## EMERGENCY DECLARATION COURTROOM AND OFFICE SPACE IN 1855 COURTHOUSE FOR CHANCERY COURT

WHEREAS, pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. Section 9-5-38, Madison County shall have a third Chancellor effective January 1, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Madison County Chancery Courthouse currently houses only two courtrooms and office space to accommodate only two Chancellors and their staff; and

WHEREAS, Madison County shall use the old courtroom and offices located in the 1855 Courthouse as the third courtroom and office space for Madison County Chancery Court; and

WHEREAS, advertised and board-awarded restoration work on the exterior of the 1855 Courthouse to prevent water penetration and on the interior to restore water-damaged areas has been ongoing for over six months and is nearing completion; and

WHEREAS, the old courtroom of the 1855 Courthouse is an empty shell without necessary furnishings and equipment, and the Courthouse's office space lacks suitable furnishings and equipment; and

WHEREAS, Madison County Chancellor Cynthia Brewer has issued an Order "that Madison County shall provide and furnish a courtroom and office space for the Chancellor and support staff by January 1, 2016" (copy attached); and

WHEREAS, November 2<sup>nd</sup> is only two months from the deadline mandated by the aforementioned Order, and the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays are parts of said two-month period, which reduces the work days and delivery days of potential vendors; and

WHEREAS, the immediate restoration of the courtroom of the 1855 Courthouse to a condition of usefulness is advisable; and

NOW THEREFORE, the Madison County Board of Supervisors, acting under court order and the emergency powers granted to it by Section 31-17-13 (i) of the Miss. Code of 1972 Ann., does hereby on this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November 2015 declare that an emergency exists in regard to providing and furnishing a suitable courtroom and office space for the Chancellor and support staff by January 1, 2016, and the Board does hereby authorize the purchase clerk to issue all needed purchase orders for same without securing multiple quotes or advertising for bids. The

Board further orders that all such purchase orders and supporting documentation be presented to
the Board at its next meeting following issuance of same for inclusion in the minutes.

SO ORDERED on this the 2 <sup>nd</sup> day of November 2	015.
Karl M. Banks, President	
Madison County Board of Supervisors	
ATTEST:	
Ronnie Lott, Clerk	
Madison County Board of Supervisors	

## IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN RE: ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS OF THE CHANCERY COURT

CAUSE NO.: 2010-9000

## **ORDER**

Pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. §9-5-38, Madison County Chancery Court shall have a third Chancellor effective January 1, 2016. Given that the Chancery Courthouse currently houses only two courtrooms and office space to accommodate only two Chancellors and their staff, the Court hereby finds a need to timely provide and furnish a suitable courtroom and office space for the Chancellor and support staff.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Madison County shall provide and furnish a courtroom and office space for the Chancellor and support staff by January 1, 2016.

SO ORDERED AND ADJUDGED this the

day of October 2015.

CHANCELLOR

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RONNY LOTT, CHANCERY CLERK