

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTES OF AUGUST 3, 2020

BOARD MEETING

BE IT REMEMBERED on the 3rd day of August, 2020 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 Extension Service Office 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:

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| 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 |
| Marilyn Hansell | Chancery Clerk |
| Milton Gaston | Sheriff |
| Percy Miles | Deputy Sheriff |

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.

IN RE: ORDER TO CONSIDER AND ACCEPT AGENDA AS AMENDED FOR AUGUST 3, 2020. MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, AYE-GORDON, BROOKS, REDMOND, MCGEE, ABSENT- BENSON. (1)

- ***Added: Fannie Lou Hamer Cancer Foundation, D&M Road, Mark King, Boone Funeral Home***

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING MINUTES OF JULY 20, 2020 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND DIRECTING THE PRESIDENT AND CLERK OF THE BOARD TO SIGN SAME. MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, AYE-GORDON, REDMOND, MCGEE, NAY-BROOKS, ABSENT- BENSON. (2)

ARTHUR PERRY, COUNTY ROAD MANAGER, PRESENTED HIS MONTHLY REPORT; DISCUSSED NAPANEE ROAD

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING A FORMAL REQUEST TO BE SENT TO THE OFFICE OF STATE AID TO KEEP THE BRIDGE ON NAPANEE ROAD OPEN MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, AYE-BROOKS, GORDON, REDMOND, MCGEE, ABSENT- BENSON. (3)

BE IT KNOWN: SUPERVISOR MALA BROOKS OPENED DISCUSSION REGARDING ASSISTING RESIDENTS(8) ON D & M ROAD NEAR STONEVILLE.

DAVID BURFORD, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR, PRESENTED HIS MONTHLY REPORT, REQUESTED APPROVAL OF MOU WITH THE MS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING E-911 MONTHLY EXPENDITURES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$19,206.28 FOR JULY 2020. MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, AYE-BROOKS, GORDON, REDMOND, MCGEE, ABSENT- BENSON. (4)

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING THE STRATEGIC NATIONAL STOCKPILE OPEN POINT OF DISPENSING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR USE OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER FOR MEDICAL DISPENSARY IN CASE OF EMERGENCY AND AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD TO SIGN SAME MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, AYE-BROOKS, GORDON, REDMOND, MCGEE, ABSENT- BENSON. (5)

IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC COMMITTEE FOR THE PROPOSED COVID 19 OPERATIONAL POLICY AND PROCEDURES AND DIRECTING THAT ONCE THE POLICY IS ADOPTED THE CHANCERY AND CIRCUIT CLERKS MUST SEND A LETTER STATING THAT THEY ADOPT THE PROPOSED POLICY. MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, AYE-BROOKS, GORDON, REDMOND, MCGEE, ABSENT- BENSON. (6)

DON DAVIS, BUILDING AND GROUNDS DIRECTOR PRESENTED TWO (2) QUOTES FOR MAG LOCKS AND GENERATOR QUOTE

IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING LOWEST QUOTE OF SECURITY PLUS FOR INSTALLATION OF AN ACCESS CONTROL SYSTEM AT THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES MAIN STREET FACILITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,938.00 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, AYE-BROOKS, GORDON, REDMOND, MCGEE, ABSENT- BENSON. (7)

BE IT KNOWN: DON DAVIS PROVIDED THE BOARD A QUOTE FOR A NEW GENERATOR AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER. THE BOARD WAS INTERESTED IN THE COST OF A NATURAL GAS GENERATOR

WASHINGTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION APPEARED BEFORE THE BOARD WITH SEVERAL CONCERNS AND ISSUES REGARDING THE VOTER ROLL AND PREPARATIONS FOR THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 GENERAL ELECTION

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT OF AN ATTORNEY FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, AYE-BROOKS, GORDON, REDMOND, MCGEE, ABSENT- BENSON. (8)

MARK SEARD, TAX ASSESSOR, INFORMED THE BOARD OF THE TAX PROTESTS WITH ONE (1) PENDING TAX PROTEST

DR. MARIO WILLIS, SUPERINTENDENT, HOLLANDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT PRESENTED THE 2020-2021 BUDGET AND INFORMED THE BOARD OF THE DISTRICT'S COVID 19 PLAN FOR STAFF & STUDENTS

IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING THE HOLLANDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT 2020-2021 BUDGET AND RESOLUTIONS AND AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD TO SIGN THE CERTIFICATION FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT. MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, AYE-BROOKS, GORDON, REDMOND, MCGEE, ABSENT- BENSON. (9)

BE IT KNOWN: SCOTT CHRISTENSEN, CEO, DELTA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER PRESENTED HIS QUARTERLY REPORT TO THE BOARD. HE DISCUSSED THE TESTING SUPPLIES, PPE, STAFFING AND FAMILY MEDICAL RESIDENCE PROGRAM ALONG WITH THE HOSPITAL'S FINANCIALS

TONINETTE KENNEDY, LELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT BUSINESS MANAGER, PRESENTED THE DISTRICT'S 2020-2021 BUDGET

IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING THE LELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT 2020-2021 BUDGET AND RESOLUTIONS AND AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD TO SIGN THE CERTIFICATION FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT. MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, AYE-BROOKS, GORDON, REDMOND, MCGEE, ABSENT- BENSON. (10)

LAWRENCE HUDSON, SUPERINTENDENT, WESTERN LINE SCHOOL DISTRICT PRESENTED THE DISTRICT'S BUDGET FOR 2020-2021

IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING THE WESTERN LINE SCHOOL DISTRICT 2019-2020 BUDGET AND RESOLUTIONS AND AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD TO SIGN THE CERTIFICATION FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT. MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, AYE-BROOKS, GORDON, REDMOND, MCGEE, ABSENT- BENSON. (11)

MARK KING, PRESIDENT OF BOONE FUNERAL HOME WANTS TO MOVE BODY FROM PAUPER'S CEMETERY TO THE CHINESE CEMETERY

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE BOARD ATTORNEY TO DETERMINE IF A COURT ORDER IS NEEDED TO REMOVE A BODY FROM THE MILL ROAD PAUPERS' BURIAL SITE MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, AYE-BROOKS, GORDON, REDMOND, MCGEE, ABSENT- BENSON. (12)

CHELESA CARTER, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR PRESENTED HER BI-WEEKLY REPORT

IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING CLAIMS 148695 THROUGH 148842 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$403,030.11 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, AYE- GORDON, REDMOND, MCGEE, BROOKS, ABSENT- BENSON. (13)

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF WARRANTS TO COVER BI-WEEKLY PAYROLLS AND MONTHLY PAYROLLS FOR AUGUST 2020 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, AYE- GORDON, REDMOND, MCGEE, BROOKS, 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 IN AUGUST 2020 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, AYE- GORDON REDMOND, MCGEE, BROOKS, ABSENT- BENSON (15)

IN RE: ORDER TRANSFERRING ONE-HALF OF HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE TAXES TO MUNICIPALITIES OF THE COUNTY IN AUGUST 2020 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, AYE- GORDON, REDMOND, MCGEE, BROOKS, ABSENT- BENSON (16)

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BONDS AND INTEREST DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2020 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, AYE- GORDON, REDMOND, MCGEE, BROOKS, 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 AUGUST 2020. MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, AYE- GORDON, REDMOND, MCGEE, BROOKS, ABSENT- BENSON (18)

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,500.00 TO CAMPBELL APPRAISAL SERVICES, LLC FOR THE MARKET VALUE APPRAISAL REPORT FOR THE ABW FACILITY MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, AYE- GORDON, REDMOND, MCGEE, BROOKS, ABSENT- BENSON. (19)

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CLERK OF THE BOARD TO PUBLISH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING SEPTEMBER 8, 2020 TO RECEIVE PUBLIC INPUT ON THE 2020-2021 PROPOSED BUDGET MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, AYE- GORDON, REDMOND, MCGEE, BROOKS, ABSENT- BENSON. (20)

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING THE REQUEST OF RON MIX, WASHINGTON COUNTY JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER DIRECTOR TO EMPLOY A FORMER WASHINGTON COUNTY REGIONAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITY EMPLOYEE AT THE JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, AYE-GORDON, REDMOND, MCGEE, BROOKS, ABSENT- BENSON. (21)

BE IT KNOWN: COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, CHELESA CARTER PRESENTED THE JUSTICE COURT CLERK'S JULY REPORT

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING USE AND OCCUPANCY PERMIT REQUEST OF SUDDENLINK COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OR ADJUSTMENT OF A UTILITY WITHIN TOAD OR HIGHWAY RIGHT-OF-WAY AT 122 WALTER STREET TO REPLACE EXISTING BAD DIRECT BURY LINES WITH CABLE IN CONDUIT UTILITY FACILITY ALONG OR ACROSS A PT. APPROX. 480' WEST OF MS 1 & WALTER ST ON SOUTHSIDE OF ROADWAY TO PT. APPROX. 480' WEST OF MS 1 & WALTER ST ON NORTH SIDE OF ROADWAY MOTION SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY

SUPERVISOR REDMOND, AYE-BROOKS, GORDON, REDMOND, MCGEE, ABSENT-BENSON. (22)

DON DAVIS, BUILDING AND GROUNDS DIRECTOR REGARDING PURCHASE OF GENERATOR

IN RE: ORDER TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE PURCHASE OF DIESEL GENERATOR IN THE AMOUNT OF 190,655.88 FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER FROM THOMPSON POWER AT STATE CONTRACT PRICE MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, AYE-BROOKS, GORDON, REDMOND, NAY-MCGEE, ABSENT- BENSON. (23)

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

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD TO SIGN CORRECTION/DELETION OF HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION APPLICATION FOR TRACY INEZ WILBERT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, AYE-GORDON, REDMOND, BROOKS, MCGEE, ABSENT- BENSON. (24)

IN RE: ORDER SETTING PUBLIC HEARING TO AUGUST 17, 2020 AT 10 A.M. TO HEAR OBJECTIONS TO 2020 REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENTS MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, AYE-GORDON, REDMOND, BROOKS, MCGEE, ABSENT- BENSON. (25)

IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING THE RIVERSIDE DRAINAGE DISTRICT TAX LEVY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, AYE-GORDON, REDMOND, BROOKS, MCGEE, ABSENT- BENSON. (26)

IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING THE MS LEVEE COMMISSION TAX LEVY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 FOR 2.90 MIL AD VALOREM AND \$.05 PER ACRE AND PUBLIC UTILITY RATE THE SAME AS THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, AYE-GORDON, REDMOND, BROOKS, MCGEE, ABSENT- BENSON. (27)

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CLERK OF THE BOARD TO ISSUE WARRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,669.57 TO MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR EMPLOYEE SALARY AND FRINGE BENEFITS FOR THE MONTH ENDED JUNE 30, 2020 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, AYE-GORDON, REDMOND, BROOKS, MCGEE, ABSENT- BENSON. (28)

IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING COUNTY OFFICIALS REPORTS. MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, AYE-GORDON, REDMOND, BROOKS, MCGEE, ABSENT- BENSON. (29)

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-GORDON, REDMOND, BROOKS, MCGEE, ABSENT- BENSON. (30)

PERCY MILES, WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT DEPUTY PRESENTED PROPOSALS AND PURCHASE REQUESTS

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF CHAIRS FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND CORRECTIONAL FACILITY LOBBYS IN THE AMOUNT OF UP TO \$11,000 AS REQUESTED BY SHERIFF MILTON GASTON MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, AYE-GORDON, REDMOND, BROOKS, MCGEE, ABSENT- BENSON. (31)

IN RE: ORDER SETTING INSURANCE OPEN ENROLLMENT FAIR FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, AYE-GORDON, REDMOND, BROOKS, MCGEE, ABSENT- BENSON. (32)

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING FY-2020 BRIDGE POSTINGS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE OFFICE OF STATE AID: FAS628LAKE WASH, GREER ROAD, JOHNSON ROAD, FAS 619 WATSON ROAD, HANDLY ROAD AND GENEILLE ROAD (LOAD RATED) MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, AYE-GORDON, REDMOND, BROOKS, MCGEE, ABSENT- BENSON. (33)

BE IT KNOWN: THE FANNIE LOU HAMMER CANCER CENTER IS REQUESTING \$5000.00 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 BUDGET COMMUNITY ALLOCATION REQUESTS.

LAWRENCE HUDSON, WESTERN LINE SCHOOL DISTRICT PRESENTED THE DISTRICT'S 2019-2020 BUDGET

BE IT KNOWN: PRESIDENT CARL MCGEE INFORMED THE BOARD THAT HE HAD RECEIVED THE MILL CREEK LEASE EXTENSION FOR ONE (1) YEAR.

IN RE: ORDER RECESSING MEETING UNTIL MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2020 AT 9:00 A.M. FOR REGULAR MEETING. MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, AYE-GORDON, REDMOND, BROOKS, MCGEE, ABSENT- BENSON. (34)

CARL MCGEE, PRESIDENT

**ATTEST:
MARILYN HANSELL, CLERK
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY**