

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTES OF APRIL 4, 2022

BOARD MEETING

BE IT REMEMBERED on the 4th day of April, 2022 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 in their room at the Washington County Courthouse 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 |
| IMS, Lorenzo Anderson | County Engineer |
| Marilyn Hansell | Chancery Clerk |
| Milton Gaston | Sheriff |
| Billy Barber | Chief 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 APRIL 4, 2022. MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (1)

Added: Leland School Bus Turnaround, Attorney’s Report, Executive Session-Personnel & Potential Litigation

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING MINUTES OF MARCH 21, 2022 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND DIRECTING THE PRESIDENT TO SIGN SAME MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (2)

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

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING MARCH 2022 E-911 EXPENDITURES IN THE AMOUNT OF 20,803.86 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (3)

IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING \$8,769.21 FROM MEMA FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY EMA FISCAL YEAR 2021 4TH QUARTER EMPG FUNDING MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (4)

LORENZO ANDERSON, COUNTY ENGINEER, HIS BI-WEEKLY REPORT AND SUBMITTED UPDATE ON WINTERVILLE PRICILLA BRIDGE, DISCUSSED PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND CONCERNS REGARDING FUNDING FOR THE MURPHY ROAD BRIDGE PROJECT

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING COUNTY ENGINEER, LORENZO ANDERSON TO MOVE FORWARD WITH BIDS FOR SEMI-ANNUAL ASPHALT AND ASPHALT MIXES MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (5)

DONNA CREEMEN, PLANNING DEPARTMENT PRESENTED THE MONTHLY PLANNING DEPARTMENT REPORT

CHELESA CARTER, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR PRESENTED THE JUSTICE COURT CLERK'S MONTHLY REPORT

TERRY GALES, SR., VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER PRESENTED HIS MONTHLY REPORT

JEREMY SMITH, BUILDING AND GROUNDS DIRECTOR PRESENTED QUOTES FOR ROOF REPAIR AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER

IN RE: ORDER REJECTING QUOTES FOR EASTSIDE ROOF REPAIR AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER FROM T & M CONTRACTORS-\$14,338.00 & SANTUCCI & SONS-\$27,800.00 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (6)

IN RE: ORDER DIRECTING COUNTY ENGINEER, LORENZO ANDERSON TO PREPARE SPECIFICATIONS FOR REPLACEMENT OF THE ROOF AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (7)

BE IT KNOWN-MARK SEARD INFORMED THE BOARD THAT JOHN LEWIS, APPRAISER HAS RESIGNED AND QUOTE WAS RECEIVED FROM SOUTHERN APPRAISAL & CONSULTING. INC.; THE BOARD WILL NEED TWO (2) QUOTES BEFORE A DECISION CAN BE MADE

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING PETITION FOR REDUCTION OF ASSESSMENT FOR DELTA HEALTH CENTER *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, BROOKS. (8)*

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING CORRECTION OF THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION APPLICATION FOR TARVES MCELVAINE AND ALLOWING HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FOR 2021 *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, BROOKS. (9)*

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING CORRECTION OF THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION APPLICATION FOR GLADYS MASSEY HOGG AND REINSTATING HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FOR 2021 *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, ABSENT- BROOKS. (10)*

METHEL JOHNSON, CORNER REQUESTING INCREASE FOR MILEAGE

LAUR R. MOORE, SOLID WASTE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER-PUBLIC HEARING

IN RE: ORDER OPENING PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY OWNERS: Joyce Whorton 145 Jeff Davis Road, Parcel# 347900000 Unsafe Residential Bldg; William & Susan Staten, Black Bayou Road, Parcel# 267000000, Unsafe Residential Bldg; Calvin Warren, 229 Freedom Village Road, Parcel#4137880000, Unsafe Residential Bldg; Brandon Kent, 103 Freedom Village Road, Parcel# 4137892000, Unsafe Residential Bldg; M&R Farms of Meridian LLC, Hwy 1 South, Parcel#334540000, Unsafe Residential Bldg; Timothy Stephens, Wilmot Road, Parcel# 8521100000, Overgrown Lot ***MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-BENSON, REDMOND, BROOKS, MCGEE, GORDON (11)***

IN RE: ORDER CLOSING PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY OWNERS: Joyce Whorton 145 Jeff Davis Road, Parcel# 347900000 Unsafe Residential Bldg; William & Susan Staten, Black Bayou Road, Parcel# 267000000, Unsafe Residential Bldg; Calvin Warren, 229 Freedom Village Road, Parcel#4137880000, Unsafe Residential Bldg; Brandon Kent, 103 Freedom Village Road, Parcel# 4137892000, Unsafe Residential Bldg; M&R Farms of Meridian LLC, Hwy 1 South, Parcel#334540000, Unsafe Residential Bldg; Timothy Stephens, Wilmot Road, Parcel# 8521100000, Overgrown Lot ***MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-BENSON, REDMOND, BROOKS, MCGEE, GORDON (12)***

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT TO DEMOLISH THE FOLLOWING UNSAFE RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES: Parcel# 347900000-Joyce Whorton 145 Jeff Davis Road; Parcel# 267000000-William & Susan Staten, Black Bayou Road; Parcel#4137880000-Calvin Warren, 229 Freedom

Village Road; Parcel# 4137892000-Brandon Kent, 103 Freedom Village Road; Parcel#334540000, M&R Farms of Meridian LLC, Hwy 1 South; and cutting overgrown lot- Parcel# 8521100000-Timothy Stephens, Wilmot Road **AND ASSESS COST TO PROPERTY TAXES** **MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, BROOKS. (13)**

BE IT KNOWN: LARRY WELCH, TECHNOLOGY CONSULTANT OF DELTA ACCESS TECHNICAL CONSORTIUM DISCUSSED TECHNICAL CONSORTIUM PROJECT AND WILL PROVIDE MORE INFORMATION TO COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REGARDING THE PROJECT.

SUPERVISOR MALA BROOKS PRESENTED SCHOOL BUS TURNAROUND

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO THE LELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT BY PROVIDING LABOR AND EQUIPMENT TO SPREAD GRAVEL AT SCHOOL BUS TURNAROUND LOCATED AT 163 DOBB ROAD, LELAND, MS **MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, BROOKS. (14)**

ATTORNEY WILLIE GRIFFIN

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD TO SIGN THE BLACK BAYOU DRAINAGE DISTRICT AGREEMENT AND PERMIT FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY TO INSTALL A CULVERT AT CANAL NO. 8 AT WILMOT ROAD AND MURPHY BAYOU DRAINAGE AGREEMENT AND PERMIT FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY TO INSTALL TWO (2) CULVERTS IN CANAL NO. 9 AT NIGHTENGALE ROAD **MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS. REDMOND (15)**

SUPERVISOR JERRY REDMOND

IN RE: ORDER APPOINTING VIRGIL SANDIFER TO THE DELTA HEALTH SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES **MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (16)**

IN RE: ORDER REAPPOINTING GIBSON STEEL TO THE RIVERSIDE DRAINAGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES **MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (17)**

IN RE: ORDER REAPPOINTING NANCY JO KING AND TODD MCGEE TO THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CONVENTION AND VISITOR'S BUREAU **MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (18)**

MARK SEARD, TAX ASSESSOR

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING TAX ASSESSOR, MARK SEARD TO HIRE STEVE LOTT AS TEMPORARY PERSONAL PROPERTY APPRAISER MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, ABSTAIN-BROOKS (19)

CHELESA CARTER, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR PRESENTED HER BI-WEEKLY REPORT

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF CLAIMS 223140 THRU 223344 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$389,376.97 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, BROOKS. (20)

MONTHLY CLAIMS

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF WARRANTS TO COVER BI-WEEKLY PAYROLLS AND MONTHLY PAYROLLS FOR APRIL 2022 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, BROOKS. (21)

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 APRIL 2022 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, BROOKS. (22)

IN RE: ORDER TRANSFERRING ONE-HALF OF HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE TAXES TO MUNICIPALITIES OF THE COUNTY IN APRIL 2022 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, BROOKS. (23)

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BONDS AND INTEREST DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2022 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, BROOKS. (24)

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 APRIL 2022 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, BROOKS. (25)

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,120.00 TO AIR MED CARE FOR ANNUAL EMPLOYEE HELICOPTER SERVICES MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE- BENSON, REDMOND, BROOKS, MCGEE, GORDON (26)

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO SHAMOON ADVERTISING & MARKETING, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,075.00 FOR 3,000 BANDAGE DISPENSERS, \$865.00 FOR STICKY NOTES AND \$1,197.05 FOR 3,063 SMALL VACCINATION CARDS TO BE PAID FROM FACTS ABOUT THE VAX GRANT FUNDS MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- BENSON, REDMOND, BROOKS, MCGEE, GORDON (27)

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING CLERK TO ISSUE WARRANTS TO DISTRIBUTE MOTOR VEHICLE RENTAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$104,369.73 AND RAILROAD CAR TAX IN THE AMOUNT OF \$101,043.72 FOR THE 2021 FISCAL YEAR MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE- BENSON, REDMOND, BROOKS, MCGEE, GORDON (28)

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING CLERK TO ISSUE WARRANTS TO DISTRIBUTE TAX LOSS HOMESTEAD REIMBURSEMENT TO HOLLANDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT-\$12,832.16; LELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT-\$24,446.82; WESTERN LINE SCHOOL DISTRICT-\$41,917.12+(927.63 WL TO DISTRIBUTE); COUNTY GENERAL FUND-\$170,895.84 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE- BENSON, REDMOND, BROOKS, MCGEE, GORDON (29)

IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$547,440.46 FROM THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI FOR ERBR-76(04)-MURPHY ROAD PROJECT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- BENSON, REDMOND, MCGEE, GORDON, NAY- BROOKS (30)

IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING TAX COLLECTOR, PATRICIA LEE'S SETTLEMENT REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2022 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,111,855.42 FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2022 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE- BENSON, REDMOND, BROOKS, MCGEE, GORDON (31)

IN RE: ORDER REAPPOINTING FRANK DANTONE TO THE MS DELTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE- BENSON, REDMOND, BROOKS, MCGEE, GORDON (32)

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT TO GEAR'S DISPOSAL SERVICE FOR INVOICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,500 & \$9,900.00 FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH DISPOSAL SERVICES MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE- BENSON, REDMOND, BROOKS, MCGEE, GORDON (33)

IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING TRAVEL FOR CORONER METHEL JOHNSON TO ATTEND CONTINUING EDUCATION CONFERENCE IN HATTIESBURG, MS, APRIL 11-13, 2022, AT ESTIMATED COST OF \$745.23 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE- BENSON, REDMOND, BROOKS, MCGEE, ABSENT-GORDON (34)

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT TO ASSIST THE TOWN OF METCALFE WITH THE INSTALLATION OF DRAINAGE CULVERTS ON ESTES STREET MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (35)

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE RECALCULATION OF THE TOWN OF METCALFE'S OUTSTANDING GARBAGE FEES AND REDUCING FEES FROM \$2,140 MONTHLY TO \$1,000.00 PER MONTH MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (36)

BILLY BARBER, WASHINGTON COUNTY CHIEF DEPUTY INFORMED THE BOARD OF CANCELLATION OF JAIL INSPECTION; ARRIVAL OF NEW INMATES AND FUNDING INCREASE FOR UNIFORMS FOR FEMALE INMATES

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, BENSON, REDMOND, ABSENT-GORDON, BROOKS (37)

IN RE: ORDER TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL & POTENTIAL LITIGATION MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, BENSON, REDMOND, ABSENT-GORDON, BROOKS (38)

IN RE: ORDER TO LEAVE EXECUTIVE SESSION, WITH NO ACTION TAKEN MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, BROOKS (39)

IN RE: ORDER TERMINATING EMPLOYEE, GEORGIA PARKER DUE TO THE COUNTY'S INABILITY TO ACCOMMODATE PERMANENT MEDICAL RESTRICTIONS MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE- BENSON, REDMOND, BROOKS, MCGEE, GORDON (40)

IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING COUNTY OFFICIALS REPORTS MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- BENSON, REDMOND, BROOKS, MCGEE, GORDON (41)

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING COPYING CERTAIN DOCUMENTS INTO THE MINUTES OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- BENSON, REDMOND, BROOKS, MCGEE, GORDON (42)

IN RE: ORDER RECESSING MEETING UNTIL APRIL 18, 2022 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- BENSON, REDMOND, BROOKS, MCGEE, GORDON (43)

CARL MCGEE, PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF

SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:

MARILYN HANSELL, CLERK OF THE BOARD