

DESOTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JOHN M. M. CALDWELL, PRESIDENT, PRESIDING

March 3, 1997

A. CALL TO ORDER

The March 3, 1997, meeting of the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors was called to order by John M. M. Caldwell, Sr., Board President.

Chief Ronnie Clayton, 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:

Jessie Medlin-----District 1
Eugene C. Thach-----District 2
James D. Pearson-----District 3
John Caldwell-----District 4
Tommy Lewis-----District 5
W. E. "Sluggo" Davis-----Chancery Clerk
James Albert Riley-----Sheriff
Clovis Reed-----County Administrator
William H. Austin, Jr.-----Board Attorney

B. INVOCATION

The invocation was presented by Supervisor Eugene Thach.

C. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY MINUTES

The official minutes of the Board of Supervisors were read for the month of February, 1997. Supervisor Jessie Medlin instructed the Deputy Clerk Vanessa Lynchard to correct the February 3, 1997, minutes to change "Larry Linville of the Olive Branch Fire Department" to correctly state, "David Linville of the Lewisburg Fire Department." Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the Board of Supervisor's for February, 1997, with the one change to the February 3, 1997, minutes pursuant to Section 19-3-27 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, annotated. The vote was unanimous. The **motion passed.**

D. OLD BUSINESS

1. Appointments

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to appoint Don Carnell to the Park Commission to represent District 4. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

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Supervisor James Pearson made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to appoint Fred Foshee to the Park Commission to represent District 3. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

SEE EXHIBIT D.1.

2. Payment of Bill from TAM Construction for Courthouse Roof

Ed Spencer, Director of Operations and Maintenance, appeared before the Board of Supervisors to recommend payment to TAM Construction for the re-roofing of the Courthouse. Mr. Spencer said that the original contract with TAM was for \$54,696.00. At the beginning of the project there was damage to the decking totaling \$175.00, which TAM fixed. There has been one draw of \$18,000.00 during the project. Mr. Spencer has gotten some of the estimates for damage caused by TAM Construction in the amount of \$2,630.00. Mr. Spencer recommended to the Board of Supervisors to pay TAM Construction for the courthouse roof as follows, holding 10% of the original contract to cover the cost of repairing the total damages caused by the roofers as indicated on Exhibit D.2:

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| Original Contract | \$54,696.00 |
| Plus repair of existing decking damage | 175.00 |
| Less previous draw | 18,000.00 |
| Less 10% of the original contract | <u>5,487.00</u> |
| 2nd DRAW | \$31,384.00 |

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to pay TAM Construction a final draw in connection with their work to re-roof the courthouse the amount of \$31,384.00 as recommended by the Director of Operations and Maintenance, Ed Spencer. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit D.2.**

3. Report From Committee to Review Phillips Road

This item was held over.

4. Request for Additional Funds for Lewisburg Ambulance/Fire Building

EMS Director Bobby Storey and the DeSoto County Coordinator, Fire Chief's Association, Frank Treadway, appeared before the Board of Supervisors on the matter previously carried over of the Lewisburg Ambulance/Fire Department's request for the Board of Supervisors to pay \$8,500.00 for the heat and air in the building. Supervisor Tommy Lewis said he believes the Board of Supervisors should approve this request as the project was under funded from the beginning and because the county's ambulance department is getting the benefit of the heat and air in the building.

Supervisor John Caldwell said he believes the building should have been planned and budgeted better. Mr. Storey said part of the overspending was because the electrician and some of the other workers that had previously agreed to do work on the building did not have the credentials to meet county requirements. Consequently, the job went substantially over budget in these areas.

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Supervisor Eugene Thach asked from where the money would come. The County Administrator, Clovis Reed said he had reviewed the budget and the only place he could recommend the money being transferred is from the General County Fund. Legalities and fairness to other EMS/Fire Services were discussed. The Comptroller,

Dale Thompson asked what procedures should be used to transfer the money.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to take the matter under advisement to allow the County Administrator and the Board Attorney to work out the procedures of such a transfer. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

5. EMS Personnel Request

EMS Director Bobby Storey and the DeSoto County Coordinator, Fire Chief's Association, Frank Treadway, appeared before the Board of Supervisors regarding their previous request for Helen Boshers to be transferred within the department so as to enable her to back up EMS workers who are out, to provide clerical help in EMS/Fire as needed and to provide assistance in other areas of EMS. Mr. Storey explained that workers in the EMS Department are already losing their vacation due to there not being backups available in their absence. Mr. Storey also said that overtime and part time pay would be greatly reduced by Ms. Boshers filling this position and her current position being replaced. Mr. Storey estimates reducing overtime and part-time pay by half with this position.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said that due to insurance issues, it would be better to start Helen Boshers' replacement near the first of the month. The County Administrator, Clovis Reed recommends moving money from part time and overtime pay to avoid a \$19,000 budget increase next year. **See Exhibit D.5.**

Supervisor James Pearson made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to authorize hiring Helen Boshers as EMS secretary/floater at her present salary of \$19,100.00 effective April 1, 1997, and to authorize replacing Ms. Boshers current position as EMT basic/driver at a salary of \$14,838.00 to \$15,838.00. Further, that the budget will be amended \$10,000.00 to cover the salary of the new employee. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

E. DALE THOMPSON, RE: MARCH COUNTY BILLS AND ANY NECESSARY BUDGET AMENDMENTS

The Comptroller, Dale Thompson, presented the claims docket showing each department's standing as of February 28, 1997, for disposition. The items on the docket were discussed at length. The Comptroller also presented an expense summary with the budget report and explained that the report does not reflect income.

Prisoner medical costs were discussed. The County Administrator, Clovis Reed noted that the budget for prisoners medical expenses was at 63% and five months into the budget year, it should be at 41%. Mr. Reed said the County could save substantial money by hiring a nurse or nurse practitioner to review sick cases before they are sent to the doctor. The new co-pay system was briefly discussed.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked about bank fees. Dale Thompson said that this fee is for overnight investment and deposit slip fees. The County Administrator explained that the Tax Collector is investing money to get a higher interest rate than normal. Supervisor Tommy Lewis said he wants to make sure income is outweighing expenses. Dale Thompson said she is concerned that securities investments are being reported.

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The Comptroller asked if the Board would approve paying Chamber of Commerce dues. The Board of Supervisors said no.

G C Services fees were discussed. Clovis Reed said legislation is being explored to change procedures for disbursement of these funds.

Supervisor James Pearson said the parks were established for use of the children, but when adults use these facilities at night, adults are charged for the use of the electricity. Supervisor Pearson asked if the County is being reimbursed for any of this money. The Comptroller said that 301 Park does make a yearly payment to the County.

The County Administrator asked about BFI charges at the Justice Court renovation building. The Comptroller said that Ed Spencer wants to keep charges together for the job. Clovis Reed said he will review these charges to assure they are being handled correctly.

Supervisor John Caldwell asked about the charge from Brandt Engineering. Supervisor Caldwell said the Board of Supervisors did not authorize these charges, and Brandt Engineering did not submit an estimate for these charges, so he feels Brandt Engineering should not be paid for their service. The purpose of the meeting was discussed. Supervisor Tommy Lewis said the Board should determine if Brandt Engineering was used as a consultant or if he tried to sell something. Supervisor Eugene Thach said he feels the item should be held over to find out more about these charges. Clovis Reed suggested in the future, handling this service as a contract. Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to pay the bill to Mark Brandt from the EMS budget. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows: **See Exhibit E.**

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----Yes
 Supervisor Eugene Thach-----Yes
 Supervisor James D. Pearson-----Yes
 Supervisor John Caldwell-----No
 Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----Yes

The Comptroller, Dale Thompson, presented a request from Ed Spencer, Director of Operations and Maintenance, to upgrade the postage machine by transferring money from Other Machinery and Equipment to the PBX account. The budget amendment requested is as follows:

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| Lower | 001-701-935 | \$500.00 | |
| Increase | 001-157-933 | | \$500.00 |

SEE EXHIBIT E.1.

The Comptroller also requested a budget amendment to lower architect fees for the Recreational District, and increase Civic Center Contributions in the amount of \$20,000.00. The budget amendment requested is as follows:

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| Lower | 001-520-564 | \$20,000.00 | |
| Increase | 001-520-763 | | \$20,000.00 |

SEE EXHIBIT E.2.

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The Comptroller, Dale Thompson, requested to transfer money from seized funds to forfeitures. The budget amendment requested is as follows:

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| From | 623-900-950 | \$2,125.00 | |
| To | 105-000-384 | | \$2,125.00 |

SEE EXHIBIT E.3.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to pay the bills on the claims docket and make the budget amendments as recommended by the Comptroller, with the exception of the bill to Mark Brandt, which was voted on in a separate motion. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit E.**

F. GERALD JENKINS - HERNANDO OPTIMIST CLUB, RE: HERNANDO A'FAIR

Gerald Jenkins came before the Board of Supervisors to request the County's assistance with the A'Fair. The Board of Supervisors discussed the use of county funds for donations. The Board agreed that in the past these requests have not been granted. Mr. Jenkins said he understood and would appreciate the county's endorsement of the project. **SEE EXHIBIT F.**

G. DOUG JONES, RE: COUNTY-WIDE EASTER EGG HUNT

Doug Jones, Owner/Publisher of the DeSoto County Tribune, came before the Board of Supervisors to request a \$750 donation for a county-wide Easter egg hunt. Mr. Jones said the location and the eggs have been donated. Mr. Jones said he is asking for money and/or and endorsement for the Easter egg hunt. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said that, if legal, he would be willing to support anything that will benefit and support the children of DeSoto County. Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve a resolution in support of the county-wide Easter egg hunt. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. **SEE EXHIBIT G.**

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. Authorizing Travel for All Officials and Employees

In accordance with Section 25-3-41 Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, any official or employee of DeSoto County, Mississippi, is hereby authorized to travel during the period of March 4, 1997, to April 7, 1997, as necessary and incur travel expenses in the performance of their official duties for DeSoto County. That all such travel is hereby authorized contingent on funds being available in the departmental budget of the individual traveling.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion to authorize travel for all officials and employees of DeSoto County for the period of March 4, 1997, to

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April 7, 1997. Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----Absent
 Supervisor Eugene Thach-----Yes
 Supervisor James D. Pearson-----Absent
 Supervisor John Caldwell-----Yes
 Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----Yes

2. Justice Court Report

The DeSoto County Justice Court Clerk, Linda Aldridge, did meet with the Board of Supervisors and presented the Justice Court Report for the month of February, 1997, pursuant to Section 9-11-19 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to accept the Justice Court Report for the month of February, 1997. The vote was as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----Absent
Supervisor Eugene Thach-----Yes
Supervisor James D. Pearson-----Yes
Supervisor John Caldwell-----Yes
Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----Yes

The **motion passed. SEE EXHIBIT H.2.**

3. Monthly Road Report and Work Schedule

Road Manager Kenny Gunn met with the Board of Supervisors to present the Road Department Monthly Road Report for the Month of February 1997, and Work Schedule for the month of March 1997, pursuant to Section 65-17-7 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, annotated.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to accept the Road Report for February, 1997, and Work Schedule for March, 1997. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

SEE EXHIBIT H.3.

Supervisor Eugene Thach complimented the Road Manager on the format of the Road Report. Supervisor James Pearson asked about the schoolbus turnaround work. The Road Manager, Kenny Gunn said that the Road Department's handling depended on the Board Order, the situation, and the conditions. The Road Manager said usually they use road gravel, but this time of year weather dictates using the white rock to prevent mud in some cases.

4. Bailiff Pay

Pursuant to Section 25-7-27, Section 1, paragraph (e) which allows for Constables working as Bailiffs to be paid as provided under Section 25-3-69, Mississippi Code of 1973, Annotated, Supervisor James Pearson made the motion
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and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to pay Joe Holmes the amount of \$200.00 for the month of February, 1997; to pay Tommy Carr the amount of \$280.00 for the month of February, 1997; to pay Jerry Easley the amount of \$120.00 for the month of February, 1997, for their service as bailiff for DeSoto County Justice Court. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----Absent
Supervisor Eugene Thach-----Yes
Supervisor James D. Pearson-----Yes
Supervisor John Caldwell-----Yes
Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----Yes

SEE EXHIBIT H.4.

5. Inventory Control Disposition

The Board of Supervisors were given a list of equipment owned by the county that is either unrepairable or not cost effective to repair. Supervisor James Pearson made the motion to accept receipts from the Inventory

Clerk pursuant to Section 31-7-107 of the Mississippi Code and did approve the disposition on the report as noted on Exhibit H.5. Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----Absent
Supervisor Eugene Thach-----Yes
Supervisor James D. Pearson-----Yes
Supervisor John Caldwell-----Yes
Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----Yes

SEE EXHIBIT H.5.

6. Approval of Schoolbus Turnaround

The DeSoto County Board of Supervisors received two letters dated February 21 and February 24, 1997, from the DeSoto County Superintendent of Education requesting the county to maintain the properties listed in his letter which are used as school bus turnarounds. A copy of this request is attached and made a part of these minutes by attachment of Exhibit H.6. **SEE EXHIBIT H.6.**

In accordance with Section 19-3-42, Mississippi Code of 1972 as amended, stating that the school bus turnarounds will be built, maintained and improved, Supervisor James Pearson made the motion to build, maintain, and improve the properties listed in the Superintendent's letters dated February 21 and February 24, 1997, and to direct the County Road Manager to carry out this order of this Board forthwith. Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

7. Transfer of Metro Narcotics Seized Funds to Forfeitures

This item was handled and the motion was made regarding this item during agenda Item E. of these minutes. **See Exhibit 7.**

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8. Approval to Attend MCCA/MACAC Spring Educational Workshop, March 26-27, 1997, in Jackson, MS

County Administrator, Clovis Reed requested permission for him, the Comptroller, Dale Thompson, and the Chancery Clerk, W. E. Davis to attend the MCCA/MACAC Spring Educational Workshop on March 26-27 in Jackson, Mississippi. Mr. Reed explained that the trip included a \$15 registration fee and one night in a hotel. Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to authorize the Comptroller, the County Administrator and the Chancery Clerk to attend the workshop as requested. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. **SEE EXHIBIT H.8.**

9. Request for Donation to the Northwest Regional Very Special Arts Festival

County Administrator Clovis Reed presented a letter from the Northwest District Regional Festival for funds to promote the Northwest Very Special Arts Festival to be held in Senatobia, Mississippi. Supervisor James Pearson made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to contribute \$200.00 of the County's advertising resources to support the Northwest Very Special Arts Festival. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. **SEE EXHIBIT H.9.**

10. Approval of Investment of Surplus Funds

Supervisor James Pearson made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve Trustmark National Bank as the high bidder for the investment of surplus funds. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. **SEE EXHIBIT H.10.**

11. Approval of Chancery Court Clerk Allowances for February

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the Chancery Clerk allowances for the month of February 1997. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. **SEE EXHIBIT H.11.**

12. Sale of Justice Court Building

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to authorize obtaining an appraisal for the current Justice Court building and/or land; to authorize selling the building and/or land located at the present Justice Court building, for possession on July 1, 1997; to open sealed competitive bids for the sale of same on May 5, 1997; and, to declare the building and/or land as surplus in accordance with Section 19-7-3 of the Mississippi Code, Annotated. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

I. OTHER ISSUES

1. Ed Spencer, Director of Operations and Maintenance

a. Old Jail Roof

Ed Spencer recommended paying TAM Construction the contract price of the roofing job less 10% so the quality of the job can be determined. The payment would be as follows:

| | |
|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Original Contract Price | \$19,976.00 |
| Less 10% Retainer | <u>1,997.60</u> |
| | \$17,978.40 |

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to pay 17,978.40 to TAM Construction and withhold \$1,997.60 of the contract price to verify the quality of the job for roofing the Sheriff's Department, as recommended by the Director of Operations and Maintenance. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit I.1.a.**

b. Justice Court Renovation Update

Director of Operations and Maintenance updated the Board of Supervisors that Marvin Johnson, Architect for the Justice Court renovation, is in the process of making sketches for changes at the Justice Court building. Further, Mr. Spencer said they are starting to sheetrock today.

c. Housekeeping

Ed Spencer, Director of Operations and Maintenance, notified the Board of Supervisors that there are only two housekeepers left. They are both going to be on vacation periodically during the next two months. Trustees have not been available. Mr. Spencer notified the Board that he will either need trustees or he

must hire someone.

d. Handrail behind the Courthouse

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor James Pearson seconded the motion to put a handrail at the courthouse at the back steps leading to the street. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

e. Recycling Report

Ed Spencer, Director of Operations and Maintenance, presented the Recycling Report indicating activity from April of 1996 through January, 1997. **SEE EXHIBIT I.1.e.**

f. Smoking Room

Ed Spencer notified the Board of Supervisors that the smoking room should be finished by next week.

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g. Maxwell Building

The Director of Operations & Maintenance reported that after obtaining quotes, he recommends changing the Maxwell Building to gas heat as that has been determined to be the most cost effective option. Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor James Pearson seconded the motion to change the heating source to gas in the Maxwell Building. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

2. Bobby Storey

a. Auto Education Class

Bobby Storey Eudora EMS Director, thanked the Board of Supervisors for their help with the auto education class. Over 120 people came to the class according to Mr. Storey. Supervisor John Caldwell suggested that Mr. Storey check into selling the junk cars for scrap iron.

b. EMS/Fire Pay Scale

Supervisor James Pearson asked how the County and the cities' pay scale match up. Bobby Storey said the County is below the cities in this area. Supervisor James Pearson asked Bobby Storey to research the and report back to the Board of Supervisors.

3. Road Manager, Kenny Gunn

a. Voting Booth

The Road Manager, Kenny Gunn asked if the voting booths in Central Maintenance should be put in the surplus sale. The Board of Supervisors

discussed the use of the voting booths and decided the County should keep the voting booths for possible future use.

b. Commercial License in Central Maintenance

According to the Road Manager, Kenny Gunn, some of the workers in Central Maintenance will need to get their commercial license so they can drive the new trucks in Central Maintenance. Mr. Gunn was seeking approval to pay for these items out of the budget. The Board of Supervisors agreed that a budget amendment is not necessary for this item.

4. Clovis Reed, County Administrator

a. Circuit Clerk Storage Bid

The County Administrator reminded the Board of Supervisors about the pending bid from the Circuit Clerk for preservations of records. Mr. Reed said this item is within the department's budget. **See Exhibit I.4.a.**

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Supervisor James Pearson made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to approve the bid for the preservation of records in the Circuit Clerk's office as presented by the Circuit Clerk, Jeanette Martin. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

b. Miss DeSoto County Scholarship Pageant

The County Administrator presented a request for a donation for the Miss DeSoto County Scholarship Pageant. Supervisor Tommy Lewis said a study should be done to clarify when the Board will and won't give donations. Supervisor Eugene Thach said that, in the past, if the event is in the County, the Board would consider the requests. No motions were made on this item of business.

SEE EXHIBIT I.4.b.

c. Bond Buyers Conference Update

Clovis Reed, the County Administrator, said he appreciated being given the opportunity to go the Bond Buyers Meeting. Mr. Reed said he spoke at the convention, and there seemed to be a lot interest in DeSoto County and its's growth. Mr. Reed said TIF financing was a point on interest at the meeting with the only major investor problem was the ability to repay the debt.

5. Supervisor John Caldwell

a. Taping of Board Minutes

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to record board meetings to eliminate confusion. It was discussed that, if implemented, new equipment will need to be purchased. The **motion did not pass** with a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----No
Supervisor Eugene Thach-----Yes
Supervisor James D. Pearson-----No

Supervisor John Caldwell-----Yes
Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----No

b. Litter Ordinance

Supervisor John Caldwell said he would like to hold over the Litter Ordinance until March 10. Supervisor Caldwell said he is researching the enforcement of the ordinance.

6. Supervisor Tommy Lewis

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to donate \$4,500.00 to the Civic Center for updating the dug outs at the Civic Center from the District 5 Park Fund. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit I.6.**

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7. W. E. "Sluggo" Davis, Chancery Court Clerk

Supervisor James Pearson made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the changes in homesteads as presented by the Chancery Clerk. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. **SEE EXHIBIT I.7.**

8. William H. Austin, Jr., Board Attorney

a. Disclosure Requirements

The Board Attorney, William H. Austin, Jr., presented a memo from Don Clark, of Crosthwait Terney, PLLC indicating that his firm would like to handle the County's disclosure issues and reporting.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to take the request under advisement until March 10, 1997. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----No
Supervisor Eugene Thach-----Yes
Supervisor James D. Pearson-----Yes
Supervisor John Caldwell-----Yes
Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----No

Supervisor Tommy Lewis said his "No" vote was because he feels the County Administrator should be able to review the procedure and authorize the best solution of the issue. **SEE EXHIBIT I.8.a.**

J. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to recess until 10th day, March, 1997, at 9:00. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

THIS March 3, 1997, these minutes have been read and approved by the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors.

JOHN M. M. CALDWELL, President
DeSoto County Board of Supervisors