

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTES OF JULY 20, 2020

BOARD MEETING

Monday, July 20, 2020 at 9:00 A. M., the Board of Supervisors of Washington County, Mississippi, met pursuant to recess, there being the following members present-Carl McGee, Lee Gordon, Mala Brooks, Tommy Benson and Jerry Redmond. The meeting was called to order by President Carl McGee. The opening prayer was by Supervisor Lee Gordon. 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 APPROVE AGENDA, AS AMENDED FOR JULY 20, 2020 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISOR *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, ALL VOTED AYE. (1)*

- ***ADDED: Producers Rice Mill Final Resolution Ad Valorem Tax Exemption, MOA-Judge Margaret Carey McCray, Hearing for Property Owners, Video Equipment for Board Meetings and Microphones, Ultraviolet Sanitation System, State Aid Bridge Funds, Revised Entergy Lease, Social Distancing, Executive Session for Personnel and Contract Negotiations***

IN RE: IN RE: ORDER APPROVING MINUTES WITH CORRECTIONS OF JULY 6, 2020 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND DIRECTING THE PRESIDENT AND CLERK OF THE BOARD TO SIGN SAME *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, ALL VOTED AYE.(2)*

WILL COPPAGE PRESENTED HIS MONTHLY REPORT

IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING EXEMPTION CERTIFICATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE FOR PRODUCERS RICE MILL, INC. AND AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD TO SIGN FINAL RESOLUTION GRANTING PRODUCERS RICE MILL, INC., AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, MCGEE, BENSON, REDMOND, GORDON- VOTED AYE, BROOKS-VOTED NAY. (3)*

LORENZO ANDERSON, COUNTY ENGINEER REPORTED ON 37 CLOSED BRIDGES

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING IMS ENGINEERS TO DEVELOP A DETAILED PLAN FOR THE CLOSED BRIDGES IN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND SUBMIT PLAN TO STATE AID *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, ALL VOTED AYE, EXCEPT GORDON-NAY.(4)*

DAVID BURFORD, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR REQUESTING APPROVAL OF A 911 GIS MAPPING UPDATE

IN RE: ORDER POSTPONING APPROVAL OF THE E-911 GIS MAPPING PROPOSAL FROM DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY AS PRESENTED BY DAVID

BURFORD, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, ALL VOTED AYE.(5)*

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING SIGNAGE FOR ALL COUNTY BUILDINGS REGARDING COVID 19, AS PRESENTED BY DAVID BURFORD, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR AND ENCOURAGING OTHER MUNICIPALITIES TO DO THE SAME *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, ALL VOTED AYE.(6)*

PUBLIC HEARING: FOR OVERGROWN LOTS, DILAPIDATED STRUCTURE AND CLEANING OF PROPERTY

IN RE: OPENING PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPERTY IN SUCH A STATE OF UNCLEANLINESS AS TO CONSTITUTE A MENANCE TO PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY FOR THE FOLLOWING: SHIRLEY JONES/3145 HWY 1 SOUTH, PARCEL #852000000; JOE N. REED ET UX/2581 OLD LELAND ROAD, PARCEL #2120700000; JACK D. GALLOWAY/554 ROBINS LANE PARCEL#2327200000; LEROY CARTER, JR./3121 HWY 1 SOUTH, PARCEL# 8520600000; ROBERT REDDISH/2771 NORTH BROADWAY EXT, PARCEL# 20724000000; JESSIE H. SMITH EST %CRYSTAL THARP/2564 OLD LELAND ROAD, PARCEL#2120560000; FREDDIE HALL/ OLD LELAND ROAD, PARCEL 2120650000; BENJI BROWN & WAUKESHA SMITH/41 JOHNSON ROAD NORTH, PARCEL#203500000; FREDERICK BROWN ESTATE % KEN BROWN/ 41 JOHNSON ROAD NORTH, PARCEL# 369040000 *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, ALL VOTED AYE.(7)*

IN RE: CLOSING PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPERTY IN SUCH A STATE OF UNCLEANLINESS AS TO CONSTITUTE A MENANCE TO PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY FOR THE FOLLOWING: SHIRLEY JONES/3145 HWY 1 SOUTH, PARCEL #8520000000; JOE N. REED ET UX/2581 OLD LELAND ROAD, PARCEL #2120700000; JACK D. GALLOWAY/554 ROBINS LANE PARCEL#2327200000; LEROY CARTER, JR./3121 HWY 1 SOUTH, PARCEL# 8520600000; ROBERT REDDISH/2771 NORTH BROADWAY EXT, PARCEL# 20724000000; JESSIE H. SMITH EST %CRYSTAL THARP/2564 OLD LELAND ROAD, PARCEL#2120560000; FREDDIE HALL/ OLD LELAND ROAD, PARCEL 2120650000; BENJI BROWN & WAUKESHA SMITH/41 JOHNSON ROAD NORTH, PARCEL#203500000; FREDERICK BROWN ESTATE % KEN BROWN/ 41 JOHNSON ROAD NORTH, PARCEL# 369040000 *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, ALL VOTED AYE.(8)*

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE REMOVAL OF THE PROPERTY OF SHIRLEY JONES/3145 HWY 1 SOUTH PARCEL # 202910000 FROM THE LIST OF PROPERTIES IN SUCH A STATE OF UNCLEANLINESS AS TO CONSTITUTE A MENANCE TO PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, ALL VOTED AYE.(9)*

IN RE: ORDER DECLARING PROPERTY OF JOE N. REED ET UX/2581 OLD LELAND ROAD, PARCEL #2120700000 IN SUCH A STATE OF UNCLEANLINESS AS TO CONSTITUTE A MENANCE TO PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY AND AUTHORIZE CLEANING THE LOT AND ASSESSING THE COST TO THE OWNER, JOE N. REED ET UX *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, ALL VOTED AYE.(10)*

IN RE: ORDER DECLARING PROPERTY OF JACK D. GALLOWAY/ROBINS LANE, PARCEL# 2327200000 IN SUCH A STATE OF UNCLEANLINESS AS TO CONSTITUTE A MENANCE TO PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY AND AUTHORIZE CLEANING THE LOT AND ASSESS THE COST TO THE OWNER, JACK D. GALLOWAY *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, ALL VOTED AYE.(11)*

IN RE: ORDER DECLARING PROPERTY AT 3121 HWY 1 SOUTH, PARCEL# 8520600000 IN SUCH A STATE OF UNCLEANLINESS AS TO CONSTITUTE A MENANCE TO PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY AND AUTHORIZE CLEANING THE LOT AND ASSESS THE COST TO THE OWNER *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, ALL VOTED AYE.(12)*

IN RE: ORDER DECLARING PROPERTY OF ROBERT REDDISH AT 2771 NORTH BROADWAY EXT., PARCEL# 20724000000 IN SUCH A STATE OF UNCLEANLINESS AS TO CONSTITUTE A MENANCE TO PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY AND AUTHORIZE CLEANING THE LOT AND ASSESS THE COST TO THE OWNER, ROBERT REDDISH *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, ALL VOTED AYE.(13)*

IN RE: ORDER DECLARING PROPERTY JESSIE H. SMITH EST-CRYSTAL THARP/2564 OLD LELAND ROAD, PARCEL#2120560000 IN SUCH A STATE OF UNCLEANLINESS AS TO CONSTITUTE A MENANCE TO PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY AND AUTHORIZE CLEANING THE LOT AND ASSESS THE COST TO THE OWNER, JESSIE H. SMITH EST-CRYSTAL THARP *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, ALL VOTED AYE.(14)*

IN RE: ORDER POSTPONING HEARING AND NOTIFY THE OWNER, FREDDIE HALL/ OLD LELAND ROAD, PARCEL 2120650000 OF NEW HEARING DATE FOR PROPERTY IN SUCH A STATE OF UNCLEANLINESS AS TO CONSTITUTE A MENANCE TO PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, ALL VOTED AYE.(15)*

IN RE: ORDER DECLARING PROPERTY OF BENJI BROWN & WAUKESHA SMITH/41 JOHNSON ROAD NORTH, PARCEL#203500000; IN SUCH A STATE OF UNCLEANLINESS AS TO CONSTITUTE A MENANCE TO PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY AND AUTHORIZE CLEANING THE LOT AND ASSESS THE COST TO THE OWNER, BENJI BROWN & WAUKESHA SMITH, *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, ALL VOTED AYE (16)*

IN RE: ORDER DECLARING PROPERTY OF FREDERICK BROWN ESTATE % KEN BROWN/ 41 JOHNSON ROAD NORTH, PARCEL# 3690400000 IN SUCH A STATE OF UNCLEANLINESS AS TO CONSTITUTE A MENANCE TO PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY AND AUTHORIZE CLEANING THE LOT AND ASSESS THE COST TO THE OWNER, FREDERICK BROWN ESTATE % KEN BROWN *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, ALL VOTED AYE.(17)*

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING THE REQUEST OF JUDGE MARGARET CAREY MCCRAY FOR APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN DELTA HEALTH ALLIANCE, A 501C3 CORPORATION AND THE FOURTH DISTRICT DRUG COURT FOR THE DELTA OPIOD TASKFORCE INITIATIVE WITH ADJUSTMENT OF TERMINATION CLAUSE DATE AND AUTHORIZING THE

PRESIDENT TO SIGN SAME *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, ALL VOTED AYE.(18)*

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING RODERICK MONTGOMERY TO DEVELOP THE SPECIFICATIONS FOR AUDIO, VIDEO AND RECORDING EQUIPMENT WITH TRANSMISSION CAPABILITIES AND DIRECTING HIM TO SEEK PROPOSALS FOR AUDIO, VIDEO AND RECORDING EQUIPMENT FOR THE BOARD MEETINGS *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, ALL VOTED AYE.(19)*

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING REVISION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY INSTRUMENT WITH ENTERGY MISSISSIPPI DATED APRIL 29, 2020 OF RECORD IN BOOK 202001 AT PAGE 1944 *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, ALL VOTED AYE.(20)*

IN RE: ORDER EXTENDING TO AUGUST 3, 2020 THE SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS MANDATED IN THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDERS 15:07 & 15:09 *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, ALL VOTED AYE.(21)*

IN RE: ORDER VOIDING 2017 TAX SALE FOR PARCEL 16477000000 PPIN# 20763, ASSESSED TO WILLIAM MCLIN DUE TO ERRONEOUS SALE OF HOMESTEAD CHARGEBACK *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, ALL VOTED AYE.(22)*

IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING COMMISSION AND FEES FROM TAX COLLECTOR, PATRICIA LEE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$424,040.04 FOR JUNE 2020 *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, ALL VOTED AYE.(23)*

CHELESA CARTER, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING CLAIMS 148485 THROUGH 148626 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$672,076.77 *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, ALL VOTED AYE. (24)*

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,200.00 TO BRIDGERS & GOODMAN FOR THE INTERIM PAYMENT ON THE AUDIT OF THE COUNTY'S FINANCIALS FOR YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2019 *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, ALL VOTED AYE.(25)*

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,166.00 TO HAYES DENT PUBLIC STRATEGIES, LLC FOR LOBBYING, CONSULTING AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS FEES FOR MAY 2020 *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, BROOKS, BENSON & REDMOND- VOTED AYE, MCGEE & GORDON-VOTED NAY.(26)*

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,166.00 TO HAYES DENT PUBLIC STRATEGIES, LLC FOR LOBBYING, CONSULTING AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS FEES FOR JULY 2020 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, BROOKS, BENSON & REDMOND- VOTED AYE, MCGEE & GORDON-VOTED NAY. (27)

IN RE: ORDER CONTINUING HAZARD PAY ADJUSTMENTS FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES FOR AN ADDITIONAL THIRTY (30) DAYS MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, ALL VOTED AYE(28)

IN RE: ORDER MOVING FORWARD WITH THE PURCHASE OF THE BASKETBALL FLOOR, PENDING IDENTIFICATION OF FINANCING MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, ALL VOTED AYE, GORDON-NAY (29)

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING \$11,000.00 ALLOCATION FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY 4-H PROGRAM FOR THE 2020-2021 FISCAL YEAR MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, ALL VOTED AYE, GORDON-NAY (30)

IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING USE AUGUST & DECEMBER, 2020; FEBRUARY & MAY, 2021 OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER OR ANOTHER COUNTY LOCATION TO HOST MEETINGS OF THE MS TOBACCO FREE COALITION, AT NO FEE MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, ALL VOTED AYE (31)

MARILYN HANSELL, CLERK OF THE BOARD

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF ROAD BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21,000.00 FOR GOOD HOPE, INC., PENDING REPORT OF ROAD MANAGER, ARTHUR PERRY MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, ALL VOTED AYE (32)

ANDREA IETTA BROWN REQUESTING PERMISSION TO USE COURTHOUSE LAWN FOR WEDDING

IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING USE OF THE COURTHOUSE LAWN FOR A WEDDING SEPTEMBER 5, 2020 AT 4:00 PM MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, ALL VOTED AYE.(33)

IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING DISTRIBUTION FROM ELECTION SUPPORT FUND(311E) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,850.29 FROM SECRETARY OF STATE, MICHAEL WATSON MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, ALL VOTED AYE (34)

IN RE: IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING THE 2020 TAX ROLL COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE FOR TAX ASSESSOR, MARK SEARD MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, ALL VOTED AYE (35)

IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING OTTER BAYOU DRAINAGE DISTRICT 2020-2021 ORDER FIXING TAX LEVY AT 12% MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, ALL VOTED AYE (36)

BE IT KNOWN: TONY GINES MADE PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS EXPLAINING HOW ULTRAVIOLET LIGHT DESTROYS MICRORGANISMS IN THE AIR AND ON HARD SURFACES.

CHIEF BILLY BARBER, WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR MS LEADERSHIP COUNCIL ON AGING TRAUD GRANT THRU THE MS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,300.00 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, ALL VOTED AYE.(37)

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT AND CLERK OF THE BOARD TO SIGN AN AMENDED MASK ORDER/ORDINANCE FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY THAT INCLUDES ALL BUSINESS AND A \$250.00 FINE FOR NON COMPLIANCE, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, BROOKS, BENSON & REDMOND-VOTED AYE, MCGEE & GORDON-VOTED NAY (38)

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING BUILDING AND GROUNDS DIRECTOR TO OBTAIN TWO(2) QUOTES TO REPLACE FLOORING REMOVED IN THE INVESTIGATOR'S OFFICE MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, ALL VOTED AYE.(39)

IN RE: ORDER APPOINTING BRYAN OAKES TO THE DELTA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO COMPLETE THE TERM OF TRUSTEE MILDRED CROCKETT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, ALL VOTED AYE.(40)

IN RE: ORDER GOING INTO CLOSED DETERMINATION TO CONSIDER GOING INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, ALL VOTED AYE (41)

IN RE: ORDER TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL, CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS AND PENDING LITIGATION MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, ALL VOTED AYE (42)

IN RE: ORDER TO LEAVE EXECUTIVE SESSION, WITH NO ACTION TAKEN MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, ALL VOTED AYE (43)

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF MAY 2020 INVOICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$32,592.50 TO IMS ENGINEERS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, BROOKS, REDMOND, BENSON- VOTED AYE, MCGEE & GORDON-VOTED NAY (44)

BE IT KNOWN: SUPERVISOR LEE GORDON MADE A MOTION THAT IMS ENGINEERS RETURN THE LAST TWO (2) PAYMENTS RECEIVED FROM THE COUNTY FOR MARCH AND APRIL. THE MOTION DIED DUE TO LACK OF A SECOND.

IN RE: ORDER TO TEMPORARILY SUSPEND A PART OF THE CONTRACT WITH THE CITY OF GREENVILLE FOR THE HOUSING OF INMATES FOR MISDEMEANORS THAT ORIGINATE AT THE CITY OF GREENVILLE DUE TO COVID 19 *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, ALL VOTED AYE (45)*

IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING COUNTY OFFICIALS REPORTS. *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, ALL VOTED AYE. (46)*

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, ALL VOTED AYE. (47)*

IN RE: ORDER TO RECESS MEETING UNTIL 9:00 A.M. JULY 23, 2020 *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, ALL VOTED AYE.(48)*

CARL MCGEE, PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

MARILYN HANSELL, CLERK
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY