

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

CITY OF CLARKSDALE

PETITIONER

VS.

CAUSE NO. _____

DELTA PRESS PUBLISHING COMPANY, INC .D/B/A/
THE CLARKSDALE PRESS REGISTER, EMMERICH
NEWSPAPERS, INC., AND FLOYD INGRAM, INDIVIDUALLY
AND AS PUBLISHER OF THE CLARKSDALE PRESS REGISTER

RESPONDENTS

AFFIDAVIT OF LAKETHA COVINGTON

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF COAHOMA

1. My name is Laketha Covington and I am the duly appointed and acting City Clerk for the City of Clarksdale, Mississippi. I am over the age of 21, have personal knowledge of the matters set forth herein, and I am competent to give testimony.
2. On Tuesday, February 4, 2025, I posted Notice of Special Meeting at approximately 8:00 a.m. on the door to City Hall at 121 Sunflower Avenue, Clarksdale, Mississippi for a meeting of the Board of Mayor and Commissioners of Clarksdale to be held at noon the same day.
3. As City Clerk for the City of Clarksdale, I customarily e-mail the media any Notice of Special Meeting around the same time I post it on the door of City Hal, however, I inadvertently failed to do so on Tuesday, February 4, 2025.
4. After the special meeting between 2:13 p.m. and 2:17 p.m. on Tuesday, February 4, 2025, Mr. Floyd Ingram, of the Clarksdale Press Register, came to my office and inquired about



the subject matter of the February 4, 2025 special meeting.

5. I observed that Mr. Ingram had something to write with and a notepad, but I told him that I would print all the documents for him and proceeded to do so without asking him to fill out a Record Request Form and without asking him to pay for the cost of printing.
6. I apologized for neglecting to send him the Notice of Special Meeting as I usually would have done and stated how busy I have been due to the upcoming elections.
7. I gave him a copy of the February 4, 2025 Notice of Special Meeting, the agenda of that meeting, the Resolution that was passed during that meeting, and the local and private legislation that was the subject of the Resolution.
8. Mr. Ingram expressed gratitude to me and I observed that he was smiling as he left.

FURTHER, AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.

This the 13th day of February, 2025.

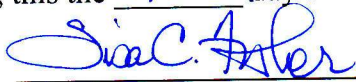


 LAKETHA COVINGTON

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
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Personally appeared before me, the undersigned authority, in and for the county aforesaid, the within named LAKETHA COVINGTON, who being first duly sworn, stated under oath that she signed and executed the above and foregoing AFFIDAVIT on the date therein stated and for the intents and purposes therein expressed.

SWORN TO SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, this the 13 day of February, 2025.



 NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires/Seal:

11/12/28 _____

