

**WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**MINUTES OF JANUARY 19, 2021**  
**BOARD MEETING**

Tuesday, January 19, 2021 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 Tommy Benson. Supervisor Mala Brooks was absent at the beginning of the meeting. She later joined the meeting. All present said the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and the meeting was officially opened by the Deputy Sheriff.

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**IN RE: ORDER TO CONSIDER AND ACCEPT THE AGENDA AS AMENDED FOR JANUARY 19, 2021. MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, ABSENT- BROOKS. Added: David Burford, Donna Creemen, Arthur Perry, Mark Johnson, Fred Formingoni, Lorenzo Anderson (1)**

*Approval pf Minutes of Previous Meeting*

**IN RE: ORDER APPROVING MINUTES OF JANUARY 4, 2021 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 (2)**

*Will Coppage, Executive Director, Economic Development Center*

**IN RE: ORDER APPROVING REVISED CONTACT AGREEMENT APPROVED NOVEMBER 2, 2020 MINUTE BOOK 303 AT PAGE 310 FOR PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES BETWEEN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND MCNEW RENEWABLES, LLC , PENDING ATTORNEY’S REVIEW MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, ABSENT- BROOKS (3)**

*David Burford, Emergency Management Director*

**IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR TO SIGN THE FISCAL YEAR 2021 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT APPLICATION MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, ABSENT- BROOKS (4)**

**IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN WASHINGTON COUNTY, THE CITY OF GREENVILLE AND MS RIVER MARATHON FOR FEBRUATY 6, 2021, MS RIVER MARATHON SERIES EVENT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, ABSENT- BROOKS (5)**

**BE IT KNOWN:**

*Clara Crossland, Co-Founder of Delta Advantage Center, a 501c organization, made a presentation to the Board of Supervisors to introduce the Board to the organization that connects residents of the Mississippi Delta to social services and food resources to sustain their lives by promoting food security, economic self-sufficiency and individual success through services and programs vital for the survival of the community. The organization serves Sunflower County and Washington County*

**IN RE: ORDER APPROVING A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE MOUND BAYOU HOUSING AUTHORITY REHABILITATION PROGRAM MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, ABSENT- BROOKS (6)**

*Donna Cremeen, Planning Department*

**IN RE: ORDER APPROVING USE AND OCCUPANCY PERMIT REQUEST OF ATMOS ENERGY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OR ADJUSTMENT TO INSTALL 4" AND 2" HDPE MAIN TO PROVIDE SERVICES UTILITY FACILITY WITHIN ROAD OR HIGHWAY RIGHT OF WAY ALONG OR ACROSS NORTH JOHN CHICK DR., JOHN CHICK DRIVE HAVEN LANE AND WILCOX ROAD MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, ABSENT- BROOKS (7)**

*Arthur Perry, Road Manager and Mark Johnson, Assistant Road Manager requesting approval for several items*

**IN RE: ORDER APPROVING THE REQUEST OF ROAD MANAGER, ARTHUR PERRY TO ADVERTISE NOTICE TO BIDDERS FOR AN ASPHALT DISTRIBUTOR TRUCK AND A ONE MAN PATCH TRUCK MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, ABSENT- BROOKS (8)**

**IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE REPAIR OF THE DRAGLINER AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT, AS REQUESTED BY ARTHUR PERRY, WASHINGTON COUNTY ROAD MANAGER MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, ABSENT- BROOKS (9)**

**BE IT KNOWN:**

*Karl Goodman, Auditor, Bridgers & Goodman appeared before the Board of Supervisors to discuss the recently submitted FY 2019 audit report identifying certain items that needed attention. He also presented an update on the cash balances*

*Supervisor Mala Brooks is now present*

*Lorenzo Anderson, County Engineer request approval for three (3) culverts*

**IN RE: ORDER APPROVING THE REQUEST OF COUNTY ENGINEER, LORENZO ANDERSON TO PURCHASE THREE (3) CULVERTS FOR FUTURE USE MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, BROOKS (10)**

**BE IT KNOWN:**

*Tommy Avanti, IMS Engineers presented the Board an update on bridge closures*

*Mark Seard, Tax Assessor*

**IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD TO SIGN PETITIONS FOR REDUCTION/INCREASE OF ASSESSMENT FOR: ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION, ENTERGY MISSISSIPPI, INC., GULF SOUTH PIPELINE COMPANY LP, TEXAS GAS PIPELINE COMPANY, TEXAS GAS TRANSMISSION, LLC, ANR PIPELINE COMPANY, BELL SOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC., ELIJAH ALLEN, JR., IRENE YOUNG SMITH, AUDREY LEE LEE, JESSIE LEE HUDSON MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, *THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, BROOKS* (11)**

**IN RE: ORDER POSTPONING A DECISION ON TRINA WASHINGTON'S REQUEST FOR HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION UNTIL THE FEBRUARY 1, 2021 BOARD MEETING MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, *THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, BROOKS* (12)**

*Patricia Lee, Tax Collector*

**IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING DECEMBER 2020 SETTLEMENT CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF 4,395,899.81(AD VALOREM TAXES) THAT INCLUDES \$64,000.00( MUNICIPAL COLLECTIONS) FOR DECEMBER 2020 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, *THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, BROOKS* (13)**

**IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING DISCONTINUATION OF CONTRACT WITH HAYES DENT PUBLIC STRATEGIES, LLC MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, *THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, NAY- BROOKS, REDMOND* (14)**

*Chelesa Carter, County Administrator*

**IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING CLAIMS 152598 THROUGH 152746 IN THE AMOUNT FOR \$438,017.44 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, *THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, BROOKS* (15)**

**IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT NO. 3 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$118,209.67 TO J.J. FERGUSON, SAND AND GRAVEL, INC., FOR THE ERBR76-03 (BASSI ROAD) MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, *THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, BROOKS* (16)**

**IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT NO. 5 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$247,891.29 TO MALOUF CONSTRUCTION LLC FOR THE ERBR76-03 (BASSI ROAD) MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, *THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, BROOKS* (17)**

**IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,166.66 TO HAYES DENT PUBLIC STRATEGIES, LLC FOR LOBBYING, CONSULTING AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS FEES FOR JANUARY MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY**

**SUPERVISOR REDMOND, *THE VOTE: AYE- BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON, NAY- MCGEE, GORDON (18)***

*Marilyn Hansell, Clerk of the Board*

**IN RE: ORDER APPROVING BONDS FOR THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS AND DEPARTMENTS: ADMINISTRATION OFFICE, SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, TAX COLLECTOR, TAX ASSESSOR, BUILDING AND GROUNDS, JUSTICE COURT, ENGINEER-LORENZO ANDERSON, ARTHUR PERRY, DON CANNON-ROAD DEPARTMENT, CATHALEAN B. WEATHERSBY, PLANNING-ROY JOHNSON, DONNA CREMEEN, YOUTH COURT/DRUG COURT-VANESSA R. HUDSON, TIFFANY LATRICE JENKINS, TAMELA S. HARDY, WARDEN-JUNEVETRIC SHAW, MARILYN HANSELL (INDIVIDUAL NAMES ATTACHED HERETO) MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, *THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, BROOKS (19)***

**IN RE: ACCEPTING ORDER FROM CHIEF JUSTICE, MICHAEL K. RANDOLPH, MS SUPREME COURT APPOINTING TONYA FRANKLIN AND JACQUELINE L. SMITH AS A FAMILY MASTERS IN CHANCERY COURT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2021 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2021 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, *THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, BROOKS (20)***

**IN RE:ORDER APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING ORDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF CERTAIN FEES AND EXPENSES FOR 2021 OF CHANCERY CLERK, MARILYN HANSELL MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, *THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, ABSENT-BROOKS (21)***

**IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING REIMBURSEMENT TO MS STATE EXTENSION SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,658.33 FOR SALARY AND FRINGE BENEFITS FOR THE MONTH ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, *THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, ABSENT-BROOKS (22)***

*Percy Miles, Assistant Chief Deputy Sheriff*

**IN RE:ORDER APPROVING THE USE OF FORCE POLICY FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, DELETING THE NECK RESTRAINTS CLAUSE MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, *THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, BROOKS (23)***

**IN RE:ORDER APPROVING THE REQUEST OF SHERIFF MILTON GASTON FOR AN UPGRADE OF THE CABLE SYSTEM UP TO \$5000.00 FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY REGIONAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITY MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, *THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, BROOKS (24)***

**IN RE:ORDER APPROVING THE USE OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER GROUNDS JANUARY 22 & 23, 2021 FOR A FOOD SUPPLY GIVEAWAY BY THE GULF COAST VETERAN'S ASSOCIATION, AT NO FEE MOTION BY SUPERVISOR**

**REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, BROOKS (25)**

**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, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, BROOKS (26)**

**IN RE: ORDER TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, BROOKS (27)**

**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, REDMOND, BROOKS (28)**

**IN RE: ORDER RESCINDING ORDER (#14) DISCONTINUING HAYES DENT PUBLIC STRATEGIES LLC CONTRACT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, ABSENT-BROOKS (29)**

**IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING COUNTY OFFICIALS REPORTS. MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, BROOKS (30)**

**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- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, BROOKS (31)**

**IN RE: ORDER ADJOURN MEETING UNTIL FEBRUARY 1, 2021 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, BROOKS (32)**

*Carl McGee, President  
Washington County Board of Supervisors*

*Attest:*

*Marilyn Hansell  
Clerk of the Board*