

**WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**MINUTES OF JUNE 21, 2021**

**BOARD MEETING**

Monday, June 21, 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 Pastor Jack Manor, Jr. of Cornerstone Baptist Church. 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 ACCEPTING THE NAME CHANGE OF VOTING PRECINCT 1-3 SWIFTWATER BAPTIST CHURCH LOCATED AT 3031 HWY 1 SOUTH TO CORNERSTONE BAPTIST CHURCH 3031 HIGHWAY 1 SOUTH MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (1)**

**IN RE: ORDER TO CONSIDER AND ACCEPT AGENDA WITH CORRECTIONS, ADDITIONS /DELETIONS FOR JUNE 21, 2021 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (2)**

- *Correction: Item# 6-Rhonda Looney*
- *Added: Executive Session-Personnel, Resolution, Road Grader repair*
- *Remove: Item 12(Howard Boutte' to discuss 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Blues Festival)*

*MINUTES OF THE PRIOR MEETING*

**IN RE: ORDER APPROVING MINUTES OF JUNE 7, 2021 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 (3)**

*ANGELICA RICHARD, WASHINGTON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CENTER REPORTED ON VARIOUS PROJECTS*

*MARK HOOKER, SR., HOOKER ENGINEERING PRESENTED BID TABULATIONS FOR THE ERBR 76-04 MURPHY ROAD PROJECT. J.J. FERGUSON SAND AND GRAVEL WAS THE LOWEST BIDDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,479,796.63. THE MOTION WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR LEE GORDON, SECOND BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: MCGEE, GORDON, NAY: BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND, MOTION FAILED.*

*RHONDA LOONEY REGARDING REPAIRS TO JIM HENSON MUSEUM*

**IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ENGINEER TO MOVE FORWARD WITH REPAIRS TO THE OUTSIDE OF THE JIM HENSON MUSEUM MOTION BY SUPERVISOR**

**GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (4)**

REV. MELVIN MOTTON REGARDING THE LAKE LEE BOAT RAMP

**IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD TO SEND A LETTER TO WILDLIFE & FISHERIES REGARDING THE CONCERNS OF THE CONSTITUENTS THAT WANT ACCESS TO THE LAKE LEE BOAT RAMP MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND, NAY- MCGEE (5)**

CARL MCGEE

**IN RE: ORDER REAPPOINTING BRIAN OAKES AS TRUSTEE TO DELTA HEALTH SYSTEMS BOARD OF TRUSTEES, WITH TERM ENDING OCTOBER 1, 2025 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (6)**

CHELESA CARTER, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR PRESENTED HER BI-WEEKLY REPORT

**IN RE: ORDER APPROVING CLAIMS 155824 THRU 155986 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$738,192.36 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (7)**

**IN RE: ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,971.10 TO HOOKER ENGINEERING FOR INSPECTION, MONTHLY REPORTING, AND CONSTRUCTION SURVEYING COMPLETED ON LSBP-76-27 (FRAZIER ROAD) PROJECT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (8)**

**IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING TRAVEL FOR DAVID BURFORD, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR TO ATTEND THE NORTHWEST CENTRAL REGIONAL FIRE COORDINATORS MEETING AUGUST 6, 2021, IN HOLCOMB, MS, AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF \$0.00 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, ABSENT- BROOKS (9)**

**IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING TRAVEL FOR MARK SEARD, TAX ASSESSOR TO ATTEND ANNUAL MS ASSESSORS AND COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE JULY 11-15, 2021, IN OXFORD, MS, AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF \$791.32 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, ABSENT- BROOKS (10)**

**IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING TRAVEL FOR COUNTY OFFICIALS TO ATTEND THE 2021 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GOUNTIES CONFERENCE JULY 8-13, 2021, IN PRINCE GRORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND, AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF \$7,000.00 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, ABSENT- BROOKS (11)**

**IN RE: ORDER APPROVING SUBMISSION OF REQUISITIONS TO TRUSTMARK NATIONAL BANK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,650,641.90 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 (12)***

**IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING READVERTISING THE 6 MONTHS SUPPLY BIDS ONLINE, DUE TO ERROR ON WEBSITE *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, BROOKS (13)***

**IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT FOR 6 MONTHS SUPPLY BID *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, BROOKS (14)***

**IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING TRAVEL FOR CHANCERY CLERK, MARILYN HANSELL TO ATTEND THE 2021 MS CHANCERY CLERKS CONVENTION JULY 13-16, 2021 IN BILOXI, MS, AT ESTIMATED COST OF 1000.00 *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, ABSENT- REDMOND, BROOKS (14)***

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

**IN RE: ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT OF AN INVOICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,000.00 TO BUTLER SNOW FOR SERVICES RENDERED THROUGH MARCH 31, 2021 IN PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF CONTINUING DISCLOSURE STATEMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020 AND SPREADING THE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020 ACROSS THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (15)***

**IN RE: ORDER APPROVING A RESOLUTION FOR MRS. DORIS FAYE PEYTON AND AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT AND DEPUTY CLERK TO SIGN SAME *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (16)***

BILLY BARBER, CHIEF DEPUTY

**IN RE: IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING CHIEF DEPUTY PERCY MILES OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO RETIRE WITH HIS WEAPON AND SETTING THE PURCHASE PRICE FOR SAID WEAPON AT A COST OF \$1.00 *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (17)***

**IN RE: ORDER APPROVING THE REQUEST OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR A JAG GRANT FROM THE US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (18)***

**IN RE: ORDER APPROVING THE REQUEST OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR A HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (19)**

**IN RE: ORDER RECOGNIZING JUNETEENTH AS A FEDERAL HOLIDAY FOR 2022 AND SPREAD ACROSS THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (20)**

**IN RE: ORDER GOING INTO CLOSED DETERMINATION TO CONSIDER GOING INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (21)**

**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, BROOKS, REDMOND (22)**

**IN RE: ORDER TO LEAVE EXECUTIVE SESSION, WITH NO ACTION TAKEN MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (23)**

**IN RE: ORDER ADDING CONCERNS REGARDING THE ROAD GRADER TO THE AGENDA MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND. (24)**

**IN RE: ORDER APPROVING THE LEASING OF A THE ROAD GRADER FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND. (25)**

**IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING COUNTY OFFICIALS REPORTS MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND. (26)**

**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. (27)**

**IN RE: ORDER TO ADJOURN MEETING UNTIL JULY 6, 2021 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND. (33)**

CARL MCGEE, PRESIDENT  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY

ATTEST:  
MARILYN HANSELL, CLERK