

**Minutes of  
Clay County Board of Supervisors  
Meeting Held Thursday, April 25, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.**

**BE IT REMEMBERED** a regular meeting of the Clay County Board of Supervisors was held at the Clay County Courthouse, West Point, Mississippi, on Thursday, April 25, 2024.

**PRESENT:**

Lynn D. Horton, Supervisor District 1  
Daryl Thomas, Supervisor District 2  
Melvin Raines, Supervisor District 4

Eddie Scott, Clay County Sheriff  
LaFrance H. Boyd, Clay County Chancery Clerk  
Angela Turner Ford, Board Attorney

County Residents

The following proceedings were had:

**CALL TO ORDER/INVOCATION**

The meeting was called to order by Sheriff Scott, with the welcome being given by Supervisor Horton. Mr. Bruff Sanders provided the invocation.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Supervisor Thomas moved to adopt the agenda as prepared. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Raines.

(Exhibit "A" - Agenda).

**AMENDMENT OF AGENDA**

Supervisor Thomas moved to call for amendment of the agenda. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Raines.

**AMENDMENTS ANNOUNCED**

Amendments announced were matters to be presented by Ms. Natalie Ray of the Clay County Extension Office, Sheriff Scott and a personnel matter to be presented by Supervisor Horton.

## GOLDEN TRIANGLE DEVELOPMENT LINK

Mr. Joe Higgins of the Golden Triangle Development Link appeared before the Board to requested an increase in the County's contribution to the Link for economic development services. The County's original contract with the Golden Triangle Link was entered into in 2014.

Supervisor Thomas moved the matter be tabled for further discussion. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Raines.

## CLAY COUNTY EXTENSION SERVICE AGREEMENT

Following a discussion of a proposed contract for shared services with Chickasaw County, Supervisor Raines moved to table renewal of Extension Service Agreement. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Raines.

(Exhibit "B")

## VETERANS' SERVICE OFFICER REPORT

Supervisor Thomas moved to accept the written report presented by Ms. Annie Hines-Good, Clay County Veterans' Service Officer. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Raines.

(Exhibit "C").

## STATE AID ROAD MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

Supervisor Thomas moved to authorize and approve State Aid Road Maintenance Order and other Program Documents for Project No. SAP-13(14)M as presented by Mr. John Freeman, County Engineer. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Raines.

(Exhibit "D").

## REQUEST OF WEST POINT ANIMAL SHELTER

Although on the agenda, this matter was not addressed by the Board as there was no one in attendance to advance the request.

## PROCLAMATION FOR PRAIRIE OPPORTUNITY, INC. DAY

Supervisor Thomas moved the Board have prepared Proclamation recognizing Prairie Opportunity Community Action Day as requested by Ms. Wendy Fuller. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Raines.

(Exhibit “E”).

#### EXCESS FUNDS COLLECTED BY CIRCUIT CLERK

Supervisor Thomas moved to authorize and approve the collection of excess funds by Circuit Clerk, Ms. Kim Hood, in the amount of \$1,781.18 for the Year 2023. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Raines.

(Exhibit “F”).

#### TRANSFER OF FIXED ASSETS - TABLED

Supervisor Thomas moved to table the transfer of Fixed Asset #BG530, 2012 Dodge Ram 3500, VIN#0618 to District One (1) and Fixed Asset #D3-135, 2012 GMC Pickup, VIN#0225 from District Three (3) to Building Maintenance and Ground. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Raines.

#### COPS GRANT APPLICATION

Supervisor Thomas moved to authorize and approve the Sheriff, with the assistance of the Horn Group, submit an application for a COPS Grant in the amount of \$69,000.00 for tasers. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Raines.

(Exhibit “G”).

#### ADJUSTMENT OF COSTS FOR ROADHOUSE ORDINANCE PERMITS

Supervisor Raines moved to adjust the costs of permits for disc jockeys and promoters to \$50.00. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Thomas.

(Exhibit “H”).

#### INSTALLATION OF EQUIPMENT BY INTEGRATED SOLUTIONS

Supervisor Raines moved to authorize and approve installation of equipment on new Sheriff’s vehicles by Integrated Solutions of Tupelo, Mississippi, in the amount of \$3,088.50. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Thomas.

(Exhibit “I”).

#### QUOTES FOR ROOFING SERVICES

Supervisor Raines moved to accept and approve the quote of Redwood Roofing in the amount of \$18,559.62 for roofing repairs. Although the quote of Redwood Roofing was not the lowest, based on the amount of work required and knowledge of prior roofing projects, it was the finding of the Board the quote of Redwood Roofing was the best of the three quotes presented.

(Exhibit "J").

#### DESIGNATION OF UNMARKED VEHICLES

Supervisor Raines moved to authorize and approve two vehicles, VIN #2533 and #0962, be classified as unmarked vehicles to be used by the Clay County Sheriff's Office. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Thomas.

(Exhibit "K").

#### TAX EXEMPTION CERTIFICATION OF FABRICATOR'S SUPPLY

Supervisor Thomas moved to spread on the minutes Tax Exemption Certification on real and personal property for Fabricators Supply, LLC as per Mississippi Department of Revenue (MDOR). The motion was seconded by Supervisor Raines.

(Exhibit "L").

#### TRAVEL REQUEST - CONSTABLE

Supervisor Raines moved to authorize and approve travel request of Constable Sherman Ivy to attend MCA Board Meeting in Gulfport, Mississippi, April 26 - April 27, 2024. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Thomas.

(Exhibit "M").

#### TRAVEL REQUEST - CORONER

Supervisor Raines moved to authorize and approve County Coroner, Mr. Alvin Carter, Jr., and Deputy Coroner, Mr. Tim Doss, to travel to Biloxi, Mississippi, June 25 - June 28, 2024, to attend MSCMEA Summer Conference. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Thomas.

(Exhibit "N").

#### INVOICE OF GOLDEN TRIANGLE DEVELOPMENT LINK

Supervisor Raines moved to authorize and approve to pay invoice of Golden Triangle Development Link in the amount of \$3,650.02 for economic development services. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Thomas.

(Exhibit "O").

## JUSTICE COURT SETTLEMENTS FOR MARCH 2024

Supervisor Raines moved to authorize and approve Justice Court Settlements for March 2024 in the amounts of \$59,874.15 for criminal collections and \$8,324.00 for civil collections.

(Exhibit "P").

## DEBT SERVICES PAYMENT

Supervisor Raines moved to authorize and approve Debt Services Payment in the amount of \$245,467.91 to Regions Bank. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Thomas.

(Exhibit "Q").

## ANNUAL COVID REPORT

Supervisor Raines moved to authorize and approve Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund Annual Report (LATCF-1967) for the Year 2023. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Thomas.

(Exhibit "R").

## TRAVEL REQUEST - SUPERVISORS

Supervisor Thomas moved to authorize and approve Supervisors Horton, Davis and Raines to attend the National Association of Counties' Annual Conference to be held in Hillsborough, Florida, July 12 through July 15, 2024. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Raines.

(Exhibit "S").

## TRAVEL REQUEST - EMA/911

Supervisor Thomas moved to authorize and approve Mr. Torrey Williams, County EMA-911 Director, and two of his staff members to travel to Florida for educational certification. Travel costs for EMA-911 Director to be reimbursed up to \$2,000.00. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Raines.

(Exhibit "T").

Supervisor Raines moved to authorize and approve Mr. Torrey Williams and two of his staff be authorized to travel October 27 for training with Director's costs to be reimbursed. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Thomas.

(Exhibit "U").

## MONTHLY REPORT - EMA/911

Supervisor Raines moved to accept and spread upon the minutes the Monthly Report of Clay County EMA/911 Director. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Thomas.

(Exhibit "V").

## CYBER SECURITY LETTER OF INTEREST

Supervisor Raines moved to approve and spread upon the minutes Letter of Interest for Mississippi Cyber Security Grant Program funding. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Thomas.

(Exhibit "W").

## BRIEF RECESS

Supervisor Thomas moved to take a five (5) minute recess. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Raines.

## CLOSED SESSION

Supervisor Raines moved the Board return to Open Meeting. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Thomas.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

Supervisor Thomas moved the Board go into Executive Session to discuss a matter regarding an employee in specific position and a matter of prospective litigation which would be detrimental to the position of the County if discussed in Open Meeting. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Raines.

## OPEN MEETING

Supervisor Raines moved the Board return to Open Meeting. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Thomas.

## ADJOURN

Supervisor Raines moved the Board stand Adjourned until May 2, 2024, at which time the next meeting of the Clay County Board of Supervisors would be held at 9:00 a.m. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Thomas.

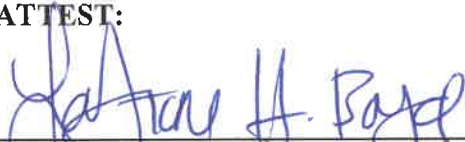
All motions were carried unanimously unless otherwise indicated.

DATED this the 25 day of April, 2024.



**R.B. DAVIS, PRESIDENT  
CLAY COUNTY BOARD OF  
SUPERVISORS**

**ATTEST:**



**LAFRANCE H. BOYD, CHANCERY CLERK  
CLERK OF THE CLAY COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

