

# **WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

## **MINUTES OF JULY 16, 2024**

### **BOARD MEETING**

Tuesday, July 16, 2024 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, 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 Chief Deputy Sheriff.

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**(1) IN RE: ORDER TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE AGENDA, AS AMENDED FOR JULY 16, 2024 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND THE VOTE-MCGEE, GORDON, REDMOND, ABSENT-BENSON, BROOKS**

- **ADDED: Riverside Drainage District Permit and Agreement, Department of Revenue Certifications-MARS, Amend Interlocal Agreement with Municipalities, Order Correcting Address, Jeremy Smith, Building and Grounds Director, Mark Johnson, Road Manager**

**(2) IN RE: ORDER APPROVING MINUTES OF JULY 1, 2024 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WITH CORRECTIONS AND DIRECTING THE PRESIDENT AND CLERK OF THE BOARD TO SIGN SAME MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE - MCGEE, GORDON, REDMOND, ABSENT- BENSON, BROOKS**

**SUPERVISOR BROOKS IS NOW PRESENT**

**TERRELL GIBSON REGARDING TAX EXEMPTION**

**BE IT KNOWN: TERRELL GIBSON APPEARED BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REQUESTING CONSIDERATION OF TAX EXEMPTION ON PROPERTY OF CHURCH. BOARD ATTORNEY STATED THE MATTER WAS PENDING BEFORE THE CHANCERY COURT. NO ACTION TAKEN.**

**(3) IN RE: ORDER APPROVING THE REQUEST OF CONGRESSMAN BENNIE THOMPSON FOR USE OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER, OCTOBER 2, 2024 TO HOST THE ANNUAL SECOND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT COLLEGE AND CAREER FAIR, AT NO FEE MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT-BENSON**

**(4) IN RE: ORDER APPROVING THE REQUEST OF MS DEPARTMENT OF CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES FOR USE OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER, DECEMBER 19, 2024 TO HOST A RETIREMENT LUNCHEON FROM NOON TO 4:00 P.M. MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT-BENSON**

**(5) IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING CERTIFICATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT AND CLERK OF THE BOARD TO SIGN FINAL RESOLUTION GRANTING TO USG INTERIORS, LLC, EXEMPTION FROM AD VALOREM TAXATION FOR TEN (10) YEARS UPON ADDITIONS TO AND EXPANSIONS OF ITS MANUFACTURING PLANT OPERATED AND LOCATED IN THE CITY OF GREENVILLE, WASHINGTON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, WHICH ADDITIONS AND EXPANSIONS WERE COMPLETED DECEMBER 31, 2023 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT-BENSON**

**(6) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD TO CONTACT THE RIVERSIDE DRAINAGE DISTRICT ATTORNEY REGARDING THE AGREEMENT AND PERMIT FOR LOW WATER CROSSING AND DRAINAGE MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MCGEE, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, REDMOND, ABSTAIN-BROOKS, ABSENT-BENSON**

**CHELESA CARTER, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

**(7) IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING CLAIMS 245882 THROUGH 246014 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$517,495.13 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT-BENSON**

**(8) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,800.00 TO MILLS & MILLS FOR THE RE-BID PHASE INVOICE FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY MULTIPLEX KITCHEN RENOVATION PROJECT AND \$1,800.00 FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY MULTIPLEX NEW RESTROOMS MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, REDMOND, NAY- BROOKS, ABSENT-BENSON**

**(9) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING FINAL PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$97,246.70 TO R&R ROOFING AND SHEET METAL FOR CONVENTION CENTER ROOFING PROJECT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT- BENSON**

**(10) IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF INVOICES IN THE AMOUNTS OF \$2,747.60, \$725.00 AND \$3,024.00 FROM BOWLING HEATING & AC FOR HVAC IMPROVEMENTS AT THE MID DELTA REGIONAL AIRPORT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT- BENSON**

**BERNADINE HOLMES, DEPUTY CHANCERY CLERK**

**(11) IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING CERTIFICATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT AND CLERK OF THE BOARD TO SIGN FINAL RESOLUTION GRANTING TO MARS FOOD US, LLC EXEMPTION FROM AD VALOREM TAXATION FOR FIVE (5) YEARS UPON ADDITIONS TO AND EXPANSIONS OF ITS MANUFACTURING PLANT OPERATED AND LOCATED IN THE CITY OF GREENVILLE, WASHINGTON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, WHICH ADDITIONS AND EXPANSIONS WERE COMPLETED DECEMBER 31, 2018 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, *THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT-BENSON***

**(12) IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING CERTIFICATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT AND CLERK OF THE BOARD TO SIGN FINAL RESOLUTION GRANTING TO MARS FOOD US, LLC EXEMPTION FROM AD VALOREM TAXATION FOR SIX (6) YEARS UPON ADDITIONS TO AND EXPANSIONS OF ITS MANUFACTURING PLANT OPERATED AND LOCATED IN THE CITY OF GREENVILLE, WASHINGTON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, WHICH ADDITIONS AND EXPANSIONS WERE COMPLETED DECEMBER 31, 2019 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, *THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT-BENSON***

**(13) IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING CERTIFICATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT AND CLERK OF THE BOARD TO SIGN FINAL RESOLUTION GRANTING TO MARS FOOD US, LLC EXEMPTION FROM AD VALOREM TAXATION FOR SEVEN (7) YEARS UPON ADDITIONS TO AND EXPANSIONS OF ITS MANUFACTURING PLANT OPERATED AND LOCATED IN THE CITY OF GREENVILLE, WASHINGTON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, WHICH ADDITIONS AND EXPANSIONS WERE COMPLETED DECEMBER 31, 2020 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, *THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT-BENSON***

**(14) IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING CERTIFICATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT AND CLERK OF THE BOARD TO SIGN FINAL RESOLUTION GRANTING TO MARS FOOD US, LLC EXEMPTION FROM AD VALOREM TAXATION FOR EIGHT(8) YEARS UPON ADDITIONS TO AND EXPANSIONS OF ITS MANUFACTURING PLANT OPERATED AND LOCATED IN THE CITY OF GREENVILLE, WASHINGTON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, WHICH ADDITIONS AND EXPANSIONS WERE COMPLETED DECEMBER 31, 2021 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, *THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT-BENSON***

**(15) IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING CERTIFICATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT AND CLERK OF THE BOARD TO SIGN FINAL RESOLUTION GRANTING TO MARS FOOD US, LLC EXEMPTION FROM AD VALOREM TAXATION FOR NINE (9) YEARS UPON ADDITIONS TO AND EXPANSIONS OF ITS MANUFACTURING PLANT OPERATED AND LOCATED IN THE CITY OF GREENVILLE, WASHINGTON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, WHICH ADDITIONS AND EXPANSIONS WERE COMPLETED DECEMBER 31, 2022 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, *THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT-BENSON***

**(16) IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING CERTIFICATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT AND CLERK OF THE BOARD TO SIGN FINAL RESOLUTION GRANTING TO MARS FOOD US, LLC EXEMPTION FROM AD VALOREM TAXATION FOR TEN (10) YEARS UPON ADDITIONS TO AND EXPANSIONS OF ITS MANUFACTURING PLANT OPERATED AND LOCATED IN THE CITY OF GREENVILLE, WASHINGTON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, WHICH ADDITIONS AND EXPANSIONS WERE COMPLETED DECEMBER 31, 2023 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT-BENSON**

**(17) IN RE: ORDER CORRECTING STREET ADDRESS FOR THE HOLLANDALE PRECINCT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT-BENSON**

**(18) IN RE: ORDER ADDING JEREMY SMITH, BUILDING AND GROUNDS DIRECTOR AND DISCUSSION OF MENTAL HEALTH TO THE BOARD'S AGENDA MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT-BENSON**

***JEREMY SMITH, BUILDING AND GROUNDS DIRECTOR***

**(19) IN RE: ORDER APPROVING THE REQUEST OF JEREMY SMITH, BUILDING AND GROUNDS DIRECTOR FOR APPROVAL FOR B&E COMMUNICATIONS, INC. TO REPAIR THE POWER SUPPLY TO THE FIRE ALARM AND EXTINGUISHER SYSTEM AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY REGIONAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,346.25 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT-BENSON**

**(20) IN RE: ORDER APPROVING THE REQUEST OF JEREMY SMITH, BUILDING AND GROUNDS DIRECTOR FOR APPROVAL TO UPGRADE THE RV HOOK-UPS TO 50 AMPS AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT-BENSON**

**(21) IN RE: ORDER ADDING MARK JOHNSON, WASHINGTON COUNTY ROAD MANAGER TO THE BOARD'S AGENDA MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT-BENSON**

***MARK JOHNSON, WASHINGTON COUNTY ROAD MANAGER***

**(22) IN RE: ORDER APPROVING THE REQUEST OF MARK JOHNSON, WASHINGTON COUNTY ROAD MANAGER, TO PLACE AN INDIVIDUAL IN THE ROAD DEPARTMENT OFFICE DUE TO OFFICE MANAGER RETIRING MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT-BENSON**

***SUPERVISOR MALA BROOKS DISCUSSED MENTAL HEALTH WITH THE BOARD***

**(23) IN RE: ORDER ADDING EXECUTIVE SESSION TO THE BOARD'S AGENDA  
MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, THE  
VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT-BENSON**

**(24) IN RE: ORDER AMENDING THE SALARY OF THE COUNTY  
ADMINISTRATOR TO COMPLETE THE ARPA REQUIREMENTS FOR THE  
DURATION OF THE ARPA FUNDING PROGRAM MOTION BY SUPERVISOR  
BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE,  
BROOKS, REDMOND, NAY- GORDON, ABSENT-BENSON**

**BERNADINE HOLMES**

**(25) IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING THE PUBLIC UTILITY ROLL AND SPREAD  
ACROSS THE MINUTES MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY  
SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND,  
ABSENT-BENSON**

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

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

**(28) IN RE: ORDER UPHOLDING THE DECISION FOR THE TERMINATION OF ROY  
MOSBY AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT MOTION BY  
SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MCGEE, THE VOTE: AYE-  
MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT-BENSON**

**(29) IN RE: ORDER TO LEAVE EXECUTIVE SESSION, WITH ACTION TAKEN  
MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, THE  
VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT-BENSON**

**BE IT KNOWN: THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS VOTED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO UPHOLD THE  
TERMINATION OF ROY MOSBY AND TO SEND A LETTER TO MR. MOSBY**

**30) IN RE: ORDER AMENDING INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
WASHINGTON COUNTY AND THE CITIES AND/OR TOWNS OF GREENVILLE,  
METCALFE, LELAND, HOLLANDALE AND ARCOLA WITHOUT FURTHER  
ACTION OF THE BOARD MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY  
SUPERVISOR REDMOND, AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT-  
BENSON**

**(31) IN RE: ORDER COPYING INTO THE MINUTES THE SHERIFF'S ORDER  
ADJOURNING THE JULY 15, 2024 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF  
WASHINGTON COUNTY AND SETTING ADJOURNED MEETS MOTION BY  
SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, THE VOTE: AYE-  
MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT-BENSON**

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

**33) 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***

**(34) IN RE: ORDER TO RECESS MEETING UNTIL 9:00 A.M. JULY 17, 2024 FOR BUDGET SESSION *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND THE VOTE: AYE- MCGEE, GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, ABSENT- BENSON***

CARL MCGEE, PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

MARILYN HANSELL, CLERK  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY