

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTES OF JULY 1, 2024

BOARD MEETING

BE IT REMEMBERED on the 1st day of July, 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 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-Absent
Carl McGee	Member, Third District, President
Mala Brooks	Member, Fourth District
Jerry Redmond	Member, Fifth District
Willie Griffin	Board Attorney
Chelesa Carter	County Administrator
Lorenzo Anderson	County Engineer
Bernadine Holmes	Deputy Chancery Clerk
Milton Gaston	Sheriff
Billy Barber	Chief Deputy Sheriff

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor 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.

1) IN RE: ORDER TO CONSIDER AND ACCEPT THE AGENDA WITH ADDITIONS FOR JULY 1, 2024 MEETING MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, REDMOND, ABSENT-BENSON, BROOKS

Added: Executive Session, Personnel

2) IN RE: ORDER APPROVING MINUTES OF JUNE 17, 2024 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, REDMOND, ABSENT- BENSON, BROOKS

DAVID BURFORD, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR PRESENTED HIS MONTHLY REPORT, INCLUDING EXPENDITURES

3) IN RE: ORDER APPROVING E911 EXPENDITURES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$27,692.49 FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2024 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY

SUPERVISOR REDMOND, *THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, REDMOND, ABSENT-BENSON, BROOKS*

4) IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING THE LOW QUOTE OF COMSOUTH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$32,304.96 FOR WARNING SIREN SYSTEM REPLACEMENT RADIOS *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT- BENSON*

5) IN RE: ORDER APPROVING THE REQUEST OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR, DAVID BURFORD TO APPLY FOR A \$90,000.00 GRANT FOR THE RIVERSIDE FIRE DISTRICT-ROUND 14 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, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT- BENSON*

LORENZO ANDERSON, COUNTY ENGINEER PRESENTED AN UPDATE ON PROJECTS

MARK JOHNSON, ROAD MANAGER

6) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING MARK JOHNSON, ROAD MANAGER TO REHIRE ARTHUR MOORE FOR MOSQUITO SPRAYING *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT- BENSON*

BABETTE LARRY, DEPUTY JUSTICE COURT CLERK PRESENTED THE MONTHLY REPORT

TERRY GALES, VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER PRESENTED HIS MONTHLY REPORT

SHIRLEY REDMON, PLANNING DEPARTMENT PRESENTED THE END OF MONTH REPORT

JEREMY SMITH, BUILDING AND GROUNDS DIRECTOR REPORTED ON VARIOUS PROJECTS

BE IT KNOWN: A REQUEST FROM THE REDMOND FAMILY FOR USE OF THE MEETING ROOMS FOR A REPAST WAS RECEIVED. SUPERVISOR BROOKS MOTIONED THAT THE FEE BE WAIVED. SUPERVISOR BROOKS RESCINDED THE MOTION. THE ATTORNEY WILL REVIEW COUNTY FEE WAIVER POLICY FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES

JUSTIN BURCH, WASHINGTON COUNTY ECONOMIC ALLIANCE REQUESTING USE OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER FOR GOVERNOR'S JOB FAIR, AT NO FEE

7) IN RE: ORDER APPROVING THE REQUEST OF JUSTIN BURCH, WASHINGTON COUNTY ECONOMIC ALLIANCE FOR USE OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER, TUESDAY AUGUST 20, 2024 FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M. TO HOST THE GOVERNOR'S JOB FAIR, AT NO FEE *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT-BENSON*

CARRIE MARTIN, KEEP GREENVILLE BEAUTIFUL COMMITTEE

8) IN RE: ORDER APPROVING THE REQUEST OF CARRIE MARTIN OF THE "KEEP GREENVILLE BEAUTIFUL COMMITTEE" FOR USE OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER MEETING ROOMS, DECEMBER 19, 2024 TO HOST AN APPRECIATION LUNCHEON FOR VOLUNTEERS, AT NO FEE *MOTION BY*

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

GAILA OLIVER APPEARED BEFORE THE BOARD WITH DISCUSSION REGARDING THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

9) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING FIFTH AMENDMENT TO LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN REHABILITATION CENTERS, INC., d/b/a MILLCREEK OF PONTOTOC THROUGH JULY 14, 2025 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, *THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT-BENSON*

MARK SEARD PRESENTED A TRAVEL REQUEST AND THE 2024 PROPERTY ASSESSMENT ROLLS AND RECAPITULATION

10) IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING TRAVEL FOR TAX ASSESSOR, MARK SEARD AND TAX COLLECTOR, PATRICIA LEE TO ATTEND THE MACA ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR CONVENTION, JULY 14-17, 2024, IN BILOXI, MS, AT ESTIMATED COST OF \$1,200.00 EACH MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, *THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT-BENSON*

11) IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING THE JULY 2024 AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS AND ASSESSOR'S RECAPITULATION FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, AS PRESENTED BY TAX ASSESSOR, MARK SEARD MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, *THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT-BENSON*

CHELESA CARTER, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR PRESENTED HER BI-WEEKLY REPORT

12) IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING CLAIMS 232732 THROUGH 232926 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$669,440.60 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, *THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT- BENSON*

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

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

15) IN RE: ORDER TRANSFERRING ONE-HALF OF HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE TAXES TO MUNICIPALITIES OF THE COUNTY FOR JULY 2024 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, *THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT- BENSON*

16) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BONDS AND INTEREST DURING THE MONTH OF JULY 2024 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY

SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT- BENSON

17) 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 JULY 2024 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT- BENSON

18) IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING TRAVEL FOR JUSTICE COURT JUDGES TO ATTEND THE MS POLICY CONFERENCE AUGUST 8-11, 2024 IN TUNICA, MS, AT ESTIMATED COST OF \$4,038.49 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE- GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, NAY-MCGEE, ABSENT- BENSON

19) IN RE: ORDER APPROVING THE REQUEST OF JUSTICE COURT JUDGES TO PAY THE REMAINING BALANCE OF \$150.00 FOR THEIR MS JUSTICE COURT JUDGES ASSOCIATION DUES FOR 2023-2024 DUE TO AN INCREASE TO DUES FROM \$250.00 TO \$300.00 PER JUDGE MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT- BENSON

20) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CLOSING OF COUNTY OFFICES THURSDAY, JULY 4 AND FRIDAY, JULY 5, 2024 IN OBSERVANCE OF THE INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT-BENSON

21) IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING TRAVEL FOR TAX COLLECTOR, PATRICIA LEE TO ATTEND THE MS POLICY CONFERENCE AUGUST 8-11, 2024 IN TUNICA, MS, AT ESTIMATED COST OF \$1,100.00 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE- GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, NAY-MCGEE, ABSENT- BENSON

22) IN RE: ORDER REMOVING ELOISE BROOKS AS AN AUTHORIZED SIGNER ON THE JUSTICE COURT BANK ACCOUNTS AT GUARANTY BANK MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE- GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, NAY-MCGEE, ABSENT- BENSON

BERNADINE HOLMES, DEPUTY CHANCERY CLERK PRESENTED MARILYN HANSELL REPORT

23) IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING YAZOO MISSISSIPPI DELTA JOINT WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT 0.75 MILLS TAX LEVY REQUEST FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT- BENSON

BILLY BARBER, CHIEF DEPUTY

24) IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING THE JUNE 8-21, 2024 MEAL LOG FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY REGIONAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITY MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT- BENSON

25) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR A BULLETPROOF VEST GRANT WITH MATCH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,900.00 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT- BENSON

26) IN RE: ORDER OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE OPENING SESSION FOR EQUALIZATION OF ASSESSMENTS OF REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT ROLLS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI FOR THE YEAR 2023 AND AUTHORIZING THE CLERK OF THE BOARD TO PUBLISH NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC AND THE TAXPAYERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY 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, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT- BENSON

27) IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING TRAVEL FOR SHERIFF MILTON GASTON AND CHIEF DEPUTY BILLY BARBER TO ATTEND THE MS POLICY CONFERENCE AUGUST 8-11, 2024 IN TUNICA, MS, AT ESTIMATED COST OF \$2,500.00 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE- GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, NAY-MCGEE, ABSENT- BENSON

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

29) IN RE: ORDER TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTER MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT- BENSON

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

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

32) 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, AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT- BENSON

33) IN RE: ORDER TO RECESS MEETING UNTIL MONDAY, JULY 15, 2024 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT-BENSON

CARL MCGEE, PRESIDENT

**ATTEST: MARILYN HANSELL,
CLERK OF THE BOARD**