



## **Pearl River County Board of Supervisors**

### **Meeting Minutes**

February 5, 2024 at 9:00 AM

### **Welcome & Call to Order**

The Board of Supervisors met at 9:00 AM on February 5, 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, Chief Deputy Frederick Drennan representing David Allison.

### **1) Board Minutes:**

A. Consider approving Board Minutes for January 17, 2024.

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

### **2) Claims Docket:**

A. Consider approving the Claims Docket for February 5, 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 accept the following personnel changes:  
Remove Michael Steinkamp as full-time Correctional Officer effective January 19, 2024.  
Accept the resignation of James Walley as part-time Patrol Deputy effective January 26, 2024.  
Accept the termination of William Alligood as a full-time Correctional Officer effective January 31, 2024.  
Approve the hiring Danielle Sullivan as full-time Correctional Officer effective February 6, 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:**

- B. Motion to ratify the check issued to the State of MS for Polygraph Examiner License Renewal Fee on January 23, 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:**

**4) Circuit Clerk:**

- A. Motion to Acknowledge Order for Payment of Sustenance and Necessities for Jurors dated January 18, 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:**

- B. Motion to Acknowledge Writ of Election dated January 22, 2024, for the Special Election to fill the vacancy in the Office of Circuit Judge for the Fifteenth Circuit District, Place 3 on November 5, 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:**

- C. Motion to Approve Contract for Election Services with Circuit Clerk, Nance Stokes for the 2024-2025 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:**

**5) Emergency Services:**

- A. Motion to approve the purchase of a 26Kw generator on behalf of Southeast Volunteer Fire Department for the amount \$8150.00 from Sullivan Electric LLC, which had the lowest and best quote.

**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:**

- B. Motion to Reappoint Shawn Wise to the Southeast Mississippi Air Ambulance District Board of Directors for Pearl River County.

**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:**

**6) Tax Assessor/Collector:**

- A. Motion to approve corrections to the homestead exemption supplement roll.

**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:**

- B. Motion to approve reductions and increases for real and personal property.

**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) MSU Extension Building :**

- A. Motion to approve the payment of \$218,351.28 to Samuel B. Day Construction, Inc. for pay application # 6 for the MSU Extension Building Project and Landry & Lewis Invoice CN 21-3880-002 in the amount of \$12,818.53.

**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) Election Commission:**

- A. Motion to Certify Alana R. Campo as a Candidate for District 5 for PRC Election Commissioner

**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 Request to raise the rate currently paid to Receiving and Returning Managers from \$10 to \$25 per Senate Bill 2353 which amended Election Code 23-15-227(2) effective January 1, 2024.

**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 Request 5 extra working days for each Election Commissioner for the calendar year 2024.

**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 Certify Michele Beasley as a Candidate for District 5 for PRC Election Commissioner.

**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 Certify Jacintha Taylor as a Candidate for District 1 PRC Election Commissioner.

**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:**

- F. Motion to Certify Katrina Lanette Brown as a Candidate for District 1 for PRC Election Commissioner.

**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:**

- G. Motion to Certify Tommy Breland as a Candidate for District 3 for PRC Election Commissioner.

**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:**

**9) Consent Agenda Items:**

- A. Motion to acknowledge the renewal of the official bond and oath of Deputy Tax Assessor, John Corley beginning February 16th, 2024 through February 16th, 2025.

**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:**

- B. Motion to acknowledge the renewal of the official bond and oath of Sheriff, David Allison from January 1, 2024 through January 1, 2025.

**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:**

- C. Motion to acknowledge the renewal of the official bond and oath of Road Dept Foreman, Floyd B. Smith for the term of January 27, 2024 through January 27, 2025.

**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:**

- D. Motion to Authorize the President to sign Amendment One to the agreement with Landry, Lewis, Germany Architects, P.A. date February 7, 2022, for the Multi-Purpose Facility and Emergency Operations Center.

**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:**

- E. Motion to acknowledge fully executed MS Department of Health Subgrant Agreement #SG-1189-5 through the District Attorney's office for VOCA. This agreement shall be in effect from 10/01/2023 through 09/30/2025.

**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:**

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

and to recognize Monday, February 19, 2024, as President's Day.

**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:**

- G. Motion to acknowledge the renewal of the official bond and oath of Deputy Tax Assessor, Caydence Bond for the term of December 13, 2023, through December 13, 2024, and the official bond and oath for Gary Beech, Tax Assessor/Collector with the expiration date changed to January 1st, 2025.

**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:**

- H. Motion to approve the payment of \$1,517.98 to the Capital One Spark Business Card for the payment due February 20, 2024. All receipts for the transactions are attached.

**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:**

- I. Motion to acknowledge the retirement of Cindy Lee as Board Secretary effective January 31, 2024. Mrs. Lee served Pearl River County exceptionally for over 23 years as a dedicated employee.

**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:**

#### **10) Grants Administration:**

- A. Motion to approve and authorize the Board President to sign the 2024 Mississippi Office of Highway Safety Designation of Secondary Signatory Official form. This form will allow Christy Goss to sign monthly reports that are submitted to MS Office of Highway Safety. An updated form is required due to board changes that occurred.

**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 approve and authorize the Board President to sign the Closeout forms for the Division of Public Safety Planning (JAG) 22LB1551.

**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:**

- C. Motion to approve and authorize the Board President to sign the letter to Lower Pearl River Valley Foundation asking for a grant application for the McNeill Community Center project.

**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:**

- D. Motion to approve and authorize the Board President to sign the reimbursement request for Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality WT 738.

**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:**

#### **11) Travel:**

- A. Motion to authorize EMA Staff to attend Damage Assessment Training May 7th, 2024 at the Hancock County EOC Kiln, MS.

**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 approve Connor Miller to attend Search/Arrest Warrant Service Operator Level I at RCTA in Meridian, MS from February 20 - 23, 2024. This is a free class with meals and lodging provided. Miller will travel in his county assigned unit.

**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 approve Jason Edmonds, Carl Flowers, Julie Flowers and Terold Martin, Sr. to attend the online Administrative Investigation of In-Custody Deaths on February 12, 2024. Cost of the class is \$150.00 for all four. This will be done in-house.

**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 approve David Farmer and Jason Gambrell to attend Exploring the Sexual Offender & Violent Offender in Pearl River, Louisiana on March 18 - 19, 2024. Cost is \$400.00 for both. Meal reimbursement is requested. Farmer and Gambrell will travel in their county assigned units.

**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 approve Jerry Bounds to attend the Mississippi Workers Comp Conference in Biloxi, MS on April 10th - April 12th, 2024. The cost of this conference will be \$400.00.

**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:**

- F. Motion to approve travel for Anita Sumrall, Jeff Caillouet, and Lauren Robertson to Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Training in Las Vegas, Nevada on April 21 - 24, 2024. We will travel on April 21, 2024, and the class begins on April 22, 2024.

**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:**

**12) County Administrator:**

- A. Motion to Approve and Authorize the President to execute a Notice of Federal Interest and Landlord Letter of Consent to Forrest General Hospital for the renovations to the Emergency Room through a grant obtained from the Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).

**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:**

**13) Road Department:**

- A. Motion to approve the following personnel changes:

1. The resignation of Christopher W. Johnson effective January 18, 2024.
2. The retirement of Gregory Malley is effective on January 31, 2024.
3. Hiring Dakota Johnson as a full-time tractor operator effective February 6, 2024.
4. Hiring Julian Giluso as a full-time tractor operator effective February 6, 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:**

**14) Economic Development:**

**15) County Engineer:**

**16) Amendments to the Agenda:**

- A. Motion to cancel the lease agreement with CLIMB due to CLIMB never executing the agreement.

**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 into a lease agreement with SMPDD to operate a youth education program at the Mary Helen Richardson Community Center.

**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:**

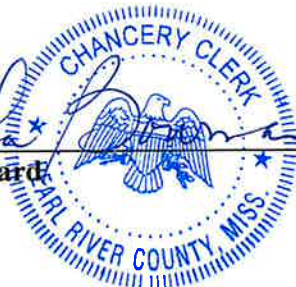
**17) Recess:**

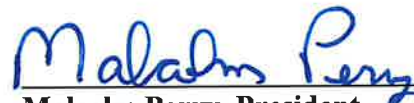
- A. Motion to direct County Administrator to post a notice of this recess meeting within one hour after such meeting is called in a prominent place available for examination and inspection by the general public at the Board of Supervisors meeting room in the Pearl River County Courthouse Complex and make attached notice as part of minutes and take a recess until the next scheduled meeting to be held at 9:00 a.m., February 21, 2024, at the Board of Supervisors meeting room at 109 W Pearl St in Poplarville, MS.

**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:**

**The Minutes of the February 5, 2024 meeting have been read and approved.**

  
Clerk of the Board



  
Malcolm Perry, President

