

**Minutes of
Clay County Board of Supervisors
MONDAY, April 7, 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, April 7, 2025.

PRESENT:

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

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

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Chandler.

The Welcome was provided by Supervisor Horton.

The Prayer was provided by Rev. John Avant. Supervisor Davis requested the Board remember Mr. Russ Turner.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

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

AMENDMENT OF AGENDA:

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

Amendments were announced by Supervisors Thomas and Raines, Ms. Hodge and Ms. Sykes-Cobb.

DREW ROBERTSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, TOMBIGBEE RIVER VALLEY WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT APPEARED BEFORE THE BOARD TO DISCUSS THEIR SERVICES - NO ACTION WAS TAKEN

CHARITY KARANJA, BUTLER SNOW, LLP; RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SALE AND AWARD OF GENERAL OBLIGATION ROAD AND BRIDGE BONDS, DISTRICT ONE; ACCEPTANCE OF BID OF BANK OF COMMERCE

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

HEATH DONAHOO AND RED RAY, VOLUNTEER FIREMEN - DID NOT APPEAR

AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE THE TIME AND PLACE FOR THE BOARD MEETINGS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR OF 2025 (CONTINUE TO MEET TWO TIMES PER MONTH)

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 TRAVEL TO QUANTICO, VIRGINIA TO ATTEND SHIELD AND STAR TRAINING COURSE ADMINISTERED BY THE FBI (MAY 3 THROUGH MAY 9, 2025)

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 TRAVEL TO DALLAS, TEXAS TO ATTEND AMERICAN JAIL ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE (MAY 16 THROUGH MAY 20, 2025). (TWO MEMBERS OF JAIL STAFF)

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

AUTHORITY TO SPREAD UPON THE MINUTES FLYER OF GOLF TOURNAMENT WITH OBJECTIVE OF RECRUITING LAW ENFORCEMENT TEAMS

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 ACCESS TO PRIVATE PROPERTIES TO REPAIR DRAINAGE ISSUE

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

Property Owners: Earlzo Young, Jr., Gary Guinn, Robert Ivy, Timothy Walker, and Mable Ballard

JOHN FREEMAN, NEEL SCHAFFER ENGINEERS, INC. - AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE TO ACCEPT BIDS RELATED TO THE STATE OVERLAY PROJECT

Motion:

Second:

Motion carried as follows:

Supervisor Horton AYE

Supervisor Thomas AYE

Supervisor Davis AYE

Supervisor Raines AYE

Supervisor Chandler AYE

AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE THE CHANCERY CLERK TO UPLOAD AND COMPLETE THE 2024 LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS FUNDS RELATED TO SENATE BILL 2468

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 AUDIT PROPOSALS FOR FY 2022, FY 2023, FY 2024 - (PROPOSAL OF BRIDGES, GORDON, BAIRD AND CLARKE, PLLC ACCEPTED - \$32,500.00 per year)

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

NEEL SCHAFFER, ENGINEERS – HEBRON CHRISTIAN ROAD PROJECT SAP-13(13)M, \$4,256.19; NEEL SCHAFFER ENGINEERS – BARTON FERRY BRIDGE PROJECT ERBR-SAP-13(39)M, \$33,030.49; NEEL SCHAFFER ENGINEERS – LAKE GROVE AND RANDLE ROAD PROJECT, \$15,000.00; NEEL SCHAFFER ENGINEERS – LAKE GROVE AND RANDLE ROAD PROJECT, \$20,000.00; BURNS COOLEY DENNIS, INC. – BARTON FERRY BRIDGE PROJECT ERBR-SAP-13(39), \$465.00; COOK AND SON CONSTRUCTION – BARTON FERRY BRIDGE PROJECT ERBR-SAP-13(39), \$33,440.00, \$512,872.96, AND \$50,202.75; FALCON CONTRACTING COMPANY, INC. – LAKE GROVE AND RANDLE ROAD PROJECT, \$847,405.88 (ALL PROJECTS APPROVED IN BLOCK)

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 SHERMAN IVY AND ALBERT LEE, CONSTABLES, TO ATTEND MISSISSIPPI CONSTABLES ASSOCIATION CONVENTION & TRAINING IN GULFPORT, MS ON JUNE 8-13, 2025

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 RANDY JONES, FOOD PLAINS COORDINATOR, TO ATTEND THE ASSOCIATION OF FOOD PLAIN MANAGERS OF MISSISSIPPI TRAINING ON APRIL 8-10, 2025, IN NATCHEZ, MS

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 COUNTY SUPERVISORS, SHERIFF, COUNTY ATTORNEY, COUNTY ENGINEER, AND CHANCERY CLERK TO ATTEND THE MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONVENTION IN BILOXI, MS ON JUNE 9-12, 2025

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 R.B. DAVIS, SUPERVISOR DISTRICT 3, TO ATTEND THE MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON APRIL 22-25, 2025, IN BILOXI, MS

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 ACCEPT BIDS RELATED TO STATE OVERLAY PROJECT
(BIDS TAKEN UNDER ADVISEMENT)**

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

**ACCEPT AND APPROVE MONTHLY REPORT OF PURCHASING DEPARTMENT - MS. ANN
WILKERSON**

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

**ACCEPT AND APPROVE MONTHLY REPORT OF JUSTICE COURT - MS. DEMETRIA
SYKES-COBB**

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

JUSTICE COURT CLERK TRAVEL TO JACKSON MAY 13 THROUGH MAY 17, 2025, FOR TRAINING

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

EXTEND INVITATION TO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PRAIRIE OPPORTUNITY, INC. TO ATTEND BOARD MEETING

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 AND APPROVE HON. KEELIRIGG OF STARKVILLE TO SERVE AS COUNTY PROSECUTOR FOR \$300.00 PER COURT DATE (4 DATES ANTICIPATED)

Motion: Supervisor Raines
Second: Supervisor Chandler

Motion carried as follows:

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

ACCEPT AND APPROVE MONTHLY REPORT OF CLAY COUNTY EMA/911 - MR. TORREY WILLIAMS

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

AUTHORITY TO INCREASE BALIFF PAY TO \$100.00 PER DAY, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

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

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Motion: Supervisor Davis
Second: Supervisor Thomas

Motion carried as follows:

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

RESUME OPEN MEETING

Motion: Supervisor Raines
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 TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

REQUEST TO GO ONTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS A PERSONNEL MATTER AS ALLOWED IN SECTION 41-7-25, OF THE MISSISSIPPI CODE

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

RESUME OPEN MEETING

Motion: Supervisor Thomas
Second: Supervisor Chandler

Motion carried as follows:

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

RECESS UNTIL April 28, 2025, AT 9:00 A.M. AT THE CLAY COUNTY COURTHOUSE

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

Dated this the 7th day of April, 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**

