



Pearl River County Board of Supervisors

Meeting Minutes

January 17, 2024 at 9:00 AM

Welcome & Call to Order

The Board of Supervisors met at 9:00 AM on January 17, 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, David Allison.

1) Board Minutes:

A. Consider approving the Board Minutes for January 2, 2024.

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 NAYE:	None

2) Claims Docket:

A. Consider approving the Claims Docket for January 17, 2024.

RESULT: **APPROVED**
MOVER: District 3 Supervisor Russell
SECONDER: District 1 Supervisor Hart
VOTING AYE: Donald Hart, Malcolm Perry, Cruz Russell, Jason Spence, Bryce Lott
VOTING None
NAYE:

3) Sheriff:

A. Motion to approve the following personnel changes:

1. Accept the resignation of Andrew Barrott as part-time Correctional Officer effective January 11, 2024.
2. Accept the termination of Savanna Smith as full-time Correctional Officer effective January 10, 2024.
3. Approve the hiring of Michael Steinkamp as full-time Correctional Officer effective January 18, 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:

4) County Engineer:

A. Motion to Authorize the Board President to sign the MOA Federal Aid project number HSIP-0055-00(043)LPA/109557-70100 with MDOT.

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 selection of Dungan Engineering, PA to provide Professional Engineering services and authorize the President to execute Consultant Selection letter for Project No. HSIP-0055-00(043)LPA / 109557-701000.

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 for Authorization to request MDOT's review and concurrence of the draft Preliminary

Engineering Agreement for Project No. HSIP-0055-00(043)LPA / 109557-701000.

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:

- D. Motion to Authorize the Board President to execute contracts on behalf of the LPA for Project No. HSIP-0055-00(043)LPA / 109557-701000.

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 Order Setting Forth Proposed State Aid Project No. SABP-55(1) Holden Road.

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 Approve pay application 1 for Huey P. Stockstill, LLC as final and complete payment for the Byrd Street and CD Walker Road project.

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:

- G. Motion to approve setting forth a proposed local system bridge replacement and rehabilitation projects for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2027 as project number LSBP - 55(39) on Edmond Jones Road.

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:

- H. Motion to approve setting forth a proposed local system bridge replacement and rehabilitation projects for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2027 as project number LSBP -

55(40) on S. Valley Road.

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) Central Dispatch:

- A. Motion to approve the hiring of Jennifer Tran as a full-time Dispatcher effective January 17, 2024.

RESULT:
MOVER: District 1 Supervisor Hart
SECONDER: District 3 Supervisor Russell
VOTING AYE: Donald Hart, Malcolm Perry, Cruz Russell, Jason Spence, Bryce Lott
VOTING None
NAYE:

6) Coroner:

- A. Motion to request the Board of Supervisors' approval in declaring Mr. Raymond Burns, a Pauper.

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 request the Board of Supervisors' approval in declaring Mr. Brian White, a Pauper Case.

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:

7) E-911 Addressing:

- A. Motion to approve the naming of a private road - Madeline LN.

RESULT: **APPROVED**
MOVER: District 1 Supervisor Hart
SECONDER: District 3 Supervisor Russell

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

- B. Motion to approve the refund for a commercial building permit. Erin Smith is requesting a refund for the permit that was purchased for the commercial project that would have been located at 3816 Hwy 43 N.

RESULT: **APPROVED**
MOVER: District 1 Supervisor Hart
SECONDER: District 3 Supervisor Russell
VOTING AYE: Donald Hart, Malcolm Perry, Cruz Russell, Jason Spence, Bryce Lott
VOTING None
NAYE:

8) Emergency Services:

- A. Motion to approve Emergency Services Director to request small project final inspection for FEMA-4528-DR-MS FIPS#109-99109-00 (CV19 CATB).

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) Tax Assessor/Collector:

- A. Motion to accept the resignation of Holly Walther beginning December 15, 2023.

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 strike from tax sale.

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 reductions for real and personal property.

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 Homestead corrections.

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 authorize Tax Collector to issue a refund for a tag.

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) Consent Agenda Items:

- A. Motion to approve and accept the Mileage Reimbursement Rate for travel effective January 1, 2024, per Section 25-3-41, Mississippi Code of 1972.

RESULT: **APPROVED**
MOVER: District 3 Supervisor Russell
SECONDER: District 5 Supervisor Lott
VOTING AYE: Donald Hart, Malcolm Perry, Cruz Russell, Jason Spence, Bryce Lott
VOTING None
NAYE:

- B. Motion to Declare Friday, March 29, 2024, Good Friday as a legal holiday for Pearl River County to take the place of Monday, April 29, 2024, Confederate Memorial Day legal holiday.

RESULT: **APPROVED**
MOVER: District 3 Supervisor Russell
SECONDER: District 5 Supervisor Lott
VOTING AYE: Donald Hart, Malcolm Perry, Cruz Russell, Jason Spence, Bryce Lott
VOTING None
NAYE:

- C. Motion to acknowledge the renewal of the official bond and oath of Deputy Tax Assessor, Becky McDonald from January 1, 2024, through January 1, 2025.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

MOVER: District 3 Supervisor Russell
SECONDER: District 5 Supervisor Lott
VOTING AYE: Donald Hart, Malcolm Perry, Cruz Russell, Jason Spence, Bryce Lott
VOTING None
NAYE:

- D. Motion to Execute Pearl River County's Amendment to Joinder Agreement for Constables with the Public Employees' Retirement System.

RESULT: **APPROVED**
MOVER: District 3 Supervisor Russell
SECONDER: District 5 Supervisor Lott
VOTING AYE: Donald Hart, Malcolm Perry, Cruz Russell, Jason Spence, Bryce Lott
VOTING None
NAYE:

- E. Motion to appoint Board Members, Private Sector Nominee and Minority Nominee to SMPDD.

1. Jason Spence as Appointed Elected Supervisor to SMPDD Board of Directors.
2. Donald Hart as Appointed Elected Supervisor to Twin Districts Workforce Development Area Board.
3. Patrick Lee as Private Sector Nominee to SMPDD Board of Directors.
4. Donald Hart as Minority Nominee to SMPDD Board of Directors.

RESULT: **APPROVED**
MOVER: District 3 Supervisor Russell
SECONDER: District 5 Supervisor Lott
VOTING AYE: Donald Hart, Malcolm Perry, Cruz Russell, Jason Spence, Bryce Lott
VOTING None
NAYE:

- F. Motion to consider approving the petition to establish the Moody Family Cemetery.

RESULT: **APPROVED**
MOVER: District 3 Supervisor Russell
SECONDER: District 5 Supervisor Lott
VOTING AYE: Donald Hart, Malcolm Perry, Cruz Russell, Jason Spence, Bryce Lott
VOTING None
NAYE:

- G. Motion to acknowledge the renewal of the official bond and oath of Justice Court Clerk, Kristin Fleming beginning February 8th, 2024 through February 8, 2025.

RESULT: **APPROVED**
MOVER: District 3 Supervisor Russell
SECONDER: District 5 Supervisor Lott
VOTING AYE: Donald Hart, Malcolm Perry, Cruz Russell, Jason Spence, Bryce Lott
VOTING None
NAYE:

H. Motion to Ratify the following contracts that were executed in the prior term.

1. Jimmy Richardson instructor for the Alcohol and Drug Program.
2. Inmate Communications, LLC for inmate telephone and communication services.
3. Refreshment Solutions for prison commissary.
4. HEALTH CORR, LLC for providing inmate health services.
5. Jani King of Mississippi Coast for Janitorial Services for Courthouse and Courthouse Annex.
6. AAA AMBULANCE SERVICES for Ambulance service.
7. City of Poplarville for Fire Protection.
8. 4M Services for property management services at Walkiah Bluff Water Park.
9. LexisNexis for the Law Library.
10. Dragon Commercial Building Services, LLC for cleaning County Extension, Justice Court and Chimney Square buildings.
11. SOS Field Services for cleaning the County Administration Building.
12. Summit Food Services for Inmate meal program.

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: District 3 Supervisor Russell

SECONDER: District 5 Supervisor Lott

VOTING AYE: Donald Hart, Malcolm Perry, Cruz Russell, Jason Spence, Bryce Lott

VOTING None

NAYE:

I. Motion to approve the list of designated employees to sign Purchasing Documents such as Requisitions and Receiving Reports.

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: District 3 Supervisor Russell

SECONDER: District 5 Supervisor Lott

VOTING AYE: Donald Hart, Malcolm Perry, Cruz Russell, Jason Spence, Bryce Lott

VOTING None

NAYE:

J. Motion to consider approving the petition to establish the Breland Family Cemetery.

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: District 3 Supervisor Russell

SECONDER: District 5 Supervisor Lott

VOTING AYE: Donald Hart, Malcolm Perry, Cruz Russell, Jason Spence, Bryce Lott

VOTING None

NAYE:

11) Travel:

A. Motion to approve The Pearl River County Election Commission requests permission to travel to the city of Philadelphia, Ms., January 23-26, 2024 for the ECAM Convention and Certification. Rebecca Taylor requests permission to travel from January 22 through January 26, 2024.

RESULT: **APPROVED**
MOVER: District 1 Supervisor Hart
SECONDER: District 3 Supervisor Russell
VOTING AYE: Donald Hart, Malcolm Perry, Cruz Russell, Jason Spence, Bryce Lott
VOTING None
NAYE:

- B. Motion to Approve the Chancery Clerk to travel to Ridgeland, MS for Judicial College Training on February 7-9, 2023.

RESULT: **APPROVED**
MOVER: District 1 Supervisor Hart
SECONDER: District 3 Supervisor Russell
VOTING AYE: Donald Hart, Malcolm Perry, Cruz Russell, Jason Spence, Bryce Lott
VOTING None
NAYE:

- C. Motion to approve the request for permission for the Emergency Services Director to attend the Southeast Mississippi Air Ambulance District (SEMAAD) board meeting January 17th, 2024 in Hattiesburg, MS.

RESULT: **APPROVED**
MOVER: District 1 Supervisor Hart
SECONDER: District 3 Supervisor Russell
VOTING AYE: Donald Hart, Malcolm Perry, Cruz Russell, Jason Spence, Bryce Lott
VOTING None
NAYE:

- D. Motion to approve a request for the Fire Coordinator to attend a Regional Fire Coordinators meeting in Wiggins, MS on February 6th, 2024.

RESULT: **APPROVED**
MOVER: District 1 Supervisor Hart
SECONDER: District 3 Supervisor Russell
VOTING AYE: Donald Hart, Malcolm Perry, Cruz Russell, Jason Spence, Bryce Lott
VOTING None
NAYE:

- E. Motion to approve the following travel:

- Jo Lynn Houston and a Bookkeeper to Clinton, MS for Marvin Training on February 5-8, 2024.
- Penny Fleming to Starkville, MS for IAAO course 101 March 4-8, 2024.
- Austin Tyner, Kristen Fayard and Caydence Bond to Starkville, MS for Certified Appraiser School April 29 -May 3, 2024, and May 13-17, 2024.
- Sarah Lee, Bethany Pomelow, Taylor Archer, Latisha Johnson and Rebecca Macdonald to Biloxi, MS May 6-10, 2024 for Collector Revenue I
- Cassandra Alls to Biloxi, MS October 16-20th 2024 for Collector Revenue II

RESULT: **APPROVED**
MOVER: District 1 Supervisor Hart
SECONDER: District 3 Supervisor Russell
VOTING AYE: Donald Hart, Malcolm Perry, Cruz Russell, Jason Spence, Bryce Lott
VOTING None
NAYE:

12) Monthly Reports:

- A. Motion to spread upon the minutes Building Permits Report for December 2023. The Department of Planning & Development, Building Division issued 132 permits for the period of December 1-31, 2023. The 132 permits generated \$16,847.00 in revenue for the County.

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

- B. Motion to spread upon the minutes the Fire Marshal's Activity Report for December 2023.

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

- C. Motion to spread upon the minutes the County Administrators monthly reports For December 2023.

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

- D. Motion to spread upon the minutes the December FY24 Occupant Protection OP-24-OP-15-51 and FY24 154AL-2024-ST-15-51 Alcohol (DUI) monthly reports.

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

- E. Motion to spread upon the minutes Inmate Meals served December 2023 at the Lenior Rowell

Criminal Justice Center.

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

13) Road Department:

- A. Motion to acknowledge updates on roads completed in 2023.

RESULT:
MOVER: District 3 Supervisor Russell
SECONDER: District 4 Supervisor Spence
VOTING AYE: Donald Hart, Malcolm Perry, Cruz Russell, Jason Spence, Bryce Lott
VOTING None
NAYE:

- B. Motion to approve the following personnel changes:

1. Remove William Decker from employment consideration.
2. Accept the resignation of Robert Pittman as of January 5th, 2024.
3. Accept the resignation of Hilton Herndon as of January 10th, 2024.

RESULT: **APPROVED**
MOVER: District 3 Supervisor Russell
SECONDER: District 4 Supervisor Spence
VOTING AYE: Donald Hart, Malcolm Perry, Cruz Russell, Jason Spence, Bryce Lott
VOTING None
NAYE:

14) Economic Development:

15) Executive Session:

- A. Motion to close session at 10:25 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 3 Supervisor Russell

SECONDER: District 4 Supervisor Spence

VOTING AYE: Donald Hart, Malcolm Perry, Cruz Russell, Jason Spence, Bryce Lott

VOTING None

NAYE:

- C. Motion to return to the regular session at 12:50 p.m. with no action taken during the 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:

16) Amendments to the Agenda :

- A. Motion to authorize the Board President to sign Lease and Option to Purchase with Trustmark National Bank for the 2-2024 Western Star 47X Dump Trucks.

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 approve the quote from Mechanical Services in the amount of \$7785.00 for a repair to the heating unit at the Justice Court/DHS Building as an emergency repair due to the extreme weather.

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 authorize the Board President to sign the FY25 MOHS Impaired Driving Grant Application (154/405), 405D Alcohol and Drug Impaired Driving FY25 is October 1, 2024 - September 30, 2025.

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 authorize the Board President to sign the FY25 MOHS Occupant Protection Grant Application (402) for October 1, 2024 - September 30, 2025.

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 ratify the decision of the EOC Director and County Administrator to declare Tuesday, January 16, 2024 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. as Administrative Emergency Leave due to the extreme weather conditions.

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:

17) Adjourn:

- A. Motion to direct County Administrator to post a notice next 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 adjourn for the term until the next scheduled meeting to be held at 9:00 a.m., February 5th, 2024, at the Board of Supervisors meeting room at 109 W Pearl St in Poplarville, MS.

RESULT: **APPROVED**
MOVER: District 1 Supervisor Hart
SECONDER: District 3 Supervisor Russell
VOTING AYE: Donald Hart, Malcolm Perry, Cruz Russell, Jason Spence, Bryce Lott
VOTING None
NAYE:

The Minutes of the January 17, 2024 meeting have been read and approved.


Clerk of the Board


Malcolm Perry, President

