



Pearl River County Board of Supervisors

Meeting Minutes

June 3, 2024 at 9:00 AM

Welcome & Call to Order

The Board of Supervisors met at 9:00 AM on June 3, 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 - (Absent);
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) MAS Scholarship Presentation:

- A. Motion to acknowledge the 2024 Mississippi Association of Supervisors County Scholarship Program Recipient awarded to Laura C. Lumpkin.

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

2) Board Minutes:

- A. Consider approving Board Minutes for May 22, 2024.

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

3) Claims Docket:

- A. Consider approving Claims Docket for June 3, 2024.

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

4) Sheriff:

- A. Motion to approve the following personnel changes:
Accept the resignation of Hailey Bowlan as full-time Correctional Sergeant effective June 6, 2024.
Accept the hiring of Isaiah Hicks as full-time Correctional Officer effective June 3, 2024.
Accept the hiring of Trae Wilson as full-time Uncertified Patrol Deputy effective June 3, 2024.
Move Kyla Martin from Correctional Officer to Correctional Sergeant effective May 23, 2024.
Move Jayson Serpas from Correctional Officer to Correctional Sergeant effective May 23, 2024.

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

- B. Motion to approve the following Independent Contractor:
Annette Aultman to teach MDOC A&D Program
Effective March 11, 2024
25 hours per week
\$1,500.00 per month

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

- C. Motion to approve an update on the following Independent Contract:
Jimmy Richardson to teach MDOC A&D Program
Pay rate change effective June 3, 2024
\$1,520.00 per month

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

- D. Motion to approve the attached list of items for sale as scrap metal and remove from departmental inventory.

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

5) County Engineer:

6) Circuit Clerk:

- A. Motion to Acknowledge the Official Bond and Oath of Elena D. Shaw, Deputy Circuit Clerk from June 14, 2024, through June 14, 2025.

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

7) Election Commission:

- A. Motion to acknowledge the resignation of Election Commissioner, Rebecca Batzli as she is moving out of District 2.

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

- B. Motion to declare a vacancy for election commissioner in District 2 and set a special election for November 5, 2024 with a qualification deadline of 5:00 p.m. on September 6, 2024.

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

- C. Motion to appoint Jamie Garner as Election Commissioner for District 2 until special election is

held on November 5, 2024.

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

8) Justice Court:

- A. Motion to Approve Travel for Justice Court Judge Donald Fail to Mississippi Justice Court Judges Association Summer Convention in Biloxi, MS July 14-18, 2024.

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

9) Tax Assessor/Collector:

- A. Motion to approve a reduction on real property.

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

- B. Motion to approve homestead deletions for the 2024 tax year for reasons listed.

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

10) Consent Agenda Items:

- A. Motion to spread upon the minutes the Proof of Publication for adopting the 2018 Family of International Building Codes.

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

- B. Motion to approve the payment of \$213.56 to the Capital One Spark Business Card for the payment due June 20, 2024. All receipts for transactions are attached.

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

- C. Motion to authorize the Board President to sign an Employee Screening and Drug Testing Services Agreement with Forrest County General Hospital doing business as Pearl River County Hospital.

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

11) Grants Administration:

- A. Motion to approve the Pearl River County Sheriff's Department's Request to submit a letter of request to the Lower Pearl River Valley Foundation for a grant application and sign all related documents.

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

12) Travel:

- A. Motion to approve travel and other costs associated with the following training:
Rob Williams
Enhancing School Safety Using a Threat Assessment Model
June 5, 2024
Biloxi Civic Center
Biloxi, MS
Free Class
Williams will travel in his county assigned unit.

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

- B. Motion to approve travel and costs associated with the following training:
Trae Wilson
Basic Law Enforcement Class 2024-3
July 7 - September 20, 2024
Harrison County Law Enforcement Training Academy

Gulfport, MS
Cost \$4,000.00 (will Invoice once class begins)
Wilson will travel in his county assigned unit.

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

13) MSU Extension Building:

- A. Motion to approve the payment of \$485,005.87 to Samuel B. Day Construction, Inc. for pay application # 10 for the MSU Extension Building Construction and Landry Lewis Germany Architects, P.A. Invoice CN 21-3880-006 in the amount of \$6,790.08.

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

14) Road Department:

- A. Motion to approve the following changes in personnel:
Hiring of Michael Lowery for part-time employment as a tractor driver effective on June 4th, 2024.
Move Steven Byrd from part-time employee to full-time employee effective Monday, June 3rd, 2024.

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

- B. Motion to acknowledge the receipt of the Road Department Equipment sold at the Jeff Martin auction.

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

15) Economic Development:

16) Executive Session:

- A. Motion to close session at 9:55 a.m. to determine the need for an executive session.

RESULT: **APPROVED**
MOVER: District 4 Supervisor Spence
SECONDER: District 5 Supervisor Lott
VOTING AYE: 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 4 Supervisor Spence
SECONDER: District 3 Supervisor Russell
VOTING AYE: Malcolm Perry, Cruz Russell, Jason Spence, Bryce Lott
VOTING NAYE: None

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

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

17) Emergency Services:

- A. Motion to approve Pearl River County Fire and Rescue consolidation plan effective June 3, 2024. This will consolidate the following five departments:
Steep Hollow, Northeast, Amackertown, Derby-Whitesands and North Central.

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

- B. Motion to approve the termination of the Steep Hollow Volunteer Fire Department Fire Protection contract effective June 3, 2024.

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

- C. Motion to approve the termination of the Northeast Volunteer Fire Department Fire Protection Contract effective June 3, 2024.

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

- D. Motion to approve the termination of Amackertown Volunteer Fire Department Fire protection contract effective June 3, 2024.

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

- E. Motion to approve the termination of the Deby Whitesand Volunteer Fire Department Fire Protection Contract effective June 3, 2024.

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

- F. Motion to appoint Miss Ashley Redden as the Derby Whitesand Interim Fire Chief, effectively immediately.

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

18) Recess:

- A. Motion to recess for lunch at 12:20p.m. until 1:30p.m.

RESULT: **APPROVED**
MOVER: District 4 Supervisor Spence
SECONDER: District 5 Supervisor Lott
VOTING AYE: 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 1:30 p.m.

20) Amendments to the Agenda:

- A. Motion to take under advisement the request of Darryl Webb to get a power pole permit to live in a camper.

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

- B. Motion to advertise County Resources with Sponsorship of Chapel Hart concert at Pearl River Community College on June 22, 2024.

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

21) Recess:

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

- 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, June 19, 2024, at the Board of Supervisors meeting room at 109 W Pearl St in Poplarville, MS.
- B. 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, June 19, 2024, at the Board of Supervisors meeting room at 109 W Pearl St in Poplarville, MS.

The Minutes of the June 3, 2024 meeting have been read and approved.


Clerk of the Board




Malcolm Perry, President

