

**WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**MINUTES OF AUGUST 17, 2020**

**BOARD MEETING**

Monday, August 17, 2020 at 9:00 A. M., the Board of Supervisors of Washington County, Mississippi, met pursuant to recess, there being all members present, except Supervisor Tommy Benson was absent. The meeting was called to order by President Carl McGee. The opening prayer was by Supervisor Carl McGee. All present said the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and the meeting was officially opened by the Deputy Sheriff.

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**IN RE: ORDER TO CONSIDER AND ACCEPT AGENDA AS AMENDED FOR AUGUST 17, 2020**

- *Added: Social Media, Eric Schuster, Napanee Road, Barry Skelton Lawsuit, Solar Project, recording during meetings, Attorney's Update*
- *Remove: Andrew Smith(Minority Caucus)-Agenda Item #8*

***MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, AYE-GORDON, REDMOND, MCGEE, BROOKS, ABSENT- BENSON (1)***

**IN RE: ORDER APPROVING MINUTES OF AUGUST 3, 2020 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND DIRECTING THE PRESIDENT AND CLERK OF THE BOARD TO SIGN SAME *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, AYE-GORDON, REDMOND, MCGEE, NAY-BROOKS, ABSENT- BENSON (2)***

*BE IT KNOWN: SUPERVISOR MALA BROOKS EXPRESSED CONCERNS REGARDING SOCIAL MEDIA, RECORDING DURING MEETINGS AND THE USE OF THE NAME "WASHINGTON COUNTY AUDITOR" ON FACEBOOK. MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS TO MOVE ALL MEDIA EQUIPMENT FROM THE MEETING ROOM, DIED DUE TO TIE VOTE: AYE-REDMOND, BROOKS, NAY-MCGEE, GORDON, ABSENT-BENSON*

**IN RE: ORDER DIRECTING THE BOARD ATTORNEY TO SEND A CERTIFIED LETTER TO THOMAS (TOMMY) TATUM TO CEASE AND DESIST USING THE NAME WASHINGTON COUNTY AUDITOR ON FACEBOOK *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, AYE-BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, NAY- GORDON, ABSENT- BENSON (3)***

*DAVID BURFORD, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR*

**IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING A QUOTE FROM DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$45,396.88 FOR MAPPING SYSTEM, AS REQUESTED BY DAVID BURFORD EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, AYE-BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, GORDON, ABSENT- BENSON (4)***

*DANIEL HOOKER, FLOODPLAIN MANAGER REGARDING WASHINGTON COUNY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PLAN AND THREE (3) VIOLATIONS*

**IN RE: ORDER DIRECTING BOARD ATTORNEY TO SEEK AN ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OPINION REGARDING WHETHER WASHINGTON COUNTY CAN BE COMPELLED TO USE LOCAL TAXPAYER FUNDS TO PAY THE COST OF MITIGATION TO PRIVATELY OWNED PROPERTIES BUILT BELOW THE BASE FLOOD EVALUATION FOR THE FOLLOWING PROPERTIES: 3802 HWY 82 EAST, 14 MEADOW WOOD DRIVE AND 3864 HIGHWAY 82 (3) MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, AYE-BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, NAY- GORDON, ABSENT- BENSON (5)**

*LORENZO ANDERSON, COUNTY ENGINEER REQUESTING PERMISSION TO SEEK QUOTES FOR NAPANEE AND WILMOT ROAD BRIDGE REPAIRS*

**IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING COUNTY ENGINEER, LORENZO ANDERSON TO SEEK QUOTES FOR WILMOT ROAD BRIDGE REPAIRS) MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, AYE-BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, GORDON, ABSENT- BENSON (6)**

**IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING COUNTY ENGINEER, LORENZO ANDERSON TO SEEK QUOTES FOR NAPANEE ROAD BRIDGE REPAIRS MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, AYE-BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, GORDON, ABSENT- BENSON (7)**

*WILL COPPAGE, WASHINGTON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE DIRECTOR REPORTED ON A PROMOTION FOR RETAILERS AND RESTURANTS, THE WORKFORCE TRAINING AND THE CLOSING OF STEIN MART*

*TIM JOHNSON OF IONE BENEFITS REQUESTING INFORMATION ON COUNTY EMPLOYEES REGARDING INSURANCE COVERAGE*

**IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING COUNTY ADMINSTRATOR, CHELESA CARTER TO RELEASE AND PROVIDE SUMMARY INSURANCE INFORMATION TO iONE BENEFITS GROUP REGARDING COUNTY EMPLOYEES MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, AYE-BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, NAY- GORDON, ABSENT- BENSON (8)**

*JOBYNA FRANCE AND BOBBY WATTINGTON, TWIN COUNTY ELECTRIC POWER ASSOCIATION REQUESTING USE OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY MULTIPLEX BUILDING CENTER*

**IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING USE OF THE SOUTH WASHINGTON COUNTY MULTIPLEX BUILDING BY TWIN COUNTY ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION OCTOBER 20, 2020 FOR ANNUAL MEETING MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, AYE-BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, GORDON, ABSENT- BENSON (9)**

*BE IT KNOWN: THE PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE TAYPAYER OBJECTIONS TO THE REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT ROLLS IS CANCELLED DUE TO ALL CLAIMS BEING SETTLED*

*BE IT KNOWN: ERIC SCHUSTER RAISED CONCERNS REGARDING A BRIDGE THAT WAS BUILT AND TORN DOWN IN DISTRICT 3*

*BE IT KNOWN: BOARD ATTORNEY WILLIE GRIFFIN DISCUSSED MODIFYING THE LANGUAGE IN THE TOBACCO FREE ORDINANCE; INFORMED THE BOARD THAT WASHINGTON COUNTY WILL BE IN COURT NEXT WEEK WITH THE BARRY SKELTON CASE*

*SUPERVISOR MALA BROOKS DISCUSSED AVAILABILITY BROADBAND FUNDING*

**IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING TRAVEL FOR SUPERVISOR MALA BROOKS TO MEET WITH THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSIONER TO IDENTIFY BROADBAND FUNDING OPTIONS FOR THE COUNTY *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, AYE-BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, GORDON, ABSENT-BENSON (10)***

*CHELESA CARTER, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR PRESENTED HER BI-WEEKLY REPORT*

**IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING CLAIMS 149022 THROUGH 149180 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$556,992.62, EXCEPT HAYES DENT(INVOICE #2718 & 2821-\$8,333.32) *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, AYE- REDMOND, MCGEE, GORDON, ABSTAIN-BROOKS, ABSENT- BENSON (11)***

**IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$81,067.47 TO MALOUF CONSTRUCTION, LLC FOR PAYMENT NO. 1 FOR ERBR76-01 PRICILLA ROAD *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, AYE-GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, ABSENT- BENSON (12)***

**IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,115.92 TO FORDICE CONSTRUCTION, LLC FOR PAYMENT NO. 7 FOR WC19-1 WOODSAWMILL ROAD *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, AYE-GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, ABSENT- BENSON (13)***

**IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$27,300.00 TO FORDICE CONSTRUCTION, LLC FOR PAYMENT NO. 1 FOR WC19-2 WILMOT ROAD *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, AYE-GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, ABSENT- BENSON (14)***

**IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$45,877.63 TO FORDICE CONSTRUCTION, LLC FOR PAYMENT NO. 2 FOR WC19-4 BOGUE ROAD *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, AYE-GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, ABSENT- BENSON (15)***

**IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$295,434.56 TO FORDICE CONSTRUCTION, LLC FOR PAYMENT NO. 5 FOR WC19-6 HELM ROAD *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, AYE-GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, ABSENT- BENSON (16)***

**IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD TO SIGN SOFTWARE SUPPORT AGREEMENT BETWEEN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND DELTA COMPUTER SYSTEMS *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, AYE-GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, ABSENT-BENSON (17)***

**IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CLOSING OF ALL COUNTY OFFICES SEPTEMBER 7, 2020 IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, AYE-GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, ABSENT- BENSON (18)***

**IN RE: ORDER APPROVING PERMIT APPLICATION FOR USE AND OCCUPANCY AGREEMENT FOR TELEPAK NETWORKS, INC.(CSPIRE) FOR THE CONSTRUCTION**

**OR ADJUSTMENT OF FIBER UTILITY FACILITY ALONG OR ACROSS BASSI ROAD  
MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, AYE-  
GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, ABSENT- BENSON (19)**

**IN RE: ORDER APPROVING THE RELEASE OF ROAD BOND FOR GOOD HOPE, INC.,  
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21,000 FOR PHINNISEE ROAD FOR 2.1 MILES NORTH TO  
HIGHWAY 438 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR  
GORDON, AYE-GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, ABSENT- BENSON (20)**

**IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE BOARD ATTORNEY TO DRAFT A QUIT CLAIM  
DEED FOR THE FORMER CHAMBERS MIDDLE SCHOOL TO THE TOWN OF ARCOLA  
FROM WASHINGTON COUNTY MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY  
SUPERVISOR REDMOND, AYE-GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, ABSENT-  
BENSON (21)**

*MARILYN HANSELL, CLERK OF THE BOARD PRESENTED HER BI-WEEKLY REPORT*

**IN RE: ORDER APPROVING BONDS FOR WILLIE L. GOINS, BETTY A. JONES OF  
WESTERN LINES SCHOOL DISTRICT AND ANTOINETTE WILLIAMS OF  
GEEENVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS,  
SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, AYE-GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE,  
ABSENT- BENSON (22)**

**IN RE: ORDER APPROVING CORRECTION/DELETION OF THE HOMESTEAD  
EXEMPTION APPLICATION OF DENNIS LEE GREEN AND AUTHORIZING  
REINSTATEMENT OF HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION DELETED IN ERROR MOTION BY  
SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, AYE-GORDON,  
BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, ABSENT- BENSON (23)**

**IN RE: ORDER RATIFYING THE ACTIONS OF THE PRESIDENT AND CLERK OF THE  
BOARD IN SIGNING RESOLUTION FOR ISIAH MURRAY MOTION BY SUPERVISOR  
GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, AYE-GORDON, BROOKS,  
REDMOND, MCGEE, ABSENT- BENSON (24)**

**IN RE: ORDER RATIFYING THE ACTIONS OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD IN  
APPROVING PAUPER'S BURIAL REQUEST FOR GARY STODDARD BY MORTIMER  
FUNERAL HOME MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR  
REDMOND, AYE-GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, ABSENT- BENSON (25)**

**IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING REIMBURSEMENT FOR EMPLOYEE SALARY AND  
FRINGE BENEFITS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2020 TO MS STATE UNIVERSITY  
MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, AYE-  
GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, ABSENT- BENSON (26)**

*PERCY MILES, WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT REQUESTING APPROVAL FOR  
ISSUANCE OF CHECK, SALARY INCREASE FOR WCRCF OFFICERS, GRANT APPLICATION  
APPROVAL*

**IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING CLERK OF THE BOARD TO ISSUE WARRANT TO THE  
WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF THREE  
HUNDRED DOLLARS(\$300.00) UNDER P.I.P.E. BUDGET LINE ITEM #001-200-629, AS  
RECOMMENDED BY THE AUDITOR MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED**

***BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, AYE-GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, ABSENT-BENSON (27)***

**IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL DEEP CLEANING FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY REGIONAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITY WITH REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE MS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, AYE-GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, ABSENT- BENSON (28)***

**IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR A WALMART SHOPPING WITH A DEPUTY GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,000.00 FOR CHILDREN *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, AYE-GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, ABSENT- BENSON (29)***

**IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR A WALMART SHOPPING WITH A DEPUTY GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,000.00 FOR SENIOR CITIZENS *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, AYE-GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, ABSENT- BENSON (30)***

**IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING A SALARY INCREASE OF \$1.00 PER HOUR FOR FOUR (4) WASHINGTON COUNTY REGIONAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITY OFFICERS *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, AYE-GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, ABSENT- BENSON (31)***

*SUPERVISOR CARL MCGEE DISCUSSED THE COMPOUND BUILDING(APAC)*

**IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE INSPECTION AND SOIL TESTING OF THE COMPOUND (APAC) BUILDING FOR MOLD AND IDENTIFICATION OF FUNDING *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, AYE-GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, ABSENT- BENSON (32)***

*DON DAVIS, BUILDING AND GROUNDS DIRECTOR REQUESTING APPROVAL TO PURCHASE VEHICLES*

**IN RE: ORDER APPROVING THE REQUEST OF BUILDING AND GROUNDS DIRECTOR TO PURCHASE THREE (3) VEHICLES AT A COST OF \$41, 784.00 EACH FOR THE BUILDING AND GROUNDS DEPARTMENT ON STATE CONTRACT FROM CANNON MOTORS *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, AYE-GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, ABSENT- BENSON (33)***

**IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING COUNTY OFFICIALS REPORTS *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, AYE-GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, ABSENT- BENSON (34)***

**IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING COPYING CERTAIN DOCUMENTS INTO THE MINUTES OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, AYE-GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, ABSENT- BENSON (35)***

**IN RE: ORDER GOING INTO CLOSED DETERMINATION TO CONSIDER GOING INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY***

***SUPERVISOR BROOKS, AYE-GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, ABSENT- BENSON (36)***

***IN RE: ORDER TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS LITIGATION  
MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, AYE-  
GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, ABSENT- BENSON (37)***

***IN RE: ORDER TO LEAVE EXECUTIVE SESSION, WITH NO ACTION TAKEN  
MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, AYE-  
GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, ABSENT- BENSON (38)***

***IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING USE OF LEGION FIELD BY UNITY ACADEMY  
SEPTEMBER 4, 2020 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY  
SUPERVISOR REDMOND, AYE-GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, ABSENT-  
BENSON (39)***

***IN RE: ORDER TO ADJOURN MEETING TO SEPTEMBER 8, 2020 MOTION BY  
SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, AYE-GORDON, BROOKS,  
REDMOND, MCGEE, ABSENT- BENSON (40)***

CARL MCGEE, PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

MARILYN HANSELL, CLERK

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY