



Pearl River County Board of Supervisors

Meeting Minutes

April 7, 2025 at 9:00 AM

Welcome & Call to Order

The Board of Supervisors met at 9:00 AM on April 7, 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, David Allison.

1) Board Minutes:

A. Consider approving Board Minutes for March 19, 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

2) Claims Docket:

A. Consider approving the Claims Docket for April 7, 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) Public Presentations:

A. Child Abuse Awareness Month Proclamation Presented by Hope Haven

1. Motion to authorize the Board President to sign the proclamation for the Hope Haven Children's Advocacy Center.

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. Recognition of Pearl River Central High School Cheerleaders for winning 1st Place in Varsity Coed Division II Non-Tumbling Game Day

4) Sheriff:

A. Motion to approve the following personnel changes.

John D. Farmer will remain as part-time Patrol Deputy effective March 21, 2025, revised from March 19, 2025.

Accept the resignation of Logan Davis as full-time Transport Officer effective March 24, 2025.

Accept the resignation of Brittney Necaise as full-time Transport Officer effective March 24, 2025.

Accept the resignation of Monica Easterling as full-time Correctional Officer effective March 26, 2025.

Accept the resignation of Glenn Turnage, Sr. as full-time Correctional Officer effective April 1, 2025.

Move Kacie Leonard Barry from part-time to full-time Patrol Deputy effective April 14, 2025.

Move Sean Speights from full-time Patrol Deputy to Criminal Investigator effective April 7, 2025.

Hire John Smith-Seal as a full-time Criminal Investigator effective April 21, 2025.

Hire Robbie Ladner as a full-time Correctional Officer effective April 7, 2025.

Hire Randall Simpson as a full-time Correctional Officer effective April 7, 2025.

Hire Jeremy C. Beech as a full-time Correctional Officer effective April 7, 2025.

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 authorize the issuance of a check for clothing allowance in the amount of \$500.00 pursuant to Miss. Code ANN. 19-25-13.

David Allison	Jordan Galvin	Jeffrey Horner	Sean Speights
Fredrick Drennan	Michael Gambrell	Randy Messa	Robert Williams
Neil Dugas	Artis Garcia	John Seal	

The following will receive \$250.00.

Shane Edgar	Joseph Smith
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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 approve the addition of the K-9 Zeus to the Sheriff's inventory. He was donated to the department by Birgit Hall in North Carolina. His DOB is December 18, 2022.

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

5) Chancery Clerk:

- A. Motion to accept the resignation of Jessica A. McCormick as of March 28, 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

6) Circuit Clerk:

- A. Motion to acknowledge Circuit Clerk's 2024 Annual Financial Report and request to pay the employer's contributions due PERS in the amount of \$5,912.00.

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 Order Establishing Court Terms for 2026 dated March 18, 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

7) Coroner:

- A. Motion to request the Board of Supervisors' approval in declaring Mr. Nicholas White as a

pauper.

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

8) County Engineer:

- A. Motion to authorize execution of time extension addendum for Ridge Road, STP-0055-00(040)LPA105201-701000, Pearl River County professional services contract to allow for completion of environmental sub-consultant work.

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

- B. Motion to acknowledge receipt of bids for Carriere Walking Trail Restrooms.

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 award bid to Culpepper Construction and Masonry LLC, in the amount of \$90,500.00 for the best and lowest bid on the Carriere Walking Trail Restrooms.

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

- D. Motion to authorize the County Engineer to receive quotes to replace the bridge on Hilt Fornea Road and be reviewed by the County Administrator to authorize construction with all related paperwork to be ratified at the next board meeting.

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

9) Emergency Services:

- A. Motion to approve the purchase of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) on behalf of District 3 (Amackertown) in the amount of \$40,167.00 on MS State Contract No, 8200078721 from

Bunker Gear Specialists 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 purchase of extrication tools on behalf of District 2 (Derby-Whitesands) in the amount of \$33,145.00 from Performance Rescue, who had the lowest and best quote.

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

10) E-911 Addressing:

- A. Motion to approve the naming of a private road - Silo Ridge.

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) Purchasing:

- A. Motion to authorize Jerry Crain as a designated signer of purchase requisitions for both E-911 and Building Code Departments effective immediately.

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) Tax Assessor/Collector:

- A. Motion to approve duplicate warrant to CoreLogic in the amount of \$45,513.25 for a refund of property tax collections.

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 remove Bridget Howse from Tax Collector's payroll, effective 04/02/2025.

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) Consent Agenda Items:

- A. Motion to ratify the issuance of a duplicate warrant in the amount of \$15,000.00 to NCS Construction, 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 Picayune School District 16th Section residential lease to Deawntrane Breland.

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 \$1,181.00 to American Electronic Monitoring.

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

14) Grants Administration:

- A. Motion to approve the purchase of 3 Interdiction Tool Kits through Knifeworks prior to receiving the equipment. This equipment is funded by the previously awarded Justice Assistance Grant (23LB1551) funds.

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) Travel:

- A. Motion to approve the travel of Christy Goss to attend the Keep Mississippi Beautiful Awards Luncheon on Tuesday, April 22, 2025, at the Country Club of Jackson.

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 of Michael Gambrell to attend the training 2025 Sexual Assault Symposium April 25, 2025, at the Rankin County Conference Center.
Gambrell will travel in his County assigned unit.

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 the travel of Neil Dugas and Joe Garcia for the Fentanyl Strike Force training on April 22, 2025, in Biloxi, MS.
Dugas and Garcia will travel in their County assigned unit.

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 approve the travel of the following Tax Office employees:

1. Penny Fleming, Ruby Ladner, Levetta Martin and John Corley to Hattiesburg, MS on April 3, 2025, for Assessor Recertification.
2. Latisha Johnson and Wesley Mitchell to Starkville, MS on May 8-9, 2025 for MS IAAO Spring Workshop Valuation for Bardominiums.
3. Benjamin Lewis for IAAO 601 on May 5-9, 2025 Grand Rapids, MI via Zoom.

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 acknowledge the rescheduling of Collector of Revenue 1 from March 10-14, 2025 to May 19th - 23rd 2025 in Biloxi, 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

- F. Motion to approve the travel of the Board of Supervisors and County Officials to attend the MAS Annual Convention June 9-12, 2025 at the MS Coast Convention Center in Biloxi, 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

- G. Motion to approve the travel of the Board of Supervisors to the 2025 NACo Annual Conference July 11-14, 2025, in Philadelphia, PA.

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 approve EMA Director's travel to attend Southeast Mississippi Air Ambulance District Board Meeting on Wednesday, April 16th in Hattiesburg, MS. There is no cost associated with this event.

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

16) Road Department:

- A. Motion to update the length of Clyde Meitzler Rd to 383 ft on the Pearl River County Road Index due to City of Picayune Annexation.

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 make length corrections as attached to the Pearl River County Road Index due to discrepancies in the 2010 adopted road index.

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 add the following road omission errors to the Pearl River County Road Index:

- Carlos Ladner Rd - 547 ft
- Jiggs Ln - 242 ft
- Michelle St - 1058 ft
- My Rd - 343 ft

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 remove E Rault Dr and W Rault Dr from the Pearl River County Road Index and combine the roads into Rault Dr at a length of 12023 ft on the Pearl River County Road Index.

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 remove Osborne Moody Cut Through Rd from the Pearl River County Road Index and add the removed portion to Beasley Alexander Rd for an updated length of 10972 ft.

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 remove Crows Nest from the Pearl River County Road Index which was added in error and is a private 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

- G. Motion to spread upon the minutes the updated Pearl River County Road Index for 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

- H. Motion to hire William Scott Dearman as a full-time tractor driver for the north tie-up at the assigned rate of pay. Effective start date to be 4/10/2025.

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

- I. Motion to authorize the purchase of a Tire Charger and issue a purchase order to NAPA in the amount of \$7,499.00 for the best and lowest quote.

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:

- A. Motion to reimburse Jean Read for the damages to an automatic gate system caused by the Sheriff's Department in pursuit of a suspect in the amount of \$4,140.20.

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 issue a support check to Pathways for Pearl River County in the amount of \$1,000.00.

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

19) Executive Session:

- A. Motion to close session at 10:05 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 5 Supervisor Lott

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

VOTING NAYE: None

- C. Motion to return to regular session at 10:35 a.m. with no action taken during the executive session.

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

20) Recess:

- A. Motion to recess for lunch at 10:35 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

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

21) Return From Lunch:

- A. The Board President called the meeting back into session at 1:30 p.m.

22) Executive Session:

- A. Motion to close session at 1:30 p.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 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 return to regular session at 2:30 p.m. with no action taken during the 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

23) 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., April 23, 2025, at the Board of Supervisors meeting room at 109 W Pearl St in Poplarville, MS.

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

The Minutes of the April 7, 2025 meeting have been read and approved.


Clerk of the Board


Malcolm Perry, President