

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
CADDO PARISH COMMISSION
HELD ON THE 23rd DAY OF JULY, 2015

The Caddo Parish Commission met in legal and regular session, on the above date, at 3:30 p.m., in the Government Chambers, with President Johnson, presiding, and the following members in attendance, constituting a quorum: Commissioners Baker, Bowman, Dominick, Epperson, Escude, Gage-Watts, Johnson, Linn, Smith, Thibodeaux, and Williams (11). ABSENT: Commissioner Cox (1).

The invocation was given by Reverend James Green, and Ms. Lindora Baker led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ADDITIONS

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Epperson, *to expand the Regular Session agenda to add increasing the spending cap for materials to repair homes with major damage to \$16,500, along with allowing homeowners to do work themselves with materials purchased and a liability waiver; and add appliances to list of building items for flood victims.* Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: Commissioners Baker, Bowman, Dominick, Epperson, Escude, Gage-Watts, Johnson, Linn, Smith, Thibodeaux, and Williams (11). NAYS: None. ABSENT: Commissioner Cox (1).

It was moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Epperson, to add *increasing the spending cap for materials to repair homes with major damage to \$16,500, along with allowing homeowners to do work themselves with materials purchased and a liability waiver; and add appliances to list of building items for flood victims under "New Business"*. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: Commissioners Baker, Bowman, Dominick, Epperson, Escude, Gage-Watts, Johnson, Linn, Smith, Thibodeaux, and Williams (11). NAYS: None. ABSENT: Commissioner Cox (1).

It was **moved by Mrs. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. Williams, *to expand the Regular Session agenda to recognizing the month of July as "Sarcoma Month"*. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: Commissioners Baker, Bowman, Dominick, Epperson, Escude, Gage-Watts, Johnson, Linn, Smith, Thibodeaux, and Williams (11). NAYS: None. ABSENT: Commissioner Cox (1).

It was **moved by Mrs. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. Williams, *to add recognizing the month of July as "Sarcoma Month" under "New Business"*. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: Commissioners Baker, Bowman, Dominick, Epperson, Escude, Gage-Watts, Johnson, Linn, Smith, Thibodeaux, and Williams (11). NAYS: None. ABSENT: Commissioner Cox (1).

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Mr. Roger Richardson, 1261 Wells Island Road, Shreveport, requested that Commissioners raise the income level to qualify for assistance for flood victims affected by the 2015 Red River flood. He stated that he is only \$2,000 over the income level cap, and needs all of the help he can get.

Mr. Johnson asked that Mr. Richardson meet with Assistant Parish Attorney Bernstein and let him review issue and see where Mr. Richardson can go to discuss his specific situation.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION

It was **moved by Mr. Linn**, seconded by Mr. Williams, *that Special Proclamation declaring the month of July as "Virginia Shehee Month" be approved and read by the Clerk.* Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: Commissioners Baker, Bowman, Dominick, Epperson, Escude, Gage-Watts, Johnson, Linn, Smith, Thibodeaux, and Williams (11). NAYS: None. ABSENT: Commissioner Cox (1).

Ms. Nell Shehee, Mr. Andy Shehee and Mrs. Margaret Shehee thanked the Commission for recognizing their mother. The siblings all agreed that their mother made an everlasting mark on the community and each one of them for the rest of their lives.

Mr. Williams stated that he had a personal relationship with Mrs. Virginia Shehee. He also said that between her and Mrs. Eddie Jones, they helped shaped his political career. Mr. Williams stated that Mrs. Shehee taught him to "humble yourself and lift others up". He also feels that there needs be a statue put up in her honor. Mr. Bowman shared the same sentiments as Mr. Williams.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission pauses to reflect with sad fondness upon the life and works of a true public servant, Mrs. Virginia Kilpatrick Shehee, whose passing on July 6, 2015, marked the close of a long and productive life of public service; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Shehee, who spent most of her life in this community as the head of a great family business and a civic and political leader, her tireless efforts through the years have borne

fruit in many ways, and her community now gratefully acknowledges her years of unselfish leadership, her business and political integrity, her dedication and her dignity; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Shehee was the first woman elected to the Louisiana State Senate representing Senate District 38; she left a legacy for many other women of Caddo Parish and the State of Louisiana to follow; and

WHEREAS, she is warmly remembered by many current and past associates and friends for her cheerful demeanor, her willingness to help, and for her efforts in behalf of her constituents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission does express its deepest regret and sadness upon the passing of Mr. Virginia Shehee, and herein conveying its sincere expressions of sympathy and condolence to her family and friends, and thus it hereby declares and proclaims July 2015, in memory of and as,

“VIRGINIA SHEHEE MONTH”

in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, calling upon all citizens to note this occasion with a sense of appreciation and gratitude for Virginia Shehee and her family for her many years of community and public service to Caddo Parish and Shreveport, Louisiana.

It was **moved by Mr. Williams**, seconded by Mr. Linn, to adopt the Regular Session Minutes from June 18, 2015. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: Commissioners Baker, Bowman, Dominick, Epperson, Escude, Gage-Watts, Johnson, Linn, Smith, Thibodeaux, and Williams (11). NAYS: None. ABSENT: Commissioner Cox (1).

It was **moved by Mr. Linn**, seconded by Mr. Dominick, to adopt the Special Session Minutes from June 25, 2015. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: Commissioners Baker, Bowman, Dominick, Epperson, Escude, Gage-Watts, Johnson, Linn, Smith, Thibodeaux, and Williams (11). NAYS: None. ABSENT: Commissioner Cox (1).

COMMUNIQUES AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mr. Williams stated that the Juvenile Justice Committee met Monday afternoon and discussed various crime prevention programs that could be used in the community. He pointed out the proposed program to provide suits to young men in the community and a possible partnership with Porter's Cleaners. He also talked about the possibility of drafting a curfew ordinance that mirrors what the City has implemented. Mr. Williams also informed Commissioners of a still to be set meeting with the City of Shreveport Police Chief, Caddo Commissioners, Caddo Parish Sheriff along with others to discuss crime in the City of Shreveport.
- Mrs. Gage-Watts stated that the Personnel Policies met some weeks ago and approved some proposed changes to the By-Laws, but in putting this information together the Clerk found some changes that were made in 2010. These changes were not put into the By-Laws, so he is cleaning document up to reflect 2010 changes and others proposed earlier.
- Mr. Epperson reminded the Commissioners and others that the Veterans Celebration Committee will meet on Friday, July 24th at 11:00 a.m. to continue working on this fall's celebration. The parade and honor ceremony is scheduled for Sunday, November 8th at the Louisiana State Fair Grounds.
- Mr. Epperson also reminded the Commissioners of the Economic Development Summit that he will be hosting on Thursday, July 30th from 7:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the Regal Banquet and Conference Center, located at 7288 Greenwood Road, Suite 125.
- Mr. Dominick reminded the Commissioners of the Parks and Recreation meeting immediately following the Regular Session.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Mr. Johnson would like to set up a meeting with the Sheriff and the City to discuss crime prevention ways on the increasing violence in this area.
 - Mr. Johnson also talked about the traveling that the Commissioners do. He stated that it seems that every time they travel, there is always a public records requesting wanting to know what they did and where they went. He explained that the Commissioners go to different regions of the Nation to see what others are doing and if those programs can be implemented in Caddo Parish.
- Mr. Epperson stated that Mr. Ronnie Bryant and Mr. Lonnie Miles have been invited to Caddo Parish to analyze what could be done here to increase the population.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES

- Ordinance No. 5492 of 2015, amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the Capital Outlay Fund and the Public Works Fund for the year 2015 to correct the 2015 Budget to include an appropriation of \$1,250,000 for the Dawson Road Project and to otherwise provide with respect thereto

Ms. Susannah Hodges, 4724 Thornhill Avenue, Shreveport, stated that she is opposed to this ordinance.

Mr. Joel Rice, 505 Longleaf Road, Shreveport, speaking in opposition, stated that he is not real sure of the status of the project. He also said that there is approximately sixty members of his family that have interest in Rice Farms, and this farm has been in their family for at least five generations. He also stated that the opposition for Rice Road is a community decision, not just his family.

Mr. Rice also talked about the concerns of Dawson Road. He stated that they have legitimate concerns and believes that their issues should be resolved also. Mr. Rice believes that there is a viable option that will please all of the residents of this community.

Ms. Doris LaCour, 4560 Rice Road, Shreveport, speaking in opposition, stated that she has been a resident on Rice for at least twenty years. She also said that the residents of Rice Road do not want any increased traffic along Rice Road.

Mrs. Autumn Casaus, 4590 Rice Road, Shreveport, speaking in opposition, stated that they just recently moved to Rice Road and that reason they moved out there was because of the "country life". Her family also does not want any increased traffic along the road. She also believes that there are other options to address the problems on Dawson Road.

Mr. Kevin Casaus, 4590 Rice Road, Shreveport, stated that he is in opposition of connecting Dawson Road to Rice Road. He also stated that Dawson Road does have valid drainage concerns that needs to be addressed. He believes that there are several options that would solve their problems without connecting Rice Road to Dawson Road.

Ms. Constance Green, 4475 Rice Road, Shreveport, is also in opposition to the extension from Rice Road to Dawson Road. She also agreed that the Dawson Road residents do have valid concerns that need to be addressed.

- Ordinance No. 5493 of 2015, amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the Capital Outlay Fund and the Capital Improvement Fund for the year 2015 to provide an appropriation of \$500,000 to build a new building at the David Raines Center and to otherwise provide with respect thereto
- Ordinance No. 5494 of 2015, amending the Budget of Estimate Revenues and Expenditures for the Capital Outlay Fund and the Capital Improvement Fund for the year 2015 to provide an appropriation of \$200,000 to construct a new parking lot at the Caddo Community Action Agency (CCAA) and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
- Ordinance No. 5495 of 2015, amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the Capital Outlay Fund in the amount of \$194,822 to increase the appropriation for hot water heaters at the Caddo Correctional Center (CCC) and to otherwise provide with respect thereto
- Ordinance No. 5496 of 2015, 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.

There being no-one else to speak in favor, or in opposition to the above ordinances, President Johnson declared the public hearing on ordinances to be concluded.

ORDINANCES (For Final Passage)

It was **moved by Mr. Epperson**, seconded by Mr. Bowman, that *Ordinance No. 5492 of 2015, amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the Capital Outlay Fund and the Public Works Fund for the year 2015 to correct the 2015 Budget to include an appropriation of \$1,250,000 for the Dawson Road Project and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be approved.

Mr. Epperson asked that the Clerk re-read Ordinance No. 5492 of 2015 to ensure that the audience fully understood the contents of this ordinance.

Mr. Epperson also stated that he wrote a letter, under his signature, with his intention to let the residents of Dawson Road and Rice Road know that he no longer has an interest of building an extension from Rice Road to Dawson Road. He stated that this ordinance is to correct an error in the Budget.

Mr. Thibodeaux stated that they will not know what the alternative route is going to cost because they do not know what the alternative route is. He is in opposition of this ordinance because there is still information that they do not have. He believes that the drainage problem with Dawson Road should be treated as a separate project and funded separately.

Mr. Thibodeaux stated that he is also concerned with the wording of the letter that was sent out by Commissioner Epperson. He stated that the Commission did not vote on this matter. He asked that the Commissioners vote against this ordinance.

Ms. Baker agreed that there are issues on Dawson Road that need to be resolved; she stated that those issues should be treated separately, with a separate ordinance. Ms. Baker also said that the Rice Road residents need confirmation that the road extension is a dead deal.

Mr. Dominick agreed with Ms. Baker. He also stated from his recollection, the road would have been built based on the feasibility study; the study came back saying that it was not feasible, at this time, to extend Rice Road to Dawson Road. Mr. Dominick urged the Commissioners to vote against this ordinance at this time for the same reasons that Mr. Thibodeaux and Ms. Baker stated.

Mr. Williams stated that it will take a two-thirds vote to overturn an ordinance that has already been approved. Attorney Frazier stated that it was not voted on for the 2015 Budget. Mr. Williams argued that it was. Attorney Frazier clarified that in 2013, the Commission voted to put \$1.25M in the 2014 Budget and \$1.25M in the 2015 Budget, but it still had to be presented in the 2015 Budget and be voted on.

Answering a question from Mr. Williams, Attorney Frazier stated that \$1.2M has been already been approved and should carry until 2016 or 2017, whichever is considered the third year. Attorney Frazier stated that the Commission did not technically vote on the \$1.25M in the 2015 Budget because it was not presented to the Commission.

Mrs. Bryant stated that because the \$1.25M was not included in the 1025 Budget, it was not voted on. She also said that since the 2015 Budget has been passed, the Commission would have to vote on this amendment to include it in the 2015 Budget.

Mr. Williams stated that he is very disappointed that this funding was left out of the Budget.

Mr. Bowman said that he will be voting for this ordinance.

Answering a question from Mrs. Gage-Watts regarding the Capital Outlay extension until 2016, Mrs. Bryant stated that capital projects can be in the Budget for three years, unless you begin project; it is the completion of the project or three years in the Capital Outlay Budget for three years with no activity. The ordinance that is before you today, Mrs. Bryant said, is only to appropriate monies. She also said that the route in which the money is used, has not been determined.

Answering another question from Mrs. Gage-Watts regarding the letter that was sent out to the residents of Rice Road and Dawson Road, Attorney Frazier stated that the letter does not serve as proof or guarantee of anything. She also explained that if the Commission voted today on not going through Rice Road, the Commission could come back and overturn that vote.

Mr. Linn agreed that there are drainage issues on Dawson Road, but he will not be voting for this ordinance today. He stated that there is already enough money allocated to fix the Dawson Road problems; there is no need to allocate more money.

Mr. Linn also has a concern with the letter that was written to the Dawson Road/Rice Road residents. He stated that one Commissioner cannot represent the whole Commission.

Mr. Johnson explained that the intent of the original motion was to have \$2.5M allocated for the Dawson Road Project based on the feasibility study. He also stated that there was no road identified in the original ordinance or the original motion. Mr. Johnson also explained that this ordinance is to correct the 2015 Budget.

It was **moved by Mr. Epperson**, seconded by Mr. Bowman, to call for the question. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioner Bowman, Dominick, Epperson, Escude, Gage-Watts, Johnson, Smith, and Williams (8). NAYS: Commissioners Baker, Linn, and Thibodeaux (3). ABSENT: Commissioner Cox (1).

At this time, Mr. Epperson's original motion failed, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Bowman, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Johnson, and Williams (5). NAYS: Commissioners Baker, Dominick, Escude, Linn, Smith, and Thibodeaux (6). ABSENT: Commissioner Cox (1).

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Williams, that *Ordinance No. 5493 of 2015, amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the Capital Outlay Fund and the Capital Improvement Fund for the year 2015 to provide an appropriation of \$500,000 to build a new building at the David Raines Center and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be approved. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: Commissioners Baker, Bowman, Dominick, Epperson, Escude, Gage-Watts, Johnson, Linn, Smith, Thibodeaux, and Williams (11). NAYS: None. ABSENT: Commissioner Cox (1).

ORDINANCE NO. 5493 OF 2015

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND AND THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR THE YEAR 2015 TO PROVIDE AN APPROPRIATION OF \$500,000 TO BUILD A NEW BUILDING AT THE DAVID RAINES CENTER AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Special Projects Committee of the Caddo Parish Commission recommended the Commission provide an appropriation of \$500,000 for a new building to replace existing temporary community buildings at the David Raines Center; and

WHEREAS, the existing temporary buildings at David Raines are in extremely bad shape and they do not meet the needs of the Center because they are too small and do not provide enough space for the activities at the Center; and

WHEREAS, the temporary buildings would be replaced with a new 2000 square feet building; and

WHEREAS, the approximate cost to build the new building is \$500,000; and

WHEREAS it is necessary to amend the 2015 Budget to provide an appropriation of \$500,000 to build a new building at the David Raines Center to replace the temporary buildings; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the Capital Outlay Fund and the Capital Improvement Fund for the year 2015 are hereby amended as follows:

	<u>Budget Increase (Decrease)</u>
<u>Capital Outlay Fund</u>	
Facility & Maintenance Projects – David Raines	\$500,000
Transfer from Capital Improvement Fund	\$500,000
<u>Capital Improvement Fund</u>	
Transfer to Capital Outlay Fund	\$500,000
Fund Balance	(\$500,000)

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. Epperson**, seconded by Mr. Dominick, that *Ordinance No. 5494 of 2015, amending the Budget of Estimate Revenues and Expenditures for the Capital Outlay Fund and the Capital Improvement Fund for the year 2015 to provide an appropriation of \$200,000 to construct a new*

parking lot at the Caddo Community Action Agency (CCAA) and to otherwise provide with respect thereto be approved. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Baker, Bowman, Dominick, Epperson, Escude, Gage-Watts, Johnson, Linn, Smith, Thibodeaux, and Williams (11). NAYS: None. ABSENT: Commissioner Cox (1).

ORDINANCE NO. 5494 OF 2015

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND AND THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR THE YEAR 2015 TO PROVIDE AN APPROPRIATION OF \$200,000 TO CONSTRUCT A NEW PARKING LOT AT THE CADDO COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY (CCAA) AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Special Projects Committee of the Caddo Parish Commission recommended the Commission provide an appropriation of \$200,000 to construct a new parking lot at CCAA; and

WHEREAS, the new parking lot will help reduce the overcrowding of the existing parking lots; and

WHEREAS, the approximate cost to construct the new parking lot is \$200,000; and

WHEREAS it is necessary to amend the 2015 Budget to provide an appropriation of \$200,000 to construct a new parking lot at the Caddo Community Action Agency; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the Capital Outlay Fund and the Capital Improvement Fund for the year 2015 are hereby amended as follows:

	<u>Budget Increase (Decrease)</u>
Capital Outlay Fund	
Facility & Maintenance Projects – CCAA	\$200,000
Transfer from Capital Improvement Fund	\$200,000
Capital Improvement Fund	
Transfer to Capital Outlay Fund	\$200,000
Fund Balance	(\$200,000)

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. Dominick**, seconded by Mr. Escude', that *Ordinance No. 5495 of 2015, amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the Capital Outlay Fund in the amount of \$194,822 to increase the appropriation for hot water heaters at the Caddo Correctional Center (CCC) and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be approved. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Baker, Bowman, Dominick, Epperson, Escude, Gage-Watts, Johnson, Linn, Smith, and Thibodeaux (10). NAYS: Commissioner Williams (1). ABSENT: Commissioner Cox (1).

ORDINANCE NO. 5495 OF 2015

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$194,822 TO INCREASE THE APPROPRIATION FOR HOT WATER HEATERS AT THE CADDO CORRECTIONAL CENTER (CCC) AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the 2015 budget includes an appropriation of \$227,887 to replace hot water heaters at CCC; and

WHEREAS, CCC has five existing domestic hot water heaters that were installed in 2002 and provide all of the domestic hot water to the entire facility on a 24 hour basis; and

WHEREAS, two of the hot water heaters are completely down and beyond repair, another one requires various repairs on a weekly basis, and the remaining two are old and not reliable; and

WHEREAS, because of the poor condition of the hot water heaters, it is necessary to replace all five hot water heaters and \$227,887 is not adequate to cover the anticipated costs to replace the hot water heaters; and

WHEREAS, an additional \$194,822 is needed to cover the estimated costs to replace the hot water heaters; and

WHEREAS, the following projects for CCC have been completed but have remaining balances that can be used to fund the additional amount needed to purchase the new hot water heaters; and

Rebuild Pumps	\$ 4,155
Energy Performance Contract	2,811
Rescue Unit – Sewer Chewer	1,909
Convection Ovens	5,596
Shower Restorations	37,563
Re-grout Tile	17,788
Roof Replacement	<u>125,000</u>
	\$194,822

WHEREAS it is necessary to amend the 2015 Budget to provide an appropriation of \$194,822 to replace the hot water heaters at CCC; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the Capital Outlay Fund for the year 2015 is hereby amended as follows:

	<u>Budget Increase (Decrease)</u>
<u>Capital Outlay Fund</u>	
CCC Hot Water Heater Project	\$194,822
Facility & Maintenance Projects – CCC	(\$194,822)

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. Bowman**, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, that *Ordinance No. 5496 of 2015, 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* be approved. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Baker, Bowman, Dominick, Epperson, Escude, Gage-Watts, Johnson, Linn, Smith, Thibodeaux, and Williams (11). NAYS: None. ABSENT: Commissioner Cox (1).

ORDINANCE NO. 5496 OF 2015

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING CERTAIN ADJUDICATED PROPERTIES TO BE SURPLUS AND TO AUTHORIZE THE PARISH ADMINISTRATOR, OR A DESIGNEE, TO SELL THE PARISH OF CADDO'S TAX INTEREST IN CERTAIN SURPLUS ADJUDICATED PROPERTIES, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the hereinbelow described properties are no longer needed for public purposes and should be declared surplus properties; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo has received offers to purchase its tax interest in the hereinbelow described properties as indicated below.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that the hereinbelow described properties are no longer needed for public purposes and are surplus properties.

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo has a tax interest in the hereinbelow described properties which have been adjudicated for the non-payment of Parish property taxes; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby authorize the sale of its tax interest in the hereinbelow described properties.

Property No. 1, Lot 72, Subn. Of 79.33 acrs in SE Cor. Of Sec. 12(18-16), a subdivision of Caddo Parish, Louisiana as per plat recorded in the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, LA (GEO #181612-002-0072)

Property No. 2, 0.309 Ac. M/L- A tract of land in Lot 3 of fractional Sec, 5(23-16), Per Assrs. Country Plat, a subdivision of Caddo Parish, Louisiana as per plat recorded in the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, LA (GEO #231605-000-0020)

Property No. 3, 0.691 Ac. M/L- A tract of land in Lot 3 of fractional Sec, 5(23-16), Per Assrs. Country Plat a subdivision of Caddo Parish, Louisiana as per plat recorded in the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, LA (GEO #231605-000-0021)

Property No. 4, Lot 80 Hotchkiss Sub., a subdivision in the City of Shreveport of Caddo Parish, Louisiana as per plat recorded in the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, LA (GEO #181435-101-0080)

Property No. 5: Lot 81 Hotchkiss Sub., a subdivision in the City of Shreveport of Caddo Parish, Louisiana as per plat recorded in the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, LA (GEO #181435-101-0081)

Property No. 6, Lot 79 Hotchkiss, a subdivision in the City of Shreveport of Caddo Parish, Louisiana as per plat recorded in the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, LA (GEO #181435-101-0079)

Property No. 7, All of block 26 & adjacent ½ Abandoned Foster & LaSalle Streets, Manchester Addn., a subdivision in the City of Shreveport of Caddo Parish, Louisiana as per plat recorded in the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, LA (GEO #181426-028-0021)

Property No. 8, Lot 1 & E/2 of Lot 2, Blk. 4, Parkhurst Addition, a subdivision in the City of Shreveport of Caddo Parish, Louisiana as per plat recorded in the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, LA (GEO #171415-035-0041)

Property No. 9, Lot 17, Blk 2, Home Gardens Sub., a subdivision in the City of Shreveport of Caddo Parish, Louisiana as per plat recorded in the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, LA (GEO #171426-038-0017)

Property No. 10, Lot 16, Blk2, Home Gardens Sub., a subdivision in the City of Shreveport of Caddo Parish, Louisiana as per plat recorded in the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, LA (GEO #171426-038-0016)

Property No. 11: Lot 13, Blk 2, Home Gardens Sub., a subdivision in the City of Shreveport of Caddo Parish, Louisiana as per plat recorded in the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, LA (GEO #171426-038-0013)

Property No. 12: Lots 14 & 15, Blk H, Holly Park Sub., a subdivision in the City of Shreveport of Caddo Parish, Louisiana as per plat recorded in the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, LA (GEO #171414-010-0033)

Property No. 13: Lots 29 & 30, Blk 7, Dixie Place Annex, a subdivision in the City of Shreveport of Caddo Parish, Louisiana as per plat recorded in the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, LA (GEO #171424-074-0046)

Property No. 14: Lot 27 Cedar Gardens Sub, a subdivision in the City of Shreveport of Caddo Parish, Louisiana as per plat recorded in the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, LA (GEO #171330-037-0027)

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Caddo Parish Administrator, or his designee, shall be authorized to do any and all things and to sign any and all documents, including Acts of Cash Sale, in a form acceptable to the Caddo Parish Attorney necessary to effectuate the purposes set forth herein.

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

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after publication in the official journal.

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

ZONING ORDINANCES (For introduction by title)

- Ordinance No. 5498 of 2015 in regards to Zoning Case P-11-15, amending existing ordinance stipulations of zoning approval for property located on the south side of Southern Loop, 1169 ft. west of Norris Ferry Road, Caddo Parish, LA, Harder's Property, LLC, Applicant, Zoned B-2-E, Neighborhood Business/Extended Use District Limited To "Retail Development"
- Ordinance No. 5499 of 2015 in regards to Zoning Case P-13-15, amending the zoning of property located in the NW corner of East Flournoy Lucas Road and East Kings Highway, Caddo Parish, LA, Christopher Walls Applicant, from R-A, Residence-Agriculture District, To B-3, Community Business District with site plan approval.

ORDINANCES (For introduction by title)

- Ordinance No. 5501 of 2015, to close and abandon an access dedication located in Doss Point Subdivision in the Parish of Caddo
- Ordinance No. 5502 of 2015, regarding the sale and use of fireworks in Caddo Parish
- Ordinance No. 5503 of 2015, to merge precinct #137 and #164 (District 2) and merge precinct #042 and #081 (District 2), Caddo Parish, LA
- Ordinance No. 5504 of 2015, to deem property surplus and authorize the sale of surplus property owned by the Parish of Caddo
- Ordinance No. 5405 of 2015, amending the budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the Economic Development Fund for the year 2015 to provide an appropriation of \$25,000 for the 2015 Red River Classic

It was **moved by Mr. Linn**, seconded by Mr. Dominick, that the *Work Session Minutes of July 20th, 2015* be approved. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Baker, Bowman, Dominick, Johnson, Linn, Smith, Thibodeaux, and Williams (8). NAYS: Commissioner Gage-Watts (1). ABSENT: Commissioners Cox, Epperson, and Escude (3).

RESOLUTIONS

It was **moved by Mr. Dominick**, seconded by Mr. Williams, to *amend Resolution No. 43 of 2015 to relocate and consolidate polling place for Precinct No. 145 from Fire District #7, Substation #2, 12821 Adger Road, Gilliam, LA to Gilliam Village Hall, 12815 Main Street, Gilliam, LA, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.*

Mr. Dominick stated that he asked Mr. Kevin Lawrence, Facilities and Maintenance, to conduct a study to see which place was better suited for the polling place. Mr. Lawrence's recommendation was to move it to the Gilliam Village Hall because it is bigger.

At this time, Mr. Dominick's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Baker, Bowman, Dominick, Gage-Watts, Johnson, Linn, Smith, Thibodeaux, and Williams (9). NAYS: None. ABSENT: Commissioners Cox, Epperson, and Escude (3).

RESOLUTION NO. 43 of 2015

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION TO RELOCATE AND CONSOLIDATE POLLING PLACE FOR PRECINCT NO. 145 FROM FIRE DISTRICT #7, SUBSTATION #2, 12821 ADGER ROAD, GILLIAM, LA TO GILLIAM VILLAGE HALL, 12815 MAIN STREET, GILLIAM, LA, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the established polling location for Precinct No. 145 is located at Caddo Fire District #7, Substation #2, 12821 Adger Road, Gilliam, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Gilliam Village Hall, 12815 Main Street, Gilliam, Louisiana is available and will be serving as the polling place for Precinct No. 154; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Election Code mandates that the parish governing authority locate, to the extent possible, multiple precincts in a polling location if multiple polling places in the same location is efficient, cost-effective, and convenient to voters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby change the polling location for Precinct No. 145 from Caddo Fire District #7, Substation #2, 12821 Adger Road, Gilliam, Louisiana, therefore consolidating precincts 145 and 154 to one location located at Gilliam Village Hall, 12815 Main Street, Gilliam, Louisiana..

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby correct the polling location for Precinct 145 and 154 to reflect Gilliam Village Hall, 12815 Main Street, Gilliam, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that notice of this change shall be published in the official journal of the parish in accordance with La.R.S. 18:535.

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

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

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

It was **moved by Mr. Dominick**, seconded by Mr. Williams, that *Resolution No. 44 of 2015, a resolution authorizing the request of special exemptions to the requirement of LSA-R.S. 18:532 that no precinct shall contain less than 300 registered active voters within its geographical boundaries by the Secretary Of State, and otherwise providing with respect thereto* be approved.

A substitute motion was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Williams, to *englobe Resolution No. 44 of 2015, Resolution No. 45 of 2015, Resolution No. 46 of 2015, and Resolution No. 47 of 2015. Motion carried*, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Baker, Bowman, Dominick, Gage-Watts, Johnson, Linn, Smith, Thibodeaux, and Williams (9). NAYS: None. ABSENT: Commissioners Cox, Epperson, and Escude (3).

RESOLUTION NO. 44 OF 2015

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REQUEST OF SPECIAL EXEMPTIONS TO THE REQUIREMENT OF LSA-R.S. 18:532 THAT NO PRECINCT SHALL CONTAINL LESS THAN 300 REGISTERED ACTIVE VOTERS WITHIN ITS GEOGRAPHICAL BOUNDARIES BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, a canvass of precincts in Caddo Parish for 2015 identified precincts with less than 300 registered voters in Caddo Parish; and

WHEREAS, Precinct No. 28 in District 3 shows less than a total population of 300 registered active voters, has previously been consolidated with Precinct No. 67, is in a low income area where many voters walk to polls and has previously been exempt from the requirement of further merger; and

WHEREAS, Precinct No. 145 in District 1 shows less than a total population of 300 registered active voters, is in a geographically isolated area and has previously been exempt from the requirement of merger; and

WHEREAS, Precinct No. 151 in District 1 shows less than a total population of 300 registered active voters, is wholly within the town of Hosston which is comprised of one precinct and has previously been exempt from the requirement of merger; and

WHEREAS, Precinct No. 154 in District 1 shows less than a total population of 300 registered active voters, is wholly within the town of Gilliam which is comprised of one precinct and has previously been exempt from the requirement of merger; and

WHEREAS, Precinct No. 155 in District 1 shows less than a total population of 300 registered active voters, is wholly within the town of Belcher which is comprised of one precinct and has previously been exempt from the requirement of merger; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the voters in these precincts that the request be made to the Secretary of State to continue their current exemptions from the requirement of merger.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby authorize the Registrar of Voters of Caddo Parish to seek continued exemption from merger for Precinct Nos. 28, 145, 151, 154, and 155.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Registrar of Voters or his designee shall be authorized to do any and all things necessary to implement, maintain and/or review all documents, and to execute any and all documents in a form acceptable to the Caddo Parish Attorney necessary to effectuate the purposes set forth herein.

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.

RESOLUTION NO. 45 OF 2015

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE HOLDING OF AN ELECTION IN CADDO PARISH FIRE DISTRICT NUMBER EIGHT, STATE OF LOUISIANA, ON SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 2016, TO AUTHORIZE THE RENEWAL OF A SERVICE CHARGE AND THE RENEWAL OF A SPECIAL TAX THEREIN.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Caddo Parish Fire District Number Eight, State of Louisiana, (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Caddo Parish Fire District Number Eight, State of Louisiana, (the "District"), adopted a resolution on July 21, 2015, calling a special election in the District on Saturday, March 5, 2016, to authorize the renewal of a service charge and a renewal of a special tax therein; and

WHEREAS, the governing authority of the District has requested that this Caddo Parish Commission (the "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, continue to the levy and collect the service charge and continue 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 this Commission to approve the holding of said election and in the event that the election carries, continue to levy and collect the service charge and continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein;

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

SECTION 1. In compliance with the provisions of Article VI, Section 15 of the constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, and in accordance with the request of the Board of Commissioners of Caddo Parish Fire District Number Eight, State of Louisiana, this Commission hereby approves the holding of an election in the District, on Saturday, March 5, 2016, at which election there will be submitted the following propositions, to-wit:

SERVICE CHARGE PROPOSITION
(RENEWAL)

Shall Caddo Parish Fire District Number Eight, State of Louisiana (the "District"), be authorized to collect a service charge in an amount not to exceed \$75.00 per annum for each residential or commercial structure for a term not to exceed ten years, commencing January 1, 2020 (an estimated \$231,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the service charge for an entire year), for fire protection services, to be assessed on persons owning each such structure, whether occupied or unoccupied, located wholly or partly within the boundaries of the District?

MAINTENANCE TAX PROPOSITION
(RENEWAL)

Shall Caddo Parish Fire District Number Eight, State of Louisiana (the "District"), continue to levy a four (4) mills tax on all property subject to taxation in said District for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2019 and ending with the year 2028 (an estimated \$182,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, improving, maintaining and/or operating the District's fire protection facilities and obtaining water for fire protection purposes, and to the extent permitted by law, acquiring, constructing, improving, maintaining and/or operating emergency medical facilities?

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

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

YEAS: Baker, Bowman, Dominick, Escude, Johnson, Linn, Smith, Thibodeaux, and Williams (10)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSENT: Cox and Epperson (2)

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 23rd day of July, 2015.

_____/s/Todd Hopkins
Clerk

_____/s/Lyndon B. Johnson
President

RESOLUTION NO. 46 OF 2015

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CADDO PARISH ADMINISTRATOR TO EXPLORE OPPORTUNITIES TO MAXIMIZE PARISH REVENUES, SEEK A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONSULTANT TO AID IN SUCH EFFORT AND EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR SUCH PURPOSES, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Parish Commission desires, for the benefit of the residents and electors of the Parish, to authorize the Parish Commission President to explore opportunities to maximize Parish revenues, seek a professional services consultant to aid in such effort and execute an Agreement for such purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that the Caddo Parish Commission President to explore opportunities to maximize parish revenues, seek a professional services consultant to aid in such effort and execute an agreement for such purposes.

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

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 47 of 2015

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION

A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF DONNA FRAZIER, CADDO PARISH ATTORNEY, TO CONGRATULATE HER FOR BEING ELECTED AS CHAIR OF THE STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT SECTION OF THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, Donna Frazier, Caddo Parish Attorney, has been elected Chair of the State and Local Government Section of the American Bar Association for the 2015-2016 bar year; and

WHEREAS, the American Bar Association is the largest voluntary association of attorneys in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Attorney Frazier is the first African-American female selected as Caddo Parish Attorney; and

WHEREAS, Attorney Frazier will be the first Louisiana attorney to chair the Section of State and Local Government Law of the American Bar Association.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Caddo Parish Commission, in due, regular and legal session convened, that the Caddo Parish Commission recognizes Attorney Donna Frazier for becoming the first Louisiana attorney to serve as the chair of the American Bar Association's Section of State and Local Government Law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Caddo Parish Commission wishes Attorney Frazier much success during her year as chair of the State and Local Government Section.

NEW BUSINESS

It was **moved by Mr. Smith**, seconded by Mr. Williams, that the *reappointment of Mr. Billy Montgomery as joint Caddo, Bossier, City of Shreveport, and City of Bossier City appointment, to the Shreveport-Bossier Sports Commission, term to expire July 28, 2017* be approved. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Baker, Bowman, Dominick, Escude, Gage-Watts, Johnson, Linn, Smith, Thibodeaux, and Williams (10). NAYS: None. ABSENT: Commissioners Cox and Epperson (2).

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Williams, that the *appointment of Mr. Curtis Williams, to replace Mr. Larry Dale Jackson, term to expire September 11, 2017, and appointment of Ms. Ana Bohorquez to fill vacant seat, term to expire September 11, 2019*, be approved. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Baker, Bowman, Dominick, Escude, Gage-Watts, Johnson, Linn, Smith, Thibodeaux, and Williams (10). NAYS: None. ABSENT: Commissioners Cox and Epperson (2).

It was **moved by Mr. Dominick**, seconded by Mr. Williams, that the *reappointment of Mrs. Brenda D. Smith, term to expire July 1, 2021, and Mr. Kenneth Clay, term to expire July 10, 2021, to the North Caddo Hospital Service Board of Trustees* be approved. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Baker, Bowman, Dominick, Escude, Gage-Watts, Johnson, Linn, Smith, Thibodeaux, and Williams (10). NAYS: None. ABSENT: Commissioners Cox and Epperson (2).

It was **moved by Mr. Williams**, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to *increase the spending cap for materials to repair homes with major damage to \$16,500, along with allowing homeowners to do work themselves with materials purchased and a liability waiver; and add appliances to list of building items for flood victims* be approved. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Baker, Bowman, Dominick, Gage-Watts, Johnson, Linn, Smith, Thibodeaux, and Williams (9). NAYS: Commissioner Escude (1). ABSENT: Commissioners Cox and Epperson (2).

It was **moved by Mrs. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Bowman, to *recognize the month of July as "Sarcoma Month"*. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES:

Commissioners Baker, Bowman, Dominick, Escude, Gage-Watts, Johnson, Linn, Smith, Thibodeaux, and Williams (10). NAYS: None. ABSENT: Commissioners Cox and Epperson (2).

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Williams that the *Commission will convene into Executive Session to discuss the litigation to which Caddo Parish is a party, specifically First Judicial District Court case numbers 582,733 and 583,388* be approved. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Baker, Bowman, Dominick, Escude, Gage-Watts, Johnson, Smith, Thibodeaux, and Williams (9). NAYS: None. ABSENT: Commissioners Cox, Epperson, and Linn (3).

There being no further business to come before the body, the meeting was adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

Lyndon Johnson
President

Todd Hopkins
Commission Clerk