



Pearl River County Board of Supervisors

Meeting Minutes

September 16, 2024 at 9:00 AM

Welcome & Call to Order

The Board of Supervisors met at 9:00 AM on September 16, 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 Board Minutes for meetings of September 3, 2024, and September 9, 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 September 16, 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:
Move Kacie Leonard from full-time to part-time Patrol Deputy effective August 29, 2024.
Accept the resignation of Kortnee Hill as full-time Correctional Officer, not moving to the area effective August 26, 2024.
Accept the resignation of Gavin Cantrelle as full-time Correctional Officer due to pay rate effective August 29, 2024.
Accept the resignation of Joshua Belknap as full-time Correctional Officer effective September 9, 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 approve the Agreed Order Forfeiting Weapon and add to the Sheriff's inventory in the following case:
Walder, Jarred Edward
PRCSO Case SO23-021399
Circuit Cause No. 55:24-CR-72
One (1) Hartfield 12 gauge pistol grip shotgun
Serial 12P22-002524

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 accept the best and lowest financing quote of 4.55% for 60 months from Trustmark Bank on the Lease Purchase financing on Seven (7) New 2025 Ford Explorer Police Vehicles.

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 accept and approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Pearl River County Sheriff's Department and Perry County Sheriff's Office.

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 Poplarville/Pearl River County Airport Annual report for August 1, 2023 through July 31, 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

5) Central Dispatch:

- A. Motion to approve request to hire Ashlyn Lyle as full-time Dispatcher effective September 23, 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

6) Chancery Clerk:

- A. Motion to certify Jamie Garner as a Candidate for District 2 for PRC Election Commissioner.

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 to dispense the Special Election on November 5, 2024, for District 2 Election Commissioner, as there was only one (1) person duly qualified for candidacy and declare that Jamie Garner be appointed as District 2 Election Commissioner for the remainder of the term expiring on December 31, 2027.

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) County Administrator:

- A. Motion to accept the letter of resignation from Laynee Rodgers effective on September 13, 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 authorize the destruction and disposal of the listed records in accordance with MS Code Section 9-5-171.

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 the hiring of Katie Johnson as Assistant Purchase Clerk effective September 16, 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

- D. Motion to approve the poll worker checks in the amount of \$3,150.00 for the Special School Bond Election held on September 10, 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

8) County Engineer:

- A. Motion to authorize execution of a revised program for SAP-55(28)M County Wide Signing and Striping 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 NAYE: None

- B. Motion to authorize payment to JJJ Construction for relocation of the conflicting sewer force main near the Hwy 26 Industrial Park, 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

- C. Motion to authorize the board president to sign Ridge Road, STP-0055-00(040)LPA105201-701000 addendum.

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 authorize the Board President to sign the award contract and establish project fund for State Aid Project No. SAP-55(29)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

9) Emergency Services:

- A. Motion to terminate the fire protection contract with Nicholson Volunteer Fire Department for the purpose of consolidation effective immediately.

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

- B. Motion to appoint Zack Malley as District 13 Fire Chief effective immediately.

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

- C. Motion to adopt the Pearl River County Fire and Rescue Standard Operating Policy and Guidelines effective immediately.

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

- D. Motion to approve part-time hire Hunter Averett on behalf of Carriere Fire Protection District 11 effectively September 16, 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

10) Inventory/Safety:

- A. Motion to accept the best and lowest quote for Inventory/Safety Clerk vehicle and issue a purchase order for a 2021 Ford Ranger in the amount of \$28,000.00.

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

11) Grants Administration:

- A. Motion to approve application to apply for Local Government Records Grant and 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

- B. Motion to apply for the MS Outdoor Stewardship Trust Grant and have the Board President sign all related grant 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

12) Travel:

- A. Motion to request for Fire Marshal Jonathan Head to attend the Mississippi County Fire Investigator Annual In-Service on 10-10-2024 at the Hattiesburg Fire/Police Training Academy in Hattiesburg, MS. There is no cost associated with this course. The county-issued vehicle will be used for transportation.

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 request for Fire Marshal Jonathan Head to attend the Executive and Dignitary Protection Course to be delivered 11-11-2024 through 11-15-2024 at the Columbia Law Enforcement Training Academy in Columbia, MS. There is a \$1000.00 fee for this course. No overnight stay will be required. The county assigned vehicle will be used for transportation.

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 travel to Fall Statewide Fire Coordinator Meeting Tuesday, October 8th, 2024 at the Mississippi State Fire Academy in Pearl, 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

- D. Motion to approve travel for Christy Goss to attend the Keep Mississippi Beautiful State Conference in Ocean Springs, MS on November 4th- 5th, 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

- E. Motion to approve travel and other costs associated with the following training.
Ashley Fleming and Emily Morgan (Evidence Clerks)
Sexual Assault Kit Tracking System Training
September 30, 2024
Mississippi Forensics Lab
Pearl, MS
Free Class
Fleming and Morgan will travel in county issued unit

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

- F. Motion to approve the travel for Brian Anthony to Reidsville, NC on September 23-25, 2024, to pick up a K-9 being donated to the department for Chien Policier.

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

13) Monthly Reports:

- A. Motion to spread upon the minutes Building Permits Report for August 2024. The Department of Planning & Development, Building Division issued 219 permits for the period of August 1-31, 2024. The 219 permits generated \$30,566.00 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

- B. Motion to spread upon the Minutes the August 2024 Fire Marshal Activity 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

- C. Motion to spread upon the minutes Summit's Invoices and meals served for the month of August 2024 to inmates at the 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

- D. Motion to spread upon the minutes the Animal/Litter Control Monthly Report for August 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 spread upon the minutes the Building Inspections Monthly Report for August 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 spread upon the minutes the Road Department Monthly Report for August 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 spread upon the minutes the County Administrators monthly reports for August 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

H. Motion to spread upon the minutes the AAA Ambulance Service monthly reports for July 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

14) Road Department:

A. Motion to approve the Picayune School Bus turnaround additions for the 2024-2025 school year.

2421 E. Canal St. Picayune, MS

Allie Essence Lane, Picayune, 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

B. Motion to acknowledge the Board of Supervisors' 2024 road inspection affidavit.

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 resignation of Stephen Lawrence as full-time equipment operator. His last day of work will be on 9/19/2024.

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

- D. Motion to approve the Poplarville School Bus turnaround additions for the 2024-2025 school year.

1374 John Amacker Rd. Poplarville, MS

126 Cary Kirkland Rd. Poplarville, MS

168 Charwood Dr Lot 3 Poplarville, MS

148 Edmond Jones Rd. 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

15) Economic Development:

- A. Motion to accept and allow the execution of all grant related documentation of the Southeast Crescent Regional Commission for the Poplarville/Pearl River County Airport Advancement Plan.

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

16) Amendments to the Agenda:

- A. Motion to accept bids for janitorial services for the MSU County Extension office.

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 award bid to Coastal Building Services for the best and lowest quote of \$895.00 for monthly janitorial services for the MSU County Extension Building.

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 acknowledge the certificate of publication for Janitorial Services Bids for the MSU Extension Building.

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 acknowledge public comments from the following:

1. Justin Henney
2. Candy Guess
3. Darryl Webb

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

17) Executive Session:

A. Motion to close session at 10:45 a.m. to determine the need for an executive session.

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 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 1 Supervisor Hart

VOTING AYE: Donald Hart, Malcolm Perry, Cruz Russell, Jason Spence, Bryce Lott

VOTING NAYE: None

C. Motion to return to regular session with no action taken during executive session.

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

18) 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., October 7, 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 4 Supervisor Spence

VOTING AYE: Donald Hart, Malcolm Perry, Cruz Russell, Jason Spence, Bryce Lott

VOTING NAYE: None

The Minutes of the September 16, 2024 meeting have been read and approved.


Clerk of the Board




Malcolm Perry, President