

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 23, 2021

BOARD MEETING

BE IT REMEMBERED on the 23rd day of February 2021 at 9:00 A. M., and being the time designated by law for the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors, the said board meeting was held as provided by Chapter, 3, Title 19 of Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated. The Board met at the Washington County Extension Building in Greenville, Mississippi, at the time designated for the purpose of transacting such business as might properly come before it; there being present the following:

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| Lee Gordon | Member, First District, Vice President |
| Tommy Benson | Member, Second District |
| Carl McGee | Member, Third District, President |
| Mala Brooks | Member, Fourth District |
| Jerry Redmond | Member, Fifth District |
| Willie Griffin | Board Attorney |
| Chelesa Carter | County Administrator |
| Lorenzo Anderson | County Engineer |
| Marilyn Hansell | Chancery Clerk |
| Milton Gaston | Sheriff |
| Percy Miles | Deputy Sheriff |

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Lee Gordon. 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 FEBRUARY 23, 2021 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE: BROOKS, BENSON, GORDON, REDMOND, MCGEE (1)

- *Added: South Delta Planning & Development, Hayes Dent Strategies, HB1354, SB2825, Planning Department, David Burford, Road Department, Daniel Hooker, Don Davis*

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 1, 2021 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND DIRECTING THE PRESIDENT TO SIGN SAME. MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE- BENSON, GORDON, REDMOND, MCGEE, ABSTAIN: BROOKS (2)

BE IT KNOWN: TOMMY GOODWIN OF SOUTH DELTA PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT APPEARED BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO DISCUSS THE MID-DELTA AIRPORT HANGER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

LORENZO ANDERSON, COUNTY ENGINEER PRESENTED A REPORT ON THE ROAD WORK THAT HAD BEEN COMPLETED. HE DISCUSSED THE EXTENSION OF THE BID FOR ROOF AT THE NEW SOUTH MARINE BUILDING. TOMMY AVANT DISCUSSED LSBP FUND AVAILABILITY AND PROGRAMMING OF FIVE (5) BRIDGE PROJECTS

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING USE OF LSBP FUNDS FOR PROGRAMMING OF FIVE (5) BRIDGE PROJECTS (NIGHTENGALE, HANDLY, BAKER, BURDETT AND WILLIAMS BAYOU ROADS) MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE- BENSON, GORDON, REDMOND, MCGEE, BROOKS (3)

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING USE OF COUNTY FUNDS FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS ON FAS 1511 FURR RD AT DEER CREEK CROSSING, CLUB 17 ROAD AT BAYOU CROSSING AND NORTH BROADWAY MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-BENSON, GORDON, REDMOND, MCGEE, BROOKS (4)

WILL COPPAGE PRESENTED HIS MONTHLY REPORT, DISCUSSED A PROPOSED MEETING WITH THE BOARD REPRESENTATIVES, CITY REPRESENTATIVES AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TO DISCUSS A BACK-UP WATER SUPPLY PLAN FOR FUTURE WATER CRISIS

BID: 4.8 ACRES OF LAND

IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING THE ONE AND ONLY BID OF MM&K TRUCKING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000 FOR THE 4.8 ACRES OF SURPLUS LAND IN NW ¼ OF NW ¼ SECTION 12 TOWNSHIP 18 RANGE 8, ZONED I-1 (HORSESHOE BAYOU ROAD) MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-BENSON, GORDON, REDMOND, MCGEE, BROOKS (5)

M.W. HAGAMAN REGARDING HER HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

BE IT KNOWN: THE BOARD ATTORNEY WILL RESEARCH THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION REQUEST OF M.W. HAGAMAN AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD

BE IT KNOWN: PUBLIC HEARING ON PARCELS IN SUCH A STATE OF UNCLEANLINESS AS TO CONSTITUTE A MENACE TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE COMMUNITY: William H. Harmon-1807 S. Lake Ferguson Road ; Sherman Harris-2405 N. Paducah Drive; James R. Grimes/ Sherri Smutzer-2538 Old Leland Rd. THE SOLID WASTE OFFICER WILL BE CONTACTED TO DO A RE-INSPECTION OF SAID PROPERTIES.

MARK SEARD, TAX ASSESSOR PRESENTED PETITIONS FOR INCREASE OF ASSESSMENTS

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING PETITIONS FOR REDUCTION OF ASSESSMENTS FOR PLANTATION TOWNHOMES LTD, METCALFE II LTD MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-BENSON, GORDON, REDMOND, MCGEE, BROOKS (6)

ARTIE ARMSTRONG PRESENTED A REPORT ON BEHALF OF HAYES DENT CONSULTING. HAYES DENT WILL MEET WITH CHARLIE BROCK AT MDEQ, ZOOM MEETING FEBRUARY 26, 2021 REGARDING THE DANNON PROJECT, TRAVEL TO BIRMINGHAM, AL TO SEE PROJECT

SUPERVISOR MALA BROOKS INFORMED THE BOARD OF HB1364 AND SB2825

DAVID BURFORD, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR REQUESTING APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURE REPORT AND AN EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION

IN RE: ORDER RATIFYING THE ACTIONS OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD IN APPROVING THE E-911 EXPENDITURES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$31,150.00 FOR COMMODITIES/TRANSPORTATION CAUSED BY WINTER STORM FEBRUARY 14-22, 2021 *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-BENSON, GORDON, REDMOND, MCGEE, BROOKS (7)*

IN RE: ORDER RATIFYING APPROVAL OF A PROCLAMATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY FOR WINTER STORM FEBRUARY 14-22, 2021 AND AUTHORIZING BOARD MEMBERS TO SIGN SAME *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-BENSON, GORDON, REDMOND, MCGEE, BROOKS (8)*

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THAT A LETTER OF APPRECIATION BE SENT TO ALL ENTITIES THAT ASSISTED WASHINGTON COUNTY DURING THE WINTER STORM EVENT, FEBRUARY 14-22, 2021 *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-BENSON, GORDON, REDMOND, MCGEE, BROOKS. (9)*

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING PAY ADJUSTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$340.00 FOR EMPLOYEES THAT WORKED DURING THE WINTER STORM EVENT (LIST OF WORKERS ATTACHED) *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-BENSON, REDMOND, MCGEE, BROOKS, NAY-GORDON (10)*

DONNA CREEMEN, PLANNING DEPARTMENT PRESENTED A USE AND OCCUPANCY PERMIT

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING PERMIT APPLICATION FOR USE AND OCCUPANCY OF BELL SOUTH TEL., LLC DBA AT &T TELE., LLC FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OR ADJUSTMENT OF BURIED TELECOMMUNICATION UTILITY FACILITY ALONG OR ACROSS STONEVILLE ROAD AND OLD HWY 61 TO 4225 OLD HWY 61 *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-BENSON, REDMOND, MCGEE, BROOKS, GORDON (11)*

MARK JOHNSON, ASSISTANT ROAD MANAGER REQUESTING PERMISSION TO PURCHASE TRUCK AND TRAILER

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF TRUCK 2021 FORD F-250 VIN#1FT7W2B60MEC45948 IN THE AMOUNT \$44,236.50 ON STATE CONTRACT AND DHX 21K 83" SUPER HD DUMP TRAILER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$23,475 *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-BENSON, REDMOND, MCGEE, BROOKS, GORDON (12)*

DANIEL HOOKER, FLOOD PLAIN MANAGER

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT AND CLERK OF THE BOARD TO SIGN CORRECTED FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION ORDINANCE, SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR MARCH 15, 2021 AT 10:00 A.M. AND DIRECTING THE CLERK OF THE BOARD TO PUBLISH NOTICE OF HEARING *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (13)*

DON DAVIS, BUILDING AND GROUNDS DIRECTOR- BID OPENING FOR AIR HANDLER

IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING QUOTE FROM BROWN ROOFING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4995.00 TO REPAIR REAR CANOPY AT THE WELFARE DEPARTMENT BUILDING *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (14)*

SUPERVISOR MALA BROOKS REQUESTING TRAVEL TO JACKSON, MS

IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING TRAVEL IN COUNTY VEHICLE BY SUPERVISOR MALA BROOKS TO ATTEND MEETING WITH THE STENNIS INSTITUTE *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (15)*

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

IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING CLAIMS 153064 THRU 153229 IN AMOUNT OF \$654,734.06 *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (16)*

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,166.66 TO HAYES DENT PUBLIC STRATEGIES FOR LOBBYING, CONSULTING AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS FEES FOR FEBRUARY 2021 *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE- BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND, NAY-MCGEE, GORDON (17)*

IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING TRAVEL FOR BILLY BARBER, WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO ATTEND INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT CLASS, MARCH 1-5, 2021 IN MOREHEAD, MS, AT ESTIMATED COST OF \$555.00 *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (18)*

MARILYN HANSELL, CHANCERY PRESENTED HER BI-WEEKLY REPORT

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING THE FOLLOWING BONDS: JUNEVETRIC SHAW, FRANK BROCKMAN, WILLINNA S. HAWKINS, LATONYA TUCKER, DAPHNE CRAIG GALLION(RIDER)-WASHINGTON COUNTY; BRIGETTA FOULES SIMS, TAMALYN H. WILLIAMS, MICHAEL E. BANKS-GREENVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT; MARIO WILLIS, FRANKIE C. HESTER-HOLLANDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (19)*

SHERIFF MILTON GASTON, WASHINGTON COUNTY INFORMED THE BOARD THAT DURING THE WINTER STORM SEVERAL PIPES BURST AT THE REGIONAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE WITH PAY FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY EMPLOYEES FOR THE WEEK OF THE WINTER STORM, FEBRUARY 15-19, 2021 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (20)

IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING COUNTY OFFICIALS REPORTS MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND, GORDON (21)

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING COPYING CERTAIN DOCUMENTS INTO THE MINUTES OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND, GORDON (22)

IN RE: ORDER GOING INTO CLOSED DETERMINATION TO CONSIDER GOING INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT-BENSON (23)

IN RE: ORDER TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE TRANSPORTER COMPLAINT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT-BENSON (24)

IN RE: ORDER TO LEAVE EXECUTIVE SESSION, WITH NO ACTION TAKEN. MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT-GORDON (25)

IN RE: ORDER TO ADJOURN TO MONDAY, MARCH 1, 2021 FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND, GORDON (26)

CARL MCGEE, PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

MARILYN HANSELL, CLERK
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY