

**Minutes of
Clay County Board of Supervisors
Meeting Held Monday, March 4, 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 Monday, March 4, 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. Mr. Henry C. Everson 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 Thomas.

AMENDMENTS ANNOUNCED

Remarks to be provided by Ms. Jasmine Turner of EMCC, a matter of security to be discussed in Executive Session to be led by Sheriff Scott, as well as training for jailers were announced as amendments.

DANIEL BOUNDS OF TRAX PLUS

Mr. Bounds appeared before the Board to discuss construction equipment and other services offered by Trax Plus. No action was taken.

LEASE AGREEMENT - FENCH-HENRY JOB CORPS CENTER

Supervisor Horton moved to authorize and approve Lease Agreement for a term of one (1) year with Fench-Henry Job Corps Center. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Raines.

(Exhibit "B").

AUTHORITY OF JUSTICE COURT CLERK TO SIGN JUSTICE COURT ACCOUNTS

Supervisor Chandler moved to authorize and approve that Ms. Demetris Sykes-Cobb be added as an authorized signer on all Justice Court accounts at Bank of Commerce. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Horton.

(Exhibit "C").

ORDER OF APPOINTMENT AND SALARY FOR COURT ADMINISTRATOR

Supervisor Chandler moved to authorize and approve to spread on the Minutes Amended Order Appointing and Setting Salary for Court Administrator of the Honorable Joseph N. Studdard establishing a salary of \$67,450.00, plus benefits, for Ms. Cindy Strickland, of which Clay County is responsible for payment of 8.696%. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Thomas.

(Exhibit "D").

JUSTICE COURT SETTLEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 2024

Supervisor Horton moved to approve and spread upon the minutes Justice Court Settlements for February 2024 in the amount of \$40,718.75 in criminal collections and \$6,210.00 in civil collections. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Chandler.

(Exhibit "E").

DRUG COURT SETTLEMENT

Supervisor Horton moved to authorize, approve for acceptance and spread upon the minutes Order of Honorable James T. Kitchens, Jr., directing the Circuit Clerk remit to Clay County \$52,325.00 for fees collected, and \$692.10 in earned interest for fees collected October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Horton.

(Exhibit "F").

EXPENSES FOR TRAINING - THREE (3) JAILERS

Supervisor Horton moved to authorize and approve three (3) jailers be permitted to attend training course in Columbus, Mississippi, for a cost of \$720.00 each. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Chandler.

FINANCING OF VEHICLES FOR SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Supervisor Horton moved Bank of Commerce and Cadence Bank be contacted to provide quotes for lease-purchase options to purchase three (3) vehicles for the Sheriff's Office. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Chandler.

EMCC PROGRAM UPDATE

Ms. Jasmine Turner of East Mississippi Community College appeared before the Board to provide information on EMCC's Career Services Programs. No action was taken.

(Exhibit "G").

CONSTITUENT COMMENT

Mr. Elmer Harris appeared before the Board to comment on recent criminal activity at a local establishment. No action was taken.

RECESS

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

OPEN MEETING

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

CLOSED SESSION

Supervisor Thomas moved to go into Closed Session to discuss the need for Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Chandler.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Supervisor Chandler moved to 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 Thomas. No action was taken during Executive Session.

RECESS

Supervisor Horton moved the Board stand in recess until March 7, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., with the meeting to resume at the Clay County Courthouse. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Chandler.

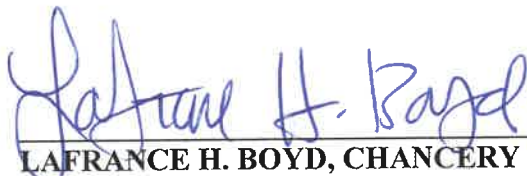
All motions were carried unanimously unless otherwise noted.

DATED this the 4 day of March, 2024.



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

ATTEST:



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

