

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI**

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF DECEMBER 14, 2015
Occurring During the December, 2015 Term

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Special Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Madison County, Mississippi was duly convened, held and conducted on December 14, 2015, in the Board Room on the first floor of the Chancery/Administrative Building, 125 West North Street, Canton, Mississippi, as follows, to-wit:

The President of the Board, Mr. Karl M. Banks, presided and called the meeting to order. The following members were present that day:

Present:

Supervisor John Bell Crosby
Supervisor John Howland
Supervisor Gerald Steen
Supervisor Karl M. Banks
Supervisor Paul Griffin
Chancery Clerk Ronny Lott

Absent:

Also in attendance:

County Administrator Mark Houston
County Comptroller Shelton Vance
Board Attorney Mike Espy
Deputy Chancery Clerk Stacey Toten

The President announced that the members of the Board present constituted a quorum and declared the meeting duly convened. Mr. Paul Griffin offered an opening prayer and Mr. Will Sligh lead the members and the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the colors of the United States of America.

As required by statute, that certain Notice of the instant meeting, which was posted at the Courthouse door (at the entrance to the Chancery and Administrative Building, 125 W. North Street, Canton, Mississippi) and elsewhere throughout the Courthouse for at least five (5) days, was and is hereby entered on the Minutes hereof as Exhibit A.

***In re: Consideration of Employment Action Taken
by Madison County Election Commission***

WHEREAS, Ms. Pallascene Cole, Election Commissioner Chairperson, appeared before the Board on behalf of the Election Commission and presented a request to hire Mr. Wesley Evans, Esq., as Attorney for the Election Commission, and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cole reported that the Election Commission had voted unanimously to terminate the services of Mr. Spence Flatgard, Esq. and requested the Board of Supervisors acknowledge same, and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cole further requested the Board of Supervisors acknowledge the hiring of Mr. Evans as the new Attorney for the Election Commission, and

WHEREAS, Election Commissioner Timothy Jenkins appeared before the Board and reported that the Election Commission had appointed him as Vice-Chairman and Pat Truesdale

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as Chairman requested that the Board take no action,

Following discussion, Mr. Paul Griffin did offer and Mr. John Howland did second a motion to accept the termination of Mr. Flatgard as Attorney and acknowledge the hiring of Mr. Evans as Attorney for the Election Commission. The vote on the matter being as follows:

Supervisor John Bell Crosby	No
Supervisor John Howland	Aye
Supervisor Gerald Steen	No
Supervisor Karl M. Banks	Not Present and Not Voting ¹
Supervisor Paul Griffin	Aye

the matter did not garner a majority vote of the Board and therefore failed.

SO ORDERED this the 14th day of December, 2015.

Thereafter, and following further discussion, Mr. John Bell Crosby did offer and Mr. Gerald Steen did second a motion to allow Mr. Flatgard to remain as Attorney for the Election Commission. The vote on the matter being as follows:

Supervisor John Bell Crosby	Aye
Supervisor John Howland	No
Supervisor Gerald Steen	Aye
Supervisor Karl M. Banks	Not Present and Not Voting
Supervisor Paul Griffin	No

the matter did not garner a majority vote of the Board and therefore failed.

SO ORDERED this the 14th day of December, 2015.

Thereafter, Mr. Gerald Steen did offer and Mr. John Bell Crosby did second a motion to adjourn until December 21, 2015.

Prior to call of the motion, Mr. Paul Griffin did offer a substitute motion and Mr. John Howland did second said substitute motion to recess until December 17, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. The vote on the matter being as follows:

Supervisor John Bell Crosby	No
Supervisor John Howland	Aye
Supervisor Gerald Steen	No
Supervisor Karl M. Banks	Not Present and Not Voting
Supervisor Paul Griffin	Aye

the matter did not garner a majority vote of the Board and therefore failed.

SO ORDERED this the 14th day of December, 2015.

¹Prior to consideration of this item of business, Mr. Banks excused himself from the meeting in light of his election appeal, departed the meeting room and did not participate in discussion of deliberation of this matter whatsoever.

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Thereafter, Mr. Gerald Steen again did offer and Mr. John Bell Crosby did second a motion to adjourn until December 21, 2015.

Supervisor John Bell Crosby	Aye
Supervisor John Howland	No
Supervisor Gerald Steen	Aye
Supervisor Karl M. Banks	Not Present and Not Voting
Supervisor Paul Griffin	No

the matter did not garner a majority vote of the Board and therefore failed.

SO ORDERED this the 14th day of December, 2015.

Mr. Paul Griffin did offer a motion and Mr. John Howland did second motion to recess until December 17, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. The vote on the matter being as follows:

Supervisor John Bell Crosby	No
Supervisor John Howland	Aye
Supervisor Gerald Steen	No
Supervisor Karl M. Banks	Aye
Supervisor Paul Griffin	Aye

the matter carried by a majority vote (3-2) of the Board and said meeting was and is hereby recessed until December 17, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS to come before the Board of Supervisors of Madison County, Mississippi, upon motion duly made by Supervisor Paul Griffin and seconded by Supervisor John Howland and approved by the unanimous vote of those present, the Special Called Meeting of the Board of Supervisors was recessed until Thursday, December 17, 2015 at 9:00 am.

President
Madison County Board of Supervisors

Date signed: _____

ATTEST:

Ronny Lott, Chancery Clerk

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