

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTES OF JULY 6, 2021

BOARD MEETING

BE IT REMEMBERED on the 6th day of July, 2021 at 9:00 A.M., and being the time designated by law for the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors, the said board meeting was held as provided by Chapter 3, Title 19 of Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated. The Board met in their room at the Washington County Courthouse in Greenville, Mississippi, at the time designated for the purpose of transacting such business as might properly come before it, there being present the following:

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| Lee Gordon | Member, First District, Vice President |
| Tommy Benson | Member, Second District-Absent |
| Carl McGee | Member, Third District, President |
| Mala Brooks | Member, Fourth District |
| Jerry Redmond | Member, Fifth District |
| Willie Griffin | Board Attorney |
| Chelesa Carter | County Administrator |
| Lorenzo Anderson | County Engineer |
| Marilyn Hansell | Chancery Clerk |
| Milton Gaston | Sheriff |
| Billy Barber | Chief Deputy Sheriff |

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Carl McGee. The opening prayer was by Chief Deputy Billy Barber. 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 JULY 6, 2021 MEETING MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, BENSON, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND (1)

Added: MS Municipal League Conference, Executive Session-Personnel, Planning Department

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING MINUTES OF JUNE 21, 2021 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND DIRECTING THE PRESIDENT TO SIGN SAME MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, ABSTAIN- BROOKS (2)

DAVID BURFORD, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR PRESENTED HIS MONTHLY REPORT, INCLUDING EXPENDITURES AND APPROVAL FOR SIREN REPAIRS

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING E911 EXPENDITURES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$33,819.04 FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2021 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, *THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (3)*

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING SIREN REPAIRS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,807.54 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, *THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (4)*

LORENZO ANDERSON, COUNTY ENGINEER PRESENTED HIS MONTHLY REPORT, NEWSOUTH MARINE BID TABULATIONS, REQUEST TO APPLY FOR THE RAISE GRANT

IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING THE LOW BID OF NORMAN ENTERPRISES, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$78,000 FOR NEWSOUTH MARINE ROOFING PROJECT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, *THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (5)*

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING THE REQUEST OF COUNTY ENGINEER, LORENZO ANDERSON TO APPLY FOR THE RAISE GRANT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, *THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (6)*

ARTHUR PERRY, WASHINGTON COUNTY ROAD MANAGER PRESENTED HIS BI-WEEKLY REPORT AND REQUESTED PERMISSION TO PURCHASE MOTOR GRADER

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING THE REQUEST OF ROAD MANAGER, ARTHUR PERRY TO PURCHASE ON STATE CONTRACT 670 CXT ROAD MOTOR GRADER(1D670GPCT) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$251,884.56 WITH AN OPTION OF A BUYBACK WITH COUNTY FINANCING MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, *THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (7)*

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING 10 HOUR WORK WEEK FOR ROAD DEPARTMENT AS REQUESTED BY ROAD MANAGER ARTHUR PERRY MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, *THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (8)*

ELOISE BROOKS, JUSTICE COURT CLERK REQUESTING TRAVEL

IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING TRAVEL FOR JUSTICE COURT CLERK AND ONE DEPUTY CLERK TO ATTEND THE MS JUSTICE COURT CLERKS CONFERENCE SEPTEMBER 7-10, 2021 IN BAY ST. LOUIS, MS, AT ESTIMATED COST OF \$1,774.80 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, *THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (9)*

TERRY GALES, VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER PRESENTED HIS MONTHLY REPORT

PATRICIA LEE, TAX COLLECTOR PRESENT THE INSOLVENCY LIST, TRAVEL REQUEST

IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING TRAVEL FOR TAX COLLECTOR PATRICIA LEE TO ATTEND THE MACA CONFERENCE JULY 11-15, 2021 IN OXFORD, MS, AT ESTIMATED

COST OF \$1,139.00 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (10)

IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING THE PERSONAL PROPERTY AND MOBILE HOME INSOLVENCY LIST FROM TAX COLLECTOR PATRICIA LEE AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO CIRCUIT CLERK BARBARA PARKER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$938.00 (MOBILE HOME) AND \$2,275.00 (PERSONAL PROPERTY) FOR COLLECTION FEES MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (11)

DON DAVIS, BULIDING AND GROUNDS DIRECTOR REQUESTING PERMISSION TO PURCHASE AN ICE MAKER

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING THE REQUEST OF DON DAVIS, BUILDING AND GROUNDS DIRECTOR TO PURCHASE AN ICE MAKER FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SHOP FROM APPLIANCE SALES & SERVICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,550.00 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT- BENSON. (12)

DONNA CREMEEN, PLANNING DEPARTMENT

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING PERMIT APPLICATION FOR USE AND OCCUPANCY AGREEMENT FOR TWIN COUNTY E.P.A. FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OR ADJUSTMENT OF THREE PHASE PRIMARY POWER LINE UTILITY FACILITY ALONG OR ACROSS L & W ROAD 0.36 MILE NORTH OF INTERSECTION MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (13)

MARK SEARD PRESENTED THE 2019 PROPERTY ASSESSMENT ROLLS

IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS AND ASSESSORS RECAPITULATION FOR 2021; ORDER OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE OPENING SESSION FOR THE EQUALIZATION OF ASSESSMENTS OF REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT ROLLS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI FOR THE YEAR 2021 AND DIRECTING THE CLERK OF THE BOARD TO PUBLISH NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (14)

HOLLANDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT REQUEST

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING THE REQUEST FOR MODIFICATION OF THE PORTION OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY MULTIPLEX BUILDING APPROVED FOR USE BY THE HOLLANDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (15)

GREENVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT REQUEST

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING THE REQUEST OF THE GREENVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR USE OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER FOR THE FOLLOWING DATES: AUGUST 4, 2021, SEPTEMBER 9, 2021, DECEMBER 9, 2021 AND JANUARY 4, 2022 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, , THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (16)

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING THE REQUEST OF ASHLEY BUSH TO SERVE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY MULTIPLEX BUILDING FOR WEDDING RECEPTION AUGUST 21, 2021 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSTAIN- GORDON (17)

IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING TRAVEL FOR COUNTY OFFICIALS TO ATTEND THE MS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE 2021 ANNUAL CONFERENCE JULY 25-30, 2021 IN BILOXI, MS MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (18)

CHELESA CARTER, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR PRESENTED HER BI-WEEKLY REPORT

IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING CLAIMS 156159 THROUGH 156342 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$654,591.41 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (19)

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF WARRANTS TO COVER BI-WEEKLY PAYROLLS AND MONTHLY PAYROLLS FOR JULY 2021 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (20)

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF WARRANTS TO MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC ENTITY EMPLOYEE BENEFIT TRUST AND HIGHMARK LIFE INSURANCE FOR COUNTY'S SHARE OF INSURANCE FOR JULY 2021 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (21)

IN RE: ORDER TRANSFERRING ONE-HALF OF HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE TAXES TO MUNICIPALITIES OF THE COUNTY FOR JULY 2021 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (22)

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BONDS AND INTEREST DURING THE MONTH OF JULY 2021 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND. (23)

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CHANCERY CLERK TO ISSUE WARRANTS FOR RENTAL OF POST OFFICE BOXES AND FOR POSTAGE AND POSTAGE TAPE FOR POSTAGE MACHINES OF THE COUNTY AND SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND

ANY OTHER ACTION FOR OPERATION OF POSTAL SERVICE FOR MONTH OF JULY 2021 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND. (24)

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF BONDS FOR PERCY P. MILES AND MARK A. GEORGE OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (25)

IN RE: ORDER AWARDING 6 MONTH SUPPLY BID TO HENRY CONSTRUCTION CO. INC., FOR RECLAIMED CRUSHED CONCRETE (21.00 PER TON) AND RECYCLED ASPHALT (20.00 PER TON), AS RECOMMENDED BY THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (26)

RE: ORDER ALLOCATING 4TH QUARTER 2020-2021 FUNDS FOR TAX COLLECTOR, SHERIFF AND REGIONAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITY MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (27)

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT NO. 6 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$56,031.74 TO J.J. FERGUSON FOR ERBR-76(03) BASSI ROAD PROJECT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (29)

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT NO. 7 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$67,720.51 TO MALOUF CONSTRUCTION LLC FOR ERBR-76(01) PRICILLA ROAD PROJECT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (30)

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

BE IT KNOWN: THE CLERK INFORMED THE BOARD OF A LETTER RECEIVED FROM MICHAEL WATSON, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE CORRECTION IN THE AMOUNT OF FUNDING WASHINGTON COUNTY WILL RECEIVE FROM THE MS ELECTION SUPPORT FUND(311E)(\$22,130.44); NOTICE OF BRIDGE CLOSURE FROM OFFICE OF STATE AID; MDOT LETTER REGARDING 2021 EMERGENCY ROAD AND BRIDGE REPAIR FUND PROGRAM-CALL FOR PROJECT; LETTER FROM STATE AID REQUESTING AUGUST 17 &18, 2021 ROAD INSPECTION OF COMPLETED PROJECTS; FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION ORDINANCE DATED MARCH 23, 2021 FILED WITH THE CLERK, NOTICE OF TORT CLAIM-STAMPS

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING BONDS FOR ROY L. RILEY, JR., AND DR. OLIVER LAMAR JOHNSON OF THE GREENVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (31)

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

IN RE: ORDER REMOVING ASSISTANT CHIEF PERCY MILES SIGNATURE AND ADDING CHIEF BILLY BARBER ON THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CORRECTIONAL

FACILITY INMATE TRUST FUND AT PLANTERS BANK & TRUST COMPANY *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (32)*

IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING RETIRED ASST. CHIEF PERCY MILES TO RETAIN HIS TELEPHONE NUMBER (662-820-1765) AND AUTHORIZE REPLACEMENT PHONE NUMBER PROVIDED BY C-SPIRE *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (33)*

IN RE: ORDER REMOVING ASSISTANT CHIEF PERCY MILES NAME FROM AUTHORIZED LIST AT C-SPIRE AND ADDING CHIEF BILLY BARBER AS THE AN AUTHORIZED PERSON *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (34)*

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING PURCHASE OF MOBILE TENT FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,533.85 FROM CARROT-TOP INDUSTRIES *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (35)*

IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING TRAVEL FOR A DEPUTY TO ATTEND TCTI TACTICAL RIFLE CARBINE SKILL INSTRUCTOR COURSE IN YAZOO CITY, MS JULY 12-16, 2021, AT ESTIMATED COST OF \$1,262.00 *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND. (37)*

SUPERVISOR JERRY REDMOND

IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING USE OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY MULTIPLEX BUILDING JULY 10, 14, AND 21, 2021, AT NO FEE FOR RETIREMENT CELEBRATIONS *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, EXCEPT BROOKS-ABSENT. (38)*

IN RE: ORDER ADDING INQUIRY CONCERNING THE STATE AUDITOR'S OFFICE TO THE AGENDA *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND. (39)*

IN RE: ORDER GOING INTO CLOSED DETERMINATION TO CONSIDER GOING INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (40)*

IN RE: ORDER TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS ADMINISTRATION PERSONNEL MATTER AND LITIGATION MATTER *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (41)*

IN RE: ORDER TO LEAVE EXECUTIVE SESSION, WITH NO ACTION TAKEN *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (42)*

IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING RECOMMENDATION OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR FOR TERMINATION OF LORI HOWARD AND DIRECTING THE BOARD ATTORNEY TO SEND A LETTER TO MS. HOWARD'S ATTORNEY REGARDING THE BOARD'S DECISION *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (43)*

IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING COUNTY OFFICIALS REPORTS *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (44)*

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING COPYING OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS INTO MINUTES OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (45)*

IN RE: ORDER TO RECESS MEETING UNTIL MONDAY, JULY 19, 2021 *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND (46)*

CARL MCGEE, PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

**MARILYN HANSELL
CLERK OF THE BOARD**