

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 20, 2021

BOARD MEETING

Monday, December 20, 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 Tommy Benson. 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 20, 2021 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON ADDITIONS: ZOOM MEETING-OPIOD SETTLEMENT LITIGATION, VACCINE MANDATE, AMERICAN RESCUE ACT FUNDS (1)*

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING THE MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 6, 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 REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, REDMOND, BENSON, NAY-BROOKS (2)*

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

IN RE: ORDER ADDING THE COVID 19 MANDATE TO THE AGENDA *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON (3)*

ETHEL WILSON APPEARED BEFORE THE BOARD TO DISCUSS SAFETY CONCERNS REGARDING THE CLEANING OF A DITCH IN FRONT OF HER HOME LOCATED AT 2993 AVON DARLOVE ROAD IN DISTRICT 5

JENNIFER RUSSELL, MS STATE EXTENSION SERVICE REQUESTING APPROVAL FOR RENTAL PRICE INCREASE

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE OF RENTAL FEES FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY EXTENSION BUILDING *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON (4)*

PATRICIA LEE, TAX COLLECTOR

IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING NOVEMBER SETTLEMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$324,878.25 FROM TAX COLLECTOR, PATRICIA LEE MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON (5)

COREY HOLMES

IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING USE OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER GROUNDS JULY 2,3, 2022 BY COREY HOLMES, AT NO FEE AND ALLOWING USE OF RV PARKING SPACES AT \$25.00 PER SPOT JULY 2,3, 2022 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON (6)

MARK SEARD, TAX ASSESSOR

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT AND CLERK OF THE BOARD TO SIGN NOTICE OF INCREASE OF ASSESSMENT FOR 2020 & 2021 FOR SN PROPERTIES FUNDING VI-GREENVILLE MALL- PARCEL # 512100000 AND REDUCTION OF ASSESSMENT FOR 2021 FOR PROPERTY ASSESSED TO SN PROPERTIES FUNDING VI-GREENVILLE MALL PARCEL # 497300000, 512110000, 512120000, 512130000 AND ADD REPORT TO THE MINUTES MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, REDMOND, BENSON, ABSTAIN- BROOKS (7)

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT AND CLERK OF THE BOARD TO SIGN PETITION FOR REDUCTION OF ASSESSMENT FOR PROPERTY ASSESSED TO WASHINGTON COUNTY, MS-PARCEL # 50252500000 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, REDMOND, BENSON, BROOKS (8)

MARILYN HANSELL

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT AND CLERK OF THE BOARD TO SIGN PETITION FOR CORRECTION OF HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION APPLICATION AND REINSTATE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FOR PROPERTY ASSESSED TO WILLIE TYLER, PARCEL No. 14198200000 AND DEBORAH PUGH HARVEY BROOKS, PARCEL NO. 504300000 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, REDMOND, BENSON, BROOKS (9)

CHELESA CARTER, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR PRESENTED HER BI-WEEKLY REPORT

IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING CLAIMS 221215 THROUGH 221368 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$656,461.19 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE- BROOKS, MCGEE, REDMOND, BENSON, GORDON (10)

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING PURCHASE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$425.82 FOR FACE MASK AND HAND SANITIZER GEL FROM JANITOR'S SUPPLY TO BE PAID THROUGH THE DELTA HEALTH LITERACY GRANT FOR DELTA HEALTH SYSTEMS MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, *THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON* (11)

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING PURCHASE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$525.00 FOR POSTERS AND RACK CARDS FOR DELTA FACTS ABOUT THE VAX FROM GREENVILLE PRINTING TO BE PAID THROUGH THE DELTA HEALTH LITERACY GRANT FOR DELTA HEALTH SYSTEMS MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, *THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON* (12)

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING PURCHASE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$275.00 FOR FLYER DESIGN FOR DELTA FACTS ABOUT THE VAX FROM THAT CREATIVE GUY TO BE PAID THROUGH THE DELTA HEALTH LITERACY GRANT FOR DELTA HEALTH SYSTEMS MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, *THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON* (13)

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING PURCHASE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,250.00 FOR LOGO DESIGN FOR DELTA FACTS ABOUT THE VAX FROM THAT CREATIVE GUY TO BE PAID THROUGH THE DELTA HEALTH LITERACY GRANT FOR DELTA HEALTH SYSTEMS MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, *THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON* (14)

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING PURCHASE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,850.00 FOR WEBSITE DESIGN FOR DELTA FACTS ABOUT THE VAX FROM THAT CREATIVE GUY TO BE PAID THROUGH THE DELTA HEALTH LITERACY GRANT FOR DELTA HEALTH SYSTEMS MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, *THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON* (15)

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING PURCHASE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$750.00 FOR PUSH CARD AND POSTER DESIGN FOR DELTA FACTS ABOUT THE VAX FROM THAT CREATIVE GUY TO BE PAID THROUGH THE DELTA HEALTH LITERACY GRANT FOR DELTA HEALTH SYSTEMS MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, *THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON* (16)

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING REIMBURSEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$393.76 TO JENNIFER RUSSELL FOR THE PURCHASE OF EDAMS CHEESE FROM THE MS STATE MAFES SALE STORE MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, *THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON* (17)

IN RE: ORDER ALLOCATING 2ND QUARTER 2021-2022 FUNDS FOR TAX ASSESSOR, TAX COLLECTOR, SHERIFF AND REGIONAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITY MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, *THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON* (18)

IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT AWARDING AND THE SIX MONTHS SUPPLIES BIDS TO THE FOLLOWING: GREENVILLE GRAVEL (ITEM #1); APAC (ITEM #1& #2); CUSTOM PRODUCTS CORPORATION (ITEM #4); ERGON, INC., (ITEM #5) MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, *THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON* (19)

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING PURCHASE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,715.91 FOR SEVEN (7) DESKTOP COMPUTERS FROM SMAC TECHNOLOGY & NETWORKING SOLUTIONS FOR THE JUSTICE COURT DEPARTMENT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, *THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON* (20)

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING PURCHASE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$686.85 FOR FACE MASK, THERMOMETER, AIR PURIFIER & FILTERS FROM DAWKINS OFFICE SUPPLY FOR THE CIRCUIT CLERK'S OFFICE C/O JUDGE ASHLEY HINES MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, *THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON* (21)

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING PURCHASE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,164.93 FOR DESKTOP COMPUTERS FROM BEST BUY BUSINESS ADVANTAGE FOR CIRCUIT JUDGE ASHLEY HINES' OFFICE MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, *THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON* (22)

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING PAUPERS BURIAL REQUEST FOR JAMES BLUE, AS REQUESTED BY CORONER METHEL JOHNSON MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, *THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON* (23)

IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,500.00 FROM THE MS TOBACCO-FREE COALITION MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, *THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON* (24)

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100.00 EACH TO THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS: LINDA SHORT, MAMIE WARREN AND SHAQUITA ALLEN FOR POLICY & NARRATIVE WORKSHOP COHORT IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2021 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, *THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON* (25)

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD TO SIGN THE PRO-FORMA ORDER FOR MS STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION SERVICE TO INITIATE THE PROCESS TO EMPLOY AN INDIVIDUAL IN WASHINGTON COUNTY WITH THE BOARD PROVIDING \$25,000 IN SUPPORT OF SALARY, PLUS THE PRORATA SHARE OF THE EMPLOYEE BENEFITS MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, *THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON* (26)

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF INVOICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$750.00 TO TASHA BANKS FOR COMPLETION OF POLICY AND NARRATIVE GRANT-MS TOBACCO-FREE COALITION MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, *THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON (27)*

CHIEF BILLY BARBER

IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING USE OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER DECEMBER 22, 2021 BY THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, *THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON (28)*

ZOOM MEETING

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING WASHINGTON COUNTY TO JOIN WITH THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI AND OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS AS A PARTICIPANT IN THE *MISSISSIPPI STATE-LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPIOID LITIGATION MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING* (THE "MOU") AND ANY SUBSEQUENT FORMAL AGREEMENTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE MOU, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE SUBDIVISION SETTLEMENT PARTICIPATION FORM(S) IN EXHIBIT K OF THE *DISTRIBUTOR SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT* AND THE *JANSSEN SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT*; ACCEPTING \$281,000 SETTLEMENT FOR OPIOID LITIGATION AND TURN OVER TO INSURANCE COMPANY AND AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT AND CLERK OF THE BOARD TO SIGN ALL DOCUMENTS MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, *THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, REDMOND, BENSON, BROOKS, ABSENT- GORDON (29)*

WILLIE GRIFFIN, BOARD ATTORNEY

IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING CLAIM FROM WILLIAMS WELLS LAW FIRM (JOHNSON VS WASHINGTON COUNTY MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, *THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, REDMOND, BENSON, ABSTAIN-BROOKS (30)*

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

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING BOND FOR MALCOLM STEWART MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, *THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON, ABSENT- GORDON (31)*

IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING COUNTY OFFICIALS REPORTS. MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, *THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON, ABSENT- GORDON (32)*

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, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON, ABSENT- GORDON* (33)

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CLERK OF THE BOARD TO ADVERTISE NOTICE TO BIDDERS FOR SALE OF TWO (2) MOTOR GRADERS AND AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD TO SIGN SAME MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, *THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON, ABSENT- GORDON* (34)

IN RE: ORDER ADOPTING AMENDMENT TO THE COVID 19 POLICY PLACING INDIVIDUALS ON ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE FOR 10 DAYS, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 3, 2022 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, *THE VOTE: AYE- BROOKS, REDMOND, NAY-BENSON, MCGEE, ABSENT- GORDON* (35)

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD TO SIGN RESOLUTIONS ASSESSING PROPERTY CLEANING COSTS FOR FREDERICK BROWN ESTATE%KEN ARSON BROWN, JERRY ALLEN LEWIS, ROBERT R. REDDISH, TODD WILLIAMS ESTATE, JESSIE H. SMITH% CRYSTAL THARP, JAMES R. GRIMES %SHERI SMUTZER, HOWARD STEWART, JOE NORRIS REED MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, *THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON, ABSENT- GORDON* (36)

IN RE: ORDER TO ADJOURN MEETING UNTIL JANUARY 3, 2022 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, *THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON, ABSENT- GORDON* (37)

CARL MCGEE, PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

MARILYN HANSELL, CLERK