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DESOTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

TOMMY LEWIS, PRESIDENT, PRESIDING

February 2, 1998

A. CALL TO ORDER

The February 2, 1998, meeting of the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors was called to order by Tommy Lewis, Board President.

James Albert Riley, the DeSoto County Sheriff was present and did open the DeSoto County Board of S

- Jessie Medlin-----District 1
- Eugene C. Thach-----District 2
- James D. Pearson-----District 3
- John Caldwell-----District 4
- Tommy Lewis-----District 5
- W. E. ASluggo@ 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 John Caldwell.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The official minutes of the Board of Supervisors were read for the month of January, 1998. Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the for January, 1998 as presented this date pursuant to Section 19-3-27 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, annotated. The vote was unanimous. The **motion passed.**

D. OLD BUSINESS

1. Change in Tax Bill to Reflect Breakdown for City/County/School

Supervisor Eugene Thach notified the Board of Supervisors that he had spoken to the Tax Collector, Joey Treadway on Friday concerning changes in the tax bills to reflect a breakdown in city, county, and school taxes.

Tax Collector Joey Treadway told the Board of Supervisors that he is looking into changing the tax statements. Mr. Treadway said the statements are limited

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as to the amount of space available for information, although the more information

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that can be provided to the taxpayer, the better. He said he was not prepared to comment on make recommendations on the matter until he has time to talk to other counties that have made the change. Mr. Treadway said when the idea was first proposed to him, he could not understand why such a request was being made since we are not a separate school system.

Supervisor Eugene Thach said he was the one that got this on the agenda. The issue was brought to the Board due to calls he has received asking for the break down in the billing. Supervisor Thach said city, county, school, and drainage taxes are all that should be listed on the bills. In addition, Supervisor Thach said that people whose taxes are escrowed never see their tax bills. Supervisor Thach said he is, in no way, trying to show the schools up.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked how much trouble making this change would be. Joey Treadway responded the change should not be much trouble, and said the Board would have to tell him how much information they want listed on the bills. Mr. Treadway said that software should not be a problem.

Supervisor John Caldwell said Mr. Treadway had made a good point that the more information we can provide, the better. Mr. Treadway said he does not feel the County should go back to listing each tax. Supervisor Eugene Thach said he agrees, and thinks the listings should be limited to city, county, school and drainage taxes.

Joey Treadway said he has talked with three counties and wants to come back to the Board with some pros and cons on the issue. He said his office works with the city programs now, and said they do not get a lot of questions about school taxes.

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked Joey Treadway to consider sending a tax bill to *all* taxpayers, regardless of the fact their taxes may be paid through their mortgage company. Mr. Treadway said the bills can probably be changed to be sent out the card with a notation *AT THIS IS NOT A BILL.*@

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked Mr. Treadway when he will be able to come back to the Board. Mr. Treadway answered probably in two weeks or the first of March.

Chancery Clerk W. E. ASluggo@ Davis pointed out that Horn Lake Creek Drainage tax is not a one or two year tax, and said, as it was organized, it will be a tax from that point forward. Mr. Treadway said people thought the tax was a two to three year tax when adopted. Supervisor Thach acknowledged receiving a lot of questions about that tax as well.

The Board Attorney, William Austin, notified the Board of Supervisors that Horn Lake Creek Project is on the last leg of the Corp project. That project has been let and the work is underway. He said, at the last meeting, Engineer Gerald Davis was asked to study work needed in other areas of the project.

## **E. NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Terrorism Workshop - Presentation of Certificates**

T. H. Walker, Director of Civil Defense, notified the Board of Supervisors that a group from DeSoto County government recently participated in a Terrorism Planning Workshop. Bobby Storey, T. H. Walker, Randy Doss, and Walter Ruby

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all attended and completed the terrorism training. Mr. Walker said that terrorism has come to forward as a responsibility in Civil Defense, and DeSoto County has been asked to form a committee to handle such an emergency, therefore, primary responders have attended this training. Mr. Walker said Clovis Reed asked them to bring this acknowledgment to the Board of Supervisors to notify them of the County=s preparedness in this area.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis commended the group for their work to be prepared for such an emergency. Certificates were presented to those attending the training.

## **2. Jim Bearden - Buildings & Grounds Request to Replace Trustee Labor**

Jim Bearden, Director of Operations and Maintenance, came before the Board of Supervisors and said, as the Board knows, the County has lost the use of trustee labor. The season is upon us to provide work outside. Mr. Bearden said he would like to hire 7 workers--1 in Justice Court; 3 for grounds work; and 3 for buildings. Mr. Bearden said he feels that without trustees, it will take this many people to handle the work.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked how this will affect his budget. Jim Bearden responded that the workers would make minimum wage, but there will be funds needed for these workers, although Buildings & Grounds has some part time help money.

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked if the County will ever have anymore trustee labor. Jim Bearden responded not according to Sheriff Riley.

Supervisor John Caldwell asked if Mr. Bearden has looked at contracting out the work rather than hiring someone for the work. Mr. Bearden said he has not researched that option. Supervisor Thach said the County does that in other buildings and it has worked well. Supervisor Thach said he hates the County cannot continue to use prison labor, and said a lot of the prisoners really like getting out to work.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said the Sheriff just told him that we could get some prisoners to work on the roads.

Supervisor James Pearson clarified that we are losing the prison labor because there is nobody to watch them.

Sheriff James Albert Riley said the prisoners will have to be the responsibility of whoever takes them. Sheriff Riley said a few weeks ago a trustee was gone two hours before anyone missed them. Sheriff Riley said we need to be able to ask the state for the inmates we want to keep to work, but the Board of Supervisors would have to coordinate that with the State. Supervisor Thach said we should do that, and asked Mr. Bearden if we need more supervisors.

Jim Bearden said he does not think so, but we need to remind them that they are responsible for the workers.

Supervisors Jessie Medlin said the Board should remind the legislature to help us speed up the trials.

Supervisor Thach said he recommends the Board President doing whatever is necessary to handle this. The Board of Supervisors agreed to have the County Administrator do so.

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Supervisor John Caldwell asked Mr. Bearden to find out the cost of contracting the work out. County Administrator Clovis Reed said Lowry Dean has suggested getting a County worker to learn how to tend the grounds work at the Courthouse.

**3. Approval of Travel**

In accordance with Section 25-3-41 Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, any of their official duties for DeSoto County. That all such contingent on funds being available in the departmental traveling. travel is hereby authorized budget of the individual

official

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion to authorize travel for all officials and employees of DeSoto County for the period of February 2, 1998, to March 2, 1998. Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

**4. Approval of Bailiff Pay**

Pursuant to Section 25-7-27, Section 1, paragraph (e) which allows for seconded the motion to pay Joe Holmes the amount of \$240.00 for the month of January, 1998; to pay Jerry Easley the amount of \$200.00 for the month of January, 1998; to pay Tommy Carr the amount of \$200.00 for the month of January, 1998, for their service as bailiff for DeSoto County Justice Court. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. **SEE EXHIBIT E.4.**

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**5. Approval of Chancery/Circuit Clerk Allowances**

**Chancery Clerk Allowances**

On this date, the County Administrator, Clovis Reed, presented on behalf of the Chancery Court Clerk, W. E. Davis, an order of Allowances to the Board of Supervisors for the January, 1998, term in the amount of \$1,946.66. Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor James Pearson seconded the motion to approve these payments, pursuant to Section 25-7-9 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit D.5.**

**Circuit Clerk Allowances**

On this date, County Administrator Clovis Reed, presented on behalf of the Circuit Court Clerk Jeanette Martin, an Order of Allowances to the Board of Supervisors for the Circuit Court for the April, May, June, and July, 1997, terms in the amounts as follows:

April, 1997-----	\$600.00
May, 1997-----	\$360.00
June, 1997-----	\$1,440.00
July, 1997-----	\$720.00

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and, for County Court for the month of December, 1997, term in the amount of \$3,083.00. Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor James Pearson seconded the motion to approve these payments, pursuant to Sections 25-7-13, and Section 25-7-13(5) of the Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit D.5.**

**6. Approval of Publication of Board Proceedings**

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the publication of Board Proceedings in connection with Section 19-3-33 of the Mississippi Code which states that the Board of Supervisors may have its proceedings published in some newspaper published in the county, and cause the same to be paid for out of the county treasury. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

**7. Appointments - Tax Advisory Committee**

County Administrator Clovis Reed notified the Board of Supervisors that the bylaws of the Tax Advisory explain that the past chairman, current chairman, and vice-chairman of the DeSoto Council are to serve in these appointments. As those seats change so will the appointments for this committee. Therefore, Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve the appointments to the Tax Advisory committee as follows:

Past Chairman, DeSoto Council-----Melvin Walker  
Chairman, DeSoto Council-----Glen Mitchell  
Vice Chairman, DeSoto Council-----Chris Creely

The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit E.7.**

**8. Dale Thompson**

**a. Claims Docket**

Comptroller Dale Thompson presented the claims docket showing each

The Comptroller explained that the **County Administrator=s** budgets are over because we are billed for six months in advance for our portion of this

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked about the **Coroner=s** cap on the Bell South Mobility bill. Ms. Thompson responded that the coroner is reimbursing the County for all of his bill over \$100.00.

The Board of Supervisors discussed purchasing drugs through the County, rather than reimbursing Dr. Meacham. County Administrator Clovis Reed said he would find out if the contract mandates that, or if the drugs could be bought directly through the medical supply company.

The County Administrator, Clovis Reed asked Vanessa Lynchard to find out about the Law Library invoice decline.

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The Board of Supervisor discussed that the Mid State invoices need to be verified. Ms. Thompson and Jim Bearden, Director of Operations and Maintenance said that one person on the list has died. Clovis Reed asked if we are getting a certification quarterly. The Board discussed the affect of the recent annexations on the County=s bill from Mid State. The Comptroller responded that Southaven was the only ones to ask about their bill.

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked who handle the garbage in Memphis, Mississippi. The Board discussed they had simply allowed Memphis, Mississippi to contract for garbage service, and if they have not done that, the County needs to take them off our plan. The Board agreed the list should be reviewed to see if Memphis, Mississippi is still on the list.

Supervisor John Caldwell asked about annual bids. The County Administrator

Dale Thompson said she had received a bill from Lock Tech in connection with the recent jail inspection, and asked where she should pay the bill from. The bill was \$1,875.00. County Administrator, Clovis Reed suggested paying the bill from 701 from Jail Mechanical, but said the fee was actually for a consultant. In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 19-11-11 of the Mississippi Code, the Board of Supervisors did discuss an amendment to the budget for the Fiscal year beginning October 1, 1997, and ending September 30, 1998. At the recommendation of the Comptroller, Dale Thompson, Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the budget amendment for Operations and Maintenance as follows:

Lower	001-701-915	Jail Plumbing	\$1,875.00
Increase	001-701-554	Jail Consultant	\$1,875.00

The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

In accordance with Section 19-13-31 of the Mississippi Code Annotated, motion passed by a unanimous vote.

**b. Investment of Surplus Funds**

In accordance with Section 19-2-29 of the Mississippi Code, which states that whenever any county shall have on hand any bond and interest funds, any funds derived from the sale of bonds, special funds, or any other funds in excess of the sums which will be required to meet the current needs and demands of no more than seven (7) business days, the Board of Supervisors of such county shall invest such excess funds.

At the recommendation of the Comptroller, Dale Thompson, Supervisor

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<u>Date of</u> <u>Investment</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Maturity</u> <u>Date</u>	<u># of</u> <u>Days</u>	<u>Rate</u>
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1/27/98	\$1,955,000.00	3/25/98	56	5.285

The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit E.9.b.**

**9. Walls Satellite Building**

Comptroller Dale Thompson said she has received a response from Phillips and Associates that they will pay the \$103,000 bid, less the \$25, 000.00 adjustment. Ms. Thompson said they will pay for the building, even if we build it in a different site.

Supervisor John Caldwell asked if they reviewed and approved the plans. Ms. Thompson said they did and they will pay \$60,000 in cash or replace the

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked if the insurance is the same for the equipment. Ms. Thompson said they have already replaced the equipment at purchase price, and they have replaced the employees for their personal belongings that were in the building. Ms. Thompson said she would check the equipment policy for other details of the equipment policy.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked if the specifications have been submitted for the job. Kenny Gunn said the specs are in Purchasing. Mr. Gunn said he recommends replacing the building in the same location.

Kenny Gunn asked the Board of Supervisors to consider having the county buildings appraised. Comptroller Dale Thompson said she has already done that and Jim Bearden, Director of Operations and Maintenance, has talked with Marvin Johnson to determine the value of the buildings. Those will be included on the next insurance estimate. With the addition of the appraisals, Ms. Thompson said she expects the next insurance plan to be quite a bit higher.

Supervisor James Pearson made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to replace the Walls satellite building at the same location, and approving the change in the position of the building, and approving the lowest bid of \$103,996. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

**10. Justice Court Report**

Justice Court Clerk Linda Aldridge came before the Board of Supervisors to present the Justice Court

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked if the Highway Patrol is dissatisfied that some charges are dismissed. Linda Aldridge responded that they are at the will of the judges. She also reminded the Board of Supervisors that many people come and pay their fines without going to court. Ms. Aldridge said that all of the judges she has spoken with expressed an interest in enforcing public work. Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked if when people are found dumping sacks of garbage on the roadsides, can they be taken to Justice Court. Ms. Aldridge said that was done in the past.

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Supervisor Medlin asked if we do begin that practice, will Jim Bearden be the one responsible for keeping up with those cases.

The Board Attorney, William Austin asked the disposition of the cases Bobby Smith took to Justice Court for this same charge. Linda Aldridge said she would have to check.

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 January, 1998. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **SEE EXHIBIT E.10.**

**11. Monthly Road Report and Work Schedule**

Road Manager Kenny Gunn met with the Board of Supervisors to present of 1972, annotated.

Supervisor James Pearson made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell

**12. Authorization to Advertise for Architect for Jail Improvements**

Jim Bearden, Director of Operations and Maintenance, came before the Board of Supervisors and reported meeting with John Clark Hudson and the jail consultant regarding work that needs to be done at the jail. The Board Attorney recommended hearing the security report in executive session.

After Executive Session, Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and

**13. Authorization for County Administrator to Open Bids**

**a. Three or More Tractors**

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor James Pearson seconded the motion to authorize the County Administrator to open bids for three or more tractors on February 20, 1998 and take bids under advisement.. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit E.13.a.**

**b. Commodity Supply Bids - February 20, 1998**

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor James Pearson seconded the motion to authorize the County Administrator to open bids for commodity supplies on February 20, 1998. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit E.13.b.**

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**14. Northwest Regional Very Special Arts Festival - Request for Donation**

County Administrator Clovis Reed presented a letter from the Northwest District Regional Festival for funds to promote the Northwest Very Special Arts Festival. The **motion** resources to support the Northwest Very Special Arts Festival. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. **SEE EXHIBIT E.14.**

**15. Reconsider Board Action of 1/7/98 - Getwell/Church Road Traffic Signal**

County Administrator explained that on January 7, 1998 the Board of Supervisors approved paying up to \$1,500.00 for the equipment necessary to put the traffic

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin

**F. DR. LOVETTA BROWN - MS STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH - REQUEST FOR BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS**

Dr. Lovetta Brown said she and a group from the Mississippi Department of Health were coming before the Board of Supervisors to request help to fix the Health Department building.

Pat Sylvester showed pictures of problems in the building. She said they have outgrown the building and have problems with the heat in the building. She said in order to get the waiti

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked if they are paying rent to DeSoto County. County Administrator Clovis Reed said no.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked of some corrections had been made? Director of Operations and Maintenance, Jim Bearden said he is waiting for a roofer to look at the roof to assess the problem and make recommendations for corrections. The Board of Supervisors asked how long the roof repairs will take? Jim Bearden said the roof is 50' x 50' so the work to repair the roof should not take more than a week.

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked if there is room to move them to the new building? Supervisor Thach said this could cut maintenance costs. County Administrator Clovis Reed said plans are to co-locate the Department of Human Services. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said the roof will have to be fixed even if they move.

The Board of Supervisors asked if any of the inside problems on the inside of the building a safety problem? The Board of Supervisors asked Jim Bearden to fix any safety problems as so

Dr. Loretta Brown asked what about the heat? The Board of Supervisors asked Jim Bearden to look at the problem.

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The Board asked how many square feet are needed? Pat Sylvester said their staff has grown since they moved into the building.

Dr. Brown asked the Board of Supervisors to consider moving the environmentalists. Supervisor Tommy Lewis said the Board of Supervisors may consider moving them to the new building. Pat Sylvester said that may help, but it may not solve the problem. Ms. Sylvester said the closer they could be located to the Department of Human Services, the better, as many patients have to pay people to bring them.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis said he thought the sanitation workers would be moved out of the building to free up some rooms, and asked if that is a possible solution to their space needs? Pay Sylvester responded yes, with some modifications.

Supervisor John Caldwell suggested giving them the Department of Human Services Building when they move to the new building to extend their office. Dr. Loretta Brown said if they could get the D.S. room, that would be enough room. The Board of Supervisor discussed this possibility.

Supervisor James Pearson asked if the Health Department would consider moving into a new building in the Walls area. Dr. Brown said that right now, they do not have enough people to cover their office. Pat Sylvester agreed that the State has made many cuts in their budget and staff. Supervisor Pearson said the Health Department used to have a building in Walls, but it was taken away from them. He said a building was being constructed in Walls for the Health Department. The preliminary plans were approved by the Health Department, and this should keep the people in Walls from having to travel to Hernando for Health Department services. Dr. Brown said they would consider moving if they could get more staff. Supervisor Pearson said this would accommodate the people on the West side of the County, and those people are tax payers just like everyone else.

Pat Sylvester said since the closing of the Walls facility, Olive Branch has increased services and Jackson has decreased funding. Ms. Sylvester said it is necessary for three people to work in each office.

Dr. Loretta Brown said she will look into staffing the Walls facility.

The Board Attorney, William Austin, said the building the Health Department operated from was taken from the County to put in the Highway 61 Bypass, and the closing of the office was not from a lack of community participation. Now the County has a new building to replace the old building.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked when the Dr. Brown can report back to the Board of Supervisors on this issue.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to advertise to fix the roof on the Health Department Building. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

## **G. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Executive Session minutes are listed under separate issue in the portion of the minutes called Executive Session. **See Exhibit G.**

## **H. OTHER ISSUES**

### **1. Fire Department - Dispatchers**

Bobby Storey, Director of Fire/EMS for DeSoto County appeared before the Board of Supervisors to report that a dispatcher in the Fire Department quit on Friday. Mr. Storey requested authorization to replace the position and hire an additional dispatcher. He said that things are looking up in the Fire Department.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis said he thought the Board of Supervisors had given Mr. Storey the authority to fill the positions as needed.

County Administrator Clovis Reed said Mr. Storey should bring the name, start date, and salary to the Board of Supervisors.

### **2. Leadership 2000**

Board President, Tommy Lewis welcomed the group from Leadership 2000 in attendance at the meeting. The Board of Supervisors and the Leadership 2000 group introduced themselves.

**3. Road Bond and Discussion of Airways and Hacks Cross Road Project**

Comptroller Dale Thompson presented a report reflecting the \$6,000,000 road bond and road fund balances for road projects as of January 28, 1998.

Supervisor Eugene Thach said that \$100,000 was budgeted on **Airways** for 1996, but was not paid for from that budget. Dale Thompson said she had checked back to 1992, and found no evidence that this was paid.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked at what time the Board needs to have the matching funds for **Hacks Cross Road**. Supervisor Eugene Thach said the Board asked the engineers to go back and relook the plans for Hacks Cross Road. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said they did and changed the plans to make part of the road five lanes and part of the road three lanes. Supervisor Medlin said the industries in the area are involved in the project, as well.

Supervisor Eugene Thach said he does not feel curb and gutter should be added to the project. Supervisor Medlin responded that the only portion of the project with curb and gutter is the portion in the industrial park that already has curb and gutter on the other side of the road.

**4. Four Year Road Plan**

The Road Manager, Kenny Gunn gave the Board of Supervisors a working copy of the Four Year Road Plan for their review. Mr. Gunn said he is working to list all of the gravel roads the county is maintaining with plans to schedule paving of the roads over the next three years. Mr. Gunn said this should save money for the County in the long run. Mr. Gunn said he estimates there to be 50 to 60 miles of gravel roads in DeSoto County. Supervisor Eugene Thach commended the Road Managers efforts and said very few counties have so few miles of gravel roads.

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**5. Request for Gravel at Fire House on Pleasant Hill Road**

The Road Manager, Kenny Gunn said the fire house on Pleasant Hill Road has requested two to three loads of gravel be delivered. Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor James Pearson seconded the motion to approve two to three loads of gravel to be delivered to the fire house at Pleasant Hill Road, subject to a letter from them requesting the gravel in writing. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

**6. Request to Advertise for a Chip Spreader**

The Road Manager, Kenny Gunn told the Board of Supervisors that he recommends purchasing a chip spreader to alleviate loose gravel on the roadways. Mr. Gunn said he estimates this machine to save \$1,500 per mile in gravel alone, however, the machine costs around \$80,000.00.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked if the Road Manager plans to get started any earlier this year on the DBST? Kenny Gunn said they will have to if all plans are to be completed.

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked if we are going to get Meacham Road? Kenny Gunn said that road is on the list to overlay.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked if the chip spreader will put any size rock out? Kenny Gunn said yes.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said we do not need to wait until September to DBST. We need to start in June.

Supervisor James Pearson made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to advertise for a chip spreader. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

**7. Highway 304**

Supervisor Tommy Lewis told the Board of Supervisors that the Sheriff notified State will not patrol that anymore. The Board discussed that this was not to be done until later. The State will not patrol that anymore. County Administrator Clovis Reed said he will follow up with the Commander and the State.

**8. Federal Flood Control Act**

County Administrator Clovis Reed said DeSoto County has been awarded \$20,723.81 by the Federal government in connection with the Federal Flood Control Act, who disburses this money to the counties through the state. Mr. Reed said half of the money goes to the road fund and half to the schools.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion to approve and certify this award. Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

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**9. GIS Demonstration**

Representatives from Fischer and Arnold, including Vick Young, gave a presentation to the Board of Supervisors of the benefits of implementing GIS. No motions were made on this portion of the meeting.

**10. Approval of Bill for Plumbing at Jail**

The Comptroller, Dale Thompson, came before the Board of Supervisors and

Lewis made the motion and Supervisor James Pearson seconded the motion to pay the bill from LG & D Plumbing & Heating in the amount of \$376.85 for plumbing services at the jail. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

**11. Approval to Advertise for Secretary for County Administrator=s Office**

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve advertising for a secretary for the County Administrator=s Office to take Board minutes and other duties. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

**12. Appoint Temporary Purchase Clerk**

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to appoint Jeanine Ruby as temporary purchase clerk. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor James Pearson seconded the motion to recess until Wednesday, February 4, 1998, at 9:00. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

THIS the 2nd day of February, 1998, these minutes have been read and approved by the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors.

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TOMMY LEWIS, President  
DeSoto County Board of Supervisors