



Hancock County Board of Supervisors

Regular Meeting Minutes

May 5, 2025 at 9:00 AM

Board Meeting Room

1. Call to Order

A) Pledge of Allegiance

B) Invocation

Please remember Judge Roger Clark's family
Please also remember the Artigues family

2. Roll Call

3. Amendments to the Agenda

7.B.3. Add Karielle Thurman to the list to attend the 40-hour basic telecommunicator course.

A) Motion to accept the agenda.

RESULT: **Approved (UNANIMOUS)**

MOVER: District 3 Supervisor Clark

SECONDER: District 2 Supervisor Shaw

AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty Adam,
DarrinBo Ladner

EXCUSED:

4. Bid Openings

5. Announcements

A) The next regular scheduled Board of Supervisor's meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m., on Monday, May 19, 2025.

B) The biweekly payroll with a check date of April 25, 2025, totaled \$873,189.08.

6. External Business Agenda

A) Port & Harbor Commission

1. Motion to approve the Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission's Docket of Claims for April 28, 2025, in the Amount of \$750,793.45 (GO \$205,381.58, RR \$262,033.32, IP \$60,324.03, AP \$223,054.52).

RESULT: Approved (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: District 5 Supervisor Ladner

SECONDER: District 2 Supervisor Shaw

AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty Adam, DarrinBo Ladner

EXCUSED:

2. Motion to approve and authorize the Board President's signature on the Estoppel and Consent Agreement between the Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission and Jindal Tubular, USA, LLC.

RESULT: Approved (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: District 2 Supervisor Shaw

SECONDER: District 1 Supervisor Graham

AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty Adam, DarrinBo Ladner

EXCUSED:

B) Jeff Loftus – GRPC

C) Bruce Newton - Digital Engineering

1. Discussion/Presentation of the Stormwater Program Project Status as of April 30, 2025.

RESULT: NO ACTION TAKEN

MOVER:

SECONDER:

AYES:

EXCUSED:

2. Discussion/Motion to approve and authorize the Board President to sign the Final Change Order No. 1 as part of the Close Out Package for Project 1.10.2 Bayside Park Drainage Improvements, Phase II.

RESULT: **Approved (UNANIMOUS)**

MOVER: District 1 Supervisor Graham

SECONDER: District 4 Board President Adam

AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty Adam, DarrinBo Ladner

EXCUSED:

3. Discussion/Motion to approve and authorize the Board President to sign the Certificate of Substantial Completion for Project 3.25, Firetower Road Drainage Improvements.

RESULT: **Approved (UNANIMOUS)**

MOVER: District 3 Supervisor Clark

SECONDER: District 5 Supervisor Ladner

AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty Adam, DarrinBo Ladner

EXCUSED:

4. Discussion/Motion to approve and authorize the Board President to sign Change Order No. 4 for Project 3.25, Firetower Road Drainage Improvements.
Approved with a finding under 31-7-13 b. the change order is commercially necessary.

RESULT: **Approved (UNANIMOUS)**

MOVER: District 3 Supervisor Clark

SECONDER: District 5 Supervisor Ladner

AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty Adam, DarrinBo Ladner

EXCUSED:

7. Departmental Agendas

A) Emergency Management Agency

1. Motion to approve the hiring of Tammy Hawthorne as the EMA Administrative Assistant at the rate of pay of \$15.20 per hour, effective June 1, 2025, pending successful completion of a physical, drug screen, and a 90-day probationary period.

RESULT: **Approved (UNANIMOUS)**

MOVER: District 1 Supervisor Graham

SECONDER: District 3 Supervisor Clark

AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty Adam, DarrinBo Ladner

EXCUSED:

B) E-911/Dispatch

1. Motion to approve Taylor Holston to attend Suicide Prevention Training in Pascagoula, Mississippi on May 12-13, 2025 with mileage reimbursement and tuition of \$300, all reimbursable.

RESULT: **Approved (UNANIMOUS)**

MOVER: District 4 Board President Adam

SECONDER: District 1 Supervisor Graham

AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty Adam, DarrinBo Ladner

EXCUSED:

2. Motion to approve Taylor Holston to attend NECI Crimes in Progress training on May 14, 2025, with mileage reimbursement and tuition of \$150, all reimbursable.

RESULT: **Approved (UNANIMOUS)**

MOVER: District 4 Board President Adam

SECONDER: District 3 Supervisor Clark

AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty Adam, DarrinBo Ladner

EXCUSED:

3. Motion to approve Kimberly Sutton, Emily Treakle, Wendy Kennedy, Karielle Thurman, and Megan Mosley to attend the 40-hour basic telecommunicator course on July 21 – 25, 2025 at Wiggins Police Department, with mileage reimbursement and tuition of \$395 (one dispatcher will be using a credit with the company), reimbursed by the State.

RESULT: **Approved (UNANIMOUS)**

MOVER: District 3 Supervisor Clark

SECONDER: District 5 Supervisor Ladner

AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty Adam, DarrinBo Ladner

EXCUSED:

4. Motion to accept the resignation of Kristi Aguilar from E-911 Dispatch effective May 2, 2025.

RESULT: **Approved (UNANIMOUS)**

MOVER: District 4 Board President Adam

SECONDER: District 1 Supervisor Graham

AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty Adam, DarrinBo Ladner

EXCUSED:

5. Motion to remove Leelah Finney from the payroll effective April 6, 2025.

RESULT: **Approved (UNANIMOUS)**

MOVER: District 4 Board President Adam

SECONDER: District 5 Supervisor Ladner

AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty Adam, DarrinBo Ladner

EXCUSED:

C) Animal Shelter

D) Justice Court

E) IT Department

F) Purchasing

1. Motion to approve and spread on the Minutes, the Credit Card Report for May 5, 2025. This report reflects all credit card charges that are on the docket for payment.

RESULT: **Approved (UNANIMOUS)**

MOVER: District 3 Supervisor Clark

SECONDER: District 1 Supervisor Graham

AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty Adam, DarrinBo Ladner

EXCUSED:

2. Motion to approve the purchase of a new entrance gate for McLeod Park and authorize a budget amendment in the amount of \$14,500.00 from Bohnenstiehl Electric, Inc and spread both quotes on the Minutes. The record reflects an approval for the budget amendment to come from gaming.

RESULT: **Approved (UNANIMOUS)**

MOVER: District 4 Board President Adam

SECONDER: District 3 Supervisor Clark

AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty Adam, DarrinBo Ladner

EXCUSED:

3. Motion to approve and authorize a budget amendment to purchase a Hot

Water Heater in the amount of \$23,005.00 from Mechanical Services, LLC for EMA and spread both quotes on the Minutes. The record reflects an approval for the budget amendment to come from gaming.

RESULT: Approved (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: District 4 Board President Adam

SECONDER: District 1 Supervisor Graham

AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty Adam, DarrinBo Ladner

EXCUSED:

4. Motion to approve and authorize the Board President to sign the 48- Month rental agreement for a Fax Board to the Jail Booking Copier in the amount of \$15.00 per month.

RESULT: Approved (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: District 1 Supervisor Graham

SECONDER: District 2 Supervisor Shaw

AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty Adam, DarrinBo Ladner

EXCUSED:

G) Planning and Zoning

H) Parks & Recreation

1. Motion to rescind Agenda Item 7.H.2. to hire Joan Rhode from the April 7, 2025 meeting.

RESULT: Approved (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: District 4 Board President Adam

SECONDER: District 1 Supervisor Graham

AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty Adam, DarrinBo Ladner

EXCUSED:

2. Motion to approve hiring George Sullivan for McLeod Park part time at the rate of \$11.00 per hour pending physical and drug screen.

RESULT: Approved (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: District 1 Supervisor Graham

SECONDER: District 3 Supervisor Clark

AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty Adam, DarrinBo Ladner

EXCUSED:

I) Inventory Clerk

J) Comptroller

1. Motion to approve the budget amendments for May 5, 2025, as attached.

RESULT: Approved (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: District 5 Supervisor Ladner

SECONDER: District 3 Supervisor Clark

AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty
Adam, DarrinBo Ladner

EXCUSED:

2. Motion to ratify the payment to Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management for the property at 819 Central Avenue, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, in the amount of \$4,479.83.

RESULT: Approved (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: District 4 Board President Adam

SECONDER: District 1 Supervisor Graham

AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty
Adam, DarrinBo Ladner

EXCUSED:

3. Motion to approve the following Interfund Transfers:
 - a. Transfer into Fleet Maintenance \$50,000, of that, \$14,000 from the general fund, \$33,000 from the road fund, and \$3,000 from the seawall fund.

RESULT: Approved (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: District 4 Board President Adam

SECONDER: District 3 Supervisor Clark

AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty
Adam, DarrinBo Ladner

EXCUSED:

4. Motion to approve the docket of claims for May 5, 2025, in the amount of \$1,836,719.64.

RESULT: Approved (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: District 4 Board President Adam

SECONDER: District 5 Supervisor Ladner

AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty
Adam, DarrinBo Ladner

EXCUSED:

K) Board Secretary

1. Motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of Monday, April 21, 2025, at

9:00 a.m., and the Special Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, April 30, 2025, at 8:30 a.m.

RESULT: **Approved (UNANIMOUS)**
MOVER: District 1 Supervisor Graham
SECONDER: District 2 Supervisor Shaw
AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty
 Adam, DarrinBo Ladner
EXCUSED:

8. Elected/Appointed Agendas

A) Sheriff's Office

1. Motion to spread on the Minutes, acknowledgment of the receipt of the monthly inmate meal log from the Hancock County Adult Detention Center for the month of April 2025, as on file with the County Administrator, pursuant to Mississippi State Statute 19-25-74.

RESULT: **Approved (UNANIMOUS)**
MOVER: District 2 Supervisor Shaw
SECONDER: District 1 Supervisor Graham
AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty
 Adam, DarrinBo Ladner
EXCUSED:

2. Motion to spread on the Minutes the following personnel changes:
 - a. Add Courtney Favre to the payroll as a full-time Deputy, at a rate of pay of \$21.22 per hour, effective May 05, 2025,
 - b. Remove Robert Kessel from the payroll, effective April 24, 2025.

RESULT: **Approved (UNANIMOUS)**
MOVER: District 3 Supervisor Clark
SECONDER: District 1 Supervisor Graham
AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty
 Adam, DarrinBo Ladner
EXCUSED:

3. Motion to approve and authorize the Board President's signature on the FY23 JAG Local Law Close Out.

RESULT: **Approved (UNANIMOUS)**
MOVER: District 2 Supervisor Shaw
SECONDER: District 1 Supervisor Graham
AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty
 Adam, DarrinBo Ladner
EXCUSED:

4. Motion to remove Robert Kessel's assigned duty weapon asset #6229, Glock 21, Serial number UNX899 from inventory and allow him to purchase his weapon for \$1.00. This is a state statute 45-9-131 (see attachment).

RESULT: **Approved (UNANIMOUS)**

MOVER: District 4 Board President Adam

SECONDER: District 5 Supervisor Ladner

AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty
Adam, DarrinBo Ladner

EXCUSED:

5. Motion to approve and authorize the Board President to sign the 1-year-term contract with Offender Watch.

RESULT: **Approved (UNANIMOUS)**

MOVER: District 1 Supervisor Graham

SECONDER: District 3 Supervisor Clark

AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty
Adam, DarrinBo Ladner

EXCUSED:

B) Tax Assessor

C) Circuit Clerk

1. Motion to approve Election Commissioners' ECAM Annual Summer Training at the Golden Moon Hotel, Philadelphia, MS from June 24-25, 2025, to include registration, travel, hotel accommodations, and per diem advancement for Donna L. Henry, Reba McCaleb, and Breezy Bice in the amount of \$225 each for a total amount of \$675 from 001-180.

RESULT: **Approved (UNANIMOUS)**

MOVER: District 1 Supervisor Graham

SECONDER: District 2 Supervisor Shaw

AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty
Adam, DarrinBo Ladner

EXCUSED:

D) County Court

E) Hancock County Coroner

1. Motion to approve Jeff Hair and Jonathan Favre to attend the Mississippi Coroner Medical Examiner Association Summer Conference from June 24–27, 2025 in Gulfport, Mississippi. The cost for the Summer Conference is \$350.00

per person, for a total of \$700.00.

RESULT: Approved (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: District 3 Supervisor Clark

SECONDER: District 5 Supervisor Ladner

AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty Adam, DarrinBo Ladner

EXCUSED:

F) Youth Court/Family Treatment Court

1. To hire Louis Prendergast as a contract worker for the Hancock County Family Treatment Court to observe all male participants' urine drug screenings. No more than 6 hours per week at a rate of pay of \$15.00 per hour. Paying out the SAMSHA grant 010-173-5599.

RESULT: Approved (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: District 2 Supervisor Shaw

SECONDER: District 5 Supervisor Ladner

AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty Adam, DarrinBo Ladner

EXCUSED:

G) Chancery Clerk

H) County Engineer

1. Motion to spread on the Minutes a ROW Request from AT&T to install buried fiber optic cable along Kiln Delisle Road and Kapalama.

RESULT: Approved (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: District 5 Supervisor Ladner

SECONDER: District 3 Supervisor Clark

AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty Adam, DarrinBo Ladner

EXCUSED:

2. Motion to spread on the Minutes a ROW Request from Standard Dedeaux Water to bore a 1" water service under Dummyline Road for 24100 Autumn Lane.

RESULT: Approved (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: District 5 Supervisor Ladner

SECONDER: District 4 Board President Adam

AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty Adam, DarrinBo Ladner

EXCUSED:

3. Motion to approve and authorize the Board President to sign Closeout Documents for North Beach Boulevard Box Culvert Replacement Project.

RESULT: Approved (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: District 3 Supervisor Clark

SECONDER: District 1 Supervisor Graham

AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty Adam, DarrinBo Ladner

EXCUSED:

I) Road Manager

1. Motion to remove Jeanne Anderson from payroll in the Building and Grounds Department effective April 24, 2025

RESULT: Approved (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: District 4 Board President Adam

SECONDER: District 1 Supervisor Graham

AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty Adam, DarrinBo Ladner

EXCUSED:

J) Grant Administrator

1. Motion to spread on the Minutes the following reports:
 - a. COPS Performance Report and approval,
 - b. SLFRF Annual Project and Expenditure Report.

RESULT: Approved (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: District 4 Board President Adam

SECONDER: District 5 Supervisor Ladner

AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty Adam, DarrinBo Ladner

EXCUSED:

2. Motion to spread on the Minutes the FY26 THUD CDS Request and letter of support as submitted to Senator Roger Wicker and Congressional representative Mike Ezell for Texas Flat Road.

RESULT: Approved (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: District 4 Board President Adam

SECONDER: District 3 Supervisor Clark

AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty Adam, DarrinBo Ladner

EXCUSED:

K) County Administrator

1. Motion to spread on the Minutes the City of Bay St. Louis' Special Events Application giving approval to Good Earth Records for a free community event at the Washington Street Pier Pavilion on Friday, May 9, 2025, from 3:00–7:30 p.m.

RESULT: Approved (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: District 1 Supervisor Graham

SECONDER: District 5 Supervisor Ladner

AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty Adam, DarrinBo Ladner

EXCUSED:

2. Motion to approve and authorize the Board President to sign the Fire Protection Agreement between the City of Diamondhead, Mississippi, the Hancock County Board of Supervisors, and the Diamondhead Fire District.

RESULT: Approved (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: District 3 Supervisor Clark

SECONDER: District 1 Supervisor Graham

AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty Adam, DarrinBo Ladner

EXCUSED:

L) County Attorney

9. Supervisors Items

A) District 1

B) District 2

C) District 3

D) District 4

E) District 5

1. Discussion regarding the Kiln Fire Department using the County bulldozer to spread dirt.

The record reflects an approval contingent upon review by the county attorney.

RESULT: **Approved (UNANIMOUS)**

MOVER: District 5 Supervisor Ladner

SECONDER: District 3 Supervisor Clark

AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty
Adam, DarrinBo Ladner

EXCUSED:

10. Public Comment

Bryan Theriot spoke regarding Lease Terns nesting on the beach at the BSL/Waveland line. The road department is placing signs on the beach stating no disturbance of the nests. The county attorney is waiting for a response from Fish and Wildlife and Audubon.

11. Executive Session

12. Recess

RESULT: **Approved (UNANIMOUS)**

MOVER: District 3 Supervisor Clark

SECONDER: District 2 Supervisor Shaw

AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty Adam,
DarrinBo Ladner

EXCUSED:

13. Public Hearing - 6026 W. Hinds Street - 10:30 a.m.

- A) Discussion/Motion to determine whether or not the real property located at 6026 W. Hinds Street is in such a state of uncleanness as to be a menace to the public health, safety, and welfare of the community.

The record reflects the following actions that were taken in Items 13.B. and 13.C.

- B) Motion to spread on the Minutes the proof of publication regarding 6026 W. Hinds Street.

RESULT: **Approved (UNANIMOUS)**

MOVER: District 1 Supervisor Graham

SECONDER: District 2 Supervisor Shaw

AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty Adam,
DarrinBo Ladner

EXCUSED:

- C) The record reflects the following motion after the Board reviewed the record and heard arguments regarding the subject property: Motion to approve declaring the property located at 6026 W. Hinds Street a menace to the public and authorize the county attorney to prepare a scope of work to clean the property under

Mississippi 19-5-105.

RESULT: Approved (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: District 4 Board President Adam

SECONDER: District 3 Supervisor Clark

AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty Adam,
DarrinBo Ladner

EXCUSED:

14. Homestead Exemption Disallowances Hearing - 10:30 a.m.

- A) Motion to amend the agenda to hear appeals regarding the denial of homestead exemption.

RESULT: Approved (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: District 4 Board President Adam

SECONDER: District 1 Supervisor Graham

AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty Adam,
DarrinBo Ladner

EXCUSED:

- B) Motion to spread on the Minutes the proof of mail notices regarding the Homestead Disallowances.

RESULT: Approved (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: District 4 Board President Adam

SECONDER: District 1 Supervisor Graham

AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty Adam,
DarrinBo Ladner

EXCUSED:

- C) After the review of the file and hearing arguments from Mr. Covington the Board entered the following into the record: Motion to approve sending a letter to the State requesting the reestablishment of the Homestead Exemption for Mr. William Covington.

RESULT: Approved (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: District 4 Board President Adam

SECONDER: District 3 Supervisor Clark

AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty Adam,
DarrinBo Ladner

EXCUSED:

- D) After the review of the file, the Board entered the following on the record: Motion to approve sending a letter to the State requesting the reestablishment of the Homestead Exemption for Mr. Larry Smith, Jr.

RESULT: Approved (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: District 4 Board President Adam
SECONDER: District 5 Supervisor Ladner
AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty Adam,
DarrinBo Ladner
EXCUSED:

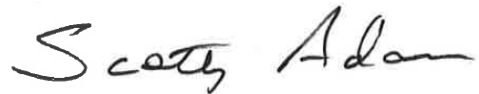
- E) After the review of the file, the Board entered the following on the record: Motion to approve sending a letter to the State requesting the reestablishment of the Homestead Exemption for Mr. Mark Mellon.

RESULT: **Approved (UNANIMOUS)**
MOVER: District 4 Board President Adam
SECONDER: District 1 Supervisor Graham
AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty Adam,
DarrinBo Ladner
EXCUSED:

15. Adjourn

RESULT: **Approved (UNANIMOUS)**
MOVER: District 3 Supervisor Clark
SECONDER: District 5 Supervisor Ladner
AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty Adam,
DarrinBo Ladner
EXCUSED:

The Minutes of the May 5, 2025 meeting have been read and approved.



Supervisor Scotty Adam, President