

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTES OF MAY 3, 2021

BOARD MEETING

BE IT REMEMBERED on the 3rd day of May, 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, 148 N. Edison Street in Greenville, Mississippi, due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, 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 |
| 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 Rev. Henry Mason. 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 FOR MAY 3, 2021 WITH ADDITIONS. MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT- BENSON.

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Added: Kassie-Use of Expo Building, Update of April 24, 2021 Clean-up, Delta Health Center, Executive Session to discuss personnel and contract negotiations, Hollandale School District

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

BE IT KNOWN: Supervisor Mala Brooks expressed concern about all sidebar conversations not being included in the minutes

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING MINUTES OF APRIL 19, 2021 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WITH EXCEPTION OF THE “BE IT KNOWN STATEMENT” AFTER

ORDER NUMBER 18 AND DIRECTING THE PRESIDENT TO SIGN SAME MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, REDMOND, NAY-BROOKS, ABSENT-BENSON. (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 APRIL 2021 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$36,257.23 AS PRESENTED BY DAVID BURFORD, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT- BENSON. (3)

Arthur Perry, Road Manager informed the Board that the trash control trailer has come in and made request to employ on individual for the Washington County Road Department

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE ROAD DEPARTMENT TO HIRE ONE (1) INDIVIDUAL FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (4)

IN RE: ORDER DIRECTING THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT TO REVIEW THE COUNTY ORDINANCE TO DETERMINE IF THERE IS AN ORDINANCE FOR CONTRACTORS DUMPING IN TRASH CONTAINERS AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (5)

IN RE: ORDER DIRECTING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO IDENTIFY FUNDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF ROAD RECLAIMER, PENDING THE ATTORNEY'S REVIEW MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (6)

Lorenzo Anderson, County Engineer presented the Board updates on several projects. Concerns were expressed Wilmot Road, Woodsawmill Bridge, Kermit the Frog and New South Marine Roofing Project and Warfield Point Park Project

Donna Creemen, Planning Department, presented permits for approval, Planning Department monthly report and that 725 Barnes Landing Road has an occupied illegally placed recreational vehicle and mobile home on the property

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING USE AND OCCUPANCY PERMIT FOR CIRCLE S IRRIGATION, INC., TO CONSTRUCT AN UNDERGROUND 12" PIPE AND WIRE UTILITY FACILITY ALONG OR ACROSS EXPERIMENT STATION ROAD MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND. (7)

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING USE AND OCCUPANCY PERMIT FOR TELEPAK NETWORKS, INC., TO CONSTRUCT A FIBER OPTIC UTILITY FACILITY ALONG OR ACROSS AVON-DARLOVE ROAD MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND. (8)

Eloise Brooks, Justice Court Clerk presented the Monthly Justice Court Report

Terry Gales, Veterans' Service officer presented his monthly report and information on Senate Bill 2165

Don Davis, Building and Grounds Director presented quotes for flagpole, and discussed County shop roof

IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING LOWEST QUOTE OF INDUSTRIAL SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,875.00 TO REPLACE THE COUNTY SHOP ROOF MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND. (9)

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING ENGINEER TO MOVE FORWARD AND OBTAIN QUOTES ON REMAINING CAMPSITES AT WARFIELD POINT PARK MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND. (10)

Billy Redwine requesting use of Warfield Point Park

IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING USE OF WARFIELD POINT PARK AUGUST 21, 2021 FOR ROLLING ON THE RIVER CAR SHOW, AT NO FEE, AS REQUESTED BY BILLY REDWINE MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND. (11)

Ty Pinkins discussed implementation of Phase 2 of the Justice Court Navigator Program and Identification of space to implement the program. Board President and Justice Court Clerk will make selection on the space.

Henry Mason of the MS Delta Black Farmers Co-op requesting support for the Juneteenth Farmers festival June 19, 2021

BE IT KNOWN: *Agenda Item #14 moved to Executive Session*

Trisha Rogers, Public Defender requesting salary adjustment for the Assistant Public Defender

IN RE: ORDER TABLING THE REQUEST OF PUBLIC DEFENDER, TRISHA ROGERS, FOR SALARY INCREASE FOR ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDER UNTIL 2021-2022 BUDGET SESSION MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, NAY-MCGEE, BROOKS (12)

Scott Christensen, CEO Delta Health Systems present the quarterly report

BE IT KNOWN: Supervisor Mala Brooks discussed the April 24th clean-up and stated next clean-up date is May 29th

Camille Collins regarding the Confederate Statue

IN RE: ORDER DIRECTING BOARD ATTORNEY TO PETITION THE COURT TO RESOLVE THE ISSUE OF THE REMOVAL OF THE CONFEDERATE STATUE ON THE COURTHOUSE LAWN MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND, NAY- GORDON (13)

Lionel Hines requesting use of the Expo Building for 4-H Horse Show Competition

IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING USE OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY EXPO BUILDING BY THE WASHINGTON COUNTY 4-H CLUB JUNE 6, 16, & 23, 2021 FOR HORSE SHOW COMPETITION PRACTICE AND DIRECTING ADHERANCE TO ALL COVID-19 GUIDELINES MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND, (14)

Supervisor Jerry Redmond requesting on behalf of Tougaloo College the Convention Center grounds

IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING USE OF WASHINGTON COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER GROUNDS BY TOUGALOO COLLEGE, MAY 16, 2021 FOLLOWING COVID 19 GUIDELINES MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND. (15)

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING USE THE REAR OF THE SOUTH WASHINGTON COUNTY MULTIPLEX BUILDING BY THE HOLLANDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT, PENDING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT PROVIDING SCOPE OF ALTERATIONS TO BUILDING, INCLUDING FLOORING AND OTHER MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND. (16)

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HOLLANDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT TO USE THE SOUTH WASHINGTON COUNTY MULTIPLEX BUILDING MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND. (17)

IN RE: ORDER GOING INTO CLOSED DETERMINATION TO CONSIDER GOING INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (18)

IN RE: ORDER TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE LITIGATION AND CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (19)

IN RE: ORDER TO LEAVE EXECUTIVE SESSION, WITH NO ACTION TAKEN. MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (20)

IN RE: ORDER CANCELING CONTRACT WITH ARCHIE'S FLOORING SERVICES FOR LABOR AND INSTALLATION OF APPROXIMATELY 25,501 SQ. FT OF TILE AT THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES BUILDING AND AUTHORIZING THE RE-ADVERTISEMENT OF THE BID WITH PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FROM THE COUNTY ENGINEER MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (21)

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING THE PRIVATE PLACEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND DUNCAN WILLIAMS, INC., TO ACT AS ITS AGENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUANCE OF THE COUNTY'S GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2021, AND GOVERNMENT CONSULTANTS, INC., AS THE MUNICIPAL ADVISOR FOR THE ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS; AND AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT AND CLERK OF THE BOARD TO SIGN ALL BOND DOCUMENTS MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (22)

CHELESA CARTER, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR PRESENTED HER BI-WEEKLY REPORT

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING CLAIMS DOCKET 154616 THRU 154800 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$706,987.68 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (23)

MONTHLY CLAIMS

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF WARRANTS TO COVER BI-WEEKLY PAYROLLS AND MONTHLY PAYROLLS FOR MAY 2021. MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND. (24)

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 MAY 2021. MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (25)

IN RE: ORDER TRANSFERRING ONE-HALF OF HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE TAXES TO MUNICIPALITIES OF THE COUNTY IN MAY 2021 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (26)

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BONDS AND INTEREST DURING THE MONTH OF MAY 2021. MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (27)

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 MAY 2021. MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND. (28)

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$49,167.62 TO GOVEASE AUCTION FOR THE 2020 TAX LIEN AUCTION MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT- GORDON. (29)

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF BOND FOR JAMES MITCHELL RAMAGE, WASHINGTON COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFF MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (30)

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR A TRIAD GRANT THROUGH THE MS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (31)

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR A WALMART SHOPPING WITH A DEPUTY GRANT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (32)

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR A BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP GRANT FOR FIFTEEN (15) BULLETPROOF VESTS, WITH THE COUNTY'S COSTS 50% OF TOTAL PURCHASE MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (33)

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

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING BOND FOR ALFRED WASHINGTON OF WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND. (34)

IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING COLLECTIONS AND FEES FROM TAX COLLECTOR, PATRICIA LEE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,290,507.70 FOR MARCH 2021 MOTION BY

***SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-
MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (35)***

***IN RE: ORDER DIRECTING BOARD ATTORNEY TO REVIEW ORDER RELEASING
CONTRACTOR FROM FURTHER MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR LSBP
PROJECT 76(27) (FRAZIER ROAD) MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY
SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE- BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND, NAY- MCGEE,
ABSENT-GORDON (36)***

PERCY MILES PRESENTED THE SHERIFF'S REPORT

***IN RE: ORDER APPROVING PURCHASE OF ITEMS (SMOKING RELATED) FOR THE
WASHINGTON COUNTY REGIONAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITY IN ORDER TO BE IN
COMPLIANCE WITH STATE REGULATIONS MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS,
SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND,
MCGEE, GORDON (37)***

***IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING LETTER REQUESTING TERMINATION OF ANDREW
SMITH'S CONTRACT AS GRANT WRITER AND OTHER RELATED SERVICES AND
SPREAD ACROSS THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON,
SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE- BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND,
MCGEE, GORDON. (38)***

***IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING USE OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CONVENTION
CENTER MAY 28, 2021 FOR THE BASS FISHERMAN TOURNAMENT AT 6:00 P.M.
MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE:
AYE- BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, GORDON. (39)***

***IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING COUNTY OFFICIALS REPORTS MOTION BY SUPERVISOR
REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE- BENSON, BROOKS,
REDMOND, MCGEE, GORDON. (40)***

***IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING COPYING CERTAIN DOCUMENTS INTO THE MINUTES
OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MOTION BY
SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE-
BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, ABSENT-GORDON. (41)***

***IN RE: ORDER RECESSING MEETING UNTIL MONDAY, MAY 17, 2021 MOTION BY
SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-
BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, GORDON. (42)***

CARL MCGEE, PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:
MARILYN HANSELL, CLERK OF THE BOARD