

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 21, 2024

BOARD MEETING

Monday, October 21, 2024 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 Mala Brooks. Supervisor Tommy Benson was absent. 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 OCTOBER 21, 2024 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT- BENSON

- *Added: Tian Wu, Ph.D., Tonia Sims, O'Bannon Homecoming Parade, South Yard Lease Agreement, AG Opinion on Mental Health*

(2) IN RE: ORDER APPROVING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 7, 2024 MEETING AND DIRECTING THE PRESIDENT AND CLERK OF THE BOARD TO SIGN SAME MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, REDMOND, NAY-BROOKS, ABSENT-BENSON

REVEREND LARRY LEWIS, II AND YULINDA WINNERS OF EAST PARK COMMUNITY OUTREACH

(3) IN RE: ORDER APPROVING THE REQUEST OF EAST PARK COMMUNITY OUTREACH FOR A \$5,000.00 ALLOCATION FOR THEIR OUTREACH PROGRAM MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT- BENSON

BE IT KNOWN-JUDGE MARGARET CAREY-MCCRAY INFORMED THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF \$1. 3M OVER 5 YEAR PERIOD GRANT AWARD TO WASHINGTON COUNTY DRUG INTERVENTION COURT

ROBERT DOGAN, BILLY JIMISON

(4) IN RE: ORDER DIRECTING THAT A LETTER BE SENT TO THE DRAINAGE DISTRICT REQUESTING ASSISTANCE WITH THE DRAINAGE FOR THE LANDOWNERS IN THE FOREST ACRES SUBDIVISION MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT- BENSON

(5) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING A LETTER BE SENT TO THE MS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REQUESTING AN ASSESSMENT OF DRAINAGE CONCERNS IN THE FOREST ACRES SUBDIVISION MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT- BENSON

TONIA SIMS

(6) IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING THE SERVING OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER BY TONIA SIMS, NOVEMBER 30, 2024 FOR A PARTY MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, BROOKS, REDMOND, NAY- GORDON, ABSENT- BENSON

DR. TIAN WU OF SPATIAL NET, INC.

(7) IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING DR. WU OF SPATIAL NET, INC., TO PREPARE AN ASSESSMENT FOR EXPANDING THE COUNTY'S WEB GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (WEBGIS) AND GET WITH THE APPROPRIATE COUNTY OFFICES MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT-BENSON

MARK SEARD, TAX ASSESSOR

(8) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT AND CLERK OF THE BOARD TO SIGN PETITION FOR REDUCTION OF ASSESSMENT FOR PARCEL NO. 139975000 ASSESSED TO JOHNSON MARTIAL ARTS DUE TO BUSINESS CLOSED MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, ABSENT-REDMOND, BENSON

(9) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT AND CLERK OF THE BOARD TO SIGN PETITION FOR REDUCTION/ INCREASE OF ASSESSMENT ON PERSONAL ROLL FOR PARCEL NO. 113570000 & 99990174, ASSESSED TO CONTOUR AIRLINES DUE TO PUBLIC UTILITY ASSESSMENT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, ABSENT- REDMOND, BENSON

(10) IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING THE ORDER FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE CERTIFYING THE RECAPITULATION OF ASSESSMENTS OF THE REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY ROLLS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY FOR 2024 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, ABSENT-REDMOND, BENSON

(11) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT, SHERIFF AND CLERK OF THE BOARD TO SIGN THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN WASHINGTON COUNTY, WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF, THE CITY OF GREENVILLE AND THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER MARATHON, INC. FOR THE 2025 MS MARATHON, FEBRUARY 1, 2025 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT- BENSON

SUPERVISOR MALA BROOKS

(12) IN RE: ORDER ADDING THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING TO THE AGENDA FOR OCTOBER 21, 2024 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT- BENSON

(13) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD TO SIGN THE 2ND AMENDMENT TO SOUTH YARD LEASE AGREEMENT EXTENDED THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2030 AND SEND A LETTER TO THE GREENVILLE PORT COMMISSION ADDRESSING CONCERNS *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT- BENSON*

CHELESA CARTER, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR BI-WEEKLY REPORT

(14) IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING CLAIMS 250236 THRU 250382 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$611,823.95 *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT-BENSON*

(15) IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING TRAVEL FOR PURCHASE CLERK, RECEIVING CLERK AND INVENTORY CLERK TO ATTEND THE 2024 MANDATORY CERTIFICATION TRAINING NOVEMBER 14, 2024 IN JACKSON, MS AT ESTIMATED COST OF \$800.00 *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT-BENSON*

(16) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING FINAL PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,600.00 TO HEFLIN ENGINEERING FOR WORK COMPLETED FOR THE GLEN ALLAN UTILITY DISTRICT WATER AND SEWER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT- BENSON*

(17) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$38,082.07 TO HEMPHILL CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR WORK COMPLETED FOR THE GLEN ALLAN UTILITY DISTRICT WATER AND SEWER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT- BENSON*

(18) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,311.80 TO BUTLER SNOW FOR SERVICES RENDERED THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2024 FOR PROJECT SAWGRASS FEE-IN-LIEU NEGOTIATIONS *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT- BENSON*

(19) IN RE: ORDER APPROVING THE REQUEST OF THE CITY OF LELAND FOR ASSISTANCE FROM THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT TO CLEAN HWY 82 FROM DOUBLE QUICK TO ZIP TRIP. LABOR AND EQUIPMENT TO PAVE TUCKER STREET FROM WITTE STREET TO DEER CREEK AND PAVE THE STREET BETWEEN WEST SECOND STREET AND DEER CREEK APARTMENTS, WITH THE CITY OF LELAND PAYING FOR THE MATERIALS *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT- BENSON*

(20) IN RE: ORDER APPROVING SUBMISSION OF WASHINGTON COUNTY REGIONAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITY REQUISITIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,833,101.41 TO THE PEOPLES BANK AND AUTHORIZING THE CHANCERY CLERK AND SHERIFF TO SIGN SAME *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT- BENSON*

(21) IN RE: ORDER APPROVING THE CLOSING OF COUNTY OFFICES THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28 AND FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2024 IN OBSERVANCE OF THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY; TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2024 & WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2024 IN OBSERVANCE OF CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY AND WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2025 IN OBSERVANCE OF NEW YEAR'S DAY HOLIDAY MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, REDMOND, BROOKS, NAY-GORDON ABSENT- BENSON

(22) IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING SETTLEMENT CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$310,974.57 FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2024 FROM TAX COLLECTOR, PATRICIA LEE MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT-BENSON

BERNADINE HOLMES PRESENTED CLERK OF THE BOARD BI-WEEKLY REPORT

23) IN RE: ORDER APPROVING BONDS FOR MARIA REBECCA BENAVIDES, WASHINGTON COUNTY DEPUTY MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT-BENSON

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

25) 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-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT- BENSON

CHIEF BILLY BARBER PRESENTING WCRCF MEAL LOG

26) IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING TRAVEL FOR TWO (2) CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS TO ATTEND TRAINING IN TATE COUNTY, NOVEMBER 12-27, 2024, WITH THE COUNTY PAYING FOR FOOD AND LODGING MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT-BENSON

27) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE BOARD ATTORNEY TO RESEARCH THE OWNERSHIP OF PROPERTY ADJACENT TO BOAT RAMP MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT- BENSON

28) IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING USE OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER GROUNDS THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2024 BY THE OBANNON HIGH SCHOOL FOR THEIR HOMECOMING PARADE, AT NO FEE MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT-BENSON

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

30) IN RE: ORDER TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS AND A PERSONNEL MATTER *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT-BENSON*

31) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE BOARD ATTORNEY TO NEGOTIATE WITH ALLEGIANCE SPECIALITY HOSPITAL THE RATES FOR SERVICES TO MENTAL HEALTH PATIENTS *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT- BENSON*

32) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE WITH PAY FOR ROY JOHNSON, III, REINSTATEMENT AND OFFERING HIM ANOTHER POSITION *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT- BENSON*

33) IN RE: ORDER TO LEAVE EXECUTIVE SESSION, WITH ACTION TAKEN *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT- BENSON*

34) IN RE: ORDER TO ADJOURN MEETING UNTIL NOVEMBER 4, 2024 AT 9:00 A.M. *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT- BENSON*

CARL MCGEE, PRESIDENT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY

ATTEST:
MARILYN HANSELL, CLERK