

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTES OF AUGUST 21, 2017

BOARD MEETING

Monday, August 21, 2017 at 9:00 A. M., the Board of Supervisors of Washington County, Mississippi, met pursuant to recess, there being all members present. The meeting was called to order by President Carl McGee. The opening prayer was by Supervisor Tommy Benson. 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 AS AMENDED FOR AUGUST 21, 2017,

- *Added: Walton Gresham, Dr. Alvin Uppal, Jennifer Bledsoe, Carolyn Fleming, Tammy Reed, Bubba Simmons, Darnell Pratt, Department Heads, John Hines, Billy Jimson, Personnel Matter (1)*

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING MINUTES OF AUGUST 16, 2017 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND DIRECTING THE PRESIDENT TO SIGN SAME. (2)

IN RE: ORDER OPENING PUBLIC HEARING ON OBJECTIONS TO 2017 PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT. (3)

BE IT KNOWN: TAX ASSESSOR, MARK SEARD REPORTED THAT ALL CONCERNS REGARDING TAX ASSESSMENTS HAD BEEN SETTLED EXCEPT OBJECTOR- PIVOTAL TAX SOLUTIONS FOR AIR GAS MIDSOUTH, INC., WHO DID NOT APPEAR TO PRESENT OBJECTIONS.

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING TAX ASSESSOR, MARK SEARD TO LEAVE THE ASSESSED VALUE "AS IS" OF AIR GAS, MIDSOUTH, INC. AT \$169,870. (4)

IN RE: ORDER CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING ON OBJECTIONS TO 2017 PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT. (5)

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT APPLICATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017 AND AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT AND CLERK OF THE BOARD TO SIGN SAME. (6)

IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING THE USE OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER BY GREENVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR TITLE 1 MEETING SEPTEMBER 14, 2017, AT NO FEE. (7)

IN RE: ORDER ADDING DR. ALVIN UPPAL TO THE AGENDA. (8)

BE IT KNOWN: DR. ALVIN UPPAL APPEARED BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO ADDRESS HIS APPOINTMENT TO THE DRMC BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON AUGUST 7, 2017 AND RESCINDED APPOINTMENT AUGUST 16, 2017. DR. UPPAL STATED THAT HE HAS SPOKEN WITH AVERY LEE IN THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE AND THAT THE APPOINTMENT AND CAN NOT BE REVOKED, THAT THE AG OFFICE CAN'T (WON'T) COMMENT ON THE MATTER RETROACTIVELY, REQUESTING THAT THE BOARD VOID THE AUGUST 16, 2017 ORDER AND ALLOW THE APPOINTMENT TO STAND, EXPRESSED A DESIRE TO REPRESENT HIS PATIENTS & PEOPLE HE REPRESENTS. BOARD PRESIDENT CARL MCGEE ADVISED DR. UPPAL HE IS NO LONGER APPOINTED TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEE OF DRMC. JENNIFER BLEDSOE AND CAROLYN FLEMING SPOKE IN SUPPORT OF DR. UPPAL. BOARD PRESIDENT CARL MCGEE ADVISED AUDIENCE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH DR. UPPAL'S MEDICAL PRACTICE OR CONTRACT WITH DRMC.

IN RE: ORDER TAKING UNDER ADVISEMENT THE REQUEST OF ABE HUDSON, OBSIDIAN STUDIOS, LLC FOR THE COUNTY TO ENTER INTO A CONSULTING CONTRACT WITH OBSIDIAN STUDIOS, LLC TO PROMOTE DELTA REGION. (9)

IN RE: ORDER ADDING BUBBA SIMMONS TO THE AGENDA. (10)

IN RE: ORDER ADDING DARNELL PRATT TO THE AGENDA. (11)

IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING SERVING OF ALOCHOLIC BEVERAGES AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER BY LELAND HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2007, FOR 10 YEAR REUNION OCTOBER 21, 2017, SUBJECT TO PROVIDNG REQUIRED INSURANCE. (12)

IN RE: ORDER ADDING DEPARTMENT HEADS TO THE AGENDA. (13)

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING ROAD MANAGER, ARTHUR PERRY TO SPEND UP TO \$25,000 OFR REPAIRS ON LIMB LOADER PROVIDED. (14)

IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING TRAVEL FOR JUSTICE COURT CLERK, ELOISE BROOKS TO ATTEND ANNUAL JUSTICE COURT CLERK'S ASSOCIATION MEETING SEPTEMBER 12-15, 2017 IN BAY ST. LOUIS, MS., AT ESTIMATED COST OF \$755.55. (15)

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING TAX COLLECTOR, PATRICIA LEE TO USE PEREGRINE CORPORATION, MONROE, LOUISIANA TO PRINT AUTO TAG RENEWAL NOTICES. (16)

IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING \$344,668.02 JULY 2017 SETTLEMENTS FROM TAX COLLECTOR, PATRICIA LEE. (17)

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF 12 FT FLEX-WING CUTTER ON STATE CONTRACT FROM KILLEBREW FARM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8500.00, AS REQUESTED BY BUILDING AND GROUNDS DIRECTOR, MIKE JONES. (18)

IN RE: ORDER VOIDING 2016 TAX SALE FOR PARCEL #475300000, PPIN#5008, PARCEL #46300000, PPIN#4881 AND PARCEL#475200000, PPI#5007 ASSESSED TO TCB ACQUISITIONS, LLC DUE TO NOTIFICATION FROM THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY THAT THE PROPERTY IS UNDER A GAP EXEMPTION, PURSUANT TO SECTION 57-80-1 AND SHOULD BE ONLY ASSESSED SCHOOL TAX ONLY AND AUTHORIZE REFUND IN THE AMOUNT OF *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR AMOS, ALL VOTED AYE. (19)*

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD TO SIGN PETITIONS FOR INCREASE OF ASSESSMENTS FOR UNITED PHOSPHORUS, INC., MARINE GEARS, INC., AND CONTEC ENGINEERED SOLUTIONS, INC. *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR AMOS, ALL VOTED AYE. (20)*

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT AND CLERK OF THE BOARD TO SIGN APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION OF WASHINGTON COUNTY TO EXPEND ONE MIL, AS REQUESTED BY TAX ASSESSOR, MARK SEARD. *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR AMOS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, ALL VOTED AYE. (21)*

IN RE: ORDER ADDING REPRESENTATIVE JOHN HINES TO THE AGENDA *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR AMOS, ALL VOTED AYE. (22)*

REPRESENTATIVE JOHN HINES

BE IT KNOWN: REPRESENTATIVE JOHN HINES APPEARED BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGARDING THE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE COUNTY, REQUESTING PARTNERSHIP ON A COMMITTEE TO FORM A STRATEGIC PLAN AND THE NEED OF AN INDEPENDENT FACILITATOR TO LEAD THE MEETINGS

BILLY JIMSON REGARDING AN ACCIDENT ON HORSESHOE BAYOU

IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING THE LOWEST AND BEST BID OF BUMPER TO BUMPER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ \$2,999.00 FOR 2005 FORD E250 VAN V8-330 SOHC ENGINE FOR THE BUILDING AND GROUNDS DEPARTMENT. *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR AMOS, ALL VOTED AYE, EXCEPT GORDON-NAY. (23)*

IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING THE LOWEST AND BEST BID OF BUMPER TO BUMPER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ \$4475.00 FOR 2007 FORD E350 SUPER DUTY P/U V10-415 6.8L SOHC ENGINE FOR THE BUILDING AND GROUNDS DEPARTMENT. *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR AMOS, ALL VOTED AYE, EXCEPT GORDON-NAY. (24)*

IN RE: ORDER ADDING PERSONNEL MATTER TO THE AGENDA. (25)

IN RE: ORDER ADDING CLAIMS 123259 TO 123433 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$549,361.82 TO THE DOCKET. (26)

IN RE: ORDER RATIFYING THE ACTIONS OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD APPROVING THE FOLLOWING PURCHASE ORDERS: Road Department: James Ceranti for \$1,450 for rack and pinion unit; Greenville Gravel for \$2,525 for 100 tons of #610 limestone; Custom Products for \$5,177.36 for signs and sign post; Gateway for \$2,354.56 for grader and highway tires; Contech Construction for \$10,556.70 for pipes for Lake Washington Road; Tri-State Truck for \$1,040.69 for door glass, marker lights, and windshield; Greenville Gravel for \$10,880 for 400 tons of #5 limestone; APAC Inc. for \$3,300 for 30 tons of cold mix; Greenville Gravel for \$10,880 for 400 tons of #5 limestone; Gateway for \$1,241.55 for 9 tires, mounts and valve stems; Greenville Gravel for \$12,045 for 100 tons #610 limestone, 350 tons #5; Gateway Tire for \$1,066.58 for three grip tires and 1 tractor tire; Greenville Gravel for \$8,160 for 300 tons of #5 limestone; Greenville Gravel for \$10,880 for 400 tons #5 limestone; Henry Construction for \$4,536 for 216 yards crushed concrete; Contech Construction for \$5,886.16 for one 2" x 10ga x 46' plain pipe; Heavy Quip for \$3,200 for 50 grader blades;

Building and Grounds: Security Plus for \$3,299 for fire alarm upgrade at Luther Alexander; Kendall Crane for \$1,500 for remove air unit from Sheriff Bldg.; Greenville Paint for \$1,467.87 for paint, sealer and supplies for Extension Bldg; Kendall Crane for \$1,500 to remove generator off county wide building. (27)

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD TO SIGN FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 DELTA COMPUTERS CONTRACTS. (28)

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7500.00 AND AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD TO SIGN USDA BEAVER CONTROL AGREEMENT. (29)

IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING USE BY SOUTH DELTA PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER MEETING ROOMS NOVEMBER 14, 2017, AT NO FEE. (30)

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING BONDS FOR JAB FAMILY PROPERTIES, LLC, JANICE PAGE-JOHNSON, GLENN J. DEDEAUX. (31)

IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING THE RECERTIFICATIONS FOR TAX ASSESSOR, MARK SEARD, DEPUTY ASSESSORS-RICHARD HARRISON, WILLIAM PARDON, SHEILA DOBBINS AND CHERYL ESTES. (32)

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR EMPLOYEE SALARY AND FRINGE BENEFITS FOR THE MONTH ENDED JULY 31, 2017. (33)

IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING ORDER FROM CHANCERY COURT JUDGE MARIE WILSON TERMINATING SALARY OF ITONIA R. WILLIAMS, EFFECTIVE AUGUST 15, 2017. (34)

IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING ORDER FOR APPOINTMENT AND COMPENSATION OF DEPUTY COURT ADMINISTRATOR FROM CHANCERY COURT JUDGE MARIE WILSON FOR KIMBERLY R. WILLIAMS. (35)

IN RE: ORDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT DESOTO COUNTY'S REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION REQUIRING COUNTIES TO USE REVERSE AUCTIONS FOR RECEIVING BIDS. (36)

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD TO SIGN CORRECTIONS/DELETION OF HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION APPLICATION JOHNNIE M. BROWN BRADFORD. (37)

IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING COUNTY OFFICIALS REPORTS. (38)

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING COPYING CERTAIN DOCUMENTS INTO THE MINUTES OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. (39)

IN RE: ORDER GOING INTO CLOSED DETERMINATION TO CONSIDER GOING INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION. (40)

IN RE: ORDER TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS INVOLVING COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR AND BUILDING AND GROUNDS EMPLOYEE. (41)

IN RE: ORDER TO LEAVE EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH NO ACTION TAKEN. (42)

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING SALARY INCREASE TO \$20.00 PER HOUR FOR AL TURBYVILLE, BUILDING AND GROUNDS DEPARTMENT, EFFECTIVE THE NEXT PAY PERIOD. (42)

IN RE: ORDER TO RECESS MEETING UNTIL AUGUST 24, 2017 AT 1:00 P.M. (44)

CARL MCGEE, PRESIDENT

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