance and operation of parish library facilities and portion rededicated for payment of mandatory costs of the Criminal Justice System 4.66 mills

Juvenile Court:

For the maintenance and operation for the juvenile court, and juvenile detention home facilities 1.89 mills

Detention Facilities:

For the maintenance and operation of detention facilities and portion rededicated for payment of mandatory costs of the Criminal Justice System 5.52 mills

Courthouse Maintenance:

For the maintenance and operation of parish courthouse and other facilities 2.60 mills

Public Works:

For the maintenance and operation of road and bridge, drainage and garbage collection facilities and portion rededicated for payment of mandatory costs of the Criminal Justice System 5.96 mills

Public Facilities:

For the maintenance and operation of public facilities, specifically road and bridge, parks and recreation, garbage collection and drainage .81 mills

Biomedical Research

For the promotion of economic development through the Biomedical Research Foundation of Northwest Louisiana and portion rededicated for payment of mandatory costs of the Criminal Justice System 1.76 mills

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Commission Clerk shall give notice of this ordinance to the Assessor of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and instruct him to levy and assess each tax as set forth herein for the year 2009, and the Tax Collector of Caddo Parish, Louisiana shall collect and remit the same to said taxing authority in accordance with law.

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. Pierson**, seconded by Mr. Cox, *that Ordinance No. 4882 of 2009, setting set the General Purpose Millages and Special Purpose Millages and instructing the Tax Assessor to include said millages on the tax roll of the Parish of Caddo for the year 2009, be adopted.*

Mr. Thibodeaux asked if the taxpayers can be guaranteed that they will not pay more in property tax in 2009 than they paid in 2008. Mrs. Erica Bryant, Director of Finance, said that the Parish of Caddo has not increased its millage rate. However, she said, the Parish of Caddo's millage, which is

set by the Parish Commission, is only a relatively small portion of a taxpayer's total tax bill, so no such assurances can be given. The only increases will be from new properties coming onto the tax roll for the first time.

Mr. Thibodeaux said that in 2008 a lot of people were misled, because there were some folks whose property taxes went sky-high. He does not want to see that again this year, he said.

Mr. Pierson's motion then carried, as shown by the following roll call vote: AYES: Commissioners Cox, Dominick, Epperson, Escude, Jenkins, Linn, McCulloch, Pierson, Thibodeaux and Smith (10). NAYS: None. ABSTAINING: None. ABSENT: Commissioners Baker and Lynch (2).

ORDINANCE NO. 4883 OF 2009

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE PARISH MILLAGE FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST, DUE IN 2009 ON OUTSTANDING PARISH BOND ISSUES AND TO INSTRUCT THE ASSESSOR TO INCLUDE SAID MILLAGE ON THE TAX ROLL OF THE PARISH OF CADDO FOR THE YEAR 2009, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, on May 25, 1995, the Parish of Caddo sold Refunding Bonds in the total aggregate sum of \$13,685,000; and

WHEREAS, on February 1, 1998, the Parish of Caddo sold Refunding Bonds in the total aggregate sum of \$3,425,000; and

WHEREAS, on November 9, 2004 the Parish of Caddo sold Refunding Bonds in the total aggregate sum of \$6,365,000; and

WHEREAS, on August 1, 2007, the Parish of Caddo issued general obligation bonds in the total aggregate sum of \$10,000,000; and

WHEREAS, on August 1, 2008, the Parish of Caddo issued general obligation bonds in the total aggregate sum of \$10,000,000; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to levy a millage tax for the year 2009 in order to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, which will fall due in the year 2009.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, in due, legal, and regular session convened, that a special tax of 1.95 mills on the dollar on assessed valuation of all property subject to taxation within the whole of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, be and the same is hereby levied for the year 2009, for the purpose of paying principal and interest which will become due in the year 2009 on the aforesaid public improvement bonds and refunding bonds.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Commission Clerk shall give notice of this ordinance to the Assessor of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and instruct him to levy and assess each tax as set forth herein for the year 2009.

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. Pierson**, seconded by Mr. Epperson, *that Ordinance No. 4883 of 2009, setting the Parish Millage for the purpose of paying principal and interest due in 2009 on outstanding Parish bond issues and instructing the Assessor to include said millage on the tax roll of the Parish of Caddo for the year 2009, be adopted.* That motion carried, as shown by the following roll call vote: AYES: Commissioners Cox, Dominick, Epperson, Escude, Jenkins, Linn, McCulloch, Pierson, Thibodeaux and Smith (10). NAYS: None. ABSTAINING: None. ABSENT: Commissioners Baker and Lynch (2).

ORDINANCE NO. 4884 OF 2009

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE ASSESSMENT OF PROPERTY CLASSIFIED AS TIMBERLANDS AND TO INSTRUCT THE ASSESSOR TO INCLUDE SAID ASSESSMENT ON THE TAX ROLL OF THE PARISH OF CADDO FOR THE YEAR 2009, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal, and regular session convened, that the Tax Assessor of Caddo Parish be authorized and instructed to assess property in Caddo Parish, classified as timberlands at eight cents (\$.08) per acre for the year 2009.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that, the Commission Clerk shall give notice of this ordinance to the Assessor of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and instruct him to levy and assess the applicable tax, at the above stated rate, upon these values as set forth herein for the year 2009.

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. Dominick**, seconded by Mr. Cox, *that Ordinance No. 4884 of 2009, setting the assessment of property classified as timberlands and instructing the Assessor to include said assessment on the tax roll of the Parish of Caddo for the year 2009, be adopted. That motion carried,* as shown by the following roll call vote: AYES: Commissioners Cox, Dominick, Epperson, Escude, Jenkins, Linn, McCulloch, Pierson, Thibodeaux and Smith (10). NAYS: None. ABSTAINING: None. ABSENT: Commissioners Baker and Lynch (2).

ORDINANCE NO. 4885 OF 2009

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE VALUES FIXED, OR TO BE FIXED BY THE LOUISIANA TAX COMMISSION ON ALL ASSESSMENTS FOR RAILWAYS AND OTHER PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATIONS, AND TO INSTRUCT THE ASSESSOR TO EXTEND SUCH ASSESSMENTS AND VALUES ON THE TAX ROLL OF THE PARISH OF CADDO FOR THE YEAR 2009, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal, and regular session convened, that the Caddo Parish Commission hereby adopts any and all assessments covering property owned by railways, tank car lines, and other public service corporations, and that the values named, fixed and reported be accepted and adopted as the values for all Parish purposes.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Commission Clerk shall give notice of this ordinance to the Assessor of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and instruct him to levy and assess each applicable tax millage upon these values as set forth herein for the year 2009.

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. Pierson**, seconded by Mr. Epperson, *that Ordinance No. 4885 of 2009, adopting the values fixed or to be fixed by the Louisiana Tax Commission on all assessments for*

railways and other public service corporations and instructing the assessor to extend such assessments and values on the tax roll of the Parish of Caddo for the year 2009, be adopted. That motion carried, as shown by the following roll call vote: AYES: Commissioners Cox, Dominick, Epperson, Escude, Jenkins, Linn, McCulloch, Pierson, Thibodeaux and Smith (10). NAYS: None. ABSTAINING: None. ABSENT: Commissioners Baker and Lynch (2).

ORDINANCE NO. 4846 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: 0.5 acre, M/L East 33 feet of West 495 feet of N/2 of SE/4 of SW/4 of SW/4, Sec 2 (18-15), together with all buildings and improvements located thereon of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, as per plat filed for record in Conveyance Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana (GEO #181502-000-0095)

AMOUNT OFFERED: \$151.00 APPRAISED VALUE: \$500.00

Property No. 2: Lot 21, Fox Ridge Townhouses, 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 #171526-012-0021)

AMOUNT OFFERED: \$600.00 APPRAISED VALUE: \$4,000.00

Property No. 3: North 55 of Lots 127 & 128, Greenwood Acres Subdivision, Annex 2, 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 #171521-012-0132)

AMOUNT OFFERED: \$100.00 APPRAISED VALUE: \$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 Mr. Cox**, seconded by Mr. Dominick, *that Ordinance No. 4886 of 2009, declaring certain adjudicated properties to be surplus and authorizing the Parish Administrator or a designee to sell the Parish of Caddo's tax interest therein, be adopted. That motion carried, as shown by the following roll call vote: AYES: Commissioners Cox, Dominick, Epperson, Escude, Jenkins, Linn,*

McCulloch, Pierson, Thibodeaux and Smith (10). NAYS: None. ABSTAINING: None. ABSENT: Commissioners Baker and Lynch (2).

ORDINANCE NO. 4887 OF 2009

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 14 OF THE CADDO PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, SECTION 14-1009 SCHEDULE I. "NO TRUCK ZONES" TO ADD THE STREETS OF SHANE LANE, SPRINGRIDGE DRIVE AND VICTORIA LANE, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Commission hereby finds that Shane Lane, Springridge Drive and Victoria Lane should be added to Chapter 14, Section 14-1009 Schedule I. No Truck Zones of the Caddo Parish Code of Ordinances to ensure public safety and the smooth flow of traffic.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that Chapter 14, Section 14-1009 of the Code of Ordinances be and is hereby amended to include the following streets as no truck zones, to-wit:

Chapter 14, Section 1009. Schedule I. No Truck Zones.	Shane Lane Springridge Drive Victoria Lane
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On these streets it shall be unlawful for any person to operate, drive or pull a semi-tractor, semi-trailer or truck with three or more axels. Semi-tractors, or semi-trailer, means motor vehicles designed and used primarily for driving or pulling a semi-tractor, the components of which form a multi-wheeled vehicle or which is used primarily for driving, towing, or pulling other vehicles and not so constructed as to carry a load other than a part of the weight of the vehicle and the load so drawn.

The provision of this section shall not apply to:

- (1) Vehicles making deliveries to or picking up items from a residence located in the residence.
- (2) Emergency vehicles while on call for emergency services.
- (3) Motor homes or recreational vehicles.

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

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

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

It was **moved by Mr. Smith**, seconded by Mr. Linn, *that Ordinance No. 4887 of 2009, am to amend Chapter 14 of the Caddo Parish Code of Ordinances, Section 14-1009 Schedule I. "No Truck Zones" to add the streets of Shane Lane, Springridge Drive and Victoria Lane. That motion carried, as shown by the following roll call vote: AYES: Commissioners Cox, Dominick, Epperson, Escude, Jenkins, Linn, McCulloch, Pierson, Thibodeaux and Smith (10). NAYS: None. ABSTAINING: None. ABSENT: Commissioners Baker and Lynch (2).*

ZONING ORDINANCES: (For introduction)

- Ordinance No. 4888 of 2009 in regard to Zoning Case P-06-09 of 2009, Bernard's Market and Eatery, L.L.C., applicant, requesting to rezone property at 10539 Norris Ferry Road, east side of Ellerbe Road and 500 feet south of Southern Loop, **from** R-A, Residence/Agriculture District **to** B-2, Neighborhood Business District for proposed B-2 Development.
- Ordinance No. 4889, in regard to Zoning Case P-07-09, David Pierce, applicant, requesting to rezone property on east side of Pleasant Hill, 355 feet south of Dunn Drive, **from** R-1D, Urban, One-Family residence District to R-1D-E, Urban, One-Family Residence/Extended Use District for proposed outside storage of metal studs, vehicles and trailers only.

- Ordinance No. 4890 of 2009, Clyde and Catherine P. Barnes, applicants, requesting to rezone property located on the south side of 7695/7697 West 70th Street, 675 feet east of Dinkins Drive, **from** R-A, (SPI-2) Residence/Agriculture (Industrial Park Overlay) District **to** I-1(SPI-2), Light Industry (Industrial Park Overlay) District for a proposed contractor's office and equipment yard or other uses within this zoning classification.
- Ordinance No. 4892 of 2009 to enact Chapter 11 of the Code of Ordinances addressing code enforcement and to otherwise provide with respect thereto
- Ordinance No. 4893 of 2009 to enact a film incentive policy for the Parish of Caddo

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 25 OF 2009

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

SUPPORT FOR PROVIDING UNIVERSAL HIGH SPEED BROADBAND
INTERNET SERVICE TO RURAL AREAS OF THE ARK-LA-TEX; AND
APPOINT A MEMBER TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE
CONSOLIDATED INTERSTATE COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the future growth and economic development of Caddo Parish; Northwest Louisiana; and the Ark-La-Tex Region is dependent upon access to and availability of Rapid High Speed Broadband Internet Service; and

WHEREAS, every business, school, church, residence and government facility in Caddo Parish is affected and impacted by the lack of rural high speed broadband internet connectivity; and

WHEREAS, the unavailability, here-to-fore of Universal Broadband internet Service for rural Caddo Parish will impede job creation, capital formation, education and the general quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the Coordinating and Development Corporation, the Regional Economic Development Authority for the Ark-La-Tex is partnering with the Commissioner of the Louisiana Public Service Commission, Division V, to develop and implement a plan and program to provide Rapid High Speed Internet Service to all of Caddo Parish and the Region; and

WHEREAS, a Consolidated Interstate Communications District, Connect the Ark-La-Tex, Inc., has been established for the purpose of advocacy, promotion, coordination, planning and implementation of Rapid, High Speed Broadband Internet Service to all citizens of the Region including Caddo Parish; and

WHEREAS, the "District", shall not be an internet provider, operator, and/or maintainer, nor shall it solicit internet service business, nor shall it in any way compete with any internet service provider, its sub-contractors or suppliers; and

WHEREAS, the "District", in its formative, organizational stages invites the Caddo Parish Commission to become a charter member of the District and have representation on its Board of Governors through annual appointments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission does support the Coordinating and Development Corporation, the Regional Economic Development Authority for the Ark-La-Tex in partnering with the Commissioner of the Louisiana Public Service Commission, Division V, to develop and implement a plan and program to provide Rapid High Speed Broadband Internet Service to all of Caddo Parish and the Region.

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. Cox**, seconded by Mr. Pierson, that Resolution No. 25 of 2009, support for providing universal high speed broadband internet service to rural areas of the Ark-La-Tex; and appoint a member to the Board of Governors of the Consolidated Interstate Communications District, Connect the Ark-La-Tex, Inc.

Mr. Cox said that this organization, which is attempting to provide high-speed internet to parts of the State that do not have it, is having an organizational meeting on June 9. He asked that by adoption of this resolution the Commission would tacitly designate him to be the Commission's appointee to the group's Board of Governors.

Mr. Escude stated that because of provisions of the State's new ethics law, Commissioners cannot serve on such boards. Mr. Cox said that he would nevertheless attend the meeting as the Commission's representative.

Mr. Cox's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call vote: AYES: Commissioners Cox, Dominick, Epperson, Escude, Jenkins, Linn, McCulloch, Pierson, Thibodeaux and Smith (10). NAYS: None. ABSTAINING: None. ABSENT: Commissioners Baker and Lynch (2).

NEW BUSINESS

It was **moved by Mr. Dominick**, seconded by Mr. Epperson, *that the Caddo Citizen/Shreveport Sun be selected as the Official Journal for Caddo Parish for the year beginning July 1, 2009- June 30, 2010.*

Mr. Dominick said that the Commission goes through this debate every year, but he would point out that the Citizen and the Sun are small businesses that he believes have served the Parish well. They have submitted the lowest bid, which will save the taxpayers money.

It was moved by Mr. Cox, seconded by Mr. Linn, *that The Times be selected as the Official Journal.*

Mr. Cox said that The Times reaches more people, and its daily publication schedule is more flexible to accommodate the Commission's publication requirements. It is a better expenditure of funds, he said.

Mr. Linn agreed that the Citizen/Sun do a good job in their fashion, but the way in which they save the Parish money actually constitutes a disservice to the taxpayers of Caddo Parish. He said he can go to any corner and find a copy of The Times. Also, a notice of urgency can instantly be placed in The Times, rather than waiting a week for it to be published in the Citizen/Sun. Also, he said, The Times sends a staffer to report on Commission meetings, which the other papers never do.

At this time Mr. Cox's motion to name The Times as the Official Journal failed, as shown by the following roll call vote: AYES: Commissioners Cox, Linn, Smith and Thibodeaux (4). NAYS: Commissioners Dominick, Epperson, Escude, Jenkins, McCulloch and Pierson (6). ABSTAINING: None. ABSENT: Commissioners Baker and Lynch (2).

Mr. Dominick's motion to name the Caddo Citizen/Shreveport Sun as the Official Journal then carried, as shown by the following roll call vote: AYES: Commissioners Dominick, Epperson, Escude, Jenkins, McCulloch and Pierson (6). NAYS: Commissioners Cox, Linn, Smith and Thibodeaux (4). ABSTAINING: None. ABSENT: Commissioners Baker and Lynch (2).

It was **moved by Mrs. McCulloch**, seconded by Mr. Dominick, *that Ms. Shirley Hamilton be reappointed to the Board of Pine Hill Waterworks District No. 8, term expires May 20, 2013; effective immediately.*

Mr. Thibodeaux pointed out that in her letter, Ms. Hamilton had asked to be reappointed to the board as vice president. He said that the Commission can only reappoint her to the board, it cannot assure her position as vice president.

Mrs. McCulloch's motion then carried.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

John Escude
Vice President

Jerry C. Spears
Commission Clerk