

**Board of Supervisors  
Of  
Lamar County, Mississippi**

<b>Board Meeting</b>
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**Date: January 2, 2024**

**Time: 9:00**

**Call to Order: Sheriff**

**New Term Business Matters**

1. Election of Board President

<u><b>Motion</b></u>	<u><b>Second</b></u>	<u><b>Vote</b></u>
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2. Election of Vice President

<u><b>Motion</b></u>	<u><b>Second</b></u>	<u><b>Vote</b></u>
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3. Approval to appoint Jody Waits as County Administrator.

<u><b>Motion</b></u>	<u><b>Second</b></u>	<u><b>Vote</b></u>
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4. Approval to appoint Tommy Jones as Road Manager.

<u><b>Motion</b></u>	<u><b>Second</b></u>	<u><b>Vote</b></u>
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5. Approval to appoint Perry Phillips as Board Attorney.

<u><b>Motion</b></u>	<u><b>Second</b></u>	<u><b>Vote</b></u>
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6. Approval to appoint Don Walker, The Walker Associates, as County Engineer.

<u><b>Motion</b></u>	<u><b>Second</b></u>	<u><b>Vote</b></u>
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7. Approval to appoint Jason Cuevas as Comptroller.

<u><b>Motion</b></u>	<u><b>Second</b></u>	<u><b>Vote</b></u>
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8. Approval to appoint Kyle Hill as Fire Coordinator.

<u><b>Motion</b></u>	<u><b>Second</b></u>	<u><b>Vote</b></u>
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9. Approval to appoint Sandra Barrett as Justice Court Clerk.

<u><b>Motion</b></u>	<u><b>Second</b></u>	<u><b>Vote</b></u>
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10. Approval to appoint Jordan Dement as Purchasing Clerk.

<u><b>Motion</b></u>	<u><b>Second</b></u>	<u><b>Vote</b></u>
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11. Approval to appoint Lena Clarke as Receiving Clerk.

<u><b>Motion</b></u>	<u><b>Second</b></u>	<u><b>Vote</b></u>
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12. Approval to appoint Bob Byrd as Inventory Clerk.

**Motion**                      **Second**                      **Vote**  
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13. Approval to appoint James Smith as Arson Investigator.

**Motion**                      **Second**                      **Vote**  
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14. Approval to appoint Ryan Pigott as Assistant Arson Investigator.

**Motion**                      **Second**                      **Vote**  
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15. Approval to appoint Lamar County Board of Supervisors President to the Area Development Partnership Board.

**Motion**                      **Second**                      **Vote**  
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16. Approval to appoint Steve Lampton to the ADP Work Ready Communities Initiative Committee.

**Motion**                      **Second**                      **Vote**  
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17. Acknowledge that Sheriff Danny Rigel serves on the Board of the Emergency Management District by virtue of office.

**Motion**                      **Second**                      **Vote**  
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18. Acknowledgement that the Lamar County Board of Supervisors serve as directors for the Lamar County Economic Development District.

**Motion**                      **Second**                      **Vote**  
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19. Approval to appoint the following persons to the Lamar County Planning Commission:

- a. Rodney Gresham from District 1.
- b. Mary Ball from District 2.
- c. Robert Hedgepath from District 3.
- d. John Reese from District 4.
- e. John Ortego from District 5.
- f. Danny Anderson Alternate.

**Motion**                      **Second**                      **Vote**  
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20. Approval to appoint Dale Lucus to the Long Leaf Rails to Trails Board.

**Motion**                      **Second**                      **Vote**  
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21. Approval to appoint Steve Lampton to the Merit Health Wesley Board.

**Motion**                      **Second**                      **Vote**  
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22. Approval to appoint the Lamar County Board of Supervisors President to the Metropolitan Planning Organization Board.

**Motion**                      **Second**                      **Vote**  
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23. Approval to appoint Fred Hatten to the Pine Belt Mental Health Board.

**Motion**                      **Second**                      **Vote**  
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24. Approval to appoint (by virtue of office) Lamar County School Superintendent Dr. Steven Hampton to the Pearl River Community College Board.

**Motion**    **Second**    **Vote**  
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25. Approval to appoint Conrad Preston to the Pearl River Valley Opportunity Board.

**Motion**    **Second**    **Vote**  
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26. Approval to appoint Steve Lampton to the Forrest/Lamar Regional Economic Development Alliance Board.

**Motion**    **Second**    **Vote**  
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27. Approval to appoint Warren Byrd to the Forrest/Lamar Regional Economic Development Alliance Board.

**Motion**    **Second**    **Vote**  
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28. Approval to appoint Mitch Brent to the South MS Planning and Development District Board.

**Motion**    **Second**    **Vote**  
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29. Approval to appoint Terry Bass to the Twin Districts Workforce Investment Area Board.

**Motion**    **Second**    **Vote**  
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30. Acknowledge that the Lamar County Board of Supervisors act on behalf of following Fire Grading Districts:

- a. Hickory Grove
- b. Sumrall
- c. Pine Ridge
- d. Beaver Lake
- e. Rock Hill
- f. City of Lumberton
- g. City of Purvis
- h. Central Lamar

**Motion**    **Second**    **Vote**  
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31. Approval for the county to be responsible for the employer share of contributions of the proportionate share of net income of the Chancery Clerk. Attributable fees, for retirement, payable to Mississippi Public Retirement System, to be paid out of the general fund pursuant to Mississippi Code 25-11-106.1 paragraph (2)(iii).

**Motion**    **Second**    **Vote**  
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32. Approval for the county to be responsible for the employer share of contributions of the proportionate share of net income of the Constables. Attributable fees, for retirement, payable to

Mississippi Public Retirement System, to be paid out of the general fund pursuant to Mississippi Code 25-11-106.

**Motion**                      **Second**                      **Vote**

33. Approval of the annual \$12,000 secretarial services supplement to the County Prosecuting Attorney in accordance with Mississippi Code 19-23-19.

**Motion**                      **Second**                      **Vote**

34. Approval to employ the Chancery Clerk to collect and assemble data and information and perform services required for the Board for Homestead Exemption Applications and preparing rolls pursuant to Mississippi Code 27-33-37.

**Motion**                      **Second**                      **Vote**

35. Approval of the Lamar County Employee Personnel Policy and Handbook.

**Motion**                      **Second**                      **Vote**

36. Acknowledge that the Chancery Clerk has adopted the same personnel policies as the Board of Supervisors in accordance with Mississippi Code §19-2-9.

**Motion**                      **Second**                      **Vote**

**Date: January 2, 2024**

**Public Forum:**

- 1.

**Bid Opening:**

- 1.

**Public Hearing:**

- 1.

**Consent Agenda Items (A thru L):**

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_ **2<sup>nd</sup>:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Vote:** \_\_\_\_\_

- A. Approval of the December 21, 2023 Board Minutes**
- B. Personnel Matters**
  1. Resignation: Johnathan Evan Arrington, North Road.
  2. Rate Change: Billy Carl Jones, North Road.
  3. FMLA: Ricardo McNair, Courthouse Maintenance.
  4. Status Change: Whitney Carter, Dispatch, from full-time to part-time.
- C. Road Department Matters**
  1. Approval of the Culvert Report as submitted.
  2. Approval of the Form 2 Report as submitted.
- D. Bids and Claims**
  1. Order publication of proceedings in accordance with Miss Code §19-3-35.
  2. Approval of the December 2023 End of the Month Docket in accordance with Miss Code §19-13-31.
  3. Approval to pay the January 2024 Claims Docket as submitted in accordance with Miss Code §19-13-31.
  4. Approval to pay the January 2024 monthly civil and criminal claims for constables as submitted.
  5. Receive and enter clerk's report of receipts and expenditures from the preceding calendar month in accordance with Miss Code, §19-11-23.
  6. Receive and enter sheriff's report of expenditures incurred during the preceding calendar month in accordance with Miss Code, §19-25-13.
  7. Receive and enter tax assessor/collector's report of expenditures incurred during the preceding calendar month in accordance with Miss Code, §27-1-9.
  8. Approval of the Sheriff Administration second quarter FY 2024 budget in the amount of \$1,353,941.50.
  9. Approval of the Tax Assessor/Collector second quarter FY 2024 budget in the amount of \$353,198.75.

10. Approval to transfer \$9,634.29 from Insurance Rebate -BLDG Code Fund (107) to Insurance Rebate Fund (106).
11. Approval for Jack Smith to attend the New Collector Training in Clinton, MS on February 6-8, 2024.
12. Receive and enter an increased base salary and promotion for Gloria Moorer Deputy Court Administrator to Court Administrator for Chancery Court Tenth Chancery pursuant to Miss Code Ann §9-1-36 and §9-1-17.
13. Approval for the Board of Supervisors to enter into an agreement with the Chancery Clerk for the purpose of records preservation.
14. Approval for the Chancery Clerk to employ someone to index land records to enter into the Lamar County computer system for \$1.50 per instrument, per attached order.
15. Approval for the Chancery Clerk to employ someone to scan the court records into the Lamar County computer system at \$.17 per page, per attached order.

**E. School Board Matters**

- 1.

**F. Sheriff Department Matters**

1. Resignation: Jacob Garner, Sheriff Administration.
2. Approval to issue a check to Taylor Sudden Services in the amount of \$2,764.96 for parts, labor, and mileage for repair to emergency jail generator.

**G. Planning Matters**

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**H. Fairground/Parks & Recreation Matters**

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**I. Fire Coordination Matters**

1. Approval for Board President to sign the fire protection contracts for a period ending in January 2028:
  - a) Northeast Lamar Fire Department and Northeast Lamar Fire Protection District 2.
  - b) Oak Grove Fire Department and Oak Grove Fire Protection District 3.
  - c) Oloh Fire Department and Oloh Fire Protection District 4.
  - d) Southwest Lamar Fire and Southwest Fire Protection District 5.
  - e) Hickory Grove Fire Department and Hickory Fire Protection District 6.
  - f) Sumrall Fire Department and Sumrall (Epley) Grading District 7.
  - g) Central Fire Department and Central Lamar Grading District 8.
  - h) Southeast Lamar Fire Department for Pine Ridge Grading District, Beaver Lake Grading District, Rock Hill Grading District, and Southeast Lamar Grading District.
  - i) Southeast Lamar Fire Department for City of Lumberton 10. Southeast Lamar Fire Department for City of Purvis.

**J. Additional Matters**

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**K. Inventory Matters**

1. NONE

**L. Tax Collector/Assessor Matters**

1. Approval of changes in Assessments per attached as submitted by the Tax Collector/Assessor.
2. Approval of changes in Homestead per attached as submitted by the Tax Collector/Assessor.
3. Approval of Tax Sale Cancellations per attached as submitted by the Tax Collector/Assessor.

**Business Matters/Discussion Agenda Items:**

**M. Planning Matters**

- 1. Consideration of RZ 23-12-01: Approval for rezoning of property from R-3/High Density Residential to C-2/General Commercial. The property is located at 2115 Oak Grove Road. The rezoning is for the expansion of an existing restaurant in Supervisor District 1.

**Motion**                              **Second**                              **Vote**  
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- 2. Consideration of CU 23-12-01: Approval is being sought for a conditional use for the expansion of a mini warehouse facility. The property is located at 161 West Hills Drive in Supervisor District 2.

**Motion**                              **Second**                              **Vote**  
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**N. Road Matters**

- 1. Consideration of a Resolution by The Board of Supervisors asking the Mississippi Legislature to enact legislation designating county road department workers as First Responders.

**Motion**                              **Second**                              **Vote**  
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**O. Bids and Claims**

- 1. Approval of a Contract for Collection of Delinquent Criminal fines between the Lamar County Board of Supervisors and the Lamar County Constables.

**Motion**                              **Second**                              **Vote**  
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**P. Additional Matters**

- 1. Approval of a Resolution by the Board of Supervisors to increase the Board Members salary as allowed under MS Senate Bill 2719 of the 2022 Regular Session.

**Motion**                              **Second**                              **Vote**  
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- 2. Approval to appoint Carrie Humphries as District 2 Election Commissioner to serve until Special Election held during 2024 Fall Primary Election.

**Motion**                              **Second**                              **Vote**  
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**Q. Under Advisement**

- 1. Discussion of the roadway within the Trails at Bent Creek (Creedmoor). Supervisor District 4.

**Motion**                              **Second**                              **Vote**  
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**Next Board Meeting:**                      **January 18, 2024**

**Future Board Meetings:**                **February 5, 2024**  
   **February 22, 2024**  
   **March 4, 2024**  
   **March 21, 2024**

**HOLIDAYS:**                                    **January 15<sup>th</sup> (Martin Luther King)**