

**Minutes of  
Clay County Board of Supervisors  
Meeting Held Thursday, March 28, 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, March 28, 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 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. Supervisor Chandler provided the invocation.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

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

(Exhibit "A" - Agenda).

**AMENDMENT OF AGENDA**

Supervisor Chandler 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. Boyd (2), Supervisor Raines (1), Supervisor Thomas (1), Sheriff Scott (security), Ms. Hood (1) and Mr. Dale Harris.

**PRESENTATION OF COMMENDATORY RESOLUTION**

Supervisor Davis presented Resolution to the family of Mr. Robert Calvert, Deceased, for his years of service as County Engineer.

(Exhibit “B”).

#### INTRODUCTION

Mr. Dale Harris appeared before the Board to share information about reforestation services and to distribute business cards. No action was taken.

#### VETERAN’S SERVICE OFFICER

Supervisor Horton moved to accept the report of Ms. Annie Hines-Goode, Veteran’s Service Officer. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Chandler.

(Exhibit “C”).

#### TAX EXEMPTION

Supervisor Horton moved to authorize and approve the request of Fabricators Supply, LLC for tax exemptions on real property for a ten year period. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Chandler.

Supervisor Horton moved to authorize and approve an exemption in the amount of \$965,438.00 for personal property for Fabricators Supply, LLC. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Chandler.

(Exhibit “D”).

#### TRAVEL REQUEST - TAX ASSESSOR

Supervisor Horton moved to authorize and approve Tax Assessor/Collector to travel July 14, 2024, through July 17, 2024, to Biloxi for MACA Summer Conference. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Chandler.

(Exhibit “E”).

Supervisor Horton moved to authorize and approve Tax Assessor/Collector travel to Tupelo October 28, 2024, through October 31, 2024, to attend MACA Fall Conference. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Raines.

(Exhibit “F”).

Supervisor Horton moved to authorize and approve Tax Assessor/Collector travel to Jackson June 4 through June 5, 2024, to take the Mississippi Assessor Evaluation Exam. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Raines.

(Exhibit "G").

#### REVERSAL OF LAND SOLD FOR TAXES

Supervisor Horton moved to authorize and approve to reverse land sold for 2022 taxes in error for parcel 073 13 0090000 owned by Ms. Martha Ann Robertson. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Chandler.

(Exhibit "H").

#### ORDINANCE INCREASING CRIME STOPPER ASSESSMENTS

Supervisor Horton moved to authorize and approve Ordinance increasing the assessment from \$1.00 to \$2.00 upon persons fined for certain misdemeanors to support the local Crime Stoppers Program. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Thomas.

(Exhibit "I").

#### RELEASE OF BOND FOR SILVER LEAF CONSTRUCTION

Supervisor Thomas moved to table the release of bond for Silverleaf Construction's use of Pinkerton Road. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Horton.

#### REAPPOINTMENT OF KATHY DYESS TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR EMCC

Supervisor Raines moved to authorize and approve reappointment of Ms. Kathy Dyess to serve on the Board of Trustees for East Mississippi Community College. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Chandler.

#### REIMBURSEMENT FOR DIESEL FUEL

Supervisor Horton moved to authorize and approve reimbursement be paid to Mr. Joe Cunningham in the amount of \$110.22 for purchase of diesel fuel with personal funds due to malfunction with Fuelman card. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Thomas.

(Exhibit "J").

#### PAYMENT FOR TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEY

Supervisor Horton moved to authorize and approve payment in the amount of \$3,300.00 to cover the costs of Pryor and Morrow retaining Pritchard Engineering to perform a Topographic Survey for proposed Courthouse renovation project. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Chandler.

(Exhibit “K”).

#### RENEWAL OF AGREEMENT WITH HORNE GROUP

Supervisor Raines moved to authorize and approve one-year renewal of professional services agreement with the Horne Group in the amount of \$75,000.00, annually. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Horton.

(Exhibit “L”).

#### INVOICES FROM GOLDEN TRIANGLE LINK

Supervisor Horton moved to authorize and approve to pay three (3) invoices totaling \$6,509.07 submitted by Golden Triangle Development Link for economic development. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Chandler.

(Exhibit “M”).

#### CHANCERY CLERK TO SERVE ON MENTAL HEALTH COLLABORATIVE RESPONSE TEAM

Supervisor Horton moved to approve the Chancery Clerk to serve as a nonvoting liaison on the Commission as outlined in House Bill 1222, the Collaborative Response to Mental Health Act. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Raines.

(Exhibit “N”).

#### QUOTES FOR FINANCING PURCHASE OF THREE SHERIFF’S VEHICLES

Supervisor Horton moved to accept the quote of Cadence Equipment Financing, which was considered to be the lowest quote, to purchase three sheriff’s vehicles for \$139,309.00 for five years at a rate of 5.78%. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Raines.

(Exhibit “O”).

#### REIMBURSEMENT OF ELECTRIC BILL OVERAGE

Supervisor Raines moved to reimburse the Una Volunteer Fire Department Unit 400 in the amount of \$427.00 for electric bill overage for January 2023 through December 2023. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Horton.

(Exhibit “P”).

#### EMERGENCY PURCHASE

Supervisor Chandler moved to authorize and approve payment in the amount of \$2,374.00 to Refrigeration Supply Company for emergency purchase made on March 21, 2024. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Raines.

(Exhibit “Q”).

#### AUTHORITY TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATION

Supervisor Chandler moved to authorize and approve Horne Group submit Homeland Security grant application to purchase license plate readers for Sheriff’s Department, with the proposed amount of the grant to be \$65,029.50. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Thomas.

(Exhibit “R”).

#### FEDERAL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR FEDERAL GRANT MANAGEMENT

Supervisor Chandler moved to authorize and approve Addendum to Policies and Procedures for Federal Grant Management. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Raines.

(Exhibit “S”).

#### CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY

Supervisor Chandler moved to authorize and approve Conflict of Interest Policy Statement for Federal Grant Funding. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Raines.

(Exhibit “T”).

#### PURCHASE OF TIRES FOR VEHICLES

Supervisor Horton moved to authorize and approve payment in the amount of \$3,240.00 to George’s Tire for purchase of three sets of tires for Sheriff’s Department Durango vehicles. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Raines.

(Exhibit “U”).

#### INSTALLATION OF FLAT BED

Supervisor Chandler moved to proceed with installation of flatbed on county truck. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Thomas.

(Exhibit “V”).

#### UNA PARK

Supervisor Raines moved to authorize and approve Ms. Phyllis Benson conduct preliminary

assessment/work up of improvements for Una Park. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Horton.

#### COMPLAINT OF PROPERTY DAMAGE

Supervisor Horton moved to forward complaint of Ms. Ajasia Brooks to the County's insurance company for review of her request for damage to her windshield. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Raines.

(Exhibit "W").

#### LETTERS OF SUPPORT FOR GRANT FUNDING

Supervisor Horton moved to table request of Mr. Randy Jones to submit Letters of Support for federal grant funds. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Thomas.

(Exhibit "X").

#### PURCHASE OF BUSH HOGS

Supervisor Horton moved to authorize and approve purchase of two bush hogs for the County. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Chandler.

(Exhibit "Y").

#### JURY COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

Supervisor Raines moved to accept the recommendation of Ms. Kim Hood to appoint Ms. Demetria Sykes-Cobb to serve on the Jury Commission for a four year term from April 1, 2024, to March 31, 2028. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Horton.

(Exhibit "Z").

#### ADVERTISEMENT FOR PROGRESSIVE FOUNDATION'S SICKLE CELL EVENT

Supervisor Horton moved to authorize and approve to purchase advertisement in the amount of \$100.00 made payable to the Progressive Foundation for an upcoming Sickle Cell Awareness Event. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Thomas.

(Exhibit "AA").

#### CLOSED SESSION

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

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Supervisor Horton moved the Board go into Executive Session to discuss a matter of security. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Thomas.

OPEN MEETING

Following a discussion in Executive Session Supervisor Horton moved the Board return to Open Meeting. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Chandler. No action was take in Executive Session.

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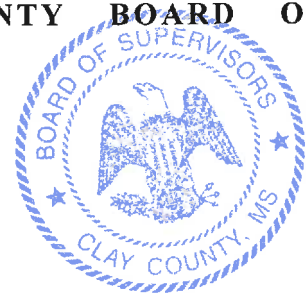
Supervisor Chandler moved the Board stand adjourned until April 1, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., with the next meeting to be held at the Clay County Courthouse. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Thomas.

All motions were carried unanimously unless otherwise indicated.

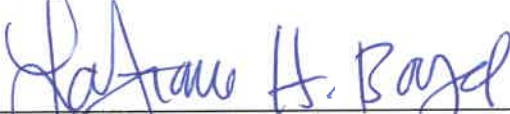
DATED this the 28 day of March, 2024.



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



ATTEST:



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