

**MINUTES**

*BE IT remembered that on the 24th day of May 2021, at 9:00 A.M., the Board of Supervisors of Hinds County met in the Board of Supervisors' Room, Jackson, Mississippi; pursuant to the provisions of Mississippi Code 1972, Annotated, Section 19-3-19 and resolution heretofore adopted by the Board. This being a special meeting of said Board, when the following were present:*

**CREDELL CALHOUN – PRESIDENT**

**DAVID ARCHIE – VICE PRESIDENT**

**VERN GAVIN – MEMBER**

**ROBERT GRAHAM– MEMBER -ABSENT**

**BOBBY MCGOWAN – MEMBER**

*Also present and attending upon said Supervisors' Court were Deputy Chancery Clerk Greta Lovell; Deputy A. Roper, Jr.; Emergency Management Director Joseph Perkins; County Administrator Kenneth Wayne Jones and Board Attorney Tony Gaylor when the following business was had and done, to-wit:*

**AGENDA**

*ATTACHED TO and incorporated herein is the Agenda for today's meeting. A notice was posted pursuant to statute.*

**INVOCATION**

*PRESIDENT CALHOUN called the meeting to order at 9:07 A.M. President Calhoun offered the invocation.*

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

*SUPERVISOR CALHOUN requested all stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**ELECTED OFFICIALS**

**Election Commission – Budget Transfer for Voter Education Distribution**

*Supervisor Archie asked to discuss the Election Commission matter prior to this coming to the floor. He stated the letter from the Commission says, "please see the following budget transfer" and "I have spoken with the County Administrator and Supervisors". He reiterated that Attorney Gaylor previously stated the County could not pay for Municipal Elections. He asked how did this request go from \$45,000 to \$60,000 in a couple days to spend on Municipal Elections.*

*Attorney Gaylor advised that he can only speak to the appropriateness of the expense. Supervisor Archie asked again about the \$15,000 increase in the last few days. Commissioner Toni Johnson addressed the Board stating the number of voters in Hinds*

County since last November's Election had increased by an additional 20,000 voters. She stated it falls within their job to provide voter education. On today's agenda, she asked to hire contractors to distribute materials. She advised this was well within the Commission's scope of duties. She requested to move funds to appropriate lines for voter education and travel. The second matter was related to working for the City of Jackson for Municipal activities for bags and items they need help with. Supervisor Archie asked when was the last time Hinds County spent money on Municipal Elections? There was additional discussion of requests for expenditures by the Commission. Discussion revolved around both Election Commission matters, Voter Education and Municipal Election.

UPON A motion of Credell Calhoun and a second by Vern Gavin, David Archie voting nay, Robert Graham absent not voting, Bobby McGowan voting aye, it was

**RESOLVED to approve the Election Commission's request for funding, from within their budget for Voter Education distribution at a cost of \$60,000.00. Document affixed hereto and incorporated herein.**

Supervisor Archie stated that the Commission intended to spend \$11,000 (from the General Fund) in each Supervisor District to feed Election Workers at the November Election. It was then found out that this was totally illegal. He stated he wanted this matter investigated.

Election Commission – Request for Election Commission Pay for Municipal Election

Supervisor Calhoun made a motion to approve payment for extra services to Election Commissioners to assist with duties for City of Jackson Municipal Election, up to \$3,500.00. Ms. Johnson stated the money for additional services was in their budget, but if you are saying it is a Municipal policy that they (the City of Jackson) pay, we will (have them pay for the additional services).

Deputy Clerk Lovell advised that in the past the Board used to contract with the City for additional services, but the State Auditor stated this was not legal due to the County being responsible for the social security and medical employer portion and this is not the County's responsibility. The Auditor's office stated the Cities must pay the Commissioners directly. Ms. Johnson stated the Commission is asking for the same services as for Primary Elections and the Board pays that. Ms. Angela Harris, City of Jackson, explained that the City requested the use of 83 bags for the Election. She stated the bags were not clean out and if the Commissioners cleaned them, it was outside of their scope and they needed to be compensated for that (cleaning the bags). She continued saying she spoke to you-Supervisor and that if they had money in their budget that could be used to clean out the bags. Attorney Gaylor advised that it is appropriate if the City compensates the individual Commissioners and contracts with the Commissioners. He stated the Board could enter into a contract with the City for the services. It was clarified that the contract would be between the City and the Election Commissioners. Commissioner Johnson stated the Commission would enter into Agreement with the City of Jackson and Hinds County would not be part of the Agreement and no action was required by the Board of Supervisor.

Commissioner Johnson stated the Commission would work with the City and the Mayor and will get paid. Supervisor Archie stated that he received a letter from Ms. Johnson stating that she will be paid. He continued stating the only thing the County needs to do is provide the City with the bags.

Supervisor Archie made a motion to allow the City of Jackson to use the bags and all items needed in the bags without any pay for the June election. **The motion died for lack of a second.**

### **CLAIMS**

#### **Special Claims – The Integrity Group (\$15,467.00)**

There was discussion of the minority contractor for assist with the Emergency Rental Assistance program.

UPON A motion of Bobby McGowan and a second by Vern Gavin, David Archie voting aye, Credell Calhoun voting aye, Robert Graham absent not voting, it was

**RESOLVED to approve a special claim from The Integrity Group, in the amount of \$15,467.00, for Emergency Rental Assistance Program; presented by Greta Lovell.**

### **ORDER APPROVING CLAIMS**

UPON A motion of Vern Gavin and a second by Credell Calhoun, David Archie voting aye, Robert Graham absent not voting, Bobby McGowan voting aye, it was

**RESOLVED to approve the claims portion of the minutes of the Hinds County Board of Supervisors for May 24, 2021. Document affixed hereto and incorporated herein.**

### **ELECTED OFFICIALS**

#### **Election Commission – Municipal Elections**

Supervisor Archie requested Attorney Gaylor send a letter to the State Auditor, Secretary of State and Attorney General regarding the \$60,000 for Municipal Elections and second concerning the use of the bags by the City without any pay.

### **STATE AID ROADS CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS**

#### **State Aid Funding Discussion**

President Calhoun made a motion to move all remaining State Aid Funds for District 2 to Districts 1, 3, 4 and 5. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Gavin. President Calhoun made a second motion to Deprogram District 2 Projects. (This motion did not receive a second.) There was discussion on these motions. The Clerk's office clarified the motions and explained the State Aid Program for each Board Term. Deputy Clerk Lovell also explained that projects are not Deprogrammed once funds have been spent on the project.

**\* Supervisor McGowan left the meeting at approximately 10:00 a.m. \***

**\* Supervisor Archie left the meeting at approximately 10:01 a.m. \***

**RECESS**

*The Board recessed at 10:02 due to loss of quorum.*

**RECONVENE**

*The Board reconvened at 10:07 when quorum was gained.*

**STATE AID ROADS CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS**

**State Aid Funding Discussion**

*IMS Engineer Tommy Avant provided a list of current Hinds County State Aid Projects. Deputy Clerk Lovell reviewed the current State Aid Projects with the Board noting the Supervisor District for each project. Of the new Board term projects these are in Districts 4 and 5. Regarding the remaining projects from the prior Board term only Old Jackson Road was not under contract and it is in District 5. Only SAP-25(7)M, Trotter Road, Mt. Moriah and Adam Station Overlay Project is in District 2 and was allocated by this Board term. The remaining projects are under construction.*

*The Clerk's office reviewed again the Supervisor Districts for all the outstanding State Aid Projects. Finally, Administrator Jones advised that approximately \$746,305 remains available for programming from the current Board's Term appropriation. Supervisor Archie asked what State Aid Roads were in District 3? Supervisor Calhoun conceded that no State Aid Roads in District 3.*

*UPON the original motion of Credell Calhoun and a second by Vern Gavin, David Archie voting nay, Robert Graham absent not voting, Bobby McGowan voting aye, it was*

***RESOLVED to approve moving all remaining State Aid Funds designated for District 2 to Projects in Supervisor Districts 1, 3, 4 and 5.***

*There was additional discussion of the second motion for which no second was received.*

**BOARD TERM PRESIDENT / VICE-PRESIDENT ELECTIONS**

**Officer Policy Discussion**

*Supervisor Gavin expressed his appreciation of leadership by the current Board President. He also stated the County needs proper leadership to move the County forward.*

*A motion was made by Supervisor Gavin to make Credell Calhoun President of the Board for 2022. The motion was seconded by Supervisor McGowan.*

*Attorney Gaylor stated his office would have to look at how the President is elected and would determine if this motion is a "Right" motion at this time. Being as we are in the middle of a term, this action may not be able to be made in the middle of the year. The election of President/Vice President can be done in January or December. However, the Board Policy determining how the election of President/Vice President was set at the first meeting of this Board Term in January 2020.*

May 24, 2021

UPON A motion of Vern Gavin and a second by Bobby McGowan, David Archie voting nay, Credell Calhoun voting aye, Robert Graham absent not voting, it was

**RESOLVED to suspend the rule that prohibits the Board from making this motion (Making Credell Calhoun President for 2022) today.**

Supervisor Archie exclaimed that the Citizens of Hinds County that this President is bending the rules today. He stated he intends to call a Press Conference today.

**HUMAN CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT / GRANTS**

Grant Award from MS Department of Environmental Quality - Waste Assistance Program

UPON A motion of Vern Gavin and a second by Bobby McGowan, David Archie voting aye, Credell Calhoun voting aye, Robert Graham absent not voting, it was

**RESOLVED to approve and Accept a Grant Award from the MS Department of Environmental Quality in the amount of \$21,854.00 to continue the Waste Assistance Program (No Match).**

**BOARD TERM PRESIDENT / VICE-PRESIDENT ELECTIONS**

Officer Policy Discussion

Supervisor Archie stated an investigation will be coming regarding today's meeting. Deputy Clerk Lovell advised that Mrs. Carr's office will prepare the minutes as we are required.

Supervisor Gavin stated he had researched on his motion to Suspend the Rule. Document affixed hereto and incorporated herein.

**ADJOURNMENT**

UPON A motion of David Archie and a second by Credell Calhoun, Vern Gavin voting aye, Robert Graham absent not voting, Bobby McGowan voting aye, it was

**RESOLVED to adjourn until June 7, 2021, Board of Supervisors' Room, Chancery Court Building, Jackson, MS. Whereupon the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:37 A.M. Notice is hereby given that the meeting to be held on June 7, 2021, is a Regular Meeting of the Board.**

HINDS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Credell Calhoun, Board President

Attest:  
Eddie Jean Carr, Chancery Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_ D.C.