



Pearl River County Board of Supervisors

Meeting Minutes

August 4, 2025 at 9:00 AM

Welcome & Call to Order

The Board of Supervisors met at 9:00 AM on August 4, 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.; (Absent)
Board Attorney, Joe Montgomery; (Absent)
Chancery Clerk, Melinda Bowman;
Sheriff, Frederick Drennan representing David Allison.

1) Board Minutes:

A. Consider approving Board Minutes for July 23, 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

2) Claims Docket:

A. Consider approving Claims Docket for August 4, 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

3) Public Presentations:

- A. Cleon Dillard to discuss library budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

RESULT: NO ACTION TAKEN

- B. Yabsira Adera to discuss details of SBA disaster loan assistance for Pearl River County.

RESULT: NO ACTION TAKEN

4) Central Dispatch:

- A. Motion to accept the resignation of Cameron Morris effectively July 29, 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

- B. Motion to approve the hiring of Hayley Saucier as a fulltime Dispatcher effective August 4, 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

5) Circuit Clerk:

- A. Motion to acknowledge the Order of the Lamar County Board of Education dated July 15, 2025, for a Special Election to be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, for the position of Lamar County School Board Member for District C.

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 acknowledge Official Bond and Oath for Christina Saucier, Deputy Circuit Clerk, for the term commencing on August 16, 2025 and ending on August 16, 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

6) County Administrator:

- A. Motion to approve the payment of \$4,211.00 to the Capital One Spark Business Card for the Statement due August 20, 2025. All receipts for transactions are included.

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

- B. Motion to approve the appointment of Adrain Lumpkin, Melinda Bowman, and Malcolm Perry as the audit representatives for Pearl River County and authorize all parties to sign.

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

7) County Engineer:

- A. Motion to approve Contractor Pay Application No. 2. payment for Bill Watson Park Improvements Project and issue check to John C. Lee Enterprises Limited, LLC.

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

- B. Motion to approve Contractor Pay Application No. 3 payment for the Grade Drain and Base Project at the Industrial Park and issue check to R and J Construction.

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

8) Inventory/Safety:

- A. Motion to acknowledge the renewal of the official bond and oath of Inventory Clerk, Gerald Bounds, beginning September 25th, 2025, through September 25th, 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

9) Sheriff:

- A. Motion to approve the following personnel matters.
Move Tania Lucas from Patrol to Investigations effective July 31, 2025.
Accept the resignation of Dillon Ladner as full-time Correctional Officer effective July 30, 2025.

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) Tax Assessor/Collector:

- A. Motion to acknowledge the renewal of the official bond and oath of Deputy Tax Collector, Sarah Lee, for the term of August 24, 2025, through August 24, 2026.

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

- B. Motion to acknowledge the renewal of the official bond and oath of Tax Assessor/ Collector, Gary K. Beech, for the term of January 1, 2024, through January 1, 2028.

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 acknowledge the renewal of the official bond and oath of Deputy Tax Collector, Kelli Herrin, for the term of February 1, 2024, through February 1, 2025.

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

11) Consent Agenda Items:

- A. Motion to approve the Picayune School District 16th Section residential lease for Draeshund K. Magee.

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

12) Travel:

- A. Motion to approve Coroner Derek Turnage to attend the 25th annual conference on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia's on August 20-21, 2025 at the Hilton Jackson Hotel & Conference Center in Jackson, MS. The travel expenses will cost \$508.00 and, as this certification will suffice the continuing education requirements for the office of Coroner.

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 Board of Supervisors and County Officials to attend the MAS 2025 Fall Educational & Policy Development Conference October 8-10, 2025, at the Oxford Conference Center in Oxford, 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

- C. Motion to approve the travel and reimbursement of hotel and other costs for Rob Williams to attend the MASIT Law Enforcement Risk Management Conference August 12 - 13, 2025 in Flowood, MS. Williams will travel in his county-assigned 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

13) Road Department:

- A. Motion to accept the application of Justin Prejean and hire as full-time mechanic to start effectively on August 14, 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

- B. Motion to acknowledge the renewal of the official bond and oath of Charlie Schielder, County Road Manager for the term of August 6, 2025, through August 6, 2026.

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 34 Houston Road, Poplarville, MS, an additional Poplarville School Bus Turnaround for the 2025-2026 school year.

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

14) Economic Development:

- A. Motion to approve and execute thank you letters to Senator Cindy Hyde Smith and Senator Roger Wicker for their support of the Pearl River County Public Safety 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

15) 10:00 a.m. Public Hearing 2025 Tax Assessment Rolls:

- A. Motion to open Public Hearing for Objections to the 2025 Tax Assessment Rolls.

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

1. Objection to tax assessment.
2. Request for relief from interest.

- B. Motion to acknowledge receipt of Tax Objections to the 2025 Tax Assessment Rolls.

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 close Public Hearing for Objections to the 2025 Tax Assessment Rolls.

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

16) Executive Session:

- A. Motion to close session at 10:50 a.m. to determine the need for an 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

- 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 11:45 a.m. with no action taken during executive session.

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

17) Amendments to the Agenda:

- A. Motion to approve the appointment of Malcolm Perry, District 2 Supervisor, and Cruz Russell, District 3 Supervisor, along with the County Engineer and County Road manager to assess and advise the Pearl River County Board of Supervisors on the conditions of the infrastructure on the roads and bridges in Stonebridge Estates.

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

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., August 13, 2025, at the Board of Supervisors meeting room at 109 W Pearl St in Poplarville, MS.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

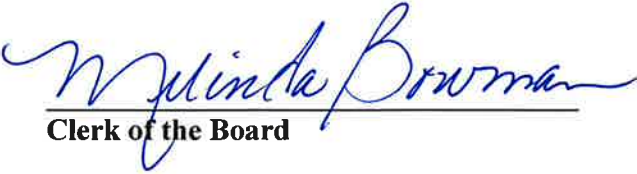
MOVER: District 3 Supervisor Russell

SECONDER: District 5 Supervisor Lott

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

VOTING NAYE: None

The Minutes of the August 4, 2025 meeting have been read and approved.


Clerk of the Board


Malcolm Perry, President