

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT THERE WAS BEGUN AND HELD A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF PETAL, MISSISSIPPI AT 5:00 P.M. ON MARCH 31, 1997 IN THE BOARD ROOM OF SAID CITY.

THOSE PRESENT

MAYOR JACK GAY

CITY ATTORNEY

THOMAS W. TYNER

ALDERMEN

RAYMOND C. BRANDLE

JOE C. MCMURRY

LEROY SCOTT

SHELBY TIMS

THE MAYOR DECLARED A QUORUM PRESENT AND DECLARED THE CITY COUNCIL IN SESSION.

THE NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING WITH HIS RETURN WAS PRESENTED FOR FILING BY CHIEF WAYNE MURPHY. THE NOTICE READ AS FOLLOWS TO-WIT:

SEE EXHIBIT "A"

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

WHEREAS, MAYOR GAY PRESENTED THE FOLLOWING LETTER OF RESIGNATION FROM DEBRA RUSSELL, COURT CLERK, EFFECTIVE APRIL 18, 1997.

SEE EXHIBIT "B"

LETTER OF RESIGNATION

THEREUPON, ALDERMAN SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE LETTER OF RESIGNATION, WITH REGRETS. ALDERMAN TIMS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "AYE":

ALDERMAN RAYMOND C. BRANDLE

ALDERMAN JOE C. MCMURRY, SR.

ALDERMAN LEROY SCOTT

ALDERMAN SHELBY L TIMS

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "NAY":

NONE

WHEREAS, MAYOR GAY STATED THAT JUDGE GEORGE GUNTER HAS RECOMMENDED CHERI STEWART AS THE REPLACEMENT FOR MS. RUSSELL.

THEREUPON, ALDERMAN SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING ORDER APPOINTING CHERI STEWART AS COURT CLERK. ALDERMAN TIMS SECONDED THE MOTION.

ORDER

WHEREAS, THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF PETAL, MISSISSIPPI DO HEREBY DEEM IT NECESSARY TO APPOINT A COURT CLERK TO FILL THE VACANCY CREATED BY THE RESIGNATION OF DEBRA RUSSELL.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT CHERI STEWART BE APPOINTED AS A COURT CLERK AT A RATE OF \$18,000.00 ANNUALLY EFFECTIVE APRIL 7, 1997.

SO ORDERED ON THIS THE 31ST DAY OF MARCH, A.D., 1997.

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "AYE":

ALDERMAN RAYMOND C. BRANDLE

ALDERMAN JOE C. MCMURRY, SR.

ALDERMAN LEROY SCOTT

ALDERMAN SHELBY L TIMS

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "NAY":

NONE

WHEREAS, CITY ATTORNEY, THOMAS W. TYNER REQUESTED THAT THE BOARD CONSIDER AN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS A NOTICE OF PENDING LITIGATION.

THEREUPON, ALDERMAN BRANDLE MADE A MOTION TO CLEAR THE ROOM TO DETERMINE IF AN EXECUTIVE SESSION IS NEEDED. ALDERMAN TIMS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "AYE":

ALDERMAN RAYMOND C. BRANDLE
ALDERMAN JOE C. MCMURRY, SR.
ALDERMAN LEROY SCOTT
ALDERMAN SHELBY L TIMS

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "NAY":

NONE

MAYOR GAY REOPENED THE MEETING.

THEREUPON, ALDERMAN SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO ENTER INTO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS NOTICE OF PENDING LITIGATION. ALDERMAN TIMS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "AYE":

ALDERMAN RAYMOND C. BRANDLE
ALDERMAN JOE C. MCMURRY, SR.
ALDERMAN LEROY SCOTT
ALDERMAN SHELBY L TIMS

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "NAY":

NONE

THEREUPON, ALDERMAN MCMURRY MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE EXECUTIVE SESSION. ALDERMAN SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION.

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "AYE":

ALDERMAN RAYMOND C. BRANDLE
ALDERMAN JOE C. MCMURRY, SR.
ALDERMAN LEROY SCOTT
ALDERMAN SHELBY L TIMS

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "NAY":

NONE

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN IN THE EXECUTIVE SESSION.


THEREBEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN WAS ADJOURNED ON THIS THE 31ST DAY OF MARCH, A.D, 1997.



JACK GAY
MAYOR

(SEAL)

ATTEST:



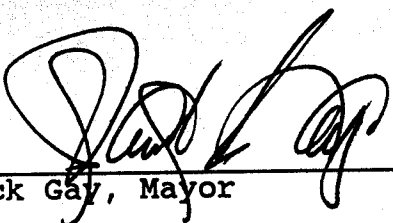
PRISCILLA C. DANIEL
CITY CLERK

EXHIBIT "A"

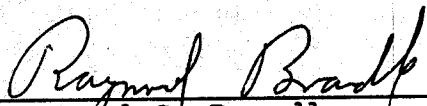
NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

Please be advised that a special meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Petal, Mississippi, will be held Monday, March 31, 1997, at 5:00 P.M., in the Board Room of said City for the purpose of:

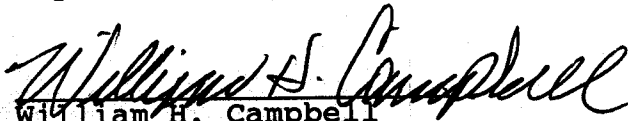
- 1) Resignation Court Clerk
- 2) Order appointing Court Clerk



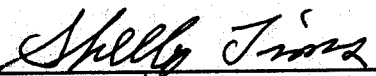
Jack Gay, Mayor



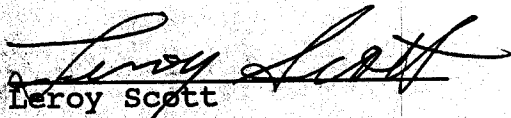
Raymond C. Brandle



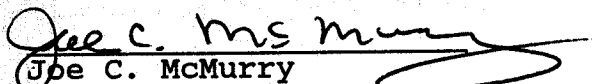
William H. Campbell



Shelby Tims




Leroy Scott



Joe C. McMurry

CHIEF OF POLICE RETURN

I, Billy Wayne Murphy, Chief of Police of the City of Petal, Mississippi, do hereby certify that more than three hours prior to the time set for said special meeting, I did personally serve upon the foregoing Aldermen, a true and correct copy of this Notice of Special Meeting.



Billy Wayne Murphy, Chief of Police

EXHIBIT "B"

CITY OF PETAL
MUNICIPAL COURT
P.O. BOX 583
PETAL, MISSISSIPPI 39465
MARCH 24, 1997

Hon. Jack Gay
Board of Aldermen
City Of Petal

Dear Gentlemen,

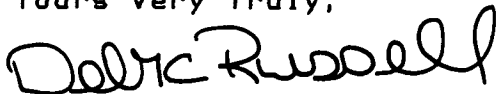
I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the kindness and patience you have shown during my employment with the Court Clerks office.

It is with great regret that I inform you that because of financial problems I have incurred I have no alternative but to resign from this position in order to obtain a refund of my retirement.

Because of the knowlege I have obtained from working and attending the training session I wish to inform you that I will be available to train and answer any questions to the best of my ability.

This letter of resignation will be effective as of April 18, 1997. As I stated above I will be able to train and would be delighted to do so.

Yours Very Truly,



Debra Russell, Court Clerk