

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTES OF MARCH 18, 2024

BOARD MEETING

Monday, March 18, 2024 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 Carl McGee. All present said the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and the meeting was officially opened by the Chief Deputy Sheriff Billy Barber

(1) IN RE: ORDER TO CONSIDER AND ACCEPT AGENDA AS AMENDED FOR MARCH 18, 2024

- Deleted: #6-Larry Nicks
- Added: New South Lease, Acquisition of Property from Drainage Commission, County Engineer, Executive Session

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

(2) IN RE: ORDER APPROVING MINUTES OF MARCH 4, 2024 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- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, ABSENT-BROOKS

JUSTIN BURCH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CENTER DISCUSSED VARIOUS PROJECTS

NOLAN ANDREWS, HOME INSURANCE AGENCY

(3) IN RE: ORDER REQUESTING ALL DEPARTMENT HEAD SUBMIT AN INVENTORY TO THE BOARD BY THE APRIL 1, 2024 MEETING MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT- BENSON

(4) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING ADDING THE SPORTSPLEX TO THE COUNTY’S INSURANCE FOR 2024 LIABILITY COVERAGE FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE- BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, GORDON, ABSENT-BENSON

DEMETRIC WARREN, SPORTSPLEX CHAIRPERSON

(5) IN RE: ORDER APPROVING THE ADVERTISING FOR THE POSITION OF MEDIA DIRECTOR/BOARD CLERK AT \$200.00 PER MONTH MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

WILLIE LEWIS

(6) IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF WILLIE LEWIS FROM THE SPORTSPLEX BOARD OF DIRECTORS MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE- GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT-BENSON, NAY- MCGEE

BARBARA ESTERS-PARKER, CIRCUIT CLERK EXPRESSED CONCERNS REGARDING PETITIONS OF CANDIDATE SIGNATURES AND REQUEST THAT THE CIRCUIT CLERK'S OFFICE SERVER BE CONNECTED WITH THE ELECTION COMMISSIONERS SERVER TO AFFORD THE CIRCUIT CLERK ACCESS

ELOISE BROOKS, JUSTICE COURT CLERK

(7) IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING THE QUOTE OF SHELSKY METAL DETECTORS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,894.00, THAT INCLUDES LABOR AND INSTALLATION COSTS MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

TAX COLLECTOR, PATRICIA LEE

(8) IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING COMMISSIONS AND FEES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,400,774.10 FROM TAX COLLECTOR, PATRICIA LEE FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2024 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

BE IT KNOWN: PATRICIA LEE, WASHINGTON COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THE 2024 TAX SALE WILL BE HELD MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2024

BE IT KNOWN: ARTHUR PERRY, ROAD MANAGER EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATIONS FOR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. HE IS RETIRING AFTER 30 PLUS YEARS

(9) IN RE: ORDER GOING INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

LORENZO ANDERSON

(10) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING COUNTY ENGINEER, LORENZO ANDERSON TO PROCEED WITH THE SAP PAVING PROJECTS (OLD LELAND ROAD-LELAND CITY LIMITS TO ANNE DRIVE-IN ROAD, OLD HWY 61-ARCOLA TO WILMOT, OLD HWY 61-SANDIFER ROAD TO HWY 12 AND OLD LELAND ROAD-RACEWAY TO HWY 1, TOTALING \$3,163,214.03 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND, NAY-MCGEE

(11) IN RE: ORDER APPROVING THE LOW BID OF KOESTLER TILE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$380,318.00 TO INCLUDE THE ASBESTOS WITH 32 MIL FLOOR AND \$1,500.00 FOR ASBESTOS TESTING ON THE FLOOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES FLOORING PROJECT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

ANDREW SMITH, GRANT CONSULTANT

(12) IN RE: ORDER RESCINDING ORDER OF MARCH 4, 2024 TO CORRECT ORDER “AUTHORIZING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,400.00 TO HEFLIN ENGINEERING” AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO HEFLIN ENGINEER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,200.00 FOR THE MCWI BLACK BAYOU ARPA WATER IMPROVEMENTS MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

(13) IN RE: ORDER TAKING DISCUSSION REGARDING CONTRACT MATTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

(14) IN RE: ORDER ADDING GAILA OLIVER TO THE AGENDA MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

BE IT KNOWN: GAILA OLIVER APPEARED BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO INFORM THEM OF THE WOODMEN OF THE WORLD PROPERTY AS POSSIBLE SITE FOR AN ANIMAL SHELTER.

MARK SEARD, TAX ASSESSOR

(15) IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING TRAVEL FOR DEPUTY APPRAISER, LAWRENCE WILLIAMS TO ATTEND THE IAAO COURSE 102 TRAINING, APRIL 15-19, 2024 AT BOSE CONFERENCE CENTER, MS STATE, MISSISSIPPI, AT ESTIMATED COST NOT TO EXCEED \$1,500.00 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

ATTORNEY WILLIE GRIFFIN

(16) IN RE: ORDER APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING NEW SOUTH MARINE LEASE AGREEMENT PENDING BOARD ATTORNEY WILLIE GRIFFIN’S REVIEW MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

(17) IN RE: ORDER APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) USED 2012 CATERPILLAR MODEL 324 E LLR LONG REACH HYDRAULIC EXCAVATOR AND SHOVEL, SERIAL NO. PNW00467 FROM THE BOGUE PHALIA, RIVERSIDE AND BLACK BAYOU DRAINAGE DISTRICTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$65,000.00 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

(18) IN RE: ORDER APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) USED 2008 MACK TRUCK TRACTOR, MODEL 700 DS VIN#1M2AX04Y98M001437 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,000.00 FROM THE BOGUE PHALIA DRAINAGE DISTRICT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

(19) IN RE: ORDER APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) USED 2003 PITT MODEL L B5 LOWBOY TRAILER, VIN#5JYLB50353P031045 FROM BOGUE PHALIA DRAINAGE DISTRICT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,000.00 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON,

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

(20) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE SPREADING ACROSS THE MINUTES THE QUIT CLAIM DEED AND RESOLUTION FROM THE HOLLANDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT CONVEYING PARCEL No. 50184200000, PPIN#25401 TO THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND, NAY- GORDON

(21) IN RE: ORDER ADDING WILLIAM MILLS TO THE EXECUTIVE SESSION MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

CHELESA CARTER, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR PRESENTED HER BI-WEEKLY REPORT

(22) IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING CLAIMS 243184 THRU 243328 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$629,738.13 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

(23) IN RE: ORDER RATIFYING TRAVEL FOR DISPATCHER, ARIELLE HOLMES AND SHARON COSEY, WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO ATTEND A 16 HOUR ORIENTATION COURSE FOR E-TELECOMMUNICATIONS, MARCH 17-19, 2024, IN CANTON, MS, ESTIMATED COST OF \$595.39 EACH MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON

(24) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT, USING COUNTY FUNDS, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21,463.68 TO IMS ENGINEERS FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES FOR BROADWAY FROM CITY LIMITS TO AIRPORT ENTRANCE, MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND, NAY- MCGEE, GORDON

(25) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT, USING COUNTY FUNDS, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$19,096.64 TO IMS ENGINEERS FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES FOR (SAP76(7)M) BROADWAY FROM AIRPORT ENTRANCE TO BRIDGE MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND, NAY- MCGEE, GORDON

(26) IN RE: ORDER APPROVING SANSOM EQUIPMENT COMPANY REVERSE AUCTION BID IN THE AMOUNT OF \$292,500.00 AS THE LOWEST AND BEST BID FOR THE NEW GARBAGE TRUCK MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, BENSON, REDMOND

(27) IN RE: ORDER APPROVING CANNON MOTORS BID AS THE ONLY REVERSE AUCTION BID IN THE AMOUNT OF \$93,000.00 FOR 2 NEW ADMINISTRATIVE VEHICLES AND FOUR (4) NEW PATROL UNIT SUV'S VEHICLES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$188,800 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, BENSON, REDMOND

(28) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT TO ASSIST THE TOWN OF ARCOLA WITH CLEANING THE CULVERTS TO ALLOW THE WATER TO DRAIN UNHINDERED MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

(29) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CLERK OF THE BOARD TO RE-ADVERTISE FOR PAVING MACHINE FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

BERNADINE HOLMES PRESENTED THE BI-WEEKLY REPORT FOR MARILYN HANSELL, CLERK OF THE BOARD

(30) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD TO SIGN AGREEMENT AND PERMIT BETWEEN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND MURPHY BAYOU DRAINAGE DISTRICT TO INSTALL ONE (1) SIXTY (60) FOOT LONG STEEL TANK CAR, IN CANAL NO.7 IN SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 15 NORTH, RANGE 6 WEST (DYSON ROAD- INCORRECTLY ADDRESSED TO BLACK BAYOU DRAINAGE DISTRICT DATED OCTOBER 9, 2023) MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT-BENSON, GORDON

(31) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD TO SIGN AGREEMENT AND PERMIT BETWEEN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND MURPHY BAYOU DRAINAGE DISTRICT TO INSTALL FOUR (4) SIXTY (60) FOOT LONG STEEL TANK CARS, IN CANAL NO.1 IN SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 15 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST (FREY ROAD- INCORRECTLY ADDRESSED TO BLACK BAYOU DRAINAGE DISTRICT DATED JANUARY 3, 2023) MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT-BENSON, GORDON

(32) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD TO SIGN AGREEMENT AND PERMIT BETWEEN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND BLACK BAYOU DRAINAGE DISTRICT TO INSTALL TWO (2) SIXTY (60) FOOT LONG STEEL TANK CARS, IN CANAL NO.3 IN SECTION 33 AND 34, TOWNSHIP 18 NORTH, RANGE 7 WEST (VFW ROAD) MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT-BENSON, GORDON

(33) IN RE: ORDER RE-APPOINTING LEE FRANKEL AS COUNTY DRAINAGE COMMISSIONER FOR THE RIVERSIDE DRAINAGE DISTRICT AND BOGUE PHALIA DRAINAGE DISTRICT (CHANCERY COURT CAUSE NO. 020906) MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT-BENSON

(34) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT AND CLERK OF THE BOARD TO SIGN THE 9TH AMENDMENT TO THE MARS FOOD US, LLC LEASE AGREEMENT TERMINATING ON OCTOBER 22, 2025 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT- GORDON, BENSON

(35) IN RE: ORDER RATIFYING 60 MONTH LEASE AGREEMENTS WITH CANON USA, INC. FOR TWO COPY MACHINES (BLACK AND WHITE-\$129.00 AND COLOR-\$160.00 PER MONTH) FOR THE CHANCERY CLERK'S OFFICE MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT-GORDON

(36) IN RE: ORDER APPROVING BONDS FOR KENNETH CHARLES TISABY-DEPUTY, DEMETRIC WARREN-SPORTSPLEX COMMISSIONER, WILLIE SKELTON-SPORTSPLEX COMMISSIONER, CHRIS VOWELL-SPORTSPLEX COMMISSIONER AND GINA MANUS-SPORTSPLEX CONCESSIONS MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

CHIEF BILLY BARBER

(37) IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING THE MEAL LOG FROM THE WASHINGTON COUNTY REGIONAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITY MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

SHERIFF MILTON GASTON

BE IT KNOWN: THE SHERIFF MADE A RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD REGARDING THE MUNICIPALITIES PAYING THEIR SHARE FOR SAFETY IN THE COMMUNITIES. HE INFORMED THE BOARD'S THAT THE COST WAS AFFECTING THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET

(38) 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 REDMOND, ABSENT- BROOKS

(39) IN RE: ORDER TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL AND CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS 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 BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

(41) IN RE: ORDER APPROVING NUNC PRO TUNC ORDER REFLECTING AS OF JANUARY 1, 2024, THE BOARD INTENDED TO RE-EMPLOY ANDREW SMITH FOR THE SERVICES HE HAS PERFORMED MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE- BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND, NAY-GORDON, MCGEE

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

(44) IN RE: ORDER TO ADJOURN MEETING UNTL APRIL 1, 2024 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

CARL MCGEE, PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

MARILYN HANSELL, CLERK

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY