

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2020

BOARD MEETING

Monday, September 21, 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 Deputy Percy Miles. All present said the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and the meeting was officially opened by the Deputy Sheriff.

IN RE: ORDER TO CONSIDER AND ACCEPT AGENDA WITH ADDITIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 21, 2020 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT-BENSON (1) *Added-Lionel Hines, ATV Trail, Executive Session, Andrew Smith-Local Govt. Solutions Strategies, Board Attorney-Litigation, Road Manager, Arthur Perry, Tasha Bailey-City of Greenville Streets*

MINUTES OF THE PRIOR MEETINGS

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2020 BOARD MEETING AND THE 2020-2021 PROPOSED BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND DIRECTING THE PRESIDENT TO SIGN SAME MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-GORDON, REDMOND, MCGEE, ABSTAIN-BROOKS, ABSENT- BENSON. (2)

BE IT KNOWN: WILL COPPAGE, WASHINGTON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE PRESENTED HIS MONTHLY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT.

BE IT KNOWN: MARIO WILLIS, SUPERINTENDENT, HOLLANDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT PRESENTED THE BOARD AN UPDATE ON THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S OPENING

BILL SAINT SING, MS PUBLIC ENTITY BENEFIT TRUST DISCUSSED THE COUNTY HEALTH INSURANCE AND CLAIMS, PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD TO SIGN RE-INSURANCE AGREEMENT WITH MS PUBLIC ENTITY EMPLOYEE BENEFIT TRUST MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-GORDON, MCGEE, REDMOND, BROOKS, ABSENT-BENSON (3)

LORENZO ANDERSON, COUNTY ENGINEER REPORTED ON BRIDGE INSPECTIONS , A REQUEST TO ADVERTISE FOR NEW SOUTH MARINE ROOF AND AN UPDATE ON NAPANEE AND SANDIFER ROADS

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING COUNTY ENGINEER, LORENZO TO ADVERTISE NOTICE TO BIDDERS FOR THE NEW SOUTH MARINE ROOF MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-GORDON, MCGEE, REDMOND, BROOKS, ABSENT-BENSON (4)

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT AND CLERK OF THE BOARD TO SIGN AN ORDER AUTHORIZING IMS ENGINEERS TO PERFORM

BRIDGE INSPECTIONS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT AND CLERK OF THE BOARD TO SIGN SAME MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, GORDON, ABSENT-BENSON (5)

LIONEL HINDS, MS EXTENSION SERVICE REQUESTING USE OF WCCC GROUNDS FOR ATV TRAINING

IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING USE OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER AND WARFIELD POINT PARK GROUNDS BY LIONEL HINDS FOR ATV TRAINING, AT NO FEE (DATES TO BE DECIDED) MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, GORDON, ABSENT-BENSON (6)

ARTHUR PERRY, ROAD MANAGER PRESENTING QUOTES FOR ESCAVATOR

IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING THE QUOTE OF MID-SOUTH MACHINERY, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$28,000 FOR AN ESCAVATOR FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, GORDON, ABSENT-BENSON (7)

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING ARTHUR PERRY, ROAD MANAGER TO SEEK QUOTES OUTSIDE THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI FOR DRAGLINE TRAINING OF WASHINGTON COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, GORDON, ABSENT-BENSON (8)

BE IT KNOWN: TASHA BANKS APPEARED BEFORE THE BOARD REQUESTING APPROVAL OF THE SMOKE FREE ORDINANCE IN IT'S ORIGINAL FORM.

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING MOVING FORWARD SETTING PUBLIC HEARING FOR OCTOBER 5, 2020 AT 10:00 A.M. FOR PUBLIC INPUT ON THE SMOKE FREE ORDINANCE IN ITS ORIGINAL FORM MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, GORDON, ABSENT-BENSON (9)

BE IT KNOWN: THE CITY OF GREENVILLE WANTS THE COUNTY TO PARTNER WITH THE CITY IN REPAIRING THREE (3) STREETS IN GREENVILLE. THE CITY WOULD PROVIDE THE MATERIALS AND NEED THE COUNTY TO PROVIDE THE PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT. NO ACTION TAKEN.

MARK SEARD, TAX ASSESSOR, PRESENTED A PETITION FOR INCREASE OF ASSESSMENT OF REAL/PERSONAL PROPERTY

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT AND CLERK OF THE BOARD TO SIGN NOTICE TO INCREASE THE ASSESSMENT OF REAL/PERSONAL PROPERTY OF PORT CITY PROPERTIES, LLC MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, ABSENT-BENSON, GORDON (10)

CHELESA CARTER, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR PRESENTED HER BI-WEEKLY REPORT

IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING CLAIMS 149701 THROUGH 149933 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$740,091.14 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, GORDON, ABSENT-BENSON (11)

IN RE: ORDER POSTPONING CONSIDERATION OF PAYMENT OF INVOICE FROM GOVEASE AUCTION, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$39,097.34 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, GORDON, ABSENT-BENSON (12)

IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING THE NINTH CHANCERY COURT DISTRICT JUDGE DEBRA GILES' ORDER FOR APPOINTMENT AND COMPENSATION FOR COURT REPORTER, BARBARA CRAWFORD MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, GORDON, ABSENT-BENSON (13)

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF REQUISITIONS TO TRUSTMARK NATIONAL BANK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$874,309.32 FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY REGIONAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITY MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, GORDON, ABSENT-BENSON (14)

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CLERK OF THE BOARD TO ISSUE WARRANTS TO DISTRIBUTE TAX LOSS HOMESTEAD REIMBURSEMENT TO HOLLANDALE, LELAND, WESTERNLINE SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND WASHINGTON COUNTY MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, GORDON, ABSENT-BENSON (15)

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD TO SIGN THE COOPERATIVE SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE WILDLIFE SERVICES AND PAYMENT OF INVOICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7500.00 FOR THE 2021 BEAVER CONTROL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, GORDON, ABSENT-BENSON (16)

IN RE: ORDER ALLOCATING 1ST QUARTER 2020-2021 FUNDS FOR TAX ASSESSOR, TAX COLLECTOR, SHERIFF AND REGIONAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITY MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, GORDON, ABSENT-BENSON (17)

**IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING PUBLIC HEARING FOR OCTOBER 19, 2020 @ 10:00 A.M
FOR OVERGROWN LOTS AD DILAPIDATED STRUCTURES:**

Sherri Joiner/ Hwy 1 South/ Tax Parcel# 334540000/Overgrown Lot
Joe N. Reed ET UX/2581 Old Leland Road/ Tax Parcels# 20700000/2120590000/Overgrown Lots
Freddie & Inez Hall/ 2577 Old Leland Rd/ Tax Parcel# 2120650000/Overgrown Lot
Anthony Dunigan /260 Wilmot Road Tax Parcel# 398400000/ Overgrown Lot
MACE (Mississippi Action for Community Education, Inc./ Dycus Road/ Tax Parcel# 384500000/ Overgrown Lot
Jessie H. Smith Estate -% Crystal Tharp/ 2564 Old Leland Road/ Tax Parcel# 2120560000/ Overgrown Lot
Eddie Marsalis ET AL/ 102 Leola Circle/ Tax Parcel# 615800000 / Overgrown Lot
Joe D. Shamoun, Sr. ET AL/ Old Leland Road & Robins Lane/ Tax Parcel# 2325200000, 232600000, 2319200000/ Overgrown Lots
Lonnie Braxton Estate/ Leola Circle/ Tax Parcel# 617600000/Overgrown Lot/ Dilapidated Structure
Billy E. Williams/2556 Old Leland Road/ Tax Parcel# 2121360000/Overgrown Lot
Lorene Maybell/ Arcola/ Tax Parcel# 60071200000/ Overgrown Lot
Joseph M. & Dawn Ponder/ 97 Pogue Road/ Tax Parcel# 314330000/ Overgrown Lot

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT-BENSON (18)

**IN RE: ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT OF INVOICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,206.73 TO INTELICHOICE, INC(DBA-EFORCE) FOR ANNUAL LICENSE AND SUPPORT FEE
MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, GORDON, ABSENT-BENSON (19)**

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

**IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO PURCHASE TWELVE (12) MICROWAVES FROM WALMART IN THE AMOUNT OF \$660.00 TO BE PAID FROM THE INMATE WELFARE FUND ACCOUNT
MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE-BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, GORDON, ABSENT-BENSON (20)**

**IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF INVOICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,664.20 FROM MS STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION SERVICE FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR EMPLOYEE SALARY AND FRINGE BENEFITS FOR THE MONTH ENDED AUGUST 31, 2020
MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, GORDON, ABSENT-BENSON (21)**

**IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING THE NINTH CHANCERY COURT CHANCELLOR DEBRA GILES' ORDER INCREASING SALARY OF LAURA COOPER, LAW CLERK II FOR NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT SUBDISTRICT TWO AND ORDER FOR COMPENSATION OF COURT REPORTER, LEIGH ANN DEWEASE FROM NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT CHANCELLOR VICKI BARNES
MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE-BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, GORDON, ABSENT-BENSON (22)**

**IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING LETTER FROM SECRETARY OF STATE, MICHAEL WATSON AND AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT AND CLERK OF THE BOARD TO SIGN MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BY AND BETWEEN THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND WASHINGTON COUNTY, MS
MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY**

SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, GORDON, ABSENT-BENSON (23)

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD TO SIGN THE “ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE” FORM FROM THE CORP OF ENGINEERS TO RECEIVE FUNDS (\$10,114.50) AVAILABLE TO WASHINGTON COUNTY MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, GORDON, ABSENT-BENSON (24)

DEPUTY PERCY MILES, WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING THE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT ADDENDUM WITH IDEMIA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,042.00 AS REQUESTED BY THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, GORDON, ABSENT-BENSON (25)

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING NOTICE TO BIDDERS TO UPGRADE THE CAMERA SYSTEM AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY REGIONAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITY MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, GORDON, ABSENT-BENSON (26)

IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING USE OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER PARKING LOT BY LIVING WORD CHURCH TO HOLD A REVIVAL, OCTOBER 15, 2020 AT 10:00 A.M. MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, GORDON, ABSENT-BENSON (27)

BE IT KNOWN: COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, CHELESA CARTER PRESENTED THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THE AUGUST 2020 SETTLEMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,667,445.33 FROM TAX COLLECTOR, PATRICIA LEE

IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING COUNTY OFFICIALS REPORTS MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, GORDON, ABSENT-BENSON (28)

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, THE VOTE: AYE-BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, GORDON, ABSENT-BENSON (29)

IN RE: ORDER CONSIDERING GOING INTO CLOSED DETERMINATION TO CONSIDER GOING INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS,, THE VOTE: AYE-BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, GORDON, ABSENT-BENSON (30)

IN RE: ORDER GOING INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS AND TRANSACT BUSINESS MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS , THE VOTE: AYE-BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, GORDON, ABSENT-BENSON (31)

IN RE: ORDER TO LEAVE EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH NO ACTION TAKEN MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, GORDON, ABSENT-BENSON (32)

BE IT KNOWN: ANDREW SMITH MADE A PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CONCERNING OFFICE SPACE FOR THE JUSTICE COURT DEPARTMENT IN THE GOYER SHOPPING CENTER

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING ANDREW SMITH TO SCHEDULE A MEETING WITH TREY HAIRSTON OF BUTLER SNOW REGARDING CREATION OF A REDEVELOPMENT GROUP FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, GORDON, ABSENT-BENSON (33)

BE IT KNOWN: BOARD ATTORNEY, WILLIE GRIFFIN REQUESTED BOARD APPROVAL TO PROCEED LEGALLY TO ENJOIN THE USE OF THE NAME "WASHINGTON COUNTY AUDITOR" BY TOMMY TATUM, MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOK, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-BROOKS, REDMOND, NAY-MCGEE, GORDON, ABSENT-BENSON. THE MOTION FAILED.

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE BOARD ATTORNEY TO INVESTIGATE AND FILE A RESPONSE BY OCTOBER 11, 2020 FOR THE HORACE REED EEOC CLAIM AGAINST THE COUNTY MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, GORDON, ABSENT-BENSON (34)

IN RE: ORDER TO ADJOURN MEETING UNTIL OCTOBER 5, 2020 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE-BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, GORDON, ABSENT-BENSON. (35)

CARL MCGEE, PRESIDENT

**ATTEST:
MARILYN HANSELL, CLERK
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY**