

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2023

BOARD MEETING

Monday, September 18, 2023 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 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 WITH ADDITIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 18, 2023 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

- *Added: Pafford Ambulance Services, Sportsplex, Solid Waste Enforcement Littering State Law*

(2) IN RE: ORDER APPROVING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 5, 2023 MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND DIRECTING THE PRESIDENT AND CLERK OF THE BOARD TO SIGN SAME. MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, BROOKS

LORENZO ANDERSON, COUNTY ENGINEER PRESENTED BID TABULATIONS AND ORDER

(3) IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING THE LOWEST BID OF APAC-MISSISSIPPI IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,683,491.40 FOR THE SAP76(7) M PAVING IMPROVEMENTS (ROAD “B” THRU “E”-OLD LELAND ROAD, ROY STORE ROAD, OLD HWY 61-HOLLANDALE TO ARCOLA AND STONEVILLE ROAD); AUTHORIZING ORDER AWARDED CONTRACT AND ESTABLISHING PROJECT FUND AND AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT AND CLERK OF THE BOARD TO SIGN SAME MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

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(4) IN RE: ORDER APPROVING RENEWAL OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS’ HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN AND AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD TO SIGN SAME, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

DR. OLIVER JOHNSON

(5) IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING USE OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER GROUNDS, NOVEMBER 17, 2023 BY DR. OLIVER JOHNSON FOR A WEDDING AND RECEPTION MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, BROOKS

ANDREW SMITH, ARPA CONSULTANT

(6) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD TO SIGN THE ARPA SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE CITY OF HOLLANDALE FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$34,500.00 FOR THE EMERGENCY REPLACEMENT OF FOUR(4) FIRE HYDRANTS THAT HAVE CAUSED A COMPROMISE OF THE CITY'S POTABLE WATER(ODOR AND BOIL WATER NOTICE) THAT AFFECT THE HEALTH AND SAFETY AND OVERALL WELFARE OF THE CITIZENS IN THE CITY OF HOLLANDALE, MISSISSIPPI MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

(7) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD TO SIGN THE ARPA SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE IMPROVED BENEVOLENT PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS SERENE LODGE 567 FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000.00 FOR TOURISM, HOSPITALITY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, PLANNING AND FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS RELATED TO VENTALATION, SANITATION, ACCESSIBILITY TO ACCOMMODATE EXHIBITS, TOURS, AND OTHER PUBLIC ACTIVITIES, E.G., VOTING, EXHIBITS, AND OTHER TOURISM RELATED EVENTS AT 1818 E. ALEXANDER STREET, GREENVILLE, MS- ELIGIBLE PROGRAM ACTIVITIES UNDER THE ARPA FINAL RULE, AND ARPA INTERIM FINAL RULE MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE- BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND, NAY- MCGEE, GORDON

(8) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING ANDREW SMITH, GRANT CONSULTANT TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE MS DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY FOR THE 2023 MISSISSIPPI HISTORIC SITE PRESERVATION FUND TO ASSIST WITH THE PRESERVATION OF THE STRIKE CITY CIVIL RIGHTS SITE LOCATED IN WASHINGTON COUNTY ON PATTERSON ROAD WITH 50% MATCH AND WITH FUNDING TO BE USED FOR ACQUISITION OF LAND (PHASE 1) MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, BROOKS

MARY CATHERINE DAVIS PRESENTED AN UPDATE ON THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ECONOMIC ALLIANCE PROJECTS

BE IT KNOWN: PAFFORD AMBULANCE REPRESENTATIVES EXPRESS THE NEED OF \$200,000 FOR THEIR EVERYDAY OPERATION

ATTORNEY WILLIE GRIFFIN DISCUSSED SOLID WASTE HAULING PRACTICES IN THE COUNTY AND THE NEED OF ENFORCEMENT OF THE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANDATED BY STATE LAW, SUGGESTED NOTIFICATIONS, SCALE OF OFFENSES AND FINE AMOUNTS AND THE INCLUSION OF THE MUNICIPALITIES

(9) IN RE: ORDER TO APPROVING NOTICE TO SOLID WASTE OPERATORS THAT WASHINGTON COUNTY WILL ENFORCE THE LITTERING LAWS, BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2023 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

(10) IN RE: ORDER APPROVING NOTICE OF INTENT TO ENFORCE LITTERING LAWS AND AUTHORIZING THE CLERK OF THE BOARD TO PUBLISH NOTICE OF ENFORCEMENT OF SOLID WASTE REGULATIONS SETTING AMOUNTS FOR 1ST OFFENSE, 2ND OFFENSE AND 3RD OFFENSE UP TO \$25,000 FINES, POST NOTICE AT THE COURTHOUSE AND POST ON THE COUNTY'S WEBSITE AND INCLUDE MUNICIPALITIES MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

(11) IN RE: ORDER ADDING BOSE CONSULTANT GROUP, AND EXECUTIVE SESSION TO THE AGENDA MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

ARTHUR PERRY, ROAD MANAGER PRESENTED QUOTES FOR GARBAGE TRUCK AXLE REPAIRS

(12) IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING THE LOW QUOTE OF C&M DIESEL REPAIR AND SERVICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,110.75 FOR REPAIRS OF THE FRONT DEFFERENTIAL DRIVE ON THE GARBAGE TRUCK MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

MARK SEARD, TAX ASSESSOR PRESENTED PROPOSALS FOR PERSONAL PROPERTY APPRAISALS AND REQUEST FOR REFUND FOR AN ERRONEOUS ASSESSMENT

(13) IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING THE LOWEST PROPOSAL OF SOUTHERN APPRAISAL & CONSULTING, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$42,000.00 FOR PERSONAL PROPERTY APPRAISALS FOR ONE YEAR MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, BENSON, REDMOND, BROOKS, ABSENT-GORDON

(14) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD TO SIGN INCREASE OF ASSESSMENT FOR TRUSTMARK NATION BANK (PARCEL 10264600000 PPIN#10322) AND DG HOLDINGS LLC (PARCEL #10367800000 PPIN#10497) MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, ABSENT-BROOKS

(14a) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD TO SIGN REDUCTION OF ASSESSMENT FOR BLAN & SANDRA THARPE (PARCEL # 410874000 PPIN#38125) MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, REDMOND, ABSENT-BROOKS

(15) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING REFUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,097.84 TO JESSIE JAMES FOR AN OVERPAYMENT OF MOBILE HOME TAXES DUE TO AN ERRONEOUS ASSESSMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD TO SIGN PETITION FOR REDUCTION OF ASSESSMENT FOR 2022 AND 2023 MOBILE HOME ASSESSMENT FOR MOBILE HOME ASSESSED TO JESSIE L. JAMES (MOBILE HOME ACCOUNT #10267), AS REQUESTED BY TAX ASSESSOR MARK SEARD MOTION BY

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

JEREMY SMITH, BUILDING AND GROUNDS DIRECTOR REQUESTING PERMISSION TO HIRE AN EMPLOYEE FOR THE SHOP

(16) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING JEREMY SMITH, BUILDING AND GROUNDS DIRECTOR TO HIRE AN EMPLOYEE FOR THE BUILDING AND GROUNDS DEPARTMENT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

IRIS STACKER, CEO, DELTA HEALTH SYSTEM INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THE HOSPITAL'S AUDIT WILL BE READY TODAY AND THEY WILL GET IT TO THE BOARD BY FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2023

MARILYN HANSELL, PRESENTED CHELESA CARTER, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR BI-WEEKLY REPORT

(17) IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING CLAIMS 234785 THRU 235003 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$485,708.99 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

(18) IN RE: ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000 TO BOSE PUBLIC AFFAIRS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AND PRELIMINARY FINANCIAL STATUS OF DELTA HEALTH SYSTEM MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

(19) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO MAKE GENERAL JOURNAL ENTRIES IN THE ACCOUNTING SYSTEM TO ELIMINATE NEGATIVE CASH BALANCES THAT WOULD BE CARRIED OVER FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

(20) IN RE: ORDER ALLOCATING 1ST QUARTER 2023-2024 FUNDS FOR TAX ASSESSOR, TAX COLLECTOR, SHERIFF AND REGIONAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITY MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

(21) IN RE: ORDER APPROVING THE REQUEST OF THE OBANNON HIGH SCHOOL TO BEGIN AND CONCLUDE THEIR HOMECOMING PARADE ON WASHINGTON COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER GROUNDS, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2023 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

22) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD TO SIGN THE ANNUAL COMPUTER SOFTWARE SUPPORT AGREEMENT BETWEEN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND DELTA COMPUTER SYSTEMS, INC., MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

23) IN RE: ORDER OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AWARDING CONTRACT AND ESTABLISHING PROJECT FUND FOR STATE AID PROJECT NO. SAP76(7) M (OLD LELAND ROAD, OLD HWY 61, ROY STORE AND STONEVILLE ROAD) TO APAC-MISSISSIPPI, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,683,491.40 AND AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT AND CLERK OF THE BOARD TO SIGN SAME MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

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

24) IN RE: ACCEPTING JULY TERM, 2023 GRAND JURY REPORT AND SPREAD ACROSS THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

25) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD TO SIGN THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION CONTACT UPDATE LIST AND VERIFICATION FORM FOR REPAIRS & RENOVATIONS OF ESTES, SIDNEY AND AIREDALE DRIVE PROJECT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

26) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT AND CLERK OF THE BOARD TO SIGN THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF GREENVILLE AND WASHINGTON COUNTY JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) PROGRAM SOLICITATION AWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,359.95 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

27) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING EACH SUPERVISOR TO EXPEND \$28,000.00 OF ARPA FUNDS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$144,000.00 FOR EQUIPMENT AND CELL PHONE DETECTORS FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-BENSON, REDMOND, BROOKS, NAY- MCGEE, GORDON

28) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD TO SIGN THE CORP OF ENGINEERS' COMPLIANCE FORM FROM THE OFFICE OF THE STATE TREASURER FOR FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,012.79 UNDER THE FLOOD CONTROL ACT, 33 U.S.C 701c3 FOR ROAD AND PUBLIC SCHOOL PURPOSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND

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

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

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

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

34) IN RE: ORDER DISCONTINUING CONTRACT WITH BOSE PUBLIC AFFAIRS GROUP, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 FOR DELTA HEALTH SYSTEM *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND*

35) IN RE: ORDER TO ADJOURN MEETING UNTIL OCTOBER 2, 2023 AT 9:00 A.M. *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND*

CARL MCGEE, PRESIDENT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY

ATTEST:
MARILYN HANSELL, CLERK