



Pearl River County Board of Supervisors

Meeting Minutes

December 2, 2024 at 9:00 AM

Welcome & Call to Order

The Board of Supervisors met at 9:00 AM on December 2, 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 November 20, 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

2) Claims Docket:

A. Consider approving the Claims Docket for December 2, 2024 with additional support checks to Whitesand Community Center, Community of Christians Helping Youth and MLK of Picayune.

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) Public Presentations:

- A. Kevin Hedgepeth - E.R. Renovations at the Pearl River County Hospital

RESULT: NO ACTION TAKEN

- B. Melissa Bond - Appraiser Pathway to Licensing

RESULT: NO ACTION TAKEN

- C. Motion to authorize Cindy Amacker to host Pickle Ball at the Poplarville Shelter on a one-day-week basis except when in use-by prior engagements. The Board of Supervisors instructed her to contact Jason Lee to determine the best time to offer Pickle Ball in the shelter.

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

4) Sheriff:

- A. Motion to accept the following Order of Forfeiture from Circuit Clerk Judge Touchstone.
Hatten, Dustin Murray

PRCSO Case SO22-021217

Cause No. 55:24-CR-236-BT

One (1) Remington 788 243 Caliber Rifle Serial B6002150

One (1) Browning 7mm Rifle Serial 311NN23363

One (1) black American Arms 22 LR Pistol Serial 006519

One (1) SKS 7.62X39 Caliber Rifle Serial CCCP59129

Hatten forfeits all four (4) guns to the Pearl River County Sheriff's 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 approve the following personnel changes.
Hire Bruce Boutwell as full-time Litter Crew Officer effective December 2, 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

5) Central Dispatch:

- A. Motion to approve the hiring of Madison Gay as a full-time Dispatcher effective December 9, 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

6) County Engineer:

- A. Motion to Award Highway 26 Pavement Widening in connection with the development of the Poplarville Area Industrial Park to Holliday Construction, LLC for the amount of \$1,094,568.11.

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 Award Grade, Drain and Base Project in connection with the development of the Poplarville Area Industrial Park to R&J Construction, Inc. for the amount of \$2,051,201.78.

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

- C. Motion to accept and award the bid for State Aid Project No. SAP-55(28)M to JL McCool Contractors INC. for the amount of \$1,235,229.30.

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

- D. Motion to Award HSIP-0055-00(043)LPA/109557-711000 Safety Project (Base Bid, Add Option 1, and Add Option 3) to J.L. McCool Contractors, Inc. for the amount of \$2,823,009.50.

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

- E. Motion to Authorize Advertisement for Bids in connection with the PRC Tech Park Phase I Site Development Project.

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

- F. Motion to Authorize the Board President to execute documents required by MDOT in connection to the award of HSIP-0055-00(043)LPA/109557-711000 Safety Project.

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

7) Tax Assessor/Collector:

- A. Motion to approve contract between Tax Collector/Assessor and JenCo LLC for consultation.

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 contract between Tax Collector/Assessor and Tri-State for support services.

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

8) Consent Agenda Items:

- A. Motion to approve the appointment of Benji Wells to District 2 by Malcolm Perry for the Poplarville School District Board for the term of January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2029.

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 payment of \$2,578.24 to the Capital One Spark Business Card for the payment due December 20, 2024. All receipts for transactions are attached.

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 the Poll Worker checks for the election held on November 26, 2024, upon receiving all required paperwork to process checks.

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 the following Picayune School District 16th Section lease and cancellation.

1. Lisa Gilmore - Cancellation
2. Deawntranee Breland - Residential Lease

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

9) Grants Administration:

- A. Motion to authorize the Sheriff's Department to use the C.O.P.S Federal Grant Award (15JCOPS-24-GG-02210-TECP) to purchase data storage (>136TB) data storage from the lowest and best quote attached from CDWG in the amount of \$12,856.38 and authorize the issuance of a purchase order in the amount of \$12,856.38.

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 authorize the Sheriff's Department to use the C.O.P.S Federal Grant Award (15JCOPS-24-GG-02210-TECP) to purchase 25 laptops from the lowest and best quote attached from CDWG and authorize the issuance of a purchase order in the amount of \$44,085.90.

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

10) Travel:

- A. Motion to request approval for Natalie Wilkerson and Briteney Ray to attend the Advanced Dispatch Supervisor Training Course held at Flowood, MS Police Department on January 6-7, 2025.

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 request approval for Cameron Morris, Gabrielle Keller, Ashlyn Lyle, and Haley Tarver to attend 40-hour Basic Training in Long Beach, MS January 13-17, 2025.

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 travel for Circuit Clerk, Nance Fitzpatrick Stokes, to attend the 2025 Circuit Court Clerks Conference on January 8-10, 2025 at The Embassy Suites in Ridgeland, MS.

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) County Extension Agent:

- A. Motion to spread upon the minutes the Pearl River County Extension Service Yearly 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 None

NAYE:

12) Road Department:

- A. Motion to authorize the Road Department to work on the driveway entrance at 977 Old Wiggins Hwy due to water running off eroding the county road.

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

13) Economic Development:

14) Amendments to the Agenda:

15) Executive Session:

- A. Motion to close session at 11:00 a.m. to determine the need for an executive session.

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 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 5 Supervisor Lott

SECONDER: District 4 Supervisor Spence

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

VOTING NAYE: None

- C. Motion to return to regular session at 11:25 a.m. with no action taken during executive session.

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) 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., December 18, 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 December 2, 2024 meeting have been read and approved.

Melinda S. Bowman by
Clerk of the Board
Lacie Johnson, DC

Malcolm Perry
Malcolm Perry, President

