

**DESOTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

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

**September 3, 1997**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

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

James Albert Riley, the DeSoto County Sheriff 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 Tommy Lewis.

**C. PLANNING COMMISSION**

The Planning Commission brought several items before the Board of Supervisors as evidenced by the portion of the minutes submitted by the Planning Commission. **See Exhibit C.**

**D. OLD BUSINESS**

**1. Appointments - District 4, Port Commission**

This item was held over.

**E. OTHER ISSUES**

**1. Gravel Contract Standards**

Supervisor John Caldwell said the State standards for gravel are not good enough based on the problems the gravel has caused in the County and the Board of

Supervisors should discuss developing a new standard.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis said he is not qualified to know about gravel issues, but said the Road Manager told him that once the gravel has a chance to set up, it is the best choice for the roads. Supervisor Lewis said to upgrade gravel standards, you must be willing to pay a premium price for gravel.

Supervisor Caldwell suggested considering setting up two definitions for gravel standards, as often the gravel does not set up before a driving rain washes it away.

Supervisor Eugene Thach said the Board needs a recommendation to establish new standards from the County Engineer and Road Manager that they cannot do a quality job under current gravel circumstances, and said this Board does not know about gravel issues.

Merritt Powell of the DeSoto County Planning Commission asked if we should include the new standards in subdivisions? Supervisor Caldwell said, in his opinion, we should.

After amending the motion twice, Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to ask the County Road Manager and County Engineer to give a recommendation for County gravel standards. 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-----Absent

## 2. Tag Enforcement

Supervisor John Caldwell said the Sheriff has begun to re-emphasize the importance of Mississippi residents buying Mississippi car tags. Supervisor Caldwell said the Sheriff's Department wrote 20 tickets at Horn Lake Middle School this morning, and said the Board supports their effort and encourages the Sheriff's Department to keep that up.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis said he supports the Sheriff Department's endeavor to stop people who do not buy Mississippi tags, but send their children to Mississippi schools.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said he agrees and has spoken with Justice Court about the effect of this non-compliance to the County.

Supervisor Eugene Thach said he would like to see the Tax Collector's office exercise their right to go back to see when these violators moved into the County and assess their tags from that time. The Board Attorney said there should be some communication between Justice Court and the Tax Collector to communicate the names of violators, in order to make this a reality.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to send a resolution to the Justice Court Judges stating the Board of Supervisors support the Sheriff's Department's efforts to assure Mississippi residents have Mississippi car tags. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

**F. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to recess until Monday, September 15, 1997, at 9:00. 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

THIS the 3rd day of September, 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