

**WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**MINUTES OF APRIL 15, 2024**

**BOARD MEETING**

Monday, April 15, 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 Tommy Benson. All present said the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and the meeting was officially opened by the Chief Deputy Sheriff.

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**(1) IN RE: ORDER TO CONSIDER AND ACCEPT AGENDA FOR APRIL 15, 2024 WITH ADDITIONS. MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND. Added- Lorenzo Anderson, Interlocal Agreement for Collection of Taxes of Municipalities**

*APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING*

**(2) IN RE: ORDER APPROVING MINUTES OF APRIL 1, 2024 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, REDMOND**

DAVID BURFORD, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

**(3) IN RE: ORDER RATIFYING PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY FOR SEVERE STORMS AND FLASH FLOODING COMMENCING ON OR ABOUT THE 9<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2024, AS REQUESTED BY DAVID BURFORD, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR AND AUTHORIZING BOARD MEMBERS' SIGNATURES MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND**

LORENZO ANDERSON, COUNTY ENGINEER

BE IT KNOWN: COUNTY ENGINEER APPEARED BEFORE THE BOARD REQUESTING SIGNATURES FOR A LIST OF BRIDGES FOR LSBP AND SABP PROJECTS

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, CHELESA CARTER PRESENTED HER BI-WEEKLY REPORT

**(4) IN RE: ORDER APPROVING CLAIMS DOCKET 244160 THRU 244292 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$657,792.47 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND**

**(5) IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING TRAVEL FOR CARNICE WOODS, CHANCERY COURT ADMINISTRATOR TO ATTEND THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR COURT MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE, JULY 19-26, 2024 IN NEW ORLEANS, LA, AND**

**AUTHORIZING PAYMENT IN ADVANCE OF REGISTRATION FEE IN THE ESTIMATED COST OF \$1,944.62 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND**

**(6) IN RE: ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT NO. 5 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$179,440.00 TO J.J. FERGUSON AND PAYMENT NO. 6 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$106,072.00 FOR WORK DONE ON THE WASHINGTON COUNTY FURR ROAD PROJECT(WS-20223) MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND, NAY-GORDON**

**(7) IN RE: ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT NO. 1 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$486,831.00 AND PAYMENT NO.2 IN THE AMOUNT OF 888,882.00 TO APAC FOR WORK DONE ON THE SAP-76(7) M PAVING PROJECT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND**

**(8) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CLERK OF THE BOARD TO ISSUE WARRANTS TO DISTRIBUTE TAX LOSS HOMESTEAD REIMBURSEMENT TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND THE BALANCE OF \$219,050.00 TO REMAIN IN THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND**

**(9) IN RE: ORDER APPROVING FINANCING BY CB&S BANK AS THE LOWEST AND BEST QUOTE FOR 36 MONTHS AT 4.73% FIXED RATE FOR FOUR (4) DUMP TRUCKS AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD TO SIGN SAME MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND**

BERNADINE HOLMES, DEPUTY CHANCERY CLERK FOR MARILYN HANSELL, CHANCERY CLERK

**(10) IN RE: ORDER APPROVING BONDS FOR CADARRIUS MEDELL ADAMS, WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND**

**(11) IN RE: FINAL ORDER IN THE MATTER OF HOMESTEADS REJECTED BY THE BUREAU OF REVENUE FOR THE YEAR 2023 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND**

ATTORNEY WILLIE GRIFFIN

**(12) IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING THE ATTORNEY'S RECOMMENDATION TO REMOVE THE CHANCERY CLERK FROM THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR THE COLLECTION OF MUNICIPAL TAXES AND RESUBMIT TO THE MUNICIPALITIES FOR SIGNATURES MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, BROOKS, BENSON, REDMOND, GORDON**

BE IT KNOWN: BOARD ATTORNEY WILLIE GRIFFIN INFORMED THE BOARD OF THE REDISTRICTING OF THE CHANCERY AND CIRCUIT DISTRICTS

**(13) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD TO SIGN RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO ANY EFFORT TO REVISE THE COMPOSITION OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY’S OFFICE AND JUDGESHIPS OF THE FOURTH CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICTS OR ALTER THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSTAIN- GORDON***

**(14) IN RE: ORDER TO RECESS MEETING UNTIL 1:00 P.M. APRIL 15, 2024 *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND***

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

**(16) IN RE: ORDER TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS POTENTIAL CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, BENSON, REDMOND, ABSENT-GORDON, BROOKS***

**(17) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING A PROPOSAL TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR REVIEW FOR THE CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND***

**(18) IN RE: ORDER TO LEAVE EXECUTIVE SESSION *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND***

**(19) IN RE: ORDER APPOINTING ROBERT JOHNSON, AS DISTRICT 5 APPOINTEE AND EBONY WILLIAMS, DISTRICT 3 APPOINTEE TO THE WASHINGTON COUNTY VISITORS AND CONVENTION COMMITTEE *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND***

**(20) IN RE: ORDER APPOINTING SUSAN SHAMOON TO THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SPORTSPLEX BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR DISTRICT 3 *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND, GORDON***

MARK JOHNSON, ASSISTANT ROAD MANAGER PRESENTED QUOTES FOR EQUIPMENT

**(21) IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING THE LOW QUOTE OF J AND M SALES FOR NEW TILT TRAILER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,500.00 *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND***

**(22) IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING THE LOW QUOTE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$57,020.00 FROM OAKES CHEVY FOR 2024 CHEVROLET 2500HD TRUCK MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND**

**(23) IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING THE LOW QUOTE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$53,610.00 FROM OAKES CHEVY FOR 2024 CHEVROLET 2500HD TRUCK MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND**

**(24) IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING MARCH 2024 SETTLEMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$794,467.44 FROM TAX COLLECTOR, PATRICIA LEE MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND**

**(25) IN RE: ORDER VOIDING 2022 TAX SALE FOR PARCEL NO. 11725701670 PPIN NO. 29254 AND AUTHORIZE REFUND IN ORDER FOR THE COLLECTOR TO COLLECT THE 2022 TAXES, DUE TO AN ERRONEOUS SALE MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND**

*BE IT KNOWN: DISTRICT ATTORNEY DWAYNE RICHARDSON APPEARED BEFORE THE BOARD REGARDING SENATE BILL RELATED TO THE REDISTRICTING OF THE FOURTH CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICTS.*

*BE IT KNOWN: SUPERVISOR LEE GORDON REVISITED THE LIST OF BRIDGES PRESENTED THIS MORNING BY THE ENGINEER*

*BE IT KNOWN: ANDREW SMITH APPEARED BEFORE TO BOARD TO DISCUSS HIS CONTRACTS. THE BOARD ASKED THE BOARD ATTORNEY TO REDUCE TO WRITING THE BOARD CONCERNS*

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

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

**(28) IN RE: ORDER RECESSING MEETING UNTIL APRIL 22, 2024 AT 10:00 A.M. MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT- GORDON**

CARL MCGEE, PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

MARILYN HANSELL, CLERK OF THE BOARD