

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 20, 2024

BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, February 20, 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 Lee Gordon. All present said the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and the meeting was officially opened by the Deputy Sheriff.

(1) IN RE: ORDER TO CONSIDER AND ACCEPT AGENDA WITH ADDITIONS FOR FEBRUARY 20, 2024 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

Added: Gaila Oliver-Leland Animal Shelter, Lorenzo Anderson, County Engineer, Mark Johnson, Assistant Road Manager, C.W. Walker, III, Mayor Errick Simmons and Dave Clark

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

(2) IN RE: ORDER APPROVING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 5, 12, 2024 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND DIRECTING THE PRESIDENT TO SIGN SAME. MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, ABSTAIN-BROOKS

BE IT KNOWN: DEMETRIC WARREN, SPORTSPLEX BOARD CHAIRMAN INTRODUCED QUINTARUS MCCRAY AS DIRECTOR AND GINA MANUS AS THE CONCESSION STAND MANAGER. REQUESTING ALLOCATION FOR MEDIA PERSON AND PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE FOR MEDIA PERSON

(3) IN RE: ORDER DECLARING THE DISTRICT 2 SPORTSPLEX BOARD SEAT VACANT, DUE TO RESIGNATION OF COREY HOLMES AND APPOINTING JARRELL EVANS TO FILL THE DISTRICT 2 VACANCY ON THE SPORTSPLEX BOARD MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

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

(5) IN RE: ORDER TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS CONFIDENTIAL HOSPITAL BUSINESS MATTER MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, ABSENT- BROOKS

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

BE IT KNOWN: WILLIE HAAS APPEARED BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS EXPRESSING CONCERNS OF ROAD CONDITIONS ON ANN DRIVE INN ROAD. THE BOARD INFORMED MR. HASS THEY WOULD HAVE THE ROAD DEPARTMENT TO TAKE CARE OF THE CONCERNS

TIFFANY BURNSIDE

(7) IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING THE SERVING OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY MULTIPLEX BUILDING MARCH 9, 2024, FOR A PARENT APPRECIATION EVENT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND, NAY- GORDON

BID: KITCHEN RENOVATIONS MULTIPLEX BUILDING

(8) IN RE: ORDER MOVING FORWARD WITH THE ONE QUALIFYING BID OF TIMBO'S CONSTRUCTION, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250,000 FOR KITCHEN RENOVATIONS AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY MULTIPLEX BUILDING MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

MAYOR ERRICK SIMMONS, DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND DAVE CLARK, REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(9) IN RE: ORDER APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF ELECTION EXPENSES FOR THE DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN PARTIES FOR THE MARCH 12, 2024 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY, AT ESTIMATED COST OF \$40,000 PER PARTY MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

WILLIAM MILLS OF MILLS AND MILLS, ARCHITECTS, PC

(10) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING ARCHITECT TO READVERTISE FOR NEW RESTROOMS FOR THE SOUTH WASHINGTON COUNTY MULTIPLEX BUILDING MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

GAILA OLIVER REGARDING ANIMAL SHELTER

(11) IN RE: ORDER DIRECTING THE FINANCE COMMITTEE TO MEET AND FIND FUNDING TO CREATE A LINE ITEM FOR A HUMANE OFFICER FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

(12) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING NOTICE TO BIDDERS FOR BULL DOZER FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

(13) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING NOTICE TO BIDDERS FOR FOUR (4) DUMP TRUCKS FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

(14) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF COMPACT TRACK LOADER(BOBCAT) FROM AYRES-DELTA IMPLEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$84,202.48 ON STATE CONTRACT THROUGH SOURCEWELL MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

ANDREW SMITH, ARPA CONSULTANT

(15) IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING AND TAKING UNDER ADVISEMENT BIDS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR WORK RELATED TO VARIOUS FEDERAL PROGRAMS FROM HOOKER ENGINEERING, INC., IMS AND WAGGONER ENGINEERING MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

(16) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING REIMBURSEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000.00 TO ELK'S LODGE #148 (SHELBY STREET) FOR WORK COMPLETED IN COMPLIANCE WITH IST SUBRECEIPIENT AGREEMENT (HVAC REPLACEMENT AND FILTERING SYSTEM TO CLEAN AIR AND PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID 19 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND, NAY-MCGEE, GORDON

(17) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$118,700.00 TO HEMPHILL CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR THE GLEN ALLAN UTILITY DISTRICT MCWI WATER AND SEWER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

(18) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT ASSISTANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000.00 FOR ROOF REPAIRS FOR THE LIBRARY IN THE CITY OF HOLLANDALE MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

(19) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AN ADDITIONAL \$20,000 TO THE CITY OF HOLLANDALE SUB-RECIPIENT AGREEMENT FOR DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENTS FOR \$50,000.00 TO \$70,000.00 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

LORENZO ANDERSON, COUNTY ENGINEER

BE IT KNOWN: IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING COUNTY ENGINEER TO ADVERTISE NOTICE TO BIDDERS FOR BROADWAY EXTENDED PAVING PROJECT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-BROOKS, REDMOND, NAY-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON (MOTION FAILED)

BE IT KNOWN: SUPERVISOR MCGEE OFFERED THAT A THIRTY (30) DAY NOTICE BE GIVEN TO IMS ENGINEERS TERMINATING THEIR SERVICE WITH WASHINGTON COUNTY. SUPERVISOR GORDON MADE A MOTION AND WITHDREW HIS MOTION. BOARD TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS

(20) IN RE: ORDER ADDING THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION TO THE AGENDA MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON BROOKS, ABSENT-REDMOND

BOARD ATTORNEY WILLIE GRIFFIN

(21) IN RE: ORDER DISQUALIFYING DARRELL TERRELL BLUE FOR THE OFFICE OF COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSIONER FOR DISTRICT 5, DUE TO ONLY HAVING 49 QUALIFIED ELECTOR'S SIGNATURES ON HIS QUALIFYING STATEMENT OF INTENT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, NAY-BROOKS

(22) IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING THE MEMORANDUM OF ATTORNEY WILLIE GRIFFIN TO DISQUALIFY MICHAEL OLTREMARI FOR THE OFFICE OF COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSIONER FOR DISTRICT 1, DUE TO ONLY HAVING 49 QUALIFIED ELECTOR'S SIGNATURES ON HIS QUALIFYING STATEMENT OF INTENT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, NAY-BROOKS

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, CHELESA CARTER PRESENTED TAX ASSESSOR, MARK SEARD'S REPORT

(23) IN RE: ORDER APPROVING PETITION TO REDUCE ASSESSMENT FOR PROPERTY ASSESSED TO WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, DUE TO EXEMPT CODE ERROR (PARCEL #525400000 & 525100000) MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, BENSON BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT-GORDON

(24) IN RE: ORDER POSTPONING APPROVAL OF PETITION TO REDUCE ASSESSMENT FOR PROPERTY ASSESSED TO POWERHOUSE DELIVERANCE TEMPLE, PARCEL NO. 50100200000, DUE TO BUILDING BEING USED AS CHURCH, UNTIL FURTHER REVIEW MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON BROOKS, REDMOND

(25) IN RE: ORDER APPROVING PETITION TO REDUCE ASSESSMENT FOR PROPERTY ASSESSED TO JACKIE RICHARDSON, ACCOUNT NO. 8078, DUE TO MOBILE HOME BEING DEMOLISHED MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON BROOKS, REDMOND

(26) IN RE: ORDER APPROVING PETITION TO REDUCE ASSESSMENT FOR PROPERTY ASSESSED TO POWERHOUSE DELIVERANCE TEMPLE, PARCEL NO. 50100200000, DUE TO BUILDING BEING USED AS CHURCH, MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, ABSTAIN- BROOKS

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, CHELESA CARTER PRESENTED HER BI-WEEKLY REPORT

(27) IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING CLAIMS 242631-242851 IN AMOUNT OF \$670,831.88 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

(28) IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING TRAVEL FOR VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER, TERRY GALES TO ATTEND THE 2024 SPRING VETERANS SERVICE TRAINING APRIL 8-11, 2024 IN D'IBERVILLE, MS AT ESTIMATED COST OF \$894.83 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR

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

(29) IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING COMMISSIONS AND FEES FROM TAX COLLECTOR, PATRICIA LEE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,133,330.19 FOR JANUARY 2024 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

(30) IN RE: ORDER APPROVING A ONE TIME PAY ADJUSTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$37,632.89 FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES THAT WORKED DURING THE ICE STORM MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSTAIN- GORDON

BERNADINE HOLMES FOR MARILYN HANSELL, CLERK OF THE BOARD *BIWEEKLY REPORT*

(31) IN RE: ORDER APPROVING BOND FOR KAYLEE BREANNA MONTGOMERY, DEPUTY TAX ASSESSOR, BRANDI SHARON WASHINGTON, LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER AND WILLIE LAVANCE LEWIS, PARK COMMISSIONER MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

CHIEF DEPUTY BILLY BARBER INQUIRED AS TO THE STATUS OF THE HARVEY STREET PROPERTY

(32) 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, BROOKS, REDMOND

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

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

(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, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

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

(37) IN RE: ORDER TO ADJOURN UNTIL NEXT MEETING, MARCH 6, 2024 AT 9:00 A.M. MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, ABSENT-BENSON, REDMOND

CARL MCGEE, PRESIDENT

ATTEST:
MARILYN HANSELL, CLERK