

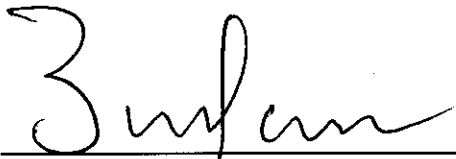
**ORDER: ACCEPT PRESERVATION AND MAINTENANCE COVENANT
LAFAYETTE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, AS REQUIRED BY MISSISSIPPI
DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY GRANT**

Motion was made by Tim Gordon, duly seconded by Scott Allen, to accept Preservation and Maintenance Covenant Lafayette County Courthouse, as required by MDAH Grant.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Supervisor Brent Larson, voted yes
Supervisor John Morgan, voted yes
Supervisor Tim Gordon, voted yes
Supervisor Scott Allen, voted yes
Supervisor Greg Bynum, voted yes

After the vote, President Larson, declared the motion carried, this the 4th day of March, 2024.



**Brent Larson, President
Board of Supervisors**



Mike Roberts, Chancery Clerk

Preservation and Maintenance Covenant

WHEREAS, the title to the property known as Lafayette County Courthouse, located in Lafayette County MS, is vested in us, hereinafter referred to as the "Owner"; and

WHEREAS, the Lafayette County Courthouse, which is particularly described as follows:

LAFAYETTE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, located in the Southeast ¼ quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 21, Township 8 South, Range 3 West, Oxford, Mississippi

Hereinafter referred as the "property"; and

WHEREAS, upon applying for a Community Heritage Preservation Grant, the Owner understood the requirement that the property be designated a Mississippi Landmark; and

WHEREAS, the Owner understood that designation to be a perpetual preservation easement on the property; and

WHEREAS, the Owner understands that as a result of Mississippi Landmark designation, the property cannot be altered, destroyed, or impaired without a permit from the Board of Trustees of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, regardless if the work is done with state funds or not; and

WHEREAS, the Owner agrees to abide by the regulations of the Mississippi Landmark program and to contact the Department of Archives and History in the early planning stages of all projects that will affect the property, whether they are funded by grants from the Department of Archives and History or not; and

WHEREAS, Lafayette County Courthouse will be restored with funds made available to the Owner through a Community Heritage Preservation Grant administered by the Mississippi Department of Archives and History; and

WHEREAS, as a condition of the receipt of such funds, the Owner has agreed to encumber the property with certain covenants and restrictions; and

WHEREAS, the Owner understands that if the building is abandoned, neglected, or not well maintained in a good state of repair prior to the expiration of the covenant period, MDAH may take steps to recover the grant award in part or in full.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby declared that the following covenant will be placed on the property, in addition to the Mississippi Landmark designation, for the purpose of protecting and preserving the architectural and historical integrity of the property, as well as the State of Mississippi's investment in the property. The following covenant shall be binding upon any and all parties having any right, title or interest in or to the property or any part hereof:

The Owner agrees and hereby binds itself and all successors in title and interest, to maintain the property in a good state of repair for a period of twenty-five (25) years from the grant award date.

WITNESS OUR SIGNATURE on this the 4th day of March 2024.

Brent Larson
Signature

Brent Larson
Name of Official

President, Board of Supervisors
Title

Lafayette County
Name of Governing Body

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, COUNTY OF LAFAYETTE

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned authority in and for said County and State, Brent Larson, who acknowledged that they signed and delivered the above foregoing instrument on the day and year therein mentioned.

and seal of office on this the 4th day of March, 2024.



Margaret Goodwyn Bankston
Notary Public