



Pearl River County Board of Supervisors

Meeting Minutes

May 6, 2024 at 9:00 AM

Welcome & Call to Order

The Board of Supervisors met at 9:00 AM on May 6, 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 on April 17, 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 Claims Docket for May 6, 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

3) Sheriff:

- A. Motion to authorize advertisement for a Fleet Leasing/Management Program for Pearl River County with bids due on June 17, 2024, at 10:00 am per the attached specs.

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 following personnel changes:
Termination of Camron Dear as full-time Correctional Officer effective April 30, 2024.
Termination of John Horn as full-time Correctional Officer effective April 29, 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

- C. Motion to approve proceeding with the application to secure the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Microgrants Program.

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

- D. Motion to authorize Sheriff to sign MOU with the Mississippi Department of Transportation for the placement and maintenance of Automatic License Plate Readers.

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

4) Poplarville Airport Update by Darrell Fuller:

- A. Motion to acknowledge the update on the progress of the latest project at the airport and approve the releasing of funds requested by the Airport Board.

The Airport Board is requesting that the Pearl River County release to the Board the agreed-to funding for this project, namely \$64,889. The FAA has contributed \$1,936,747 of their committed \$2,157,987. The Board has requested the funding that the state has agreed to contribute to this project, namely \$119,889. The Airport Board has agreed to fund \$55,000 for

this project. The Board has contributed \$10,828 of the \$55,000. Handouts with all of this information will be presented at the meeting.

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

5) County Engineer:

6) Coroner:

- A. Motion to request the Board of Supervisors' approval in declaring Mrs. Barbara Cumminskey a pauper case.

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

7) Central Dispatch:

- A. Motion to approve to hire Nicole Wilson as a full-time Dispatcher effective May 6, 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

8) Circuit Clerk:

- A. Motion to Acknowledge the Official Bond and Oath of Danielle Hickman, Deputy Circuit Clerk for the term of March 21, 2024, to March 21, 2025.

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) Emergency Services:

- A. Motion to accept the lowest and best quote on financing for the Ford F750 Water Tanker for Pine Grove VFD.

1. BankPlus submitted a five-year tax exempt rate of 5.75%.

2. First National Bank submitted a five-year rate of 6.3%.
3. First Southern Bank submitted a five-year rate of 9.50%.

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

- B. Motion to authorize the payment of \$10,000.00 to Art's Trucks & Equipment from Pine Grove VFD Levy Fund and authorize the Board President to sign all necessary financing paperwork.

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) Planning & Development:

- A. Motion to approve Blackberry Hollow subdivision under Section 105.02 of the Pearl River County Subdivision Regulations --Multi-Use Large Tract Private Road Subdivision. The subdivision contains four (4) lots. Be it further ordered to name the private road in the subdivision as Blackberry Hollow. Attached are copies of the application, survey, road maintenance agreement, and road name petition.

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

11) Tax Assessor/Collector:

- A. Motion to approve reductions on 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 the hire of Benjamin Lewis as full-time deputy appraiser beginning May 7, 2024.

Motion to remove McKenna Penton as full-time deputy clerk as of April 24, 2024.

Motion to remove Austin Tyner as full-time appraiser as of April 26, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

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 deletion list for homestead accounts for reasons listed for the 2024 tax year.

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

12) Consent Agenda Items:

- A. Motion to approve the following Picayune School District 16th Section leases and the cancelation of one.

1. James I. Smith-Cancelation
2. James Ira Smith & Cynthia Smith-Residential Lease
3. Kimberly Taylor-Commercial/Residential Lease

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

- B. Motion to approve the request from Coast Electric Power Association for staging areas of county properties to use for 2024 if needed in the case of a storm.

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

- C. Motion to authorize the Board President to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Pearl River Valley Opportunity, Inc. to renew the 2025 Low Income Housing Energy Assistance Program/Community Service Block Grant proposal.

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

- D. Motion to approve the payment of \$7,128.34 to the Capital One Spark Business Card for the payment due May 20, 2024. All receipts for 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 NAYE: None

- E. Motion to acknowledge the renewal of the official bond and oath of Deputy Tax Collector, Bridget Howse, for the term of June 3, 2024, to June 3, 2025.

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

13) Travel:

- A. Motion to Approve travel for Brittany Twiner to Justice Court Clerks Training Course in Choctaw, Mississippi on May 15-17, 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

- B. Motion to approve an update on travel with the following from last agenda
John Farmer also attended the following class with Hunter Martin.
Basic Street Gang Investigation Training
April 23, 2024
Golden Nugget
Biloxi, MS
Free Class

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

- C. Motion to approve travel and other costs associated with the following training:
Wade Ladner
Use of Force and Restraints in Jails/Corrections
May 20, 2024
Online Class
\$150.00

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

- D. Motion to approve travel and other costs associated with the following training:
Hunter Martin
Rural Law Enforcement Initiative - Human Trafficking Training
June 11, 2024
Biloxi Civic Center
Free Class

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

- E. Motion to approve travel and other costs associated with the following training:
Joseph Smith, III
2024 MS Command College
July 14-19, 2024
The Inn at Ole Miss University
Oxford, MS
Class \$375.00 mailed to Ken Winter
Hotel: The Inn at Ole Miss Hotel \$595.00 pre-paid with Tax-exempt letter

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

- F. Motion to approve travel and other costs associated with the following training:
David Allison
2024 Summer Conference
Golden Nugget
Biloxi, MS
No Registration Fee
Sheriff Allison will travel in his county-assigned vehicle.

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) MSU Extension Building:

- A. Motion to approve the payment of \$175,070.23 to Samuel B. Day Construction, Inc. for pay application # 8 for the MSU Extension Building Project and Landry & Lewis Invoice CN 21-3880-004 in the amount of \$2,450.95.

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 \$310,774.05 to Samuel B. Day Construction, Inc. for pay application # 9 for the MSU Extension Building Project and Landry & Lewis Invoice CN 21-3880-005 in the amount of \$4,350.83.

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) Grants Administration:

- A. Motion to approve the lowest and best quote for ballpark lights from Garner Lumley Electric and issue a purchase order. The funding is from the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) program (voucher). \$76,860 funding is allocated for this project.

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 NAYE: None

- B. Motion to recognize a Proclamation for the National Day of Prayer.

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 NAYE: None

16) Road Department:

- A. Motion to approve Poplarville School bus turnaround additions for the 2023-2024 school year.

1. 7764 Hwy 43N
2. 186 Three Ponds Drive
3. 1012 John Amacker Road
4. 61 Arlena Lane

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 approve the hiring of Joshua T. Johnson full-time for the paving crew effective May 7, 2024.

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

- C. Motion to accept the resignation of Mitchell Len Sones effective April 24th, 2024.

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

- D. Motion to acknowledge the County Administrator to sign the contract with Jeff Martin Auctioneers, Inc. for the surplus equipment from the Road Department for the auction to be held at 2236 HWY 49, Brooklyn, MS 39425.

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

- E. Motion to acknowledge drainage easement by landowner, Heather Frazier on North Hill Dr and authorize the Road Department to repair and rip rap culvert crossing as necessary.

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

17) Economic Development:

- A. Motion to approve the grant agreements for the Mississippi Development Authority Site Development Grant Program for the Pearl River County Industrial Park's Premier Site Grant and the Pearl River County Technology Park's Ready Site Grant and allow the President to execute all necessary documents.
Pearl River County Board of Supervisors SDG-P-032 for \$250,000.00 for the Premier Site at Industrial Park.
Pearl River County Board of Supervisors SDG-R-044 for \$50,000.00 for the Technology Park.

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

18) Amendments to the Agenda:

- A. Motion to approve the issuance of support check to Pam's Angels in the amount of \$1,000.00.

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

19) Recess:

- A. Motion to recess for lunch at 12:30 p.m. until 1:30 p.m.

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

20) Return From Lunch:

- A. The Board President called the meeting back into regular session at 1:30 p.m.

21) 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., Wednesday, May 22, 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 NAYE: None

The Minutes of the May 6, 2024 meeting have been read and approved.


Clerk of the Board


Malcolm Perry, President