



Pearl River County Board of Supervisors

Meeting Minutes

February 21, 2024 at 9:00 AM

Welcome & Call to Order

The Board of Supervisors met at 9:00 AM on February 21, 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 February 5, 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 NAYE: None

2) Claims Docket:

A. Consider approving the Claims Docket for February 21, 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 NAYE: None

3) Sheriff:

- A. Motion to accept the following personnel changes:
Move Samantha Hale from full-time to part-time Correctional Officer effective February 11, 2024.
Accept the resignation of Michael Odom as full-time Correctional Officer effective February 6, 2024.
Approve the hiring of Gloria Saucier as full-time Correctional Officer effective February 21, 2024.

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 NAYE: None

- B. Motion to Approve the attached vehicles to be sold as scrap and authorize Melinda Bowman to sign the titles releasing them as county property.

RESULT: **NO ACTION TAKEN**

- C. Motion to approve the purchase and financing of a 2024 Chrysler Pacifica Touring Van for use as Jail Transport unit on state contract with the note being paid out of the Jail Budget.

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 NAYE: None

4) Building Code:

- A. Motion to Approve the request to consider hiring David Johnson as a part-time/as-needed employee by the Pearl River County Building Department effective February 21, 2024.

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 NAYE: None

- B. Motion to request the Board Of Supervisors to approve David Johnson to use his personal vehicle for the duties required and that he be reimbursed at the current state allowance.

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 NAYE: None

5) Circuit Clerk:

- A. Motion to Acknowledge Order Accepting Resignation of Circuit Court Deputy Court Administrator, Leslie Leann Smith, dated February 12, 2024.

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 NAYE: None

- B. Motion to Acknowledge Mississippi Supreme Court Order dated February 13, 2024 the Appointment of Special Judge William E. Andrews, III, as Fifteenth Circuit Court District Judge, Place 3, will expire at 11:59 p.m. February 18, 2024.

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 NAYE: None

- C. Motion to Acknowledge Mississippi Supreme Court Order Appointing Special Judge for the County Court of Pearl River County, Mississippi Honorable William E. Andrews, III dated February 14, 2024.

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 NAYE: None

- D. Motion to Accept the resignation of Tonya Tynes, County Court Administrator, effective February 18, 2024.

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 NAYE: None

- E. Motion to Acknowledge Order Appointing County Court Administrator, Leslie Leann Smith, dated February 15, 2024.

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 NAYE: None

- F. Motion to Acknowledge Order Appointing Tonya Tynes as Court Administrator for the Fifteenth Circuit Court Judicial District effective on February 19, 2024.

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 NAYE: None

- G. Motion to Acknowledge the Renewal of the Official Bond and Oath of Deputy Circuit Clerk, Zeneta John, for the term commencing on February 27, 2024 and ending on February 27, 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 NAYE: None

6) County Engineer:

7) E-911 Addressing:

- A. Motion to approve the refund for a residential building permit for Christopher Bruno. Mr. Bruno decided not to build at this time.

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 NAYE: None

8) GIS:

- A. Motion to authorize payment of the sole source annual ESRI licensing maintenance agreement.

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 NAYE: None

9) Tax Assessor/Collector:

- A. Motion to approve Joshua McClinton as full time appraiser in the Tax Assessor/Collector's Office starting February 21, 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

10) Grants Administration:

- A. Motion to approve the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality Solid Waste Assistance Grant SW1417 and allow the Board President to sign all related documents.

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 NAYE: None

11) Travel:

- A. Motion to approve David Farmer, Jeff Horner and Jody Smith to attend the 40-hour Basic Firearms Instructor Course March 25 - 29, 2024 at the FBI Range at the Mississippi Law Enforcement Officers Training Academy (MLEOTA) in Pearl, MS. Cost of the class is free. Request for reimbursement of meals. Hotel confirmation is attached for payment in advance.

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 NAYE: None

12) Monthly Reports:

- A. Motion to spread upon the minutes Charter Communications 2023 4th Quarter franchise fee in the amount of \$23,133.43.

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 NAYE: None

- B. Motion to spread upon the minutes Building Permit Report for January 2024. The Department of Planning and Development, Building Division issued 168 permits for the period of January 1 - 31, 2024. The 168 permits generated \$24,619.00 in revenue for the county.

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 NAYE: None

- C. Motion to spread upon the minutes the Animal/Litter Control monthly reports for December and January.

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 NAYE: None

- D. Motion to spread upon the minutes the Building Inspection monthly reports for December and January.

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 NAYE: None

- E. Motion to spread upon the minutes the Road Department monthly reports for December and January.

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 NAYE: None

- F. Motion to spread upon the minutes the County Administrator's monthly report for January 2024 including receipts and disbursements.

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 NAYE: None

- G. Motion to spread upon the minutes the Waste Management 4th Quarter 2023 Host Fee in the amount of \$7,576.15.

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 NAYE: None

- H. Motion to spread upon the minutes Summit's monthly invoices and meals served for January 2024 at Lenoir Rowell Criminal Justice Center.

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 NAYE: None

- I. Motion to spread upon the minutes the January 2024 Fire Marshal Monthly Report.

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 NAYE: None

13) Road Department:

- A. Motion to discuss possible equipment purchase of a 12-ton Tag-A-Long trailer for North-East tie up.

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

14) Economic Development:

- A. Motion to Approve the Resolution Authorizing the Submittal and Committing Matching Funds for the Pearl River County Industrial Park - Highway 26 Improvements to the Mississippi Development Authority for the Mississippi Site Development Grant - Select Sites 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 NAYE: None

- B. Motion to acknowledge the fully executed Select Site - Site Development Grant - Infrastructure and Site Improvements to Industrial Park Agreement with MDA.

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 NAYE: None

15) County Administrator:

- A. Motion to authorize the President to execute and sign the deed for the sale of parcel number 2159300020400100 to Pearl River Community College. Be it further ordered to authorize the Inventory Control Clerk to remove the property from inventory.

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 NAYE: None

- B. Motion to set March 5th, 2024, and April 2nd, 2024, as dates for future workshops to discuss the following topics:

March 5, 2024 -- 4-year Road Plan and review Subdivision Regulation.

April 2, 2024 -- Zoning and County Wide garbage collection.

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 NAYE: None

16) Amendments to the Agenda:

- A. Motion to Accept the Letter of Resignation from Judge Richelle Lumpkin, the Pearl River County Court Judge, effective February 19, 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 NAYE: None

- B. Motion to Accept best and lowest quote to purchase 4 sets of Turnout Gear for Nicholson Volunteer Fire Department from Sunbelt Fire Inc. for the amount of \$11,464.00.

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 NAYE: None

17) Executive Session:

- A. Motion to close session at 10:35 a.m. to determine the need for an executive session.

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

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

- C. Motion to return to the regular session at 12:15 p.m. with no action taken during the executive session.

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 NAYE: None

18) Recess:

- A. Motion to recess for lunch at 12:15 p.m. until 2:00 p.m.

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 NAYE: None

19) Return From Lunch:

- A. The President called the meeting back into regular session at 2:00 p.m.

20) Adjourn:

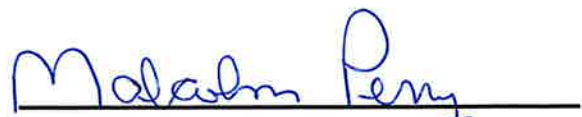
- A. Motion to direct County Administrator to post a notice next meeting within one hour after such meeting is called in a prominent place available for examination and inspection by the general public at the Board of Supervisors meeting room in the Pearl River County Courthouse Complex and make attached notice as part of minutes and adjourn for the term until the next scheduled meeting to be held at 9:00 a.m., March 4, 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 4 Supervisor Spence
VOTING AYE: Donald Hart, Malcolm Perry, Cruz Russell, Jason Spence, Bryce Lott
VOTING NAYE: None

The Minutes of the February 21, 2024 meeting have been read and approved.


Clerk of the Board




Malcolm Perry, President

