

**DESOTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**ALLEN LATIMER, PRESIDENT 2008 PRESIDING**

**January 22, 2008**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The January 22, 2008, meeting of the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors was called to order by Supervisor Allen Latimer, Board President.

Sheriff Bill Rasco of the DeSoto County Sheriff's Department was present and did open the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors meeting in a regular session to hear any and all business to come before the Board. The following were present:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----District 1  
Supervisor Eugene C. Thach-----District 2  
Supervisor Bill Russell-----District 3  
Supervisor Allen Latimer-----District 4  
Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----District 5  
W. E. Sluggo Davis-----Chancery Clerk  
Michael Garriga-----County Administrator  
Tony Nowak-----Board Attorney  
Sheriff Bill Rasco-----Sheriff's Department

**B. INVOCATION**

Supervisor Eugene Thach presented the invocation.

**C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**D. CONSENT AGENDA**

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked if the county representatives have talked to the School Board regarding school bus turnarounds. He said, if we received the lists earlier in the year, the county could have used red clay gravel instead of limestone which would be more efficient and cost effective. Road Manager Russell Dorris agreed that red clay gravel will be less expensive and due to that time of year, we are forced to use limestone for school bus turnaround maintenance. Mr. Dorris said he knows that the school bus routes change from time to time during the year. He said all of the school bus turnarounds cancel at the end of the school year. He said, in the fall, we would receive a new list. He said that because of the change in routes, we cannot get to all of the school bus turnarounds at the beginning of the year. Supervisor Medlin suggested that someone meet with the School Board to request that they send the school bus turnaround list as early as possible. Mr. Dorris said he would be happy to contact the Director of Transportation of the Schools.

Supervisor Allen Latimer asked if we could get a response in February from the Director of Transportation for the schools. Mr. Dorris said he thinks that can be done.

Supervisor Bill Russell asked if the county does routine maintenance on school bus turnarounds. Mr. Dorris said if the School Board requests maintenance, the county does it and that is all the law requires.

Supervisor Medlin asked when Demery Grubbs is coming up to talk about bond financing. County Administrator Michael Garriga said Mr. Grubbs will be here for the Thursday meeting.

Supervisor Medlin asked if he will have information on when the current bonds will be paid off. Mr. Garriga said he will call Mr. Grubbs to let him know that the Board needs that information.

The Board of Supervisors considered approval of the Consent Agenda as presented. Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- 1. Chancery Clerk Allowance - \$1,500.00**
- 2. Safety Officers Report (2)**
- 3. Sheriff's Report**

DECEMBER 2007

**HIRES:**

TOYNA S LANSDOWN  
CELIA KAY MANNING  
SHERRY HERNDON  
CYNTHIS THOMAS  
RICHARD CHAMBERS  
MARCUS VANSTORY  
NICHOLAS KEITH  
RICHARD FLYNN  
PAUL REEL  
LENT RICE  
DEBRA WILLIAMS  
STEPHANIE SEXTON  
WILLIAM D RASCO

**TERMINATIONS:**

HELEN RILEY  
JASON WENSYEL  
SHELIA BRIDGEWATER  
CHARLES D BROWN  
JAMES R DUNN  
GEORGE B READY  
C T WALLACE  
ALTA S WILLIAMS  
DAVID HOLLAND  
MICHAEL G LEE  
ALVIN LOONEY  
CHARLES H GARDNER  
JAON E GATEWOOD  
EARNEST R GIVENS  
PAULA J ALBERSON  
JOHN K COMBES  
KATRENA R WEST  
EDWARD K RILEY  
ANGELA F WINTERS  
PAULA M REEVES  
JOHN N STAGGS

- 4. Approval to Hire Butler Snow as Bond Counsel**
- 5. Approval of Order for Final Tax Rolls for 2007**
- 6. Declaration of Forfeiture – Metro Narcotics -**  
1988 Ford Mustang Convertible, Maroon in color, VIN# 1FABP44A9JF155889  
1990 Oldsmobile Cutlass Blue in color, VIN# 1G3AJ54N9I6302604
- 7. Authorize Board President to Sign for All Grants and Grant Related Documents on Behalf of the Board**
- 8. Inventory Dispositions – Final**

**a. IT Department**

**Inventory Control Disposition**

Fiscal Year: 2008

**PRELIMINARY**

Department: IT Department

Asset #	Serial #	Description	Reason for Disposal	Location at Preliminary	Preliminary Approval Date	Disposed Of By	Location of Final Disposal	Date of Final Approval
4032	58039084	Television	Broken/Outdated	Recycle Trailer	1-7-08	JB	5R	
6101	SG58K1P03G	HP Deskjet 590c	Broken/Outdated	Recycle Trailer				
35776	CNCY016361	HP LaserJet 1200	Broken	Recycle Trailer				
31271	CN14T6C93K	HP 940C Printer	Broken	Recycle Trailer				
31140	BDWY01B010	Epson Printer	Broken	Recycle Trailer				
31071	29301970001	Micron PC	Broken/Parts	Recycle Trailer				
32578	0030258332	Gateway PC	Broken/Parts	Recycle Trailer				
31283	24186450001	Micron PC	Broken/Parts	Recycle Trailer				
730047	0174001	IBM Network 12 Printer	Broken	Recycle Trailer				
30491	0014235809	Gateway PC	Broken/Parts	Recycle Trailer				
30620	0014975483	Gateway PC	Broken/Parts	Recycle Trailer				
30509	0014935837	Gateway PC	Broken/Parts	Recycle Trailer				
730059	2944725	IBM Monitor	Broken	Recycle Trailer				
30924	Not readable	Gateway PC	Broken/Parts	Recycle Trailer				
31756	21344141	Gateway PC	Broken/Parts	Recycle Trailer				
6218	1155546	Lexmark Printer	Broken	Recycle Trailer				
35184	T133903578	SNC Hub	Broken	Recycle Trailer				
35553	SC48681056	HP Deskjet Printer	Broken	Recycle Trailer				
31759	2110086	Gateway PC	Broken/Parts	Recycle Trailer				
32153	0024482857	Gateway PC	Broken/Parts	Recycle Trailer				
31288	0026656437	Gateway PC	Broken/Parts	Recycle Trailer				
35596	5000412900820	Emachine	Broken/Parts	Recycle Trailer				

Department Head: [Signature] Date: 12/14/07  
 Disposed By: [Signature] Date: 1/2/08  
 Inventory Clerk: [Signature] Date: 1-2-08

**b. Operations**

<b>Asset #</b>	<b>Serial #</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Reason for Disp</b>	<b>Loc at Preliminary</b>
10042	KXT61610	Panasonic Phone System	Traded-In	Atom Tech

**c. Chancery**

<b>Asset #</b>	<b>Serial #</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Reason for Disp</b>	<b>Loc at Preliminary</b>
730041	0174123	IBM Network Painter 12	Broken	101

**d. Circuit Clerk**

Asset #	Serial #	Description	Reason for Disp	Loc at Preliminary
35511	P1DH111	Canon Palm Calculator	Broken	Inv Clerk
8086	11LG655	IBM Wheelwriter	Broken	Inv clerk

**e. EMA**

Asset #	Serial #	Description	Reason for Disp	Loc at Preliminary
30383	402AUE9189	Motorola H/H Radio	Broken	EMA

**f. Sheriff's Dept**

Asset #	Serial #	Description	Reason for Disp	Loc at Preliminary
8209	866FXW6935	GTX H.H. RADIO	LOST	SEE ATTACHED-A
12285	466AWJ3963	MOTOROLA H.H. RADIO	LOST	SEE ATTACHED-B
5006	39525223	GARMIN GPS 95XL	LOST	SEE ATTACHED-C
5094	GLDC00923797	GDC CSU/DSU 911	BROKEN	DCSO
33062	N/A	GALLS TAPE RECORDER	LOST	SEE ATTACHED-D
34033	1004656	SONY TAPE RECORDER	LOST	SEE ATTACHED-E
36315	131148	SONY TAPE RECORDER	LOST	SEE ATTACHED-F
36340	5007898	SONY TAPE RECORDER	BROKEN	DCSO
36342	5007900	SONY TAPE RECORDER	BROKEN	DCSO
36826	206661VGP	OLYMPUS TAPE RECORDER	LOST	SEE ATTACHED-G
19003	KB00155	SEARCH LIGHT	BROKEN	DCSO
19004	KB0543	SEARCH LIGHT	BROKEN	DCSO
30497	0009979639	GATEWAY PC	BROKEN	DCSO
8289	BB6002020	PENTIUM DESKTOP	BROKEN	DCSO
32705	MY17PC11DJ	HP PRINTER	BROKEN	DCSO
30417	EKB85000908	KODAK CAMERA	LOST	SEE ATTACHED-H
32720	1542691	SONY CAMERA	BROKEN	DCSO
5093	250289157	CISCO ROUTER	BROKEN	DCSO
33128	108470020503	HOLMAN TOASTER	BROKEN	DCSO
9019	3047010	IBM WHEELWRITER	BROKEN	DCSO
36422	930380069620	DYMO PRINTER	BROKEN	DCSO
36870	55PM011347	ASUS W/SPMPRON	BROKEN	DCSO
32714	X0873013	DELL PC	BROKEN	DCSO
32738	DNW611	DELL PC	BROKEN	DCSO
32686	8NW6111	DELL PC	BROKEN	DCSO
32733	GPW6111	DELL PC	BROKEN	DCSO
31387	PP1CKHL3X	COMPAQ WORKSTATION	BROKEN	DCSO
31004	R040C820010	COMPAQ WORKSTATION	BROKEN	DCSO
32710	890MGSV	LEXMARK PRINTER	BROKEN	DCSO

**g. GIS**

Asset #	Serial #	Description	Reason for Disp	Loc at Preliminary
30788	348010370	LexMark Optra Color 1200	Broken, no longer working	GIS Department

**9. Department of Road Management - School Bus Turnarounds**

The Board of Supervisors acknowledged receipt of a request from the Superintendent of Education for the work and in accordance with Section 19-3-42, Mississippi Code of 1972 as amended, for various school bus turnarounds and to improve properties in the Superintendent's letters dated November 29, 2007, October 27, 2007 and September 25, 2007, and directed the County Road Manager to carry out this order of this Board forthwith, acknowledging receipt of the minutes from the Board of Education for the following list:

Clyde Hanna	1845 Ross Rd.	Olive Branch, MS	901-340-4527 or 895-3494
Heather Petrowski	14126 Holly Springs Rd.	Byhalia, MS	901-491-7049
Kanisha Fox	2030 Pine Tree Loop	Hernando, MS	901-315-6907
Alex Rojas	10520 Church St.	Olive Branch, MS	901-604-7385
Casey Denney	140 North Star Dr.	Eudora, MS	429-3403

**10. Emergency Services - Add Firearms Inventory**

Port Said 9mm Machine Gun	S/N: 7466677
Thompson Machine Gun	S/N: 649502
Marlin 22 Short Barrel Rifle	S/N: B0127
Ruger Rifle w/Suppressor	S/N: 23292175/s901004

Ruger Pistol w/Suppressor  
British Sten Gun w/Suppressor

S/N: 1851132/s0103  
S/N: T16775/s0778

## **11. Purchasing – Approval to Bid Uniforms for Sheriff’s Department, Jail Food and Janitorial Supplies**

The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit D**

### **E. OLD BUSINESS**

#### **1. Appointment to Board and Commissions – Exceptions**

##### **a. Walls Fire Protection District**

Supervisor Bill Russell directed that the Commissioners for the Walls Fire Protection District, R.B. Rammage and Robert Abbay, III be re-appointed.

Supervisor Eugene Thach said he is waiting to hear a recommendation on reducing the number of members on the Planning Commission. The Board directed that the appointments to the Planning Commission, License Commission and the Coldwater River Watershed Council, be held over.

##### **b. License Commission – District 4**

##### **c. Planning Commission – District 2 and District 5**

##### **d. Coldwater River Watershed Council**

### **F. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **1. Fire Safety and Weather Simulation Trailer**

Chief David Linville and Battalion Chief Casey appeared before the Board of Supervisors to request funding for the Fire Safety and Weather Simulation Trailer. Chief Linville presented examples of items that are distributed to the public in response to the Board’s participation with the project. In addition, the items stress and teach the importance of fire and weather safety. He explained how the contribution by the Board of Supervisors was spent last year. Chief Linville said that 6,700 children and approximately 800 adults experienced the Fire Safety and Weather Simulation Trailer last year. He said the trailer is taken to events throughout the county.

Chief Linville asked if the Board of Supervisors would consider sponsoring the program with \$5,000 each year.

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked if the cities participated in sponsoring the trailer. Chief Linville said they go to programs that encourage participation of large numbers of children. He said they have been to all of the cities.

Supervisor Bill Russell asked if the cities will contribute any money to this program. Battalion Chief Casey said some of the volunteer fire departments have given \$100-\$150 in contributions when they are able to do so.

Chief Linville said the City of Horn Lake would like the county to consider becoming an annual sponsor of the trailer. He said the city would put the county’s name on the trailer if the county would agree to participate.

Supervisor Bill Russell said he thinks the Fire Safety and Weather Simulation Trailer is a very worthy cause.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked if Battalion Chief Casey works full time with the trailer. Battalion Chief Casey said he is a Chief for the Fire Department but he does this on the job and on his time off.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked how many days the trailer is available. Battalion Chief Casey said 365 days a year. He said the only exception would be during bad weather.

Supervisor Thach asked what does the City of Horn Lake budget for the trailer. Chief Linville said they budgeted \$10,000 last year and \$20,000 this year. Battalion Chief Casey invited the Board to pass the word to groups about the Fire Safety and Weather Simulation Trailer, but asked that groups make their request three to four weeks in advance.

Supervisor Bill Russell made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion for Desoto County to become a yearly sponsor of the Fire Safety and Weather Simulation Trailer by budgeting \$5,000 per year for the City of Horn Lake for the Fire Safety and Weather Simulation Trailer and to pay for the same from Advertising County Resources. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit F.1**

## **2. Tax Exemption – Iron Mountain**

Jim Flanagan, the President and CEO of the DeSoto Economic Development Council, appeared before the Board of Supervisors with a request from Iron Mountain for a ten year personal tax exemption for personal property. Mr. Flanagan introduced Mr. Lance Paczkowski, Manager of Service Delivery from Iron Mountain.

Mr. Paczkowski said Iron Mountain is a global company that has been serving in Memphis for seven years. Iron Mountain offers records management, data protection and information destruction services. Mr. Paczkowski said that Iron Mountain plans to be in the area for a very long time. He said that they have established local relationships with vendors for temporary employees, offices supplies, hotels and lodging and vehicle and apartment rentals.

Supervisor Bill Russell asked what type of benefits Iron Mountain offers its employees. Supervisor Russell asked if Iron Mountain offers tuition reimbursement. Mr. Paczkowski said yes and it is given on a percentage according to grade point average.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve a ten year personal tax exemption for Iron Mountain.

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----YES  
Supervisor Eugene C. Thach-----YES  
Supervisor Bill Russell-----YES  
Supervisor Allen Latimer-----YES  
Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----ABSENT

**See Exhibit F.2**

## **3. HOME Grant Opportunity**

Charlie Sanders and Fred Griffin addressed the Board of Supervisors regarding an opportunity to apply for a HOME Grant. Mr. Sanders said that they are asking the Board to consider sponsoring a grant program for first time home buyers. He reminded the Board that last year the county applied for the rehab program. He said you can have only one program at a time and the grant program from last year has not yet been awarded. He said, if the county is not awarded that grant, he is asking the Board to consider sponsoring a first

time Home Buyer Grant Program. He said, in order to do so, they will need to get a resolution from the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Sanders said that the county can apply for ten grants in the amount of \$25,000 each. He said anyone who can qualify for a \$100,000 loan, can get a home for \$125,000 when they add the grant funding. He said the county will only pay for the public notice for the grant and later around August or September, there will be another advertisement to notify the public of a public hearing to explain how to apply for the grant. Mr. Sanders explained that this is a traditional loan where the homebuilder must qualify through a mortgage company. He said the only issue is that the grant stays with that house for ten years. If the owner sells the house within the first ten years, the owner must pay the grant back. If the house is sold to someone who qualifies for the grant, then the balance of the ten years transfers to the second homeowner. He said all applicants must attend a homebuyer's school for one day and meet guidelines in order to apply for the grant.

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked Mr. Sanders what his role is in this process. Mr. Sanders said he is the builder.

Fred Griffin said they would like to ask the Board to either pass a resolution that if the county does not receive funding for the rehab grant the county would apply for the 2008 grant for new construction or have the public hearing and then vote to apply for the grant.

Supervisor Allen Latimer said one of the issues is that the houses would be built close together. Mr. Sanders said he has lots on Horn Lake Road and he must specify that in the grant application, but he can build the houses anywhere in Desoto County.

Supervisor Bill Russell said last year the grant was specific about the houses being built together. He asked if that is still true. Mr. Griffin said no, you must have a site approved when you present the grant application but the houses can be built in other places upon submitting the appropriate paperwork.

Supervisor Bill Russell asked Mr. Griffin if he could ensure that no more than two houses would be built together under this program. Mr. Griffin said we could say the Board of Supervisors has control over where the houses are built.

Supervisor Bill Russell said he does not like the feel of the project. Mr. Sanders said if he wants to build ten in one place and the property is in a city, he would have to ask the city for approval to build the houses through the permitting process and comply with the guidelines for building the houses.

Supervisor Russell asked if Mr. Sanders is willing to commit to building only two houses in one place. Mr. Sanders said he does not know what the market is so it would be hard for him to commit to that.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked if there is any liability on the county if a lot was foreclosed. Mr. Griffin said there is no liability to the county on a foreclosure. He said the first mortgage lender requires that they receive the property in the case of a foreclosure.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis said he would like to see the Board agree to support the application.

Supervisor Bill Russell asked if the lots that are available are in the county. Mr. Sanders said yes. Supervisor Russell said he does not think the Board has approved any house this size. He asked if approval of the grant application is saying the Board would approve those houses. The Board discovered the houses could be either in the City of Horn Lake or the City of Southaven.

Supervisor Allen Latimer said there are people needing help to get started. He said in ten years this could be rental property and not benefit the county.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Bill Russell seconded the motion to authorize a Public Hearing for the HOME Grant for new homebuyers and approve paying the cost for the Public Hearing for the grant.

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----YES  
Supervisor Eugene C. Thach-----YES  
Supervisor Bill Russell-----YES  
Supervisor Allen Latimer-----NO  
Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----YES

**See Exhibit F.3**

#### **4. Inventory Dispositions – Preliminary – Search and Rescue**

Inventory Clerk Amy Henley presented preliminary inventory dispositions for Search and Rescue to donate certain inventory to Yalobusha and Marshall Counties. Tim Curtis, Deputy Director of EMA said the boats and items are very old and were given to Search and Rescue or Desoto County several years ago. He said some of the items are 20 years old.

Supervisor Bill Russell asked the Board Attorney if these items can be donated. Mr. Nowak said yes.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve the preliminary inventory dispositions and declare the items as surplus for Search and Rescue and to donate the items to Yalobusha and Marshall Counties as follows:

<b>Asset #</b>	<b>Serial #</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Reason for Disposal</b>	<b>Location at Preliminary</b>
30762	E06251	Outboard Motor	Donation to Yalobusha County	Yalobusha Cnty
30763	N/A	Boat Trailer	Donation to Yalobusha County	Yalobusha Cnty
30764	170B8027	DV170 Boat	Parts Only	Yalobusha Cnty
30163	G02991830	Johnson Motor	Donation to Marshall County	Marshall Cnty
30164	G02994886	Johnson Motor	Donation to Marshall County	Marshall Cnty
31918	N/A	Polarcraft Boat	Donation to Marshall County	Marshall Cnty
31919	N/A	Boat Trailer	Donation to Marshall County	Marshall Cnty

The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit F.4**

#### **5. Accounting – Claims Docket**

**Late Bill** - Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to approve travel reimbursements for Supervisor Tommy Lewis, Supervisor Eugene Thach and Supervisor Jessie Medlin from their recent conference of the Mississippi Association of Supervisors. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

In accordance with Section 19-13-31 and Section 19-11-23 of the Mississippi Code annotated, Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Bill Russell seconded the motion to authorize the Chancery Clerk to pay the bills as presented by the Comptroller. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit F.5**

Supervisor Bill Russell made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to recess the meeting for lunch until 1:15 p.m. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

#### **6. County Administrator**

##### **a. Group Health Insurance**

County Administrator Michael Garriga said we are currently with Humana for the payment of claims for employees' medical coverage. He said we narrowed the selection pool to four companies that met our needs. He said it may be beneficial to change to a higher deductible. Under these proposals, the deductible would increase to \$75,000 and that would reduce premium rates. Mr. Garriga explained that Partners Benefits proposal came in after the deadline. He said it may be fairer to not use it because it was not received on time.

Mr. Garriga said that Humana provides their own reinsurance. Humana will pay claims 24 months prior and the others pay 15 months prior.

Supervisor Bill Russell asked for the recommendation of the County Administrator. Mr. Garriga said his recommendation is to stay with Humana. He said their fixed cost is the lowest and we know the services provided by Humana. Mr. Garriga said the City of Hernando and Southaven are with Aetna. Mr. Garriga explained the annual attachment point is much lower with Aetna and Partners and that could affect our reinsurance next year. He said through December the county's claims were at \$3.8 million. He suggested that those companies anticipated claims at \$2.9 or \$3.2 million and that would be unlikely since the claim year goes through February.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked how many employees the county has. Mr. Garriga said 462.

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked if this is a one year contract. Mr. Garriga responded yes. He said Humana will lock in their rate for three years with a maximum increase of no more than 5% per year.

Supervisor Thach said he has had good results with Humana.

Mr. Garriga said, in his opinion, the discount is a big number with these quotes. He explained that we have saved money with Humana because of their discount. Our fund is doing well.

Supervisor Bill Russell asked if we pay anything over the maximum listed on the handout. Mr. Garriga said no. Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked if the annual premium is based on the number of employees. Mr. Garriga said yes.

The Board of Supervisors asked if Humana will lock in their administrative costs. Mr. Garriga said that Boon Chapman and Aetna will, but Humana is going back to their company for approval and will let us know.

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked if this includes dental insurance. Mr. Garriga said yes.

Supervisor Medlin asked if it includes prescriptions for the discount. Mr. Garriga said no.

Supervisor Allen Latimer said, if we change companies, we will have to change doctors. He said all of these are Baptist plans but not all doctors contract with all of these companies.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked why we pay a deductible under Campbell's Clinic and Baptist Minor Medical is only a co-pay. Vickie Richmann and Mr. Garriga speculated that they may have to address a specific claim to answer that question.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked if there will be presentations from the companies. Mr. Garriga said that is up to the Board. Supervisor Bill Russell said he does not want a presentation, but proper advice on which proposal to select.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to authorize the County Administrator to negotiate with Humana on administrative costs and specific rates. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----YES

Supervisor Eugene C. Thach-----YES  
Supervisor Bill Russell-----YES  
Supervisor Allen Latimer-----YES  
Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----NO

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked if anyone has a count on the number of claims that were over \$50,000. Vickie Richmann said four during the past year. **See Exhibit F.6.a**

**Life insurance** - Mr. Garriga explained that UNUM locked in a two year rate for life insurance and short term disability at no increase. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said it is good to look at a benefit increase in that insurance.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to authorize the County Administrator to look at increasing life insurance benefits and report back to the Board. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

#### **b. County Vehicle Use Policy**

County Administrator Michael Garriga said he sent drafts of the vehicle use policy to different county offices. He presented a resolution to adopt the policy if the Board chooses to do so. He requested the Board to look at the policy and let him know their suggestions. Mr. Garriga explained the policy.

Supervisor Bill Russell said he recommends explaining the tax laws for taking home vehicles. Mr. Garriga said that what he read stated that marked vehicles are not a benefit for IRS reporting. Mr. Garriga said he would look further into that issue.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to hold this item over until February 4, 2008. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

#### **c. Metro Narcotics Budget**

County Administrator Michael Garriga said the county will not receive the grant for Metro Narcotics because the county funded the department last year.

Supervisor Bill Russell said the grant office told the county we should have shut the program down and that is ridiculous.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said that was just the opposite of what the state told us the year before when the county inquired about funding the department so the county could continue to fight drugs. Supervisor Thach agreed.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to authorize the County Administrator to contact our legislative group about getting help with the Metro Narcotics Department. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Garriga reminded the Board of Supervisors that last year Senator Doug Davis was able to get additional funding for equipment for Metro Narcotics after the grant was not funded.

Mr. Garriga pointed out that the budget that funds Metro Narcotics has always been budgeted into a separate fund and overseen by a control board according to the grant guidelines. He said that Metro Narcotics officers make about \$3,500 less than other Sheriff's Department officers because the grant did not allow salary increases most years. Now that their money is coming out of the same fund, the Sheriff wants to move that money back into his budget and abolish the Metro Narcotics Control Board.

Supervisor Bill Russell asked if the cities will come on board. Mr. Garriga said he thinks the cities like to work independently because they do not have to share forfeiture money.

Supervisor Allen Latimer asked if the County Administrator recommends doing this. Mr. Garriga said it is a good idea because the Sheriff's Department will be responsible for Metro Narcotics. Supervisor Russell suggested the jail committee talk to the Sheriff about this issue.

**7. Purchasing – Bids Under Advisement – Corrugated Metal Culverts –  
Bid File # 08-156-002**

Vanessa Lynchard presented a bid tabulation as prepared by the Purchasing Department for corrugated metal culverts. She said that she has talked to the Road Manager Russell Dorris and the recommendation is to accept the low bidder by pipe while reserving the right to go to the next lowest bidder if the low bidder cannot supply the pipe in a timely manner.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to accept the low bids by pipe and with the approval to go to the next lowest bidder if the low bidder cannot supply the pipes in a timely manner. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit F.7**

**8. Department of Road Management**

**a. Make the Road Condition List Part of the Minutes**

County Road Manager Russell Dorris presented the Road Condition Report and affidavit from each Supervisor.

At the recommendation of Road Manager Russell Dorris, Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Bill Russell seconded the motion to make the Road Condition List and affidavits in connection with Mississippi Code Section 65-7-117 a part of the minutes. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit F.8.a**

**b. 4 Year Road Plan**

Supervisor Jessie Medlin reminded Road Manager Russell Dorris to add Highway 305 to the Four Year Road Plan.

At the recommendation of Road Manager Russell Dorris, Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve the Four Year Road Plan and to add Highway 305 to lengthen and taper the turn lane at Southern Trails for \$5,000 and Mitchell's Corner south of College Road for \$15,000. This appraisal is in accordance with Section 65-7-117 of the Mississippi Code, which states that based upon such reports as the Road Condition List, the Board of Supervisors shall on or before February 1, 1990, and on or before February 1<sup>st</sup> of each year thereafter adopt and spread upon its minutes a Four Year Road Plan for the inspection and maintenance of County roads and bridges. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit F.8.b**

**c. 2008 Paving List**

At the recommendation of Road Manager Russell Dorris, Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Bill Russell seconded the motion to approve the 2008 paving List with the addition of Woodside Drive, one tenth mile at \$8,910. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit F.8.c**

**9. MDOT – Request for ROW – Hwy 305**

Barney Lane, Roadway Acquisition Agent for MDOT, appeared before the Board of Supervisors about a request for right of way on Highway 305 in Olive Branch. Mr. Lane

said this is where the library is located and it involves a strip of property three feet wide. He said the state would like to send the county a check in the amount of \$8,500 for the right of way which also includes \$1,800 for asphalt and curbing and two lights.

County Engineer Andy Swims asked what would be done if there is damage to the back flow preventer. Mr. Lane said MDOT may want to include that as part of the appraisal.

Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to hold this item over until February 4, 2008. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

**See Exhibit F.9**

## **10. Public Transportation**

Vanessa Lynchard said that members of the AARP had requested that the county conduct a study to determine a need for public transportation in DeSoto County. Vanessa thanked the representatives from AARP for attending the meeting and thanked the Board of Supervisors for providing a forum for the citizens to voice requests and concerns to improve the quality of life in DeSoto County.



### **Request for Analysis**

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The DeSoto County AARP Chapter requested the Board of Supervisors determine the feasibility of providing a public transit system throughout DeSoto County, or a portion of DeSoto County. DeSoto County is fortunate to have citizens who understand and care about the needs of the people. DeSoto County is also fortunate to have a Board of Supervisors who wants to provide efficient and effective services for the people.

This report includes facts related to opportunities for public transit in DeSoto County.

# MDOT Public Transit Division

MDOT oversees the development and administration of specialized transportation program grants and programs.

## Section 5311

### Non Urbanized Transportation

Supports public transportation projects in areas with populations less than 50,000.

Funding: Capital 80/20  
Operations 50/50

## Section 5310

### Elderly & Disabled Transportation

Supports the purchase of buses, vans and computers for elderly and disabled programs.

Funding: Capital 80/20  
Operations No grant funding available

## Section 5316

### Job Access/Reverse Commute

Provide new transit service for low income individuals to get to jobs, training, and childcare.

Funding: Planning 80/20  
Operations 50/50

## Section 5317

### New Freedom Program

Funds for capital and operating costs for service and facility improvements to address transportation needs of persons with disabilities during and after hours.

Funding: Planning & Capital 80/20  
Operations 50/50

## Public Transit Division MDOT

### Intercity Bus Program

Program to connect services between rural areas and larger regional or national bus routes.

To implement this program in DeSoto County, MDOT and DeSoto County would approach the MPO for approval. If approved, the MPO would ask MATA for approval to initiate the program into DeSoto County. The coverage area would be limited to all or portions of the MPO if the MPO and MATA approval is obtained.

## Programs in Operation – Section 5307

### Federal Transit Authority

Under this funding the program receives funding directly from the FTA. Funding for these projects are not reported publicly. The routes, coverage areas and budgets seem to change often. I am reluctant to quote figures on the programs due to conflicting reports that probably are a result of changes that have occurred in the programs in them in operation. Some comments are positive and some negative. I will continue to search for this data.

### Participants

1. City of Jackson – City subcontracts with JTRAN
2. Hattiesburg

## Programs in Operation – Section 5311

### MDOT

#### Meridian Transit

*Federal operating funds	\$133,406
City of Meridian	<u>\$256,120</u>
TOTAL BUDGET	\$389,526

Appointed board members set up as a non-profit primarily as a work transit program  
Operates mostly in the municipal area

No County funding

#### Natchez Transit

*Federal operating funds	\$330,455
City of Natchez	<u>\$200,042</u>
TOTAL BUDGET	\$530,497

Program set up by non-profit agency

Operates mostly in municipal area  
No County funding unless taken from appropriation

City of Vicksburg

*Federal operating funds	\$186,675
City of Vicksburg	<u>\$195,675</u>
TOTAL BUDGET	\$382,350

Operates mostly in the municipal area  
Set up as a non-profit

City of Vicksburg, continued

FY06 Warren County gave \$35,000

FY07 The county gave nothing because very few unincorporated citizens are served.

FY08 The county is being asked to give \$50,000. One Supervisor thinks they will give something, but they have made no commitment yet.

Other Operating Transit Systems

Other Operating Transit Systems

University of MS, City of Oxford & Lafayette County

In 2005 the City of Oxford applied for 5311 grant funds for a feasibility study for transit needs.

In 2006 the study was done with the help of a contracted transit management company.

In 2007 the city received \$451,000, which was 80% of the cost to purchase buses plus 50% of the operation costs for one year. The operational cost match will be shared by the university, city and county.

They have applied for another 5311 grant to do a feasibility study to continue the program.

Success is not measured because the program is new.

Other Operating Transit Systems

Mississippi State University

Daily shuttles originate on campus from exterior lots and transport passengers to a central hub. The daily route runs on campus only. The daily shuttle is funded through advertising on the buses and rental of shuttles to various University departments.

A night route runs Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights from campus to various establishments throughout the city. The night route is funded by the Student Association.

A Saturday shuttle runs from 9:30 a.m. till 12:30 p.m. from campus to grocery retailers and Walmart. The Saturday shuttle is funded by the Student Affairs Department.

FACTS

There is no charge to ride and 3,500 passengers per day ride the buses.

They rent 15 buses. Seven run per day and eight are rented to clubs and organizations of the University only.

The budget is \$270,000 this year. They expect to end the year \$100,000 to \$150,000 over budget. The budget deficit will come from an increased fee for vehicle decals and parking tickets.

The campus program has been in operation for 12 years and they expect it to continue indefinitely.

Last year they partnered with the City of Starkville to run the service in the city, but found it was not cost effective to do so. There are no plans to offer expanded services to other agencies in the future.

DeSoto County Transit Options Available Today

COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Elderly and Handicap Bus Service

The County contracts with North Delta PDD to provide bus service to elderly and handicap residents. Because space is limited on two buses, need must be considered. North Delta does a good job to meet the needs of many eligible residents.

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Handicap Bus Service (DeSoto Industries)

The County contracts with North Delta PDD to provide bus service for handicap residents who work at DeSoto Industries.

STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS

Transportation grant opportunities available as explained herein

SEMAG grant funds available for transportation programs that increase air quality

**Ride Share Program to encourage carpools by way of rental cars and vans for multiple riders and parking lots for carpoolers**

**PRIVATE COMPANIES**

**Private companies will contract to run a transit service on a large or small scale if the funding for the program is guaranteed.**

**American Medical Transportation Company Provides elderly/handicap taxi service**

**Fee: \$7 each way for \$35 each way wheelchair**

**7 days/24 hours Sitter available \$25 per day for riders who need assistance at destination**

**Summary**

**No models for public transit were found where a public bus service is operating to service the needs of the people outside of densely populated areas. Routes and participation are limited on existing programs that are not sustained by a college or university. However, most systems are new and are still in the development phase. It appears that preliminary study and planning may have been issues in some existing program areas, but study is becoming a prerequisite for grant applications.**

**MDOT funded programs studied are operated by local governments or non-profit groups and those programs are constantly changing due to budget issues or public need.**

**FTA funded programs, that are handled by contract, seem to be criticized more by the public. For example, one local resident said, “finding a bus to ride in Hattiesburg is as likely as finding a white elk in town.” There seems to be a feeling of “lack of control.”**

**Yet those programs appear to be advertised better operating more cost efficiently.**

**Still, public transportation is a buzz-word today. Rising gasoline prices and longevity have created a more urgent need for transportation alternatives. Aging populations lose the ability or desire to drive, yet they still want to maintain independent lifestyles and they need transportation. The working population is searching for ways to stretch their budgets.**

**“Public transportation” is a buzz word for the people, business and the government.**

**Providing transportation must be limited to highly populated areas if the programs are intended to be self-sustaining or even practical. In other areas, cities or universities have taken on the initiative for public transportation. Counties legal ability to provide a bus service should be studied carefully as most of the benefits would be for municipalities.**

**Because public transit is a high priority for the state and federal government, our county must become involved and stay informed on opportunities that can help our citizens.**

**We must remind the state that the MPO does not cover our entire county. There are options to address public transit today:**

**Plan of Action**

- 1. Meet with MATA about providing public transportation in DeSoto County.**
- 2. Continue to monitor existing programs and learn from them.**
- 3. As recommended by AARP members, and as is evident from study of this issue, the county should be active in public transportation meetings. The County Administrator, Michael Garriga has instructed me to attend the Statewide Transportation Coordination Summit in February. The meeting is sponsored by MDOT and will address new funding opportunities such as Job Access Reverse Commute and New Freedom Programs. New programs are constantly being developed. Because the state assumes all our residents are being served by our MPO, we must continue to be involved in transportation meetings to represent the MPO areas as well as the part of our county outside the MPO service area.**

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked if there is money available for the 5310 program for operations. Vanessa said there is no money available for operations.

Supervisor Bill Russell said that Vanessa attended the meeting last week and he asked if the topic of parking was discussed. He said that the Nashville exits have Ride Share lots.

Vanessa said they sent the inquiry about Ride share to the MPO, who is in charge of Ride Share. The person is out of the office for three weeks but it does essentially work the way Mr. Russell described. Supervisor Russell said they do fund transportation. Vanessa said that private companies want a guarantee to contract with anyone. Vanessa said, a current

option for elderly/handicapped transportation is American Medical Transportation Company. Supervisor Russell asked if they are available today. Vanessa said yes.

Supervisor Eugene Thach said he knows people who use this service when they need a ride, and the company is reimbursed. Vanessa said this is a program that charges by the hour and takes people anywhere they want to go. They can go shopping, fishing etc. and the company will stay with the person and then return them home for a fee of \$25. Supervisor Thach said the last time Southaven talked to MATA they were not interested in working with the county.

Supervisor Bill Russell said there is not much the county can do on its own. There is not much money to be made in public transportation. Supervisor Russell said we have an aging population and now is the time to look at options. Desoto County has the highest income, population, and gas and food prices are rising. He thinks we should contact MATA and ask if money were no issue, would they want Desoto County. We need a ballpark cost. The county needs the support of the cities. We need to visit the cities and get their participation. Supervisor Russell said we need to identify the cost and hold a Public Hearing to see if the citizens want to pay for public transportation. Vanessa said a public transportation system does not appear to be feasible except in densely populated areas.

Supervisor Allen Latimer thanked Vanessa for such a thorough presentation.

Ms. Pat Coates of the AARP said she thought more studies need to be done to serve every citizen in Desoto County, not just Senior Citizens. She said there are needs throughout the county who are not seniors. Ms. Coates said with the price of gas, everyone needs help and the public should pay for the service.

Geraldine Patton said she has attended transportation meetings for three years and there is one in February. Ms. Patton said that Ms. Lynchard is attending and she appreciates the help of the Board.

Supervisor Latimer thanked everyone for their suggestions. He asked the County Administrator to look at the Plan of Action.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to approve County Administrator Michael Garriga, Supervisor Bill Russell, Supervisor Tommy Lewis and Vanessa Lynchard to attend the Transportation Meeting in Jackson in February. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit F.11**

## **11. Public Service Commissioner**

Northern District Public Service Commissioner Brandon Presley said anything his office can do to help Board of Supervisors, they want to do it. Commissioner Presley said he knows the county receives complaints that never get to the proper department. He said his office is here to help and want to help Desoto County. Mr. Presley said there is growth in the county and the public Service Commission is available to help in any way.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis said we have a number of issues that we need clarified. He thanked Mr. Presley for coming to meet with the Board. The other Board members agreed that it was an honor to have Mr. Presley at the meeting.

Mr. Presley said he knows one of the county's concerns is telephone service over cable lines. He said that is causing problems throughout the state. He said the real mission of the Public Service Commission is to help businesses and consumers. He said that is an issue we need to get under control.

Mr. Presley said the State of Mississippi and the City of Memphis are in a dispute over water rights and that is set to go to court soon. He said, if the aquifer is depleted, it puts an

undue burden to provide water to Desoto County residents. He said the Public Service Commission has a role in ensuring that water is available.

## **12. Keep Mississippi Beautiful Campaign**

County Administrator Michael Garriga said, going back to last year, we have had a problem with litter in the county. Mr. Garriga said the Keep Mississippi Beautiful and the Mississippi Department of Transportation are sponsoring the "Great American Cleanup-Mississippi". Mr. Garriga said he talked to Jim Bearden about talking to the schools and getting with the Board of Education to organize the cleanup. Mr. Garriga suggested that the county make a big effort on this project. He said we can get the civic clubs involved and send the message out that litter is a huge problem throughout the state.

Supervisor Allen Latimer said he was looking at Church Road recently. He said between Tulane Road and the railroad track there is a lot of litter. Supervisor Latimer said he thinks focusing on the schools is important. He said he would encourage emphasis on the schools to address the litter problem because the children will tell their parents.

Mr. Garriga said he would like to get the cities involved as well. He said in Horn Lake there was interest in creating a county wide campaign. Supervisor Bill Russell asked about designating a week as "Keep Desoto County Beautiful Week". He said, if each Supervisor could take a city and help organize the event, and all work on one day for county wide cleanup and volunteer citizens were designated to pick up trash on roadways, the event could be a great success.

Road Manager Russell Dorris said that 60% of garbage on the roads comes from the back of pickup trucks.

Supervisor Russell suggested bringing this up at the COG Meeting.

Deputy Carl Hurt asked if the Board has thought about including churches. He said that his church and probably other churches would like to be involved.

Mr. Garriga said we need to find out how many bags, posters and other materials we need and get the process started.

Supervisor Russell said he would suggest that we do this in April when the weather is warmer.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve to sign up for "Keep Mississippi Beautiful" and arrange an event throughout the county. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit F.12**

## **13. Planning Commission - Mitchells' Corner Subdivision by Russell & Co.**

Mike Williamson of Russell & Company and David Shores the developer for Mitchell's Corner addressed the Board of Supervisors regarding Mitchell's Corner Subdivision.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said this item was before the Board to establish a turn lane on Highway 305.

Mr. Shores said there is about 650 feet on one end and 350 feet on the other end that needs to be improved. The 350 feet is not owned by the developer. He said the developer is willing to improve the land that they own but they would like help to improve the property they do not own.

Mike Williamson said this increases the safety and allows for cars to turn into the subdivision. He said it would be a turn lane into the subdivision off of Highway 305.

Supervisor Medlin asked if there is any right of way on the west side of the road. County Engineer Andy Swims said there is an 80 foot right of way and a 53 foot right of way for Southern Trails. Mr. Swims said that should be enough for the improvement and it would be enough to do what is shown on the plans.

Supervisor Medlin said he met with David Shores, Mike Williamson and Andy Swims recently about this issue. He said Mr. Shores brought up how much safer it would be with a deceleration lane on Southern Trails. He said Mr. Shores does not want to build a lane for another development. Supervisor Medlin said the county should have asked for the lane to be built at the time the subdivision was built. Supervisor Medlin said that Mr. Swims says it will cost about \$5,000 to build that lane.

Supervisor Bill Russell asked what the goal is for Highway 305. Supervisor Medlin said five lanes will be built to Lewisburg. Supervisor Medlin said if we can do anything to make it safer for the public, he wants to do that.

Mr. Shores said they will do whatever all other developers do. He said to just improve his development's property would make it less safe than it is now. He said he is asking for help on the improvements on the part of the property they do not own.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis said this will be a three party agreement between the county, the developer and MDOT.

Mr. Shores said his contractor already has equipment on the site. Mr. Shores showed the actual conditions in the area on the map so the Board could better assess the need for the turn lane.

Supervisor Lewis said, what we need to do is get a turn lane down Southern Trails Drive and MDOT should help us do that.

Supervisor Bill Russell said he does not want to set a precedent with the county investing money to build turn lanes for a development.

Supervisor Allen Latimer said he wants to do everything possible for the driving public. He said he appreciates Mr. Shores saying that he would do the work anyway. He said the state is getting bad about asking the county to do things that the state should be required to do.

Mr. Swims said that MDOT asked for the extension because of the taper length of the turn lane.

Supervisor Russell asked Mr. Swims' opinion on the matter. Mr. Swims said the requirements were put on the developer by the county in the beginning. He said we wanted to make sure the turn lane was built safely. He said the county does not usually go through MDOT to add the lanes but in this case, it is unique because it is at the intersection of two very busy roads. He said MDOT is wise to take those taper lengths further.

Supervisor Russell said the state required them to do this work. He said he does not think the county will sit by and do nothing and let our people deal with an unsafe turn lane. He said he thinks he can see the developer's point and will go along with adding the turn lane.

Supervisor Medlin said the \$80,000 estimate for the turn lane required for the developer does not include the turn lane across the road at Southern Trails.

Supervisor Eugene Thach said he has a problem with the state requiring the turn lanes and the county helping. He said it feels like this is setting a bad precedent.

Supervisor Latimer said he thinks the state should step forward but agrees the state will probably not do that. He said they set requirements and the county taxpayers have to pay for them.

Supervisor Russell said he agrees with Mr. Thach and respects Mr. Medlin's conscientiousness about safety. He said nobody on the Board is more aware with traffic concerns in the county than Supervisor Medlin and he has recommended the need for the turn lane.

Supervisor Thach said he is in his seventeenth year and the Board has not helped a developer yet.

Supervisor Lewis said he does not think this is helping the developer but helping the traveling public.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to appropriate \$15,000 toward this project and to look at putting the deceleration lane on the Estates of Southern Trails at an estimated cost of \$5,000 in order to address the safety issue. The motion includes authorizing the Board Attorney to draw up any agreements necessary to do the work. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----YES  
Supervisor Eugene C. Thach-----NO  
Supervisor Bill Russell-----YES  
Supervisor Allen Latimer-----YES  
Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----YES

Supervisor Medlin said we were holding up a preliminary approval on this subdivision because of the developer meeting with MDOT regarding the turn lane. Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to give preliminary approval for Mitchell's Corner Subdivision with all of the improvements for turn lanes as mentioned and to include the improvements on the four year road plan. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

## G. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The executive session portion of these minutes is recorded under the portion of the minutes called "Executive Session".

## H. OTHER

### 1. Metro Narcotics – Federal Equitable Sharing Agreement

At the recommendation of the County Administrator Michael Garriga, Supervisor Bill Russell made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to authorize approval of the Federal Equitable Sharing Agreement and authorize the Board President to sign the agreement. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit H.1**

### 2. Coldwater River Watershed Appointments – Appointee to the Coldwater River Watershed

Supervisor Bill Russell made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to appoint Robert Abbay, III, P.O. Box 146, Walls, MS, 38680, as the appointee to the Coldwater River Watershed. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

### 3. Hunting Regulations in Desoto County

Board Attorney Tony Nowak, said no information has been received on his request for the county's authority to regulate hunting.

**4. Civic Center Ice Arena**

Supervisor Tommy Lewis said, through some misunderstanding, people were going to be at the Board Meeting to see if the Board would vote to build an ice arena at the Civic Center. He said when he received calls from the people about the arena he talked to Chuck Roberts at the Convention and Visitors Bureau. Mr. Roberts said they are working on a proposal but the CVB is not ready to act on the request for an ice arena at this time. He said the CVB may come to the Board in the future about this issue.

**5. Sheriff’s Department – Contract with Tiger Commissary**

Board Attorney Tony Nowak said the Sheriff would like to contract with Tiger Commissary for the jail. At the recommendation of the Sheriff, Supervisor Bill Russell made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to authorize the Board Attorney to negotiate a contract with Tiger Commissary. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

**6. Department of Road Management**

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to add the following to the four year road plan:

Malone Road	1 ½ miles College Road to Church Road	\$2.25 million
Laughter Road	½ miles south of Byhalia Road to Bright Road	\$750,000

The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to recess the meeting until January 24, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

THIS the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January 2008, these minutes have been read and approved by the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors.

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Allen Latimer, President  
DeSoto County Board of Supervisors