



Pearl River County Board of Supervisors

Meeting Minutes

January 5, 2026 at 9:00 AM

Welcome & Call to Order

The Board of Supervisors met at 9:00 AM on January 5, 2026, 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, Frederick Drennan representing David Allison.

1) Board Minutes:

A. Consider approving Board Minutes December 17, 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

2) Claims Docket:

A. Consider approving Claims Docket for January 5, 2026.

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

3) Public Presentations:

- A. Legislative Update from Representative Jansen Owen

RESULT: NO ACTION TAKEN

- B. Kimberly Schlautman - Resort Status for King's Arrow Ranch

RESULT: NO ACTION TAKEN

4) Sheriff:

- A. Motion to approve the following personnel matters:

Move Austin Rancatore from part-time Patrol Deputy to full-time Patrol Deputy effective January 2, 2026.

Accept the resignation of Daniel McBride as full-time Correctional Officer effective January 6, 2026.

Approve the hire of David Plaisance as full-time Correctional Officer effective January 5, 2026.

Approve the hire of Logan Walton as full-time Correctional Officer effective January 5, 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

5) Central Dispatch:

- A. Motion to approve the renewal for 1 year for Central Dispatch software suite with ComSouth, Inc for \$142,184.20.

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

6) Chancery Clerk:

- A. Motion to approve Pearl River County's Final Approval Certificate with the Assessment Roll for 2025.

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) 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, 2026, and ending on January 4, 2027.

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 acknowledge the Official Bond and Oath for Elizabeth A. Smith, Deputy Circuit Clerk, for the term commencing on January 4, 2026, and ending on January 4, 2027.

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

8) County Administrator:

- A. Motion to acknowledge the renewal of the official bond of P E Position Schedule (16) for the term beginning January 4, 2026, through January 4, 2027.

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 ratify check to Hancock Whitney Bank for the Mississippi Development Bank Special Obligation Bond interest in the amount of \$40,646.20.

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 payment of \$95.00 to the Capital One Spark Business Card for the payment due January 20, 2026. 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

- D. Motion to Approve Statutory Board Appointments for 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 ratify check to Citizens National Bank Trust for interest payment for Limited Obligation Hospital Refunding Bonds in the amount of \$15,106.00.

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) Inventory/Safety:

- A. Motion to authorize the deletion of computers in inventory. Attached are all the asset numbers.

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 approve real and personal property reductions and increase.

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 removal of April Meeks from payroll, effective on January 9, 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

11) Grants Administration:

- A. Motion to authorize the signing and approval of modifications to the MOHS FY26 OP grant, requesting additional funds and an increase to tasks and goals.

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

12) Travel:

- A. Motion to approve travel for Circuit Clerk, Nance Fitzpatrick Stokes, to attend the 2026 Circuit Court Clerks Conference on January 7-9, 2026 at The Embassy Suites in Ridgeland, MS.

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 travel, hotel and reimbursement of expenses for the following training: David Allison, 2026 NSA Winter Conference in Washington, DC, from January 29–February 5, 2026.

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 approve the travel request for Derek Turnage, Jeri McCorkle and Keim Davis to attend a conference for MSCMEA in Flowood, MS, on February 11-13, 2026.

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

13) Economic Development:

14) Amendments to the Agenda:

- A. Motion to authorize signing the Resolution expressing support for Ayden's Law and requesting the Mississippi Legislature to Adopt said Law during the 2026 Legislative 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 appoint Keith Cavaliere as the representative for Pearl River Community College Board of Trustees from District Four for the term of January 1, 2026, to December 31, 2030.

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 authorize Contractor Pay App. No. 4 payment in the amount of \$91,750.00 to Clymer Contracting LLC, associated with the PRC Tech Park Spec. Buildings A and B.

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

- D. Motion to authorize the issuance of a check in the amount of \$1000.00 for the Tax Office to open a petty cash account.

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) Executive Session:

- A. Motion to close session at 9:50 a.m. to determine the need for an executive session.

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 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 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 12:30 p.m. with no action taken during executive session.

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., January 21, 2026, at the Board of Supervisors meeting room at 109 W Pearl St in Poplarville, MS.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

MOVER: District 1 Supervisor Hart

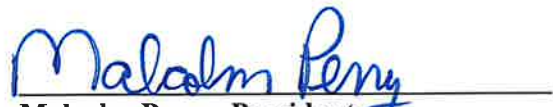
SECONDER: District 4 Supervisor Spence

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

VOTING NAYE: None

The Minutes of the January 5, 2026 meeting have been read and approved.


Clerk of the Board


Malcolm Perry, President

