



Pearl River County Board of Supervisors

Meeting Minutes

January 6, 2025 at 9:00 AM

Welcome & Call to Order

The Board of Supervisors met at 9:00 AM on January 6, 2025, 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, Major Rob Williams representing David Allison.

1) Board Minutes:

A. Consider approving Board Minutes for December 18, 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 January 6, 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

3) Sheriff:

- A. Motion to approve the following personnel changes.
Hire Bradon McConnell as part-time Patrol Deputy effective January 6, 2025.
Resignation/Retirement of Jimmy Wheat as full-time Litter Crew Officer effective January 3, 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

4) Public Presentations:

- A. Kelly Johnson - Johnson Meat Market & GTM

RESULT: **NO ACTION TAKEN**

5) County Engineer:

- A. Motion to authorize the Board President to sign MDOT Permit for a temporary drive way to the newly acquired property of the Pearl River County Fairgrounds.

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

6) Circuit Clerk:

- A. Motion to Acknowledge Oaths of Office for Election Commissioners:
1. Katrina Lanette Brown - District 1
2. Tommy Breland - District 3
3. Alana R. Campo - District 5

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 annual statutory fees for Circuit Clerk pursuant to the Mississippi Code of 1972 Annotated.

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

7) Coroner:

- A. Motion to request the Board of Supervisors' approval in declaring Mr. Richard Thomas Hollis as a pauper case.

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

8) County Administrator:

- A. Motion to ratify check to Citizens National Bank Trust Department for Hospital Bond Interest payment.

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 spread upon the minutes the proof of publication for the 2024 Amended Budget.

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 Approve Statutory Board Appointments for 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

9) E-911 Addressing:

- A. Motion to approve the naming of a private road - Hook Haven Lane

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

10) Emergency Services:

- A. Motion to approve the part-time hire of Ronald Reynolds Jr. on behalf of District 11 Carriere Volunteer Fire Department.

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 the President to sign lease paperwork for new Fire Truck for Southeast Volunteer Fire Department.

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 quotes for financing on the station addition at Pine Grove VFD.

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 acknowledge the renewal of the official bond and oath of Deputy Tax Assessor, Becky McDonald, for the term of January 1, 2025, through January 1, 2026.

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 acknowledge the renewal of the official bond and oath of Assistant Purchase Clerk, Katie Johnson, for the term of September 25, 2024, through September 25, 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

- B. Motion to approve the issuance of a duplicate warrant in the amount of \$3,892.80 to Rhonda B. Wetzel.

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 Harrison County Utility Authorities proposal to amend its local Solid Waste Management Plan.

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 the notice to Banks for bids to serve as County Depository.

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 the payment of \$95.00 to the Capital One Spark Business Card for the payment due January 20, 2025. All receipts for transactions are attached.

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

13) Grants Administration:

- A. Motion to accept quotes on the installation of ballpark lighting at the Bill Watson and McNeill Park and authorize the Board President sign all related documents.

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

14) Travel:

- A. Motion to approve travel for Christy Goss to attend Keep America Beautiful Annual Conference in Washington, DC February 9-14th, 2025.

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 travel for Jeff Caillouet, Anita Sumrall, and Lauren Robertson to attend the International Conference on Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, and Forging New Pathways Conference, April 22-24, 2025, at the Anaheim Marriott in Anaheim, CA. We will travel to the conference on April 21 and return on April 25, 2025. Registration for the conference is \$695.00 per person. This will be paid out of the VOCA/SVS Grant travel monies.

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 approve travel for the Office of Emergency Services to attend the Pipeline Coordinated Response Exercise on January 14, 2025 at the Bay St. Louis Community Hall, 301 Blaze Ave. Bay St. Louis, MS. There is no cost for this training. Issued county vehicle will be used to attend training.

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 approve travel for the Office of Emergency Services to attend Bomb Threat Management Training on January 14-16, 2025 at the Harrison County Emergency Management Agency, 1801 23rd Ave. Gulfport, MS. There is no cost for this training. Issued county vehicle will be used to attend training.

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 approve five (5) Correctional Officers to attend a free training class at Lamar County Sheriff's Office. Officers will travel in a county assigned unit.
Calvin Caines, Logan Davis, Heather James, Isaiah Hicks, David Hotard

Crisis Intervention Team Training
January 13 - 17, 2025

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

15) Economic Development:

- A. Motion to acknowledge Executed Grant Agreements for the Pearl River County Industrial Park.

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

16) Amendments to the Agenda:

17) Executive Session:

- A. Motion to close session at 10:30 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 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 12:00 p.m. with no action taken during executive session.

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

18) 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., January 22, 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 NAYE: None

The Minutes of the January 6, 2025 meeting have been read and approved.


Clerk of the Board




Malcolm Perry, President