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

REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 2, 2024 Being the first day of the January term of the Board of Supervisors

BE IT REMEMBERED that the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Madison County, Mississippi was duly convened, held and conducted on January 2, 2024 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 Clerk of the Board, Ronny Lott called the roll with the following results:

Absent:

Present: Supervisor Casey Brannon Supervisor Trey Baxter Supervisor Karl Banks Supervisor Gerald Steen Supervisor Paul Griffin Chancery Clerk Ronny Lott Sheriff Randy Tucker

Also Present: County Administrator Greg Higginbotham Board Attorney Mike Espy Board Secretary/Chief Deputy Chancery Clerk Gena Permenter

Chancery Clerk Ronny Lott announced that the members of the Board present constituted a quorum and declared the meeting duly convened. Casey Brannon opened the meeting with a prayer and Will Sligh led the members and the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

### In re: Approval of Minutes from December 18, 2023

WHEREAS, Chancery Clerk Ronny Lott did present the Board with the Minutes of the previous meeting of the Board of Supervisors having been conducted on December 18, 2023,

Mr. Banks did offer and Mr. Steen did second a motion to approve the minutes of December 18, 2023 as presented and to authorize the Board President to execute same. The vote on the matter being as follows:

Supervisor Casey Brannon	Abstained
Supervisor Trey Baxter	Aye
Supervisor Gerald Steen	Aye
Supervisor Karl Banks	Aye
Supervisor Paul Griffin	Aye

the matter carried by the unanimous vote of those present and the minutes of December 18, 2023 were and are hereby approved.

SO ORDERED this the  $2^{nd}$  day of January, 2024.

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### *In re:* the Organizational Meeting of the Madison County Board of Supervisors and Electing a President and Vice President Thereof

WHEREAS, the Board is charged by law with conducting an organizational meeting of the Board at its first meeting of each new term to elect a President and a Vice President, and

WHEREAS, a new term did now commence and said Board did conduct such meeting,

Following discussion, Mr. Banks did offer and Mr. Griffin did second a motion to elect Mr. Gerald Steen as President of the Madison County Board of Supervisors for the first year of the current term. Prior to call of the motion, Mr. Brannon did offer and Mr. Baxter did second a substitute motion to elect Mr. Trey Baxter as President of the Madison County Board of Supervisors for the current year. The vote on the matter being as follows:

Supervisor Casey Brannon	Aye
Supervisor Trey Baxter	Aye
Supervisor Gerald Steen	No
Supervisor Karl Banks	No
Supervisor Paul Griffin	No

the matter failed for lack of a majority vote of the Board.

SO ORDERED this the  $2^{nd}$  day of January, 2024.

Thereafter, Chancery Clerk Ronny Lott called for a vote on the original motion by Mr. Banks and second by Mr. Griffin to elect Mr. Gerald Steen as President of the Madison County Board of Supervisors for the current year. The vote on the matter being as follows:

Supervisor Casey Brannon	No
Supervisor Trey Baxter	No
Supervisor Gerald Steen	Aye
Supervisor Karl Banks	Aye
Supervisor Paul Griffin	Aye

the matter carried by a majority vote (3-2) of the Board and Gerald Steen was and is hereby elected President of the Board.

SO ORDERED this the  $2^{nd}$  day of January, 2024.

### In re: Acknowledgment of Documentation

Mr. Steen did offer and Mr. Baxter did second a motion to acknowledge documentation submitted by Judith Fouladi, found in the Miscellaneous Appendix to these Minutes. The vote on the matter being as follows:

Supervisor Casey Brannon	Aye
Supervisor Trey Baxter	Aye
Supervisor Gerald Steen	Aye
Supervisor Karl Banks	Aye
Supervisor Paul Griffin	Aye

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

SO ORDERED this the  $2^{nd}$  day of January, 2024.

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#### In re: Election of Vice President

Mr. Griffin did offer and Mr. Steen did second a motion to elect Karl Banks as Vice President of the Madison County Board of Supervisors for the first year of the current term. The vote on the matter being as follows:

Supervisor Casey Brannon	Aye
Supervisor Trey Baxter	Aye
Supervisor Gerald Steen	Aye
Supervisor Karl Banks	Aye
Supervisor Paul Griffin	Aye

the matter carried unanimously and Karl Banks was and is hereby elected Vice President of the Board.

SO ORDERED this the  $2^{nd}$  day of January, 2024.

# *In re:* Approval of Bonds of Supervisors and Other Elected Officials

WHEREAS, the Chancery Clerk did announce his review and approval of the bond of each of the members of the Board pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 25-1-19(1), and

WHEREAS, the Chancery Clerk did announce his review of the bonds of other county officials as listed in that certain spreadsheet entitled "Madison County Elected Officials Bonds January 1, 2024," a true and correct copy of which is found in the Miscellaneous Appendix to these Minutes,

WHEREAS, the Chancery Clerk did find all of said bonds to be in the proper form, of sufficient surety, and in the appropriate amounts,

Mr. Banks did offer and Mr. Steen did second a motion to (1) acknowledge the Chancery Clerk's approval of the bonds of each supervisor and (2) approve the bonds of all other officials. The vote on the matter being as follows:

Supervisor Casey Brannon	Aye
Supervisor Trey Baxter	Aye
Supervisor Gerald Steen	Aye
Supervisor Karl Banks	Aye
Supervisor Paul Griffin	Aye

the matter carried unanimously and the Chancery Clerk's approval of the bonds of each member of the Board of Supervisors bonds was and is hereby approved and the bonds of those officials were and are hereby approved.

SO ORDERED this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2024.

## *In re:* Appointment of Statutory Officials for Madison County

Mr. Griffin did offer and Mr. Banks did second a motion to re-appoint the following statutory board appointments, with the exception of Board Attorney and State Aid/LSBP Engineer:

County Administrator - Greg Higginbotham County Engineer - Timothy Bryan

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Road Manager - Cornelius Bacon Board Secretary - Gena Permenter Comptroller - Na'Son White Emergency Management Director - Albert Jones, III Justice Court Clerk - Cheryl Horn IT Director - Duane Thompson HR Director - Loretta Phillips Veteran's Service Officer - Mendal Kemp Purchase Clerk - Kesha Jackson Receiving Clerk - Myrtis Hawkins, Clara Griffin, Eva Fields Abonie Robicheaux, Yahatta Johnson, Lee Ann Sanders Inventory Control Clerk - Jay Hilliard Planning & Zoning Director - Scott Weeks Buildings & Grounds Director - Drew Ridinger Country Patrol Officers - Seth Everett Country Patrol Officers - Larmey Travis County Fire Coordinator - Minor Norman

and, said spreadsheet containing same is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

The vote on the matter being as follows:

Supervisor Casey Brannon	Aye
Supervisor Trey Baxter	Aye
Supervisor Gerald Steen	Aye
Supervisor Karl M. Banks	Aye
Supervisor Paul Griffin	Aye

the matter carried unanimously and said statutory board appointments were and are hereby approved and re-appointed.

SO ORDERED this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2024.

# *In re:* Consideration of Board Attorney for Madison County

WHEREAS, Miss. Code Ann. §§ 19-3-47 and 19-3-69 as amended states that the Board of Supervisors may employ or appoint an attorney to serve as the attorney for the Board of Supervisors, and may contract with that attorney for additional services as needed, and

Following discussion, Mr. Brannon did offer and Mr. Baxter did second a motion to advertise for an RFQ for Board Attorney for the Madison County Board of Supervisors. The vote on the matter being as follows:

Supervisor Casey Brannon	Aye
Supervisor Trey Baxter	Aye
Supervisor Gerald Steen	No
Supervisor Karl M. Banks	No
Supervisor Paul Griffin	No

the matter failed for lack of a majority vote of the Board.

SO ORDERED this the  $2^{nd}$  day of January, 2024.

Thereafter, Mr. Griffin did offer and Mr. Banks did second a substitute motion to appoint Mike Espy as attorney for the Madison County Board of Supervisors. The vote on the matter being as

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Supervisor Casey Brannon	No
Supervisor Trey Baxter	No
Supervisor Gerald Steen	Aye
Supervisor Karl Banks	Aye
Supervisor Paul Griffin	Aye

the matter carried by a majority vote (3-2) of the Board and Mr. Mike Espy was and is hereby duly appointed as attorney for the Madison County Board of Supervisors.

SO ORDERED this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2024.

### *In re:* Consideration of State Aid Engineer for Madison County

Mr. Steen did offer a motion to appoint Jim Hust as State Aid Engineer for Madison County. The matter failed for lack of a second.

SO ORDERED this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2024.

Thereafter, Mr. Baxter did offer Mr. Banks did second a motion to appoint John McKee as State Aid Engineer for Madison County. The vote on the matter being as follows:

Supervisor Casey Brannon	Aye
Supervisor Trey Baxter	Aye
Supervisor Gerald Steen	Aye
Supervisor Karl M. Banks	Aye
Supervisor Paul Griffin	Aye

the matter carried unanimously and Mr. McKee was and is hereby appointed.

SO ORDERED this the  $2^{nd}$  day of January, 2024.

### *In re:* Discussion of Appointments to Various Boards and Committees

Mr. Steen did offer and Mr. Baxter did second a motion to remove Sheila Jones from the Metro Jackson Chamber of Commerce Board. The vote on the matter being as follows:

Supervisor Casey Brannon	Aye
Supervisor Trey Baxter	Aye
Supervisor Gerald Steen	Aye
Supervisor Karl M. Banks	Aye
Supervisor Paul Griffin	Aye

the matter carried unanimously and Ms. Jones was and is hereby removed.

SO ORDERED this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2024.

Thereafter, Mr. Steen did offer and Mr. Baxter did second a motion to reappoint Mr. John Pittman to the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District. The vote on the matter being as follows:

Supervisor Casey Brannon	Aye
Supervisor Trey Baxter	Aye

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Supervisor Gerald Steen	Aye
Supervisor Karl M. Banks	Aye
Supervisor Paul Griffin	Aye

the matter carried unanimously and Mr. Pittman was and is hereby reappointed.

SO ORDERED this the  $2^{nd}$  day of January, 2024.

Mr. Steen did offer and Mr. Baxter did second a motion to appoint Mr. Casey Brannon to the CMPDD - MPO Board. The vote on the matter being as follows:

Supervisor Casey Brannon	Aye
Supervisor Trey Baxter	Aye
Supervisor Gerald Steen	Aye
Supervisor Karl M. Banks	Aye
Supervisor Paul Griffin	Aye

the matter carried unanimously and Mr. Brannon was and is hereby appointed.

SO ORDERED this the  $2^{nd}$  day of January, 2024.

### In re: Adoption of Robert's Rules of Order

Mr. Baxter did offer and Mr. Griffin did second a motion to adopt Robert's Rules of Order as governing rules for all meetings of the Madison County Board of Supervisors. The vote on the matter being as follows:

Supervisor Casey Brannon	Aye
Supervisor Trey Baxter	Aye
Supervisor Gerald Steen	Aye
Supervisor Karl M. Banks	Aye
Supervisor Paul Griffin	Aye

the matter carried unanimously and Robert's Rules of Order were and are hereby adopted.

SO ORDERED this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2024.

### In re: Setting Schedule of Meeting Dates, Time and Place

Mr. Banks did offer and Mr. Griffin did second a motion to set and establish the following as the regular meeting schedule of the Board, commencing January 16, 2024:

Beginning January 16, 2024, the Madison County Board of Supervisors will meet on the following dates and times:

9:00 am First Monday of each Month

9:00 am Third Monday of each Month

When a third Monday falls on a legal holiday, the Board will meet at 9:00 am the following day.

However, the Board reserves the right to conduct additional recess and special

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The motion also directed the Chancery Clerk to post a notice of said meeting schedule in the appropriate places as required by law. The vote on the matter being as follows:

Supervisor Casey Brannon	Aye
Supervisor Trey Baxter	Aye
Supervisor Gerald Steen	Aye
Supervisor Karl Banks	Aye
Supervisor Paul Griffin	Aye

the matter carried unanimously and said schedule was and is hereby set and approved.

SO ORDERED this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2024.

#### In re: Approval of Consent Agenda Items

WHEREAS, the Board President did explain that any Supervisor could, in advance of the call of the question, request that any item be removed from the Consent Agenda, and

Mr. Brannon did request that item # 14 be pulled for further discussion, and

Mr. Steen did offer and Mr. Griffin did second a motion to take the following actions on the Consent Agenda:

- 7. HR Approve Personnel Matters (Attached as Exhibit B)
- 8. B&G Approve Use of Rogers Park Top Ladies of Distinction
- 9. CA Approval of State Holiday January 15, 2024 and Authorize Closing of County Offices
- 10. CA Approve Use of Boardroom on Thursday, January 18, 2024 for Madison County Chamber of Commerce-Leadership Madison County
- 11. CA Approve Travel and Related Expenses for the Mississippi Justice Court Clerks Convention / Horn, Taylor & Hollins / Natchez, MS / February 7-9, 2024
- 12. CA Acknowledge Statutory Pay Increase-Circuit Clerk
- 13. CA Acknowledge Statutory Pay Increase-Tax Assessor and Tax Collector
- **15.** CA Approve P&Z Attorney Contract (Attached as Exhibit C)
- 16. COMP Approve Constable Report December 2023
- 17. COMP Declare Property as Surplus and Authorize Disposal
- ChCrt Approve Chancery Court Business Information Systems (BIS Digital) Service & Support Renewal Contract and Authorize Payment (Attached as Exhibit D)
- **19.** CirClk Approve Fee for Attending Court in December (Attached as Exhibit E)

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- 20. CountyCrt Approve Advantage Software License Renewal and Authorize Payment of the Same - Court Reporters Lisha Edwards & Laurie Abraham (Attached as Exhibit F)
- 21. ENG Approve AT&T Utility Permit Livingston Vernon Road
- 22. RD Approve December 2023 Closed Call Analysis
- 23. RD Approve December 2023 Monthly Report
- 24. RD Approve January 2024 Culvert Requests
- 25. RD Approve January 2024 Service Call Schedule
- 26. SO Approve Travel and Related Expenses for 2024 North American Sniper Conference / Lt. Scott McDonald / Tuscaloosa, AL / April 1-5, 2024
- 27. TA Approve 2023 Real Property Decreases

#### 28. TA - Approve 2023 Amended Homestead

The vote on the matter being as follows:

Supervisor Casey Brannon	Aye
Supervisor Trey Baxter	Aye
Supervisor Gerald Steen	Aye
Supervisor Karl Banks	Aye
Supervisor Paul Griffin	Aye

the matter carried by the unanimous vote of those present and each item was and is hereby approved, adopted and authorized as described herein above.

SO ORDERED this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2024.

### In re: Approval of County Attorney Contract

Following discussion, Mr. Brannon did offer and Mr. Baxter did second a motion to table consideration of the contract of Mike Espy as Board Attorney and request an RFQ. Prior to call of the motion, Mr. Griffin did offer and Mr. Banks did second a substitute motion to approve the contract of Mike Espy and Mike Espy, PLLC, attached as **Exhibit G** and authorize Board President to execute the same. The vote on the matter being as follows:

Supervisor Casey Brannon	No
Supervisor Trey Baxter	No
Supervisor Gerald Steen	Aye
Supervisor Karl Banks	Aye
Supervisor Paul Griffin	Aye

the matter carried by a majority vote (3-2) of the Board and said contract of Mike Espy, Esq, and Mike Espy, PLLC was and is hereby approved as attorney for the Madison County Board of Supervisors and Board President was and is hereby authorized.

SO ORDERED this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2024.

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# *In re:* Approval of Capitol Resources, LLC Engagement Letter

Mr. Steen did offer and Mr. Banks did second a motion to hire Capitol Resources, LLC to provide government relations and lobbying services for the Madison County Board of Supervisors, approve the engagement letter, attached as **Exhibit H**, and authorize Board President to execute the same. The vote on the matter being as follows:

Supervisor Casey Brannon	No
Supervisor Trey Baxter	No
Supervisor Gerald Steen	Aye
Supervisor Karl Banks	Aye
Supervisor Paul Griffin	Aye

the matter carried by a majority vote (3-2) of the Board and Capitol Resources, LLC was and is hereby hired said engagement letter was and is hereby approved and Board President was and is hereby authorized.

SO ORDERED this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2024.

# *In re:* Re-Appointment to Madison County Megasite Fire District Board

Mr. Banks did offer and Mr. Griffin did second a motion to reappoint Mr. Andrew Hughes to the Madison County Megasite Fire District Board. The vote on the matter being as follows:

Supervisor Casey Brannon	Aye
Supervisor Trey Baxter	Aye
Supervisor Gerald Steen	Aye
Supervisor Karl Banks	Aye
Supervisor Paul Griffin	Aye

the matter carried unanimously and Mr. Andrew Hughes was and is hereby re-appointed.

SO ORDERED this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2024.

### *In re:* Approval of Request for Property Tax Exemption - Walnut Hill M.B. Church

Mr. Griffin did offer and Mr. Banks did second a motion to approve the request of Walnut Hill M.B. Church for property tax exemption for the year beginning January 1, 2023 for Parcel Number 105A-11-007/01.00 located on Permenter Road for use as a church. The vote on the matter being as follows:

Supervisor Casey Brannon	Aye
Supervisor Trey Baxter	Aye
Supervisor Gerald Steen	Aye
Supervisor Karl Banks	Aye
Supervisor Paul Griffin	Aye

the matter carried unanimously and said request for property tax exemption was and is hereby approved.

SO ORDERED this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2024.

### In re: Authorization to Reject Bids

At the request of Buildings and Grounds Director Drew Ridinger, Mr. Steen did offer and Mr. Banks did second a motion to reject all bids received for the Madison County Board Room Renovation Project, a copy of said bid tabulation found in the Miscellaneous Appendix to these Minutes, and authorize re-advertising for said project. The vote on the matter being as follows:

Supervisor Casey Brannon	Aye
Supervisor Trey Baxter	Aye
Supervisor Gerald Steen	Aye
Supervisor Karl Banks	Aye
Supervisor Paul Griffin	Aye

the matter carried unanimously and said bids were and are hereby rejected and said re-advertising was and is hereby authorized.

SO ORDERED this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2024.

## *In re:* Consideration of Stribling Road Traffic Analysis

Following discussion, Mr. Brannon did offer and Mr. Baxter did second a motion to table the Stribling Road Traffic Analysis until the January 16, 2024 meeting to allow Mr. Kiser to remove zoning verbiage related to Stribling Market. The vote on the matter being as follows:

Supervisor Casey Brannon	Aye
Supervisor Trey Baxter	Aye
Supervisor Gerald Steen	Aye
Supervisor Karl Banks	Recused <sup>1</sup>
Supervisor Paul Griffin	Aye

the matter carried by the unanimous vote of those present and said Stribling Road Traffic Analysis was and is hereby tabled until the January 16, 2024 meeting.

SO ORDERED this the  $2^{nd}$  day of January, 2024.

# *In re:* Acknowledgment of Stribling Road Pavement Investigation

Mr. Steen did offer and Mr. Griffin did second a motion to acknowledge the Stribling Road Pavement Investigation Report of Terracon, found in the Miscellaneous Appendix to these Minutes. The vote on the matter being as follows:

Supervisor Casey Brannon	Aye
Supervisor Trey Baxter	Aye
Supervisor Gerald Steen	Aye
Supervisor Karl Banks	Recused <sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Prior to consideration of this item of business, Mr. Banks recused himself from the meeting, departed the meeting room and did not participate in discussion of deliberation of this matter whatsoever.

<sup>2</sup>Prior to consideration of this item of business, Mr. Banks recused himself from the meeting, departed the meeting room and did not participate in discussion of deliberation of this matter whatsoever.

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Aye

the matter carried by the unanimous vote of those present and said Stribling Road Pavement Investigation Report was and is hereby acknowledged.

SO ORDERED this the  $2^{nd}$  day of January, 2024.

### *In re:* Adoption of Revised Heavy Haul Permit

At the request and recommendation of County Engineer Tim Bryan, Mr. Steen did offer and Mr. Griffin did second a motion to adopt a Revised Heavy Haul Permit application form. The vote on the matter being as follows:

Supervisor Casey Brannon	Aye
Supervisor Trey Baxter	Aye
Supervisor Gerald Steen	Aye
Supervisor Karl Banks	Aye
Supervisor Paul Griffin	Aye

the matter carried unanimously and said revised heavy haul permit form was and is hereby adopted.

SO ORDERED this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2024.

### *In re:* Acknowledgment of Heavy Haul Permit & Receipt of Escrow Funds - Deer Ridge Road

At the request and recommendation of County Engineer Tim Bryan, Mr. Steen did offer and Mr. Griffin did second a motion to acknowledge the heavy haul permit of Black River Timber related to Deer Ridge Road, acknowledge receipt of escrow funds in the amount of \$15,000.00 from Black River Timber pursuant to the Escrow Agreement, attached as **Exhibit I**, and authorize Board President to execute the same. The vote on the matter being as follows:

Supervisor Casey Brannon	Aye
Supervisor Trey Baxter	Aye
Supervisor Gerald Steen	Aye
Supervisor Karl Banks	Aye
Supervisor Paul Griffin	Aye

the matter carried unanimously and said heavy haul permit was and is hereby acknowledged, said escrow funds were and are hereby acknowledged and Board President was and is hereby authorized.

SO ORDERED this the  $2^{nd}$  day of January, 2024.

### *In re:* Approval to Purchase Motorola Dispatch Console System

At the request of EMA Director Albert Jones, Mr. Banks did offer and Mr. Griffin did second a motion to approve the purchase of a Motorola MCC7500e IP Dispatch Console System at a cost of \$392,251.00. The vote on the matter being as follows:

Supervisor Casey Brannon

Aye

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

the matter carried unanimously and said purchase was and is hereby approved.

SO ORDERED this the  $2^{nd}$  day of January, 2024.

## *In re:* Acknowledge Planning and Zoning Commission Minutes

At the request of Zoning Administrator Scott Weeks, Mr. Banks did offer and Mr. Griffin did second a motion to acknowledge the Planning and Zoning Commission draft minutes of December 14, 2023. The vote on the matter being as follows:

Supervisor Casey Brannon	Aye
Supervisor Trey Baxter	Aye
Supervisor Gerald Steen	Aye
Supervisor Karl Banks	Aye
Supervisor Paul Griffin	Aye

the matter carried unanimously and said Planning and Zoning minutes were and are hereby acknowledged.

SO ORDERED this the  $2^{nd}$  day of January, 2024.

## *In re:* Approval of Zoning Matter Site Plan

At the request of Zoning Administrator Scott Weeks and being approved by the Planning Commission, Mr. Griffin did offer and Mr. Banks did second a motion to approve the site plan submitted by Rashad Smith for construction of an event venue at the southwest corner of Old Highway 16 and Sharon Road. The vote on the matter being as follows:

Supervisor Casey Brannon	Aye
Supervisor Trey Baxter	Aye
Supervisor Gerald Steen	Aye
Supervisor Karl Banks	Aye
Supervisor Paul Griffin	Aye

the matter carried unanimously and said site plan was and is hereby approved.

SO ORDERED this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2024.

#### In re: Authorization of Board Attorney

Mr. Griffin did offer and Mr. Banks did second a motion to authorize and direct the Board Attorney, Waggoner Engineering, along with Capitol Resources to work towards obtaining further funding needed for the Broadband Project. The vote on the matter being as follows:

Supervisor Casey Brannon	Aye
Supervisor Trey Baxter	Aye
Supervisor Gerald Steen	Aye

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Supervisor Karl Banks	Aye
Supervisor Paul Griffin	Aye

the matter carried unanimously and Board Attorney, Waggoneer Engineering, and Capitol Resources, LLC were and are hereby authorized and directed.

SO ORDERED this the  $2^{nd}$  day of January, 2024.

# *In re:* Acknowledgment of Lack of Report from Tax Collector

At the request and recommendation of County Administrator Greg Higginbotham, Mr. Griffin did offer and Mr. Banks did second a motion to acknowledge the lack of receipt of a final report of uncollected taxes from the previous Tax Collector Kay Pace, said report being required of every tax collector at the expiration of their term of office pursuant to MS Code 27-29-31. The vote on the matter being as follows:

Supervisor Casey Brannon	Aye
Supervisor Trey Baxter	Aye
Supervisor Gerald Steen	Aye
Supervisor Karl Banks	Aye
Supervisor Paul Griffin	Aye

the matter carried unanimously and the lack of said report was and is hereby acknowledged.

SO ORDERED this the  $2^{nd}$  day of January, 2024.

# *In re:* Approval of Budget Amendments & Interfund Cash Transfers

At the request and recommendation of Comptroller Na'Son White, Mr. Steen did offer and Mr. Banks did second a motion to approve the Madison County Budget Amendments & Interfund Cash Transfers, attached as **Exhibit J**. The vote on the matter being as follows:

Supervisor Casey Brannon	Aye
Supervisor Trey Baxter	Aye
Supervisor Gerald Steen	Aye
Supervisor Karl Banks	Aye
Supervisor Paul Griffin	Aye

the matter carried by the unanimous vote of those present and said budget amendments and interfund cash transfers were and are hereby approved.

SO ORDERED this the  $2^{nd}$  day of January, 2024.

# *In re:* Approval of Claims Docket & Payroll Dockets 1 - 2

At the request and recommendation of Comptroller Na'Son White, assuring the Board of Supervisors that all claims had been properly documented and where necessary, purchase orders were obtained in advance as required by law, Mr. Banks did offer and Mr. Griffin did second a motion to approve the following:

(1) General Claims Docket

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- (2) Payroll Docket 1 December 20, 2023
- (3) Payroll Docket 2 December 21, 2023

WHEREAS, the following is a summary of all claims and funds from which said claims are to be paid relative to the primary claims docket:

Fund	Claim Nos.	No. of Claims	Amount
001	1080 to 1128	49	382,891.54
012	32 to 35	4	22,008.33
015	19 to 23	5	448,651.52
030	13 to 13	1	1,531.00
095	5 to 5	1	21,822.22
097	32 to 32	1	3,467.00
105	25 to 27	3	224,397.93
114	3 to 3	1	12.00
115	44 to 45	2	7,472.73
116	1 to 1	1	4,135.68
117	1 to 1	1	355.22
119	1 to 1	1	303.29
121	1 to 1	1	67.64
122	1 to 1	1	355.11
125	4 to 4	1	3,000.00
137	5 to 5	1	9,749.46
150	179 to 182	4	10,051.59
160	28 to 29	2	37,461.00
190	20 to 20	1	53.09
191	38 to 38	1	212.36
194	21 to 21	1	159.27
681	35 to 35	1	3,265.29
690	3 to 3	1	24,960.53
691	3 to 3	1	37,144.50
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	TOTAL ALL FUNDS	86	1,243,528.30

and further directed the Chancery Clerk to publish the Summary of Claims as required by law and approve the Claims Docket approving payment of said claims, found in the Miscellaneous Appendix to these Minutes. The vote on the matter being as follows:

Supervisor Casey Brannon	Aye
Supervisor Trey Baxter	Aye
Supervisor Gerald Steen	Aye
Supervisor Karl Banks	Aye
Supervisor Paul Griffin	Aye

the matter carried by the unanimous vote of those present, and said General Claims Docket and Payroll Dockets 1-2 were and are hereby approved and the Chancery Clerk was and is instructed to issue pay warrants accordingly.

SO ORDERED this the  $2^{nd}$  day of January, 2024.

### In re: Approval of Claims of Fleetcor Technologies

At the request and recommendation of Comptroller Na'Son White, Mr. Griffin did offer and Mr. Banks did second a motion to approve a supplemental claims dockets dated December 29, 2023 containing the claims of Fleetcor Technologies and direct that invoice numbers should be attached to each claim listed on the supplemental docket and direct the Chancery Clerk to include said claims in the Summary of Claims to be published as required by law, found in the Miscellaneous Appendix to these Minutes. The vote on the matter being as follows:

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Supervisor Casey Brannon	Aye
Supervisor Trey Baxter	Aye
Supervisor Gerald Steen	Recused <sup>3</sup>
Supervisor Karl Banks	Aye
Supervisor Paul Griffin	Aye

the matter carried by the unanimous vote of those present and said Held Claims were and are hereby approved and the Chancery Clerk was and is instructed to issue pay warrants accordingly.

SO ORDERED this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2024.

#### In re: Appointment of County Fire Investigator

At the request and recommendation of Sheriff Randy Tucker, Mr. Baxter did offer and Mr. Banks did second a motion to appoint Deputy Sheriff Barry Chandler as County Fire Investigator. The vote on the matter being as follows:

Supervisor Casey Brannon	Aye
Supervisor Trey Baxter	Aye
Supervisor Gerald Steen	Aye
Supervisor Karl Banks	Aye
Supervisor Paul Griffin	Aye

the matter carried unanimously and Deputy Sheriff Barry Chandler was and is hereby appointed.

SO ORDERED this the  $2^{nd}$  day of January, 2024.

## *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 economic development. Following discussion and pursuant to the terms of Miss. Code Ann. § 25-41-7, as amended, Mr. Banks did offer and Mr. Steen 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 economic development, 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 Gena Permenter, County Administrator Greg Higginbotham, Board Attorney Mike Espy, Zoning Administrator Scott Weeks, Zoning Attorney Andy Clark, Comptroller Na'Son White, MCEDA Director Joey Deason, Larkin Simpson, and Sheriff Randy Tucker. The vote on the matter being as follows:

Supervisor Casey Brannon	Aye
Supervisor Trey Baxter	Aye
Supervisor Gerald Steen	Aye
Supervisor Karl Banks	Aye
Supervisor Paul Griffin	Aye

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Prior to consideration of this item of business, Mr. Steen recused himself from the meeting, departed the meeting room and did not participate in discussion of deliberation of this matter whatsoever.

### SO ORDERED this the $2^{nd}$ day of January, 2024.

#### 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. Steen did offer and Mr. Banks did second a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss economic development. The vote on the matter being as follows:

Supervisor Casey Brannon	Aye
Supervisor Trey Baxter	Aye
Supervisor Gerald Steen	Aye
Supervisor Karl Banks	Aye
Supervisor Paul Griffin	Aye

the matter carried unanimously and Board President 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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2024. Thereafter, Mr. Banks did offer and Mr. Griffin did second a motion to adjourn the Executive Session and announce to the public that no action was taken therein. The vote on the matter being as follows:

Supervisor Casey Brannon	Aye
Supervisor Trey Baxter	Aye
Supervisor Gerald Steen	Aye
Supervisor Karl Banks	Aye
Supervisor Paul Griffin	Aye

the matter carried by the unanimous vote of those present and the Board President declared Executive Session adjourned and the Chancery Clerk did announce that no action was taken during Executive Session.

SO ORDERED this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2024.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS to come before the Board of Supervisors of Madison County, Mississippi, upon motion duly made by Supervisor Banks and seconded by Supervisor Griffin and approved by the unanimous vote of those present, the January 2, 2024 meeting of the Board of Supervisors was adjourned until January 16, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

Gerald Steen, President Madison County Board of Supervisors

Date signed: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

Ronny Lott, Chancery Clerk

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