

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTES OF APRIL 18, 2022

BOARD MEETING

Monday, April 18, 2022 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 Carl McGee. All present said the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and the meeting was officially opened by the Chief Deputy Sheriff.

IN RE: ORDER TO CONSIDER AND ACCEPT AGENDA FOR APRIL 18, 2022 WITH ADDITIONS. MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND. Added- Western Line School District School Bus Turnaround Request, Scott Christensen-Executive Session, Carrie Martin, County Engineer, Building and Grounds, Road Department, Appointments (1)

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING MINUTES OF APRIL 4, 2022 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND DIRECTING THE PRESIDENT TO SIGN SAME. MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, ABSTAIN- BROOKS (2)

ANGELICA MOTTON OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CENTER PRESENTED AN UPDATE

REPUBLICAN AND DEMOCRATIC PARTIES REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE FOR THE JUNE 7, 2022 PRIMARIES

IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING USE OF THE POLLING PRECINCTS AND PAYMENT OF ELECTION EXPENSES FOR THE REPUBLICAN PARTY FOR THE JUNE 7, 2022 PRIMARY ELECTION MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND. (3)

IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING USE OF THE POLLING PRECINCTS AND PAYMENT OF ELECTION EXPENSES FOR THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY FOR THE JUNE 7, 2022 PRIMARY ELECTION MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND. (4)

CARRIE MARTIN OF THE "KEEP GREENVILLE BEAUTIFUL" COMMITTEE

IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING USE OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER DECEMBER 15, 2022 (10:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M.) FOR AN APPRECIATION LUNCHEON FOR THE MAYOR, CITY EMPLOYEES, SUPERVISORS AND OTHERS THAT HAVE HELPED THEM ALONG THE WAY, AT NO FEE MOTION BY SUPERVISOR

BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND. (5)

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING THE REQUEST OF THE WESTERN LINE SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR ASSISTANCE FROM THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT WITH LABOR AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE SCHOOL BUS TURNAROUND AT THE C L MORRIS CENTER WITH THE DISTRICT PROVIDING THE MATERIALS *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND. (6)*

LORENZO ANDERSON, COUNTY ENGINEER PRESENTING A QUOTE FOR THE WILCOX ROAD PROJECT

IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING QUOTE OF MIXON CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION, INC., FOR CONCRETE (PILE CAPS & WELD PLATES) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$31,125.00 *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND. (7)*

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ENGINEER TO ADVERTISE NOTICE TO BIDDERS FOR THE BREISCH BRIDGE PROJECT *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND. (8)*

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING DELETION OF THE ARBITRATION CLAUSE IN THE CIRCUIT CLERK HVAC IMPROVEMENTS CONTRACT BETWEEN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND JACKSON HEATING AND COOLING *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND, NAY- MCGEE, GORDON (9)*

JEREMY SMITH, BUILDING AND GROUNDS DIRECTOR REPLACING TWO (2) COMPRESSORS AT THE WCCC

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE REPLACEMENT OF TWO (2) COMPRESSORS AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER AND AUTHORIZING NOTICE TO BIDDERS *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (10)*

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING BOARD ATTORNEY TO REVIEW THE REVERSA CLAUSE REGARDING THE ARCOLA PROPERTY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (11)*

ARTHUR PERRY, ROAD MANAGER

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT TO ASSIST THE CITY OF HOLLANDALE WITH THE REMOVAL OF THE FOLLOWING DILAPIDATED STRUCTURES: 608 DR. MARTIN L. KING, JR., DRIVE; 707 TAFT STREET; 703 TAFT STREET; 807 EAST AVENUE NORTH; 909 HELEN P. PERKINS AVENUE; 514 LINCOLN AVENUE; 115 E. CROUCH STREET PENDING VERIFICATION OF PROCESS SERVICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS BY THE CITY OF HOLLANDALE *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (12)*

MARK SEARD, TAX ASSESSOR

IN RE: ORDER DIRECTING TAX ASSESSOR, MARK SEARD TO SEND A LETTER TO CURRENT APPRAISER INFORMING HIM OF THE ADVERTISING PROCESS FOR APPRAISAL SERVICES, ADVERTISE NOTICE TO BIDDERS FOR APPRAISAL SERVICES, DECLARE AN EMERGENCY UNTIL BIDS ARE RECEIVED AND MODIFY CONTRACT TO SAY “ON RECEIPT AND APPROVAL OF BIDS” MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (13)

PUBLIC HEARING HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN, DAVID BURFORD, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

IN RE: ORDER OPENING PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND. (14)

IN RE: ORDER CLOSING PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND. (15)

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING THE 2022 WASHINGTON COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND. (16)

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, CHELESA CARTER PRESENTED HER BI-WEEKLY REPORT

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING CLAIMS DOCKET 223526 THRU 223667 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$617,610.69 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT-GORDON (17)

IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING TRAVEL FOR JUSTICE COURT CLERK, ELOISE BROOKS TO ATTEND PROFESSIONAL JUDICIAL DEVELOPMENT & JUSTICE COURT CLERK’S FALL CONFERENCE, MAY 10-13, 2022 IN MERIDIAN, MS, AT ESTIMATED COST OF \$639.76 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND. (18)

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$405.00 TO GREENVILLE PRINTING CENTER FOR RACK CARDS, FULL COLOR DELTA THRIVE SURVEY CARDS TO BE PAID FROM THE DELTA HEALTH LITERACY GRANT FUNDS MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT- GORDON. (19)

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING THE SUMMER YOUTH INTERNSHIP PROGRAM FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY AND AUTHORIZING HIRING OF THIRTY (30) PARTICIPANTS FOR THE PROGRAM MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (20)

IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING TRAVEL FOR CARNICE WOODS TO ATTEND COURT ADMINISTRATOR'S NATIONAL CONFERENCE, MAY 10-13, 2022 IN MILWAUKEE, WI, AT ESTIMATED COST OF \$2,949.37 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND. (21)

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING SALARY REIMBURSEMENT IN THE AMOUNT \$104,640.44 TO BE PAID FROM THE DELTA HEALTH LITERACY GRANT FUNDS FOR PROBARTIC BYEST, STACEY WILSON-WELLS, DIANNE BEASLEY-SPEARS, RICHARD STEVENS, EUNIKKA FREEMEN, LATONIA DODD, DIANNE MITCHELL, CHAD NEAL, KIM DOWDY AND STEPHANIE PATTON MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT- GORDON. (22)

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT OF FEES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100.00 FOR USE OF THE CAPPS CENTER CLASSROOM AND KITCHEN, MAY 26, 2022 FOR THE ADVANCING HEALTH LITERACY DELTA THRIVE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING TO BE PAID FROM THE DELTA HEALTH LITERACY GRANT FUNDS MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT- GORDON. (23)

MARILYN HANSELL, CHANCERY CLERK PRESENTED HER BI-WEEKLY REPORT

IN RE: ORDER RATIFYING RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF SYLVIA G. JACKSON MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND. (24)

IN RE: FINAL ORDER IN THE MATTER HOMESTEADS REJECTED BY THE BUREAU OF REVENUE FOR THE YEAR 2021 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND. (25)

IN RE: ORDER RATIFYING FULL PAGE ADVERTISEMENT IN THE DELTA BUSINESS JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$850.00 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND. (26)

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING THE REQUEST OF THE GREENVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR USE OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER AND WAIVER OF FEE FOR THE FOLOWING DATES: MAY 24, 2022-KINDERGARTEN CEREMONY 9AM-2 PM; MAY 25-26, 2022-GRADUATION PRACTICE & SET-UP-MAY 26, 2022 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (27)

IN RE: ORDER POSTPONING APPROVAL OF TWO (2) COMMERCIAL LEASE 16TH SECTION PUBLIC SCHOOL TRUST LAND AGREEMENTS BETWEEN GREENVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE CITY OF GREENVILLE-SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 18 NORTH, RANGE 9 WEST MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND. (28)

IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING TRAVEL FOR JEFFREY PARSON, MAJOR, WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO ATTEND BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION CLASS MAY 23-24, 2022 IN TEXARKANA, TX, AT ESTIMATED COST OF \$395.00 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND. (29)

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING ALLOCATING UP TO \$30,000 FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO PURCHASE TASERS MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND. (30)

BE IT KNOWN: THE ANNUAL ROAD INSPECTION IS SET FOR MAY 16, 2022

IN RE: ORDER GOING INTO CLOSED DETERMINATION TO CONSIDER GOING INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION. MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (31)

IN RE: ORDER TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS POTENTIAL LITIGATION AND CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (32)

IN RE: ORDER TO LEAVE EXECUTIVE SESSION, WITH NO ACTION TAKEN. MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (33)

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT AND CLERK OF THE BOARD TO SIGN THE CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN ANDREW L. SMITH, ("CONSULTANT") AND WASHINGTON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI AND THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE AMERICAN RESCUE ACT FUNDING MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND, NAY- MCGEE, GORDON (31)

IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING USE OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER, JUNE 2, 2022 BY THE 100 BLACK MEN FOR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM AND USE OF THE CAMERA EQUIPMENT, AT NO FEE MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (32)

IN RE: ORDER DIRECTING THE BOARD ATTORNEY TO DRAFT A LETTER TO THE GREATER GREENVILLE HOUSING AND REVITALIZATION ASSOCIATION, INC. REGARDING EXEMPT STATUS MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (33)

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING PAUPER'S BURIAL FOR MICHAEL WELCH MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (34)

IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING COUNTY OFFICIALS REPORTS MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (35)

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING COPYING CERTAIN DOCUMENTS INTO THE MINUTES OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND. (36)

IN RE: ORDER ADJOURNING MEETING UNTIL MAY 2, 2022 AT 9:00 A.M. MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (37)

CARL MCGEE, PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

MARILYN HANSELL, CLERK OF THE BOARD