

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

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF JANUARY 13, 2025
Adjourned from a meeting conducted JANUARY 6, 2025

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 13, 2025, 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 Casey Brannon
Supervisor Karl Banks
Supervisor Gerald Steen
Chief Deputy Sheriff Jeremy Williams

Absent:
Supervisor Trey Baxter
Supervisor Paul Griffin

Also Present:
County Administrator Greg Higginbotham
Board Attorney Mike Espy
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 led the members and the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

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.

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 litigation, 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, Comptroller Na’Son White, Alan Purdie, Esq., Matthew Wade Gilmer, and Chief Deputy Sheriff Jeremy Williams. The vote on the matter being as follows:

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

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 13th day of January, 2025.

President’s Initials: _____

Date Signed: _____

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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. Brannon did second a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss litigation. The vote on the matter being as follows:

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

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 Ronny Lott announced to the public the purpose for the Executive Session.

SO ORDERED this the 13th day of January, 2025.

During Executive Session, the Mr. Banks did offer and Mr. Baxter did second a motion to authorize a settlement of claims in litigation in the Special Court of Eminent Domain of Madison County for a sum certain. The vote on the matter being as follows:

Supervisor Casey Brannon	Aye
Supervisor Trey Baxter	Aye ¹
Supervisor Gerald Steen	Aye
Supervisor Karl Banks	Aye
Supervisor Paul Griffin	Absent

the matter carried by the unanimous vote of those present and said settlement was and is hereby authorized.

SO ORDERED this the 13th day of January, 2025.

Thereafter, Mr. Banks did offer and Mr. Steen 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	Absent
Supervisor Gerald Steen	Aye
Supervisor Karl Banks	Aye
Supervisor Paul Griffin	Absent

the matter carried by the unanimous vote of those present and the Board President declared Executive Session adjourned and Ronny Lott did announce the action taken during Executive Session.

SO ORDERED this the 13th day of January, 2025.

In re: Acknowledgment of Meeting Notice

Mr. Steen did offer and Mr. Banks did second a motion to acknowledge the notice of special

¹Mr. Baxter participated in this matter via telephone.

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Date Signed: _____

meeting, attached as **Exhibit A**. The vote on the matter being as follows:

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

the matter carried by the unanimous vote of those members present and said notice was and is hereby acknowledged.

SO ORDERED this the 13th day of January, 2025.

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 Brannon and approved by the unanimous vote of those present, the January 13, 2025 meeting of the Board of Supervisors was adjourned until January 21, 2025 at 9:0 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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