

**DESOTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**JOHN M. M. CALDWELL, PRESIDENT, PRESIDING**

**June 30, 1997**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The June 30, 1997, meeting of the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors was called to order by John M. M. Caldwell, Sr., Board President.

Deputy Phil Cottam of the DeSoto County Sheriff's office 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  
Phil Cottam-----Deputy  
Clovis Reed-----County Administrator  
William H. Austin, Jr.-----Board Attorney

**B. INVOCATION**

The invocation was presented by Supervisor Eugene Thach.

**C. DALE THOMPSON**

**1. Budget Amendments For Board Clerical, Justice Court, County Court, DHS, And Circuit Court**

Comptroller Dale Thompson came before the Board of Supervisors to recommend budget amendments for various DeSoto County offices. Ms. Thompson explained that all of the budget amendments were transfers within office budgets and none of the requests required additional funds to be added to the individual office budgets. The Board of Supervisors asked for an explanation of the need of the Justice Court budget amendments. Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked when the Comptroller received this request. The Comptroller said she had not received the request until Friday morning and had not requested an explanation.

Board Clerical

The Comptroller forwarded a request from Board Secretary, Bonnie Gatlin, as follows:

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From	001-100-554	\$4,270.00	
To	001-100-502		\$ 350.00
To	001-100-521		\$2,000.00
To	001-100-550		\$1,500.00
To	001-100-934		\$ 420.00

From	001-100-602	\$197.42	
To	001-100-603		\$135.00
To	001-100-671		\$ 62.42

**See Exhibit C.1, Page 1.**

Justice Court

After the Comptroller presented the request for a budget amendment for Justice Court, Supervisor John Caldwell asked if the County Administrator concurred in this recommendation? The County Administrator reviewed the request and said he also recommends the approval of this request, and explained the request is for computers for the Justice Court office. The budget request was as follows:

From	Computer Supplies	001-166-606	\$1,000.00	
To	Office Machines	001-166-933		\$1,000.00
From	Jurors & Witnesses Fees	001-166-575	\$ 300.00	
To	Office Machines	001-166-933		\$ 300.00
From	Postage	001-166-501	\$ 900.00	
To	Office Machines	001-166-933		\$ 900.00

**See Exhibit C.1, Page 2**

County Court

The Comptroller forwarded a request from County Court Judge Mills Barbee for his department as follows:

From	Part Time Employee	001-162-440	\$ 871.00	
To	Record Books	001-162-600		\$ 821.00
To	Gasoline	001-162-671	\$ 50.00	
From	Furniture & Fixtures	001-164-934	\$1,000.00	
To	Attorney & Guardian Ad Litem	001-164-560		\$935.00
To	Training & Registration	001-164-587		\$ 65.00

**See Exhibit C.1, Page 3**

DHS

The Comptroller forwarded a request from Kathy White for DHS as follows:

From	001-450-501	\$792.00	
To	001-450-933		\$792.00

**See Exhibit C.1, Page 4**

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Circuit Court

From	Part Time Salary	102-173-440	\$1,400.00	
To	Telephone	102-173-502		\$1,000.00
To	Office Furniture	102-173-934		\$ 400.00

**See Exhibit C.1, Page 5**

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the budget amendments as recommended by the Comptroller. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

The Comptroller presented a memo from Margaret Stevens, Director of Purchasing, requesting various budget amendments as follows:

To cover the cost of cleaning the carpet -

From	Phone	001-122-502	\$ 20.00	
To	Janitorial Svc.	001-122-581		\$ 20.00

To cover the cost of subscriptions for NIGP membership -

From	Phone	001-122-502	\$135.00	
To	Subscriptions	001-122-571		\$135.00

For travel reimbursement for Pat for mail machine -

From	Phone	001-122-502	\$ 14.87	
To	Travel	001-122-477		\$ 14.87

For seminar lodging -

From	Asst. Dir. Salary	001-122-401	\$ 600.00	
To	Meals & Lodging Out of County	001-122-476		\$600.00

To office supplies -

From	Duplication Sply	001-122-602	\$100.00	
To	Office Supplies	001-122-603		\$100.00

For a Purchasing seminar and the MAGPA Conference registration -

From	Asst. Dir. Salary	001-122-401	\$ 530.00	
To	Training	001-122-587		\$530.00

**See Exhibit C.1. Page 5**

The County Administrator, Clovis Reed, notified the Board of Supervisors that he could not recommend the budget amendment for reimbursement for travel expense in connection with the postage machine. Mr. Reed said the County has never reimbursed employees for travel within the city limits of Hernando, and said that many employees travel within the city limits in connection with their job and this could open the door to requests from other employees.

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Mr. Reed further notified the Board of Supervisors that this transfer was from the savings realized from the discontinued position, and if the request for both Purchasing employees is approved for travel to the MAGPA seminar, the Purchasing Department will have to be closed during this time, as there are only two employees in the department. The Board agreed that the Purchasing Department should not shut down completely.

Clovis Reed said he recommends approval of the other requests from Purchasing for budget amendments. Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to approve the budget amendments as requested, with the exception of the request for travel reimbursement within the city limits of Hernando, and approving only one employee from Purchasing to go to the conference, and not transferring funds from the vacant position. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

**See Exhibit C.1.**

The Comptroller, Dale Thompson, requested authority to approve a budget amendment to move the part of the money budgeted for County Ambulance to that fund. The Comptroller explained that she does not move this money until it is needed in this fund. The budget request is as follows:

From	General County	001-900-950	\$300,000.00	
To	County Ambulance	110-000-384		\$300,000.00

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to transfer \$300,000.00 from General County to the County Ambulance Fund as recommended by the Comptroller. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

**See Exhibit C.1, Page 6.**

**2. District One Summer Program**

The Comptroller, Dale Thompson, reported that she has received a request for the funds budgeted for the Olive Branch Day Care, which would require a budget amendment as follows:

Lower	District 1 park Construction	001-521-913	\$6,000.00	
Increase	Advertise County Resources	001-675-522		\$6,000.00

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve payment to the Olive Branch Day Camp and the budget amendment as recommended by the Comptroller and as approved in the FY96-97 budget. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

**3. Approval**

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve the high bid of Trustmark National Bank for the investment of surplus funds in the amount of \$8,891,300.00 as indicated on Exhibit C.3. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit C.3.**

**D. JIM BEARDEN - JUSTICE COURT - FINAL CHANGE ORDER, COMPLETION OF CONSTRUCTION**

Director of Operations and Maintenance, Jimmy Bearden, presented an accounting of expenses and expected revenues in connection with the renovation of the Justice Court Building and the sale of the existing building.

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked if the pews will come from next year's budget? Jimmy Bearden said the supplier now estimates the pews to be available in 60 days rather than the originally estimated 120 days.

According to Mr. Bearden, Wells Construction has met their end of the deal in connection with work on the building. All problems identified have been solved. Mr. Bearden said that Wells Construction has requested their check today. Supervisor Caldwell said that Wells Construction's year end is over today. Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked if Mr. Bearden recommends withholding any part of the payment in anticipation of problems that usually arise with construction jobs. In discussing this issue, Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked if we have an AIA contract? County Administrator Clovis Reed said that the County does have an AIA contract, and it allows 10% retainage for 30 days after completion. Supervisor Lewis said that the AIA contract should specify when to pay the retainage.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to pay Wells Construction the balance of the funds owed them, with the exception of 10% held as a retainer for 30 days. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit D.**

The Director of Operations and Maintenance notified the Board of Supervisors that the old doors that came with the building are unfixable, and the first estimate for their replacement is \$3,400.00. Mr. Bearden said he is awaiting another estimate.

**E. SAM RUSSELL - TWO (2) PLAT REVISIONS**

Sam Russell of the DeSoto County Planning Commission presented requests for two subdivision revisions and explained that Chancellor Percy Lynchard requested the Board of Supervisors' recommendation regarding the request. Mr. Russell said these requests were filed before the Legislature approved these requests coming before the Board of Supervisors.

The first request concerns Rose Commercial Subdivision located near the Magnolia Lake Restaurant. The property is now one lot and they want to split the lot into two lots. Supervisor James Pearson made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve the requested division of Rose Commercial Subdivision. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

The second request was for a redrawing of two lots in Green T Lakes Subdivision, Section D. Mr. Russell explained the request is to change the orientation of the lots from east/west to north/south. Mr. Russell said there is a total of 2/100 acre change in the lot size.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the changes in the plats for Rose Commercial Subdivision and Green T Lakes Subdivision, Section D, as presented by Sam Russell of the DeSoto

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County Planning Commission provided all the property owners sign acknowledging their approval. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

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

**See Exhibit E.**

**F. BID OPENING FOR WALLS COMMUNITY LIBRARY**

Architect O. Marvin Johnson was present and did read the bids for the Walls Community Library building after they were opened by the Board President. Mr. Johnson said he was notified by W. H. Keller, that they withdrew from the bidding process. After all bids were opened and read for the public as indicated on Exhibit F, Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to take the bids under advisement. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit F.**

**G. OLD BUSINESS**

**1. Civic Center Marketing Proposals**

George Garvin of the Convention and Visitors Bureau, told the Board of Supervisors that Hunters' Interest, Inc. has addressed all the questions from the Board of Supervisors and Mr. Garvin feels this firm will do an adequate job to meet the expectations of the citizens of DeSoto County at a realistic cost. Mr. Garvin presented a recommendation to have Hunters Interests, Inc. work on the market study in connection with the Civic Center.

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked who has talked with this firm? Mr. Garvin said he has, but not the Committee as a whole. Supervisor Thach asked if the recommendation is from the Committee? Mr. Garvin said he has talked with the Committee members individually and reported his findings, and they agree with his decision. Supervisor Thach said he wants to make sure the recommendation is from the Committee. Mr. Garvin said the Committee has made no formal action but he has talked to them. Supervisor Thach said he would like this item of business to go before the Board. Supervisor John Caldwell said the Board asked for this recommendation after the Committee had decided to proceed without the benefit of such a study. Further, Supervisor Caldwell explained that Rex Haynes, of the Committee said he thinks this is a good avenue for the study, as the Committee has worked to formulate their assessment of the County's needs for the Civic Center and this process would destroy any assumption that the Committee chose a study group who would simply agree with the Committee's recommendation. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said the Board of Supervisors asked Mr. Garvin to help find a study group. Supervisor Thach said that since the Committee will be the ones working with the group, he feels they should be a part of the recommendation.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis told Mr. Garvin that he appreciates his work to find this firm. The Board of Supervisors agreed and extended their thanks.

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Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to hold this item over to allow the Convention and Visitors Bureau to review Hunter's Interest Inc. and make the recommendation for the firm to do the market study for the Civic Center as a committee. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit G.1.**

**2. Appointments**

This item was held over. **See Exhibit G.2.**

**3. Report From Committees to Inspect Phillips Road, Mahan Road, Herbert Road And the Road Located West of Craft**

Supervisor John Caldwell said he has been to Herbert Road in carrying out his responsibilities as part of the committee to inspect this road and asked the Board of Supervisors if they want to assure people comply with the County ordinances before taking the road as a County Road. Supervisor Caldwell said if the road is completed as requested, there will be a lot of junk cars exposed to traffic on the road. Supervisor James Pearson suggested stipulating the cars have to be moved before the road is taken as a County road. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said he would agree to that stipulation. The Board Attorney said that even if the parties had not asked for the road to become a county road, the presence of junk cars would still be in violation of County policy. Mr. Austin suggested handling this as a separate issue. Supervisor Caldwell said you cannot see the cars from the road unless you make the road a public road.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve all four county roads contingent on acquisition of right of ways. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

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

**See Exhibit G.3.**

**4. Proposed New Crossing of IC Railroad at Lake Cormorant**

The County Administrator Clovis Reed said he is awaiting a letter from Tom Zeinz of I C Railroad concerning donating the right of way for the railroad crossing at Ciba Road. to clear up some matters about the proposed new crossing of IC Railroad at Lake Cormorant. **See Exhibit G.4.**

**5. Jim Flanagan - Mazda Tax Exemption**

Jim Flanagan, Director of Economic Development, appeared before the Board of Supervisors to further explain the request for ad valorem exemption for Mazda.

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Mr. Flanagan explained that in late 1993 his office was approached from a placement agency regarding possibly locating a Mazda plant in DeSoto County. His

office continued to work with this office through 1994. According to Jim Flanagan, the actual announcement of Mazda coming to DeSoto County was made in the fall of 1994. At that point, it was discussed that they would have the opportunity to file for exemption for everything except school tax. The road and bridge tax policy was not adopted until 1995 and by that time the plant was under construction. Mr. Flanagan said original discussions with Mazda did not include the exemption of road and bridge tax. Mr. Flanagan said he understands that if they expand, they will not be grandfathered in for a tax exemption for the expansion.

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked if there were any more businesses in this situation? Jim Flanagan said that there were no others to his knowledge.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor James Pearson seconded the motion to approve the tax exemption including road and bridge tax, but excluding school tax as originally agreed. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

## **6. Bids Under Advisement:**

### **a. Packaged Disaster Hospital**

The County Administrator Clovis Reed notified the Board of Supervisors that he has received a bid for \$500.00 for the packaged disaster hospital and recommended the Board of Supervisors take the bid. Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to accept the \$500.00 bid from Cal Hubbard for the packaged disaster hospital. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit G.6.a.**

### **b. Pews for Justice Court**

Director of Operations and Maintenance Jimmy Bearden presented the Board of Supervisors a tabulation sheet indicating the bids for pews for the Justice Court renovation building. Supervisor James Pearson asked why there is so much difference in the bids. Jimmy Bearden said Dumas is a manufacturer as well as installer of the pews and they almost can't be beat. The other bidders are the middlemen. County Administrator Clovis Reed said there was a representative from L. L. Sams at the bid opening and when Mr. Reed asked him the same question, he said it is hard to compete with Dumas.

Mr. Bearden recommends accepting the bid from Dumas. Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked if Mr. Bearden had checked for used pews? Mr. Bearden said he spent a great deal of time on this effort and found the used pews were higher than the new ones. Supervisor Eugene Thach asked if anyone had asked Trinity if they could donate pews? Mr. Bearden said no.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked how delaying acceptance of the bid would affect the contract. Jimmy Bearden said it could delay delivery, but he was not really sure.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to take the bid under advisement. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit G.6.b.**

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### **7. Cleaning of Maxwell Building**

The Comptroller, Dale Thompson, said that she was notified the Tina M. Rogers had applied for the job of cleaning the Maxwell Building. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said this building is about the same size as a building in Southaven and asked if the Board of Supervisors will approve raising the salary to clean the building to \$137.84 per month.

Supervisor John Caldwell asked if this person works for the County?  
Comptroller Dale Thompson said yes on a part time basis. Supervisor Caldwell asked if the Board should go through the normal hiring procedure for this position.  
The Comptroller said right.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to hire Tina M. Rogers to clean the Maxwell Building at a salary of \$137.84 per month effective July 1, 1997. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

**8. Request Authorization to Open Bids On the Following:  
July 23rd (Bid File #97-152-001) @ 10:00 a.m.**

Supervisor James Pearson made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to authorize the County Administrator to open bids on July 23rd. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit G.8.**

**H. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Accept Contract Between Marvin Johnson and the Board of Supervisors**

County Administrator Clovis Reed presented the contract for execution for Marvin Johnson to do the preliminary design work on the addition for the Central Maintenance building. Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor James Pearson seconded the motion to approve executing the contract for Marvin Johnson to conduct the preliminary design and bid documents for the expansion of the Central Maintenance facility. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

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

**See Exhibit H.1.**

**2. Authorization for Kenny Gunn to Travel to MAS Convention**

Supervisor James Pearson made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve the Road Manager, Kenny Gunn, to attend the conference for the MAS Convention in Biloxi, Mississippi from July 29 through August 1, 1997. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

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**3. MAGPA**

No action was taken on this item of business. **See Exhibit H.3.**

**4. Change in Assessments**

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve the changes in assessments as presented on Exhibit H.4. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. See **Exhibit H.4.**

**5. Petition To Make Road Public**

Supervisor John Caldwell notified the Board of Supervisors that he has received a request to make a road in District 4 off Starlanding Road, 1/2 mile west of Highway 301 on the north side. The Board President, Supervisor John Caldwell, appointed Supervisor Eugene Thach and Supervisor James Pearson as the committee to inspect the road requested to become a County Road. See **Exhibit H.5.**

**6. Resolution Requesting MDOT Improve RxR Crossing at Green River Road**

The County Administrator, Clovis Reed, discussed with the Board of Supervisors the need to improve the railroad crossing at Green River Road. Mr. Zeinz suggested that the Board of Supervisors petition the Mississippi Department of Transportation to assist in improving the crossing. Supervisor James Pearson made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to request MDOT study the railroad crossing at Green River Road for possible improvements. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

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

**7. Sponsorship of Hernando All-Stars**

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to authorize a donation to the Hernando All-Stars from Advertise County Resources for \$150.00 in accordance with County policy. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. See **Exhibit H.7.**

**8. Bailiff Pay For Jerry Easley, Joe Holmes & Larry Carr**

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 Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to pay Jerry Easley the amount of \$160.00 for the month of June, 1997; to pay Joe Holmes the amount of \$160.00 for the month of June, 1997; to pay Larry Carr the amount of

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\$280.00 for the month of June, 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 Pearson-----Absent  
Supervisor John Caldwell-----Yes  
Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----Yes

**SEE EXHIBIT H.8.**

**I. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

**J. OTHER ISSUES**

**1. W. E. "Sluggo" Davis**

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor James Pearson seconded the motion to approve the deletions and corrections to homestead as presented by Mr. Davis. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit J.1.**

**2. Honorable William Austin**

**a. Payment to Taylor Realty for Appraisal**

The Board Attorney, William Austin, presented a bill from Taylor Realty for \$250.00 in connection with an appraisal for property in Eudora.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve the payment of the invoice from Taylor Realty in connection with the property in Eudora. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

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

**b. Civic Center Request to Borrow Money**

The Board Attorney, William Austin, said that Rex Haynes' mother had a heart attack and Mr. Haynes could not be at the meeting. Therefore, Mr. Haynes asked the Board Attorney to present a request from the Convention and Visitors Bureau to discuss and get approval to take proposals for borrowing money for the reimbursement resolution that the Board of Supervisors has already acted on. The Bureau has elected to go to the local bank for this funding. Mr. Austin added the urgency of this approval is because they are trying to get the property closed this month, as one of the property owners is in bad health.

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Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to authorize Clovis Reed to take proposals for the lowest

interest rate for up to \$3,000,000.00 for the Civic Center to be repaid from the tax as approved by the voters of DeSoto County. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

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

### 3. **Kenny Gunn**

#### a. **Request To Advertise for Hot Mix**

The Road Manager asked if the Board of Supervisors is interested in getting bids for Hot Mix for small jobs after the roads have settled from the County road work. Supervisor Eugene Thach asked what about the last bids?

Kenny Gunn said it has been two years. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said the roads took a beating last winter.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked about Getwell Road? Kenny Gunn said they are looking at adding that.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked why not use the existing contract? Kenny Gunn said this is a different type job.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked if the low bidder can't provide the service, can they go to the next bidder. The Board Attorney said that has to be specified.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to advertise for a hot mix contract for small patch jobs and later amended the motion to add that Kenny Gunn measure mileage on Getwell to see if Getwell can be added to the existing Lehman Roberts contract. Supervisor Thach agreed to second the motion with the amendment. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

#### b. **Park Mowing List**

The Road Manager presented a list of parks that the County is now mowing. Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked which fire departments the County is cutting? Kenny Gunn said none. **See Exhibit J.3.b.**

#### c. **Radios for Central Maintenance**

The Road Manager, Kenny Gunn, said that radios were bought in Central Maintenance in the early 70's. Some of the radios are not fixable. Mr. Gunn said he would like to phase in the 800 radios, as the cost is not much more than the current radios. Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked how much? Kenny Gunn said \$650.00 to \$800.00 each. Supervisor Tommy Lewis suggested he add this to his

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next budget. W. E. "Sluggo" Davis asked how many he has? Kenny Gunn said he does not know. Supervisor Eugene Thach agreed that Mr. Gunn should wait

until next year.

#### 4. Supervisor Tommy Lewis

##### a. Battered Shelter

Supervisor Tommy Lewis reminded the Board that they have not acted on the request presented by Judith Blaze for a battered shelter in DeSoto County. Supervisor John Caldwell said the Board of Supervisors should budget that for next year. Supervisor Eugene Thach said the Board needs to get wait until they get all of their information in order. County Administrator Clovis Reed said he has a copy of the statute saying the Board can approve the request if they want to. Supervisor Tommy Lewis said he wants to give them an answer.

#### 5. Supervisor Jessie Medlin

##### a. Ordinance or Yard Sale Signs

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said he has observed yard sale signs that cover county signs and recommends the Planning Commission establishing or enforcing some kind of ordinance for that. The Board discussed the matter and said that is part of the litter ordinance adopted recently by the County.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to adjourn until Monday, July 7, 1997, at 9:00. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

THIS the 30th day of June, 1997, these minutes have been read and approved by the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors.

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