

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 15, 2021

BOARD MEETING

Monday, November 15, 2021 at 9:00 A.M., the Board of Supervisors of Washington County, Mississippi, meet pursuant to recess, there being five (5) 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 Carl McGee. 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 THE AGENDA WITH ADDITIONS FOR NOVEMBER 15, 2021 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON ADDITIONS: CLEAN-UP DEER CREEK, BRITTANY FRANKEL, GREENVILLE FIRE CHIEF, REUBEN BROWN (1)*

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING THE MINUTES NOVEMBER 1 AND 8, 2021 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, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON (2)*

WILL COPPAGE OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CENTER REPORTED ON VARIOUS ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES IN WASHINGTON COUNTY

TERRIKA WASHINGTON

IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING THE SERVING OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER BY TERRIKA WASHINGTON JANUARY 22, 2022 FOR A CITY OF GREENVILLE ENPOWERMENT EVENT *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON (3)*

REUBEN BROWN, CITY OF GREENVILLE FIRE CHIEF

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING A FULL PAGE AD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000.00 FOR THE MID-WINTER FIRE CONFERENCE PROGRAM BOOKLET *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON (4)*

BRITTANY FRANKEL

IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING THE SERVING OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER BY THE JUNIOR AUXILIARY FEBRUARY 19, 2022 FOR A CHARITY FUNDRAISER MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON (5)

IN RE: ORDER ADDING CHRISTINE BEAN TO THE AGENDA MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON (6)

CHRISTINE BEAN

IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING THE SERVING OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER BY CHRISTINE BEAN APRIL 30, 2022 FOR A WEDDING AND RECEPTION MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON (7)

SUPERVISOR MALA BROOKS

IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT TO ASSIST THE CITY OF LELAND FOR THEIR “CHRISTMAS ON THE CREEK” EVENT, PENDING A LETTER OF REQUEST FROM THE CITY OF LELAND MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON (8)

LORENZO ANDERSON, COUNTY ENGINEER

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING CONTRACT WITH E. CORNELL MALONE FOR THE NEW SOUTH MARINE ROOF IMPROVEMENTS, PENDING REVIEW BY THE BOARD ATTORNEY AND AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT AND CLERK OF THE BOARD TO SIGN SAME MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON (9)

IN RE: ORDER RECONSIDERING AND RESCINDING NOVEMBER 1, 2021 ORDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,760.00 TO IMS ENGINEERS FOR ENGINEERING DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION FEES FOR TASK ORDER 16: NIGHTINGALE ROAD BRIDGE(LSBP) MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, REDMOND, BENSON, ABSTAIN- BROOKS (10)

IN RE: ORDER RECONSIDERING AND RESCINDING NOVEMBER 1, 2021 ORDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,101.73 TO IMS ENGINEERS FOR ENGINEERING DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION FEES FOR TASK ORDER 19: BURDETT ROAD MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, REDMOND, BENSON, ABSTAIN- BROOKS (11)

IN RE: ORDER RECONSIDERING AND RESCINDING NOVEMBER 1, 2021 ORDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,422.85 TO IMS ENGINEERS FOR ENGINEERING DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION FEES FOR TASK ORDER 17: HANDLY ROAD (LSBP) MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, *THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, REDMOND, BENSON, ABSTAIN- BROOKS (12)*

IN RE: ORDER RECONSIDERING AND RESCINDING NOVEMBER 1, 2021 ORDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,401.98 TO IMS ENGINEERS FOR ENGINEERING DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION FEES FOR TASK ORDER 20: WILLIAMS BAYOU ROAD MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, *THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, REDMOND, BENSON, ABSTAIN- BROOKS (13)*

IN RE: ORDER RECONSIDERING AND RESCINDING NOVEMBER 1, 2021 ORDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,421.15 TO IMS ENGINEERS FOR ENGINEERING DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION FEES FOR TASK ORDER 18: BAKER ROAD MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, *THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, REDMOND, BENSON, ABSTAIN- BROOKS (14)*

CHELESA CARTER, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR PRESENTED HER BI-WEEKLY REPORT

IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING CLAIMS 220576 THROUGH 220703 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$603,934.65 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, *THE VOTE: AYE- BROOKS, MCGEE, REDMOND, BENSON, NAY- GORDON, (15)*

IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING TRAVEL FOR COUNTY OFFICIALS TO ATTEND THE 2022 MID-WINTER LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE IN FLOWOOD, MS, ESTIMATED COST OF \$4,340.00 AND APPROVING USE OF THE COUNTY CREDIT CARD MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, *THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON (16)*

IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING TRAVEL AND PAYMENT OF MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSIONERS TO ATTEND THE ECAM 2022 CERTIFICATION TRAINING JANUARY 17-21, 2022 IN BILOXI, MS, ESTIMATED COST OF \$5,854.67 AND APPROVING USE OF THE COUNTY CREDIT CARD MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, *THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON (17)*

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT TO SOUTHGROUP INSURANCE COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,577.00 FOR THE RENEWAL OF THE GENERAL LIABILITY POLICY FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER AND THE EXPO BUILDING AND AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD TO SIGN SAME MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, *THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON (18)*

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT TO NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES(NACO) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,199.00 FOR THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON (19)

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT NO. 9 AND FINAL PAYMENT TO MALOUF CONSTRUCTION LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,076.07 FOR ERBR-76-01(PRICILLA ROAD) MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON (20)

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT TO HOOKER ENGINEERING SERVICES, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$31, 046.80 FOR ENGINEERING INSPECTION, CONSTRUCTION SURVEYING, TESTING FOR THE ERBR-76-01(PRICILLA ROAD) PROJECT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON (21)

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT NO. 8 AND FINAL PAYMENT TO J.J. FERGUSON SAND AND GRAVEL, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,677.04 FOR ERBR-76-03 (BASSI ROAD) MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON (22)

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT TO HOOKER ENGINEERING SERVICES, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$23,397.43 FOR ENGINEERING INSPECTION, REPORTING, CONSTRUCTION SURVEYING, TESTING FOR THE ERBR-76-03(BASSI ROAD) PROJECT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON (23)

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING CLOSURE OF COUNTY OFFICES DECEMBER 23 AND 24, 2021 IN OBSERVANCE OF CHRISTMAS HOILDAY AND FRIDAY DECEMBER 31, 2021 IN OBSERVANCE OF THE NEW YEAR'S DAY HOLIDAY MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE- BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON, MCGEE, GORDON (24)

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING PERMIT APPLICATION FOR USE AND OCCUPANCY OF BELL SOUTH TEL., LLC DBA AT &T TELE., LLC FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OR ADJUSTMENT OF BURIED TELECOMMUNICATION UTILITY FACILITY ALONG OR ACROSS GUERDON ROAD MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON (25)

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT OF INVOICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$38,985.00 TO CANNON MOTORS OF MS FOR 2022 FORD F-250 (VIN-1FT7W2B62NEC76541) MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON (26)

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

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT OF DUES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000.00 TO THE MS CHANCERY CLERK'S ASSOCIATION FOR CHANCERY CLERK, MARILYN HANSELL MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, *THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON (27)*

IN RE: ORDER APPOINTING MALIKA POLK-LEE TO THE MS DELTA NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR DISTRICT 4 (ISSAQUENA, SUNFLOWER & WASHINGTON COUNTIES) MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, *THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON (28)*

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT REQUEST FROM MS STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION SERVICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,108.12 FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR EMPLOYEE SALARY AND FRINGE BENEFITS FOR THE MONTH ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2021 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, *THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON (29)*

PUBLIC HEARING

IN RE: ORDER OPENING PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE PUBLIC INPUT ON A REQUEST TO AMEND THE WASHINGTON COUNTY FLOOD PLAN MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, *THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON (30)*

IN RE: ORDER CLOSING PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE PUBLIC INPUT ON A REQUEST TO AMEND THE WASHINGTON COUNTY FLOOD PLAN MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, *THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON (31)*

IN RE: ORDER AMENDING THE WASHINGTON COUNTY FLOOD PLAN: ARTICLE 5 SECTION A (5); SECTION B (1, 2 AND 6A) TO STATE "8 INCHES ABOVE BASE FLOOD ELEVATION MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, *THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON (32)*

PROPOSALS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE/PROFESSIONAL GOVERNMENT CONSULTING AND COMPLIANCE SERVICES

IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING PROPOSALS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE/PROFESSIONAL GOVERNMENT CONSULTING AND COMPLIANCE SERVICES FROM: ERVIN CONSULTING- FEE \$60,000; ANDREW SMITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT SOLUTIONS AND STRATERGIES(LGSS)-FEE 2% OF WASHINGTON COUNTY'S ARPA AWARD; SOUTH DELTA PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT-FEE NO CHARGE (\$0.00) AND COPY INTO THE MINUTES MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, *THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON (33)*

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING PROPOSAL FOR ADMINISTRATIVE /PROFESSIONAL GOVERNMENT CONSULTING AND COMPLIANCE SERVICES FROM ANDREW SMITH OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SOLUTIONS AND STRATERGIES(LGSS)AT A FEE OF 2% OF WASHINGTON COUNTY’S AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN AWARD AND DIRECTING THE BOARD ATTORNEY TO REVIEW THE CONTRACT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, *THE VOTE: AYE- BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON-NAY- MCGEE, GORDON* (34)

MARK SEARD, TAX ASSESSOR

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT AND CLERK OF THE BOARD TO SIGN CORRECTION/DELETION OF THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION APPLICATION FOR SADYE PEARL MCELROY PARCEL NO. 131265600000 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, *THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON* (35)

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT AND CLERK OF THE BOARD TO SIGN CORRECTION/DELETION OF THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION APPLICATION FOR EVONIE RASH REDMOND PARCEL NO. 11455600000 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, *THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, REDMOND, BENSON, NAY- BROOKS* (36)

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT AND CLERK OF THE BOARD TO SIGN CORRECTION/DELETION OF THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION APPLICATION FOR LEONARD BERNARD WASHINGTON PARCEL NO. 15593200000 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, *THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, REDMOND, BENSON, BROOKS* (37)

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF THE 2021/2022 MS ASSESSOR COLLECTOR ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR TAX ASSESSOR MARK SEARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000.00. MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, *THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON* (38)

BILLY BARBER, CHIEF DEPUTY, WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT

IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING TRAVEL FOR TWO (2) DEPUTIES TO ATTEND A BASIC INCIDENT RESPONSE TO DIGITAL EVIDENCE CLASS DECEMBER 7-9, 2021 AT THE GREENVILLE HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER, AT NO COST MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, *THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON, ABSENT-GORDON* (39)

IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING TRAVEL FOR SHERIFF MILTON GASTON, SR., AND CHIEF DEPUTY BILLY BARBER TO ATTEND 2021 WINTER MS SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE DECEMBER 6-10, 2021 IN BILOXI, MS, AT ESTIMATED COST OF \$1,710.52 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, *THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON, ABSENT-GORDON* (40)

WILLIE GRIFFIN, BOARD ATTORNEY

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING THE AMENDED ORDER AND POLICY ESTABLISHING MANDATORY VACCINE COVID 19 MANDATE GUIDELINES FOR EMPLOYEES OF WASHINGTON COUNTY AND AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT AND CLERK OF THE BOARD TO SIGN SAME, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, *THE VOTE: AYE- BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON, NAY- MCGEE, ABSENT- GORDON* (41)

IN RE: ORDER ADDING ANDREW SMITH TO THE AGENDA TO DISCUSS MEETING REGARDING INFRASTRUCTURE AND THE GREENVILLE BYPASS PROJECT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, *THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON, ABSENT- GORDON* (42)

IN RE: ORDER ADDING CORONER METHEL JOHNSON TO AGENDA TO REQUEST PAUPER'S BURIAL MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, *THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON, ABSENT- GORDON* (43)

METHEL JOHNSON, CORONER

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING PAUPER'S BURIAL REQUEST FOR ROBERT L. SIMS AND KATHERYN SUE MONTAGUE MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, *THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON, ABSENT-GORDON* (44)

IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING COUNTY OFFICIALS REPORTS. MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, *THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON* (45)

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING COPYING CERTAIN DOCUMENTS INTO THE MINUTES OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, *THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON* (46)

IN RE: ORDER TO ADJOURN MEETING UNTIL DECEMBER 6, 2021 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, *THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON* (47)

CARL MCGEE, PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

MARILYN HANSELL, CLERK