

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTES OF MARCH 15, 2021

BOARD MEETING

BE IT REMEMBERED on the 15th day of March, 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-Absent |
| 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 President Carl McGee. The opening prayer was by Supervisor Tommy Benson. Supervisor Mala Brooks was absent. 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 MARCH 15, 2021 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, ABSENT-BROOKS (1)

- *Added: Stephanie Patton, Eloise Brooks, Mark Johnson, Arthur Perry*

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING MINUTES FOR MARCH 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-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, ABSENT-BROOKS (2)

NOLAN ANDREWS REGARDING MASIT INSURANCE RENEWAL

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING RENEWAL OF PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE WITH MS ASSOCIATION OF SUPERVISORS INSURANCE TRUST (“MASIT”) AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF ANNUAL PREMIUM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$435,001.62 FOR

2021-2022 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, ABSENT-BROOKS (3)

WILL COPPAGE, Washington County Economic Alliance, presented the Board an update on the \$165M McNew Solar Project in Washington County and thanked the Board for its assistance.

STEPHANIE PATTON OF DELTA HEALTH SYSTEM REQUESTING PERMISSION TO APPLY FOR HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES LITERACY GRANT

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING THE REQUEST OF DELTA HEALTH SYSTEM TO APPLY FOR A HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES LITERACY GRANT IN AN AMOUNT OF UP TO \$3,000,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT TO SIGN SAME MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, ABSENT-BROOKS (4)

ELOISE BROOKS, JUSTICE COURT CLERK, REQUESTING PERMISSION TO OPEN A CHECKING ACCOUNT FOR JUSTICE COURT

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CLOSURE OF CLEARING ACCOUNT NUMBER 40818288 AT GUARANTY BANK AND AUTHORIZING OPENING UP A NEW ACCOUNT WITH SIGNATORY AUTHORITY TO JUSTICE COURT CLERK, ELOISE BROOKS, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR CHELESA CARTER AND DEPUTY JUSTICE COURT CLERK WILLIE ANN WILGRAM FOR THE NEW CLEARING ACCOUNT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, ABSENT-BROOKS (5)

ARTHUR PERRY, ROAD MANAGER & MARK JOHNSON, ASSISTANT ROAD MANAGER REQUESTING PERMISSION TO HIRE NEW EMPLOYEES

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING ROAD MANAGER ARTHUR PERRY TO FILL THREE(3) VACANT POSITIONS AND HIRE ONE (1) INDIVIDUAL FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, ABSENT-BROOKS (6)

TOMMY AVANT COUNTY ENGINEER PRESENTED UPDATES ON VARIOUS PROJECTS, ADD BRIESCH ROAD BRIDGE TO LIST FOR USE OF COUNTY FUNDS, CHANGE ORDER

IN RE: ORDER POSTPONING ADDING BRIESCH STREET BRIDGE TO THE LIST OF BRIDGES TO BE REPAIRED USING COUNTY FUNDS PENDING WRITTEN REQUEST FROM THE CITY OF LELAND MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, ABSENT-BROOKS (7)

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING CHANGE ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,750.00 TO REPAIR ADDITIONAL RV SITES AT WARFIELD POINT PARK, AS REQUESTED BY COUNTY ENGINEER MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, REDMOND, NAY-BENSON, ABSENT-BROOKS (8)

IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING THE CDBG GRANT AWARD FROM MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$600,000.00 FOR SEWER

IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE CITY OF GREENVILLE AND AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD TO SIGN SAME MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, REDMOND, BENSON, ABSENT-BROOKS (9)

IN RE: ORDER OPENING PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION ORDINANCE MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, REDMOND, BENSON, ABSENT-BROOKS (10)

BE IT KNOWN: THE WASHINGTON COUNTY FLOOD PREVENTION ORDINANCE AND PROOF OF PUBLICATION WAS PRESENTED. THERE WERE NO OBJECTIONS.

IN RE: ORDER CLOSING PUBLIC HEARING FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION ORDINANCE MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, REDMOND, BENSON, ABSENT-BROOKS (11)

IN RE: ORDER ADOPTING THE WASHINGTON COUNTY FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION ORDINANCE MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, NAY-REDMOND, ABSENT-BROOKS (12)

BID: DHS FLOORING

IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING THE LOWEST AND BEST BID OF ARCHIE'S FLOORING SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$125,000.00 FOR LABOR AND INSTALLATION OF APPROXIMATELY 25,501 SQ. FT OF TILE AT THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES BUILDING MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, NAY-REDMOND, ABSENT-BROOKS (13)

CHELESA CARTER, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, presented her bi-weekly report

IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING CLAIMS 153619 THROUGH 153784 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$417,751.71 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, NAY-REDMOND, ABSENT-BROOKS (14)

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,500.00 TO MS DEPARTMENT OF CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES FROM THE GENERAL RELIEF FUNDS FOR ADULTS(LINE ITEM#00143706) FOR EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FOR ADULTS AND ELDERLY INDIVIDUALS MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, ABSENT-BROOKS (15)

BE IT KNOWN: REQUEST FOR PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,166.66 TO HAYES DENT STRATEGIES, LLC FOR LOBBYING, CONSULTING AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS FEES FOR MARCH 2021, MOTION FAILED

IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING TRAVEL FOR JUSTICE COURT JUDGES TO ATTEND MANDATORY MS JUDICIAL COLLEGE SPRING CONFERENCE APRIL 6-9, 2021 IN CHOCTAW, MS, AT ESTIMATED COST OF \$501.00 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, ABSENT-BROOKS (16)

IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING TRAVEL FOR CORONER, METHEL JOHNSON TO ATTEND MS CORONER MEDICAL EXAMINER ASSOCIATION(MSCMEA) 2021 SPRING CONFERENCE APRIL 14-16, 2021 IN FLOWOOD, MS, AT ESTIMATED COST OF \$753.40 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, ABSENT-BROOKS (17)

IN RE: ORDER ALLOCATING 3RD QUARTER 2020-2021 FUNDS FOR TAX ASSESSOR, TAX COLLECTOR, SHERIFF AND REGIONAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITY MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, ABSENT-BROOKS (18)

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING SUBMISSION OF REQUISITIONS TO TRUSTMARK NATIONAL BANK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,520,338.15 FOR REIMBURSEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY REGIONAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITY MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, ABSENT-BROOKS (19)

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CLERK OF THE BOARD TO ADVERTISE NOTICE TO BIDDERS FOR SIX MONTHS SUPPLIES MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, ABSENT-BROOKS (20)

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING THE CLOSING OF COUNTY OFFICES APRIL 2, 2021 IN OBSERVANCE OF GOOD FRIDAY MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, ABSENT-BROOKS (21)

IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING TRAVEL FOR SUPERVISORS AND THE BOARD ATTORNEY TO ATTEND A MEETING WITH THE MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION OF SUPERVISORS MARCH 24, 2021 IN JACKSON, MS. MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, ABSENT-BROOKS (22)

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING USE AND OCCUPANCY PERMIT REQUEST OF CSPIRE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OR ADJUSTMENT TO CONSTRUCT FIBER OPTIC UTILITY FACILITY WITHIN ROAD OR HIGHWAY RIGHT OF WAY ALONG OR ACROSS RIVERSIDE ROAD MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, ABSENT-BROOKS (23)

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING USE AND OCCUPANCY PERMIT REQUEST OF CSPIRE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OR ADJUSTMENT TO CONSTRUCT FIBER OPTIC UTILITY FACILITY WITHIN ROAD OR HIGHWAY RIGHT OF WAY ALONG OR ACROSS MADDOX & HOBART ROAD MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY

SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, ABSENT-BROOKS (24)

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING USE OF THE COURTHOUSE LAWN BY THE GREENVILLE GARDEN CLUB APRIL 1, 2021 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, ABSENT-BROOKS (25)

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING THE REPLACEMENT OF DEFECTIVE SURVEILLANCE EQUIPMENT IN THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING AT A COST OF \$6,355.00 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, ABSENT-BROOKS (26)

MARILYN HANSELL PRESENTED HER BIWEEKLY REPORT

IN RE: ORDER DENYING THE SALARY REQUEST OF PUBLIC DEFENDER, PATRICA A. RODGERS FOR PART-TIME ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDER MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, ABSENT-BROOKS (27)

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING BOND FOR QUINCY NEWSON OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, ABSENT-BROOKS (28)

IN RE: IN THE MATTER OF HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS REJECTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE FOR THE YEAR 2020-INITIAL ORDER AND AUTHORIZING THE CLERK OF THE BOARD TO SEND NOTICE OF HOMESTEAD ADJUSTMENT TO TAXPAYERS MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, ABSENT-BROOKS (29)

PERCY MYLES, SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING THE REQUEST OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO PURCHASE DESK SHELVES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,123.91 FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, ABSENT-BROOKS (30)

WILLIE GRIFFIN, BOARD ATTORNEY

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING EXTENSION OF MARS LEASE THROUGH OCTOBER 2022 AND AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT TO SIGN SAME MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, ABSENT-BROOKS (31)

IN RE: ORDER DIRECTING THE COUNTY ENGINEER TO PREPARE A LEGAL DESCRIPTION FOR THE HORSESHOE BAYOU PROPERTY MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, ABSENT-BROOKS (32)

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING THE \$15,000.00 PURCHASE PRICE FOR THE BRITTON PROPERTY IN HOLLANDALE AND DIRECTING THE BOARD ATTORNEY TO PREPARE THE DEED MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- REDMOND, GORDON, BENSON, NAY- MCGEE, ABSENT-BROOKS. (33)

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CLERK OF THE BOARD TO ADVERTISE NOTICE TO BIDDERS FOR THE METCALFE PROPERTY MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, ABSENT-BROOKS (34)

IN RE: ORDER DENYING THE REQUEST OF TCB ACQUISITIONS TO ADJUST THE 2018, 2019 & 2020 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, ABSENT-BROOKS (35)

SUPERVISOR TOMMY BENSON

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING THE REQUEST OF THE TOWN OF ARCOLA TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY'S MECHANIC TO REPAIR A POLICE CAR, WITH THE TOWN PAYING FOR THE EQUIPMENT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, ABSENT-BROOKS (36)

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT TO ASSIST THE TOWN OF ARCOLA IN REMOVAL OF A LARGE TREE ON OAK STREET NEAR THE CHLORINE HOUSE AND MAIN WATER WELL MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, ABSENT-BROOKS (37)

SUPERVISOR CARL MCGEE

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING \$1,500.00 FOR ENTERGY USE OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CONVENTION PARKING LOT AND NEGOTIATE FOR ADDITIONAL LIGHTING ALONG THE STRIP MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, ABSENT-BROOKS (38)

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING WASHINGTON COUNTY TO ASSIST THE CITY OF GREENVILLE WITH REPAIRS TO ADRAIN DRIVE USING COUNTY EQUIPMENT AND MANPOWER MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND THE VOTE: AYE-GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, NAY-MCGEE, ABSENT-BROOKS (39)

SHERIFF MILTON GASTON

IN RE: ORDER DECLARING THE BASKETBALL FLOOR AS SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING REMOVAL FROM THE COUNTY'S ASSETS LIST MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, ABSENT-BROOKS (40)

IN RE: ORDER GOING INTO CLOSED DETERMINATION TO CONSIDER GOING INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, ABSENT-BROOKS (41)*

IN RE: ORDER TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS A PERSONNEL MATTER *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, ABSENT-BROOKS (42)*

IN RE: ORDER TO LEAVE EXECUTIVE SESSION, WITH NO ACTION TAKEN *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, ABSENT-BROOKS (43)*

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING FORMER HOLLANDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT PRINCIPAL ROBERT WOODRUFF, JR. *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, ABSENT-BROOKS. (44)*

IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING COUNTY OFFICIALS REPORTS *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, ABSENT-BROOKS. (45)*

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, BENSON, REDMOND, ABSENT-BROOKS. (46)*

IN RE: ORDER TO ADJOURN MEETING UNTIL MONDAY, APRIL 5, 2021 *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, ABSENT-BROOKS. (47)*

ATTEST:

CARL MCGEE, PRESIDENT

MARILYN HANSELL, CLERK
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY