

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 2, 2024

BOARD MEETING

BE IT REMEMBERED on the 2nd day of December, 2024 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 then 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:

Lee Gordon	Member, First District, Vice President
Tommy Benson	Member, Second District
Carl McGee	Member, Third District, President
Mala Brooks	Member, Fourth District
Jerry Redmond	Member, Fifth District
Willie Griffin	Board Attorney
Chelesa Carter	County Administrator
Mark Hooker, Sr.	County Engineer
Bernadine Holmes	Deputy Chancery Clerk
Milton Gaston	Sheriff
Percy Miles	Deputy Sheriff

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 AGENDA, AS AMENDED FOR DECEMBER 2, 2024 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

Added- Contract Negotiations, Executive Session

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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

DAVID BURFORD, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR PRESENTED THE E-911 MONTHLY EXPENDITURES

(3) IN RE: ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT OF E-911 MONTHLY EXPENDITURES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$41,393.84 FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2024 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

(4) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE BADGEPASS SOFTWARE LICENSE RENEWAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$627.00, AS REQUESTED BY DAVID BURFORD, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

(5) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING DAVID BURFORD, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR TO SUBMIT AN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT APPLICATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

MARK HOOKER, COUNTY ENGINEER PRESENTED HIS MONTHLY REPORT AND APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE FOR VARIOUS PROJECTS

(6) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING COUNTY ENGINEER, MARK HOOKER TO ADVERTISE NOTICE TO BIDDERS FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS WHEN APPROVED BY THE OFFICE OF STATE AID ROAD CONSTRUCTION(OSARC): LSBP76(31) BURDETT; SABP 76(01) CLUB 17; LSBP76(29) HANDLEY MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

BE IT KNOWN: IN RE: ORDER APPROVING USE OF ESTIMATED \$2,105,000 COUNTY FUNDS FOR THE LONGSWITCH ROAD MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-BROOKS, REDMOND, NAY- MCGEE, GORDON, ABSTAIN- BENSON (motion failed) ENGINEER WILL TRY TO FIND FUNDING

BE IT KNOWN: SIMMONS HIGH SCHOOL FINISHED REGULAR SEASON UNDEFEATED. COACH DERRICK HOOKER INFORMED THE BOARD THEY ARE GOING TO THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP AND ENCOURAGED ALL TO ATTEND

CLAYTON NORRIS, INTERIM ROAD MANAGER PRESENTED THE MONTHLY REPORT FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT AND QUOTES FOR REPAIRS

(7) IN RE: ORDER APPROVING THE REQUEST OF INTERIM ROAD MANAGER, CLAYTON NORRIS TO STOCKPILE ON GRAVEL FROM VICKSBURG, DUE TO GREENVILLE GRAVEL HAVING PROBLEMS WITH THE LOADING RAMP MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

(8) IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING THE LOWEST QUOTE OF THOMPSON CAT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,657.42 FOR MOTOR GRADER REPAIRS MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

(9) IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING THE LOWEST QUOTE OF WILKERSON' DIESEL & TIRE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,963.76 FOR REPAIRS TO THE DUMP TRUCK MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

SHIRLEY REDMOND, PLANNING DEPARTMENT ASSISTANT PRESENTED THE MONTHLY PLANNING REPORT

(10) IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION TO APPOINT BRENT DYLAN FOR THE AT-LARGE POSITION ON THE WASHINGTON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, BENSON, REDMOND, ABSTAIN-GORDON, BROOKS*

*BABETTE LARRY, INTERIM JUSTICE COURT CLERK PRESENTED HER MONTHLY REPORT
TERRY GALES, VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER PRESENTED HIS MONTHLY REPORT AND A REQUEST FOR PAYMENT OF DUES*

(11) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF ANNUAL ASSOCIATION DUES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50.00 FOR VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER, TERRY GALES *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND*

LAUR R. MOORE, COUNTY PATROL OFFICER

(12) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING SETTING PUBLIC HEARING FOR MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2025 AT 10:00 A.M. FOR PROPERTY FOR PROPERTY IN SUCH A STATE OF UNCLEANINESS AS TO CREATE A MENACE TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY: MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH, SOUTH STREET, GLEN ALLAN, PARCEL NO. 8380000000/ UNSAFE BUILDING *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND*

JEREMY SMITH, CONVENTION CENTER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THE WORK HAS BEEN COMPLETED FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES FLOORING PROJECT

(13) IN RE: ORDER DIRECTING WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES THAT THE FLOORING PROJECT HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND THEY MAY RE-ENTER THE BUILDING *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND*

GINA SPRATLIN

BE IT KNOWN: GINA SPRATLIN, CLINIC ADMINISTRATOR OF THE GREENVILLE CLINIC APPEARED BEFORE THE BOARD WITH CONCERNS REGARDING THE BOARD'S RECENT DECISION RELATED TO THE DELTA HEALTH SYSTEM'S PHARMACY. SHE EXPRESSED CONCERNS REGARDING COUNTY EMPLOYEES HAVING TO SEE THE HOSPITAL PHYSICIAN BEFORE USING THEIR OWN PERSONAL PHYSICIAN. SHE REQUEST SOMETHING IN WRITING OUTLINING THE PROCEDURES FOR THE DECISION THE BOARD MADE. THE HOSPITAL PHARMACIST WAS ALSO PRESENT AND OFFERED SOME CLARIFICATION OF THE SERVICES.

(14) IN RE: ORDER ADDING THE VOICES OF CALVARY MINISTRIES TO THE BOARD'S AGENDA FOR DECEMBER 2, 2024 *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND*

(15) IN RE: ORDER APPROVING THE REQUEST FOR A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE VOICES OF CALVARY MINISTRIES TO SUBMIT WITH A GRANT APPLICATION

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

***CHELESA CARTER, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR PRESENTED HER BI-WEEKLY REPORT
MONTHLY CLAIMS***

(16) IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING CLAIMS 251230 THROUGH 251437 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$418,331.88 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

(17) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF WARRANTS TO COVER BI-WEEKLY PAYROLLS AND MONTHLY PAYROLLS FOR DECEMBER 2024 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

(18) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF WARRANTS TO MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC ENTITY EMPLOYEE BENEFIT TRUST AND HIGHMARK LIFE INSURANCE FOR COUNTY'S SHARE OF INSURANCE IN DECEMBER 2024 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

(19) IN RE: ORDER TRANSFERRING ONE-HALF OF HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE TAXES TO MUNICIPALITIES OF THE COUNTY IN DECEMBER 2024 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

(20) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BONDS AND INTEREST DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2024 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

(21) 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 DECEMBER 2024 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

(22) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING ARPA GRANT REIMBURSEMENT PAYMENT #1 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$170,000 TO THE CITY OF LELAND FOR MUNICIPAL COUNTY WATER INFRASTRUCTURE WATER AND SEWER (MCWI) PROJECT PAID THROUGH THE AMERICAN RESCUE ACT FUND MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

(23) IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING USE OF THE FOUR (4) MEETING ROOMS AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER BY THE FOURTH CIRCUIT INTERVENTION COURT, JUNE 16, 2025, NOON TO 5 P.M. FOR THE ANNUAL INTERVENTION COURT GRADUATION CEREMONY, AT NO FEE MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

(24) IN RE: ORDER RATIFYING THE ACTIONS OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD SIGNING 2024 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE MS DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION AND WASHINGTON COUNTY, DATED NOVEMBER 20, 2024 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,500,000.00 FOR THE SENATE BILL 2468, FROM THE 2024 REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

BERNADINE HOLMES, DEPUTY CHANCERY CLERK

(25) IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING TRAVEL FOR JUDGE VERNITA KING JOHNSON TO ATTEND A YOUTH COURT HEARING IN YAZOO CITY, DECEMBER 9, 2024, AT AND ESTIMATED COST OF \$100.77 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

(26) IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING SETTLEMENT CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$322,891.61 FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2024 FROM TAX COLLECTOR, PATRICIA LEE MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

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

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

CHIEF DEPUTY BILLY BARBER

(29) IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING THE OCTOBER 26-NOVEMBER 15, 2024 WASHINGTON COUNTY REGIONAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITY MEAL LOG MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

(30) IN RE: ORDER APPROVING A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE OF ANGELIA SHEAD SORRELL OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT AND CLERK OF THE BOARD TO SIGN SAME MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

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

32) IN RE: ORDER TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS AND A PERSONNEL MATTER *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND*

33) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF INSURANCE AGREEMENT TO SETTLE WITH HORACE REED FOR \$10,000.00 AND AUTHORIZE THE SIGNING OF ALL SETTLEMENT DOCUMENTS *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND*

32) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE WITH PAY FOR ROY JOHNSON, III, REINSTATEMENT AND OFFERING HIM ANOTHER POSITION *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND*

33) IN RE: ORDER TO LEAVE EXECUTIVE SESSION, WITH ACTION TAKEN *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND*

34) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF AN IPAD FOR BOARD ATTORNEY FOR BOARD MEETINGS *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND*

(35) IN RE: ORDER RECESSING MEETING DECEMBER 16, 2024 AT 9:00 A.M. *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND*

CARL MCGEE, PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

MARILYN HANSELL, CLERK

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY