



Pearl River County Board of Supervisors

Meeting Minutes

December 18, 2024 at 9:00 AM

Welcome & Call to Order

The Board of Supervisors met at 9:00 AM on December 18, 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 December 2, 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 December 18, 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

3) Sheriff:

- A. Motion to approve the following personnel changes:
Hire Gary Allen as full-time Litter Crew Officer effective December 18, 2024.
Terminate Sandra Hawthorne as full-time Correctional Officer effective December 3, 2024.
Resignation of Matthew Voiron as full-time Correctional Officer effective December 4, 2024.
Resignation of Auburn Cooper as full-time Litter Crew Officer effective December 31, 2024.
Resignation of Todd Usey as full-time Patrol Deputy effective December 12, 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

4) County Engineer:

- A. Motion to authorize the County Administrator to sign a Letter of Agreement with Dungan Engineering to provide professional services to Pearl River County for the engineering work that will be associated with the Bill Watson Park Site Development Project.

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

5) Chancery Clerk:

- A. Motion to approve Pearl River County's Final Approval Certificate with the Assessment Roll for 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

6) Circuit Clerk:

- A. Motion to Acknowledge the Official Bond and Oath for Allison G. Finch, Deputy Circuit Clerk, for the term commencing on January 4, 2025 and ending on January 4, 2026

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 Acknowledge the Official Bond and Oath for Elizabeth A. Smith, Deputy Circuit Clerk, for the term commencing on January 4, 2025 and ending on January 4, 2026

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) County Administrator:

- A. Motion to authorize the County Administrator to sign an Engagement Letter with Jones Walker LLP.

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 reimburse Pearl River County Utility Authority in the amount of \$22,694.04 for request # 3 on the following project: MCWI ARPA Project No. 254-2-CW-5.5 for the Millard Jail Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements.

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 reimburse Pearl River County Utility Authority in the amount of \$93,459.34 for request # 1 on the following project: MCWI ARPA Project No. 430-2-CW-5.5 for the I-59 Exit 10 Sewer Extension Project.

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 the renewal of the official bond and oath of County Administrator, Adrain Lumpkin, for the term of January 1, 2025, through January 1, 2026.

RESULT: APPROVED
MOVER: District 1 Supervisor Hart
SECONDER: District 5 Supervisor Lott
VOTING AYE: None

VOTING NAYE: None

- E. Motion to acknowledge the renewal of the official bond of P E Position Schedule (16) for the term beginning January 4, 2025, through January 4, 2026.

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) E-911 Addressing:

- A. Motion to approve the naming of a new private road - Bethea Place.

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

9) Emergency Services:

- A. Motion to approve the purchase of eleven sets of turn out gear for District 6, from Bunker Gear Specialists (BGG LLC) in the amount of \$29,835.00 under Mississippi State Contract #8200073186.

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 approve the purchase of PPE (Boots, gloves, hoods, and gear bags) on behalf of District 6, from the lowest and best bid attached. Bunker Gear Specialists (BGS LLC.), for the amount of \$6,235.00.

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

10) Inventory/Safety:

- A. Motion to remove Asset #5904 2020 Dodge Durango from inventory.

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 remove Asset #5345 HP Computer from inventory.

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) Tax Assessor/Collector:

- A. Motion to approve Reductions and Increases of Personal and Real Property.

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 homestead corrections.

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 renewal of the official bond and oath of Deputy Tax Assessor, Caydence Bond for the term of December 13, 2024, through December 13, 2025.

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 the renewal of the official bond and oath of Deputy Tax Collector, Taylor Archer, for the term of January 8, 2025, through January 8, 2026.

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 acknowledge the renewal of the official bond and oath of Deputy Tax Collector, Levetta Lynn Martin, for the term of January 2, 2025, through January 2, 2026.

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 acknowledge the renewal of the official bond and oath of Deputy Tax Collector, Holly Talley, for the term of January 2, 2025, through January 2, 2026.

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

- G. Motion to acknowledge the renewal of the official bond and oath of Deputy Tax Assessor, Wesley Mitchell, for the term of January 2, 2025, through January 2, 2026.

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

- H. Motion to acknowledge the renewal of the official bond and oath of Deputy Tax Collector, Kelli Herrin, for the term of February 1, 2025 through February 1, 2026.

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

- I. Motion to acknowledge the renewal of the official bond and oath of Deputy Tax Assessor, Latisha Johnson, for the term of January 2, 2025, through January 2, 2026.

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

12) Consent Agenda Items:

- A. Motion to approve the issuance of a duplicate warrant in the amount of \$900.00 to DCS and Associates, LLC.

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 the issuance of a duplicate warrant in the amount of \$294.00 to Jennie Smith.

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 issuance of a duplicate warrant in the amount of \$235.00 to Betty R. Farmer.

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

13) Grants Administration:

- A. Motion to approve the Board President to sign the Project Agreement for the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks Recreational Trail Program Grant 24-RTP-389.

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 apply to the MS Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) Local Solid Waste Assistance Grants for allocated funds \$24,144.82 and have Board President sign all related documents.

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 Sheriff's Department to request an application from the Lower Pearl River Valley Foundation.

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 have the board authorize and sign the funding request letter referencing the previously

approved funding for independent first aid and trauma kits through the Lower Pearl River Valley Foundation.

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) Travel:

- A. Motion to approve travel for Brittany Twiner to the MJCCA Mid-winter Conference on February 11-14, 2025, in Tunica, MS.

RESULT: **APPROVED**
MOVER: District 1 Supervisor Hart
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 Election Commissioners to ECAM 2025 training and convention.

RESULT: **APPROVED**
MOVER: District 1 Supervisor Hart
SECONDER: District 4 Supervisor Spence
VOTING AYE: Donald Hart, Malcolm Perry, Cruz Russell, Jason Spence, Bryce Lott
VOTING NAYE: None

- C. Motion to approve the following travel of Cindy Smith for Veteran Services:

1. Mississippi Council of Veterans Meetings are scheduled for 2025.
2. 2-VAMC Meetings with Department Heads pending schedule for 2025.

RESULT: **APPROVED**
MOVER: District 1 Supervisor Hart
SECONDER: District 4 Supervisor Spence
VOTING AYE: Donald Hart, Malcolm Perry, Cruz Russell, Jason Spence, Bryce Lott
VOTING NAYE: None

- D. Motion to approve travel and cost associated with the following training.

Michael J. Gambrell

January 7 - 8, 2024

Introduction to Geolocation Data for Law Enforcement Investigations

New Orleans, LA

Gambrell will travel in his county-assigned unit.

John D. Farmer is currently on a wait list for this class and will be in attendance once accepted.

RESULT: **APPROVED**
MOVER: District 1 Supervisor Hart

SECONDER: District 4 Supervisor Spence
VOTING AYE: Donald Hart, Malcolm Perry, Cruz Russell, Jason Spence, Bryce Lott
VOTING NAYE: None

15) Monthly Reports:

- A. Motion to spread upon the minutes of Building Permits Report for November 2024. The Department of Planning & Development Building Division issued 176 permits for the period of November 1-30, 2024. The 176 permits generated \$21,666.00 for the county.

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 spread upon the minutes the County Administrators monthly reports for November 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 spread upon the Minutes the Fire Marshal Activity Report for November 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 spread upon the minutes the Road Department monthly report for November 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

- E. Motion to spread upon the minutes the Building Inspections monthly report for November 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

- F. Motion to spread upon the minutes the Animal/Litter Control monthly report for November 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

- G. Motion to spread upon the minutes the Justice Court Monthly Report for November 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

- H. Motion to spread upon the minutes Meals Served and Summit invoices for Lenoir Rowell Criminal Justice Center inmates for November, 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

16) Road Department:

- A. Motion to acknowledge the renewal of the official bond and oath of Assistant Road Manager, Robert Lee for the term of December 15, 2024, through December 15, 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 Acknowledge Special Recognition to Dudley Russ for 22 years of service with Pearl River 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

- C. Motion to approve updates to the road paving list and paving order of completion for 2025 and acknowledge the monthly paving 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

17) Economic Development:

18) Amendments to the Agenda:

19) Executive Session:

- A. Motion to close session at 11:30 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 1 Supervisor Hart

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 12:15 p.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

20) 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., January 6, 2025, at the Board of Supervisors meeting room at 109 W Pearl St in Poplarville, MS.

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 None
NAYE:

The Minutes of the December 18, 2024 meeting have been read and approved.


Clerk of the Board


Malcolm Perry, President