

**Minutes of
Clay County Board of Supervisors
Meeting Held Thursday, February 8, 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, February 8, 2024.

PRESENT:

Lynn D. Horton, Supervisor District 1, presiding
Daryl Thomas, Supervisor District 2
Melvin Raines, Supervisor District 4
Joe Chandler, Supervisor District 5

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 Davis. Rev. Charles Davidson provided the invocation.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Supervisor Horton moved to adopt the agenda as prepared. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Chandler.

(Exhibit "A" - Agenda).

AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

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

AMENDMENTS ANNOUNCED

Barton Ferry Bridge, emergency travel by ambulance, traffic count and alternate routes were discussed by Mr. John Freeman, County Engineer. No action was taken.

CONCERNED CITIZEN

Mr. Lindon Ratliff did not appear and therefore was not recognized to present to the Board.

AUTHORIZATION OF DEBT SERVICE PAYMENTS

Supervisor Horton moved to authorize and approve two debt service payments to Regions Bank in the amount of \$940,843.65 dn \$54,747.41 for outstanding general obligation notes. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Chandler.

(Exhibit "B").

SURPLUS PROPERTY

Supervisor Raines moved to authorize and approve to declare items listed as surplus property. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Horton.

(Exhibit "C").

AFFIDAVIT OF JUSTICE COURT SETTLEMENT

Supervisor Chandler moved to authorize and approve Clerk's Affidavit of Justice Court Settlement to the County's General Fund. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Horton.

(Exhibit "D").

PAYMENT OF INVOICE

Supervisor Horton moved to authorize and approve invoice from Integrated Communications, Inc., in the amount of \$3,438.78 for damage to the tower site. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Thomas.

(Exhibit "E").

MONTHLY REPORT

Ms. Natalie Ray presented the monthly report of the 4-H and Clay County Extension Departments. Supervisor Horton moved to accept the report, with the motion having been seconded by Supervisor Chandler.

(Exhibit "F").

RENEWAL OF DISASTER DECLARATIONS

Supervisor Horton moved to renew disaster declarations and proclamations of local emergencies for the following episodes/events:

Nos. 4429, 4478, 4528, 4536, 4538, Tornado and Lightening Strike. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Chandler.

(Exhibit "G").

RECEIPT OF PAYMENT FROM EMPG

Supervisor Chandler moved to authorize and approve receipt of payment in the amount of \$483.00 for EMPG, with payment to be forwarded to the City. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Horton.

(Exhibit "H").

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

Supervisor Horton moved to accept and spread upon the minutes certificate indicating attendance of Paramedics Refresher Court – National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Thomas.

(Exhibit "I").

FUNDS RECEIVED FROM TEC OF JACKSON INC.

Supervisor Horton moved to authorize, accept and spread upon the minutes \$1,249.11 recovered from TEC of Jackson, Inc. recovered for phones. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Chandler.

(Exhibit "J").

EMA-911 MONTHLY REPORT

Supervisor Horton moved to accept the monthly report of Mr. Torrey Williams for EMA-911 Departments. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Chandler.

(Exhibit "K").

FIRE COORDINATOR MONTHLY REPORT

Supervisor Horton moved to authorize and approve the Assistance Fire Fighter Grant email be sent to the Horne Group to explore additional sources for assistance. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Chandler.

(Exhibit "L").

REMARKS

Mr. Lannie Wallace appeared before the Board as the County's representative of the Tennessee River Valley Water Management District for remarks. There was no action taken.

MONTHLY REPORT - SUPERVISORS BUDGET

Supervisor Horton moved to accept and approve the monthly report for the Supervisors' Budget presented by Ms. Treva Hodge. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Chandler.

(Exhibit "M").

SHERIFF SCOTT - REMARKS

Sheriff Scott provided remarks on the most recent trip to Washington, D.C., which was attended by Supervisors Horton, Chandler and Sheriff Scott. No action was taken.

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS IN VEHICLES - SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Supervisor Horton moved to authorize and approve a payment of \$1,461.00 to Columbus Fire Services to provide fire extinguishers for Sheriff's vehicles, with the quote of Columbus Fire Service being the lesser of a second quote provided by Action Fire Safety in the amount of \$1,600. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Raines.

(Exhibit "N").

K-9 TRAINING AND BOARDING FEES

Supervisor Horton moved to authorize and approve a payment in the amount of \$5,450.00 to K9 Unlimited to train Mr. Wesley Gaston in handling the County's K9 officer. The fee includes boarding of the dog, housing and training of the handler, and costs to attend a five (5) week training course. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Raines.

(Exhibit "O").

PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT - K9

Supervisor Horton moved to authorize the purchase of a \$176.00 retractable leash. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Thomas.

(Exhibit "P").

HIRING OF OFFICER

Supervisor Horton moved to authorize and approve the hiring of Mr. John Bray with the Sheriff's Office to work part-time, with Game and Fish bonding fees to be paid by the County. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Chandler.

(Exhibit "Q").

SECURITY REQUEST

Supervisor Horton moved to spread upon the minutes correspondence from Oak Hill Academy requesting security services on campus due to threats on social media on January 29 through February 1. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Chandler.

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUSES TO MEET

Ms. Anner Cunningham appeared before the Board to announce Democratic Caucuses to meet at 10:00 a.m. on February 24 at the County precincts.

FIVE (5) MINUTE RECESS

Supervisor Horton moved to take a five (5) minutes recess. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Chandler.

OPEN MEETING

Supervisor Horton moved to return to Open Meeting. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Chandler.

CLOSED SESSION

Supervisor Horton moved to go into Closed Session to determine the need to go into Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Chandler.

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CIRCUIT CLERK CONTRACT

Ms. Kim Hood, in her capacity as Circuit Clerk, requested the Board contract with her to manage the election machines for a fee of \$100.00 per machine for a four (4) year term. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Thomas. Agreement to be present at the next meeting.

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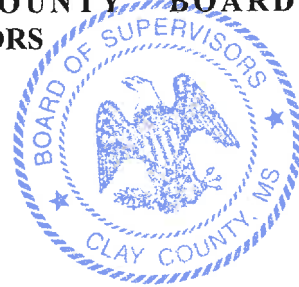
Supervisor Chandler moved to stand in recess until February 22, 2024, with the meeting to resume at 9:00 a.m. at the Clay County Courthouse. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Raines.

All motions were carried unanimously unless otherwise noted.

DATED this the 8 day of February, 2024.

R.B. Davis

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



ATTEST:

Lafrence H. Boyd

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