



Pearl River County Board of Supervisors

Meeting Minutes

May 4, 2026 at 9:00 AM

Welcome & Call to Order

The Board of Supervisors met at 9:00 AM on May 4, 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, David Allison.

1) Board Minutes:

A. Consider approving Board Minutes of April 22, 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

2) Claims Docket:

A. Consider approving Claims Docket for May 4, 2026, along with an additional check to Dungan Engineering in the amount of \$10,420.00 for the Lower Pearl River Restoration Project — Walkiah Pilot Channel.

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) Sheriff:

- A. Motion to approve the following personnel changes:

Hire Jonathan Maldonado as a full-time Patrol Deputy effective May 4, 2026.

Accept the resignation of Ivory Isom-Bickham as a full-time Correctional Sergeant effective May 11, 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

- B. Motion to authorize Sheriff Allison to sign a Memorandum of Understanding between Pearl River County Sheriff's Office and Hancock County Sheriff's Office.

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 authorize Sheriff Allison to sign the attached Commissary Service Agreement with Tiger Correctional Services for the Lenoir Rowell Criminal Justice Center inmates effective May 4, 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

4) County Administrator:

- A. Motion to approve the payment of \$1,447.85 to the Capital One Spark Business Card for the payment due May 20, 2026. All receipts for transactions are attached.

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 2025-RFA-306 HB 19-34 Pearl River County Board of Supervisors Modification subgrant agreement between MSDH and Pearl River County Board of Supervisors. This agreement is funded by HB 19. The total amount for the VOCA subgrant is

\$64,000.00, effective from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 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

- C. Motion to approve the apportionment of the five (5) Poplarville School Board of Trustees election districts, in accordance with House Bill No. 1142, with an effective date of July 1, 2026, as depicted on the attached map and described in the legal boundary descriptions, said map and descriptions to be made a part of the minutes, and to authorize publication in the Picayune Item as required.

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

- D. Motion to adopt an ordinance regulating noise in the unincorporated areas of Pearl River County and to make null and void any previous noise ordinances passed by Pearl River County.

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

- E. Motion to authorize the transfer of Shawn Wise from the Emergency Management department to fill the vacant Veteran Service Officers position.

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 Engineer:

- A. Motion to approve the payment to Holliday's Construction LLC for the Contractor's Pay Application No. 6 in the amount of \$33,696.60 for the Highway 26 Widening Project.

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) Emergency Services:

- A. Motion to approve the hire of Danny Leonard as a part-time firefighter for Fire District #12 effective May 4, 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

- B. Motion to approve the removal of pine trees located at Pearl River County Fire Service Station 21 at no cost to the fire service or county.

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

7) Planning & Development:

- A. Motion to approve permit refund in the amount of \$359.25 to VR Builders LLC, for a home that was not constructed.

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 approve the request for a private road name Quiet Acres Road.

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 the request for a private road name Michelob Lane.

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

- D. Frank Massey - Mobile Home Park Development

RESULT: NO ACTION TAKEN

8) Tax Assessor/Collector:

- A. Motion to approve Kelli Herrin moving to a part-time position effective May 20, 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

9) Consent Agenda Items:

- A. Motion to authorize the issuance of a duplicate warrant to Thomson Reuters in the amount of \$1,790.32.

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 authorize the issuance of a duplicate warrant to Shane Edgar in the amount of \$250.00.

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

- C. Motion to authorize the issuance of a duplicate warrant to Pine Belt Auto Group in the amount of \$2,324.47.

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 the support of salary for the MSU Extension Agent (Agriculture & Natural Resources) personnel.

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) Grants Administration:

- A. Motion to approve the purchase of an additional server for \$9,072.07 under Grant number 23CS055 (SLCGP through Homeland Security) through CDW-G as the lowest and best quote from the two attached.

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 authorize the Board President to sign the reimbursement request for MDEQ Waste Tire Grant WT-788 in the amount of \$2,800.00.

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

11) Travel:

- A. Motion to approve Fire Marshal Jonathan Head and Deputy Fire Coordinator John Klingenger to attend Mississippi County Fire Investigator Annual In-Service training to be held at the Hattiesburg Fire Training Academy (53 Academy Dr. Hattiesburg, MS) on May 14, 2026. There is no cost for this course.

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 travel of Danny Joe Slade to attend the 2026 MCA Convention and Training Seminar in Bay St. Louis, MS from June 7-12, 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 approve the travel of Todd Douglas and Rhonda Johnson to attend the MCA Convention & Training Seminar in Bay St. Louis, MS on June 7-12, 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

- D. Motion to approve registration and travel expenses for the following tax office personnel to attend the 2026 MACA Conference May 26-29, 2026 in Biloxi, MS at the Beau Rivage: Sandy Kane Smith, Becky MacDonald, Jeff Lossett, Latisha Johnson, and Erynn Hoda.

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 Fire Marshal Jonathan Head, Deputy Fire Coordinator John Klingenberg, Emergency Management Communications Officer Landon Wheat, and other volunteer fire service personnel to attend the Mississippi State Fire Academy's Fire Behavior training course to be held at the Hancock County Emergency Operations Center (18333 Highway 603 Kiln, MS) in the evening of May 11, 2026. There is no cost for this course. Assigned county vehicles will be utilized for travel to this training.

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

12) Road Department:

- A. Motion to approve updates to the road paving list and paving order of completion and acknowledge the monthly paving report for April 2026.

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 approve the employment application to hire William Dossett full-time as laborer on the paving crew to start effective on May 6th, 2026.

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 parts cost of \$11,458.08 for the asphalt roller, asset #6502, from Mid South Machinery. Due to this being Leeboy brand equipment, only Leeboy parts are to be used which are only available through Mid South Machinery. Therefore, no other quote is provided.

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

- D. Motion to approve the parts and service to repair the ditching machine (Asset #5861), in the amount of \$10,200.30, from Puckett Machinery. Due to certified Caterpillar part/service having to be used on the equipment, we can only get them through Puckett Machinery. Therefore, no other quote is provided.

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

13) Economic Development:

- A. Introduction to the Moore Media Group Team.

RESULT: **NO ACTION TAKEN**

- B. Motion to authorize the submission of ranked priority recommendations for Pearl River County census tracts for consideration in Mississippi's Opportunity Zone 2.0 designation process.

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

14) Amendments to the Agenda:

15) Executive Session:

- A. Motion to close session at 9:35 a.m. to determine the need for an executive session.

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 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 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 return to regular session at 10:30 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

- D. Motion to close session at 11:11 a.m. to determine the need for an 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

- E. 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 5 Supervisor Lott
SECONDER: District 4 Supervisor Spence
VOTING AYE: Donald Hart, Malcolm Perry, Cruz Russell, Jason Spence, Bryce Lott
VOTING NAYE: None

- F. Motion to return to regular session at 11:56 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

16) Recess:

- A. Motion to recess for lunch at 12:00 p.m. until 1:00 p.m.

17) Return From Lunch:

- A. President called meeting back into order at 1:00 p.m.

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., May 20, 2026, at the Board of Supervisors meeting room at 109 W Pearl St in Poplarville, MS.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

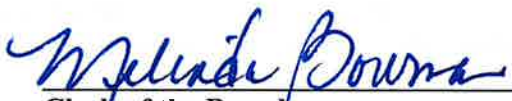
MOVER: District 1 Supervisor Hart

SECONDER: District 5 Supervisor Lott

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

VOTING NAYE: None

The Minutes of the May 4, 2026 meeting have been read and approved.


Clerk of the Board


Malcolm Perry, President