

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

REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2020
Recessed from a meeting conducted September 8, 2020

BE IT REMEMBERED that the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Madison County, Mississippi was duly convened, held and conducted on September 14, 2020, in the Board Room on the first floor of the Madison County Office Complex, 125 West North Street, Canton, Mississippi, as follows, to-wit:

The President of the Board, Gerald Steen presided and called the meeting to order. The following members were present that day:

Present:

Supervisor Sheila Jones
Supervisor Trey Baxter
Supervisor Gerald Steen
Supervisor Karl M Banks
Supervisor Paul Griffin
Chancery Clerk Ronny Lott
Sheriff Randy Tucker

Absent:

Also Present:

County Administrator Shelton Vance
Board Attorney Mike Espy
Board Secretary/Chief Deputy Chancery Clerk Cynthia Parker

The Board President announced that the members of the Board present constituted a quorum and declared the meeting duly convened. MCEDA Director Joey Deason opened the meeting with a prayer and Mr. Will Sligh led the members and the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

***In re: Public Hearing on Consideration of Issuance
of not to exceed \$11,000,000 General Obligation Bonds
in accordance with a Regional Economic Development Alliance (REDA)***

Ms. Jones did offer and Mr. Baxter did second a motion to open the public hearing on the consideration of the issuance of not to exceed \$11,000,000 General Obligation Bonds in accordance with a Regional Economic Development Alliance (REDA) with the City of Canton, Canton Municipal utilities and the Madison County Economic Development Authority. The vote on the matter being as follows:

Supervisor Sheila Jones	Aye
Supervisor Trey Baxter	Aye
Supervisor Gerald Steen	Aye
Supervisor Karl M Banks	Aye
Supervisor Paul Griffin	Aye

the matter carried unanimously and the public hearing was and is hereby opened.

SO ORDERED this the 14th day of September, 2020.

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Mr. Thad Varner did appear before the Board to state the reasons for the public hearings, including allowing the opportunity for individuals to express thoughts, either pro or con, regarding the issuance of not to exceed \$11,000,000 General Obligation Bonds in accordance with a Regional Economic Development Alliance (REDA) with the City of Canton, Canton Municipal Utilities and the Madison County Economic Development Authority, and

WHEREAS, no one did appear to contest or protest said issuance of the \$11,000,000 GO Bonds,

Thereafter, Mr. Banks did offer and Mr. Baxter did second a motion to close the public hearing. The vote on the matter being as follows:

Supervisor Sheila Jones	Aye
Supervisor Trey Baxter	Aye
Supervisor Gerald Steen	Aye
Supervisor Karl Banks	Aye
Supervisor Paul Griffin	Aye

the matter carried unanimously and the public hearing was and is hereby closed.

SO ORDERED this the 14th day of September, 2020.

In re: Opening of Bids and Awarding of Bids and Approval of Resolution Directing the Issuance for \$5M Taxable General Obligation Note of the County, Series 2020B

WHEREAS, Mr. Steve Pittman of Government Consultants then appeared before the Board and opened bids for the short term note not to exceed \$5,000,000 as follows:

Trustmark Bank - 1.45%
BankPlus - 2.25%
The First - 1.10%
Community Bank - 1.42%
Regions Bank - 1.54%

Thereafter, Mr. Pittman did recommend the Board award The First as the lowest and best bid at a rate of 1.10% and Mr. Varner did recommend the Board approve the Resolution Directing the Issuance of a \$5M Taxable General Obligation Note, Series 2020B. Mr. Banks did offer and Mr. Baxter did second a motion to (1) award the lowest and best bid to The First at a rate of 1.10%, (2) approve the Resolution Directing the Issuance of Taxable General Obligation Note, Series 2020B, a copy of which may be found in the Miscellaneous Appendix to these Minutes, in the amount of \$5,000,000 and (3) authorize Mr. Varner and Mr. Pittman to proceed with the issuance of said note. The vote on the matter being as follows:

Supervisor Sheila Jones	Aye
Supervisor Trey Baxter	Aye
Supervisor Gerald Steen	Aye
Supervisor Karl Banks	Aye
Supervisor Paul Griffin	Aye

the matter carried unanimously and The First was and is hereby awarded as the lowest and best bid at a rate of 1.10%; said Resolution was and is hereby approved and Mr. Varner and Mr. Pittman were and are hereby authorized.

SO ORDERED this the 14th day of September, 2020.

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In re: Approval of Metrix Solutions Quote

Mr. Banks did offer and Ms. Jones did second a motion to approve that certain quote submitted by Metrix Solutions, attached as Exhibit A, in the amount of \$1,002.15 for the purchase of a desktop monitor and camera for Juvenile Drug Treatment Court and authorize the payment of same. The vote on the matter being as follows:

Supervisor Sheila Jones	Aye
Supervisor Trey Baxter	Absent
Supervisor Gerald Steen	Aye
Supervisor Karl Banks	Aye
Supervisor Paul Griffin	Aye

the matter carried by the unanimous vote of those present and said quote was and is hereby approved and the Chancery Clerk was and is authorized to issue a pay warrant accordingly.

SO ORDERED this the 14th day of September, 2020.

In re: Entering into “Closed Session” to Determine Whether or not the Board Should Declare an Executive Session

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, after beginning the meeting in open session, determined that it was necessary to enter into closed session for a brief discussion to ascertain whether an Executive Session was needed as to discuss litigation and land acquisition,

Following discussion and pursuant to the terms of Miss. Code Ann. § 25-41-7, as amended, Supervisor Banks did offer and Supervisor Jones did second a motion to make a closed determination upon the issue of whether or not to declare an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing litigation and land acquisition, with the following persons deemed necessary for Board discussions, deliberations, and recording of such Executive Session, to wit: members of the Board, Chancery Clerk Ronny Lott, Board Secretary/Chief Deputy Chancery Clerk Cynthia Parker, County Administrator Shelton Vance, Board Attorney Mike Espy, MCEDA Director Joey Deason, Mr Skipper Jernigan, Esq, Mr. Thad Varner, Esq. Mr. Steve Pittman, Esq. and Sheriff Randy Tucker. The vote on the matter being as follows:

Supervisor Sheila Jones	Aye
Supervisor Trey Baxter	Aye
Supervisor Gerald Steen	Aye
Supervisor Karl M Banks	Aye
Supervisor Paul Griffin	Aye

the matter carried unanimously and the Board took up the matter of entering Executive Session.

SO ORDERED this the 14th day of September, 2020.

In re: Entering into Executive Session

WHEREAS, the Board Attorney advised the Board that discussion of the proposed matters of business was properly the subject of executive session,

Following discussion, Mr. Banks did offer and Mr. Griffin did second a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss litigation and land acquisition. The vote on the matter being as follows:

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Supervisor Sheila Jones	Aye
Supervisor Trey Baxter	Aye
Supervisor Gerald Steen	Aye
Supervisor Karl M Banks	Aye
Supervisor Paul Griffin	Aye

the matter carried unanimously and President Steen declared the Board to be in Executive Session for the consideration of such matters and Chancery Clerk Ronny Lott announced to the public the purpose for the Executive Session.

SO ORDERED this the 14th day of September, 2020.

During Executive Session, Mr. Banks did offer and Mr. Griffin did second a motion to acknowledge the presentation presented by Mr. Skipper Jernigan, Attorney for MCEDA, concerning the resolution of the airport study litigation. The vote on the matter being as follows:

Supervisor Sheila Jones	Aye
Supervisor Trey Baxter	Aye
Supervisor Gerald Steen	Aye
Supervisor Karl M Banks	Aye
Supervisor Paul Griffin	Aye

the matter carried unanimously and said presentation was and is hereby acknowledged.

SO ORDERED this the 14th day of September, 2020.

Thereafter, Mr. Griffin did offer and Mr. Banks did second a motion to adjourn the Executive Session and announce to the public the action taken therein. The vote on the matter being as follows:

Supervisor Sheila Jones	Aye
Supervisor Trey Baxter	Aye
Supervisor Gerald Steen	Aye
Supervisor Karl M Banks	Aye
Supervisor Paul Griffin	Aye

the matter carried unanimously and the President declared Executive Session adjourned and the Chancery Clerk did announce to the public the action taken therein.

SO ORDERED this the 14th day of September, 2020.

In re: Approval of MCEDA to Purchase Property

At the request and recommendation of MCEDA Director Joey Deason, Mr. Banks did offer and Mr. Baxter did second a motion to authorize MCEDA to purchase approximately 525 acres from the Walker Family at a cost not to exceed \$9.5M. The vote on the matter being as follows:

Supervisor Sheila Jones	Aye
Supervisor Trey Baxter	Aye
Supervisor Gerald Steen	Aye
Supervisor Karl M Banks	Aye
Supervisor Paul Griffin	Aye

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the matter carried unanimously and MCEDA was and is hereby authorized.

SO ORDERED this the 14th day of September, 2020.

In re: Approval of Resolution Authorizing and Directing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2020C (REDA Act)

At the request and recommendation of Mr. Thad Varner, Mr. Banks did offer and Mr. Steen did second a motion to approve that certain Resolution Authorizing and Directing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2020C, (REDA Act), a copy of which may be found in the Miscellaneous Appendix to these Minutes, in the amount of \$11,000,000 for the purpose of providing funds to finance certain capital projects for the continued development of an Industrial Park and authorize Mr. Varner and Mr. Steve Pittman to proceed with the issuance of same. The vote on the matter being as follows:

Supervisor Sheila Jones	Aye
Supervisor Trey Baxter	Aye
Supervisor Gerald Steen	Aye
Supervisor Karl M Banks	Aye
Supervisor Paul Griffin	Aye

the matter carried unanimously and said Resolution was and is hereby approved and Mr. Varner and Mr. Pittman were and are hereby authorized.

SO ORDERED this the 14th day of September, 2020.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS to come before the Board of Supervisors of Madison County, Mississippi, upon motion duly made by Supervisor Trey Baxter and seconded by Supervisor Gerald Steen and approved by the unanimous vote of those present, the September 14, 2020 meeting of the Board of Supervisors was adjourned until Monday, September 21, 2020 at 5:00 pm.

Gerald Steen, President
Madison County Board of Supervisors

Date signed: _____

ATTEST:

Ronny Lott, Chancery Clerk

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Date Signed: _____

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