

**Minutes of
Clay County Board of Supervisors
Meeting Held Tuesday, January 2, 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 Tuesday, January 2, 2024.

PRESENT:

R.B. Davis, Supervisor District 3, presiding
Lynn D. Horton, Supervisor District 1
Daryl Thomas, Supervisor District 2
Melvin Raines, Supervisor District 4
Joe Chandler, Supervisor District 5

Eddie Scott, Clay County Sheriff
LaFrance 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. The welcome was given by Supervisor Horton with invocation provided by Supervisor Davis.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

(Exhibit "A" - Agenda).

AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

Supervisor Chandler moved to call for amendments. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Thomas.

AMENDMENTS ANNOUNCED

Supervisor Raines announced a budget amendment.

ELECTION OF BOARD PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

Supervisor Chandler moved to elect Supervisor Davis as President and Supervisor Horton as Vice President of the Clay County Board of Supervisors. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Raines.

APPOINTMENT OF BOARD ATTORNEY

Supervisor Chandler moved to appoint Angela Turner Ford as the Attorney for the Clay County Board of Supervisors. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Horton.

RECESS

Supervisor Horton moved to take a brief recess. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Chandler.

RESUME MEETING

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

APPROVAL OF BONDS FOR MEMBERS

Supervisor Horton moved to authorize, approve and spread upon the minutes Bonds of the members of the Board as presented to the Chancery Clerk. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Raines.

(Exhibit "B").

APPROVAL OF BONDS FOR CERTAIN COUNTY OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS

Supervisor Horton moved to authorize, approve and spread upon the minutes Bonds of certain county officers and officials for the County. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Chandler.

(Exhibit "C").

EMPLOYMENT OF CHANCERY CLERK AS COUNTY DESIGNEE FOR HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION LAWS YEAR 2024

Supervisor Horton moved to authorize and approve employment of Ms. LaFrance H. Boyd, Clay County Chancery Clerk, as the County designee to facilitate compliance with Homestead Exemption Laws for year 2024. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Thomas.

(Exhibit "D").

APPOINTMENT OF COMPTROLLER

Supervisor Horton moved to appoint Ms. LaFrance H. Boyd, Chancery Clerk, as Comptroller for the County for year 2024. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Chandler.

(Exhibit "E").

APPOINTMENT OF INVENTORY CLERK

Supervisor Horton moved to authorize and approve to appoint Ms. LaFrance H. Boyd, Chancery Clerk, to serve as Inventory Clerk for the County for year 2024. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Thomas.

(Exhibit "F").

HIRING OF COUNTY EMPLOYEES

Supervisor Chandler moved to authorize and approve to rehire County employees as attached for the year 2024 and for them to be compensated at their current salary or rate of pay for the said position. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Horton.

(Exhibit "G").

APPOINTMENT OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES FOR YEAR 2024

Supervisor Chandler moved to authorize and appoint Mr. Randy Jones to serve as Flood Plain Administrator and Mr. John Freeman of Neel-Shaffer Engineers, Inc., to serve as County Engineer. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Horton.

(Exhibit "H").

DESIGNATION OF TIME AND PLACE FOR BOARD MEETINGS

Supervisor Horton moved to authorize and approve the time of 9:00 a.m. on the first Monday, the following Thursday and the fourth Thursday of the month as the designated day and time for meetings of the Clay County Board of Supervisors with meetings to be held at the Clay County Courthouse. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Chandler.

(Exhibit "I").

HOLIDAY SUBSTITUTIONS

Supervisor Horton moved to authorize and approve the substitution of Good Friday, March 29, 2024, as a County Holiday, in the place of Confederate Memorial Day, April 29, 2024, pursuant to Section 3-3-7(2) of Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended. The motion was seconded by

Supervisor Thomas.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS DOCKET

Supervisor Horton moved to authorize and approve the Claims Docket for January 2024. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Chandler.

(Exhibit "J").

INVOICE FOR FLOOD PLAIN COORDINATOR SERVICES

Supervisor Chandler moved to authorize and approve to pay Mr. Randy Jones \$1,697.60 for Flood Plain Coordinator Services rendered during the month of December 2023. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Horton.

(Exhibit "K").

INVENTORY CERTIFICATIONS

Supervisor Raines moved to authorize and approve Inventory Certifications according to the Clay County Fixed Assets Ledger. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Thomas.

(Exhibit "L").

ADVERTISING

Supervisor Horton moved to authorize and approve advertising resources for Dr. Martin Luther King Holiday Celebration in the amount of \$100.00. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Thomas.

(Exhibit "M").

VOLUNTEER FIRE CONTRACTS

Supervisor Chandler moved to authorize and approve fully executed Volunteer Fire Contracts for the term beginning January 13, 2024, and ending January 3, 2028, and to spread the same upon the minutes. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Horton.

(Exhibit "N").

GOLDEN TRIANGLE LINK INVOICE

Supervisor Horton moved to authorize and approve for payment two GTR Link Invoices in the amounts of \$1,301.25 and \$321.25 for economic development services provided and to bill the City for its one-half portion. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Raines.

(Exhibit "O").

BUDGET AMENDMENT

Supervisor Raines moved to amend his budget in the amount of \$51,047.26 for personnel with half of the funds to be disbursed from District Four's Road Fund and the other half from District Four's Bridge Fund. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Chandler.

(Exhibit "P").

RENEWAL OF COMPUTER SERVICES FOR SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Supervisor Horton moved to authorize and approve the annual renewal of MicroSoft Cloud Services and a software update for Sheriff's Office computer systems for a cost of \$897.00. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Thomas.

Supervisor Horton moved to authorize and approve the annual renewal of Quote No. 88437 in the amount of \$1,475.00, which is the cost for computer services administered by Synergetics for the Sheriff's Office. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Chandler.

(Exhibit "Q").

SUPERVISOR TO ASSIST WITH REVIEW AND REVISION OF ROADHOUSE ORDINANCE

Supervisor Chandler moved to designate Supervisor Horton to represent the Board when considering changes to the County's Roadhouse Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Thomas.

CLOSED DETERMINATION

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Supervisor Horton moved to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter regarding an employee in a specific position.

OPEN MEETING

Following a discussion in Executive Session, Supervisor Horton moved to return to Open Meeting. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Chandler.

CORRESPONDENCE TO BE PREPARED

Supervisor Horton moved to authorize and approve the Board Attorney to send correspondence to former Supervisors Deanes and Lummus that the fair market values of their county issued cell phones are \$20.00 and \$0.00, respectively, and that any usage of the phones after December 13, 2023, must be paid by them to the County. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Chandler.

SURPLUS

Supervisor Thomas moved the Supervisors generate a list of surplus property to be submitted to the Board for approval. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Chandler.

RECESS

Supervisor Horton moved to stand in recess until Thursday, January 4, 2024, with the meeting to resume at 9:00 a.m. at the Clay County Courthouse. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Chandler.

All motions were carried unanimously unless otherwise indicated.

DATED this the 2 day of January, 2024.

R.B. Davis

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

ATTEST:

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

