

**WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**MINUTES OF MAY 17, 2021**

**BOARD MEETING**

Monday, May 17, 2021 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 Lee Gordon. All present said the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and the meeting was officially opened by the Deputy Sheriff.

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**IN RE: ORDER TO CONSIDER AND ACCEPT AGENDA FOR MAY 17, 2021 WITH ADDITIONS. MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND. Added-Lorenzo Anderson, Assistant Public Defender's Salary, Willie Griffin, Juneteenth Farms Festival, Flooding in Forest Acres Community & Sewers, Don Davis, Mark Johnson (1)**

*APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING*

**IN RE: ORDER APPROVING MINUTES OF APRIL MAY 3, 2021 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, REDMOND, NAY- BROOKS (2)**

WILL COPPAGE, WASHINGTON COUNTY ECONOMIC ALLIANCE *DISCUSSED THE CHANGES IN UNCLE BEN'S TRADE NAME AND THE GREENVILLE REGIONAL DRIVE-THRU JOB FAIR, MAY 18, 2021*

WALLEY MORSE AND REBECCA GOODMAN REQUESTING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE POLICE FIRING RANGE

JACQUELINE THOMPSON, WASHINGTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR ATTORNEY

**IN RE: ORDER APPROVING CONTRACT FOR LEGAL SERVICES WITH JENNIFER A. RILEY COLLINS FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, ABSTAIN- BROOKS. (3)**

DR. PATRICIA DAVENPORT PRESENTED THE 2020 ANNUAL REPORT FOR OUR HOUSE, INC.

SIDNEY COBB, NEW GREENVILLE LIBRARY DIRECTOR INTRODUCTION AND AN UPDATE ON LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

TASHA BANKS REQUESTING THE COUNTY PAY SUDDENLINK BILL ESTIMATING \$225.00 MONTHLY

**IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF SUDDENLINK TELEPHONE BILL AND AUTHORIZING TASHA BANKS TO APPLY FOR FUNDING, FOR APPROXIAMATELY**

**\$5,000.00 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, BENSON, REDMOND (4)**

ELIZABETH LAMBERT CLARK OF BUTLER SNOW, LLP

**IN RE: RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$4,100,000 WASHINGTON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2021 FOR THE PURPOSE OF CURRENT REFUNDING AND DEFEASING CERTAIN OUTSTANDING DEBT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; PRESCRIBING THE FORM AND DETAILS OF SAID BONDS; DIRECTING THE PREPARATION, EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF SAID BONDS; PROVIDING CERTAIN COVENANTS OF SAID COUNTY IN CONNECTION WITH SAID BONDS; AUTHORIZING THE PRIVATE PLACEMENT OF SAID BONDS; APPROVING THE FORM OF AND THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A PRIVATE PLACEMENT AGREEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE SALE OF SAID BONDS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES, AND AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT AND CLERK OF THE BOARD TO SIGN SAME MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, BENSON, REDMOND (5)**

MARK SEARD, TAX ASSESSOR

**IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING THE POSITION STATEMENT OF TAX ASSESSOR, MARK SEARD AND THE INITIAL RESOLUTION FOR AD VALOREM EXEMPTION FOR PRODUCERS RICE MILL, INC., FOR A TEN (10) YEAR PERIOD AND AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT AND CLERK OF THE BOARD TO SIGN SAME MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, BENSON, REDMOND (6)**

**IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT AND CLERK OF THE BOARD TO SIGN NOTICE TO INCREASE THE ASSESSMENT OF REAL/PERSONAL PROPERTY FOR MONSANTO COMPANY FPW, GAVILON FERTILIZER, LLC, LELAND MANUFACTURING LLC, BAYER CROP SCIENCE, LP, MARINE GEARS, INC., VALENT USA, LLC(2), AS PRESENTED BY TAX ASSESSOR, MARK SEARD MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, BENSON, REDMOND (7)**

LORENZO ANDERSON, COUNTY ENGINEER PRESENTED TWO (2) INVOICES FOR PAYMENT

**IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$48,080.00 TO MIXON CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION CO. FOR WILMOT ROAD BRIDGE REPAIR (SA76-205), AS REQUESTED BY COUNTY ENGINEER, LORENZO ANDERSON MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, BENSON, REDMOND (8)**

**IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$26,875.00 TO N.L. CARSON CONSTRUCTION INC, FOR NAPANEE BRIDGE REPAIR (SA76-295), AS REQUESTED BY COUNTY ENGINEER, LORENZO ANDERSON MOTION BY**

**SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, BENSON, REDMOND (9)**

WILLIE GRIFFIN, BOARD ATTORNEY

**IN RE: ORDER APPROVING SALARY INCREASE TO \$75,000.00 FOR ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDER MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-BROOKS, BENSON, REDMOND, NAY-MCGEE, GORDON (10)**

MALA BROOKS, SUPERVISOR DISTRICT 4

**IN RE: ORDER RECOGNIZING THE JUNETEETH FARM FESTIVAL AS A PART OF THE ARTS AND APPROVING DONATION OF \$1,500.00 TO THE MS DELTA BLACK FARMERS CO-OP, INC. MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, BENSON, REDMOND (11)**

**IN RE: ORDER ADDING THE "RAISE" GRANT TO THE AGENDA MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, BENSON, REDMOND (12)**

DON DAVIS, BUILDING AND GROUNDS DIRECTOR

**IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING LOWEST QUOTE FROM DAWKINS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,535.00 FOR INSTALLATION OF FLAG POSTS AND STATE FLAG MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON BROOKS, BENSON, REDMOND (13)**

MARK JOHNSON, ASSISTANT ROAD MANAGER

**IN RE: ORDER APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF A VEHICLE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$41,655.00 FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT ON STATE CONTRACT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, BENSON, REDMOND (14)**

**IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF SELS JONES FROM THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, BENSON, REDMOND (15)**

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, CHELESA CARTER PRESENTED HER BI-WEEKLY REPORT

**IN RE: ORDER APPROVING CLAIMS DOCKET 155025 THRU 155166 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$726,305.99 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, ABSTAIN- BROOKS (16)**

**IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$27,915.69 TO J.J. FERGUSON SAND AND GRAVEL, INC., FOR THE ERBR76-03 (BASSI) PROJECT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, BENSON, REDMOND (17)**

**IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$350.00 TO NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICERS(NACVSO) FOR 2021 BUSINESS MEETING & VIRTUAL CEU TRAINING, JULY 19-21, 2021 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, BENSON, REDMOND (18)**

**IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING TRAVEL FOR CHANCERY COURT ADMINISTRATOR, CARNICE WOODS TO ATTEND THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR COURT MANAGEMENT TRAINING JULY 11-16, 2021 IN SAN DIEGO, CA, WITH ESTIMATED COST OF \$3,100.00 AND AUTHORIZED REIMBURSEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,425.41 FOR FLIGHT, HOTEL AND REGISTRATION FEE MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, BENSON, REDMOND (19)**

**IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING TRAVEL FOR TWO (2) WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES TO ATTEND MS COMMAND COLLEGE TRAINING JULY 25-30, 2021 IN OXFORD, MS , AT ESTIMATED COST OF \$2,200.00 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, BENSON, REDMOND (20)**

**IN RE: ORDER APPROVING THE REQUEST OF THE JUVENILE DETENTION DIRECTOR TO HIRE ROSELMA HAYGOOD AS THE NURSE FOR THE JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER DUE TO PREVIOUS NURSE RESIGNING MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, BROOKS, BENSON, REDMOND, ABSENT- GORDON (21)**

**IN RE: ORDER APPROVING THE PROPOSED CALENDAR FOR THE FY 2021-2022 BUDGET PROCESS MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (22)**

**IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO OPEN A NONINTEREST BEARING ACCOUNT AT GUARANTY BANK AS REQUIRED BY THE AMERICAN RESCUE ACT TO ACCEPT WASHINGTON COUNTY ALLOCATIONS AND LIST CHANCERY CLERK, MARILYN HANSELL AND COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR AS AUTHORIZED USERS MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (23)**

**IN RE: ORDER APPROVING ANNUAL PAYMENT TO WASHINGTON COUNTY POLLING PLACES MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (24)**

**IN RE: ORDER DECLARING POSITION VACANT IN THE BUILDING AND GROUNDS DEPARTMENT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (25)**

**IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING MOVING FORWARD WITH APPLYING FOR THE REBUILDING AMERICAN INFRASTRUCTURE WITH SUSTAINABILITY AND EQUITY OR RAISE DISCRETIONARY GRANT FUNDS FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE- BROOKS, REDMOND, NAY- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON (MOTION FAILED) (26)**

**IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING THE USE OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER BY THE GREENVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY, JUNE 4, 2021, AT NO FEE IN THE EVENT OF RAIN MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (27)**

*MARILYN HANSELL, CHANCERY CLERK PRESENTED HER BI-WEEKLY REPORT*

**IN RE: ORDER APPROVING BOND FOR ANTAVIUS ROUNDS, WASHINGTON COUNTY PARK ATTENDANT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, , THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (28)**

*PERCY MILES, WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT*

**IN RE: ORDER APPROVING THE RENEWAL OF THE CORRECTIONAL MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SHERIFF AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY AND CORRECTIONS MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC., FOR MANAGEMENT AND CONSULTING SERVICES OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY REGIONAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITY AND AUTHORIZING THE BOARD PRESIDENT AND SHERIFF TO SIGN SAME MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (29)**

**IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING TRAVEL FOR SHERIFF MILTON GASTON & CHIEF DEPUTY BILLY BARBER TO ATTEND THE 2021MS SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION SUMMER CONFERENCE IN BILOXI, MS JUNE 13-18, 2021, AT ESTIMATED COST OF \$\$1,550.00 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (30)**

**IN RE: ORDER APPROVING THE REQUEST OF SHERIFF MILTON GASTON TO USE MEDPRO DISPOSAL SERVICE AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY REGIONAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$141.00 FOR QUARTERLY PICK-UP OF BIO HAZARD WASTE MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (31)**

**IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE BOARD ATTORNEY TO CONTACT THE WESTERN LINE SCHOOL DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO NEGOTIATE THE TRANSFER OF THE GLEN ALLAN PROPERTY MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (32)**

**IN RE: ORDER APPROVING THE REQUEST OF SHERIFF MILTON GASTON TO USE CHESTER BLAKE FOR WELDING SERVICES FOR THE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY**

**VAN MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT- GORDON (33)**

*WILLIE GRIFFIN, BOARD ATTORNEY*

**IN RE: ORDER APPROVING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WASHINGTON COUNTY FOR A ONE (1) YEAR PERIOD OR UNTIL TERMINATED OR EXTENDED AND AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT AND CLERK OF THE BOARD TO SIGN SAME MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT- GORDON (34)**

**IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING A WORK SESSION MAY 24, 2021 REGARDING THE AMERICAN RECOVERY ACT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT- GORDON (35)**

**IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING USE OF THE DEPOT BUILDING BY DELTA HEALTH CENTER, AT NO FEE, FOR VACCINE AND FOOD GIVEAWAY, SATURDAY, JUNE 5, 2021 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT- GORDON (36)**

**IN RE: ORDER APPROVING MEMBERSHIP FOR BOARD MEMBERS IN THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES ASSOCIATION (NACO) MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT- GORDON (37)**

**IN RE: ORDER APPROVING THE REQUEST OF THE CITY OF GREENVILLE FOR \$6,000.00 FOR FIREWORKS SHOW, JULY 4, 2021 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT- GORDON (38)**

**IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING COUNTY OFFICIALS REPORTS MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT- GORDON (39)**

**IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING COPYING CERTAIN DOCUMENTS INTO THE MINUTES OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT- GORDON (40)**

**IN RE: ORDER RECESSING MEETING UNTIL MAY 24, 2021 AT 9:00 A.M. MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, ALL VOTED AYE. (41)**

CARL MCGEE, PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

MARILYN HANSELL, CLERK OF THE BOARD