

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTES OF JUNE 7, 2021

BOARD MEETING

BE IT REMEMBERED on the 7th day of June, 2021 at 9:00 A.M., and being the time designated by law for the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors, the said board meeting was held as provided by Chapter, 3, Title 19 of Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated. The Board met at the Washington County Extension Building in Greenville, Mississippi, at the time designated for the purpose of transacting such business as might properly come before it; there being present the following:

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| Lee Gordon | Member, First District, Vice President |
| Tommy Benson | Member, Second District |
| Carl McGee | Member, Third District, President |
| Mala Brooks | Member, Fourth District |
| Jerry Redmond | Member, Fifth District |
| Willie Griffin | Board Attorney |
| Chelesa Carter | County Administrator |
| Lorenzo Anderson | County Engineer |
| Marilyn Hansell | Chancery Clerk |
| Milton Gaston | Sheriff |
| Percy Miles | Deputy Sheriff |

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 7, 2021 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND. (1)

- *Added: Executive Session, Resolution-Board Attorney, Lionel Hines, Mashondia Wells*

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

- 1. IN RE: ORDER APPROVING MINUTES OF MAY 17 & 24, 2021 MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND DIRECTING THE PRESIDENT AND CLERK OF THE BOARD TO SIGN SAME. MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (2)**

DAVID BURFORD, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR PRESENTED THE E-911 MONTHLY EXPENDITURES REPORT

IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING AND APPROVING THE E-911 MONTHLY EXPENDITURE REPORT FOR MAY 2021 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,363.49, AS PRESENTED BY DAVID

BURFORD, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR. MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (3)

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE MEMA DISTRICT 3 REGIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN-2020, AS PRESENTED BY DAVID BURFORD, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR 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, REDMOND (4)

LORENZO ANDERSON, COUNTY ENGINEER, REPORTED ON ELECTRICAL WORK AT WARFIELD POINT PARK, 2 QUOTES FOR ELECTRICAL WORK, BIDS FOR NEW SOUTH MARINE, WILMOT ROAD AND NAPANEE BRIDGE

IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING QUOTE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21,000.00 OF SEC ELECTRIC, LLC TO REPLACE WIRING AND ADD 50/30 AMP PANELS TO 15 CAMPSITES AT WARFIELD POINT PARK MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (5)

ARTHUR PERRY, COUNTY ROAD MANAGER, PRESENTED HIS MONTHLY REPORT AND INFORMED THE BOARD THAT JOHNSON ROAD NEEDS ATTENTION

TERRY GALES, VETERAN'S SERVICE OFFICER PRESENTED HIS MONTHLY REPORT AND LETTER FROM STACEY E. PICKERING REGARDING CVSO CERTIFICATION

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CLERK OF THE BOARD TO ADVERTISE NOTICE TO BIDDERS FOR DEMOLITION OF PROPERTIES ALREADY IDENTIFIED AND DECLARED IN SUCH A STATE OF DILAPIDATION AND UNCLEANNES AS TO CREATE A MENANCE TO PUBLIC HEALTH MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (6)

DON DAVIS, BUILDING AND GROUNDS DIRECTOR PRESENTED TWO (2) QUOTES-GLEN ALLAN LIBRARY

IN RE: ORDER POSTPONING A DECISION FOR REPAIR WORK TO BE DONE AT THE GLEN ALLEN LIBRARY UNTIL NEXT BOARD MEETING MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (7)

IN RE: ORDER MODIFYING THE COVID-19 GUIDELINES FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE- GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND, NAY- MCGEE (8)

BARBARA WRIGHT, REQUESTING USE OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER

IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING USE OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER JUNE 29, 2021 BY THE MS DEPARTMENT OF CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES TO HOST THE REGION II WEST REGION-WIDE STAFF MEETING PROVIDED THE CIRCUIT COURT IS NOT UTILIZING THE FACILITY MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (9)

MASHONDIA WELLS OF DELTA FOUNDATION REQUESTED AN INVESTMENT FOR SECURITY FOR THE STREAM PROGRAM

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING PARTNERSHIP WITH DELTA FOUNDATION, INC., AND 21ST CENTURY PROGRAM AND A REQUEST FOR \$3,385.00 FOR THE STREAM PROGRAM FOR ARTS, MUSIC AND RELATED PURPOSES MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (10)

ATTORNEY WILLIE GRIFFIN

IN RE: ORDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING FACTUAL BASIS FOR REMOVAL OF CONFEDERATE STATUE AND AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT AND CLERK OF THE BOARD TO SIGN SAME MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND, NAY- GORDON (11)

LIONEL HINES REQUESTING USE OF THE EXPO BUILDING

IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING USE OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY EXPO ARENA BY WASHINGTON COUNTY 4-H CLUB FOR COUNTYWIDE COOKING CONTEST, JULY 29, 2021 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (12)

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, CHELESA CARTER PRESENTED HER BI-WEEKLY REPORT

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF CLAIMS 155269 THROUGH 155644 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$485,318.03 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, REDMOND, BROOKS, ABSENT- BENSON (13)

MONTHLY CLAIMS

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF WARRANTS TO COVER BI-WEEKLY PAYROLLS AND MONTHLY PAYROLLS FOR JUNE 2021. MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, REDMOND, BROOKS, ABSENT- BENSON (14)

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF WARRANTS TO MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC ENTITY EMPLOYEE BENEFIT TRUST AND HIGHMARK LIFE INSURANCE FOR COUNTY'S SHARE OF INSURANCE IN JUNE 2021. MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, REDMOND, BROOKS, ABSENT- BENSON (15)

IN RE: ORDER TRANSFERRING ONE-HALF OF HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE TAXES TO MUNICIPALITIES OF THE COUNTY IN JUNE 2021. MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, REDMOND, BROOKS, ABSENT- BENSON. (16)

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BONDS AND INTEREST DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE 2021. MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, REDMOND, BROOKS, ABSENT- BENSON. (17)

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CHANCERY CLERK TO ISSUE WARRANTS FOR RENTAL OF POST OFFICE BOXES AND FOR POSTAGE AND POSTAGE TAPE FOR POSTAGE MACHINES OF THE COUNTY AND SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND ANY OTHER ACTION FOR OPERATION OF POSTAL SERVICE FOR MONTH OF JUNE 2020 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, REDMOND, BROOKS, ABSENT- BENSON. (18)

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT NO. 6 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$63,858.52 TO MALOUF CONSTRUCTION, LLC FOR ERBR-76-01(PRICILLA ROAD) PROJECT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, REDMOND, BROOKS, ABSENT- BENSON. (19)

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT NO. 5 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$28,286.29 TO J.J. FERGUSON SAND AND GRAVEL, INC., FOR THE ERBR-76-03(BASSI ROAD) PROJECT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, REDMOND, BROOKS, ABSENT- BENSON. (20)

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING THE REQUEST OF MS EXTENSION SERVICE TO RELEASE THE FUNDS ALLOCATED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,000.00 FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY 4-H FOR THE 2021-2022 FISCAL YEAR MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, ABSENT- BROOKS (21)

IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING TRAVEL BY CIRCUIT CLERK, BARBARA ESTERS-PARKER TO ATTEND THE ECAM CONVENTION JUNE 27-JULY 1, 2021 IN BILOXI, MS, AT ESTIMATED COST OF \$1,300.00 AND CIRCUIT CLERK'S CONVENTION IN BILOXI, MS JULY 20-24, 2021, AT ESTIMATED COST OF \$1,500.00 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, ABSENT- BROOKS (22)

IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING TRAVEL BY JUSTICE COURT JUDGES TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL STATE JUSTICE COURT JUDGES SUMMER CONVENTION JULY 17-22, 2021 IN BILOXI, MS, AT ESTIMATED COST OF \$5,785.50.00 WITH REGISTRATION AND LODGING PAID IN ADVANCE MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, ABSENT- BROOKS (23)

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING THE CLOSING OF COUNTY OFFICES MONDAY, JULY 5, 2021 IN OBSERVANCE OF INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (24)

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$300.00 TO MS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE FOR REGISTRATION FEE FOR TEN DEPUTY TAX COLLECTORS CERTIFICATION *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, ABSENT- BROOKS (25)*

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING USE AND OCCUPANCY PERMIT APPLICATION FOR DELTA IRRIGATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OR ADJUSTMENT OF A ROAD BORE-SOFT 12" STEEL PIPE FOR UTILITY FACILITY ALONG OR ACROSS UNDER OLD LELAND ROAD FROM INTERSECTION SEVEN OAKS & OLD LELAND ROAD EAST 2.0 MILES TO PROPOSED BORE SITE *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (26)*

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING SETTING HEARING FOR CERTAIN PROPERTIES IN SUCH A STATE OF DILAPIDATION AND UNCLEANNESS AS TO CREATE A MENACE TO PUBLIC HEALTH, AS DETERMINED BY SOLID WASTE OFFICER *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (27)*

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

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING BOND FOR ALISHA STARR THOMAS OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (28)*

IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING COLLECTIONS AND FEES FROM TAX COLLECTOR, PATRICIA LEE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,237,622.72 FOR APRIL 2021 *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (29)*

IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE APPROVING AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION FOR PRODUCERS RICE MILL, INC. AND AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT AND CLERK OF THE BOARD TO SIGN THE FINAL RESOLUTION *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, NAY- BROOKS, (30)*

IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING ORDER FOR APPOINTMENT AND COMPENSATION OF COURT REPORTER, ASHLEY HAGG FROM CHANCELLOR VICKI BARNES *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (31)*

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING THE REQUEST OF COUNTY COURT JUDGE VERNITA KING JOHNSON TO AUTHORIZE CHARON WINDER, CADET PROGRAM COORDINATOR TO TRANSPORT CADET PARTICIPANTS TO MVSU TO ATTEND YOUTH DAY CAMP SPONSORED BY THE MS CENTRAL STATE TROOPER COALITION,

JUNE 12, 2021 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, ABSENT-REDMOND (32)

IN RE: IN THE MATTER OF HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS REJECTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE FOR THE YEAR 2020-INITIAL ORDER-ADDENDUM AND AUTHORIZING THE CLERK OF THE BOARD TO SEND NOTICE OF HOMESTEAD ADJUSTMENT TO TAXPAYERS MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (33)

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING REIMBURSEMENT TO MS STATE EXTENSION SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,659.44 FOR SALARY AND FRINGE BENEFITS FOR THE MONTH ENDED MAY 31, 2021 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, ABSENT-REDMOND. (34)

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING COPYING CERTAIN DOCUMENTS INTO THE MINUTES OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND. (35)

IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING COUNTY OFFICIALS REPORTS MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND. (36)

IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING SUBMISSION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND. (37)

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING CHANGING THE NAME OF ROAD FROM PLATTE ROAD TO LOVELAND ROAD MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND. (38)

IN RE: ORDER DIRECTING THE BOARD ATTORNEY TO RESEARCH AND DRAFT A RESOLUTION BETWEEN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND PAFFORD EMERGENCY SERVICES MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, ABSENT-REDMOND. (39)

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING \$10,000 FUNDS TO COME FROM THE CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU FUNDS TO ASSIST WITH THE SOUTHERN ANGLER BASS TOURNAMENT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND. (40)

IN RE: ORDER GOING INTO CLOSED DETERMINATION TO CONSIDER GOING INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION. MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND. (41)

IN RE: ORDER TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS A PERSONNEL MATTER MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND. (42)

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. (43)

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING CONSTRUCTION CHANGE REQUEST FOR PROJECT NO. ERBR-76(03)-BASSI ROAD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,116.17 FOR ADDITIONAL RIPRAP & GROTEXILE FOR SLOPE PROTECTION AT THE CHANNEL INTERSECTION MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND. (44)

IN RE: ORDER RECESSING MEETING UNTIL JUNE 21, 2021. MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND. (45)

CARL MCGEE, PRESIDENT

ATTEST:MARILYN HANSELL, CLERK

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY