

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTES OF JANUARY 22, 2024

BOARD MEETING

Monday, January 22, 2024 at 9:00 A.M., the Board of Supervisors of Washington County, Mississippi, meet pursuant to recess, there being the following members present, Carl McGee, Lee Gordon, Tommy Benson, Mala Brooks and Jerry Redmond. The meeting was called to order by President Carl McGee. The opening prayer was by Supervisor Mala Brooks. 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 THE AGENDA WITH ADDITIONS FOR JANUARY 22 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, BROOKS, ADDITIONS: COUNTY ENGINEER, ROBERT DOGAN, ELOISE BROOKS DISTRICT, MARK JOHNSON AND MOVE UP ANDREW SMITH*

(2) IN RE: ORDER APPROVING THE MINUTES JANUARY 2, 2024 AND JANUARY 18, 2024 EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND DIRECTING THE PRESIDENT AND CLERK TO SIGN SAME *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND*

JUSTIN BURCH, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CENTER, PRESENTED AN UPDATE ON VARIOUS PROJECTS

ANDREW SMITH, ARPA CONSULTANT

(3) IN RE: ORDER APPROVING THE INSTALLATION OF WATER AND SEWER LINES AND CONNECTIONS FROM THE GYM FACILITY TO THE CITY MAIN LINES AND APPROVING CONTRACT WITH MICHAEL SHORTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,152.00 AS THE LOWEST QUOTE; AND AUTHORIZING THE PROJECT ARCHITECT/BOARD ATTORNEY TO PREPARE SAID CONTRACT AND AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD TO SIGN SAME *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON*

(4) IN RE: ORDER APPROVING FINAL ARPA CHECK AUTHORIZATION PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,540.00 TO JACKSON HEATING AND AIR, LLC FOR THE CHAMBERS SCHOOL PROJECT *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON*

(5) IN RE: ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT OF INVOICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,701.24 TO MILLS AND MILLS ARCHITECTS, PC FOR THE MULTI-PLEX KITCHEN RENOVATION AND NEW GENERATOR PROJECT *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON*

(6) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD TO SIGN CHANGE ORDER#1 FOR TIMBO CONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,500.00 FOR THE REPAIRS AND RENOVATIONS OF THE CHAMBERS SCHOOL PROJECT *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON*

(7) IN RE: ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT OF ARPA CHECK AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FOLLOWING: HEFLIN ENGINEERING-\$9,600.00 FOR ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION/INSPECTION; T.L. WALLACE CONSTRUCTION-\$310,569.75 FOR CONSTRUCTION AND ANDREW SMITH-\$4,200.00 FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES FOR THE BLACK BAYOU WATER MCWI PROJECT *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE- BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND, NAY-MCGEE, GORDON*

(8) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CLERK OF THE BOARD TO PUBLISH NOTICE REQUESTING QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES, ADMINISTRATIVE/APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT AND SUBMITTAL SERVICES, AND ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR THE 2024 RAISE GRANT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, *THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON*

(9) IN RE: ORDER APPROVING RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR THE REBUILDING AMERICAN INFRASTRUCTURE WITH SUSTAINABILITY AND EQUITY (RAISE) DISCRETIONARY GRANT PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT AND CLERK TO SIGN SAME; AND AUTHORIZING THE CLERK OF THE BOARD TO ADVERTISE A REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES REQUESTING ASSISTANCE WITH THE DEVELOPING OF VARIOUS FEDERAL AGENCY APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, *THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON*

DAVID BURFORD

(10) IN RE: ORDER RATIFYING EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION FOR THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY CAUSED BY A WINTER STORM AND AUTHORIZING THE BOARD MEMBERS' SIGNATURES *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY*

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

(11) IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING THE LOW QUOTE OF TAYLOR POWER SYSTEMS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$32,600.00 FOR MOBILE LIGHT TOWER, AS PRESENTED BY DAVID BURFORD, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND*

SHIRLEY REDMON, PLANNING DEPARTMENT REQUESTING APPROVAL OF USE AND OCCUPANCY PERMITS

(12) IN RE: ORDER APPROVING USE AND OCCUPANCY PERMIT FOR BLACK BAYOU WATER ASSOCIATION TO CONSTRUCT A 40 FT CASING BORE TO HOUSE A 1” WATERLINE UTILITY FACILITY ALONG OR ACROSS CHRISTIE DRIVE *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND*

(13) IN RE: ORDER APPROVING USE AND OCCUPANCY PERMIT FOR CSPIRE TO CONSTRUCT A FIBER OPTIC CABLE UTILITY FACILITY ALONG OR ACROSS YAZOO REFUGE ROAD *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND*

FLOYD TRAMMELL REGARDING HIS HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

(14) IN RE: ORDER APPROVING THE REQUEST OF FLOYD TRAMMEL TO REINSTATE HIS HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FOR 2023 AND AUTHORIZE THE TAX ASSESSOR TO REASSESS THE AMOUNT DUE AND ISSUE PROPER PAPERWORK FOR THE REVERSAL *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND*

FRANK DANTONE

(15) IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING THE SERVING OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER FEBRYARY 8-9, 2024 FOR THE NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION HERITAGE BANQUET *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND, NAY- GORDON*

JALISHA SPLUNGE

(16) IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING THE SERVING OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER MARCH 9, 2024 WEDDING *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND, NAY- GORDON*

BE IT KNOWN-TAMEKA KERSH OF TRUCKWORK PRESENTED INFORMATION REGARDING VARIOUS ROAD EQUIPMENT AND FINANCING OPTIONS

DEMETRIC WARREN

(17) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE SPORTSPLEX BOARD TO FILL TWO (2) POSITIONS AT THE SPORTSPLEX (\$13,000) MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, *THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON*

LORENZO ANDERSON

(18) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING COUNTY ENGINEER, LORENZO ANDERSON TO PUBLISH REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES FLOOR IMPROVEMENTS *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON*

(19) IN RE: ORDER APPROVING AGREEMENT BETWEEN R&R SHEET METAL AND WASHINGTON COUNTY FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER ROOF IMPROVEMENTS AS REQUESTED BY COUNTY ENGINEER, LORENZO ANDERSON AND AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT TO SIGN SAME *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON*

(20) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING COUNTY ENGINEER, LORENZO ANDERSON TO EXTEND THE EXISTING ABIDE ROAD DRAINAGE TO ANOTHER DRAINAGE DITCH, AS REQUESTED BY WALTER MCDAVID, SR. *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON*

PATRICIA LEE, TAX COLLECTOR

(21) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING TAX COLLECTOR, PATRICIA LEE TO USE CB&S BANK AS THE DEPOSITORY FOR THE TAX COLLECTORS' OFFICE COLLECTIONS *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON*

(22) IN RE: ORDER APPROVING RESOLUTION AND INTERLOCAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND THE MUNICIPALITIES FOR THE COLLECTION OF TAXES *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON*

(23) IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING COMMISSIONS AND FEES FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2023 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,177,703.62 FROM TAX COLLECTOR, PATRICIA LEE *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON*

MARK SEARD, TAX ASSESSOR, PRESENTING CORRECTIONS OF HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS

(24) IN RE: ORDER APPROVING CORRECTION OF HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS FOR TROY LEE WILLIAMS (PARCEL# 14289400000) DUE TO ELIGIBILITY FOR SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY FOR 2023 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE- GORDON, MCGEE, REDMOND, BENSON, BROOKS

(25) IN RE: ORDER APPROVING CORRECTION OF HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS FOR GLADYS LEE BENNETT (PARCEL# 17230000000) SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED FULL HOMESTEAD FOR 2023 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE- GORDON, MCGEE, REDMOND, BENSON, BROOKS

(26) IN RE: ORDER APPROVING PETITION FOR REDUCTION OF ASSESSMENT FOR MID SOUTH BATTERY (PARCEL# 0804940000) BUSINESS CLOSED IN 2022 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- GORDON, MCGEE, REDMOND, BENSON, BROOKS

MARK JOHNSON, ASSISTANT ROAD MANAGER

(27) IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING THE LOW QUOTE OF J AND M SALES FOR TWO (2) FLAT BED TRAILERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$58,800 FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- GORDON, MCGEE, REDMOND, BENSON, BROOKS

(28) IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING THE LOW QUOTE OF J AND M SALES FOR ONE (1) SMALLER DUTY TRAILER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$34,950.00 FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- GORDON, MCGEE, REDMOND, BENSON, BROOKS

(29) IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING THE LOW QUOTE OF CANNON FORD LINCOLN TO REPAIR TRANSMISSION FOR 2019 FORD F-150(1FTEW1P42KKD76306) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,250.00 FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- GORDON, MCGEE, REDMOND, BENSON, BROOKS

ELOISE BROOKS

(30) IN RE: ORDER REMOVING VALERIE HADLEY AND ADDING BABETTE LARRY AS AN AUTHORIZED SIGNER ON THE JUSTICE COURT BANK ACCOUNTS AT GUARANTY BANK MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE- GORDON, MCGEE, REDMOND, BENSON, BROOKS

BE IT KNOWN: ROBERT DOGAN AND SUNNY FERGUSON APPEARED BEFORE THE BOARD WITH CONCERNS REGARDING DRAINAGE IN THE FOREST ACRES SUBDIVISION

CHELESA CARTER, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR PRESENTED HER BI-WEEKLY REPORT

(31) IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING CLAIMS 242062 THROUGH 242194 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$318,807.26 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE- GORDON, MCGEE, REDMOND, BENSON, BROOKS

(32) IN RE: ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$300.00 PER SUPERVISOR (3) FOR MS ASSOCIATION OF SUPERVISORS MINORITY CAUCUS ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES AND INCLUDE TRAVEL FOR JANUARY 22, 2024 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, REDMOND, BENSON, BROOKS

(33) IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING TRAVEL FOR CORONER METHEL JOHNSON AND DEPUTY CORONER LA'QUESHA WATKINS TO ATTEND THE 2024 CORONER'S ASSOCIATION WINTER CONFERENCE IN FLOWOOD, MS JANUARY 17-19, 2024, AT ESTIMATED COST OF \$2,500.00 AND PAYMENT OF ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR THE CORONER AND DEPUTY CORONER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$600.00 EACH MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, REDMOND, BENSON, BROOKS

(34) IN RE: ORDER CLOSING COUNTY OFFICES FEBRUARY 19, 2024 IN OBSERVANCE OF PRESIDENT'S DAY MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON

(35) IN RE: ORDER APPROVING OPTION 1 OF GUARANTY BANK AS THE MAIN COUNTY DEPOSITORY AND APPROVING CB&S BANK AND PLANTERS BANK OTHERS AS SECONDARY BANKS (CB&S BANK, PLANTERS BANK) MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON

BERNADINE HOLMES PRESENTED CHANCERY CLERK, MARILYN HANSELL'S BI-WEEKLY REPORT

(36) IN RE: ORDER APPROVING BOND FOR JAMELDA FAYE FULTON AND RUTH ANN EVANS OF THE WESTERN LINE SCHOOL DISTRICT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, REDMOND, BENSON, BROOKS

(37) IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING THE GRAND JURY REPORT FOR THE OCTOBER TERM, 2023 AND COPY INTO THE MINUTES MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON

BILLY BARBER, CHIEF DEPUTY SHERIFF

(38) IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING TRAVEL FOR TWO (2) DEPUTIES TO ATTEND TRAINING JANUARY 29-FEBRUARY 4, 2024 IN MERIDIAN, MS, NO COST MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, BROOKS, REDMOND, GORDON, BENSON

(39) IN RE: ORDER REJECTING THE LOW QUOTE OF CROSSROAD ROOFING AND ACCEPTING THE QUOTE OF RIVERLAND ROOFING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$38,715.96 PROVIDED PROPER INSURANCE CAN BE PROVIDED MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON

SUPERVISOR JERRY REDMOND

(40) IN RE: ORDER APPROVING THE REQUEST FOR THE ROAD DEPARTMENT TO ASSIST WITH REMOVAL OF TREES AT INTERSECTION OF HWY 61 AND CHURCH STREET TO THE LANDFILL IN HOLLANDALE MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

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

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

(43) IN RE: ORDER SETTING ANNUAL ROAD INSPECTION TO MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 2024 AT 10:00 A.M. MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, REDMOND, BROOKS, GORDON, BENSON

(44) IN RE: ORDER RATIFYING ALL ACTIONS RELATED TO THE EMERGENCY WEATHER EVENT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, REDMOND, BROOKS, GORDON, BENSON

(45) IN RE: ORDER TO RECESS MEETING UNTIL JANUARY 29, 2024 ROAD INSPECTION MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, REDMOND, BROOKS, GORDON, BENSON

CARL MCGEE, PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

MARILYN HANSELL, CLERK