

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 21, 2020

BOARD MEETING

Monday, December 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 Jerry Redmond. 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 WITH ADDITIONS FOR THE DECEMBER 21, 2020 MEETING OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Added: Mark Hooker, Tax Exemption Application for TCR Development, Jennifer Russell, Flood Plain Administrator-Daniel Hooker, County Engineer-Lorenzo Anderson MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, ABSENT-REDMOND. (1)

MINUTES OF THE PRIOR MEETING

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 7, 2020 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND DIRECTING THE PRESIDENT TO SIGN SAME MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, ABSENT-REDMOND. (2)

DAVID BURFORD, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR, COVID TASK FORCE REPORT

BE IT KNOWN: DAVID BURFORD, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR, PRESENTED THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS A COVID TASK FORCE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS. NO ACTION TAKEN ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS.

LORENZO ANDERSON, COUNTY ENGINEER PRESENTED THE BOARD QUOTES FOR THE WILMOT AND NAPANEE ROAD PROJECTS

IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING THE LOWEST QUOTE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$46,580.00 FROM MIXON CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR WILMOT ROAD BRIDGE CONCRETE PILE CAPS(TWO) MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, ABSENT-REDMOND. (3)

IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING LOWEST QUOTE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$26,875 FROM NL CARSON FOR THE NAPANEE ROAD BRIDGE PROJECT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR

BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, ABSENT-REDMOND (4)

WILL COPPAGE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, WASHINGTON COUNTY ECONOMIC ALLIANCE PRESENTED HIS YEAR END REPORT ON SEVERAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

LORENZO ANDERSON, COUNTY ENGINEER PRESENTED THE BOARD QUOTES FOR THE ELECTRICAL UPGRADE AT WARFIELD POINT PARK ROAD

IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING LOWEST QUOTE OF \$43,000 FROM SCC ELECTRIC FOR THE ELECTRICAL UPGRADE AT WARFIELD POINT PARK MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, ABSENT-REDMOND. (5)

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING RESOLUTION FOR FR. THOMAS MULLALLY, SVD ON HIS RETIREMENT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, ABSENT-REDMOND. (6)

CHARLES KILLEBREW FOR BETTY HENDERSON REGARDING REZONING OF 2771 AIREDALE ROAD

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING BETTY HENDERSON THIRTY(30) DAYS TO CEASE AND DESIST AND REMOVE RV'S AND ACCESSORY BUILDINGS FROM 2771 AIREDALE IN VIOLATION OF ZONING ORDINANCE (R-3, MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT) MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, ABSENT-REDMOND. (7)

BE IT KNOWN: MARK HOOKER, HOOKER ENGINEERING PRESENTED THE BOARD AN UPDATE ON THE 13 BRIDGE PROJECTS ASSIGNED IN FEBRUARY. TEN(10) OF THE BRIDGES ASSIGNED HAVE BEEN COMPLETED AND ARE OPEN TO TRAFFIC, TWO(2) WILL BE OPENED IN LATE SPRING AND THE LAST TO BE ADVERTISED FOR CONSTRUCTION IN JANUARY 2021.

MARK SEARD, TAX ASSESSOR PRESENTED A TAX EXEMPTION APPLICATION, PETITIONS FOR REDUCTION OF ASSESSMENT AND REQUEST FOR PURCHASE OF A VEHICLE FOR THE TAX ASSESSORS OFFICE

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT AND CLERK OF THE BOARD TO SIGN RESOLUTION AND ORDER GRANTING TCR DEVELOPMENT, LLC EXEMPTION FROM COUNTY AD VALOREM TAXATION FOR SEVEN(7) YEARS, PURSUANT TO MISS. CODE ANN. §17-21-7 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, ABSENT-REDMOND. (8)

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT AND CLERK OF THE BOARD TO SIGN PETITIONS FOR REDUCTION OF ASSESSMENT FOR MICROSOFT CORPORATION, INFINITE CONCEPTS, INC., AND SFERRUZZA INTERIOR MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, ABSENT-REDMOND. (9)

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING THE REQUEST OF TAX ASSESSOR, MARK SEARD TO PURCHASE TWO (2) FORD F-150 VEHICLES (VIN#1FTMF1EB7LKF44438-\$30,964.00 & VIN#1FTMF1EB0LKF24225-\$30,689.00) FROM CANNON MOTORS MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, ABSENT-REDMOND. (10)

DANIEL HOOKER, FLOOD PLAN MANAGER PRESENTING THE MS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION ORDINANCE

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT AND CLERK OF THE BOARD TO SIGN THE FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION ORDINANCE AS PRESENTED BY FLOOD PLAN MANAGER, DANIEL HOOKER MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, ABSENT-REDMOND. (11)

BE IT KNOWN: JENNIFER RUSSELL, MS STATE EXTENSION SERVICE THANKED THE BOARD FOR 2020 YEAR

CHELESA CARTER, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT WAS PRESENTED

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT OF CLAIMS 151696-151896 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$380,233.66 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, ABSENT-REDMOND. (12)

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,104.76 TO HOOKER ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR FINAL PAYMENT ON PROJECT WC19-1 WOODSAWMILL ROAD BRIDGE MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, ABSENT-REDMOND (13)

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21,616.07 TO HOOKER ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR FINAL PAYMENT ON PROJECT WC19-2 WILMOT ROAD MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, ABSENT-REDMOND (14)

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,711.33 TO HOOKER ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR FINAL PAYMENT ON PROJECT WC19-3 GREER ROAD MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, ABSENT-REDMOND (15)

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,212.38 TO HOOKER ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR FINAL PAYMENT ON PROJECT WC19-4 BOGUE ROAD BRIDGE MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, ABSENT-REDMOND (16)

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,675.90 TO HOOKER ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR FINAL PAYMENT ON PROJECT WC19-6 HELM ROAD BRIDGE MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, ABSENT-REDMOND (17)

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,451.18 TO HOOKER ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR FINAL PAYMENT ON PROJECT ERBR76-06 STONE AIRPORT ROAD MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, *SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, ABSENT-REDMOND (18)*

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$28,395.19 FORDICE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR FINAL PAYMENT ON PROJECT WC19-6 HELM ROAD MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, *SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, ABSENT-REDMOND (19)*

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,289.56 FORDICE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR FINAL PAYMENT ON PROJECT WC19-1 WOODSAWMILL ROAD MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, *SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, ABSENT-REDMOND (20)*

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,611.60 FORDICE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR FINAL PAYMENT ON PROJECT WC19-4 BOGUE ROAD MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, *SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, ABSENT-REDMOND (21)*

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING THE REQUEST FROM THE MS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO PLACE A DRIVE-THRU TENT AND PORTABLE BUILDING FOR COVID RESPONSE AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND TO PROVIDE A SHORE-LINE FOR ELECTRICITY TO RUN TO THE PORTABLE BUILDING MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, *SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, ABSENT-REDMOND (22)*

IN RE: ORDER POSTPONING APPROVAL OF THE REQUEST OF CIRCUIT CLERK, BARBARA ESTERS-PARKER TO REIMBURSE SALARIES OF HER STAFF FOR SEPTEMBER THRU NOVEMBER 2020 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,108.40 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, *SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, ABSENT-REDMOND (23)*

MARILYN HANSELL, CHANCERY CLERK PRESENTED HER BI-WEEKLY REPORT

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING BONDS FOR GREENVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT: DR. DEBRA DACE, TAJUAN JOHNSON, CARLOS DEWAYNE THOMPSON, JANICE M. MONROE, PATRICIA S. ALLEN, DR. KAYSIE BURTON, ADRIENNE WILLIAMS, LATANYA RENEE CALHOUN, DR. KANDICE K. JERNIGAN, YOLANDA LAVETTE JOHNSON, EDDIE MAE SPRINGFIELD, DESHANDA NORWOOD RILEY, DEBRA REEVES, VANESSA MILLS-WIGFALL, WALTER LEE MCDAVID, JR., MELVIN D. BROWN, TARRINASHA BROWN MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, *SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, ABSENT-BROOKS, REDMOND (24)*

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING REIMBURSEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,658.69 TO MS STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION SERVICE FOR EMPLOYEE SALARY AND FRINGE

BENEFITS FOR THE MONTH ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 2020 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, ABSENT-BROOKS, REDMOND (25)

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT BY WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF MILTON GASTON OF CAPTAIN JEFFERY PARSON AS COUNTY FIRE INVESTIGATOR MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, ABSENT-BROOKS, REDMOND (26)

IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING COMMISSIONS AND FEES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$396,293.18 FROM TAX COLLECTOR, PATRICIA LEE FOR NOVEMBER 2020 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, ABSENT-BROOKS, REDMOND (27)

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$690.00 TO WESTERN LINE SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR LEASE ON SIXTEEN SECTION 16-15-09, 8.207 ACRES OF AGRICULTURAL LAND MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, ABSENT-REDMOND (28)

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE BOARD ATTORNEY TO RENEGOTIATE THE WESTERN LINE SCHOOL DISTRICT LEASE ON SIXTEEN SECTION 16-15-09 8.207ACRES OF AGRICULTURAL LAND MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, ABSENT-REDMOND (29)

BE IT KNOWN: THE CLERK OF THE BOARD PRESENTED CORRECTIONS /DELETIONS OF THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS FOR SUE HADAWAY WEBB; THELMA MCCLOUD ZANDERS; ROSIE LEE SANDERS; GEORGE BRYAN OAKES; HELEN KENNEDY EVANS; THERESA ALLEGREZZA NOBLE. THERE WAS NO ACTION TAKEN.

BE IT KNOWN: BRIDGERS, GOODMAN, BAIRD & CLARKE, PLLC HAVE COMPLETED THE 2019 WASHINGTON COUNTY AUDIT

IN RE: ORDER RATIFYING THE ACTIONS OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD IN SIGNING THE CARES ACT FOR MISSISSIPPI DOCUMENTS FOR THE 4TH CIRCUIT COURT, AS REQUESTED BY JUDGE MARGARET CAREY-MCCRAY MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, ABSENT- REDMOND (30)

PERCY MILES, WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING THE REQUEST TO ALLOW CORNERSTONE DETENTION PRODUCTS, INC., TO CLEAN, LUBRICATE AND ADJUST 147 LOCKS AT A COST OF \$19,903.00 AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY REGIONAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITY MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, ABSENT- REDMOND (31)

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING COPYING CERTAIN DOCUMENTS INTO THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY

SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, ABSENT-REDMOND (32)

IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING COUNTY OFFICIALS REPORTS MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, ABSENT- REDMOND (33)

IN RE: ORDER TO ADJOURN MEETING UNTIL JANUARY 4, 2021 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, ABSENT- REDMOND (34)

CARL MCGEE, PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

MARILYN HANSELL, CLERK OF THE BOARD