

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 19, 2022

BOARD MEETING

Monday, December 19, 2022 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 Jerry Redmond. 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 DECEMBER 19, 2022 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, BROOKS, ADDITIONS: LELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT, LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE, COUNTY ENGINEER, SUBLEASE FOR 173 ACRES, AMENDMENT TO SOLID WASTE PLAN (1)

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING THE MINUTES DECEMBER 5, 2022 MEETING OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND DIRECTING THE PRESIDENT AND CLERK TO SIGN SAME MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, ABSTAIN- BROOKS (2)

PARKER ENGLAND, VICE CHAIRMAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CENTER, INFORMED THE BOARD THAT WILL COPPAGE RESIGNED AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

ARLAYNA MOSS, PRESIDENT JUNIOR AUXILIARY

IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING THE SERVING OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER BY THE JUNIOR AUXILIARY FOR THEIR CHARITY BALL, FEBRUARY 18, 2023 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON, NAY- GORDON (3)

IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING THE SERVING OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER BY FABIOLA TORRES FOR A QUINCEÑERA EVENT, JANUARY 7, 2023 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON, NAY- GORDON (4)

JACQUELINE THOMPSON, CHAIRPERSON, WASHINGTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION DISCUSSED THE NEW VOTING MACHINES. NO ACTION TAKEN.

LORENZO ANDERSON, WASHINGTON COUNTY ENGINEER REPORTING THAT THE HVAC CONTRACTOR'S WORK IS COMPLETED, HOWEVER, THE ELECTRICAL WORK STILL NEEDS TO BE COMPLETED AND REQUESTING ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE ELECTRICAL WORK

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING COUNTY ENGINEER, LORENZO TO OBTAIN QUOTES FOR THE ELECTRICAL WORK FOR THE HVAC IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE CIRCUIT CLERK'S OFFICE MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (5)

IRIS STACKER, INTERIM CEO, DELTA HEALTH SYSTEM PRESENTED THE DELTA HEALTH SYSTEM FINANCIALS AND REQUEST TO APPLY FOR A GRANT

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING THE REQUEST OF IRIS STACKER, INTERIM CEO, DELTA HEALTH SYSTEM TO PROCEED AND APPLY FOR A GRANT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE- GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND, NAY- MCGEE (6)

SUPERVISOR MALA BROOKS A REQUEST FROM THE CITY OF LELAND

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT TO ASSIST THE CITY OF LELAND WITH SPREADING GRAVEL AT THE LELAND HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMPUSES MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON (7)

SUPERVISOR CARL MCGEE A REQUEST FROM THE CITY OF GREENVILLE

IN RE: ORDER DENYING THE REQUEST FROM THE CITY OF GREENVILLE TO AMEND THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SOLID WASTE PLAN MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON (8)

IN RE: ORDER DIRECTING THAT THE BOARD ATTORNEY DRAFT A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE SUB LEASE OF 173 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, LOCATED IN SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 18 NORTH, RANGE 8 WEST MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON (9)

PATRICIA LEE, TAX COLLECTOR, PRESENTED MONTHLY SETTLEMENTS

IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING COMMISSIONS AND FEES FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2022 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$281,802.56 FROM TAX COLLECTOR, PATRICIA LEE MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON (10)

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF INVOICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,804.48 FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL CENTER FOR CORRECTIONAL FACILITY INMATE VERNON L. JONES, AS REQUESTED BY THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, *THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON* (11)

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

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING CORRECTION OF HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS FOR CATHERINE WOODS FLOYD (PARCEL# 1450600000) DELETED IN ERROR AND REINSTATE HOMESTEAD FOR 2022 *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- GORDON, MCGEE, REDMOND, BENSON, BROOKS* (12)

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING CORRECTION OF HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS FOR SANDRA DIANE GIDRON (PARCEL# 15489400000) REMOVED IN ERROR AND REINSTATE HOMESTEAD FOR 2022 *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE- GORDON, MCGEE, REDMOND, BENSON, BROOKS* (13)

CHELESA CARTER, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR PRESENTED HER BI-WEEKLY REPORT

IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING CLAIMS 228868 THROUGH 229003 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$506,514.28 *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- GORDON, MCGEE, REDMOND, BENSON, BROOKS* (14)

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT OF INVOICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$450.00 TO LAMAR COMPANIES FOR POSTERS, BULLETINS AND BILLBOARD DESIGNS PURCHASED THROUGH THE DELTA HEALTH LITERACY GRANT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, *THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, REDMOND, BENSON, BROOKS* (15)

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT OF TWO (2) INVOICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$904.00 AND \$1,385.00 TO SHAMOON ADVERTISING FOR 3 INCH ROUD SPRINGS AND CLEAR DRAW STRING BAGS PURCHASED THROUGH THE DELTA HEALTH LITERACY GRANT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, *THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, REDMOND, BENSON, BROOKS* (16)

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,081.52 TO CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP OF LOVE MINISTRIES AND \$1,000.00 TO CHURCH WOMEN UNITED FOR SITE HOST FEE FOR DELTA THRIVE PROJECT EVENT PURCHASED THROUGH THE DELTA HEALTH LITERACY GRANT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED

BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, *THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, REDMOND, BENSON, BROOKS* (17)

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT OF INVOICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 799.00 TO THE BELZONI BANNER, \$1,890.40 TO THE DELTA DEMOCRAT TIMES, AND \$1,379.22 TO THE GREENWOOD COMMONWEALTH FOR ADVERTISING DONE FOR THE DELTA THRIVE PROJECT REIMBURSED THROUGH THE DELTA HEALTH LITERACY GRANT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, *THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, REDMOND, BENSON, BROOKS* (18)

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,150.00 TO THE BOLIVAR BULLET FOR FULL PAGE AD FOR FACTS ABOUT THE VAX REIMBURSED THROUGH THE DELTA HEALTH LITERACY GRANT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, *THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, REDMOND, BENSON, BROOKS* (19)

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,230.00 TO IMAGICOMM GREENWOOD, \$1,008.00 TO DELTA RADIO NETWORK, AND \$840.00 TO RADIO CLEVELAND FOR ADVERTISING FOR THE DELTA THRIVE PROJECT REIMBURSED THROUGH THE DELTA HEALTH LITERACY GRANT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, *THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, REDMOND, BENSON, BROOKS* (20)

IN RE: IN RE: ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4800.00 TO CLEARIMPACT FOR FULL PAGE AD FOR FACTS ABOUT THE VAX REIMBURSED THROUGH THE DELTA HEALTH LITERACY GRANT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, *THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, REDMOND, BENSON, BROOKS* (21)

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT OF INVOICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21,244.25 TO BOSE PUBLIC AFFAIRS GROUP FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RENDERED FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2022 FOR DELTA HEALTH SYSTEM MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, *THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, REDMOND, BENSON, BROOKS* (22)

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING PARTIAL PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$77,355.21 TO BARRON CONSTRUCTION CDBG-GREENVILLE SEWER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, AS REQUESTED BY SOUTH DELTA PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, INC. MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, *THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, REDMOND, BENSON, BROOKS* (23)

IN RE: ORDER ALLOCATING 2ND QUARTER 2022-2023 FUNDS FOR TAX ASSESSOR, TAX COLLECTOR, SHERIFF AND REGIONAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITY MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, *THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON* (24)

IN RE: ORDER CLOSING COUNTY OFFICES JANUARY 16, 2023 IN OBSERVANCE OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. AND ROBERT E. LEE BIRTHDAYS MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, *THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON (25)*

IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING ORDER FROM CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE CAROL L. WHITE-RICHARD TERMINATING EMPLOYMENT OF COURT ADMINISTRATOR, NETTY SEARD, EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 31, 2022 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, *THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON (26)*

IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING ORDER FROM CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE CAROL L. WHITE-RICHARD APPOINTING AND SETTING SALARY FOR COURT ADMINISTRATOR, ASHLEY NELSON MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, *THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON (27)*

IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING TWENTY-FIVE (25) \$100.00 GIFT CARDS FROM WALMART FOR THE 'SHOP WITH A COP GRANT' MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, *THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON (28)*

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD TO SIGN THE TELEHEALTH AND EDUCATIONAL AFFILIATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL CENTER AND THR FOURTH CIRCUIT INTERVENTION COURT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, *THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON (29)*

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD TO SIGN DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH NARCAN MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH(DHM) BUREAU OF BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE AND THE FOURTH CIRCUIT INTERVENTION COURT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, *THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON (30)*

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD TO SIGN THE DENS ASI SOFTWARE RENEWAL AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE FOURTH CIRCUIT INTERVENTION COURT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, *THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON (31)*

IN RE: ORDER POSTPONING ACTION ON A REQUEST FROM DELTA HEALTH SYSTEM TO PURCHASE A MOBILE CLINIC IN THE AMOUNT OF UP TO \$275,000 FOR THE DELTA THRIVE PROJECT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, *THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON (32)*

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

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING BONDS FOR THE FOLLOWING: WESTERN LINE SCHOOL DISTRICT- LAWRENCE HUDSON(2), DAPHANE WILLIAMS-YOUNG, REBECCA N. AVIS, GREGORY R. WELCH, LARRY O. FRANKLIN; CHANCERY CLERK'S OFFICE-IVA BERNADINE HOLMES, CATHALEAN B. WEATHERSBY, FELICIA MATTHEWS, WILLIE ANN SHANNON, TRACY MILES POINDEXTER, NEKEDRIAN CROFT; SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT-CEDRIC ADAMS, JESSE AMOS, III, JOHN ADAM AUGER, BILLY G. BARBER, WILLIE GREGORY BEE,III, MARIA REBECCA BENAVIDES, HEATHER RAE BISHOP, FRANK BROCKMAN, JR., TRADARIUS ARQUISE BROOKS, QZELL CLAY, JR., MICHAEL LEON DAVIS, MARQUITA T. DORRIS, JARRELL EVANS, SR., DOMINIQUE A. ELZY, TJUANA FILES, TOMMY FLANAGAN, BARBARA GREEN, ROY WINFORD HALUM, JR., AMBER HOLMES, LAVERT HUGHES, MARK A. JOHNSON, GARY LEE JONES, JED HOWARD JONES, JR., CHARLES BRANDON KEITH, P J LAMBERSON, MECA MILES, SCOTT MILLER, JR., RONALD MIX, WILLIE JAMES MOORE, JR., QUINCY NEWSON, JEFFREY NICK, JUAN EDWARD OVERTON, JEFFERY PARSON, DONELL ROBINSON, JR., KEVIN SEATON, LADARIUS SMITH, KELVIN FABIAN STRWART, MALCOLM ALAN STEWART, DAVIDA JOHNSON WALKER, DAVIDA JOHNSON, CORY LONZELL WEATHERSPOON, SHIRLEY MAE WHITHEAD, MARCUS YOUNG MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, *THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT-BENSON (33)*

LIONEL HINES REQUESTING USE OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER FOR THE LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING USE OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER BY THE LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE TO HOST A DISASTER TRAINING JANUARY 7, 2023, AT NO FEE MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, *THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, BROOKS, REDMOND, GORDON, BENSON (34)*

SHERIFF MILTON GASTON

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF \$14,000 TO THE AMERICAN ACCREDITATION ASSOCIATION FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY REGIONAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITY MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, *THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON (35)*

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

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING CORRECTION OF HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS FOR JAMES EARL BUSH (PARCEL# 1457260000) DELETED IN ERROR AND REINSTATE HOMESTEAD FOR 2022 *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE- GORDON, MCGEE, REDMOND, BENSON, BROOKS (36)*

SUPERVISOR CARL MCGEE

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING SUPPORT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000 FOR THE BASS FISHING TOURNAMENT *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, REDMOND, BROOKS, GORDON, BENSON (37)*

IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING COUNTY OFFICIALS REPORTS. *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, REDMOND, BROOKS, GORDON, BENSON (38)*

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING COPYING CERTAIN DOCUMENTS INTO THE MINUTES OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, REDMOND, BROOKS, GORDON, BENSON (39)*

IN RE: ORDER TO RECESS MEETING UNTIL DECEMBER 27, 2022 *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, REDMOND, BROOKS, GORDON, BENSON (40)*

CARL MCGEE, PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

MARILYN HANSELL, CLERK