

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTES OF MAY 4, 2020

BOARD MEETING

BE IT REMEMBERED on the 4th day of May, 2020 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 Supervisor Lee Gordon. 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 MAY 4, 2020. MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, ALL VOTED AYE. (1)

Added: Executive Session to discuss personnel, Contract negotiations

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING MINUTES OF APRIL 20, 2020 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND DIRECTING THE PRESIDENT TO SIGN SAME MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, ALL VOTED AYE. (2)

BE IT KNOWN: The President discussed deleting items under advisement from previous meetings: Item 1-Letter from Attorney Paul Mathis regarding address listings; Item 5-The salary request from Public Defender, Trish Rogers; Item 6-Task Order from IMS. These items were all deleted.

BE IT KNOWN: The Board also briefly discussed Covid 19 Testing Washington County. The Board has instituted an entrance policy for the Courthouse that includes temperature checks and sanitizing upon entrance in the Courthouse. There was a discussion about providing mask for the general public.

BE IT KNOWN: Supervisor Brooks expressed concern about getting on top of the Census to insure that we have a complete count in Washington County

County Administrator, Chelesa Carter presented reports for several departments

Laur R. Moore, County Patrol Person

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT TO CUT, CLEAN AND REMOVE DILAPIDATED STRUCTURES FROM THE FOLLOWING PROPERTIES ASSESSED TO: ESSIE MASON-PURNELL(PARCEL 2326800000 PPIN#7767); ROY H. & LOIS ADAMS(178400000 PPIN#1929); DONALD HILL(PARCEL 8373600000 PPIN#9094) AND DIRECTING THAT THE COST OF CLEAN-UP AND/OR DEMOLITION BE ASSESSED TO THE PROPERTY TAXES *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, ALL VOTED AYE. (3)*

David Burford, Emergency Management Director

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING APRIL 2020 EXPENDITURES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,616.15 FOR E-911. *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, ALL SUPERVISORS VOTED AYE. (4)*

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING USE AND OCCUPANCY PERMIT FOR AT&T SOUYHEAST TO CONSTRUCT A BURIED COPPER CABLE UTILITY FACILITY ALONG OR ACROSS TRIBBETT ROAD *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, ALL SUPERVISORS VOTED AYE. (5)*

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING USE AND OCCUPANCY PERMIT FOR BLACK BAYOU WATER ASSOCIATION TO CONSTRUCT A 40' 2" STEEL CASING BORE TO HOUSE A 1" WATERLINE UTILITY FACILITY ALONG OR ACROSS BASSI ROAD *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, ALL SUPERVISORS VOTED AYE. (6)*

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING BOARD MEMBERS TO SIGN PROCLAMATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY CAUSED BY THE CORVID-19 OUTBREAK FOR MAY 4, 2020 AND RATIFYING PROCLAMATION FOR APRIL 6, 2020 *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, ALL SUPERVISORS VOTED AYE. (7)*

WASHINGTON COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING CLERK OF THE BOARD TO ADVERTISE NOTICE TO BIDDERS FOR PURCHASE OF A LOW BOY TRACTOR MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, ALL VOTED AYE. (8)

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF A BUSH HOG UNDER STATE CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,593.33 FROM KILLEBREW MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, ALL SUPERVISORS VOTED AYE, EXCEPT BROOKS-NAY (9)

CHELESA CARTER, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR PRESENTED HER BI-WEEKLY REPORT

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING CLAIMS DOCKET 147067 THRU 147230 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$541,492.57 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, ALL VOTED AYE. (10)

MONTHLY CLAIMS

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF WARRANTS TO COVER BI-WEEKLY PAYROLLS AND MONTHLY PAYROLLS FOR MAY 2020. MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, ALL VOTED AYE. (11)

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 2020. MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, ALL VOTED AYE. (12)

IN RE: ORDER TRANSFERRING ONE-HALF OF HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE TAXES TO MUNICIPALITIES OF THE COUNTY IN MAY 2020 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, ALL VOTED AYE. (13)

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BONDS AND INTEREST DURING THE MONTH OF MAY 2020. MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, ALL VOTED AYE. (14)

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 2020. MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, ALL VOTED AYE. (15)

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60.00 TO THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY VETERAN'S SERVICE OFFICERS FOR THE 2020

MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR VETERANS'S SERVICE OFFICER, TERRY GALES *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, ALL VOTED AYE. (16)*

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF INVOICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,500.00 FROM BRIDGERS, GOODMAN, BAIRD & CLARKE FOR FINAL PAYMENT OF 2017 & 2018 AUDIT STATEMENTS *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, ALL SUPERVISORS VOTED AYE. (17)*

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$150,000.00 TO NUFARM FOR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S COMMITMENT TO THE NUFARM PROJECT *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, ALL SUPERVISORS VOTED AYE. (18)*

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING PRESIDENT AND CLERK OF THE BOARD TO SIGN REQUISITIONS TO TRUSTMARK NATIONAL BANK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,389,397.65 FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY REGIONAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITY CLAIMS AND PAYROLL *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, ALL SUPERVISORS VOTED AYE. (19)*

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING CLOSING ALL COUNTY OFFICES IN OBSERVANCE MAY 25, 2020 OF NATIONAL MEMORIAL DAY AND JEFFERSON DAVIS' BIRTHDAY *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, ALL SUPERVISORS VOTED AYE. (20)*

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING THE REQUEST OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE NEXT LOWEST FINANCING BIDDER, GUARANTY BANK, WITH AN INTEREST RATE OF 3.25%, FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT VEHICLES *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, ALL SUPERVISORS VOTED AYE. (21)*

BE IT KNOWN: The Chancery Clerk read the Engineer's Report. There was no action taken.

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

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF INVOICE FROM BUTLER SNOW FOR PREPARATION OF THE COUNTY'S 2019 CONTINUING DISCLOSURE STATEMENT *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, ALL SUPERVISORS VOTED AYE. (22)*

IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2.18 FROM THE STATE TREASURER FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019 NATIONAL FORESTRY FUNDS *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, ALL SUPERVISORS VOTED AYE. (23)*

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING 16TH SECTION PUBLIC SCHOOL TRUST LAND-OTHER LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN WESTERN LINE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND WASHINGTON COUNTY AT \$690.00 PER YEAR FOR FIVE (5) YEARS AND AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD TO SIGN SAME *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, ALL SUPERVISORS VOTED AYE. (24)*

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO PERS IN THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$7500.00- \$9000.00 FOR THE EMPLOYER'S SHARE OF CONTRIBUTIONS DUE PERS FOR A PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF NET INCOME ATTRIBUTABLE TO FEES RECEIVED BY THE CHANCERY CLERK FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2019 *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, ALL SUPERVISORS VOTED AYE. (25)*

PERCY MILES PRESENTED THE SHERIFF'S REPORT

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING USE OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER IN JUNE FOR DISPATCHER CERTIFICATION CLASS, AS REQUESTED BY THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, AT NO FEE *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, ALL VOTED AYE. (26)*

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR A CREDIT CARD FROM TRACTOR SUPPLY COMPANY *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, ALL SUPERVISORS VOTED AYE. (27)*

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING 7% OR \$172.00 MONTHLY HAZARD PAY FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES WORKING DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, EXCLUDING EMPLOYEES FURLOUGHED, EFFECTIVE NEXT PAY PERIOD AND REVIEW STATUS EVERY 30 DAYS *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, ALL VOTED AYE. (28)*

IN RE: ORDER GOING INTO CLOSED DETERMINATION TO CONSIDER GOING INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, ALL VOTED AYE (29)*

IN RE: ORDER TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTER AND CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, ALL VOTED AYE (30)*

IN RE: ORDER TO LEAVE EXECUTIVE SESSION, WITH NO ACTION TAKEN. *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, ALL VOTED AYE (31)*

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING) AN EXTENSION OF THE ABW (MARS) LEASE THROUGH OCTOBER 2021 AND ADDING A PROVISION TO THE LEASE THAT NEITHER ABW(MARS) NOR THE COUNTY MAY TERMINATE THE EXTENSION PRIOR TO ITS

OCTOBER 2021 EXPIRATION DATE MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, ALL VOTED AYE (32)

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD TO SIGN CONTRACT BETWEEN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND HAYES DENT STRATEGIES, EFFECTIVE MAY 4, 2020 WITH PAYMENT DUE AT THE END OF EACH MONTH MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, ALL VOTED AYE, EXCEPT-MCGEE & GORDON-NAY (33)

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING REPAIR WORK ON BULLDOZER BY THOMPSON CATERPILLAR OF GREENWOOD, MS AT ESTIMATED COST OF \$18,170.64 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, ALL VOTED AYE (34)

IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING COUNTY OFFICIALS REPORTS MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, ALL VOTED AYE (35)

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING COPYING CERTAIN DOCUMENTS INTO THE MINUTES OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, ALL VOTED AYE (36)

IN RE: ORDER RECESSING MEETING UNTIL 18, 2020 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, ALL VOTED AYE. (37)

CARL MCGEE, PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:
MARILYN HANSELL, CLERK OF THE BOARD