

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 18, 2020

BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 9:00 A.M., the Board of Supervisors of Washington County, Mississippi, met pursuant to recess, there being all members present. 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 AGENDA WITH ADDITIONS FOR FEBRUARY 18, 2020 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, ALL VOTED AYE. (1)

Added: David Burford, Emergency Management Director, Don Davis Building and Grounds Director, Lorenzo Anderson, IMS County Engineer, Methel Johnson, Coroner, Mayor Cora Burnside

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 3, 2020 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND DIRECTING THE PRESIDENT TO SIGN SAME. MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, ALL VOTED AYE. (2)

ANGELICA RICHARDS, WASHINGTON COUNTY ECONOMIC ALLIANCE, REQUESTING USE OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER, DISCUSSED VARIOUS EVENTS

IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING USE OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER BY THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ECONOMIC ALLIANCE APRIL 9, 2020 FOR THE MS SCHOLARS PROGRAM AND APRIL 16, 2020 FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, ALL VOTED AYE. (3)

BE IT KNOWN: HANK BURDINE INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THE WILDLIFE MS FOUNDATION HAVE SCHEDULED EVENTS THE WEEK OF APRIL 14, 2020 HONORING THE LEGACY OF HOLT COLLIER IN ONWARD , MS AND WILL BE RENOVATING HOLT COLLIER'S GRAVESITE AT THE LIVE OAK CEMETARY

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING RESOLUTION FOR THE DEDICATION AND MEMORIALIZATION OF THE HOLT COLLIER GRAVESITE IN THE LIVE OAK CEMETARY MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, ALL VOTED AYE. (4)

BE IT KNOWN: JULIET THOMAS, US CENSUS BUREAU REPRESENTATIVE APPEARED BEFORE THE BOARD TO DISCUSS THE 2020 CENSUS AND HOW WASHINGTON COUNTY CAN BE PROACTIVE TO ACHIEVE AN ACCURATE COUNT, THE HIRING OF ENUMERATORS, REQUESTED THAT THE BOARD APPOINT A "COMPLETE COUNT COMMITTEE" WITH TWO(2) INDIVIDUALS FROM EACH SUPERVISORY DISTRICT

DREW NEWSOM OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY REQUESTING APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF ELECTION EXPENSES

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT OF ELECTION EXPENSES FOR THE REPUBLICAN PRIMARY MARCH 10, 2020 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, ALL VOTED AYE. (5)

ELEANOR WRIGHT, DIRECTOR GREENVILLE ARTS COUNCIL REQUESTING THE COUNTY WRITE A GRANT TO THE MS ARTS COUNCIL FOR THE MS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO PREPARE A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE MS ARTS COMMISSION FOR THE MS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA EDUCATION PROJECT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, ALL VOTED AYE. (6)

MATTHEW HEBB, STATE DIRECTOR-MARCY'S LAW REQUESTING A RESOLUTION FOR CRIME VICTIMS

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING THE REQUEST OF MATTHEW HEBB, STATE DIRECTOR OF MARCY'S LAW FOR A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR CRIME VICTIM'S RIGHTS CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, ALL VOTED AYE. (7)

DAVID BURFORD, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR REQUESTING APPROVAL OF AN EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION

IN RE: ORDER RATIFYING APPROVAL OF A PROCLAMATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY FOR POSSIBLE FLOODING AND AUTHORIZING BOARD MEMBERS TO SIGN SAME MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, ALL VOTED AYE. (8)

DON DAVIS, BUILDING AND GROUNDS DIRECTOR- BID OPENING FOR AIR HANDLER

IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING THE LOW QUOTE OF \$7,625.00 FROM UPCHURCH SERVICES FOR PACKAGED AIR HANDLER MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, ALL VOTED AYE. (9)

SUPERVISOR JERRY REDMOND REQUESTING USE OF THE HOLLANDALE FACILITY FOR REPAST

IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING USE AND WAIVE FEE FOR USE OF THE HOLLANDALE MULTIPURPOSE FACILITY FOR DAVENPORT REPAST, FEBRUARY 22, 2020 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, ALL VOTED AYE. (10)

LORENZO ANDERSON, COUNTY ENGINEER REPORTED ON DIRT TRACK REPAIRS, SEVERAL CONTRACTS

IN RE: ORDER DIRECTING THE BOARD ATTORNEY TO REVIEW THE LEASE AND MOVE FORWARD WITH REPAIRS TO DIRT TRACK IN THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF

\$4200.00 AND MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, ALL VOTED AYE. (11)

BE IT KNOWN: CORONER METHEL JOHNSON REGARDING THE HIRING OF AN ADDITIONAL DEPUTY CORONER. MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF SECOND

BE IT KNOWN: TOWN OF ARCOLA MAYOR CORA BURNSIDE APPEARED BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO DISCUSS A RESOLUTION FOR THE DONATION OF THE CHAMBERS MIDDLE SCHOOL TO THE TOWN OF ARCOLA

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, CHELESA CARTER PRESENTED HER BI-WEEKLY REPORT

IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING CLAIMS 145364-145513 IN AMOUNT OF \$445,184.32 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, ALL VOTED AYE. (12)

IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING TRAVEL FOR MATION TYLER & SONIA WASHINGTON 4TH CIRCUIT DRUG COURT TO ATTEND THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF DRUG COURT PROFRRSSIONALS (NADCP) CONFERENCE IN ANAHEIM, CA, MAY 27-30, 2020, AT ESTIMATED COST OF \$2,720 EACH MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, ALL VOTED AYE. (13)

IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING TRAVEL FOR DAVID BURFORD, WASHINGTON COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR TO ATTEND HAZARD MITIGATION PLANNING MEETING FEBRUARY 18, 2020 IN INDIANOLA, MS, AT ESTIMATED COST OF \$25.00 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, ALL VOTED AYE. (14)

IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING TRAVEL FOR DAVID BURFORD, WASHINGTON COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR TO ATTEND NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE EMA WORKSHOP MARCH 3, 2020 IN BRANDON, MS, AT ESTIMATED COST OF \$40.00 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, ALL VOTED AYE. (15)

IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING TRAVEL FOR COUNTY SUPERVISORS AND COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO ATTEND THE MS ASSOCIATION OF SUPERVISORS MINORITY CAUCUS ANNUAL NEW TERM WORKSHOP, FEBRUARY 20, 2020 IN ITTA BENA, MS, AND PAYMENT OF ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DUE , AT ESTIMATED COST OF \$800.00 (\$200.00 PER SUPERVISOR) MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, ALL VOTED AYE. (16)

IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING TRAVEL FOR BILLY BARBER, WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO ATTEND THE MS ASSOCIATION OF SUPERVISORS MINORITY CAUCUS ANNUAL NEW TERM WORKSHOP, FEBRUARY 20, 2020 IN ITTA BENA, MS, AT ESTIMATED COST OF \$100.00 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, ALL VOTED AYE. (17)

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT NO.1 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$29,454.75 TO FORDICE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY VIA HOOKER ENGINEERING SERVICES, INC., FOR WC-19-1 WOODSAWMILL ROAD PROJECT *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, ALL VOTED AYE. (18)*

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING FINAL PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$99,793.78 TO DIXIE ROOFING, INC. OF MS VIA HOOKER ENGINEERING SERVICES, INC., FOR NEW SOUTH MARINE ROOF PROJECT *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, ALL VOTED AYE. (19)*

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF INVOICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$99,793.78 TO HOOKER ENGINEERING SERVICES, INC., FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE NEW SOUTH MARINE ROOF PROJECT *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, ALL VOTED AYE. (20)*

IN RE: ORDER DENYING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,166.66 TO HAYES DENT PUBLIC STRATEGIES, LLC FOR INITIAL CONSULTING, LOBBYING AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS(FEB 3-MARCH 2) *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, ALL VOTED AYE. (21)*

IN RE: ORDER TAKING UNDER ADVISEMENT THE TAX ASSESSOR'S OFFICE REQUEST FOR PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2500.00 TO MEDIR FOR ACCESS TO THE CHANCERY CLERK'S MEDIR FILES *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, ALL VOTED AYE. (22)*

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF OFFICE FURNITURE FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2620.84 *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, ALL VOTED AYE. (23)*

IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING TRAVEL FOR ELECTION COMMISSIONER SANDRA REED TO ATTEND VALIANT WOMEN OF THE VOTE MARCH 6-8, 2020 IN JACKSON, MS, AT ESTIMATED COST OF \$564.30 *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, ALL VOTED AYE. (24)*

MARILYN HANSELL, CHANCERY PRESENTED THE TAX ASSESSOR'S PETITIONS FOR INCREASE/REDUCTION AND HER BI-WEEKLY REPORT

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT AND CLERK OF THE BOARD TO SIGN PETITIONS FOR REDUCTION/INCREASE OF ASSESSMENT FOR BRENDA PETERSON, RAYMOND PIERONI *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, ALL VOTED AYE. (25)*

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING CORRECTIONS OF THE HOMESTEAD APPLICATIONS FOR THOMAS SAMUEL KNIGHT, ROSIE HAYNES HALL, CHESTER LEE GOSSETT, SHARON PERKINS CROSS, MILTON HOWARD CURTIS, MICHAEL LOUIS FRATESI

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, ALL VOTED AYE. (26)

IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING THE BID OF GUARANTY BANK FOR COUNTY DEPOSITORIES FOR THE CALENDAR YEARS 2020 AND 2021 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, ALL VOTED AYE. (27)

IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING THE BID OF THE DELTA DEMOCRAT TIMES FOR PUBLICATION OF BOARD MINUTES, WITH A FINDING THAT THE DDT HAD A LARGER READERSHIP AND DISTRIBUTED TWICE A WEEK MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, ALL VOTED AYE. (28)

IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING THE BID OF HARRIS FUNERAL HOME FOR TRANSPORTATION OF COMPOSED/DECOMPOSED BODIES MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, ALL VOTED AYE. (29)

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZIING THE CLERK OF THE BOARD TO RE-ADVERTISE NOTICE TO BIDDERS FOR AGRICULTURAL LEASE OF APPROXIMATELY 199.50 ACRES OF SURPLUS LAND IN INDUSTRIAL PARK MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, ALL VOTED AYE. (30)

PERCY MILES, WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING TRAVEL FOR ONE (1) WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF DEPUTY TO ATTEND TRAINING FEBRUARY 19, 2020 IN BILOXI, MS AT ESTIMATED COST OF \$250.00 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, ALL VOTED AYE. (31)

IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING TRAVEL FOR ONE (1) WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF DEPUTY TO ATTEND CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION TRAINING MARCH 2-6, 2020 IN BATESVILLE, MS MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, ALL VOTED AYE. (32)

IN RE: ORDER GOING INTO CLOSED DETERMINATION TO CONSIDER GOING INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION. MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, ALL VOTED AYE. (33)

IN RE: ORDER TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, ALL VOTED AYE. (34)

IN RE: ORDER TO LEAVE EXECUTIVE SESSION, WITH NO ACTION TAKEN. MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, ALL VOTED AYE. (35)

IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING COUNTY OFFICIALS REPORTS MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, ALL VOTED AYE. (36)

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING COPYING CERTAIN DOCUMENTS INTO THE MINUTES OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, ALL VOTED AYE. (37)*

IN RE: ORDER TO RECESS FOR ANNUAL ROAD INSPECTION *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, ALL VOTED AYE. (30)*

BE IT KNOWN: The Board of Supervisors of Washington County, Mississippi, met pursuant to recess, there being all members present for the Annual Road Inspection.

IN RE: ORDER TO ADJOURN TO MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2020 FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, ALL VOTED AYE. (1)*

CARL MCGEE, PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

MARILYN HANSELL, CLERK
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY