

**WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**MINUTES OF JUNE 15, 2020**

**BOARD MEETING**

Monday, June 15, 2020 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 Mala Brooks. 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 WITH ADDITIONS/DELETION FOR JUNE 15, 2020 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, ALL VOTED AYE. (1)**

- *Added: James Stewart, Eric Smith, Thomas Cochran, Preservation Committee Members, Board Attorney Report*

*MINUTES OF THE PRIOR MEETING*

**IN RE: ORDER APPROVING MINUTES OF JUNE 1, 2020 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND DIRECTING THE PRESIDENT TO SIGN SAME MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, ALL VOTED AYE. (2)**

JAMES STEWART, ASSISTANT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR PRESENTED EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION EXTENSION AND MOU FOR BOARD APPROVAL

**IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING BOARD MEMBERS TO SIGN PROCLAMATION OF EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY EXTENSION DUE TO COVID 19 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, ALL VOTED AYE. (3)**

**IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING BOARD PRESIDENT TO SIGN THE COVID19 COMMUNITY TEST SITE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND THE MS STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, ALL VOTED AYE. (4)**

**IN RE: ORDER ADDING EXECUTIVE SESSION TO THE AGENDA MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, ALL VOTED AYE. (5)**

WILL COPPAGE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, WASHINGTON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CENTER REPORTED ON VARIOUS PROJECTS

TASHA BANKS, MS TOBACCO FREE COALITION REGARDING SMOKE FREE ORDINANCE FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY. MS. BANKS ALSO REQUESTED ASSISTANCE FROM THE COUNTY WITH CERTAIN STREETS IN WARD 5.

**IN RE: ORDER APPROVING WASHINGTON COUNTY SMOKE FREE AIR ORDINANCE OF 2020, AS PRESENTED BY TASHA BANKS OF THE MS TOBACCO FREE COALITION MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, ALL VOTED AYE. (6)**

***BE IT KNOWN: CITY OF GREENVILLE COUNCILWOMAN, TASHA BANKS REQUESTED ASSISTANCE FROM WASHINGTON COUNTY IN REPAIRING CERTAIN CITY OF GREENVILLE STREETS: OXFORD PLACE, LISA DRIVE AND PEAR LANE. THERE WAS NO ACTION TAKEN***

*ELOISE BROOKS, JUSTICE COURT CLERK, PRESENTING EMPLOYEE LETTER OF RESIGNATION AND REQUESTING REMOVAL OF SIGNATURE AUTHORITY FROM BANK ACCOUNT*

**IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING LETTER OF RESIGNATION FROM JOHMARA JACKSON SUTTON, DEPUTY JUSTICE COURT CLERK AND AUTHORIZING THE REMOVAL FOR JOHMARRA JACKSON SUTTON'S NAME AS AUTHORIZED CHECK SIGNER FROM ALL JUSTICE COURT BANK ACCOUNTS MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR AMOS, ALL VOTED AYE (7)**

***BE IT KNOWN:***

***THOMAS COCHRAN OF ACCESS HEALTH CARE APPEARED BEFORE THE BOARD REGARDING HEALTH CARE SERVICES AND WAS INFORMED THAT HIS CONCERNS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO DRMC HOSPITAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES***

***ERIC SMITH OF INGRAM EQUIPMENT APPEARED BEFORE THE BOARD REQUESTING CLARIFICATION AND RECONSIDERATION WITH REGARD TO THE GARBAGE TRUCK ONLINE AUCTION JUNE 1, 2020***

ATTORNEY WILLIE GRIFFIN PRESENTED A REPORT TO THE BOARD FOR APPROVAL OF AN EXTENSION OF THE COVID19 BOARD ORDER

**IN RE: ORDER APPROVING EXTENSION OF ORDER ESTABLISHING COVID19 GUIDELINES FOR JUNE 1-JULY 6, 2020 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, ALL VOTED AYE. (8)**

**IN RE: ORDER APPROVING THE REQUEST OF TAX COLLECTOR, PATRICIA LEE TO CONTRACT WITH GOV EASE, INC., TO CONDUCT AN ONLINE AUCTION FOR THE 2019 TAX SALE MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, ALL VOTED AYE. (9)**

**IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING COMMISSION AND FEES FROM OF TAX COLLECTOR, PATRICIA LEE FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2020 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$546,409.00 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, ALL VOTED AYE. (10)**

**IN RE: ORDER TO MOVE THE CONFEDERATE STATUE FROM THE COURTHOUSE LAWN AND AUTHORIZING THE BOARD TO WORK WITH THE GREENVILLE HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMISSION TO IDENTIFY A SUITABLE COUNTY**

**PROPERTY TO RELOCATE THE STATUE *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, ALL VOTED AYE, EXCEPT GORDON-NAY (11)***

CHELESA CARTER, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR PRESENTED HER BI-WEEKLY REPORT

**IN RE: ORDER APPROVING CLAIMS 147856 THRU 148018 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$511,154.12 *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, ALL VOTED AYE. (12)***

**IN RE: ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT NO. 3 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$187,159.05 TO FORDICE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR THE WC19-6(HELM ROAD) PROJECT *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, ALL VOTED AYE. (13)***

**IN RE: ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT NO. 5 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$275,392.12 TO FORDICE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR THE WC19-1(WOODSAWMILL ROAD) PROJECT *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, ALL VOTED AYE. (14)***

**IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CLOSING OF COUNTY OFFICES FRIDAY, JULY 3, 2020 IN OBSERVANCE OF THE FOURTH OF JULY HOLIDAY, SATURDAY, JULY 4, 2020 *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, ALL VOTED AYE. (15)***

**IN RE: ORDER APPROVING 4<sup>TH</sup> QUARTER ALLOCATIONS TO THE TAX ASSESSOR, TAX COLLECTOR, SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND THE WASHINGTON COUNTY REGIONAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITY *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, ALL VOTED AYE. (16)***

**IN RE: ORDER APPROVING THE REQUEST OF BUILDING AND GROUNDS DIRECTOR, DON DAVIS TO REPLACE THE ICE MACHINE AT THE COUNTY SHOP *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, ALL VOTED AYE. (17)***

**IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD TO SEND A LETTER TO THE MS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION GIVING PERMISSION TO THE GREENVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT TO ADMINISTER 3<sup>RD</sup> PARTY SCHOOL BUS TESTING ON THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER GROUNDS *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, ALL VOTED AYE. (18)***

**IN RE: ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT FOR HAZARD PAY ADJUSTMENT FOR THIRTY (30) DAYS FOR ELIGIBLE COUNTY EMPLOYEES *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, ALL VOTED AYE. (19)***

**IN RE: ORDER APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD TO SIGN CONTRACT WITH HAYES DENT STRATEGIES AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,166.00 TO HAYES DENT STRATEGIES FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE**

**2020 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, ALL VOTED AYE, EXCEPT GORDON-NAY (20)**

*MARILYN HANSELL, CLERK OF THE BOARD PRESENTED HER BI-WEEKLY REPORT*

**IN RE: ORDER APPROVING PAUPER'S BURIAL REQUEST FOR MR. EMMITT THURMAN MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, ALL VOTED AYE. (21)**

**IN RE: ORDER APPROVING PAUPER'S BURIAL REQUEST FOR MR. EUGENE SMITH MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, ALL VOTED AYE. (22)**

**IN RE: ORDER APPROVING GRAVE MARKERS FOR PAUPER'S BURIAL GRAVESITES MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, ALL VOTED AYE. (23)**

**IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING THE YAZOO MISSISSIPPI DELTA JOINT WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT 0.75 MILLS TAX LEVY REQUEST FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR AMOS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, ALL VOTED AYE. (24)**

**IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT AND CLERK OF THE BOARD TO SIGN ENGAGEMENT WITH BRIDGERS AND GOODMAN TO PREPARE THE 2019 FISCAL YEAR AUDIT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, ALL VOTED AYE. (25)**

**IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO CERTIFY PETITIONS OF CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION COMMISSIONER TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION AND DIRECTING THAT THE NAMES OF THE FOLLOWING CANDIDATES BE PLACED ON THE BALLOT FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER 2, 2020: JACQUELINE BUSH THOMPSON & MICHAEL J. OLTREMARI-DISTRICT 1; SANDRA REED-DISTRICT 2; ROSIE STURDEVANT-DISTRICT 3; SADIE SEARD-SHERDON-DISTRICT 4; NAOMI THOMAS CURTIS-DISTRICT 5 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, ALL VOTED AYE. (26)**

*PERCY MILES, SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT*

***BE IT KNOWN: THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WERE INFORMED THAT WARDEN JAMES WHITEHEAD HAS RESIGNED HIS POSITION AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY REGIONAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITY AND THAT CHIEF BILLY BARBER WILL ASSUME THE POSITION TEMPORARILY UNTIL A REPLACEMENT CAN BE HIRED. THE TEMPORARY SALARY ADJUSTMENT FOR CHIEF BARBER WILL COME FROM THE REGIONAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITY BUDGET***

**IN RE: ORDER APPROVING THE REQUEST OF JUDGE ASHLEY HINES TO HAVE COURT IN THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER FOLLOWING CDC**

**AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH GUIDELINES *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, ALL VOTED AYE. (27)***

**IN RE: ORDER GOING INTO CLOSED DETERMINATION TO CONSIDER GOING INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, ALL VOTED AYE. (28)***

**IN RE: ORDER TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE ECONOMIC PROJECT *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, ALL VOTED AYE. (29)***

**IN RE: ORDER TO LEAVE EXECUTIVE SESSION, WITH NO ACTION TAKEN *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, ALL VOTED AYE. (30)***

**IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING COUNTY OFFICIALS REPORTS *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, ALL VOTED AYE. (31)***

**IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING COPYING CERTAIN DOCUMENTS INTO THE MINUTES OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR AMOS, ALL VOTED AYE. (32)***

**IN RE: ORDER TO ADJOURN MEETING UNTIL JULY 6, 2020 *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, ALL VOTED AYE. (33)***

CARL MCGEE, PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

MARILYN HANSELL, CLERK  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY