

**Minutes of
Clay County Board of Supervisors
MONDAY, January 6, 2025, AT 9:00 A.M.**

BE IT REMEMBERED a Regular Meeting of the Clay County Board of Supervisors was held at the Clay County Courthouse in West Point, Mississippi, on Monday, January 6, 2025.

PRESENT:

R.B. Davis, District 3, presiding
Lynn D. Horton, District 1
Daryl Thomas, Supervisor District 2
Melvin Raines, Supervisor District 4
Joe Chandler, Supervisor District 5

Eddie Scott, Clay County Sheriff
LaFrance H. Boyd, Clay County Chancery Clerk
Angela Turner Ford, Board Attorney

The meeting was called to order by Sheriff Scott.

The Welcome and Prayer were provided by Supervisors Davis and Horton, respectively.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Motion: Supervisor Chandler
Second: Supervisor Thomas

Motion carried as follows:

Supervisor Horton	AYE
Supervisor Thomas	AYE
Supervisor Davis	AYE
Supervisor Raines	AYE
Supervisor Chandler	AYE

AMENDMENT OF AGENDA:

Motion: Supervisor Chandler
Second: Supervisor Horton

Motion carried as follows:

Supervisor Horton	AYE
Supervisor Thomas	AYE
Supervisor Davis	AYE

Supervisor Raines AYE
Supervisor Chandler AYE

AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE TO ELECT A PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT TO SERVE THE BOARD FOR YEAR 2025 (PRESIDENT - SUPERVISOR HORTON; VICE PRESIDENT - SUPERVISOR RAINES)

Motion: Supervisor Chandler
Second: Supervisor Raines

Motion carried as follows:

Supervisor Horton AYE
Supervisor Thomas AYE
Supervisor Davis AYE
Supervisor Raines AYE
Supervisor Chandler AYE

AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE TO APPOINT A BOARD ATTORNEY TO REPRESENT THE BOARD FOR YEAR 2025 (ANGELA TURNER FORD)

Motion: Supervisor Chandler
Second: Supervisor Davis

Motion carried as follows:

Supervisor Horton AYE
Supervisor Thomas AYE
Supervisor Davis AYE
Supervisor Raines AYE
Supervisor Chandler AYE

RECESS FOR FIVE MINUTES

Motion: Supervisor Chandler
Second: Supervisor Davis

Motion carried as follows:

Supervisor Horton AYE
Supervisor Thomas AYE
Supervisor Davis AYE
Supervisor Raines AYE
Supervisor Chandler AYE

RETURN TO OPEN MEETING - SUPERVISOR HORTON PRESIDING

Motion: Supervisor Chandler
Second: Supervisor Raines

Motion carried as follows:

Supervisor Horton	AYE
Supervisor Thomas	AYE
Supervisor Davis	AYE
Supervisor Raines	AYE
Supervisor Chandler	AYE

JOHN HENRY, CONCERNED CITIZEN - NO ACTION TAKEN

AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE OF EMPLOYING HON. LAFRANCE H. BOYD, CHANCERY CLERK, AS THE COUNTY DESIGNEE TO FACILITATE THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION LAWS FOR YEAR 2025

Motion: Supervisor Chandler
Second: Supervisor Davis

Motion carried as follows:

Supervisor Horton	AYE
Supervisor Thomas	AYE
Supervisor Davis	AYE
Supervisor Raines	AYE
Supervisor Chandler	AYE

AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE TO APPOINT HON. LAFRANCE H. BOYD, CHANCERY CLERK, TO SERVE AS COMPTROLLER FOR THE COUNTY FOR YEAR 2025

Motion: Supervisor Chandler
Second: Supervisor Davis

Motion carried as follows:

Supervisor Horton	AYE
Supervisor Thomas	AYE
Supervisor Davis	AYE
Supervisor Raines	AYE
Supervisor Chandler	AYE

AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE TO APPOINT LAFRANCE H. BOYD, CHANCERY CLERK TO SERVE AS INVENTORY CLERK FOR THE COUNTY OF YEAR 2025

Motion: Supervisor Chandler
Second: Supervisor Davis

Motion carried as follows:

Supervisor Horton	AYE
Supervisor Thomas	AYE
Supervisor Davis	AYE
Supervisor Raines	AYE
Supervisor Chandler	AYE

AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE TO REHIRE THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES AS ATTACHED HERETO FOR YEAR 2025 AND FOR THEM TO BE PAID AT THEIR CURRENT SALARY OR RATE OF PAY FOR THE SAID POSITION

Motion: Supervisor Chandler
Second: Supervisor Davis

Motion carried as follows:

Supervisor Horton	AYE
Supervisor Thomas	AYE
Supervisor Davis	AYE
Supervisor Raines	AYE
Supervisor Chandler	AYE

AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE TO APPOINT CERTAIN EMPLOYEES FOR THE YEAR 2025 (RANDY JONES TO SERVE AS FLOOD PLAIN ADMINISTRATOR and JOHN FREEMAN, NEEL SHAFFER ENGINEERS, INC., TO SERVE AS COUNTY ENGINEER)

Motion: Supervisor Chandler
Second: Supervisor Davis

Motion carried as follows:

Supervisor Horton	AYE
Supervisor Thomas	AYE
Supervisor Davis	AYE
Supervisor Raines	AYE
Supervisor Chandler	AYE

AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE THE TIME AND PLACE FOR THE BOARD MEETINGS FOR THE YEAR 2025 (FIRST AND THIRD MONDAY OF THE MONTH FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH ON A TRIAL BASIS AT THE CLAY COUNTY COURTHOUSE)

Motion: Supervisor Davis
Second: Supervisor Raines

Motion carried as follows:

Supervisor Horton	AYE
Supervisor Thomas	AYE
Supervisor Davis	AYE
Supervisor Raines	AYE
Supervisor Chandler	AYE

AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE TO SUBSTITUTE CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY, APRIL 26, 2025, FOR GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 2025, AS ALLOWED UNDER SECTION 3-3-7(2) OF THE MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972

Motion: Supervisor Raines
Second: Supervisor Thomas

Motion carried as follows:

Supervisor Horton	AYE
Supervisor Thomas	AYE
Supervisor Davis	AYE
Supervisor Raines	AYE
Supervisor Chandler	AYE

AUTHORIZE, ACCEPT, AND AWARD THE SEMI-ANNUAL SUPPLY AND MATERIALS BIDS (ANN WILKERSON, PURCHASE CLERK)

(See Board Tabulation Document for Board Actions taken)

AUTHORIZE, ACCEPT, AND AWARY ANNUAL HAY LEASE BID FOR 2025 - LUKE LUMMUS AT RATE OF \$10.00 AN ACRE

Motion: Supervisor Chandler
Second: Supervisor Davis

Motion carried as follows:

Supervisor Horton	AYE
Supervisor Thomas	AYE
Supervisor Davis	AYE
Supervisor Raines	AYE
Supervisor Chandler	AYE

AUTHORIZE, ACCEPT, AND AWARD THE ANNUAL PROPANE/BUTANE BID FOR 2025 FOR ALL COUNTY BUILDINGS - NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO NO BIDS HAVING BEEN SUBMITTED

AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE THE CLAIMS DOCKET FOR JANUARY 2025

Motion: Supervisor Chandler
Second: Supervisor Raines

Motion carried as follows:

Supervisor Horton	AYE
Supervisor Thomas	AYE
Supervisor Davis	AYE
Supervisor Raines	AYE
Supervisor Chandler	AYE

AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE PAYMENT TO RANDY JONES FOR FLOOD PLAIN COORDINATOR SERVICES RENDERED DECEMBER 2024 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,120.00

Motion: Supervisor Chandler
Second: Supervisor Davis

Motion carried as follows:

Supervisor Horton	AYE
Supervisor Thomas	AYE
Supervisor Davis	AYE
Supervisor Raines	AYE
Supervisor Chandler	AYE

AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE INVENTORY CERTIFICATIONS ACCORDING TO THE CLAY COUNTY FIXED ASSETS LEDGER

Motion: Supervisor Chandler
Second: Supervisor Horton

Motion carried as follows:

Supervisor Horton	AYE
Supervisor Thomas	AYE
Supervisor Davis	AYE
Supervisor Raines	AYE
Supervisor Chandler	AYE

AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE ADVERTISING RESOURCES FOR THE COUNTY FOR THE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING HOLIDAY CELEBRATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100.00

Motion: Supervisor Davis
Second: Supervisor Chandler

Motion carried as follows:

Supervisor Horton	AYE
Supervisor Thomas	AYE
Supervisor Davis	AYE
Supervisor Raines	AYE
Supervisor Chandler	AYE

TORREY WILLIAMS, EMA DIRECTOR - AUTHORIZE TO SPREAD ON THE MINUTES THE TEMPORARY DECLARATION DESIGNATION SIGNED BY LYNN HORTON, VICE PRESIDENT FOR THE DECEMBER 28, 2024 STORM

Motion: Supervisor Davis
Second: Supervisor Raines

Motion carried as follows:

Supervisor Horton	AYE
Supervisor Thomas	AYE
Supervisor Davis	AYE
Supervisor Raines	AYE
Supervisor Chandler	AYE

AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE TO DECLARE DISASTER FOR THE ETO TORNADO THAT OCCURRED ON DECEMBER 28, 2024

Motion: Supervisor Davis
Second: Supervisor Raines

Motion carried as follows:

Supervisor Horton	AYE
Supervisor Thomas	AYE
Supervisor Davis	AYE
Supervisor Raines	AYE
Supervisor Chandler	AYE

AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE ROAD NAME CHANGE FOR A SECTION OF BUSTER GOODE ROAD TO WATKINS ROAD

Motion: Supervisor Raines
 Second: Supervisor Davis

Motion carried as follows:

Supervisor Horton	AYE
Supervisor Thomas	AYE
Supervisor Davis	AYE
Supervisor Raines	AYE
Supervisor Chandler	AYE

AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE TRAVEL FOR TORREY WILLIAMS ON JANUARY 13-15, 2025 TO ATTEND THE 911 COORDINATORS MEETING HELD IN RIDGELAND, MS

Motion: Supervisor Chandler
 Second: Supervisor Davis

Motion carried as follows:

Supervisor Horton	AYE
Supervisor Thomas	AYE
Supervisor Davis	AYE
Supervisor Raines	AYE
Supervisor Chandler	AYE

AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE THE EMA DIRECTOR TO APPLY FOR A GRANT WITH THE FOUR COUNTY FOUNDATION FOR A WEATHER STATION

Motion: Supervisor Chandler
 Second: Supervisor Davis

Motion carried as follows:

Supervisor Horton	AYE
Supervisor Thomas	AYE

Supervisor Davis AYE
Supervisor Raines AYE
Supervisor Chandler AYE

APPROVE REPORT PROVIDED BY MS. DOROTHY RYLAND FOR CLAY COUNTY
EMA/911 DEPARTMENT

Motion: Supervisor Davis
Second: Supervisor Chandler

Motion carried as follows:

Supervisor Horton AYE
Supervisor Thomas AYE
Supervisor Davis AYE
Supervisor Raines AYE
Supervisor Chandler AYE

AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE TO PAY REGIONS BANK FOR TWO DEBT SERVICES
PAYMENTS IN THE AMOUNTS OF \$958,741.76 AND \$48,654.12

Motion: Supervisor Davis
Second: Supervisor Chandler

Motion carried as follows:

Supervisor Horton AYE
Supervisor Thomas AYE
Supervisor Davis AYE
Supervisor Raines AYE
Supervisor Chandler AYE

AUTHORITY TO APPLY FOR TWO GRANTS OFFERED BY MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT
OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO OFFSET \$40,000.00 IN OVERTIME

Motion: Supervisor Chandler
Second: Supervisor Davis

Motion carried as follows:

Supervisor Horton AYE
Supervisor Thomas AYE
Supervisor Davis AYE
Supervisor Raines AYE
Supervisor Chandler AYE

APPROVE AND SPREAD UPON THE MINUTES AN EXPENDITURE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,410.00 FOR AMMUNITION

Motion: Supervisor Davis
Second: Supervisor Thomas

Motion carried as follows:

Supervisor Horton	AYE
Supervisor Thomas	AYE
Supervisor Davis	AYE
Supervisor Raines	AYE
Supervisor Chandler	AYE

ACCEPTANCE AND AUTHORITY TO SPREAD UPON THE MINUTES LETTER OF RESIGNATION FROM MR. CALEB DAVIS, WHO WILL BE LEAVING THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER MHP TRAINING EFFECTIVE JANUARY 4, 2025

Motion: Supervisor Davis
Second: Supervisor Thomas

Motion carried as follows:

Supervisor Horton	AYE
Supervisor Thomas	AYE
Supervisor Davis	AYE
Supervisor Raines	AYE
Supervisor Chandler	AYE

AUTHORIZE CHANCERY CLERK BOYD TO OBTAIN FINANCING OPTIONS FOR ACQUISITION OF RADIOS

Motion: Supervisor Davis
Second: Supervisor Horton

Motion carried as follows:

Supervisor Horton	AYE
Supervisor Thomas	AYE
Supervisor Davis	AYE
Supervisor Raines	AYE
Supervisor Chandler	AYE

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Motion: Supervisor Davis
Second: Supervisor Thomas

Motion carried as follows:

Supervisor Horton	AYE
Supervisor Thomas	AYE
Supervisor Davis	AYE
Supervisor Raines	AYE
Supervisor Chandler	AYE

RETURN TO OPEN MEETING

Motion: Supervisor Davis
Second: Supervisor Chandler

Motion carried as follows:

Supervisor Horton	AYE
Supervisor Thomas	AYE
Supervisor Davis	AYE
Supervisor Raines	AYE
Supervisor Chandler	AYE

CLOSED SESSION TO DETERMINE THE NEED FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: Supervisor Davis
Second: Supervisor Chandler

Motion carried as follows:

Supervisor Horton	AYE
Supervisor Thomas	AYE
Supervisor Davis	AYE
Supervisor Raines	AYE
Supervisor Chandler	AYE

REQUEST TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS A MATTER OF SECURITY AS ALLOWED BY SECTION 41-7-25, OF THE MISSISSIPPI CODE

Motion: Supervisor Davis
Second: Supervisor Raines

Motion carried as follows:

Supervisor Horton	AYE
Supervisor Thomas	AYE
Supervisor Davis	AYE
Supervisor Raines	AYE
Supervisor Chandler	AYE

RETURN TO OPEN MEETING

Motion: Supervisor Davis
Second: Supervisor Raines

Motion carried as follows:

Supervisor Horton	AYE
Supervisor Thomas	AYE
Supervisor Davis	AYE
Supervisor Raines	AYE
Supervisor Chandler	AYE

RECESS UNTIL JANUARY 9, 2025, AT 9:00 A.M. AT THE CLAY COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Motion: Supervisor Davis
Second: Supervisor Thomas

Motion carried as follows:

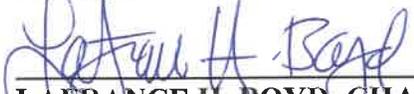
Supervisor Horton	AYE
Supervisor Thomas	AYE
Supervisor Davis	AYE
Supervisor Raines	AYE
Supervisor Chandler	AYE

Dated this the 6 day of January, 2025.



**LYNN D. HORTON, PRESIDENT
CLAY COUNTY BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS**

ATTEST:



**LAFRANCE H. BOYD, CHANCERY CLERK
AND CLERK OF THE CLAY COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

