

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTES OF AUGUST 16, 2021

BOARD MEETING

Monday, August 16, 2021 at 9:00 A. M., the Board of Supervisors of Washington County, Mississippi, met pursuant to recess, there being all members present, except Supervisor Mala Brooks who came after the minutes were read. The meeting was called to order by President Carl McGee. The opening prayer was by Supervisor Lee Gordon. All present said the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and the meeting was officially opened by the Chief Deputy Sheriff.

IN RE: ORDER TO CONSIDER AND ACCEPT AGENDA AS AMENDED FOR AUGUST 16, 2021

- *Added: Don Davis, Building & Grounds Director, Kenneth Harris, Business Mgr., Leland School District, Executive Session regarding potential litigation, Mario Willis, Superintendent, Hollandale School District*
- *Remove: Agenda Item #14*

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

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING MINUTES OF AUGUST 2, 2021 MEETING 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-GORDON, REDMOND, MCGEE, BENSON, ABSENT-BROOKS (2)*

WILL COPPAGE, WASHINGTON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE DIRECTOR PRESENTED HIS MONTHLY REPORT

ATTORNEY WILLIE GRIFFIN PRESENTED RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE COUNTY'S MASK ORDINANCE

IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARD ATTORNEY, WILLIE GRIFFIN REGARDING THE MASK ORDINANCE TO NOT INCLUDE THE CITY OF GREENVILLE, BUT TO INCLUDE ALL OTHER MUNICIPALITIES *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON (3)*

DAVID BURFORD, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING THE WASHINGTON COUNTY EMERGENCY SHELTERING PLAN AS AMENDED BY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR, DAVID BURFORD WITH UPDATED CONTACT LIST *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON (4)*

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD TO SIGN PROCLAMATION OF EXISTENCE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY CAUSED BY COVID-

19 OUTBREAK MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON (5)

MOSE HARMON

IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING THE SERVING OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DECEMBER 10, 2021 AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER BY CENTER FOR JUSTICE LODGE#24 FOR BANQUET, AS REQUESTED BY MOSE HARMON MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON (6)

KYLA WASHINGTON

IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING THE USE OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER GROUNDS BY MARS FOODS FOR FOOD DISTRIBUTION FOR THE FOLLOWING DATES: AUGUST 19, OCTOBER 14, DECEMBER 9, 2021, FEBRUARY 17, APRIL 22 AND JUNE 16, 2022, AS REQUESTED BY KYLA WASHINGTON MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON (7)

VONDRA MILLER

IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING USE OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER BY VONDRA MILLER FOR WEDDING AND RECEPTION, SEPTEMBER 24, AND 25, 2021 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON (8)

BOBBY WARRINGTON, TWIN COUNTY ELECTRIC POWER ASSOCIATION REQUESTING USE OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY MULTIPLEX BUILDING CENTER

IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING USE OF THE SOUTH WASHINGTON COUNTY MULTIPLEX BUILDING BY TWIN COUNTY ELECTRIC POWER ASSOCIATION SEPTEMBER 21, 2021 FOR AN ANNUAL MEETING MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, GORDON, ABSENT-BENSON (9)

HOWARD BOUTTE-MACE

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING THE REQUEST TO ALLOCATE \$25,000 FOR AN ANNUAL DELTA BLUES & HERITAGE BLUES FESTIVAL MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE- BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND, NAY-MCGEE, GORDON (10)

DON DAVIS, BUILDING AND GROUNDS DIRECTOR

IN RE: ORDER DENYING THE REQUEST OF DON DAVIS, BUILDING AND GROUNDS DIRECTOR TO EMPLOY TWO (2) PEOPLE MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE- GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND, NAY-MCGEE (11)

SOUTHEAST COMPLIANCE GROUP

IN RE: ORDER TABLING THE SOUTHEAST COMPLIANCE PRESENTATION REGARDING FUNDING UNTIL THE BOARD CLARIFIES THE MATTER MOTION BY

SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE-BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON (12)

BEVERLY COURTNEY

IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING USE OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER BY WASHINGTON COUNTY OPPORTUNITY HEADSTART AUGUST 30-31, SEPTEMBER 2, OCTOBER 12, 2021 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON (13)

KENNETH HARRIS, BUSINESS MANAGER, LELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING THE LELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT 2021-2022 BUDGET CERTIFICATION AND RESOLUTIONS AND AUTHORIZING THAT WASHINGTON COUNTY LEVY THE TOTAL TAXES FOR THE FIRST YEAR FOR THE \$504,000.00 SHORTFALL FOR 2020-2021 FISCAL YEAR MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON (14)

MARK SEARD, TAX ASSESSOR INFORMED THE BOARD THAT ALL TAX PROTESTS HAVE BEEN SETTLED

CHELESA CARTER, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR PRESENTED HER BI-WEEKLY REPORT

IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING CLAIMS 157031 THROUGH 157226 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$595,075.52 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, AYE- REDMOND, MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, BENSON (15)

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT NO. 8 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$22,232.53 TO MALOUF CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR THE ERBR-76(01) PRICILLA ROAD PROJECT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON (16)

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT NO. 7 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,359.10 TO J.J. FERGUSON SAND AND GRAVEL, INC., FOR THE ERBR-76(01) PRICILLA ROAD PROJECT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON (17)

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,567.80 TO ATTORNEY JENNIFER RILEY COLLINS FOR LEGAL SERVICES & CONTRACT PAYMENT FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION, PENDING REVIEW OF CONTRACT BY THE BOARD ATTORNEY MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE- REDMOND, MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, ABSTAIN- BROOKS (18)

IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING TRAVEL FOR JARRELL EVANS OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO ATTEND THE TENNESSEE GANG INVESTIGATORS ASSOCIATION 2021 ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN MEMPHIS, TN AUGUST 22-26, 2021, ESTIMATED COST OF \$1,169.79 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- REDMOND, MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, BENSON (19)

IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING TRAVEL FOR MARQUITA DORRIS AND BARBARA GREEN OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO ATTEND SEX OFFENDERS REGISTRATION & COMPLIANCE SYMPOSIUM IN FLOWOOD, MS OCTOBER 7-8, 2021, ESTIMATED COST OF \$396.00 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- REDMOND, MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, BENSON (20)

IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING TRAVEL FOR LEVERT HUGHES OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO ATTEND THE 16TH ANNUAL MADCP CONFERENCE IN NATCHEZ, MS SEPTEMBER 14-17, 2021, ESTIMATED COST OF \$721.00 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE- REDMOND, MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, BENSON (21)

IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING TRAVEL FOR COUNTY OFFICIALS TO ATTEND MAS MINORITY CAUCUS FALL WORKSHOP IN JACKSON, MS SEPTEMBER 27-28, 2021, AT ESTIMATED COST OF \$2,000.00 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, AYE-GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, BENSON (22)

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING USE OF THE COUNTY CREDIT CARD AND ALLOWING TRAVEL FOR RANDY PATRICK OF THE JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER TO ATTEND CERTIFICATION FOR JUVENILE AND CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS TRAINING IN GREENVILLE, MS AUGUST 23-30, 2021, AT ESTIMATED COST OF \$1,800.00 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, AYE-GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, BENSON (23)

CHIEF BILLY BARBER

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING CPR CERTIFICATION FEES FOR APPROXIAMATELY FIFTY-FIVE (55) WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES AND WASHINGTON COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY OFFICERS, AT ESTIMATED COST OF \$935.00 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON (24)

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

IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING THE DEER CREEK WATER MANAGEMENT RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2021 -2022 TAX LEVY AT 3.5% MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, AYE-GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, BENSON (25)

IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING LETTER FROM STATE TREASURER INFORMING WASHINGTON COUNTY OF FINAL PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1.97 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020 UNDER THE SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY SELF-DETERMINATION ACT OF 2000 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, AYE-GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, BENSON (26)

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING THE REQUEST FROM THE CITY OF HOLLANDALE FOR ASSISTANCE FROM THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT TO DEMOLISH THE FOLLOWING ADJUDICATED STRUCTURES: 711 TAFT AVENUE, 803 COOLIDGE STREET AND 318 SOUTH MORGAN WITH THE CITY TO REIMBURSE THE COUNTY MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, BENSON (27)

DR. MARIO WILLIS, SUPERINRENDENT, HOLLANDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT,

IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING THE 2021-2022 BUDGET OF THE HOLLANDALE, SCHOOL DISTRICT AND RATIFYING THE ACTIONS OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD IN SIGNING THE BUDGET CERTIFICATION *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON (28)*

IN RE: ORDER RATIFYING THE ACTIONS OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD IN SIGNING THE BUDGET CERTIFICATION FOR THE LELAND AND WESTERN LINE SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON (29)*

IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING USE OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER GROUNDS BY FED-EX FOR A JOB FAIR, AUGUST 23, 24, 2021 *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE-BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON (30)*

IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING COMMISSION AND FEES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$359,847.07 FOR JULY 2021 FROM TAX COLLECTOR, PATRICIA LEE *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, BENSON (31)*

IN RE: ORDER GOING INTO CLOSED DETERMINATION TO CONSIDER GOING INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, BENSON (32)*

IN RE: ORDER TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS POTENTIAL LITIGATION *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, BENSON (33)*

IN RE: ORDER TO LEAVE EXECUTIVE SESSION, WITH NO ACTION TAKEN *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, BENSON (34)*

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT TO PROCEED TO ASSIST THE CITY OF GREENVILLE WITH REPAIRS TO ADRIAN DRIVE INSTEAD OF LISA DRIVE & PEAR LANE, AS SCHEDULING PERMITS *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, ABSENT-BENSON (35)*

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD TO SIGN ENGAGEMENT LETTER WITH BRIDGES, GOODMAN, BAIRD & CLARKE, PLLC TO PREPARE THE 2020 WASHINGTON COUNTY FISCAL AUDIT *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, AYE-GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, BENSON (36)*

IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING COUNTY OFFICIALS REPORTS MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, BENSON (37)

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-GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, BENSON (38)

IN RE: ORDER TO ADJOURN MEETING UNTL SEPTEMBER 7, 2021 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE-BROOKS, MCGEE, BENSON, ABSENT-GORDON, REDMOND (39)

CARL MCGEE, PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

MARILYN HANSELL, CLERK

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY