

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
CADDO PARISH COMMISSION
HELD ON THE 21ST DAY OF MAY, 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, McCulloch, Pierson, Smith and Thibodeaux (12). ABSENT: None.

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

It was **moved by Mr. Pierson**, seconded by Mr. Escude, *that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 7, 2009, be adopted.* Motion carried.

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

**RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION
to LOYOLA FLYERS, STATE LACROSSE CHAMPS**

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission desires to give appropriate recognition to those young people of Caddo Parish who by their extraordinary achievements have distinguished themselves in ways that reflect favorably and positively upon this Parish; and

WHEREAS, on May 3 at Independence Stadium the Loyola High School Flyers capped a season of "firsts" as they trounced the Jesuit of New Orleans Blue Jays 10-3 to win the first-ever state lacrosse championship. This was the first year of statewide competition for the new 16-member Louisiana High School Lacrosse League, and it was the first time a Loyola team has won a state sports championship; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Coach Mike DeVita, the young Flyers capitalized on their overall speed to mystify the Blue Jays. They also utilized the offensive prowess of Thompson Barro, who won seven of his 11 faceoffs; John Thomas Terzia, who fired in five goals, and Sam McDaniel, who scored three. Shining on defense was goalie Chris Melson, who plugged the net for 11 saves; and

WHEREAS, this championship can also be attributed to character, commitment, focus and pride: after the Flyers lost their season-opener in overtime, the team resolved that they would not lose again. They proceeded to win their next nine games, including the championship match; and

WHEREAS, the achievements of these young men, while significant, are merely one of the more recent exhibits in a proud history of achievement in sports, academics and community service through successive generations of Loyola students. While the lacrosse team won the school's first state championship in sports, Loyola teams and individual athletes have for many years been among the top finalists in district and state competition. The academic achievements of the school's students, far too numerous to cite herein, can best be summarized by the fact that 80 percent of the Class of 2009 earned \$7.8 million in scholarships for four years of college.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, in legal and regular session convened this 21st day of May, 2009, that it does hereby heartily commend and congratulate the coaches and players of the Loyola High School State Champion Lacrosse Team for their accomplishment and for the honor they have brought to their families, their school, their City and their Parish.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Commission does wish for these athletes much continued success, and that they will continue to dream, to aspire, to strive, to achieve and to excel as they face the challenges and opportunities their lives will present.

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

Mr. Escude stated that the team and coaches had hoped to attend this meeting, but final exams at the school had taken precedence.

Mr. Escude then stated that contrary to a perception, Loyola is not an elitist school—it caters to students in all walks of life. However, he said, in its 105 years the school has built a record of excellence in every area—athletics, scholarship and community service. He said that the senior class of 2009 alone has accumulated 13,000 hours of community service in their four years in keeping with the Jesuit philosophy of giving while receiving.

COMMUNIQUES AND REPORTS

□ Mr. Dominick stated that he had distributed a letter from Ms. Betty Matthews, the Commission's appointee to the Convention and Tourist Bureau, expressing her appreciation for being reappointed. He said that she works at the Vivian Railroad Station Museum.

VISITORS

Mr. Wayne Woodson, 4841 North Market, Shreveport, came forward and stated that he once again is asking for the Commission's assistance in correcting what he believes to be an inappropriate billing policy imposed by Pinehill Waterworks District No. 8. He said that in January the waterworks district distributed a letter to the five tenants at his building at 4841 North Market. The letter stated that each meter would be charged a \$45 rate.

Mr. Woodson said that he attended a meeting of the board and advised the members that inasmuch as his building has only one meter he would be happy to comply. However, the board arbitrarily applied the rate to each tenant. Mr. Woodson said he just manages the bill for his tenants.

He said that in the absence of any assistance from the Commission or any other agency, he intends to remove his name from the water bill and allow Pine Hill Waterworks manage their own bills. He said it will be interesting to see how the district will do this. It is not fair to charge all the tenants the same amount, he said, because they use different amounts of water. He said he would greatly appreciate the Commission's involvement and assistance.

Next came Mr. Larry Nugent, 800 Stony Creek Drive, Many, Louisiana. He said that he represents Energy Transfer Company, which will be constructing the Tiger Pipeline across north Louisiana beginning in the summer of 2010. He introduced Mr. Leon Bantha, field project manager, and Mr. Mark Vidreaux, who will be responsible for obtaining all right-of-way in the area.

Mr. Nugent said that the pipeline will be laid along a 180-mile path from Delhi, Louisiana, to Carthage, Texas. It will have four compressor stations—one in Carthage, and one each in Red River, Bienville and Jackson Parishes, and a total of seven inter-connects. The 42-inch line will be able to move some two billion cubic feet of natural gas per day. Its primary purpose will be to move gas from the developing Haynesville Shale field to points in the northwest, northeast and southeast United States.

It will provide some 1,200 to 1,500 temporary jobs, and it will prove to be an economic stimulus to the area. When complete, the pipeline will have a permanent employee force of about 22 people. There will be a regional office in Shreveport at 3500 Youree Drive.

Then came Mr. Lester Smith, 4148 Theo Street, Shreveport. He said he had come to speak in support of "Project Clean Slate", a program that originated in Portland, Oregon, and attempts are being made to start the program in Caddo Parish. He said that it serves disadvantaged youth and people who are having hard times. It would deter a lot of crime and unemployed young men hanging out on street corners because they are still suffering from past mistakes they have made.

Mr. Smith said that the program would allow people who have outstanding warrants for back child support or misdemeanors to get their accounts in order, and it would provide some much-needed counseling and mentoring. It would help them clean up their records so they could apply for jobs. He said that Commissioner McCulloch is helping to get this project started, and he had come to speak in support of her efforts. He said he is not looking for a grant; he is supporting the project for the benefit of the community.

Then there came Mr. Clint Wysinger, 3339 Old Mooringsport Road, Shreveport. He said he also supports Project Clean Slate. He said he is a job placement specialist for One Church, One Offender, and he works closely with ex-offenders. One of the big problems he faces when he solicits employment for his clients, he said, is the issue of the background check. It is a huge problem for those people who have minor things in their record, making it very difficult for them to find employment, and housing as well. It is very frustrating for men who have paid their debt to society to then not be able to find employment because of their record.

Project Clean Slate will expunge the records of those who are successful in the program, Mr. Wysinger said. The majority of offenders lack education in some areas, and the addition of a record makes job-seeking a fruitless effort. He said that a group effort and community support can help make this program become a reality, and he would ask that the Commission vote in support of the program.

The President thanked those who spoke for their presentations.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ZONING CASES

- ZONING CASE APPEAL BAP-4-09(4338 Hampton Lane)(property located on the north side of Hampton Lane 75 feet east of Hiawatha)(SUSAN CHERRY, HARVEST HANDS L.L.C., APPLICANT/APPELLANT.) The Metropolitan Zoning Board of Appeals denied the applicant's request for a Special Exception Use in a R-1D District for proposed two mobile homes on two

separate lots. Ms. Cherry is appealing that decision

The President asked if there was anyone present to speak in support of this case, and Mr. Grant Cherry, 4545 Francis Street, Shreveport, came forward and stated that he and his wife are seeking a variance on two residential lots. The request is based on what has been done in that neighborhood since its beginning, which is a mix of single-wide mobile homes and conventional homes. All he is asking, he said, is to be treated the same as all these other homeowners. He wants to put his mobile homes on his lots and leave them there to provide housing. He said he has invested more than \$50,000 in the lot already.

Next came Mrs. Susan Cherry, 4545 Francis Street, Shreveport. She said that she feels by having this application denied by the Zoning Board of Appeals she and her husband have been treated unjustly, and that they are being discriminated against because they are proposing to place rental property into the subdivision. However, she said, the subdivision already has many rental properties, as well as more than 100 single-wide mobile homes.

She said she is only asking for the same treatment that more than 100 people have received, i.e., a variance on two single-wide mobile homes. She presented a petition with 45 signatures of people who say they are not opposed to the mobile homes, she said. Many of those people have expressed disbelief that approval is necessary to place two more mobile homes in a neighborhood that is already full of them.

The opponents at the ZBA meeting seemed to focus their concern on the character of people who would be renting the mobile homes, she said. The kind of people she is looking for, she said, are people who can pass background checks, and who will pay the rent and take care of her property.

Describing the neighborhood, she said that residences run the gamut from small, modest houses to huge houses that face Cross Lake. The main property she sees, she said, is the maintenance of property standards. There are already 100 mobile homes there, she said, so why draw the line with her mobile homes. They are nice, modern homes and they will attract good tenants.

There being no others to speak in support of this case, the President asked if there was anyone present to speak in opposition.

Mrs. Joanne Wheless, 3448 Hiawatha, Shreveport, came forward. She asked that the Commission uphold the decision of the ZBA to deny this application. She agreed that while there are many mobile homes in the subdivision, there are not many on this street. Also, she said, the Cherrys have placed two mobile homes that cost \$12,000 each on lots that are surrounded by conventional homes ranging in value from \$60,000 to \$90,000. It is reasonable to think that the mobile homes will decrease the value of the surrounding homes, she said.

Mrs. Wheless said that the Cherrys did not have permission to place single-wide mobile homes on the lots. Mr. and Mrs. Cherry are realtors, so they understand property values and the things that affect property values. His interest and desire to be part of this neighborhood is different than of the people who live there; the Cherrys are placing these homes in the neighborhood only for the hope of personal financial gain. However, she said, their gain will be at the expense of the other property owners in the neighborhood.

She said that the neighborhood has a very dedicated corps of volunteers who work to keep the neighborhood in order. Over the years they have collected more than 212 tons of trash in the neighborhood, and they respond to any and all calls for action and help. In doing so they have received local, state and national recognition.

Mrs. Wheless said that a letter has been submitted by Mr. Phil Moon, a respected appraiser who is familiar with the neighborhood, who stated the opinion that placement of the mobile homes in that location is inappropriate. He said that prospective buyers of adjacent properties would take note of their presence, and their decision to purchase might be negatively affected—they might decide not to purchase, or to purchase only at a steeply discounted price. He also noted in his letter that residences in this neighborhood are, with only one or two exceptions, located on lots with 100 feet of frontage.

In summary, Mrs. Wheless said that these two single-wide mobile homes placed perpendicular on two 50-foot-wide lots constitute an unacceptable, incompatible use for this street.

Then came Mr. Mark Bates, 4426 Tacoma Blvd., Shreveport. He said that the residents

of the neighborhood were misled; they were told that a nice doublewide mobile home would be placed on this lot. That lot is not big enough for two single wides, and certainly not two doublewides, he said, in addition to driveways and parking areas.

Mrs. Lida Smith, 3444 Della Ave., Shreveport, came forward. She said that she is in opposition to these trailers because they are not very nice to look at, and the way they have been placed the ground in between them drops and forms a ditch. There is no room for children to play, and there is no room to park an automobile. They are a detriment to that part of the subdivision and they do not belong there. She said she does not want her property values to go down because of these trailers.

Mrs. Smith said her home was almost totally destroyed by a recent tornado that tore through the neighborhood. She said she does not want to rebuild another nice home when she knows that her property values will be affected by the two singlewide trailers. She said that she is on the board of the Lakeview Community Association, and that group has worked hard to bring up and keep up the standards of the subdivision.

Mr. Darrell Folse, 3478 Hiawatha Street, Shreveport, came forward. He said that there are a lot of singlewide mobile homes in the area; they are older, and have been there quite a while. However, he said, they were put on double lots and oriented the correct way. Trailers placed perpendicular to the lot and used as rental property in the neighborhood are a total eyesore, he said. There are no rules to make people maintain these rental properties.

The time allotted for the public hearing having expired, the President declared the public hearing to be concluded. She noted that there were others present to speak in opposition.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES

- Ordinance No. 4881 of 2009 amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the Building Maintenance Fund for security costs for Government Plaza in the amount of \$60,000 for the year 2009

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

ZONING ORDINANCES: (for final passage)

It was **moved by Mrs. McCulloch**, seconded by Mr. Escude, *that the Metropolitan Zoning Board of Appeals' denial of Zoning Case Appeal BAP-4-09, Susan Cherry, Harvest Hands LLC, applicant/appellant, requesting a Special Exception Use in R-1D for proposed two mobile homes on two separate lots, be upheld and the application denied.*

Mrs. McCulloch said that she was approached by Mr. and Mrs. Cherry within a matter hours prior to the ZBA's decision, so she had not had an opportunity to discuss the matter with residents of the neighborhood. She said she agreed to ride to the street with Mr. Cherry and view the property, and she indicated that she would support his effort. However, she said she then asked him to take her to visit with Mrs. Lida Smith, because she knew Mrs. Smith was a community activist. It was apparent that there was some overwhelming opposition in the community.

Also, she said, Mr. Cherry appeared to be apologetic that he had told the community he would do one thing, and then did another by placing two mobile homes on the lot. She said she had some concerns about that deception.

This community has won numerous awards for its clean-up efforts, Mrs. McCulloch said. She said she knows the goals that Lakeview has as a community, and she is asking that the ZBA's decision.

Mrs. McCulloch's motion then 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).

ORDINANCES: (For final passage)

ORDINANCE NO. 4881 OF 2009

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2009 BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE BUILDING

MAINTENANCE FUND TO PROVIDE AN APPROPRIATION IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$60,000 FOR SECURITY COSTS FOR GOVERNMENT
PLAZA

WHEREAS, in 2008, the Caddo Parish Commission approved various security enhancements for Government Plaza as recommended by the Space Utilization Committee, which included the hiring of three part time security personnel through the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, the Parish shares operating expenses with the City of Shreveport for Government Plaza based on square footage, which results in 73% for the City and 27% for the Parish; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office has been invoicing the City for the cost of providing retired officers/deputies to work security in Government Plaza; and

WHEREAS, the City has been paying 100% of the security invoices for Government Plaza; and

WHEREAS, the City has invoiced the Parish for its share of the security costs that have been paid since 2008; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to appropriate the funds required to reimburse the City for the Parish's share of security costs for 2008 (\$17,042) and 2009 (approximately \$43,000); and

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

Budget Increase (Decrease)

Government Plaza

Security

\$60,000

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. Pierson**, seconded by Mrs. Baker, *that Ordinance No. 4881 of 2009, amending the Building Maintenance Fund Budget for security costs for Government Plaza in the amount of \$60,000 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).

ORDINANCES: (For introduction, by title)

- 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

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 22 OF 2009

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CADDO PARISH ADMINISTRATOR TO REQUEST THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, OFFICE OF THE STATE MINERAL BOARD, TO ADVERTISE, LEASE AND EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT TO LEASE CERTAIN MINERAL INTERESTS OWNED BY THE PARISH OF CADDO, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

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

Certain tracts of land and tracts of adjudicated property owned by the Caddo Parish Commission, and all that portion of the dedicated highways, roads, streets, alleys and rights-of-way located in Township 16 North, Range 15 West, Section 6, containing 8.51 acres, more or less, Section 7, containing 11.96 acres, more or less, and Section 17, containing .41 acres, more or less; total for T16N, R15W roads being 20.88 acres, Township 16 North, Range 16 West, Section 3, containing 8.21 acres, more or less, Section 9, containing 8.98 acres, more or less, Section 12, containing 20.36 acres, more or less, Section 14, containing 14.99 acres, more or less, Section 16, containing 26.34 acres, more or less, Section 17, containing 30.17 acres, more or less, Section 18, containing 18.43 acres, more or less, Section 22, containing 9.57 acres, more or less, Section 34, containing 11.99 acres, more or less, Section 35, containing 8.79 acres, more or less; total for T16N, R16W roads being 157.83, Township 15 North, Range 15 West, Section 5, containing 14.11 acres, more or less, Section 6, containing 14.17 acres, more or less, Section 17, containing 15.11 acres, more or less, Section 18, containing 20.21 acres, more or less, Section 19, containing 1.26 acres, more or less, Section 20, containing 8 acres, more or less, Section 29, containing 8.23 acres, more or less, Section 32, containing 2.5 acres, more or less, and Section 33, containing 20.68 acres, more or less; total for T15N, R15W roads being 104.27 acres, Township 15 North, Range 16 West, Section 1, containing 12.5 acres, more or less, Section 2, containing 7.79 acres, more or less, Section 3, containing 7.25 acres, more or less, Section 5, containing 2.67 acres, more or less, Section 6, containing 8.9 acres, more or less, Section 7, containing 8.9 acres, more or less, Section 8, containing 6.48 acres, more or less, Section 9, containing 13.15 acres, more or less, Section 12, containing 14.07 acres, more or less, Section 32, containing 8.15 acres, more or less, Section 33, containing 1.52 acres, more or less; total for T15N, R16W roads being 91.38 acres, Township 14 North, Range 15 West, Section 3, containing 11.1 acres, more or less, Section 4, containing 11.08 acres, more or less; total for T14N, R15W roads being 22.18, Township 14 North, Range 16 West, Section 2, containing 1.81 acres, more or less, the South Half (S/2) of Section 3, containing 14.2 acres, more or less, Section 5, containing 9.7 acres, more or less, Section 6, containing 2.3 acres, more or less, Section 7, containing 2.3 acres, more or less, Section 8, containing 10.18 acres, more or less, Section 9, containing 14.76 acres, more or less, Section 10, containing 6.67 acres, more or less, Section 11, containing 11.43 acres, more or less, and Section 12, containing 8.87 acres, more or less; total for T14N, R16W roads being 82.22, and Township 17 North, Range 16 West, Section 33 containing 8.88 acres, more or less, and Section 34, containing 3.03 acres, total for T17N, R16W roads being 11.91 acres, the total of roads being 490.67 acres, more or less. Also those certain tracts of land owned by the Parish of Caddo more specifically described as the North 90.01 feet of Lot 6, Rolling Ridge, Unit #2 subdivision located in Section 12, T16N, R16W, and containing .363 acres, more or less, Geo.#1616120030036. Also those certain tracts of adjudicated property more specifically described as the South 460.5 feet of the East 445 feet of the West 825 feet of the Northwest Quarter of Section 7, T16N, R15W and containing 4.7 acres, more or less, Geo.#1615070000040, total for T16N, R15W being 4.7 acres, more or less, a tract of land in the Northwest Quarter of Section 12, T16N, R16W, 1.4412 acres, Geo.#1616120000079, a tract of land in the North Half of Section 14, T16N, R16W, 1 acre, Geo.#1616140000058, the South 210 feet of the North 3477.98 feet of the West 138.22 feet of the East 1150.69 feet of Section 14, T16N, R16W, .66 acres, Geo.#1616140000066, the South 54.97 feet of the North 243 feet of the East 161.94 feet of the West 941.06 of the NW/4 of SW/4 of Section 16, T16N, R16W, .204 acres, Geo.#1616160000184, a tract of land in the West Half of Section 17, T16N, R16W, 1.07 acres, Geo.1616170000064, begin at a point 20 feet South of Southwest corner of Lot 1, Gill subdivision, thence 215 feet, thence East 100 feet, thence North 215 feet, thence West 100 to point of beginning and the South Half of adjoining abandoned alley and ½ of adjoining abandoned Gill Street West of the alley, .494 acres, Geo.#1616180010010, Lot 3, BLK A, Trospen Estate subdivision, .258 acres, Geo.#1616180030003, Lots 4 & 5, BLK A, Trospen Estate subdivision, .516 acres, Geo.#1616180030004, the North 25 feet of Lot 1, Mi-Lor Estates subdivision, .082 acres, Geo.#1616220040004, total for T16N, R16W, being 5.7252, Lot 8, Springridge Hills, Unit 1 subdivision, 1 acre, Geo.#1515200020008, a tract of land in the Northeast Quarter of Section 33, T15N,

R15W, 3.88 acres, Geo.#1515330000028, Lot 6, Preston Acres subdivision, .59 acres, Geo.#1515330020006, Lot 21, Preston Acres subdivision, .69 acres, Geo.#1515330020021, Lot 8, Preston Acres subdivision, .59 acres, Geo.#1515330030008, Lot 10, Preston Acres, Unit 2 subdivision, .71 acres, Geo.#1515330030010, Lot 14, Preston Acres, Unit 2 subdivision, .58 acres, Geo.#1515330030014, Lot 15, Preston Acres, Unit 2 subdivision, .58 acres, Geo.#1515330030015, total for T15N, R15W being 8.62 acres, the South 137.4 feet of the North 906.96 feet of the West 234.5 feet of the East 745.8 feet of the Northeast Quarter of Section 32, T15N, R16W, .739 acres, Geo.#1516320000043, total for T15N, R16W being .739 acres, Lot 6, Happy Trails subdivision, .57 acres, Geo.#1415040010006, Lot 7 Happy Trails subdivision, .57 acres, Geo.#1415040010007, Lot 8 Happy Trails subdivision, .57 acres, Geo.#1415040010008, Lot 9 Happy Trails subdivision, 1.06 acres, Geo.#1415040010009, total for T14N, R15W being 2.77 acres, Lot 66, Pecan Farms subdivision, 2.1 acres, Geo.#1416030020066, Lot 41, Pecan Farms subdivision, 2.04 acres, Geo.#1416030020041, Lot 47, Pecan Farms subdivision, 1.37 acres, Geo.#1416030020047, Lot 12, Pecan Farms subdivision, 2.18 acres, Geo.#1416030020012, Lot 24, Pecan Farms subdivision, 1.84 acres, Geo.#1416030020024, the East 300 feet of the West 330 feet of the North 100 feet of the South 230 feet of that part of Lot 63, Lewis E. Chase subdivision lying North of the South Line of Section 3, T14N, R16W, .71 acres, Geo.#1416030010101, Lots 6, 7, 8, 9 & 10, Joe Morgan subdivision, .71 acres, Geo.#1416100010032, a tract of land in Lot 64, Lewis E. Chase subdivision, .15 acres, Geo.#1416100010020, the West 18.53 acres of the East 119.53 acres measured along the North boundary of Lot 1, Joe Morgan subdivision, .04 acres, Geo.#1416100010018, total for T14N, R16W, 11.14 acres, total of adjudicated property being 33.6942 acres, more or less, all the above described property being located in Caddo Parish, Louisiana and containing a total of 524.7272 acres, more or less.

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo has received a written request from Classic Petroleum, Inc., that the Parish seek public bids for an oil, gas and mineral lease covering said property; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo does not have the knowledge or resources available to determine if it owns the mineral rights and the Parish of Caddo will rely on the expertise and experience of the lessee in determining ownership; and

WHEREAS, it is expressly agreed that any lease granted by the Parish of Caddo and accepted by lessee is without any warranty of title and without any recourse against the Parish of Caddo whatsoever, either express or implied, and it is expressly agreed that the Parish of Caddo shall not be required to return any payments received or be otherwise responsible to lessee therefore; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, State Mineral Board, is available upon the request of Caddo Parish to lease the aforesaid property for oil, gas and other minerals if requested to do so by Caddo Parish.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, State Mineral Board, be and it is hereby requested and authorized to seek public bids for an oil, gas and mineral lease covering the property described hereinabove.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any such lease contain a no surface operations provision as follows: Lessee, its successors or assigns, may produce oil, gas and other minerals from the leased premises by drilling from a surface location on other lands, but notwithstanding any other provision of this lease, Lessee, its successors or assigns, shall not use the surface of the Lessor's property for drilling or any other operations without prior written permission of Lessor, which permission may be withheld at Lessor's discretion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any such lease contain a horizontal pugh provision as follows: Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein contained, at the end of the primary term or any extension thereof by operations, if the Commission of Conservation of the State of Louisiana establishes a drilling unit which includes a part of the land herein leased, the production of oil, gas and other minerals from such unit shall maintain this lease in full force and effect only as to such portions of the leased land embraced in said pooled unit; and this lease shall expire as to that part of the land herein leased not included in such unit; and lessee, its successors and assigns agrees to relinquish by formal instrument any portion of the leased land not included in a unit created by the Commission of Conservation while this lease is in effect.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any such lease contain a vertical pugh provision as follows: Upon the expiration of the primary term hereof or any extension thereof by operations, this lease shall automatically terminate and be of no further force or effect except as to all that part of the leased premises then included within the geographical boundaries of a producing unit duly established by governmental agency or authority having jurisdiction, from the surface of the earth to a depth of 100 feet below the deepest depth from which any well commenced during the primary term hereof on the leased premises or on lands pooled therewith is completed and from which there is production in paying quantities, such depth determination to be made on a unit by unit basis. In the

absence of units so established, this lease shall terminate except as to 40 acres around each producing oil well and 160 acres around each producing or shut-in gas well located on the leased premises, in as near the form of a square as is practicable, from the surface of the earth down to a depth of 100 feet below the deepest depth from which said well or wells are completed and from which there is production in paying quantities, such depth determination to be made on a well by well basis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any such lease contain a minimum royalty provision as follows: Royalty of not less than 1/4th or 25%.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any such lease contain a minimum bonus provision as follows: Bonus of not less than \$1,500.00 per acre.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any such lease contain a royalty payment back to date of first production provision as follows: Lessee hereby agrees that all production royalties due and payable under this Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease shall be due and payable and calculated from the date that the production of oil, gas and other hydrocarbons first occurs from any unit, whether voluntary or established by the Commissioner of Conservation, in which all or any part of the property herein described is included, even if said production occurs prior to the effective date of this lease.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any such lease contain a hard or solid mineral exclusion provision as follows: This lease shall exclude free sulphur, potash, lignite, salt and any other hard or solid mineral. Lessee shall not have any rights to explore, drill for, mine, produce or take any action whatsoever in regard to any such hard or solid mineral deposits.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any such lease contain a maximum term provision as follows: Primary term of lease shall not exceed three (3) years.

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

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

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

It was **moved by Mr. Dominick**, seconded by Mr. Pierson, *that Resolution No. 22 of 2009, authorizing the Parish Administrator to request the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, Office of the State Mineral Board, to lease certain mineral interests owned by the Parish of Caddo as requested by Classic Petroleum, 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).

RESOLUTION NO. 23 OF 2009

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE APPOINTMENTS OF CADDO PARISH COMMISSIONERS TO SUBCOMMITTEES OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY OFFICIALS

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish has long been a member of good standing in the National Association of County Officials; and

WHEREAS, Caddo Parish Commissioners have historically been active in all aspects of NACo's efforts and activities, with numerous Commissioners having served on the various affiliates and subcommittees of the organization; and

WHEREAS, members now serving on the Caddo Parish Commission are eager to continue this tradition of involvement and service, and have therefore submitted applications for appointment to the assignments of their choice.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, meeting in legal and regular session this 21st day of May, 2009, that it does hereby endorse and support the candidacies of the following Commissioners and urge the NACo President to appoint them to their respective interest areas: Matthew Linn, re-appointment to the Arts and Culture Commission; Lindora Baker to the Membership Committee; Stephanie Lynch to Programs and Services Committee, and Stephanie Lynch to subcommittee vice-chair for the Juvenile Justice and Public Safety Committee.

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 Mrs. McCulloch**, seconded by Mr. Linn, *that Resolution No. 23 of 2009, supporting NACo presidential appointment application for Commissioners Lynch, Baker and Linn, 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).

RESOLUTION NO. 24 OF 2009

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT TO EXPLORE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF 'PROJECT CLEAN SLATE' IN SHREVEPORT, CADDO PARISH

WHEREAS, Project Clean Slate is a program originally established in Oregon to assist persons arrested for and convicted of minor offenses to have their records expunged, and to assist persons in becoming current with child support obligations and obtaining valid drivers= licenses;

WHEREAS, a similar program would be helpful to the citizens of Caddo Parish;

WHEREAS, Caddo Parish Commissioner Rose Wilson McCulloch, Commission District #2, and 'Men for Change' wish to establish a similar program in Caddo Parish;

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission supports the efforts to assist persons in becoming current with child support obligations and expunging minor criminal records in order to obtain access to more and better jobs and to obtain valid drivers= licenses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby express its full support and cooperation to Caddo Parish Commissioner Rose Wilson McCulloch, Commission District #2, to explore the establishment of 'Project Clean Slate' in Shreveport, Caddo Parish.

It was **moved by Mrs. McCulloch**, seconded by Mr. Epperson, *that Resolution No. 24 of 2009, supporting the establishment of 'Project Clean Slate' in Caddo Parish, be adopted.*

Mr. Thibodeaux said that he knows little about this project, such as the standards of the program, its cost to administer, and by whom; and how many persons the program can handle. He said he could support the resolution if it could be re-worded so that the Commission is not endorsing it until this essential information is known. He said he cannot support establishment of the project without knowing all its particulars.

Mr. Linn said he researched the internet about Project Clean Slate; there was a lot of information but he was also confused. It appeared that the project has separate components, and the Commission could select from among those components. Some things he agreed with, he said, and some he did not. He said that like Mr. Thibodeaux, he does not understand what he is being asked to vote on.

Mrs. McCulloch said that program would assist persons arrested for and convicted of minor offenses to have their records expunged and to allow the individual to become current on any unresolved issues with the justice system, such as back child support obligations and suspended drivers' licenses. People such as that are the targets of the program, she said.

An intergovernmental meeting will be held on June 26, she said, to bring the participating parties together. It will take the judges, the district attorney, the lawyers, working together to make the program work. To get it started, she said, she must have the support of her colleagues.

Mrs. Baker asked what the Commission will have to do in connection with the program. Mrs. McCulloch said that once the Commission involves all the pertinent parties, it will then decide what it could do to free some of these citizens so they can live more productive lives. The Commission's

involvement will be dependent upon the community's needs.

She said that the Shreveport Chief of Police, the Caddo Parish Sheriff and the Chamber of Commerce have agreed to work with this group. About 10 or 11 entities in the City and the Parish will be involved, she said, but only when they meet together collectively can the decisions be made as to what and how they can contribute.

Mr. Cox said that he lacks an understanding of just how the program would work, but based on what he has heard, he has a concern for the potential of the program to be abused. It needs further clarification, he said. The Commission needs to know what it wants to accomplish before it commits to anything.

Mr. Dominick said that on its face the program sounds very good, but the goals, strategies and components of the program need to be presented in writing for study and understanding.

Mr. Pierson said that he can support the idea in principle, but he does not know what the Commission's role would be. He pointed that if this program is to work in any of its aspects, the district judges will be driving it.

Mr. Escude said that if the Sheriff and the Chief of Police are supporting this program they obviously must have more information than the Commission has been given. What the Commission is being asked to do is very vague, he said. In attempting to do something good, the Commission could ultimately do something not good, he said.

Mrs. McCulloch said that when this had been previously presented to the Commission there had seemingly been a consensus that the program would focus on offenders who had lost their drivers license as the result of their offense. She said she understands the Commissioners' concerns, but she is simply following the guidance and advice of the administration. She had asked that a letter be sent to all prospective entities who would be involved in implementing the program, but she was advised that the Commission's consent to send such a letter would be necessary. This resolution would authorize the mailing of that letter, she said.

Mrs. McCulloch then amended her motion to state the resolution's intent "...to explore the establishment of Project Clean Slate in Caddo Parish, rather than to "support" its establishment. Mr. Epperson then seconded the motion, which then carried.

NEW BUSINESS

It was **moved by Mr. Linn**, seconded by Mrs. McCulloch, *that the Parish Administrator be authorized to execute a professional services contract for technical assistance relative to the 'American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009'.*

Answering a question from Mr. Thibodeaux, Administrator Wilson said that he has been exploring various contacts in order to obtain a proposal. No proposal has been received yet, he said. No money will be spent until the bottom line number is known, he said. He said that while stimulus money may be available, the amount of paperwork and other effort necessary to access that money is formidable, necessitating outside assistance.

Mr. Linn's motion then carried.

It was **moved by Mr. Pierson**, seconded by Mrs. Baker, *that Commissioners and staff be authorized travel to the 'NACo Large Urban County Caucus Fly-In 2009', Washington, D.C., June 2-4, those individuals being Commissioners Lynch, Linn and Baker; Administrator W. Wilson and Facilities & Maintenance Director Keith McClung.* Motion carried, with Mr. Thibodeaux voting "No".

It was moved by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Jenkins, *that Mrs. Marilyn Smith be appointed to the Board of Fire District No. 6, to fill the unexpired term (January 1, 2010) of Mr. Paul Bison who has resigned; effective immediately.* Motion carried.

It was **moved by Mrs. McCulloch**, seconded by Mrs. Baker, *that Mrs. Mary Tallant be appointed to the Board of Lakeview Waterworks District to fill the unexpired term (March 17, 2012) of Mr. J. D. Campbell, who has resigned; effective immediately.* Motion carried.

It was **moved by Mr. Epperson**, seconded by Mr. Jenkins, *that a resolution of recognition be prepared for the Evangel Christian Academy Girls' Softball Team and Boys' Baseball Team, both of which won state championships.* Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Stephanie Lynch
President

Jerry C. Spears
Commission Clerk