

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTES OF JUNE 20, 2022

BOARD MEETING

Monday, June 20, 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 Tommy Benson All present said the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and the meeting was officially opened by the Deputy Sheriff.

IN RE: ORDER TO CONSIDER AND ACCEPT AGENDA WITH ADDITIONS FOR JUNE 20, 2022 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (1)

- *Added: Dave Clark-Republican Party, Interlocal Agreement between County and Municipalities, Delta Soul Festival*

MINUTES OF THE PRIOR MEETING

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING MINUTES OF JUNE 6, 2022 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND DIRECTING THE PRESIDENT TO SIGN SAME MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, ABSTAIN- BROOKS (2)

IN RE: ORDER ADDING LIONEL HINES TO THE AGENDA FOR JUNE 20, 2022 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (3)

DR. TYRONE JACKSON, PRESIDENT OF MS DELTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE PRESENTED THE BOARD AN UPDATE REGARDING MDCC'S BUDGET AND PROJECTS. PICTURES OF THE BOARD WITH PROPS WERE ALSO TAKEN. TRUSTEE FRANK DANTONE WAS INTRODUCED AND HE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR ALL THAT WASHINGTON COUNTY DOES TO SUPPORT MDCC

JAMES STEWART, ASSISTANT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR PRESENTED THE STATEWIDE MUTUAL AID COMPACT AND THE RURAL FIRE TRUCK ACQUISITION DOCUMENTS

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT, CLERK AND ATTORNEY OF THE BOARD TO SIGN THE STATEWIDE MUTUAL AID COMPACT(SMAC)/AGREEMENT BETWEEN WASHINGTON COUNTY, STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, MISSISSIPPI EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, EACH COUNTY AND MUNICIPALITY AND THE MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (4)

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD TO SIGN THE ROUND 13 RURAL FIRE TRUCK ACQUISITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GRANT DOCUMENTS FOR RIVERSIDE FIRE DISTRICT *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND, NAY-MCGEE (5)*

ANDREA FISHER REQUESTING DONATION FOR THE GREENVILLE RENAISSANCE SCHOLAR PROGRAM

IN RE: ORDER POSTPONING APPROVAL UNTIL ATTORNEY CAN RESEARCH THE REQUEST FOR A \$3,000.00 DONATION FOR THE GREENVILLE RENAISSANCE SCHOLARS PROGRAM *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (6)*

ROY JOHNSON

IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING THE SERVING OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER BY THE GREENVILLE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1982 FOR THEIR 40TH CLASS REUNION, AUGUST 20, 2022 *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (7)*

JUDGE VERNITA KING-JOHNSON REPORTED BACK TO THE BOARD REGARDING THE NURSE AT THE JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER

IN RE: ORDER ADDING EXECUTIVE SESSION TO THE AGENDA TO DISCUSS THE NURSE'S SALARY *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (8)*

ARTHUR PERRY, ROAD MANAGER AND MARK JOHNSON, ASSISTANT ROAD MANAGER REQUESTING PERMISSION TO GET REPAIRS FOR TRACKHOE

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE ROAD DEPARTMENT TO PROCEED WITH REPAIRS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,000.00 FOR THE CATERPILLAR TRACKHOE *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (9)*

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE ROAD DEPARTMENT TO OBTAIN TWO (2) QUOTES FOR REPAIRS FOR THE CATERPILLAR TRACKHOE AND PROCEED WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST QUOTE *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (10)*

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE ROAD DEPARTMENT TO OBTAIN TWO (2) QUOTES FOR REPAIRS TO THE SKID STEER BOBCAT AND PROCEED WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST QUOTE *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (11)*

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING ARTHUR PERRY, ROAD MANAGER TO HIRE A SEASONAL MOSQUITO TRUCK DRIVER *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (12)*

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CLERK OF THE BOARD TO ADVERTISE NOTICE TO BIDDERS FOR OUTSOURCING AND CUTTING GRASS *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (13)*

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING BUDGET AMENDMENT TO TRANSFER \$500,000.00 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE BRIDGE AND CULVERT FUND *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (14)*

IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING THE WASHINGTON COUNTY 4-H TO USE THE OUTSIDE HORSE ARENA FOR THE 4-H COOKOUT COUNTY CONTEST, JUNE 30, 2022 AND USE OF PAVILION 2 AND SPLASH PAD AUGUST 4, 2022 FOR BACK TO SCHOOL JAMBOREE, AT NO FEE *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, ABSENT-BROOKS (15)*

IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING USE OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER BY THE GREATER WASHINGTON COUNTY MVSU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION TO HOST A TOWN HALL MEETING, AT NO FEE, JULY 28, 2022 *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, ABSENT-BROOKS (16)*

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING JEREMY SMITH, BUILDING AND GROUNDS DIRECTOR, TO OBTAIN TWO (2) QUOTES FOR AIR CONDITIONING UNITS FOR THE JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER AND PROCEED WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST QUOTE *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (17)*

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING JEREMY SMITH, BUILDING AND GROUNDS DIRECTOR, TO OBTAIN TWO (2) QUOTES FOR REPAIRS FOR LEAKS IN THE OFFICE AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (18)*

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING JEREMY SMITH, BUILDING AND GROUNDS DIRECTOR, TO HIRE TWO (2) INDIVIDUALS FOR THE BUILDING AND GROUNDS DEPARTMENT *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (19)*

IN RE: ORDER ADDING CIRCUIT CLERK BARBARA ESTERS-PARKER TO THE AGENDA *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (20)*

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF POLL WORKERS FOR THE REPUBLICAN PRIMARY RUNOFF, JUNE 28, 2022 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (21)

AMENDMENT: BE IT KNOWN: CIRCUIT CLERK BARBARA ESTERS PARKER DISCUSSED HER CONCERNS REGARDING HER RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE VOTING MACHINES, MEETING WITH ELECTION COMMISSIONERS & RESPONSIBILITIES

SUPERVISOR MALA BROOKS

IN RE: ORDER ADDING A REQUEST TO SERVE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT WARFIELD POINT PARK TO THE AGENDA MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT- GORDON (22)

BE IT KNOWN: REQUEST TO SERVE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT WARFIELD POINT PARK, JULY 2, 2022 FOR MUSIC/TRAIL RIDE- MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, MOTION DIED DUE TO LACK OF SECOND

BE IT KNOWN: SUPERVISOR CARL MCGEE EXPRESSED CONCERNS REGARDING THE USE OF THE ARENA AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER BY THE DELTA SOUL FESTIVAL ORGANIZERS WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL FROM THE BOARD AND WHO WAS GOING TO PAY FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES WHO WERE CALLED IN TO PREPARE THE ARENA FOR COURT SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, JUNE 20, 2022. THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION, HOWEVER, THE BOARD TOOK NO ACTION

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING PARTIAL PAYMENT FOR ESTIMATES #2 & #3 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$53,404.27 TO BARRON CONSTRUCTION FOR THE CDBG-GREENVILLE SEWER PROJECT, AS RECOMMENDED BY SOUTH DELTA PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, INC. MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (23)

CHELESA CARTER, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR PRESENTED HER BI-WEEKLY REPORT

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING CLAIMS 224919 THRU 225077 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$532,633.70 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, ABSTAIN-BROOKS, (24)

IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING TRAVEL FOR JUSTICE COURT JUDGES TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL STATE JUSTICE COURT JUDGES SUMMER CONVENTION JULY 16-20, 2022, IN BILOXI, MS, AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF \$5,765.77 WITH ADVANCE PAYMENT OF REGISTRATION AND HOTEL MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, BROOKS (24)

IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING TRAVEL FOR SIX (6) DRUG COURT INTERVENTION MEMBERS TO ATTEND THE MS ASSOCIATION OF DRUG COURT PROFESSIONAL

TRAINING, AUGUST 24-26, 2022, IN BILOXI, MS, AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF \$7,172.00, TO BE PAID FROM YOUTH COURT GRANT FUNDS MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, BROOKS (25)

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,100 TO MAINSTREET GREENVILLE FOR THE JULY 4TH FIREWORKS CELEBRATION MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (26)

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,036.36 TO MS STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION SERVICE FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF EMPLOYEE SALARY AND FRINGE BENEFITS FOR THE MONTH ENDED MAY 31, 2022 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (27)

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING BUDGET MODIFICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,645.00 FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT UNDER LINE ITEM#001-200-629 (P.I.P.E.) TO REPLENISH THE DRUG FUND ACCOUNT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (28)

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING SUBMISSION OF REQUISITIONS TO TRUSTMARK NATIONAL BANK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$549,145.03 AND AUTHORIZING THE CLERK AND SHERIFF TO SIGN SAME MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, ABSENT- REDMOND, BROOKS (29)

IN RE: ORDER ALLOCATING 4TH QUARTER 2021-2022 FUNDS FOR TAX ASSESSOR, TAX COLLECTOR, SHERIFF AND REGIONAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITY MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, BROOKS (30)

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CLERK OF THE BOARD TO RE-ADVERTISE NOTICE TO BIDDERS FOR 6 MONTHS SUPPLY BIDS FOR HOT & COLD MIX AND PRECAST CONCRETE BRIDGES AND ADVERTISE NOTICE TO BIDDERS FOR ONE (1) USED TIRE BACKHOE MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, BROOKS (31)

IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING ORDER FROM CHANCELLOR DEBRA M. GILES APPOINTING AND SETTING COMPENSATION FOR AOC RESEARCH ASSISTANT, HANNAH HOLTZ(PARALEGAL) AT \$41,620.00 PLUS BENEFITS, WITH WASHINGTON COUNTY'S SHARE BEING 24%, EFFECTIVE MAY 16, 2022 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE- GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, MCGEE (32)

BE IT KNOWN: A REQUEST FROM QUINCY PHILLIPS WAS RECEIVED BY THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR FOR AN UPDATE REGARDING A QUOTE SUBMITTED FOR AIR PURIFIERS FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY BUILDINGS. THE BOARD TOOK NO ACTION.

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT TO ASSIST THE TOWN OF ARCOLA WITH CLEARING DITCHES TO PREVENT WATER BACKING UP AFTER HEAVY RAIN MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (33)

BE IT KNOWN: A REQUEST WAS RECEIVED FROM THE GREENVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR USE OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER FOR SEVERAL DATES. NO ACTION WAS TAKEN BY THE BOARD AT THIS TIME

IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT FOR THE FOLLOWING SIX MONTH SUPPLIES: ITEM#1- GRAVEL-GREENVILLE GRAVEL; ITEM#5 ASPHALT PRIME-ERCON; ITEM#8 RAILROAD CARS-GREENVILLE STEEL AND NICHOLS STEEL; ITEM#15 CULVERTS-CONTECH MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (34)

BERNADINE HOLMES PRESENTED THE CHANCERY CLERK'S BI-WEEKLY REPORT

IN RE: ORDER RATIFYING THE ACTIONS OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD IN APPROVING A PAUPER'S BURIAL REQUEST FROM CORONER METHEL JOHNSON FOR LARRY SMITH, DECEASED MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (35)

IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING TAX COLLECTOR PATRICIA LEE'S SETTLEMENT CHECKS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$441,144.00(\$440,745.16 & \$3987.85) FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2022. MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (36)

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF INVOICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$660.00 FROM THE LELAND PROGRESS FOR PUBLICATION OF BOARD MINUTES (MARCH, APRIL) MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (37)

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING JEREMY SMITH, BUILDING AND GROUNDS DIRECTOR TO OBTAIN TWO (2) QUOTES FOR TWO (2) A/C UNITS FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY REGIONAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITY, UP TO \$40,000.00 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (38)

IN RE: ORDER GOING INTO CLOSED DETERMINATION TO CONSIDER GOING INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (39)*

IN RE: ORDER TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTER *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, ABSENT- BROOKS (40)*

IN RE: ORDER TO LEAVE EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH NO ACTION TAKEN *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, ABSENT- BROOKS (41)*

IN RE: ORDER TEMPORARILY RETAINING THE SERVICES OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY REGIONAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITY NURSE FOR HER SERVICES AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER AT AN OVERTIME RATE OF \$ 55.02 PER HOUR *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (42)*

IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING COUNTY OFFICIALS REPORTS *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND. (43)*

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING COPYING CERTAIN DOCUMENTS INTO THE MINUTES OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND. (44)*

IN RE: ORDER TO ADJOURN MEETING UNTIL JULY 5, 2022 *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND. (45)*

CARL MCGEE, PRESIDENT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY

ATTEST:
MARILYN HANSELL, CLERK