

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
CADDO PARISH COMMISSION
HELD ON THE 3RD DAY OF JUNE, 2010

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, President, presiding, and the following members in attendance, constituting a quorum: Commissioners Baker, Cox, Dominick, Escude, Epperson, Jenkins, Linn, McCulloch, Smith and Thibodeaux (10). ABSENT: Commissioners Lynch and Pierson (2).

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

It was moved by Mr. Epperson, seconded by Mrs. Baker, *that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 20, 2010, be adopted.* Motion carried.

COMMUNIQUES AND REPORTS

Mr. Charles Grubb, Parish Attorney, stated that he wished to provide a status report on two bills being watched in the current session of the Legislature. House Bill 1404, a tax-exemption bill on pharmaceuticals dispensed in hospitals, clinics and doctors' offices, was defeated in the House earlier in the day. He said that the local legislation, with one exception, voted in support of local government's position on this bill, as they have on almost all issues this session. They are very attuned to the concerns of local government, he said.

House Bill 676, which would have required financial disclosure for certain employees of local government, was defeated in a Senate committee with the assistance of Caddo Senator Lydia Jackson.

Mr. Wilson then reminded the Commission that on the next day the Parish would be the hosting entity for the quarterly intergovernmental meeting with the City Council and the School Board.

Mr. Escude reported that sales tax collections through May are up. There had been a downturn in January and February, with an uptick in March, April and May. The Parish's collections are up 1.5 percent year-to-date. Considering the non-recovery in other parts of the country, this region is very fortunate, he said.

Mr. Thibodeaux asked if the question had ever been resolved concerning the assessments on oil and gas rigs operating in the Parish. Apparently no taxes had been collected.

Mrs. Erica Bryant, Director of Finance, said that the Administration had met with the Tax Assessor and the confusion was a difference in the way the different entities classified their operational components. The items are being taxed, they were just coded in different ways, she said.

Mr. Epperson asked how much money the Parish has in the Oil and Gas Fund. Mrs. Bryant said that the current total is \$17.6 million, considering the transfer that was made to the Reserve Trust Fund.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mrs. Mary Haddox, 203 South Spruce, Vivian, came forward and identified herself as publisher and editor of the Caddo Citizen. She said that the Citizen and the Shreveport Sun are submitting a cooperative bid to serve as the Official Journal for Caddo Parish for the year beginning July 1. She said that the Citizen is again bringing the lower bid, as well as an exclusive agreement with the Sun.

Next came Mr. Pete Zanmiller, who identified himself as President and Publisher of the (Shreveport) Times, 222 Lake Street, Shreveport. He said had also come to speak in regard to the Commission's selection of the Official Journal designation.

Mr. Zanmiller said that as in years past The Times has a desire to be the Official Journal. The issue, he said, is transparency—providing public information to the public, and reaching as many citizens as possible with legal advertisements. While the Citizen and the Sun serve a good purpose for their respective communities, they have a combined paid circulation of only about 4,100 copies—about one-tenth of the circulation of The Times. What is more, he said, The Times publishes daily, while the Citizen and the Sun publish only one issue each week.

Their rates are about ten percent lower than The Times, Mr. Zanmiller continued, their limited distribution far outweighs the cost difference insofar as achieving the goal of reaching the citizens. He said that the daily publication of The Times makes the Commission's work of getting notices to the public easier and quicker; legal notices can be published in a timely fashion.

He said that it is his opinion that the Parish is not currently reaching many of the people

who could offer competitive bids to the Parish because they do not have the reach or readership of people who seek to do business and provide services to the Parish.

Mr. Zanmiller said that he would urge the Commission to do business with The Times. It offers is ease of doing business, timeliness, more value for the money expended on legal advertising, and better service to constituents.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES

- Ordinance No. 4982 of 2010, setting the Parish Millage for the purpose of paying principal and interest due in 2010 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 2010
- Ordinance No. 4983 of 2010, 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 2010
- Ordinance No. 4984 of 2010, 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 2010
- Ordinance No. 4985 of 2010, setting the assessment of property classified as timberlands and to instruct the Tax Assessor to include said assessments on the tax roll of the Parish of Caddo for the year 2010
- Ordinance No. 4987 of 2010, amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the Criminal Justice Fund in the amount of \$30,000 for the Jail Expansion Study at the Caddo Correctional Center for the year 2010
- Ordinance No. 4988 of 2010, amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the General Fund in the amount of \$20,000 to obtain professional services for a redistricting plan in concurrence with the 2010 Census for the year 2010
- Ordinance No. 4989 of 2010, authorizing the Caddo Parish Administrator to execute an intergovernmental agreement with the Village of Gilliam concerning recreational services
- Ordinance No. 4990 of 2010, to revoke the dedication of Cravath Street located in Dukes Estates, Unit No. 2
- Ordinance No. 4991 of 2010, to revoke the dedication of a portion of Kingwood Drive located in Northwood Terrace Subdivision
- Ordinance No. 4992 of 2010, to revoke the dedication of a portion of Northwood Drive located in Northwood Terrace Subdivision

The 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 on ordinances to be concluded.

ORDINANCES: (For final passage)

ORDINANCE NO. 4982 OF 2010

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE PARISH MILLAGE FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST, DUE IN 2010 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 2010, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

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, on September 17, 2009, 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 2010 in order to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, which will fall due in the year 2010.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, in due, legal, and regular session convened, that a special tax of 1.75 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 2010, for the purpose of paying principal and interest which will become due in the year 2010 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 2010.

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. Thibodeaux**, seconded by Mr. Linn, *that Ordinance No. 4982 of 2010, setting the Parish Millage for the purpose of paying principal and interest due in 2010 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 2010, be adopted.* That motion carried, as shown by the following roll call vote: AYES: Commissioners Baker, Cox, Dominick, Epperson, Escude, Jenkins, Linn, McCulloch, Smith and Thibodeaux (10). NAYS: None. ABSTAINING: None. ABSENT: Commissioners Lynch and Pierson (2).

ORDINANCE NO. 4983 OF 2010

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 2010, 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 2010.

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. Linn**, seconded by Mr. Cox, *that Ordinance No. 4983 of 2010, adopting 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 2010, be adopted.* That motion carried, as shown by the following roll call vote: AYES: Commissioners Baker, Cox, Dominick, Epperson, Escude, Jenkins, Linn, McCulloch, Smith and Thibodeaux (10). NAYS: None. ABSTAINING: None. ABSENT: Commissioners Lynch and Pierson (2).

ORDINANCE NO. 4984 OF 2010

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 2010, 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 2010 be and the same are hereby levied at the following rates for the year 2010, in accordance with Article VII, Section 23(C) 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,
pecifically 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 2010, 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. Dominick**, seconded by Mr. Escude, *that Ordinance No. 4984 of 2010, setting 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 2010, be adopted. That motion carried*, as shown by the following roll call vote: AYES: Commissioners Baker, Cox, Dominick, Epperson, Escude, Jenkins, Linn, McCulloch, Smith and Thibodeaux (10). NAYS: None. ABSTAINING: None. ABSENT: Commissioners Lynch and Pierson (2).

ORDINANCE NO. 4985 OF 2010

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 2010, 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 2010.

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 2010.

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. Thibodeaux**, seconded by Mr. Smith, *that Ordinance No. 4985 of 2010, setting the assessment of property classified as timberlands and to instruct the Tax Assessor to include said assessments on the tax roll of the Parish of Caddo for the year 2010, be adopted.* That motion carried, as shown by the following roll call vote: AYES: Commissioners Baker, Cox, Dominick, Epperson, Escude, Jenkins, Linn, McCulloch, Smith and Thibodeaux (10). NAYS: None. ABSTAINING: None. ABSENT: Commissioners Lynch and Pierson (2).

ORDINANCE NO. 4987 OF 2010

BY CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE FUND FOR THE YEAR 2010 TO APPROPRIATE \$30,000 FOR THE JAIL EXPANSION STUDY AT THE CADDO CORRECTIONAL CENTER

WHEREAS, the Caddo Correctional Center (CCC) has experienced a significant increase in the inmate population in the last several years; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission would like to obtain professional architectural services for a preliminary planning and evaluation study of a proposed expansion of the Caddo Correctional Center; and

WHEREAS, the Commission may acquire these professional services for the CCC expansion through Grace & Hebert Architects, through its representative Mr. Adam L. Fishbein; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost for these services will be \$ 40,000 with the Parish paying \$30,000 and the Sheriff paying \$10,000; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend the 2010 Budget for the Criminal Justice Fund to provide \$30,000 in funding for professional services related to the CCC expansion study.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that the Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the Criminal Justice Fund for the year 2010 is hereby amended as follows:

<u>Line Item</u>	<u>Budget Increase (Decrease)</u>
Professional Services	\$ 30,000
Fund Balance	\$(30,000)

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. Linn**, seconded by Mr. Dominick, *that Ordinance No. 4987 of 2010, amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the Criminal Justice Fund in the amount of \$30,000 for the Jail Expansion Study at the Caddo Correctional Center for the year 2010, be adopted.* That motion carried, as shown by the following roll call vote: AYES: Commissioners Baker, Cox, Dominick, Epperson, Escude, Jenkins, Linn, McCulloch, Smith and Thibodeaux (10). NAYS: None. ABSTAINING: None. ABSENT: Commissioners Lynch and Pierson (2).

ORDINANCE NO. 4988 OF 2010

BY CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR 2010 TO APPROPRIATE \$20,000 TO OBTAIN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR A REDISTRICTING PLAN IN CONCURRENCE WITH THE 2010 CENSUS

WHEREAS, the 2010 Census of the population of the United States is currently in process; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission desires to obtain professional services for a redistricting plan for the Parish of Caddo in concurrence with the 2010 Census; and

WHEREAS, the Commission may acquire the professional services for the redistricting plan through Precision Cartographics, Inc., through its representative, Mr. Gary D. Joiner; and

WHEREAS, the initial cost for these services will be approximately \$20,000 in 2010 with an additional cost of \$20,600 in 2011; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend the 2010 Budget for the General Fund to provide \$20,000 in funding for professional services related to the redistricting plan as a result of the 2010 Census.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that the Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the General Fund for the year 2010 is hereby amended as follows:

<u>Line Item</u>	<u>Budget Increase (Decrease)</u>
Governmental Consultants	\$
20,000	
Fund Balance	
\$(20,000)	

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. Linn**, seconded by Mr. Cox, *that Ordinance No. 4988 of 2010, amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the General Fund in the amount of \$20,000 to obtain professional services for a redistricting plan in concurrence with the 2010 Census for the year 2010, be adopted.*

Mr. Escude asked if this ordinance will provide for retaining the services of Demographer Gary Joiner. Mr. Wilson said that Mr. Joiner will be retained.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 4989 OF 2010

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE CADDO PARISH ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE VILLAGE OF GILLIAM CONCERNING RECREATIONAL SERVICES, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Village of Gilliam desires to upgrade its parks and recreational facilities

by replenishing its cushioning material under the play area in Gilliam and to purchase and install a historical marker; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Gilliam has requested financial assistance in the amount of \$10,000 for its recreational services and the purchase and installation of a historical marker; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks and Recreation for Caddo Parish has within its 2010 budget funds necessary to assist in the development of community parks; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo desires to assist the Village of Gilliam by providing funding in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 toward the acquisition and installation of parks and recreation improvements on an reimbursement basis, monthly, as costs are incurred by the Village of Gilliam in the purchase and acquisition of parks and recreation improvements of cushioning material for its play area and a historical marker.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Parish of Caddo and the Village of Gilliam substantially in accordance with the terms outlined herein.

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 contracts and other documents in a form acceptable to the Caddo Parish Attorney necessary to effectuate the purposes set forth herein.

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

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

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

It was **moved by Mr. Dominick**, seconded by Mr. Cox, *that Ordinance No. 4989 of 2010, authorizing the Caddo Parish Administrator to execute an intergovernmental agreement with the Village of Gilliam concerning recreational services, be adopted.* That motion carried, as shown by the following roll call vote: AYES: Commissioners Baker, Cox, Dominick, Epperson, Escude, Jenkins, Linn, McCulloch, Smith and Thibodeaux (10). NAYS: None. ABSTAINING: None. ABSENT: Commissioners Lynch and Pierson (2).

Answering a question from Mrs. Baker, Mr. Dominick said that the \$10,000 appropriation would be used by the Village to improve the play surface of its park and to erect an historical plaque.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 4990 OF 2010

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE TO REVOKE THE DEDICATION OF CRAVATH STREET LOCATED IN DUKE ESTATES, UNIT NO. 2, IN THE PARISH OF CADDO, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO (District 1)

WHEREAS, a request for the revocation of the dedication of Carvath Street located in Duke estates, Unit No. 2, as recorded in Plat Book 1700, at Page 389, of the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, has been received by the Parish of Caddo; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo has reviewed the request for the revocation of the dedication of Clavath Street located in Duke estates, Unit No. 2, as recorded in Plat Book 1700, at Page 389, of the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, and finds that Cravath Street is no longer needed for Parish of Caddo public purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo has reviewed the request for the revocation of the dedication of Cravath Street located in Duke estates, Unit No. 2, as recorded in Plat Book 1700, at Page 389, of the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, and finds that the revocation of the dedication of Cravath Street is in the best interest of the Parish of Caddo.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that the dedication of Cravath Street located in Duke Estates, Unit No. 2, as recorded in Plat Book 1700, at Page 389, of the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, in the Parish of Caddo be, and the same is hereby, revoked to the extent, and only to the extent, that said dedication was made for the public use for streets; said Cravath Street more specifically described as follows:

All of Cravath Street lying between Lot 14, Duke Estates, Unit No. 1 and Lot 57, Duke Estates, Unit No. 2, as recorded in Plat Book 1700, at Page 389, of the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and as shown in hash marks on the attached plat marked Exhibit "A".

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a copy of this ordinance and plat marked Exhibit "A", displaying the dedication of Cravath Street located Duke Estates, Unit No. 2, as recorded in Plat Book 1700, at Page 389, of the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, to be revoked shall be filed in the conveyance records of the Parish of Caddo.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the property described hereinabove shall revert to the adjoining property owners or their successors, heirs or assigns.

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

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

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. Thibodeaux, *that It Ordinance No. 4990 of 2010, to revoke the dedication of Cravath Street located in Dukes Estates, Unit No. 2, be adopted.* That motion carried, as shown by the following roll call vote: AYES: Commissioners Baker, Cox, Dominick, Epperson, Escude, Jenkins, Linn, McCulloch, Smith and Thibodeaux (10). NAYS: None. ABSTAINING: None. ABSENT: Commissioners Lynch and Pierson (2).

ORDINANCE NO. 4991 OF 2010

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE TO REVOKE THE DEDICATION OF A PORTION OF KINGWOOD DRIVE LOCATED IN NORTHWOOD TERRACE SUBDIVISION, IN THE PARISH OF CADDO, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO (District 1)

WHEREAS, a request for the revocation of the dedication of a portion of Kingwood Drive located in Northwood Terrace Subdivision in the Parish of Caddo has been received by the Parish of Caddo; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo has reviewed the request for the revocation of the dedication of a portion of Kingwood Drive located in Northwood Terrace Subdivision in the Parish of Caddo and finds that portion of Kingwood Drive is no longer needed for Parish of Caddo public purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo has reviewed the request for the revocation of the dedication of a portion of Kingwood Drive located in Northwood Terrace Subdivision in the Parish of Caddo and finds that the revocation of the dedication of a portion of Kingwood Drive is in the best interest of the Parish of Caddo.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that the dedication of a portion of Kingwood Drive located in Northwood Terrace Subdivision in the Parish of Caddo be, and the same is hereby, revoked to the extent, and only to

the extent, that said dedication was made for the public use for streets; said portion of Kingwood Drive more specifically described as follows:

All that portion of Kingwood Drive between Lots 12 through 14, inclusive, Block "H" and Lots 1 through 3, inclusive, Block "J", Northwood Terrace Subdivision, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and as shown in hash marks on the attached plat marked Exhibit "A".

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a copy of this ordinance and plat marked Exhibit "A", displaying that portion of the dedication of Kingwood Drive located in Northwood Terrace Subdivision in the Parish of Caddo to be revoked shall be filed in the conveyance records of the Parish of Caddo.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the property described hereinabove shall revert to the adjoining property owners or their successors, heirs or assigns.

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

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

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. Thibodeaux, *that Ordinance No. 4991 of 2010, to revoke the dedication of a portion of Kingwood Drive located in Northwood Terrace Subdivision, be adopted.* That motion carried, as shown by the following roll call vote: AYES: Commissioners Baker, Cox, Dominick, Epperson, Escude, Jenkins, Linn, McCulloch, Smith and Thibodeaux (10). NAYS: None. ABSTAINING: None. ABSENT: Commissioners Lynch and Pierson (2).

ORDINANCE NO. 4992 OF 2010

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE TO REVOKE THE DEDICATION OF A PORTION OF NORTHWOOD DRIVE LOCATED IN NORTHWOOD TERRACE SUBDIVISION, IN THE PARISH OF CADDO, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO (District 1)

WHEREAS, a request for the revocation of the dedication of a portion of Northwood Drive located in Northwood Terrace Subdivision in the Parish of Caddo has been received by the Parish of Caddo; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo has reviewed the request for the revocation of the dedication of a portion of Northwood Drive located in Northwood Terrace Subdivision in the Parish of Caddo and finds that portion of Northwood Drive is no longer needed for Parish of Caddo public purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo has reviewed the request for the revocation of the dedication of a portion of Northwood Drive located in Northwood Terrace Subdivision in the Parish of Caddo and finds that the revocation of the dedication of a portion of Northwood Drive is in the best interest of the Parish of Caddo.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that the dedication of a portion of Northwood Drive located in Northwood Terrace Subdivision in the Parish of Caddo be, and the same is hereby, revoked to the extent, and only to the extent, that said dedication was made for the public use for streets; said portion of Northwood Drive more specifically described as follows:

All that portion of Northwood Drive between Lots 1 through 4, inclusive, Block "G" and Lots 1 through 4, inclusive, Block "H", Northwood Terrace Subdivision, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and as shown in hash marks on

the attached plat marked Exhibit "A".

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a copy of this ordinance and plat marked Exhibit "A", displaying that portion of the dedication of Northwood Drive located in Northwood Terrace Subdivision in the Parish of Caddo to be revoked shall be filed in the conveyance records of the Parish of Caddo.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the property described hereinabove shall revert to the adjoining property owners or their successors, heirs or assigns.

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

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

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. Thibodeaux, *that Ordinance No. 4992 of 2010, to revoke the dedication of a portion of Northwood Drive located in Northwood Terrace Subdivision, be adopted.*

Mr. Jenkins said that Commissioners had received a communication from the Parish Attorney outlining an Attorney General opinion about the revocation of dedications of property, and the contention that the mineral rights to such properties reverted back to the adjacent landowners. He asked if the 2002 opinion is the most current interpretation of law. He asked why the Parish can retain mineral rights when selling adjudicated property, but not when it revokes a dedication.

Ms. Donna Frazier, assistant Parish Attorney, said that the 2002 opinion still reflects the state of the law. The difference between adjudicated and dedicated property, she said, is that the Parish has only fee titles to dedications as long as it holds those properties for the public. A statute provides that when the Parish no longer has a use for a dedicated property it reverts back to the original or current owner. On adjudicated property the Parish takes a tax interest and is able to sell a fee title to that interest. State law would have to be amended to allow the Parish to retain mineral rights on dedicated properties, she said, and perhaps even a constitutional amendment.

Responding to another question from Mr. Jenkins, Mr. Jimmy Whittington, Public Works, said that there is no apparent reason for the fact that several requests for dedication revocations have been submitted recently. There is no apparent relationship between any of the properties or property owners. Revocation requests are initiated by adjoining property owners, and not by the Parish. In virtually all cases the dedications are unimproved, unmaintained strips that were originally stubbed into a subdivision plat, as provided by law, for possible future access. For various reasons they were never developed, he said, and their revocation will inconvenience no one.

Mr. Escude said that in most cases the original property owners, subdivision developers, were compelled to surrender the dedications, so it is appropriate that the property be returned to them when there is no further need for the Parish to retain the property. He also pointed out that most of the revocations are outside the known boundaries of the Haynesville Shale gas formation, so mineral interests should not be a large factor in precipitating these revocation requests. The owners simply want to regain the use of their property, he said.

Mr. Jenkins said that it appears inequitable to simply give property and mineral rights to people. He said he would like to see more research done on the matter.

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

ZONING ORDINANCES: (For introduction)

- ZONING CASE P-4-10 in regard to Ordinance No. 4997 of 2010 property located on the east side of Mansfield Road 530 feet north of Keithville Kingston Road, HAROLD J. WHITLOCK, APPLICANT.
Request to rezone property located on the east side of Mansfield Road 530 feet north of Keithville Kingston Road from B-3, Community Business District to I-1, Light Industry District for proposed Light Industry Uses

THERE WILL BE PUBLIC HEARING ON THIS ZONING CASE AND ORDINANCE JUNE 17TH.

ORDINANCES: (For introduction, by title)

- Ordinance No. 4993 of 2010, amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the Oil and Gas Fund and the Capital Outlay Fund in the amount of \$221,200 to operate and equip the new commercial vehicle enforcement unit for the year 2010
- Ordinance No. 4994 of 2010, amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the Public Works Fund and the Capital Outlay Fund in the amount of \$150,000 to replace the cross drain on Gilliam-Scott Slough Road for the year 2010
- Ordinance No. 4995 of 2010, amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the Capital Outlay Fund for stimulus grant proceeds in the amount of \$800,000 to upgrade Woolworth Road for the year 2010
- Ordinance No. 4996 of 2010, declaring certain adjudicated properties to be surplus and to authorize the Parish Administrator or a designee to sell the Parish's tax interest

WORK SESSION MINUTES: MAY 17, 2010 AND JUNE 1, 2010

It was moved by Mr. Cox, seconded Mr. Epperson, *that the Work Session Minutes of May 17, 2010, and June 1, 2010, be ratified.* Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 32 OF 2010

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE HOLDING OF AN ELECTION IN CADDO PARISH FIRE DISTRICT NO. SIX, STATE OF LOUISIANA, ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2010, TO AUTHORIZE THE LEVY OF A SPECIAL TAX THEREIN.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Caddo Parish Fire District No. Six, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Caddo Parish Fire District No. Six, State of Louisiana (the "District"), is adopting a resolution on May 20, 2010, calling a special election in the District on Saturday, October 2, 2010, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein; and

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

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

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

SECTION 1. In compliance with the provisions of Article VI, Section 15 of the constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, and in accordance with the request of the Board of Commissioners of Caddo Parish Fire District No. Six, State of Louisiana, the Caddo Parish Commission hereby approves the holding of an election in the District, on Saturday, October 2, 2010, at which election there will be submitted the following proposition, to-wit:

**PROPOSITION
(MILLAGE)**

Summary: 10 years, 6 mills property tax for acquiring, constructing, improving, maintaining and/or operating fire protection facilities and equipment for the District, including the cost of obtaining water for fire protection purposes.

Shall Caddo Parish Fire District No. Six, State of Louisiana (the "District"), levy a

special tax of six (6) mills on all property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated \$152,947 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2010 and ending with the year 2019, for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, improving, maintaining and/or operating fire protection facilities and equipment for the District, including the cost of obtaining water for fire protection purposes?

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

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

<u>Member</u>	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>
Douglas C. Dominick	x			
Rose Wilson-McCulloch	x			
Carl A. Pierson, Sr.	x			
Matthew Linn	x			
Sam Jenkins, Jr.	x			
Lindora Baker	x			
Stephanie Lynch	x			
John Escude'	x			
Michael Thibodeaux	x			
David F. Cox	x			
Jim Smith	x			
Kenneth Epperson	x			

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 3rd day of June, 2010.

	/s/ Jerry Spears
	/s/ John Escude
Clerk	President

It was **moved by Mr. Smith**, seconded by Mr. Cox, *that Resolution No. 32 of 2010, approving the holding of an election in Caddo Parish Fire District No. Six, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, October 2, 2010, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein, be adopted. That motion carried*, as shown by the following roll call vote: AYES: Commissioners Baker, Cox, Dominick, Epperson, Escude, Jenkins, Linn, McCulloch, Smith and Thibodeaux (10). NAYS: None. ABSTAINING: None. ABSENT: Commissioners Lynch and Pierson (2).

RESOLUTION NO. 34 OF 2010

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PARISH ADMINISTRATOR TO RETAIN SPECIAL LEGAL COUNSEL AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, issues of employment and labor law have become an area of increasing concern to the Parish; and

WHEREAS, the Parish Attorney's Office is requesting that the Commission appoint outside counsel to assist in these matters; and

WHEREAS, the Parish Attorney has recommended to the Commission that it would be in the best interest of Caddo Parish for it to retain the services of S. Price M. Barker with the firm of Cook, Yancey, King & Galloway as Special Counsel to provide advice and counsel to the Commission as it fulfills the aforesaid responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Barker is a highly competent and experienced attorney whose practice is concentrated in the field of employment and labor law; and

WHEREAS, the Commission does hereby concur the Parish Attorney's recommendation to retain S. Price M. Barker and the firm of Cook, Yancey, King & Galloway in the aforesaid matter.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due,

regular and legal session concerned that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby authorize the Parish Administrator or his designee to retain on behalf of Caddo Parish Mr. S. Price M. Barker and the firm of Cook, Yancey, King & Galloway at an hourly rate not to exceed \$175.00, with other terms of the engagement being set for and a retainer agreement to be negotiated between the Parish Attorney and Mr. Barker.

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 provision of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

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

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

It was **moved by Mr. Dominick**, seconded by Mr. Linn, *that Resolution No. 34 of 2010, authorizing the Parish Administrator to retain special legal counsel, be adopted.* That motion carried, as shown by the following roll call vote: AYES: Commissioners Baker, Cox, Dominick, Epperson, Escude, Jenkins, Linn, McCulloch, Smith and Thibodeaux (10). NAYS: None. ABSTAINING: None. ABSENT: Commissioners Lynch and Pierson (2).

RESOLUTION NO. 35 OF 2010

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 3rd day of June, 2010, 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, Member Programs and Services Committee, subcommittee vice chair for Community and Economic Development and LUCC; Stephanie Lynch to committee chair or reappointment to Juvenile Justice Chair or the Justice and Public Safety Committee and reappointment to LUCC.

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. Epperson**, seconded by Mr. Jenkins, *that Resolution No. 35 of 2010, supporting the appointments of Caddo Parish Commissioners to subcommittees of the National Association of County Officials, be adopted.* That motion carried, as shown by the following roll call vote: AYES: Commissioners Baker, Cox, Dominick, Epperson, Escude, Jenkins, Linn, McCulloch, Smith and Thibodeaux (10). NAYS: None. ABSTAINING: None. ABSENT: Commissioners

Lynch and Pierson (2).

NEW BUSINESS

At this time the President stated that as provided by law the Commission must at this meeting select an Official Journal for Caddo Parish for the year beginning July 1, 2010.

It was moved by Mr. Dominick, seconded by Mr. Epperson, *that the Caddo Citizen/Shreveport Sun partnership be selected as the Official Journal.*

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

Mr. Cox said that the objective of advertising official proceedings of the Parish is to provide information to as many citizens of the Parish as possible. The Times has the ability to reach many more people and far more often, he said. It will enable the Commission to publish its notices in a timely fashion, he said.

At this time Mr. Cox's motion failed, as shown by the following roll call vote: AYES: Commissioners Cox, Linn, Escude, Thibodeaux and Smith (5). NAYS: Commissioners Baker and Epperson (2). ABSTAINING: None. ABSENT: Commissioners Lynch and Pierson (2).

Mr. Dominick's motion also failed, as shown by the following roll call vote: AYES: Commissioners Dominick, Pierson, Baker, Jenkins and Epperson (5). NAYS: Commissioners ABSTAINING: None. ABSENT: Commissioners Lynch and Pierson (2).

The President stated that the Commission had obviously reached an impasse. He asked the Parish Attorney to outline the Commission's options.

Mr. Charles Grubb, Parish Attorney, said that State law requires that the Commission must select an official journal at its first meeting in June, which is this meeting.

Mr. Dominick asked if the Caddo Citizen would automatically continue as the Official Journal in the absence of an affirmative action by the Commission. Mr. Grubb said that it would not; it was selected only for the period ending June 30, 2010.

Mr. Grubb pointed out that while the Commission is required by law to make this selection, it could be rationally argued that because not all members were present the matter might be delayed until the next meeting. Also, he said, there is a precedent in the 1990s when the Commission, divided on this issue by another 6-6 tie vote, recessed its meeting rather than adjourning. It reconvened the following day and settled the matter by virtue of the fact that one Commissioner did not attend the meeting.

He said that if the matter is not settled at this meeting the Commission would be in technical violation of State law. However, he said, he does not believe that would be a substantive problem so long as an official journal is selected prior to July 1.

Mr. Dominick recommended that this meeting be continued until the day of the Commission's next meeting.

It was **moved by Mr. Epperson**, seconded by Mrs. Baker, *that the Commission recess this meeting, to be reconvened at 3 p.m. on June 17 prior to the Commission's next scheduled meeting. That motion carried and the meeting was duly recessed.*

The Commission duly reconvened at 3 p.m. on June 17, 2010, with Commissioners Baker, Cox, Dominick, Epperson, Escude, Jenkins, Linn, McCulloch, Pierson, Smith and Thibodeaux (11) present, and Commissioner Lynch (1) absent.

President Escude stated that the chair would consider a new motion in regard to selection of the Official Journal.

It was **moved by Cox**, seconded by Mr. Linn, *that the Shreveport Times be named the Official Journal.*

Mr. Cox said that the greater circulation of The Times far outweighs the four-cent per

inch differential in its bid and that of the Caddo Citizen/Sun. The citizens of the Parish will benefit more by having official notices printed in The Times, he said.

Mr. Dominick made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Pierson, that the Caddo Citizen/Shreveport Sun partnership be accepted as the Official Journal.

Mr. Dominick said that the Citizen/Sun had functioned well to serve the purpose of the Official Journal, and at a better rate than The Times.

On the ensuing vote, The Times received the votes of Commissioners Baker, Cox, Escude, Linn, Smith and Thibodeaux (6). The Citizen/Sun received the votes of Commissioners Dominick, Epperson, McCulloch and Pierson (4). The President declared the Shreveport Times to the Official Journal for the Parish of Caddo for the year beginning July 1, 2010.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 3:06 p.m.

John Escude
President

Jerry C. Spears
Commission Clerk
