

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

BUDGET HEARINGS OF JULY 30, 2024
Recessed from a meeting conducted on July 15, 2024

BE IT REMEMBERED that the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Madison County, Mississippi was duly convened, held and conducted on July 30, 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, Karl M. Banks presided and called the meeting to order. The following members were present that day:

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

Absent:

Also Present:

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

The Board President 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: Approval of Engineering Proposal for
Design Services - Stokes Road/Highway 22***

Mr. Banks did offer and Mr. Baxter did second a motion to approve the Engineering Proposal Agreement for Design Services between Madison County and McMaster and Associates, Inc., attached as **Exhibit A**, for the Livingston-Vernon Road and Cedar Hill Road Highway 22 Intersection Re-Alignment Project, 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 proposal agreement was and is hereby approved and Board President was and is hereby authorized.

SO ORDERED this the 30th day of July, 2024.

President's Initials: _____

Date Signed: _____

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In re: Discussion of Budget Requests

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors did hear from various Elected Officials and Department Heads presenting their budget request for the 2024-2025 upcoming budget. No action was taken.

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 personnel matters,

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 discussing personnel matters, 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, 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.

SO ORDERED this the 30th day of July, 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 personnel matters. 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 Ronny Lott announced to the public the purpose for the Executive Session.

SO ORDERED this the 30th day of July, 2024.

During Executive Session related to personnel matters, Mr. Griffin did offer and Mr. Banks did second a motion to demand employee reimbursement of six hours to the County Treasurer and a

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one day suspension for said employee. The vote on the matter being as follows:

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

the matter carried by a majority vote (4-1) of the Board and said employee reimbursement and suspension was and is hereby demanded.

SO ORDERED this the 30th day of July, 2024.

Thereafter, Mr. Banks did offer and Mr. Griffin 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 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 President declared Executive Session adjourned and Ronny Lott did announce the action taken during Executive Session.

SO ORDERED this the 30th day of July, 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 Steen and approved by the unanimous vote of those present, the July 30, 2024 meeting of the Board of Supervisors was adjourned until Monday, August 5, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

Gerald Steen, President
Madison County Board of Supervisors

Date signed: _____

ATTEST:

Ronny Lott, Chancery Clerk

President's Initials: _____

Date Signed: _____