WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 4, 2023

BOARD MEETING

BE IT REMEMBERED on the 4th day of December 2023 at 9:00 A. M., and being the time designated by law for the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors, the said board meeting was held as provided by Chapter, 3, Title 19 of Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated. The Board met at the Washington County Courthouse in Greenville, Mississippi at the time designated for the purpose of transacting such business as might properly come before it; there being present the following:

Lee Gordon Member, First District, Vice President

Tommy Benson Member, Second District

Carl McGee Member, Third District, President

Mala Brooks Member, Fourth District
Jerry Redmond Member, Fifth District

Willie Griffin Board Attorney

Chelesa Carter County Administrator Office

Lorenzo Anderson County Engineer Marilyn Hansell Chancery Clerk

Milton Gaston Sheriff

Billy Barber Chief Deputy Sheriff

The meeting was called to order by President Carl McGee. The opening prayer was by Roy Johnson, Planning Department. All present said the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and the meeting was officially opened by the Deputy Sheriff.

- (1) IN RE: ORDER TO CONSIDER AND ACCEPT AGENDA WITH ADDITIONS FOR DECEMBER 4, 2023 ADDED: BROADBAND, JUSTIN BURCH MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND
- (2) IN RE: ORDER APPROVING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 20, 28, 2023 MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND DIRECTING THE PRESIDENT AND CLERK OF THE BOARD TO SIGN SAME. MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

DAVID BURFORD, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR PRESENTED THE E-911 EXPENDITURES

(3) IN RE: ORDER APPROVING THE E911 NOVEMBER 2023 EXPENDITURES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$28,099.88 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

(4) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING DAVID BURFORD, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR THE 2024 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT AND AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD TO SIGN SAME MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

LORENZO ANDERSON, COUNTY ENGINEER, PRESENTED THE BOARD AN UPDATE ON THE FURR ROAD AND CLUB 17 PROJECTS AND HIS MONTHLY REPORT

MARK JOHNSON, ASSISTANT ROAD MANAGER PRESENTED THE MONTHLY REPORT AND A REQUEST TO ADVERTISE FOR NEW GARBAGE TRUCKS AND PAVER

- (5) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CLERK OF THE BOARD TO ADVERTISE NOTICE TO BIDDERS FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE OR MORE AUTOMATED SIDE LOADING REFUSE COLLECTION GARBAGE TRUCKS FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND,
- (6) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CLERK OF THE BOARD TO ADVERTISE NOTICE TO BIDDERS FOR THE PURCHASE OF A PAVER FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

ROY JOHNSON, PLANNING DEPARTMENT PRESENTED THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

ELOISE BROOKS, JUSTICE COURT CLERK, PRESENTED HER MONTHLY REPORT

TERRY GALES, VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER PRESENTED HIS MONTHLY REPORT

LAUR R. MOORE, COUNTY PATROL OFFICER, PRESENTED HER MONTHLY REPORT

JEREMY SMITH, BUILDING AND GROUNDS DIRECTOR PRESENTED QUOTES FOR DRAPES, AIR CONDITIONING UNIT FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER. FEE SCHEDULE FOR RENTAL OF COUNTY BUILDINGS

- (7) IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING THE LOW QUOTE FRANKLIN DESIGNS, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,982.05 FOR STAGE DRAPES FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER ARENA MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND
- (8) IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING THE LOW QUOTE BOWLIN HEATING & A/C, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,242.00 TO REPLACE THE 4-TON AIR UNIT FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER ARENA MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

DAPHANIE ABNEY

(9) IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING THE SERVING OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER, DECEMBER 9, 2023 BY DAPHANIE ABNEY FOR WEDDING RECEPTION MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY

SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND, NAY-GORDON

EVERETT CHINN, GREENVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

- (10) IN RE: ORDER APPROVING THE REQUEST OF THE GREENVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR USE OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER FOR THE FOLLOWING DATES: May 21, 2024-Webb Prep Kindergarten Ceremony; May 22-24, 2024-Greenville High School Graduation Practice; May 22, 2024-Greenville High School Senior Picnic (Pavilion); May 23, 2024-Greenville High School Graduation Set-up MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND
- (11) IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING THE USE OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER BY DLUMPS EDUCATIONAL SPORTS DRAMA JANUARY 14, 2024 FOR A BANQUET, AT NO FEE MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

JUSTIN BURCH, ECONOMIC ALLIANCE PRESENTED UPDATES

SUPERVISOR MALA BROOKS COMMENTED ON STATEMENTS MADE BY JUSTIN BURCH RELATED TO BROADBAND FUNDING AND RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD RECESS TO MEET WITH MIKE ESPY AND REACH OUT TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO HAVE A REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT FOR DECEMBER 15, 2023 RECESSED MEETING

(12) IN RE: ORDER ADDING PAFFORD AMBULANCE TO THE DECEMBER 4, 2023 AGENDA MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

MARK SEARD, TAX ASSESSOR PRESENTED PETITION TO INCREASE ASSESSMENT

(13) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT AND CLERK OF THE BOARD TO SIGN NOTICE TO INCREASE THE ASSESSMENT OF REAL/PERSONAL PROPERTY ASSESSED TO CONTOUR AIRLINES PARCEL# 99990174 PPIN NO. 11425, DUE TO AN ERRONEOUS ASSESSMENT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

SUPERVISOR MALA BROOKS

(14) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING DONATION OF \$200,000 TO PAFFORD AMBULANCE SERVICES FROM ARPA FUNDS MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND, NAY- MCGEE, GORDON

IRIS STACKER, CEO, DELTA HEALTH SYSTEM PRESENTED QUARTERLY REPORT

ANDREW SMITH, ARPA CONSULTANT

- (15) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT NO. 4 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$91,437.50 TO TIMBO CONSTRUCTION, INC., FOR THE CHAMBERS MIDDLE SCHOOL GYM RENOVATIONS PROJECT, SUBJECT TO RECEIPT OF CHECK AUTHORIZATION FORM MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND
- (16) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING REIMBURSEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$36,935.70 TO THE CITY OF HOLLANDALE FOR EXPENSES PAID FOR EMERGENCY WATER LINE REHABILITATION THROUGH ARPA SUB-RECEIPIENT AGREEMENT FOR SAID WORK UPON RECEIPT OF ALL APPLICABLE DOCUMENTATION AND ARPA CHECK AUTHORIZATION FORM MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND
- (17) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING REIMBURSEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$34,500.00 TO THE CITY OF HOLLANDALE FOR EXPENSES PAID FOR EMERGENCY FIRE HYDRANT REPLACEMENT THROUGH ARPA SUB-RECEIPIENT AGREEMENT FOR SAID WORK UPON RECEIPT OF ALL APPLICABLE DOCUMENTATION AND ARPA CHECK AUTHORIZATION FORM MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND
- (18) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$300,000.00 TO THE GOLDEN ACRES WATER WELL ASSOCIATION FOR WATER WELL IMPROVEMENTS COMPLETED BY MID-SOUTH WATER, LLC, INSPECTED /APPROVED AND SUBMITTED BY HOOKER ENGINEERING (\$150,000 MATCHED BY MDEQ-MCWI) MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYEMCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND
- (19) IN RE: ORDER ESTABLISHING THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR CRITICAL HOUSING DEFICIENCIES (REHABILITATION AND/OR RECONSTRUCTION); AUTHORIZING THE ARPA CONSULTANT TO PROCEED WITH THE NECESSARY POLICIES, DOCUMENTS AND FORMS REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT SAID PROGRAM; AND AUTHORIZE NECESSARY PUBLICATIONS MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND
- (20) IN RE: ORDER ADDING FREDDIE HALL TO THE DECEMBER 4, 2023 AGENDA MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND
- BE IT KNOWN: FREDDIE HALL APPEARED BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REQUESTING THAT HIS INSURANCE COMPANY BE CONSIDERED FOR BOND RENEWALS. SUPERVISOR MALA BROOKS EXPRESSED THAT HER BOND WAS OBTAINED FROM MR. HALL'S INSURANCE COMPANY AND THAT SHE WOULD STAY WITH HER CURRENT BONDING COMPANY. THERE WAS NO ACTION TAKEN.
- (21) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT AND CLERK OF THE BOARD TO SIGN CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH BRIDGERS AND GOODMAN FOR THE FISCAL YEARS 2023 AND 2024 AUDITS MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

- (22) IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING CLAIMS <u>241177</u> THROUGH <u>241327</u> IN THE AMOUNT OF \$469,919.83 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, REDMOND, BROOKS, GORDON, ABSENT- BENSON
- (23) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF WARRANTS TO COVER BI-WEEKLY PAYROLLS AND MONTHLY PAYROLLS FOR DECEMBER 2023 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYEMCGEE, REDMOND, BROOKS, GORDON, ABSENT-BENSON
- (24) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF WARRANTS TO MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC ENTITY EMPLOYEE BENEFIT TRUST AND HIGHMARK LIFE INSURANCE FOR COUNTY'S SHARE OF INSURANCE IN DECEMBER 2023 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, REDMOND, BROOKS, GORDON, ABSENT- BENSON
- (25) IN RE: ORDER TRANSFERRING ONE-HALF OF HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE TAXES TO MUNICIPALITIES OF THE COUNTY FOR DECEMBER 2023 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYEMCGEE, REDMOND, BROOKS, GORDON, ABSENT-BENSON
- (26) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BONDS AND INTEREST DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2023 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, REDMOND, BROOKS, GORDON, ABSENT- BENSON
- (27) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CHANCERY CLERK TO ISSUE WARRANTS FOR RENTAL OF POST OFFICE BOXES AND FOR POSTAGE AND POSTAGE TAPE FOR POSTAGE MACHINES OF THE COUNTY AND SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND ANY OTHER ACTION FOR OPERATION OF POSTAL SERVICE FOR MONTH OF DECEMBER 2023 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, REDMOND, BROOKS, GORDON, ABSENT- BENSON
- (28) IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING TRAVEL FOR COUNTY OFFICIALS TO ATTEND THE 2024 NACO LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE FEBRUARY 9-14, 2024, IN WASHINGTON, DC, AT ESTIMATED COST OF \$6,000 AND USE OF THE COUNTY CREDIT CARD MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND
- (29) IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING TRAVEL FOR MARVIN GRIFFIN AND NIESHA MCCRAY TO ATTEND A GRANT IMPLEMENTATION TRAINING, DECEMBER 18, 2023 IN CANTON, MS AT ESTIMATED COST OF \$1,000 TO BE PAID THROUGH GRANT FUNDS AS REQUESTED BY JUDGE VERNITA KING JOHNSON MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND
- (30) IN RE: ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,333.33 TO ANDREW L. SMITH FOR MONTHLY COMPLIANCE GENERAL SERVICES PERFORMED FOR THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND, NAY-GORDON

- (31) IN RE: ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,500 TO ANDREW L. SMITH FOR MONTHLY GRANT CONSULTING SERVICES MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND, NAY-GORDON
- (32) IN RE: ORDER APPROVING 2ND QUARTER FUNDS TO TAX ASSESSOR, TAX COLLECTOR, SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND WASHINGTON COUNTY REGIONAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITY FOR THE 2023-2024 FISCAL YEAR MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYEMCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND
- (33) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CLERK OF THE BOARD TO ADVERTISE NOTICE TO BIDDERS FOR THE FOLLOWING: 12 MONTHS SUPPLIES FOR THE ROAD DEPARTMENT, PUBLICATION OF THE BOARD'S MINUTES, COUNTY DEPOSITORIES AND TRANSPORTATION OF COMPOSED/DECOMPOSED BODIES MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYEMCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

MARILYN HANSELL, CHANCERY CLERK

- (34) IN RE: ORDER APPROVING BONDS FOR THE WESTERN LINE SCHOOL DISTRICT: Lawrence Hudson-Superintendent & Purchasing Agent; James Dante Johnson-Assistant Superintendent; Lashanda Vance Cousin-Principal; Tannica Ervin-High School Principal; Constance Williams-Elementary School Principal; Shawneequa Beal-High School Principal; Glenda Ketchum-Chief Financial Officer MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (BOOK Y PAGES 222-239)
- (35) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING COPYING CERTAIN DOCUMENTS INTO THE MINUTES OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYEMCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND
- (36) IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING COUNTY OFFICIALS REPORTS MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYEMCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

BILLY BARBER, CHIEF DEPUTY

(37) IN RE: ORDER SPREADING ACROSS THE MINUTES THE MEAL LOG FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY REGIONAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITY MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

BE IT KNOWN: THE SWEARING-IN OF NEWLY ELECTED WASHINGTON COUNTY OFFICIALS WIL BE HELD DECEMBER 28, 2023 AT 10:00 A.M. IN THE LARGE CIRCUIT COURTROOM

SUPERVISOR JERRY REDMOND

BE IT KNOWN: SUPERVISOR JERRY REDMOND PRESENTED A LETTER FROM THE CITY OF HOLLANDALE REQUEDTING ASSISTANCE FROM THE COUNTY WITH REMOVING TWO (2) DILAPIDATED STRUCTURES. NO ACTION TAKEN

- 38) IN RE: ORDER GOING INTO CLOSED DETERMINATION TO CONSIDER GOING INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND
- (39) IN RE: ORDER TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS AND A PERSONNEL MATTER MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND
- (40) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING ADVERTISING FOR REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR A STRUCTURAL ENGINEER TO MAKE AN ASSESSMENT OF THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE BUILDING (PARCEL NO. 10550200000 PPIN#10805-W. ALEXANDER) MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYEMCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND
- (41) IN RE: ORDER TO LEAVE EXECUTIVE SESSION, WITH NO ACTION TAKEN MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND
- (42) IN RE: ORDER RECESSING MEETING UNTIL DECEMBER 15, 2023 AT 10:00 A.M. FOR BROADBAND DISCUSSIONS WITH MIKE ESPY MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

CARL MCGEE, PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

MARILYN HANSELL, CLERK BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY