

**JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF WARREN COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
AND
MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI**

Adopted Effective as of August 17, 2026

The Board of Supervisors (the "**County Governing Body**") of Warren County, Mississippi (the "**County**"), acting for and on behalf of the county, and the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Vicksburg, Mississippi, (the "**City Governing Body**" and, together with the County Governing Bodies, collectively, the "**Governing Bodies**"), acting for and on the benefit of the City of Vicksburg, Mississippi (the "**City**"), took up for consideration the matter of approving and authorizing a condemnation proceeding to be brought by the City and County, pursuant to which the County and/or City will exercise eminent domain authority to acquire certain parcels of real property, more particularly described herein, for the public purpose of a joint port construction and industrial development project to be undertaken by the City and County pursuant to legislative authority, which project will be located both in the City and the County.

**JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY
AND THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY AUTHORIZING AND
APPROVING(1) THE FILING OF A CONDEMNATION ACTION WHICH
RELATES TO ACQUISITION BY THE COUNTY AND/OR CITY OF THE
PROPERTIES, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT A TO THIS
RESOLUTION, BY EMINENT DOMAIN AUTHORITY FOR THE JOINT
CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF A PUBLIC PORT, FLOOD
CONTROL LEVEE AND RELATED ACCESS ROADS, RAIL LINE EXTENSION,
AND WATER AND SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE BY THE CITY AND THE
COUNTY, AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT RELATED THERETO,
PURSUANT TO SECTION 59-1-37 OF THE MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, AS
AMENDED AND SUPPLEMENTED FROM TIME TO TIME (THE "CODE"), (II)
THE ENGAGEMENT OF LEGAL COUNSEL TO REPRESENT THE COUNTY
AND CITY IN SUCH ACTION, AND (III) THE COST-SHARING ARRANGEMENT
BETWEEN THE CITY AND COUNTY WITH RESPECT TO THE FOREGOING.**

WHEREAS, the County and City are authorized by Section 59-1-37 of the Code, acting alone or jointly, to acquire by purchase or otherwise, and to sell, lease or otherwise dispose of land situated in Warren County for industrial purposes or for river port and port facilities, landing and landing facilities, and storage and transportation of freight on the waters of the Mississippi River; and

WHEREAS, the County and the City have determined to jointly undertake a project as contemplated under Section 59-1-37 of the Code for the development of a river port along the Mississippi River and the ancillary industrial development inherently attributable to such a river port, along with additional infrastructure that is necessary for the operation and protection of such river port, including a flood control levee, extension of rail line service, construction of access roads, and construction of sewer and water infrastructure (collectively, the "**Project**"), with such Project to be located on the properties described on **Exhibit A** hereto and such other properties as the attorneys for the County and City may subsequently deem necessary for the Project (the "**Properties**"); and

WHEREAS, the County and the City, through their governing authorities, are authorized and empowered pursuant to Section 59-1-37 of the Code to do and perform all acts and things necessary for the purposes of Section 59-1-37 of the Code; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the foregoing authority, the City is delegated eminent domain authority by the Mississippi Legislature pursuant to Section 21-37-47 of the Code, and may exercise such eminent domain authority in any case where the land is to be used for public purposes; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Project serves a public purpose through the construction of a public port and the requisite infrastructure associated therewith, which will be an essential hub for commerce and transportation and is a key piece of public infrastructure for a county and city bordering the Mississippi River, as recognized by the Mississippi Legislature by the passage of Section 59-1-37 of the Code; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Project serves a public purpose through job creation and enhanced economic opportunities for the citizenry of the County and City, and through increased revenues for the County and City, as a result of the industrial development that is a natural byproduct of the creation of the port; and

WHEREAS, the County and City intend to work in concert with respect to the sale, lease or other disposal of certain portions of the property adjacent or near the port facility for industrial purposes as contemplated in Section 59-1-37 of the Code to ensure that such job creation and revenue benefits for the public are secured through proper contractual protections; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Project serves a public purpose through the construction of certain basic infrastructure that is necessary for the existence of a public port, including the construction of a flood control levee, the extension of an existing rail line, the construction of access roads and the construction of water and sewer infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the levee construction to be undertaken serves a public purpose through flood control and elimination of health and public safety threats that result from the flooding of all or part of the Properties; and

WHEREAS, following the review of a market analysis study, a site benchmarking analysis, an analysis of ease to access to necessary utilities, and other relevant due diligence, and following reasonable and fair efforts to acquire the Properties through purchase, the City and the County have determined that the taking of the Properties by eminent domain is necessary to achieve the public purpose of construction of the port, and acquisition of the Properties for construction of the levee, access roads, sewer and water infrastructure, and rail extension, as well as the acquisition of additional lands for necessary industrial development around the port, are all necessary for completion, protection and operation of the Project for the benefit of the public; and

WHEREAS, the City and the County agree to share the costs associated with the Project equally; and

WHEREAS, the County Governing Body does now find, determine and adjudicate that the Project is in the best interest of the County, and that the County's participation with the City in the taking of the Properties by eminent domain or through any other means legally available, is necessary for the Project and serves a public purpose, and that the filing of an eminent domain proceeding with the City to ensure the viability of the Project is in the best interest of the County; and

WHEREAS, the City Governing Body does now find, determine and adjudicate that the Project is in the best interest of the City, and that the City's participation with the County in the taking of the Properties by eminent domain or through any other means legally available, is necessary for the Project and serves a public purpose, and that the filing of an eminent domain

proceeding with the County to ensure the viability of the Project is in the best interest of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODIES, ACTING FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY AND THE CITY, RESPECTIVELY, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. This resolution is adopted by the Governing Bodies pursuant to the Code and all matters and things recited in the premises and preamble of this resolution are found and determined to be true and accurate.

SECTION 2. The Governing Bodies hereby approve the joint filing of a condemnation action for the acquisition by eminent domain authority of the Properties by the County and/or the City (the "**Action**"), as a necessary to ensure the viability of the Project and protect the County's and the City's respective interests in the Project.

SECTION 3. The Governing Bodies hereby authorizes the engagement of legal counsel to represent the County and the City jointly in the Action, and hereby authorizes the President of the County Governing Body and the Mayor of the City, as applicable, to execute and deliver any necessary pleadings or documents on behalf of the County or City, as applicable, associated with such Action.

SECTION 4. The Governing Bodies hereby agree that all costs associated with Project and the Action will be shared equally by the County and the City, and the County and the City each agree to take such actions, execute agreements on mutually agreeable terms and conditions, and cause such things to be done as are necessary, proper or advisable to give effect to the cost-sharing agreement contemplated hereby.

SECTION 5. No stipulation, obligation or agreement herein contained or contemplated or other documents necessary to proceed with joining the Action or pursuing the Project shall be deemed to be a stipulation, obligation or agreement of any officer, director, agent or employee of the County or City in such person's individual capacity, and no such officer, director, agent or employee shall be personally liable or be subject to personal liability or accountability by reason thereof.

SECTION 6. All acts and doings of the officers of the County or City that are in conformity with the purposes and intents of this resolution and in furtherance thereof, from time to time, and the execution, delivery and performance of each of the documents to which the County or City is a party as contemplated herein, shall be, and the same hereby are, in all respects approved and confirmed.

SECTION 7. This resolution shall become effective immediately and all resolutions and orders, or parts thereof, in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, repealed.

SECTION 8. All orders, resolutions or proceedings of either of the Governing Bodies in conflict with the provisions of this resolution shall be and are hereby repealed, rescinded and set aside, but only to the extent of such conflict.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Joint Resolution was passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Warren County, Mississippi and the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Vicksburg, Mississippi to be effective as of the date set forth above.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF WARREN COUNTY; MISSISSIPPI

Supervisor Kelle Barfield

Supervisor Edward Herring

Supervisor William Banks

Supervisor Shawn Jackson

Supervisor John Carlisle

ATTEST: Beverly Johnson, Chancery Clerk

Clerk, Board of Supervisors

MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI

Mayor, Willis Thompson

Aldерwoman, Vickie Y. Bailey

Alderman, Thomas J. Mayfield

ATTEST:

City Clerk, John W. Carroll, Sr.

EXHIBIT A
PROPERTIES

Owner Name	PPIN	Parcel Number
Hallie Queen Mack	021906	124 18 9999 000800

Dessa Mack

Willie May Newell

Sol Bargie

Any other properties as the attorneys for the County and City may subsequently deem necessary for the Project