

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTES OF MAY 20, 2024

BOARD MEETING

Monday, May 20, 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 Carl McGee. All present said the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and the meeting was officially opened by the Chief Deputy Sheriff.

(1) IN RE: ORDER TO CONSIDER AND ACCEPT AGENDA FOR MAY 20, 2024 WITH ADDITIONS. MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

Added- move Sportsplex, Attorney's Report, DHS Contract, Road Department, Soccer Drone

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

(2) IN RE: ORDER APPROVING MINUTES OF MAY 6, 2024 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, BROOKS REDMOND

JUSTIN BURCH, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CENTER PRESENTED AN UPDATE AND EXTENDED THE BOARD AN INVITATION TO THE ANNUAL MEETING

DEMETRIC WARREN, SPORTSPLEX BOARD MEMBER REQUESTING AN INCREASE TO THE CONCESSION BUDGET AND REIMBURSEMENT FOR PAYMENT OF WORKERS

(3) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING A \$1,500.00 INCREASE TO THE CONCESSION BUDGET AT THE SPORTSPLEX TO PAY CONCESSION WORKERS MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

(4) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING A REIMBURSEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$200.00 TO DEMERTIC WARREN FOR PAYING WORKERS THAT ASSISTED WITH REGISTRATION PROCESS AT THE SPORTSPLEX IN MARCH MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

DAVID BURFORD, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR REQUESTING PAYMENT OF ANNUAL WEATHER RADAR SUBSCRIPTION

(5) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$429.00 FOR ANNUAL WEATHER RADAR SUBSCRIPTION MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

BE IT KNOWN: JACQUELINE RAY APPEARED BEFORE THE BOARD WITH CONCERNS REGARDING HER HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION AND THE APPLICATION PROCESS

ANDREW SMITH, GRANT CONSULTANT

(6) IN RE: ORDER APPROVING THE REQUEST FROM THE CITY OF HOLLANDALE TO DE-OBLIGATE \$50,000.00 FROM PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ARPA SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT FOR THE HOLLANDALE WELCOME CENTER AND TRANSFER SAID OBLIGATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000.00 TO PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BUDGET FOR IMPROVEMENTS AT THE HOLLANDALE INDUSTRIAL PARK MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

(7) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT AND CLERK OF THE BOARD TO SIGN THE ARPA SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,000.00 BETWEEN THE GREENVILLE CYPRESS PESERVE TRUST FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE GREENVILLE CYPRESS PESERVE THAT IMPACT TOURISM AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, WITH ALLOCATION FROM DISTRICT 1 ARPA FUNDS MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

(8) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING FINAL PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$44,932.00 TO TL WALLACE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR ALL WORK TO SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS AS OUTLINED IN THE SPECIFICATIONS AND CONTRACT DOCUMENTS MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

ATTORNEY WILLIE GRIFFIN PRESENTED HIS REPORT

(9) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD TO SIGN CONTRACT FOR THE 32 MIL FLOORING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$458,000 FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES FLOORING PROJECT WITH KOESTLER TILE COMPANY MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

SUPERVISOR MALA BROOKS REGARDING SOCCER DRONING

(10) IN RE: ORDER APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LELAND AND THE LELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT TO START SOCCER DRONING (NO DOCS) MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

(11) IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING APRIL SETTLEMENT CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,110,015.08 FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2024 FROM TAX COLLECTOR, PATRICIA LEE MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, ABSENT-REDMOND

MARK JOHNSON, ASSISTANT ROAD MANAGER REGARDING AUCTION AND QUOTES

(12) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD TO SIGN AGREEMENT WITH J.M. WOOD AUCTION COMPANY, INC. FOR JUNE 11-13, 2024 AUCTION OF FOUR (4) PUMP TRUCKS, INCLUDING DELIVERING TRUCKS TO AUCTION *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, ABSENT-REDMOND*

(13) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD TO SIGN AGREEMENT WITH THOMAS AUCTION AND REAL ESTATE CO., INC. FOR JUNE 1, 2024 AUCTION FOR SURPLUS BACKHOE-5382 & 5389, TRACTOR-L06715A435512, DOZER-5392, DUMP TRAILER-5342, ROLLER-5354 AND ROAD GRADER-5387, INCLUDING PICK-UP AND DELIVERING TRUCKS TO AUCTION *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, ABSENT-REDMOND*

(14) IN RE: ORDER DECLARING AS SURPLUS AND REMOVE FROM THE FIXED ASSETS LIST: BACKHOE-5382 & 5389, TRACTOR-L06715A435512, DOZER-5392, DUMP TRAILER-5342, ROLLER-5354 AND ROAD GRADER-5387 *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, ABSENT-REDMOND*

(15) IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING LOWEST AND BEST QUOTE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$46,529.40 OF LYLE MACHINERY FOR DOUBLE DRUM STEEL WHEEL ROLLER FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND*

(16) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING MARK JOHNSON, ASSISTANT ROAD MANAGER TO OBTAIN TWO (2) QUOTES FOR A BUSH HOG FOR THE ROAD DEPARTMENT *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, ABSENT-REDMOND*

(17) IN RE: ORDER APPROVING THE REQUEST TO HIRE TWO (2) SEASONAL WORKERS FOR GRASS CUTTING *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, ABSENT-REDMOND*

(18) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ASSISTANT ROAD MANAGER TO HIRE A PART TIME TEMPORARY DRIVER TO DRIVE THE MOSQUITO SPRAY TRUCK *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, ABSENT-REDMOND*

(19) IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE EXEMPTION CERTIFICATION FOR PRODUCERS RICE MILL, INC., AND APPROVING FINAL RESOLUTION GRANTING PRODUCERS RICE MILL, INC., EXEMPTION FROM AD VALOREM TAXATION FOR TEN (10) YEARS AND AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT AND CLERK OF THE BOARD TO SIGN SAME *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, ABSENT-REDMOND*

(20) IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING THE SERVING OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT THE HOLINDALE MULTIPLEX BUILDING BY MAGGIE HENDERSON MAY 25, 2024 FOR CLASS OF 2014 REUNION MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND, NAY-GORDON

(21) 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

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

(23) IN RE: ORDER KEEPING THE CURRENT EMPLOYMENT PROCESS IN PLACE MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MCGEE, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, NAY- BROOKS

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

CHIEF BILLY BARBER

(25) IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING TRAVEL FOR SHERIFF MILTON GASTON AND CHIEF DEPUTY BILLY BARBER TO ATTEND THE SHERIFF'S CONFERENCE JUNE 3-7, 2024 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

(26) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR THE TRIAD GRANT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

(27) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR THE BULLETPROOF VEST GRANT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, CHELESA CARTER PRESENTED HER BI-WEEKLY REPORT

(28) IN RE: ORDER APPROVING CLAIMS DOCKET 244804 THRU 245000 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$501,590.26 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

(29) IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING TRAVEL FOR CHELESA CARTER AND TASHA BANKS TO ATTEND THE MANDATORY FISCAL AGENT & PROJECT DIRECTORS MS TOBACCO FREE COALITION 4TH QUARTERLY TRAINING IN JACKSON, MS JUNE 17-19, 2024, AT ESTIMATED COST OF \$700.00 EACH MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

(30) IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING TRAVEL FOR COUNTY OFFICIALS TO ATTEND 2024 NACO ANNUAL CONFERENCE JULY 10-16, 2024, IN TAMPA, FL, AT ESTIMATED COST IF \$7,000.00 AND USE OF THE COUNTY CREDIT CARD MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

(31) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING JUDGE MARGARET CAREY MCCRAY TO SIGN THE AMENDED REAGENT AGREEMENT TO ALLOW FOR THE TESTING OF FENTANYL, FOR THE 4TH CIRCUIT INTERVENTION COURT, EXPIRING JANUARY 9, 2027 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

(32) IN RE: ORDER APPROVING THE REQUEST OF JUDGE VERNITA KING JOHNSON FOR USE OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER FOR A PARENT/CHILD WORKSHOP, JULY 24 & 31, 2024 (5-8:30pm) AND DECEMBER 10, 2024 FOR THEIR CHRISTMAS PARENT/CHILD WORKSHOP(5-8:30pm), AT NO FEE MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

(33) IN RE: ORDER APPROVING GUARANTY BANK & TRUST COMPANY AS THE LOWEST FINANCER AT 4.70% FOR THE ASPHALT PAVER MACHINE MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

(34) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF REQUISITIONS TO PEOPLES BANK FOR REIMBURSEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,253,200.97 FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY REGIONAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITY AND AUTHORIZING THE SHERIFF AND CHANCERY CLERK TO SIGN SAME MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

(35) IN RE: ORDER APPROVING USE OF THE SUPERVISOR'S MEETING ROOM BY COMMISSIONER DE'KEITHER STAMPS/THE CENTRAL DISTRICT PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION FOR A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF GREER SOLAR TO BUILD A SOLAR FACILITY IN WASHINGTON COUNTY MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

(36) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD TO SIGN THE SOLID WASTE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S GRANT AWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,432.22 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

BERNADINE HOLMES PRESENTED BI-WEEKLY REPORT FOR MARILYN HANSELL, CHANCERY CLERK

(37) IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$63,946.65 REPRESENTING DISTRIBUTION FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY FROM THE MISSISSIPPI ELECTION SUPPORT FUND (311E) MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

(38) IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING PAYMENT OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 NATIONAL FORESTRY FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2.51 FROM STATE TREASURER, DAVID MCRAE MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

SUPERVISOR CARL MCGEE

(39) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT TO ASSIST THE CITY OF GREENVILLE WITH TRASH COLLECTIONS, PENDING RECEIPT OF LETTER REQUESTING ASSISTANCE MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

(40) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING PRESIDENT AND CLERK OF THE BOARD TO SIGN RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF MRS. MARY WILLIAMS MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

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

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

(43) IN RE: ORDER ADJOURN MEETING UNTIL JUNE 3, 2024 AT 9:00 A.M. MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

CARL MCGEE, PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

MARILYN HANSELL, CLERK OF THE BOARD