

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
CADDO PARISH COMMISSION
HELD ON THE 5th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 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.

At this time the President announced that a special observance had been planned by the Employees' Council in observance of the upcoming Veterans Day holiday. She said that Americans live in the most blessed and prosperous country in the world, a nation blessed with peace on its own soil though engaged in conflicts abroad. The Commission would be remiss in not remembering the veterans of past and present wars, she said, and for that reason special recognition has been planned.

Administrator Woodrow Wilson, himself a retired chief master sergeant in the U.S. Air Force, echoed her sentiments. He then called for the posting of the colors by the Booker T. Washington High School ROTC Honor Guard under the direction of Maj. Ivan Irving, USA, Ret.. A saxophone rendition of the National Anthem was rendered by Maj. Irving. Mr. James Demouchet, president of the Employees Council, led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance and offered the invocation.

Mr. Wilson then asked Col. Ted Cox, USAR, Ret., and administrator of the Caddo Parish Juvenile Court, to come forward.

Col. Cox said that he was asked to describe the effect his Army experience had had on his life. He said that he could factually state that the Army kept him out of prison, and he always stresses the values and maturing effects of the military when addressing young people. He said that after squandering time and money while enrolled in college, in 1967 his profligacy resulted in his being drafted into the Army. He was ultimately sent to Vietnam and served there as a PFC.

Col. Cox said that he served eight years as a infantry soldier and non-commissioned officer. Later he completed college and law school, received an officers commission and moved into the Judge Advocate's section. He said he spent a total of 38 years in the Army. He served in Iraq, setting up juvenile courts in Baghdad, Mozul and Bahsra.

He said that the military afforded him the opportunity to see places, meet people and enjoy experiences that would have otherwise been unavailable to him. He would recommend the military life to any young person, he said. The current U.S. military is the best he has seen in 38 years, he said—the most intelligent, disciplined and committed group of soldiers any nation could imagine.

Col. Cox then screened a video featuring Army 1st Lt. Melissa Stockwell, who lost a leg in Iraq to become the first female amputee of the war. She refused to accept her loss as a handicap, and was on the ski slopes within two months of her recovery. She then took up competitive swimming, and went on to win in the U.S. Paralympic Swim Trials, breaking the American record in the 400-meter freestyle and earning a place on the U.S. team at the Summer Olympics in Beijing, China.

She has also completed the New York City Marathon and a tri-athlon in San Diego. Her goal is to inspire other wounded veterans to not allow their disabilities to hinder their capabilities.

Col. Cox said that this young woman's spirit and achievements can best be summarized by the credo, "Duty, Honor, Country", as expressed and defined by Gen. Douglas McArthur in his farewell speech at West Point.

Next came Commissioner Ken Epperson, a member of the U.S. Army from 1965 through 1968, stated that he is glad to see the continue its tradition of observing Veterans Day and honoring past and present military personnel. He then read the following passage from an address by Theodore Roosevelt:

"The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena; whose face is marred by sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs and comes short again and again because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotion, spends himself in a worthy cause; who at best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement; and who at worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who have never tasted victory or defeat."

Mr. Epperson said that every veteran in the room deserves credit for the continued preservation of freedom and democracy in this nation. When the bell rang, he said, they did not waver in answering the call. There is still much work to be done, he said, and the surviving veterans must carry the torch for their comrades who paid the ultimate cost, death in battle, and those who still carry the evidence of their wounds. Some of those are sick, unemployed and homeless.

He said that the veterans must also carry the torch for the active military personnel, many of whom serve despite hardships to themselves and their families, some even to the point of being on food stamps. Veterans should visit VA hospitals; lobby for more veterans homes; provide for adequate and well-kept cemeteries for their decent and honorable burial.

Mr. Epperson then noted the passing the previous Saturday of Mr. Orris 'Red' Kemp, 78, retired chief master sergeant, U.S. Air Force, who was active in local and regional veterans affairs. He attended more than 4,000 veteran funerals, and he advocated for both the veterans' home in Bossier and the veterans' cemetery in the Caddo Parish Eddie Jones Park. The spirit of advocacy exhibited by CMSGT Kemp must be continued by those remaining, he said, to ensure that freedom and democracy continue now and forever.

Following a moment of silence and a rendition of "Taps" by Maj. Irving, Mr. Wilson asked all veterans in the room to stand. Some 40 employees and Commissioners stood, a large representation of the 68 veterans on the Commission or in its employ.

Mr. Wilson then asked the employee council members to stand. He thanked them for providing this program.

It was **moved by Mr. Cox**, seconded by Mrs. Baker, *that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 22, 2009, be adopted. Motion carried.*

COMMUNIQUES AND REPORTS

Mr. Wilson then stated that he is announcing the retirement of Mr. Rick Quillen, a long-time Animal Control Officer with the Animal Control Department. He asked Commissioner Cox to come forward and make a special presentation to Mr. Quillen.

Mr. Cox said that he had enjoyed working with Mr. Quillen in the development of the Animal Control Ordinance, and he has always been impressed by Mr. Quillen's dependability and commitment to his job during his term of employment, 1996 through 2009. He then presented Mr. Quillen a plaque containing expressions of like sentiments, and thanking him for his service.

Mr. Quillen thanked Mr. Cox and the Commission. He stated that he had greatly enjoyed his work and being part of the Commission organization.

At this time Mr. Epperson asked the Public Works staff to determine if there are federal, State or Parish laws regarding trees in or near the right-of-way of public roads. He said constituents have complained about some trees causing problems. Mrs. McCulloch said she has been experiencing similar complaints.

Mr. Thibodeaux thanked Mr. Matthew Pepper and the Mosquito Control Department for their mosquito-spraying efforts in preparation for the 'National Night Out' observances in his and other neighborhoods.

VISITORS

Mr. Anthony Henderson, 3607 Ninock, Shreveport, came forward. He said that he has been banned from the Shreveport Public Library; he has attempted to complain to the new director of the library system, but he has not been able to contact him. The Shreveport City Council advised him that he was in the wrong jurisdiction, that he should be addressing the Commission.

Mr. Henderson said that he was acquitted in court, proving that the charges against him were false and a frame-up by an acting Library employee, but yet he has not been able to return to the Library. He asked how a citizen can be denied access to public property.

Answering a question from Ms. Lynch, Mr. Henderson said that this situation originated in March of 2009.

Ms. Lynch asked if he has appealed to the Library Board. Mr. Henderson said that he has not because no one from the Library will accept or return his calls. Ms. Lynch said that process exists, and she will be glad to discuss it with Mr. Henderson at a later time.

Next came Mr. David Fritz, 1540 Greenwood-Mooringsport Road, came forward. He said that he had come to speak in regard to the recent passage of Ordinance No. 4892, which established property standards and provided for their enforcement in the Parish, effective September 1. Mr. Fritz said that he has talked to numerous people in his community, and the great majority knew nothing of the new law. All he informed about the law were irate, he said, objecting to the impositions being placed upon their lifestyles. He and others moved to the country to be free from what they consider the oppression of city codes, ordinances and regulations.

Mr. Fritz said he is not opposed to properties being kept looking nice; but he a lot of people have a lot of land that they are unable to utilize. He said he has more than five acres, but he can

only use the front two acres because the rest is in the Cross Lake Watershed. He cannot fill it in, and he cannot even drive on it, he said.

He said he has 250 front-feet of property on the road, and under the provisions of this ordinance he has lost the use of one acre because of the set-backs it mandates. That means, he said, that he has only one acre that he can use to store his 100 old automobiles, as well as some old Spartan trailers.

He said he intentionally purchased his property outside the five-mile limit of the Greater Shreveport Metropolitan Planning Area, and now he is being told that that is now of no consequence. He said he has also been told that if he fails to comply with the ordinance by cleaning off the front 150 feet he becomes a criminal. There is no place to push these vehicles back further, he said. He said he would appreciate some comments as to why this was done.

Mr. Dominick asked Mr. Fritz if he has received a citation of any kind. Mr. Fritz said that he has not. He has developed information about the ordinance from people within this building, he said. He has learned that there are no "grandfather" provisions in the ordinance.

Mr. Dominick said that this ordinance originated back in 2007 after a great many calls through the years from citizens complaining that messy neighboring properties were having a detrimental effect on their property values. The development of the ordinance occurred over a long period of time in order to make it fair and equitable. The Parish tried to give notice to citizens as best it could that such an ordinance was being constructed.

Mr. Fritz said that at this point his only option seems to be to retain legal counsel. Mr. Dominick agreed that that is an option subject to Mr. Fritz' prerogative.

Mr. Fritz said that he would also request that the Commission amend its ordinance to include a grandfather clause to exempt existing offenders. Also, he said, he does not object to working to resolve the issue. He does object to someone coming to his property and instructing him to immediately implement changes. Some of his cars, all antiques, have been on his lot for eight years, and they are protected by a federal law addressing "items of American heritage".

Mr. Cox asked if he correctly understands that Mr. Fritz has not yet received a citation, nor has he been the subject of complaints by neighbors—that he is at this meeting only because he heard of the existence of the ordinance. Mr. Fritz said that that is correct.

Mr. Cox said that this law was passed as a result of the growth of Caddo Parish, and the expected continued growth. With growth comes change. If Mr. Fritz has 100 cars that he is not driving, people will complain. The law is in place to serve the future. Mr. Fritz' appearance at this meeting to protest the law is doing more to focus attention on the reason that law is in place than it is to win support for his protest, he said. He suggested that a screening fence would ultimately be less costly than a lawyer as a solution to Mr. Fritz' problem.

President Lynch thanked Mr. Fritz for his presentation.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES

- Ordinance No. 4925 of 2009 declaring certain adjudicated properties to be surplus and to authorize the Parish Administrator or a designee to sell the Parish's tax interest
- Ordinance No. 4926 of 2009 to require that the Parish of Caddo withhold payment of its share of any expenses incurred by any parties involved in the development of the Shreveport Metropolitan Master Plan until after itemized statements of such expenditures have been submitted to and examined by the Caddo Parish Commission and its Administrative Staff, and to provide that after such examination the Parish of Caddo may elect, by a majority vote of the Parish Commission, to decline to appropriate its pro rata share of any invoices for expenditures the Commission considers to be an inappropriate use of taxpayer funds

The President asked if there was anyone present to speak in support of or in opposition to either of the above ordinances, and there was no one. She declared the public hearing on ordinances to be concluded, and those ordinances to then be presented for final passage.

ORDINANCES: (For final passage)

ORDINANCE NO. 4925 OF 2009

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 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

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.

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.

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.

Property 1: Lots 17 & 18, Ballard Partn Subd., Caddo Parish, as per plat recorded in the conveyance records of Caddo Parish, LA (GEO 191509-002-0026)

AMOUNT OFFERED: \$758.67 APPRAISED VALUE: N/A

Property 2: A tract of land in SW/4 of SE/4 of Sec 35 Twn 23 R16, as per plat recorded in the conveyance records of Caddo Parish, LA (GEO #231535-001-0044)

AMOUNT OFFERED: \$3,611.48 APPRAISED VALUE: N/A

Property 3: N. 40 FT OF S. 80 FT OF LOT 141, Jones-Mabry Sub, Unit 2, Caddo Parish, as per plat recorded in the conveyance records of Caddo Parish, LA (GEO #181421-018-0217)

AMOUNT OFFERED: \$1,433.34 APPRAISED VALUE: \$2,150.00

Property 4: N. 40 FT. OF SOUTH 120 FT. OF LOT 141, JONES MABRY SUBN., UNIT #2, less R/W; Caddo Parish, as per plat recorded in the conveyance records of Caddo Parish, LA (GEO #181421-018-0218)

AMOUNT OFFERED: \$1,433.34 APPRAISED VALUE: \$2,150.00

Property 5: Lot 8, Blk G. Hawthorne Subd., a subdivision of the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, as per plat recorded in the conveyance records of Caddo Parish, LA (GEO 171403-091-0080)

AMOUNT OFFERED: \$340.00 APPRAISED VALUE: \$510.00

Property 6: Lot 11, Blk 20, W. Shreveport Subd., a subdivision of the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, as per plat recorded in the conveyance records of Caddo Parish, LA (GEO #181435-019-0011)

AMOUNT OFFERED: \$1,200.00 APPRAISED VALUE: \$1,800.00

Property 7: NELY ½ of Lot 21, Hope's Subd., a subdivision of the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, as per plat recorded in the conveyance records of Caddo Parish, LA (GEO #181437-095-0043)

AMOUNT OFFERED: \$867.00 APPRAISED VALUE: \$1,300.00

Property 8: Lot 58, Woodlawn Subd., a subdivision of the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, as per plat recorded in the conveyance records of Caddo Parish, LA (GEO #171305-039-0058)

AMOUNT OFFERED: \$1,250.00 APPRAISED VALUE: \$833.34

Property 9: Lot 172, Bowman Lane Subd., a subdivision of the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, as per

plat recorded in the conveyance records of Caddo Parish, LA (GEO #171305-058-0172)
AMOUNT OFFERED: \$3,980.00 APPRAISED VALUE: N/A

Property 10: Lot 4, Johnston Sub., a subdivision of the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, as per plat recorded in the conveyance records of Caddo Parish, LA (GEO #171410-074-0004)
AMOUNT OFFERED: \$867.00 APPRAISED VALUE: \$1,300.00

Property 11: Lot 60, N. Cedar Grove Addn., a subdivision of the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, as per plat recorded in the conveyance records of Caddo Parish, LA (GEO #171424-055-0060)
AMOUNT OFFERED: \$333.34 APPRAISED VALUE: \$500.00

Property 12: Lot 66, N. Cedar Grove Addn., a subdivision of the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, as per plat recorded in the conveyance records of Caddo Parish, LA (GEO #171424-056-0066)
AMOUNT OFFERED: \$333.34 APPRAISED VALUE: \$500.00

Property 13: Lot 69, N. Cedar Grove Addn., a subdivision of the City of Shreveport, Caddo, as per plat recorded in the conveyance records of Caddo Parish, LA (GEO #171424-056-0069)
AMOUNT OFFERED: \$333.34 APPRAISED VALUE: \$500.00

Property 14: Lot 71, N. Cedar Grove Addn., a subdivision of the City of Shreveport, Caddo, as per plat recorded in the conveyance records of Caddo Parish, LA (GEO #171424-056-0071)
AMOUNT OFFERED: \$333.34 APPRAISED VALUE: \$500.00

Property 15: Lot 12, Blk F, Chesterfield Park Subd., Caddo Parish Louisiana Minimum Bid: \$300.00 (GEO # 171423-008-0012)
AMOUNT OFFERED: \$300.00 APPRAISED VALUE: \$450.00

Property 16: Lot 14, Blk F, Chesterfield Park Subd., Caddo Parish, Louisiana (GEO # 171423-008-0014)
AMOUNT OFFERED: \$300.00 APPRAISED VALUE: \$450.00

Property 17: Lot E, Eden Gardens, Unit 2-A, a subdivision of the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish as per plat recorded in the conveyance records of Caddo Parish, LA (GEO #171330-086-0005)
AMOUNT OFFERED: \$1,554.83 APPRAISED VALUE: N/A

Property 18: E. 285.6 Ft of Lot 72, Jenkins Acres Sub., Less R/W, of the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, as per plat recorded in the conveyance records of Caddo Parish, LA (GEO 171428-013-0203)
PURCHASED PRICE: \$2,100.00 APPRAISED VALUE: N/A

Property 19: S. 32.5 Ft. of the W. 150 Ft. of Lot 30 & N. 17.5 Ft. of the W. 150 Ft. Of Lot 29, Ewald Annex, Unit 1, Less W. 10 Ft. thereof for R/W, Caddo Parish, LA (Geo #171416-025-005)
AMOUNT OFFERED: \$507.00 APPRAISED VALUE: \$760.00

Property 20: Lot 19, Patterson Subd., a subdivision of the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, as per plat recorded in the conveyance records of Caddo Parish, LA (GEO #171330-005-0019)
AMOUNT OFFERED: \$5,733.49 APPRAISED VALUE: N/A

Property 21: 0.068 Ac. M/L - E. 15 Ft. Of W. 120 Ft. Of Lots 5 & 6, Blk. 2, Linwood Park Home Sites, Unit No 4, as per plat recorded In the conveyance records of Caddo Parish, LA (GEO #161413-003-0025)
AMOUNT OFFERED: \$290.05 APPRAISED VALUE: N/A

Property 22: 1.00 Acre, Lot 3, Partn. Of N. 1097.4 Ft Of That Part Of Ne/4 Of Nw/4, Sec 31-16-15 Lying E. Of State Rt. 169, as per plat recorded in the conveyance records of Caddo Parish, LA (GEO #161531-001-0003)
AMOUNT OFFERED: \$4,300.00 APPRAISED VALUE: N/A

Property 23: 0.66 Acres, M/L, tract being the S. 210 ft of the N. 3477.98 ft of the W. 138.22 ft of the E 1150.69 ft of Sec 14 T16N R16W, as per plat recorded in the conveyance records of Caddo Parish, LA (GEO #161614-000-0066)
AMOUNT OFFERED: \$3,000.00 APPRAISED VALUE: N/A

It was **moved by Ms. Baker**, seconded by Mr. Dominick, *that Ordinance No. 4925 of 2009, declaring certain adjudicated properties to be surplus and authorizing the Parish Administrator to sell the Parish's tax interest therein, be adopted.* That motion carried, as shown by the following roll call vote: AYES: Commissioners Baker, Cox, Dominick, Epperson, Escude, Jenkins, Linn, Lynch, McCulloch, Pierson, Smith and Thibodeaux (12). NAYS: None. ABSTAINING: None. ABSENT: None.

It was **moved by Mr. Linn**, seconded by Mr. Thibodeaux, *that further action on Ordinance No. 4926 of 2009, requiring that the Parish of Caddo withhold payment of its share of any expenses incurred by any parties involved in the development of the Shreveport Metropolitan Master Plan until after itemized statements of such expenditures have been submitted to and examined by the Caddo Parish Commission and its Administrative Staff, and to provide that after such examination the Parish of Caddo may elect, by a majority vote of the Parish Commission, to decline to appropriate its pro rata share of any invoices for expenditures the Commission considers to be an inappropriate use of taxpayer funds, be postponed.* Motion carried.

ZONING ORDINANCE: (For introduction)

- ❑ ZONING CASE P-31-07 in regard to Ordinance No. 4950 of 2009 (Shreve Park Road) property located on the west side of Shreve Park Road at its intersection with Tal Drive, BELLE CHERRI LAND COMPANY, APPLICANT.
Request to rezone property located on the west side of Shreve Park Road at its intersection with Tal Drive **from** B-3, Community Business District, **to** B-3-E, Community Business/Extended Use District (Limited to I-1 "Uses where all operations are enclosed within buildings and require no open storage of materials and equipment" only for lots 1 and 2 (northern portion of the site), and **from** B-3 Community Business District to I-1, Light Industry District for lot 3 (southern portion of the site) for proposed I-1 and I-2 Development.

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

ORDINANCES: (For introduction, by title)

- ❑ Ordinance No. 4951 of 2009 amending the Budgets of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the Capital Outlay Fund, Public Works Fund, Riverboat Fund, Solid Waste Fund, Building Maintenance Fund and the Capital Improvement Fund to terminate completed or lapsed Capital projects
- ❑ Ordinance No. 4952 of 2009 to revoke the dedication of a portion of Fielder Lane in L. L. Fielder Subdivision in Caddo Parish
- ❑ Ordinance No. 4953 of 2009 declaring certain adjudicated properties to be surplus and to authorize the Parish Administrator or a designee to sell the Parish's tax interest
- ❑ Local Assessment Ordinance No. 45 of 2009 to re-inscribe liens securing assessments for portions of Chanticleer Drive and Pilgrimage Way
- ❑ Local Assessment Ordinance No. 46 of 2009 to re-inscribe liens securing special assessments for Stoer Road in its entirety

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 49 OF 2009

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CADDO PARISH ADMINISTRATOR TO CONSENT TO THE ANNEXATION BY THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT OF A CERTAIN RIGHT-OF-WAY WITHIN THE PARISH OF CADDO, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the following described property is currently located within the Parish of Caddo, to-wit:

All of that portion of the Linwood Avenue right-of-way in Section 1, Township 16 North, Range 14 West, Caddo Parish Louisiana, that lies within Lot 198 of the Suburban Acres, Fourth Filing Subdivision, as of this date, and was not previously annexed by Ordinance 204 of 1972.

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport has received a petition requesting the annexation of

the Suburban Acres Subdivision, located within Lot 198 and containing a 10 foot strip more or less; and

WHEREAS, by prior annexation #204 of 1972, the City of Shreveport annexed the Linwood Avenue right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to clear up any maintenance responsibility questions, the Parish of Caddo has received a written request from the City of Shreveport requesting the consent of the Parish of Caddo to the annexation of a 10 foot strip in Lot 198 as described above; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that the Caddo Parish Administrator or his designee be and it is hereby requested and authorized to consent to the annexation of a 10 foot strip in Lot 198 of the Suburban Acres Subdivision.

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. Escude**, seconded by Mrs. Baker, *that Resolution No. 49 of 2009, authorizing the Caddo Parish Administrator to consent to the annexation by the City of Shreveport of a certain right-of-way within the Parish, 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. 50 OF 2009

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE FOR AN OFF-SYSTEM BRIDGE PROGRAM, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, legislation to reauthorize the federal highway and transit programs has been put forward by the leadership of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee; and

WHEREAS, under the proposed legislation, the Federal Off-System Bridge Program would no longer exist due to the elimination of the Federal Bridge Program; and

WHEREAS, since the creation of the Federal Off-System Bridge Program in 1978, 33 bridges have been replaced in Caddo Parish, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, has 7 bridges eligible for replacement in the current Federal Off-System Bridge Program; and

WHEREAS, these bridges are used daily by school buses, fire trucks, emergency vehicles, mail carriers, and are vital to the agriculture, tourism, mining, logging and oil and gas industries; and

WHEREAS, a closed or weight-posted bridge causes preventable detours that can adversely impact the health and welfare of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, revenues from the Federal Off-System Bridge Program serves as most parish's primary source of funding for the design and construction of rural bridges; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby urge the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee to continue to reauthorize the Federal Highway and Transit Programs with continuance of funding for the Federal Off-System Bridge Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to all members of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Senator Mary Landrieu, Senator David Vitter and U.S. Representative Fleming with a letter requesting their support and assistance in ensuring the continuance of the Federal Off-System Bridge Program.

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

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

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

It was **moved by Ms. Lynch**, seconded by Mr. Escude, *that Resolution No. 50 of 2009, urging congress to continue to provide for an Off-System Bridge Program, 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. 51 OF 2009

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT GOODY CLANCY, THE LEAD CONSULTANT DIRECTING THE PREPARATION OF THE SHREVEPORT METROPOLITAN MASTER PLAN, PROVIDE DETAILED INFORMATION RELATIVE TO EXPENDITURES INCURRED IN THE COURSE OF DEVELOPING SAID MASTER PLAN, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission shares a recognition that the development of a well-conceived and well-implemented master plan for the orderly growth and development of Caddo Parish is a highly desirable objective for the City of Shreveport and the Parish of Caddo; and

WHEREAS, the Commission's commitment to that objective includes the provision of \$400,000 to fund approximately 40 percent of the cost of the Master Plan study; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission also recognizes its fiduciary responsibility to the citizens of Caddo Parish, and it acknowledges its accountability for the efficient, prudent and productive expenditure of public taxpayer funds, and its desire to hold Master Plan contractors and sub-contractors equally accountable and responsible.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby request that the Metropolitan Planning Commission take all necessary steps to require Good Clancy to include on all of its applications for payment by the Metropolitan Planning Commission, copies of the invoices submitted by Goody Clancy's subcontractors, including any supporting documentation submitted to Goody Clancy in connection therewith.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby instruct its administrative staff to not contribute payments on any applications for payment not meeting the requirements set forth above.

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

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

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

It was moved by Mr. Linn, seconded by Mr. Thibodeaux, that Resolution No. 51 of 2009, requesting that Goody Clancy, the lead consultant directing the preparation of the Shreveport Metropolitan Master Plan, provide detailed information relative to expenditures incurred in the course of developing said master plan, be adopted as amended as stated in a document provided to Commissioners earlier in the meeting. 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

At this time **Mr. Smith requested** and received permission to bring forward new business not on the agenda.

He then moved, seconded by Mr. Epperson, *that the following resolution approving the Caddo Parish Fire District No. 6 to seek authorization from the State Bond Commission to secure a loan, be adopted, to wit:*

RESOLUTION NO. 52 OF 2009

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$50,000 OF REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTES, SERIES 2009, OF CADDO PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO SIX, STATE OF LOUISIANA

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Caddo Parish Fire Protection District No. Six, State of Louisiana (the "District"), adopted on November 4, 2009, a resolution providing for the incurring of debt and issuance of not exceeding fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) of Revenue Anticipation Notes, Series 2009 for the purpose of paying the costs of current operations, such borrowing to be secured by and payable from a pledge of all revenues accruing to the District for the year ending December 31, 2009, and paying the costs of issuance thereof; and

WHEREAS, Sections 745 through 748, inclusive of title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority (the "Act") authorize districts to pay their current expenses by anticipating their revenues for the year and to borrow money to pay these current expenses in anticipation of such revenues;

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

SECTION 1. In compliance with the Act, and in accordance with the request of the Board of Commissioners of Caddo Parish Fire Protection District No. Six, State of Louisiana (the "District") this commission hereby approves the issuance of not exceeding Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) of Revenue Anticipation Notes, Series 2009 (the "Note") for the purpose of paying the costs of current operations, such borrowing to be secured by and payable from a pledge of all revenues accruing to the District for the year ending December 31, 2009, and paying the costs of issuance thereof. Neither Caddo Parish nor this Commission shall in any way be liable for the payment of principal and/or interest on the Notes.

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.

Mr. Smith's 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.

The Clerk then presented the following list of upcoming board appointments and re-appointments to be considered by the Commission and to be acted upon at its December 3 meeting:

END OF THE YEAR BOARD APPOINTMENTS for FINAL CONFIRMATION DECEMBER 3, 2009

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BOARD</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
(APPOINT 1)		
Carlos Gibson(incumbent)	Fire District No. 1	01-01-10
(APPOINT 3)		
Harry Lowery (incumbent)	Fire District No. 2	01/01/10
Edward Angel (incumbent)	Fire District No. 2	01/01/10
Dr. Donald R. Smith (res. 07/30/08)	Fire District No. 2	01/01/10
(APPOINT 1)		
Helen M. Mazier (incumbent)	Fire District No. 3	01/01/10
(APPOINT 2)		
Willie Joe Green (incumbent)	Fire District No. 4	01/01/10
James Robinson (incumbent)	Fire District No. 4	01/01/10
(APPOINT 2)		
David L. Winkler (incumbent)	Fire District No. 5	01/01/10
Del Johnson (incumbent)	Fire District No. 5	01/01/10
(APPOINT 2)		
Paul Bison (incumbent)	Fire District No. 6	01/01/10
Jerry Taylor (incumbent)	Fire District No. 6	01/01/10
(APPOINT 1)		
Kevin Stewart (incumbent)	Fire District No. 7	01/01/10
(APPOINT 1)		
Claude Jackson (incumbent)	Fire District No. 8	01/01/10
(APPOINT 1)		
Larry Dale Jackson (incumbent)	Sewerage District No. 2	09/11/09

(APPOINT 1)

Randy Magness (incumbent) Sewerage District No. 7 11/01/09

(APPOINT 1)

Richard Anderson (incumbent) Waterworks District No. 1 08/03/09

(APPOINT 1)

Jimmy Edwards (incumbent) Waterworks District No. 7 01/08/10

(APPOINT 2)

David Kitterlin (incumbent) Industrial Development Board 08/22/09

Vincent D. Rice, Jr.(incumbent) Industrial Development Board 08/22/09

(APPOINT 1)

Larry Ferdinand (incumbent) Metropolitan Planning Commission 01/01/10

(APPOINT 1)

Dave Billingsley (incumbent) Gravity Drainage No. 3 12/21/09

(APPOINT 1)

Law Enforcement Rep. (incumbent) Animal Services Board 01/01/10
Sgt. Kevin Dunn
K-9 Trainer

(APPOINT 1)

Annie P. Boyle (incumbent) Animal Services Board 01/01/10
Animal Establishment Operator

(APPOINT 1)

Sam Williamson (incumbent) Communications District No. 1 09/25/09

(APPOINT 1)

Gail Griffin (incumbent) Shreve Memorial Library 12/31/09

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Stephanie Lynch
President

Jerry C. Spears
Commission Clerk