



Pearl River County Board of Supervisors

Meeting Minutes

February 2, 2026 at 9:00 AM

Welcome & Call to Order

The Board of Supervisors met at 9:00 AM on February 2, 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 from January 21, 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

2) Claims Docket:

A. Consider approving Claims Docket for February 2, 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

3) Sheriff:

- A. Motion to approve the following personnel matters:
Move William Harry, III from full-time to part-time Correctional Officer effective January 18, 2026.
Carolyn Robinson on Maternity Leave effective February 8, 2026, for twelve (12) weeks.

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 application for the FY24 Byrn Memorial Justice Assistance Grant and authorize the signing of all necessary paperwork.

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

4) Circuit Clerk:

- A. Motion to Acknowledge Standing Order (01-09-2026) in Re: MDOC Revocations in the 15th Circuit Court Judicial District dated January 12, 2026.

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 accept quotes for election day ballots for the Democratic and Republican Federal Primary Elections on March 10, 2026 and to authorize the issuance of a purchase order in the amount of \$8,308.35 to Absolute Solutions for 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

5) County Administrator:

- A. Motion to authorize the reimbursement to Pearl River County Utility Authority in the amount of \$62,916.91 for request # 7 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 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 approve the payment of \$4,084.52 to the Capital One Spark Business Card for the payment due February 20, 2026. All receipts for transactions are attached.

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) County Engineer:

- A. Motion to approve payment to Clymer Contracting for pay application No. 5 in the amount of \$145,392.75 on the PRC Tech Park Spec. Building 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

- B. Update on Airport Advancement Plan from SMPDD and Dungan Engineering.

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) Justice Court:

- A. Motion to accept Justice Court check #1615 in the amount of \$2654.93 for Bond/Restitution Turnover.

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) Planning & Development:

- A. Motion to approve private road name — Freedom Acres Drive

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 accept the hiring of Sarah Bolin as a part-time employee effectively February 3, 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

- C. Motion to review and approve nominal permit fee increases.

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) Tax Assessor/Collector:

- A. Motion to acknowledge the renewal of the official bond and oath of Deputy Tax Collector, Taylor Archer, for the term of January 8, 2026, through January 8, 2027.

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 of Deputy Tax Collector, Brooke Anderson, for the term of November 24, 2025, through November 24, 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

- C. Motion to acknowledge the renewal of the official bond and oath of Deputy Tax Collector, Erynn Hoda, for the term of February 1, 2025, through February 1, 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

- D. Motion to approve the hire of Jeffery Lossett as full-time appraiser effectively February 9, 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

10) Consent Agenda Items:

- A. Motion to approve the Picayune School District 16th Section commercial/residential lease for Christina and David Jackson.

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 acknowledge President's Day on Monday, February 16, 2026; and county offices shall be closed on this date in observance of the holiday.

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

11) Road Department:

- A. Motion to acknowledge the renewal of the official bond and oath of Road Dept Forman/Assistant Receiving Clerk, Chris Johnson, for the term of February 11, 2026, through February 11, 2027.

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 accept the retirement of Malcolm Croas, as full-time truck driver, effective February 1, 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

- C. Motion to acknowledge the renewal of the official bond and oath of Road Dept Forman/Assistant Receiving Clerk, Josh Beckham, for the term of February 11, 2026, through February 11, 2027.

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

- D. Motion to acknowledge the renewal of the official bond and oath of Road Department Foreman - Assistant Receiving Clerk Troy Dedeaux for the term of January 1, 2026, through January 1, 2027.

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

- E. Motion to approve updates to the road paving list and paving order of completion and acknowledge the monthly paving report for January 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

12) Grants Administration:

- A. Motion to authorize the Sheriff's Office to accept and sign the MDAH grant award agreement. This is a match grant, with an allotted reimbursement amount from the MDAH of \$5,642.97, with a total project cost of \$7,143.00.

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 holding a Household Hazardous Waste Day on March 7, 2026, in the parking lot of the Pearl River County Health Department.

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 authorize the Board President to sign the reimbursement request for the MDEQ Solid Waste Grant SW1417.

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. Update of Grants and other billings for various departments from Katie Johnson.

RESULT: NO ACTION TAKEN

13) Economic Development:

14) Amendments to the Agenda:

15) Executive Session:

- A. Motion to close session at 10:05 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 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 return to regular session 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

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., February 18, 2026, at the Board of Supervisors meeting room at 109 W Pearl St in Poplarville, 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

The Minutes of the February 2, 2026 meeting have been read and approved.


Clerk of the Board


Malcolm Perry, President