



Pearl River County Board of Supervisors

Meeting Minutes

January 2, 2024 at 9:00 AM

Welcome & Call to Order

The Board of Supervisors met at 9:00 AM on January 2, 2024, in the Supervisors Board Room, in the Pearl River County Courthouse Complex in the City of Poplarville, Mississippi, with the following members of said Board and officers of said County present to wit:

President, Malcolm Perry, member from District Two - (Present);
Vice President, Donald Hart, member from District One - (Present);
Cruz Russell, member from District Three - (Present);
Jason Spence, member from District Four - (Present);
Bryce Lott, member from District Five - (Present);
County Administrator, Adrain Lumpkin, Jr.;
Board Attorney, Joe Montgomery;
Chancery Clerk, Melinda Bowman;
Sheriff, Frederick Drenna-Representing David Allison.

1) 2024-2027 Term Board Of Supervisors Required Procedures :

A. Motion to Elect Malcom Perry as the President of the Board Of Supervisors.

RESULT: **APPROVED**
MOVER: District 4 Supervisor Spence
SECONDER: District 5 Supervisor Lott
VOTING AYE: Donald Hart, Malcolm Perry, Cruz Russell, Jason Spence, Bryce Lott
VOTING None
NAYE:

B. Motion to Elect Donald Hart as the Vice President of the Board Of Supervisors.

RESULT: **APPROVED**
MOVER: District 4 Supervisor Spence
SECONDER: District 3 Supervisor Russell

VOTING AYE: Donald Hart, Malcolm Perry, Cruz Russell, Jason Spence, Bryce Lott
VOTING None
NAYE:

C. Motion to Approve Statutory Board Appointments for 2024.

RESULT: APPROVED
MOVER: District 1 Supervisor Hart
SECONDER: District 4 Supervisor Spence
VOTING AYE: Donald Hart, Malcolm Perry, Cruz Russell, Jason Spence, Bryce Lott
VOTING None
NAYE:

D. Motion to Approve Elected Official's Oaths and Bonds for the 2024 thru 2027 term.

RESULT: APPROVED
MOVER: District 5 Supervisor Lott
SECONDER: District 1 Supervisor Hart
VOTING AYE: Donald Hart, Malcolm Perry, Cruz Russell, Jason Spence, Bryce Lott
VOTING None
NAYE:

E. Motion to Approve the Master Employee list for the 2024 thru 2027 term.

RESULT: APPROVED
MOVER: District 5 Supervisor Lott
SECONDER: District 1 Supervisor Hart
VOTING AYE: Donald Hart, Malcolm Perry, Cruz Russell, Jason Spence, Bryce Lott
VOTING None
NAYE:

F. Motion to Acknowledge the Circuit Court Order appointing Gary Beech as Interim Tax Assessor Collector.

RESULT: APPROVED
MOVER: District 1 Supervisor Hart
SECONDER: District 4 Supervisor Spence
VOTING AYE: Donald Hart, Malcolm Perry, Cruz Russell, Jason Spence, Bryce Lott
VOTING None
NAYE:

G. Motion to Approve Employee Oaths and Bonds for 2024.

RESULT: APPROVED
MOVER: District 1 Supervisor Hart
SECONDER: District 5 Supervisor Lott
VOTING AYE: Donald Hart, Malcolm Perry, Cruz Russell, Jason Spence, Bryce Lott
VOTING None
NAYE:

2) Board Minutes:

- A. Consider approving Board Minutes for December 2023.

RESULT: **APPROVED**
MOVER: District 1 Supervisor Hart
SECONDER: District 5 Supervisor Lott
VOTING AYE: Donald Hart, Malcolm Perry, Cruz Russell, Jason Spence, Bryce Lott
VOTING None
NAYE:

3) Claims Docket:

- A. Consider approving Claims Docket for January 2, 2024.

RESULT: **APPROVED**
MOVER: District 5 Supervisor Lott
SECONDER: District 1 Supervisor Hart
VOTING AYE: Donald Hart, Malcolm Perry, Cruz Russell, Jason Spence, Bryce Lott
VOTING None
NAYE:

4) Sheriff:

- A. Motion to approve the following personnel changes:
James Walley from full-time to part-time Patrol Deputy effective December 27, 2023.
Hire Ray Bennett as Justice Court Bailiff effective January 2, 2024.
Remove Anthony Davion as Justice Court Bailiff effective January 2, 2024.

RESULT: **APPROVED**
MOVER: District 4 Supervisor Spence
SECONDER: District 1 Supervisor Hart
VOTING AYE: Donald Hart, Malcolm Perry, Cruz Russell, Jason Spence, Bryce Lott
VOTING None
NAYE:

- B. Motion to approve and add to inventory the donation of one (1) Anderson Manufacturing, Hebron, KY, AM-15 Multi Caliber Firearm Serial 16079897 to the Sheriff's Department by Stephen McDonald, Sr.

RESULT: **APPROVED**
MOVER: District 4 Supervisor Spence
SECONDER: District 1 Supervisor Hart
VOTING AYE: Donald Hart, Malcolm Perry, Cruz Russell, Jason Spence, Bryce Lott
VOTING None
NAYE:

- C. Motion to approve, disburse and add to inventory the attached Declarations of Forfeitures.

1. SO14003258 - Creel, Kelli Cheree - one(1) 1999 Chevrolet Suburban VIN 8003 and \$210.00 US Currency (80% Sheriff - \$168.00 and 20% District Attorney - \$42.00)

2. SO13012430 - High, Daniel B. - one (1) 2002 Buick Regal VIN 9524
3. SO13017889 - Mitchell, Darlene - one(1) 2002 Gray Chevrolet Truck VIN 6987
4. SO13013408 - Palmisano, Ronald Joseph - one (1) Remington Sportsman 12 gauge
Serial # P115929V, one(1) Marlin 22 Caliber Rifle with Scope Serial # 26453710 and
\$1,395.00 US Currency (80% Sheriff - \$1,116.00 and 20% District Attorney - \$279.00)

All currency is to be deposited into the Sheriff's Drug Forfeiture Fund.

RESULT: **APPROVED**
MOVER: District 4 Supervisor Spence
SECONDER: District 1 Supervisor Hart
VOTING AYE: Donald Hart, Malcolm Perry, Cruz Russell, Jason Spence, Bryce Lott
VOTING None
NAYE:

5) County Engineer Update:

6) Circuit Clerk:

- A. Motion to Acknowledge Order Setting Compensation for Staff Attorney (Matthew W. O'Quain) dated December 4, 2023, *nunc pro tunc* July 1, 2023.

RESULT: **APPROVED**
MOVER: District 1 Supervisor Hart
SECONDER: District 4 Supervisor Spence
VOTING AYE: Donald Hart, Malcolm Perry, Cruz Russell, Jason Spence, Bryce Lott
VOTING None
NAYE:

- B. Motion to Acknowledge Order Setting Compensation for Court Administrator (Nick Tremonte) dated December 4, 2023, *nunc pro tunc* July 1, 2023.

RESULT: **APPROVED**
MOVER: District 1 Supervisor Hart
SECONDER: District 5 Supervisor Lott
VOTING AYE: Donald Hart, Malcolm Perry, Cruz Russell, Jason Spence, Bryce Lott
VOTING None
NAYE:

- C. Motion to Acknowledge Order Re-Appointing Public Defender (Joshua Stiglet) dated December 15, 2023.

RESULT: **APPROVED**
MOVER: District 1 Supervisor Hart
SECONDER: District 5 Supervisor Lott
VOTING AYE: Donald Hart, Malcolm Perry, Cruz Russell, Jason Spence, Bryce Lott
VOTING None
NAYE:

- D. Motion to Acknowledge Order Appointing Special Judge (Honorable William E. Andrews, III) for the Fifteenth Circuit Court District dated December 19, 2023.

RESULT: **APPROVED**
MOVER: District 1 Supervisor Hart
SECONDER: District 5 Supervisor Lott
VOTING AYE: Donald Hart, Malcolm Perry, Cruz Russell, Jason Spence, Bryce Lott
VOTING None
NAYE:

- E. Motion to Acknowledge the annual statutory fees for the Circuit Clerk's office.

RESULT: **APPROVED**
MOVER: District 1 Supervisor Hart
SECONDER: District 5 Supervisor Lott
VOTING AYE: Donald Hart, Malcolm Perry, Cruz Russell, Jason Spence, Bryce Lott
VOTING None
NAYE:

- F. Motion to Acknowledge and approve Circuit Clerk Employee's Oaths and Bonds for 2024.

RESULT: **APPROVED**
MOVER: District 1 Supervisor Hart
SECONDER: District 5 Supervisor Lott
VOTING AYE: Donald Hart, Malcolm Perry, Cruz Russell, Jason Spence, Bryce Lott
VOTING None
NAYE:

7) Tax Assessor/Collector:

- A. Motion to approve the hiring of Taylor Archer as full-time deputy tax collector beginning January 8, 2024.

RESULT: **APPROVED**
MOVER: District 4 Supervisor Spence
SECONDER: District 1 Supervisor Hart
VOTING AYE: Donald Hart, Malcolm Perry, Cruz Russell, Jason Spence, Bryce Lott
VOTING None
NAYE:

- B. Motion to Acknowledge and approve Tax Assessor/Collector Employee's Oaths and Bonds for 2024.

RESULT: **APPROVED**
MOVER: District 4 Supervisor Spence
SECONDER: District 1 Supervisor Hart
VOTING AYE: Donald Hart, Malcolm Perry, Cruz Russell, Jason Spence, Bryce Lott
VOTING None
NAYE:

8) Consent Agenda Items:

- A. Motion to approve Picayune School District 16th Section Commercial Land Leases.

RESULT: **APPROVED**
MOVER: District 5 Supervisor Lott
SECONDER: District 1 Supervisor Hart
VOTING AYE: Donald Hart, Malcolm Perry, Cruz Russell, Jason Spence, Bryce Lott
VOTING None
NAYE:

- B. Motion to approve the 10th Chancery Court, Deputy Court Administrator increase in base salary beginning February 1, 2024.

RESULT: **APPROVED**
MOVER: District 4 Supervisor Spence
SECONDER: District 1 Supervisor Hart
VOTING AYE: Donald Hart, Malcolm Perry, Cruz Russell, Jason Spence, Bryce Lott
VOTING None
NAYE:

- C. Motion to approve a salary increase of \$2,000.00 according to Senate Bill 2719 of the 2022 Regular Session of the Mississippi Legislature.

RESULT: **APPROVED**
MOVER: District 1 Supervisor Hart
SECONDER: District 4 Supervisor Spence
VOTING AYE: Donald Hart, Malcolm Perry, Jason Spence
VOTING Cruz Russell, Bryce Lott
NAYE:

- D. Motion to approve the payment of \$5,175.40 to the Capital One Spark Business Card for the payment due January 20, 2024. All receipts for the transactions are attached.

RESULT: **APPROVED**
MOVER: District 5 Supervisor Lott
SECONDER: District 1 Supervisor Hart
VOTING AYE: Donald Hart, Malcolm Perry, Cruz Russell, Jason Spence, Bryce Lott
VOTING None
NAYE:

9) Travel:

- A. Motion to approve Rony Polizzi and Sean Speights to a 3-Day Criminal Interdiction Workshop in Baton Rouge January 23 - 26, 2024. This will include the cost of training, meals and hotel for two days.

RESULT: **APPROVED**
MOVER: District 4 Supervisor Spence
SECONDER: District 1 Supervisor Hart
VOTING AYE: Donald Hart, Malcolm Perry, Cruz Russell, Jason Spence, Bryce Lott
VOTING None
NAYE:

- B. Motion to approve the travel of Cindy Smith to the quarterly Mississippi Council of Veterans Meetings on the following dates listed. The locations of the meetings are pending at this time.

1. January 9, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.
2. April 9, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.
3. July 9, 2024 at 10 a.m.
4. October 8, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

RESULT: **APPROVED**
MOVER: District 4 Supervisor Spence
SECONDER: District 1 Supervisor Hart
VOTING AYE: Donald Hart, Malcolm Perry, Cruz Russell, Jason Spence, Bryce Lott
VOTING None
NAYE:

- C. Motion to request the travel of Cindy Smith to Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Biloxi, MS pending the schedule for 2024.

RESULT: **APPROVED**
MOVER: District 4 Supervisor Spence
SECONDER: District 1 Supervisor Hart
VOTING AYE: Donald Hart, Malcolm Perry, Cruz Russell, Jason Spence, Bryce Lott
VOTING None
NAYE:

- D. Motion to Approve Travel for Nance Fitzpatrick Stokes to attend the 2024 Circuit Court Clerks Training/Conference on January 10-12, 2024 in Ridgeland, MS.

RESULT: **APPROVED**
MOVER: District 4 Supervisor Spence
SECONDER: District 1 Supervisor Hart
VOTING AYE: Donald Hart, Malcolm Perry, Cruz Russell, Jason Spence, Bryce Lott
VOTING None
NAYE:

- E. Motion to approve travel request for Derek Turnage, Jeri McCorkle and Keim Davis to attend a conference for MSCMEA in Flowood, Ms. January 17-19, 2024.

RESULT: **APPROVED**
MOVER: District 4 Supervisor Spence
SECONDER: District 1 Supervisor Hart
VOTING AYE: Donald Hart, Malcolm Perry, Cruz Russell, Jason Spence, Bryce Lott
VOTING None
NAYE:

- F. Motion to approve the Board of Supervisors and County Officials to attend the Gulf Coast Legislative Reception in Jackson, Mississippi on January 3, 2024.

RESULT: **APPROVED**
MOVER: District 4 Supervisor Spence

SECONDER: District 1 Supervisor Hart
VOTING AYE: Donald Hart, Malcolm Perry, Cruz Russell, Jason Spence, Bryce Lott
VOTING None
NAYE:

- G. Motion to approve David Farmer and Jeff Horner to attend Homicide and Death Investigations Training January 8 - 12, 2024 in Pearl River, LA. They will travel in county assigned units.

RESULT: **APPROVED**
MOVER: District 4 Supervisor Spence
SECONDER: District 1 Supervisor Hart
VOTING AYE: Donald Hart, Malcolm Perry, Cruz Russell, Jason Spence, Bryce Lott
VOTING None
NAYE:

10) MSU County Extension Building:

- A. Motion to approve the payment of \$308,320.88 to Samuel B. Day Construction, Inc. for pay application #5 for the MSU Extension Building Construction.

RESULT:
MOVER: District 5 Supervisor Lott
SECONDER: District 1 Supervisor Hart
VOTING AYE: Donald Hart, Malcolm Perry, Cruz Russell, Jason Spence, Bryce Lott
VOTING None
NAYE:

11) Road Department:

12) Economic Development:

13) Amendments to the Agenda:

14) Executive Session:

- A. Motion to close session at 9:20 a.m. to determine the need for an executive session.

RESULT: **APPROVED**
MOVER: District 4 Supervisor Spence
SECONDER: District 1 Supervisor Hart
VOTING AYE: Donald Hart, Malcolm Perry, Cruz Russell, Jason Spence, Bryce Lott
VOTING None
NAYE:

- B. Motion to enter executive session to discuss matters covered under 25-41-7 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, items covered under Section 4(a) Transaction of business of personnel matters relating to the job performance, character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of a person holding a specific position; 4(b) Strategy sessions or negotiations with respect to prospective litigation, litigation or issuance of an appealable order when an open meeting would

have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the public body; 4(j) Transaction of business and discussions or negotiations regarding the location, relocation or expansion of a business or an industry.

RESULT: **APPROVED**
MOVER: District 5 Supervisor Lott
SECONDER: District 1 Supervisor Hart
VOTING AYE: Donald Hart, Malcolm Perry, Cruz Russell, Jason Spence, Bryce Lott
VOTING None
NAYE:

- C. Motion to return to the regular session at 11:50 a.m. with no action taken during the executive session.

RESULT: **APPROVED**
MOVER: District 5 Supervisor Lott
SECONDER: District 1 Supervisor Hart
VOTING AYE: Donald Hart, Malcolm Perry, Cruz Russell, Jason Spence, Bryce Lott
VOTING None
NAYE:

15) Recess:

- A. Motion to direct County Administrator to post a notice of this recess meeting within one hour after such meeting is called in a prominent place available for examination and inspection by the general public at the Board of Supervisors meeting room in the Pearl River County Courthouse Complex and make attached notice as part of minutes and take a recess until the next scheduled meeting to be held at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 17th, 2024, at the Board of Supervisors meeting room at 109 W Pearl St in Poplarville, MS.

RESULT: **APPROVED**
MOVER: District 4 Supervisor Spence
SECONDER: District 5 Supervisor Lott
VOTING AYE: Donald Hart, Malcolm Perry, Cruz Russell, Jason Spence, Bryce Lott
VOTING None
NAYE:

The Minutes of the January 2, 2024 meeting have been read and approved.


Clerk of the Board




Malcolm Perry, President

