

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 1991, 7:00 P.M.
CITY OF CLINTON COURTROOM
200 JEFFERSON STREET

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Clinton, Mississippi, met in the City of Clinton Courtroom, 200 Jefferson Street on Thursday, April 11, 1991, 7:00 P.M., for a Special Meeting called by Mayor Billy Ray Smith for the purpose of discussing and adopting Resolutions to the Hinds County Board of Supervisors and Legislative Representatives for Clinton regarding proposed changes in redistricting lines in Hinds County due to the results of population changes shown by the 1990 census. Original notice of Special Meeting can be found on Page 558-9 of this Minute Book U.

CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION - Mayor Billy Ray Smith

ROLL CALL - City Clerk Nelson Byrd

Present - Willard Ryan - Alderman-at-Large

George Ferrell - Alderman Ward 1

Edward Valente - Alderman Ward 2

Ronnie Chappell - Alderman Ward 3

Keith Montgomery - Alderman Ward 4

Jean Johnson - Alderman Ward 5

Sharbert Lott - Alderman Ward 6

Mayor Billy Ray Smith - Presiding

City Attorney William E. Spell

City Clerk Nelson Byrd

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION REQUESTING HOUSE & SENATE TO CONTAIN THE CITY OF CLINTON WITHIN A SINGLE DISTRICT IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MOTION made by Alderman Montgomery and SECONDED by Alderman Johnson to adopt that Resolution found on Pages 560 & 561 of this Minute Book U urging the House and Senate to retain the City of Clinton in a single district for the House of Representatives. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION REQUESTING BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO RETAIN THE CITY OF CLINTON WHOLLY OR SUBSTANTIALLY WITHIN A SINGLE DISTRICT

MOTION made by Alderman Valente and SECONDED by Alderman Montgomery to adopt that Resolution found on Pages 562 - 564 of this Minute Book U urging the Board of Supervisors to retain the City of Clinton wholly or substantially within a single district, as presently is the case. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ADJOURNMENT 7:45 P.M.

There being no further business to discuss, MOTION made by Alderman Chappell and SECONDED by Alderman Ryan to recess until April 16, 1991, 7:00 P.M.. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPROVED:

Billy R. Smith
Billy Ray Smith, Mayor

4-15-91
Date

ATTEST:

Nelson Byrd
Nelson Byrd, City Clerk

4-15-91
Date

SEAL

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF
THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN

I, the undersigned, Mayor Billy Ray Smith, Mayor of the City of Clinton, Mississippi, do hereby call a SPECIAL MEETING of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen pursuant to the provisions of Section 21-3-21 of the MS Code of 1972. Said Meeting shall be held at 7:00 P.M., April 11, 1991, in the City of Clinton Courtroom located at 200 Jefferson Street, for the purpose of discussing the following item:

1. Discussion/Action - re-districting lines for Board of Supervisors and Legislature representatives for Clinton

Billy R Smith

Billy Ray Smith, Mayor

4-10-91

Date

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Joint Reapportionment Committee of the Mississippi Legislature has under consideration a redistricting plan for the Mississippi Legislature that includes redrawing lines for the legislative districts of Hinds County; and

WHEREAS, the proposed districts would divide the City of Clinton so that it will be represented by three (3) different members of the House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, the redistricting plan, as proposed, will sharply reduce the effectiveness of any voice and influence the citizens of the City of Clinton would have in the Mississippi House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, the residents of the City of Clinton have common cultural, economic, educational and other interests that justify a basis for representation; and

WHEREAS, the division of the City, as proposed, would dilute the representation of these common interests;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The member of the House of Representatives representing the City of Clinton, and all other members of the Hinds County delegation, are requested to vigorously pursue through public hearings and by all other appropriate means the adoption of a redistricting plan for the Mississippi Legislature that would provide that the City of Clinton is contained within a single district in the House of Representatives.

2. That this Resolution be delivered to each member of the Hinds County delegation in the Mississippi Legislature prior to any public hearing scheduled to consider the matter of redistricting with the request that the view of the City of Clinton be presented to the Committee by the member of the Mississippi House of Representatives now representing Clinton.

Alderman Montgomery moved that the foregoing Resolution be adopted. Adlerman Johnson seconded. The vote was as

follows:

Alderman Ryan voted:

" AYE "

Alderman Ferrell voted:

" AYE "

Alderman Valente voted:

" AYE "

Alderman Chappell voted:

" AYE "

Alderman Montgomery voted:

" AYE "

Alderman Johnson voted:

" AYE "

Alderman Lott voted:

" AYE "

APPROVED on the 11TH day of APRIL,

1991.

 Billy R. Smith
BILLY RAY SMITH, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Nelson Byrd
CITY CLERK

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Clinton, Hinds County, Mississippi is the largest municipality in Hinds County outside of the City of Jackson, and an incorporated area for more than one hundred sixty years; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clinton has extensive and established bonds of community life involving education, commerce, geography, recreation, social and political concerns which are unique to the City of Clinton and which act to distinguish the City of Clinton from other metropolitan communities; and

WHEREAS, these unique characteristics are substantially common to the population within the corporate limits of the City of Clinton and to its governmental jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, it is in the common interest of the citizens of the City of Clinton to be represented in the government of Hinds County wholly or substantially by a single elected individual, as is presently the case, whose voice shall not be diluted by the influences of areas surrounding Clinton with characteristics not common to the people and institutions of the City of Clinton; and

WHEREAS, in the furtherance of justice, it is the purpose of government of the United States of America to establish and promote representation in districts with the general mandate for equal representation under the law (one-person one-vote concept) and to maintain where possible under this mandate the integrity of representation for the citizens who share common geographic, social, cultural, and other characteristics; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Hinds County on March 4, 1991 ratified guidelines and criteria endorsing the mandate of equal representation under the law and their desire to preserve communities with established ties of common interest and association, whether historical, racial, economic, ethnic, religious, or other; and

WHEREAS, the population of the City of Clinton is less than half of that which under the law will comprise the population to be contained in any supervisory district in the county thereby

removing an absolute necessity for division of Clinton among multiple districts; and

WHEREAS, the same Board of Supervisors has at the present time under consideration plans for decennial redistricting, which plans would reestablish districts of representation, and some of these plans would divide the City of Clinton so that its voice through representation of the Board of Supervisors would be diluted with the interest of other citizens of Hinds County who do not share the traditional and substantial bonds of community interest of the City of Clinton, as descibed before; and

WHEREAS, others of the plans under consideration by that same Board would reestablish districts of representation such that the interests and community of the City of Clinton would be wholly or substantially contained within a single elective district, from which a single elected representative would be sent in service to the citizens of that district and particularly the citizens of the City of Clinton; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clinton with and through its elective municipal representatives would impress on the members of the Hinds County Board of Supervisors their sincere, adamant, and unified views that the City of Clinton be retained wholly or substantially within a single supervisory district in any plan which the same Board shall recommend to the Department of Justice of the United States, and seek to establish in Hinds County; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clinton wishes its views to be retained and memorialized in the documents which shall form the record of the process for decennial redistricting in Hinds County, and especially in that record submitted to the Department of Justice for its review;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Hinds County Board of Supervisors are petitioned and urged to provide in the redistricting plan which they shall recommend and establish a division for the supervisory districts in which the City of Clinton remains, as presently is the case, wholly or substantially within a single such district.

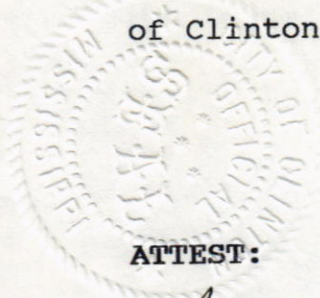
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor should be, and hereby is,

directed deliver by expeditious means an attested copy of this Resolution to each member of the Hinds County Board of Supervisors.

Alderman VALENTE moved that the foregoing Resolution be adopted. Alderman MONTGOMERY seconded. After discussion, the Clerk recorded the vote as polled by the Mayor, which is recorded as follows:

Alderman Willard Ryan	<u>"AYE"</u>
Alderman George Ferrell	<u>"AYE"</u>
Alderman Edward Valente	<u>"AYE"</u>
Alderman Ronnie Chappell	<u>"AYE"</u>
Alderman Keith Montgomery	<u>"AYE"</u>
Alderman Jean Johnson	<u>"AYE"</u>
Alderman Sharbert Lott	<u>"AYE"</u>

APPROVED on the 11TH day of APRIL, 1991, in the City of Clinton.


Billy R Smith
BILLY RAY SMITH MAYOR

ATTEST:

Nelson Byrd
NELSON BYRD CITY CLERK