

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

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF JANUARY 26, 2024
Adjourned from a meeting conducted JANUARY 18, 2024

BE IT REMEMBERED that the special called meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Madison County, Mississippi was duly convened, held and conducted on January 26, 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 President of the Board, Gerald Steen presided and called the meeting to order. The following members were present that day:

Present:
Supervisor Karl Banks
Supervisor Gerald Steen
Supervisor Paul Griffin
Chief Deputy Sheriff Jeremy Williams

Absent:
Supervisor Casey Brannon
Supervisor Trey Baxter

Also Present:
County Administrator Greg Higginbotham
Board Attorney Mike Espy
Andy Clark, Esq.
Board Secretary/Chief Deputy Chancery Clerk Gena Permenter

The President of the Board announced that the members of the Board present constituted a quorum and declared the meeting duly convened. Gerald Steen 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: Acknowledgment of Meeting Notice

Mr. Banks did offer and Mr. Steen did second a motion to acknowledge the notice of special meeting, attached as **Exhibit A**. The vote on the matter being as follows:

Supervisor Casey Brannon	Absent
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 members present and said notice was and is hereby acknowledged.

SO ORDERED this the 26th day of January, 2024.

***In re: Approval of Broadband Project/
BEAM Grant Award***

Mr. Banks did offer and Mr. Griffin did second a motion to authorize Board Attorney to work in conjunction with Supervisor Banks and Supervisor Griffin to expedite site plan approval from the City of Canton Planning and Zoning Commission, City of Canton Mayor Truly and Board of Aldermen related to the Comcast Cabinet Site Plan in connection with the Broadband Project. The vote on the matter being as follows:

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Supervisor Casey Brannon	Absent
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 members present and Board Attorney was and is hereby authorized.

SO ORDERED this the 26th day of January, 2024.

In re: Approval of Resolution of Intent for Statutory Salary Increase

Mr. Griffin did offer and Mr. Steen did second a motion to approve a Resolution of Intent for Statutory Salary Increase for the Madison County Board of Supervisors, attached as **Exhibit B**, and authorize Board President to execute the same. The vote on the matter being as follows:

Supervisor Casey Brannon	Absent
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 members present and said Resolution was and is hereby approved and Board President was and is hereby authorized.

SO ORDERED this the 26th day of January, 2024.

In re: Approval to Re-Engage Dean Architecture on Design of Tax Building

Mr. Griffin did offer and Mr. Banks did second a motion to re-engage Dean Architecture, P.A. on the design of the Tax Collector/Tax Assessor Building in Madison related to possibly separating the two offices to allow for additional space in light of the continued growth in Madison County. The vote on the matter being as follows:

Supervisor Casey Brannon	Absent
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 members present and Dean Architecture, P.A. was and is hereby authorized.

SO ORDERED this the 26th 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.

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Following discussion and pursuant to the terms of Miss. Code Ann. § 25-41-7, as amended, Mr. Banks did offer and Mr. Griffin 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 economic development, with the following persons deemed necessary for Board discussions, deliberations, and recording of such Executive Session, to wit: members of the Board, Andy Clark, Esq. on behalf of Chancery Clerk Ronny Lott, Board Secretary/Chief Deputy Chancery Clerk Gena Permenter, County Administrator Greg Higginbotham, County Engineer Tim Bryan, Tax Assessor Norman Cannady, Comptroller Na'Son White, Board Attorney Mike Espy, Skip Jernigan, Esq., Chris Pace, Esq., MCEDA Director Joey Deason, Larkin Simpson, and Chief Deputy Sheriff Jeremy Williams. The vote on the matter being as follows:

Supervisor Casey Brannon	Absent
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 members present and the Board took up the matter of entering into Executive Session.

SO ORDERED this the 26th 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. Banks did offer and Mr. Griffin did second a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss economic development. The vote on the matter being as follows:

Supervisor Casey Brannon	Absent
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 Board President declared the Board to be in Executive Session for the consideration of such matters and Andy Clark, Esq. announced to the public the purpose for the Executive Session.

SO ORDERED this the 26th day of January, 2024.

Thereafter, Mr. Banks did offer and Mr. Steen 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	Absent
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 the Board President declared Executive Session adjourned and Andy Clark, Esq. did announce that no action was taken during Executive Session.

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SO ORDERED this the 26th 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 Steen and seconded by Supervisor Griffin and approved by the unanimous vote of those present, the January 26, 2024 meeting of the Board of Supervisors was adjourned until February 1, 2024 at 10:30 a.m.

Gerald Steen, President
Madison County Board of Supervisors

Date signed: _____

ATTEST:

Ronny Lott, Chancery Clerk

President's Initials: _____
Date Signed: _____

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