

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 18, 2024

BOARD MEETING

Monday, November 18, 2024 at 9:00 A.M., the Board of Supervisors of Washington County, Mississippi, meet pursuant to recess, there being the following members present, Carl McGee, Lee Gordon, Mala Brooks, and Jerry Redmond. Supervisor Tommy Benson was absent. 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.

(1) IN RE: ORDER TO CONSIDER AND ACCEPT THE AGENDA WITH ADDITIONS FOR NOVEMBER 18, 2024 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, REDMOND, NAY-BROOKS, ABSENT- BENSON ADDITIONS: IRIS STACKER & INSURANCE COMPANY*

(2) IN RE: ORDER APPROVING THE MINUTES NOVEMBER 4, 2024 MEETING OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND DIRECTING THE PRESIDENT AND CLERK TO SIGN SAME *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, REDMOND, NAY- BROOKS, ABSENT-BENSON*

JUSTIN BURCH, ECONOMIC ALLIANCE PRESENTED THE BOARD AN UPDATE OF PROJECTS

DEMETRIC WARREN, SPORTSPLEX COMMISSIONER PRESENTED THE SPORTSPLEX BYLAWS FOR REVIEW

(3) IN RE: ORDER APPROVING PAUPER’S BURIAL REQUEST FOR MS. PATSY SWEETNEY *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT-BENSON*

FABIOLA TORRES

(4) IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING THE SERVING OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER, DECEMBER 28, 2024 BY FABIOLA TORRES FOR A QUINCERÑERA EVENT *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, BROOKS, REDMOND, NAY-GORDON, ABSENT- BENSON*

(5) IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING THE SERVING OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY MULTIPLEX BUILDING, DECEMBER 21, 2024 LATOYA WINSTON FOR A FAMILY FUNCTION *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, BROOKS, REDMOND, NAY-GORDON, ABSENT- BENSON*

EDDIE BROWN, JR.

(6) IN RE: ORDER DELETING EDDIE BROWN, JR., FROM THE NOVEMBER 18, 2024 AGENDA *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT- BENSON*

IRIS STACKER, DELTA HEALTH SYSTEMS CEO & BRETT SAINT SING

(7) IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING DELTA HEALTH SYSTEMS AND LEADWAY TO BE THE SPECIALTY PHARMACY FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT- BENSON*

(8) IN RE: ORDER ADDING JACQUELINE THOMPSON, WASHINGTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION TO THE NOVEMBER 18, 2024 AGENDA *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT- BENSON*

(9) IN RE: ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT OF ELECTION EXPENSES AND HIRING ELECTION WORKERS FOR THE NOVEMBER 26, 2024 ELECTION RUN-OFF ELECTION, AT ESTIMATED COST OF \$38,000.00 *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT- BENSON*

BE IT KNOWN: JACQUELINE THOMPSON INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THE ARMS OF MERCY FACILITY WILL NO LONGER BE AVAILABLE AS VOTING PRECINCT 1-3. THERE IS AN EFFORT TO SECURE THE FIRE STATION ACROSS FROM RICK'S AS A POSSIBLE REPLACEMENT. THEY ARE ALSO TRYING TO SECURE ANOTHER REPLACEMENT PRECINCT FOR THE ST. JAMES 1-1 PRECINCT.

(10) IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING TRAVEL FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ELECTION TO ATTEND THE 2025 ECAM CERTIFICATION CONFERENCE FEBRUARY 4-7, 2025 IN PHILADELPHIA, MS, AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF \$5,898.00 *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT- BENSON*

LAUR R. MOORE, COUNTY PATROL OFFICER

(11) IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING CONTINUATION FOR THE PROCESS FOR PROPERTY IN SUCH A STATE OF UNCLEANNESS AS TO CREATE A MENACE TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY FOR WALTER RAY, SR./1083 ABIDE ROAD/TAX PARCEL 559910000/CLEANING OF PROPERTY AND DIRECTING COUNTY PATROL OFFICER, LAUR R. MOORE TO NOTIFY MR. RAY THAT HE MUST BE IN COMPLIANCE BY DECEMBER 2, 2024 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT- BENSON

CHELESA CARTER, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR PRESENTED HER BI-WEEKLY REPORT

(12) IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING CLAIMS 250975 THROUGH 251115 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$445,942.21 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT- BENSON

(13) IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING TRAVEL FOR COUNTY OFFICIALS TO ATTEND THE FEBRUARY 4-8, 2025, MID-WINTER LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE IN FLOWOOD, MS, ESTIMATED COST OF \$5,000.00 AND APPROVING USE OF THE COUNTY CREDIT CARD MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT- BENSON

(14) IN RE: IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING TRAVEL NOVEMBER 18-19, 2024 FOR CLAYTON NORRIS AND ANOTHER ROAD DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE, TO ATTEND THE BRIDGE INSPECTION, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR TRAINING IN JACKSON, MS, AT ESTIMATED COST OF \$100.00 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT- BENSON

(15) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$140,206.50 TO KOESTLER TILE COMPANY FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICE FLOORING PROJECT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT- BENSON

BERNADINE HOLMES, DEPUTY CHANCERY CLERK

SHERIFF MILTON GASTON, SR.

(16) IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING TRAVEL FOR SHERIFF MILTON GASTON, SR. TO ATTEND THE SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE DECEMBER 2-4, 2024 IN BILOXI, MS MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT-BENSON

SUPERVISOR CARL MCGEE

BE IT KNOWN: DISCUSSION REGARDING SUPERVISOR MALA BROOKS ACCIDENT IN COUNTY VEHICLE

SUPERVISOR MALA BROOKS

BE IT KNOWN: SUPERVISOR MALA BROOKS WANTS TO ADD LONGSWITCH ROAD, COUNTY ENGINEER AND EDDIE BROWN, JR. TO THE DECEMBER 2, 2024 MEETING

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

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

(19) IN RE: ORDER TO ADJOURN MEETING UNTIL DECEMBER 2, 2024 AT 9:00 A.M. MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, *THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BENSON, BROOKS, REDMOND*

CARL MCGEE, PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

MARILYN HANSELL, CLERK