



## Pearl River County Board of Supervisors

### Meeting Minutes

March 4, 2024 at 9:00 AM

### Welcome & Call to Order

The Board of Supervisors met at 9:00 AM on March 4, 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, Rob Williams, Representing David Allison.

### 1) Board Minutes:

A. Consider approving the Board Minutes for February 21, 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 March 4, 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 NAYE:**   None

**3) Sheriff:**

- A.   Motion to Approve the following personnel changes.  
Remove Danielle Sullivan as full-time Correctional Officer effective February 26, 2024; no show, no call.  
Remove Nastassia Poole as part-time Correctional Officer effective February 26, 2024.  
Hire Sherry Daniels as part-time Correctional Officer effective March 4, 2024.  
Hire Terold Martin, Jr. as full-time Correctional Officer effective March 4, 2024.  
Hire Amber McCardle as full-time Correctional Officer effective March 4, 2024.  
Hire Terry Poe as full-time Correctional Officer effective March 4, 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 NAYE:**   None

**4) County Engineer:**

**5) Central Dispatch:**

- A.   Motion to Approve the termination of Jennifer Tran effective February 25, 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 NAYE:**   None

- B.   Motion to Approve the termination of Dora Ann Jones effective February 28, 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 NAYE:**   None

**6) Circuit Clerk:**

- A.   Motion to Acknowledge the Oath of Office for Leann Smith, Court Administrator.

**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

**7) Coroner:**

- A. Motion to request the Board of Supervisors' approval in declaring Mr. William Gordon as 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 NAYE:** None

- B. Motion to request the Board of Supervisors' approval in declaring Mrs. Clara Pecoraro as 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 NAYE:** None

- C. Motion to request the Board of Supervisors' approval in declaring Mr. Roger Slaven as 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 NAYE:** None

**8) County Administrator:**

- A. Motion to reimburse Pearl River County Utility Authority in the amount of \$3,480.00 for request # 1 on the following project:  
MWI ARPA Project No. 254-2-CW-5.5 for the Millard Jail Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements.

**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

**9) E-911 Addressing:**

- A. Motion to Approve the naming of a private road - Bearkiller Lane.

**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

- B.    Motion to Approve the naming of a private road - Gypsy Way.

**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

- C.    Motion to Approve the naming of a private road - Macleod Boulevard.

**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

- D.    Motion to Approve the naming of a private road - Rae Fen Parkway.

**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

- E.    Motion to Approve the naming of a private road - Schlautmans Run.

**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

- F.    Motion to Approve the naming of a private road - Sigmunds Passage.

**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

- G.    Motion to Approve the naming of a private road - Sylvestris Way.

**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

H. Motion to Approve the naming of a private road - Terafan Doe Run.

**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

**10) Tax Assessor/Collector:**

A. Motion to approve Reductions and Increase for Real and Personal Property.

**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 a correction to amend the Homestead Supplemental roll 2023.

**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 approve the Contract with Tri-State Consulting Services Inc. They are the only Mapping/GIS company that does land use calculations and produces a product compatible with the Delta software used in the appraisal department.

**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 personnel change of John Corley from full time to part-time Deputy Tax Appraiser effective February 9, 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

**11) Consent Agenda Items:**

- A. Motion to Acknowledge the Recognition of Cara Bond on her retirement effective on February 28, 2024, after 29 years of service with Pearl River County (22 years in Dispatch).

**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 Approve the payment of \$5,321.52 to the Capital One Spark Business Card for the payment due March 20, 2024. All receipts for the transactions are attached.

**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 Accept the attached check in the amount of \$5,000.00 from North Central Volunteer Fire Department and to begin administrative services for purchases according to the request submitted by the North Central Volunteer Fire Department Board.

**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

- D. Motion to Accept the lowest and best quote from CommTech and issue a purchase order in the amount of \$9,600.00 to move Metro-E routing from Cisco Routers to PR County FortiGate Firewalls.

**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

- E. Motion to Acknowledge the annual CC-213 Recertification from Federal Emergency Management Agency CRS Community Certifications.

**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

## **12) Grants Administration:**

- A. Motion to Approve and Authorize the Board President to sign the U.S. Department of Energy,

State & Community Energy Program, the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program Voucher. The award is \$76,860.00 to purchase energy-efficient lights.

**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 Approve and Authorize the Board President to sign the reimbursement request for the MS 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 NAYE:**   None

- C. Motion to Accept the 2024 National Crime Victims' Rights Week Community Awareness Project (CAP) grant through the National Association of VOCA Assistance Administrators (NAVAA) and authorize the Board President to sign all related documents.

**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

- D. Motion to Approve and Authorize Board President to sign the Letter of agreement from MS Tire Recycling, LLC and all related documents.

**RESULT:**           **NO ACTION TAKEN**

### 13) Travel:

- A. Motion to Approve the travel and reimbursement of hotel, meals and other costs associated with the following:  
Michael Gambrell, Investigator  
Basic Polygraph Examiner's Course  
May 5 - July 13, 2024  
Fort Myers, FL  
Registration \$6,000.00 - see attached Invoice for payment instructions  
Lodging \$5,235.18 (Gambrell will pay each when due with County reimbursing him each month)  
Meals 69 days @ \$64.00 per diem per day in Fort Myers, FL = \$4,416.00 advance check to Gambrell prior to May 5, 2024; with receipts and overage upon completion of course  
Gambrell will travel in his county assigned unit with use of fuelman card.

**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

- B. Motion to Approve the travel and reimbursement of hotel, meals and other costs associated with the following:

Tania Lucas & Liliana Torija

Interview and Interrogation

April 14 - 19, 2024

Lake Charles, LA

Hotel Holiday Inn & Suites S \$535.00

Lucas and Torija will travel in a county assigned unit.

**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

- C. Motion to Approve Tax Office employees, Kelli Herrin and Erynn Hoda to attend the MCR Exam in Raymond, MS on May 30th and June 13th 2024 for retake if needed.

**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

- D. Motion to Approve the travel and reimbursement of hotel, meals and other costs associated with the following:

Randy Messa

2024 MAPE Seminar

April 9 - 11, 2024

Mississippi Fire Academy

Pearl, MS

Class \$150.00

Hotel \$196.00

Messa will travel in his county assigned unit.

**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

- E. Motion to Approve the travel and reimbursement of hotel, meals and other costs associated with the following:

Victoria Denney, Kevin Garvey & Leon Poche

Correctional Officer Academy

March 4 - 22, 2024

Columbia Law Enforcement Training Academy

Columbia, MS

Cost \$1,500.00 (\$500 per officer)

**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

**14) MSU Extension Building:**

- A. Motion to Approve the payment of \$204,330.82 to Samuel B. Day Construction, Inc. for pay application # 7 for the MSU Extension Building Project and Landry & Lewis Invoice CN 21-3880-003 in the amount of \$2,860.67.

**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

**15) Road Department:**

- A. Motion to Approve the Poplarville School District bus turnaround addition for the 2023-2024 school year.

1. 89 Clayton Rose Drive

**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 Approve the Lamar County School District bus turnaround addition for the 2023-2024 school year.

1. 27 Hemlock Dr. Lumberton, MS

**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

**16) Economic Development:**

## 17) Amendments to the Agenda:

- A. Motion to Authorize the Board President to sign the support letter for Marion County's Bridging the Pearl River Gap Project for the 2024 RAISE Grant 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 Authorize the Board of Supervisors' President to sign a letter to the Mississippi Legislature desiring to remain in the current Chancery and Circuit Judicial districts.

**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 Authorize the Public Defender's Office to purchase a used, prior-government owned automobile for up to \$5,000.00 at auction.

**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 lowest and best quote for financing from Trustmark National Bank and Authorize the Board of Supervisor's President to sign the Lease-Purchase Agreement between Trustmark National Bank and Pearl River county for the purchase of a 2024 Chrysler Pacifica Van.

**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

## 18) Executive Session:

- A. Motion to close session at 10:15 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 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 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 return to regular session at 11:50 a.m. with no action taken during the executive session.

**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

**19) Recess:**

- A. Motion to direct the 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., March 5, 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 3 Supervisor Russell  
**VOTING AYE:**     Donald Hart, Malcolm Perry, Cruz Russell, Jason Spence, Bryce Lott  
**VOTING NAYE:**   None

**The Minutes of the March 4, 2024 meeting have been read and approved.**

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**Clerk of the Board**

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**Malcolm Perry, President**