

DESOTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

TOMMY LEWIS, PRESIDENT, PRESIDING

April 28, 1998

A. CALL TO ORDER

The April 28, 1998, meeting of the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors was called to order by Tommy Lewis, Board President.

Charlie Brown, 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 Austin-----Board Attorney (Absent)
- Bobby Chamberlain-----Board Attorney Representative
- Debra Brannon-----Board Attorney Representative

B. INVOCATION

The invocation was presented by Supervisor John Caldwell.

C. OLD BUSINESS

1. Park Study

Supervisor John Caldwell made a motion to instruct the architect to continue with the Park Study as the next phase will include public input and instruct them to concentrate their efforts in the 40 acre area adjacent to the landfill and continue to look at the landfill to determine the safety issue associated with the 40 acre park development next to the 80 acre landfill.

Supervisor Jake Pearson asked if there is enough money for the project. Supervisor John Caldwell said there is enough money for the study.

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Supervisor Jessie Medlin said there is no need to spend money on the study if the Board is not committed to spend the money on the park. Supervisor John Caldwell said we can look at where the funds will come from later. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said that the Board needs to determine whether they are committed to building the park.

Supervisor Eugene Thach said the County needs the park and this would give us an opportunity to plan for those needs if the study is continued. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said DeSoto County needs parks in several areas.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis said if the Board does anything to the landfill, how will that affect the clean-up fund. Clovis Reed the County Administrator said that he talked to Conrad Stacks of DEQ and was told that as long as you do not go past the cap, you would be fine. Mr. Reed said that DEQ supports putting the landfill into useful programs but we cannot disturb the cap. They recommend adding fill to the area.

Supervisor Eugene Thach said that he has heard from people that are concerned about putting a ball park on landfill.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked what are the costs to go to the next step of the study. Supervisor Medlin said it seems that if we don't include the landfill area the cost should go down.

County Administrator Clovis Reed said he thinks the motion is to look at the feasibility of putting a park on the landfill but only developing the park on the adjacent area.

Supervisor John Caldwell said you would need to look at the park as a whole and continue to look at the landfill area in terms of safety. Supervisor Caldwell said the Board may need to fence the landfill area off, but we need to know if it is safe to have a ball park next to it. Supervisor Tommy Lewis said that he agrees that we need to know if the landfill area is safe. Supervisor Lewis said the other day he thought Bobby Fisher said the next step was to do a Topographical survey and there was another step after that. Supervisor John Caldwell said he talked to Fisher and Arnold about that and according to Fisher and Arnold, the Topo gives them an overall indication of where to direct their efforts then they can have more information to bring to the Board.

County Administrator Clovis Reed said that Fisher and Arnold said they recommend doing the Topo and going on with the Topo to adequately study the problem. Supervisor Tommy Lewis said he understood them to say the Topo would tell them whether to go to the next step.

Supervisor John Caldwell said they are going to focus their efforts on the land adjacent to the landfill. This is a continuation of their existing contract. We probably won't have the money to build the 120 acre park anyway. This will allow them to continue on and finish up the study.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis said that his concern would be if the Board is only going to do the 40 acres, then emphasis should be put on the 40 acres only. Supervisor John Caldwell responded that the county may not need 120 acre park study today but in the future a 40 acre park will not be big enough. Supervisor Tommy Lewis said he agrees.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked how much life expectancy is left in the rubbish pit.

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Clovis Reed responded that he spoke to Rob Evans and he calculated that could last another 10 to 20 years. Supervisor Jake Pearson said that everyone knows we need parks. We have to address it now or later.

Supervisor Eugene Thach said if we are going to build a Central park you are looking at big bucks to do so.

Supervisor John Caldwell said that all park plans are public information. Supervisor Caldwell said that Fisher and Arnold are doing the Southaven park. They should be able to look at both the county park and the city park and prepare the plans accordingly.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said I thought we were going to be looking at different sites within the county. Supervisor Tommy Lewis said he agrees. He thought this would be a county-wide study at first. Supervisor Caldwell responded that was included in his first presentation but we didn't get a vote on that. Supervisor Tommy Lewis said he thought that was what he voted for.

Supervisor John Caldwell said if we can't afford to do a 40 acre park now we sure can't afford to do parks county-wide. This is a good start.

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked if other areas need parks. Supervisor Thach said that the Board never addressed that. He said he has always been in favor of providing local parks to people all over the county.

Supervisor Jake Pearson said no matter where the county builds parks the city will annex them.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said that he thinks parks should be developed for the needs of the children first. Supervisor Eugene Thach asked if it is too late to look at this information. Supervisor Thach said that we know we have 40 acres by the landfill and could look at other areas in the county to determine their needs as well.

Supervisor John Caldwell said the Board does not need to authorize building parks all over the county unless they determine there is a need.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked how much the Board has invested in this contract. The County Administrator Clovis Reed responded that we have not received a bill but he estimates \$10,000 to \$12,000 of the contract has been used.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis said if the Board authorizes looking at the 40 acre site, how much will that cost. Supervisor John Caldwell responded that he thinks they need to study the whole area. Supervisor Caldwell said he thinks we need to finish this process and then go on with the county-wide process after that.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said Fisher and Arnold was skeptical about the landfill area from the start.

Supervisor John Caldwell suggested letting them use part of the 80 acres that was not used in the landfill for parking.

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Supervisor Eugene Thach said if the emphasis is for the 40 acres let's get the County Administrator to tell them that the Board wants them to look at developing the 40 acres and let us know any issues that need to be considered with the 80 acre landfill.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked if the next step will use up the entire remaining \$23,000 on the contract. Supervisor John Caldwell said he thinks we need the Topo Study.

Supervisor Eugene Thach said that Fisher and Arnold needs to come back next week and let the Board know the plans to progress on the study. Supervisor Tommy Lewis said he wants to know how much it will cost.

Supervisor John Caldwell asked that if we have a contract why do we need to vote again to continue it.

At the request of the Board President, Supervisor Tommy Lewis, the original motion was read back as follows:

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion to instruct the architect to continue, as the next phase will include public input, and instruct them to concentrate their efforts in the 40 acre area adjacent to the landfill and continue to look at the landfill to determine the safety issues associated with 40 acre park development next to the 80 acre landfill. Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote as follows:

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

Supervisor Jessie Medlin clarified that his "no" vote was because the Board of Supervisors should not continue to study the issue unless the Board clearly plans to develop the park. In addition, Supervisor Medlin said he was under the impression this was a county-wide study.

County Administrator Clovis Reed asked Jim Bearden, Director of Operations and Maintenance, to update the Board of Supervisors on the animal shelter area. Mr. Bearden told the Board about the dirt work that is being done to maintain the area of the animal shelter. Mr. Bearden said that there are holes in the area of the animal shelter that are being filled in. Mr. Bearden suggested that any time dirt comes from other places in the county that it be put in the animal shelter area of the landfill.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked if Mr. Bearden is dealing with Conrad Stacks of DEQ. Jim Bearden responded that he is and Mr. Stacks has said not to move any existing dirt but to bring more dirt into the area to alleviate holes on the property.

Chancery Court Clerk, W. E. "Sluggo" Davis asked what the policy is for renting the landfill area for hay. Supervisor John Caldwell said that he talked to Bill Austin when he had been asked the same question and Mr. Austin said you have to take bids on the property to rent it for hay. Supervisor Jessie Medlin suggested getting the hay cut for county use and the county often buys wheat straw to use on

various projects.

2. RFP - Appraisals on Church Road

This item was handled in Executive Session.

3. Appointment to MS Youth Summit Item C.3, continued

Supervisor Tommy Lewis requested appointing Joey Roberson as the District 5 Appointee to the DeSoto Delegation of the MS Youth Summit. Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to appoint Joey Roberson as the DeSoto County Delegate to the MS Youth Summit as recommended by Supervisor Tommy Lewis. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

4. Jim Bearden - Report on Lawn Service

The County Administrator Clovis Reed reported to the Board of Supervisors that there was a concern about whether Bryan Walker would be eligible to contract with the county for lawn service as he is an Election Commissioner. Supervisor Lewis said the Ethics Commission has determined that the Election Commissioners are a separate political entity and since we have three competitive bids we have met all the requirements to legalize the contract. The Ethics Commission said it would be ok. Mr. Reed said that he took the option of getting a written opinion on the matter from the Ethics Commission and that is due May 15. Until that time, Mr. Reed said he recommends continuing with the county providing lawn care.

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked what Hadaways bid was. Jim Bearden responded that they did not bid.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked what did the successful bidder bid for raking leaves. Jim Bearden responded that he will rake the leaves November through March.

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked if Lowry Dean's specifications were included in the bids. Jim Bearden said yes.

Supervisor Eugene Thach said that the Board had asked Jim Bearden to check on Lowry Dean's contract. County Administrator Clovis Reed said that according to Jim Bearden, Lowry Dean's contract can be broken with one days notice, however the Board of Supervisors discussed allowing Mr. Dean to continue as lawn care consultant for the county until all issues have been alleviated concerning the low bid for DeSoto Lawn and Tree Service. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said that it is a shame to pay this money when we have trustees in the jail who could perform this work.

5. TIF - Southaven

Mayor Greg Davis of the City of Southaven appeared before the Board of Supervisors and said that he has called other cities that have done TIF's to determine how they determined apportionments for the TIF's. Mayor Davis explained that the break-down of the figures given to fund the project. Mayor Davis said that he learned that one entity can fund the TIF for 10 years and the

other for 20 years. Mayor Davis presented a summary to show the possibility of doing the funding. Mayor Davis said that he wants the county to participate in the TIF with the City of Southaven with both bodies acting as one entity with the county pledging 10 years of their real property taxes.

Supervisor Eugene Thach said that this would include Airways, Southcrest, sewer and drainage. Mayor Davis said it would also include traffic signalization.

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Supervisor Jessie Medlin said that on a 20 year note, we would be required to pay \$144,000 or \$214,000 if we wanted to pay it off in 10 years. Mayor Davis said that is correct. Mayor Davis said that if the city could do a 10 year TIF they would do so. Mayor Davis said that these numbers are estimates. Mayor Davis said if the county wanted someone to look at the numbers, he would welcome them doing so.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked if the first step was a public hearing. Mayor Davis responded that his suggestion would be to have a county-wide public hearing on the subject of TIF's.

Supervisor Eugene Thach said according to Mayor Davis handout, the county would receive \$264,000. Mayor Davis responded that these figures are a worst case scenario.

Supervisor Eugene Thach said that he has researched the issues and can see the benefit of this tax increment financing. Supervisor Thach said that under these figures the project is truly a joint effort between the county and city.

Supervisor John Caldwell said that he is not against development but against Tax Increment Financing. Supervisor Caldwell pointed out that the 2% tourism tax is included to determine the county's share of the TIF but the 2% tax cannot be added to the operating budget of the county as it is for Civic Center use only. Supervisor Caldwell said that although he is opposed implementing Tax Increment Financing for this retail development, there are times when TIF's would be a wise funding tool. Supervisor Caldwell pointed out that this development is already being built and the TIF will not act as an incentive to lure these businesses to DeSoto County. Supervisor Caldwell said that the property values are well above the property values listed on Mayor Davis' handout. Supervisor Caldwell said that in this case a TIF would not affect the industrial development but would act as an incentive to retail establishments like Walmart. Supervisor Caldwell presented figures to support his opposition to the TIF and are included here as Exhibit C.6.

Supervisor Caldwell noted the benefits to the City of Southaven and the State of Mississippi with these retail developments. Supervisor Caldwell said that this is a good project but the county should not participate in this TIF. Mayor Greg Davis responded to Supervisor Caldwell's presentation. Mayor Davis said that the county will get plenty of business out of the State of Tennessee with this retail development. Mayor Davis said that the State does benefit but they are sending money back to DeSoto County to the tune of \$6 million. Mayor Davis remarked that Supervisor Caldwell's numbers are very close to the numbers he presented.

Supervisor Eugene Thach said the biggest problem was the 2% tourism tax. Mayor Davis responded that was correct, but as fast as the county is growing it has to be a cooperative effort to fund these projects. This will require more police, fire and other

services from the City of Southaven and the City of Southaven will have to pay for those services. Mayor Davis said that the county will not have any additional cost.

Supervisor Eugene Thach said this will help the roads in this area, and the county is involved in infrastructure. Supervisor Thach said the project will benefit all of us. Supervisor Thach said that DeSoto County has reached a stage when it is growing so fast that we all need to work together to keep up.

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Mayor Greg Davis said the City of Southaven will work with the county and will come up with a formula to help do the road from Hwy 51 to the Civic Center. Mayor Davis said that before we can come up with a number, we need to look at the 2% tax.

Supervisor John Caldwell said I know there are stores in the development other than Walmart, the City of Senatobia and the City of New Albany, both got Walmart Supercenters without the county providing a TIF. Mayor Davis responded that he does not know about Senatobia, but New Albany got CDBG grant fund money which the City of Southaven is not eligible to get due to salaries paid from these businesses.

Supervisor Eugene Thach said this is the County's first TIF. It is a very serious matter to determine if we want to get involved and is an issue that Supervisor Thach has spent time in prayer about. Supervisor Thach said that in the beginning he did not support Tax Increment Financing but since researching the issue he sees the benefit of the city and county working together on this county development.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said that Mr. Kelly is back in front of the Board concerning the Olive Branch TIF request and he would like to see that request included in this motion. Supervisor Eugene Thach said that these are two separate issues.

The County Administrator Clovis Reed said he talked to Sam Rikard and he said the county's participation in the TIF using the formula from the City of Southaven would be better than nothing but Mr. Reed said he did not want to speak for Mayor Rikard. David Kelly welcomed the opportunity to discuss the issue. The discussion of the Olive Branch TIF is included under Item C.5 of these minutes. After discussion of the Olive Branch TIF, the following motion was voted on:

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to accept the recommendation of Mayor Greg Davis.

Supervisor Eugene Thach said he would like to amend the previous motion concerning the City of Southaven to read as follows:

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion to accept the recommendation of Mayor Greg Davis with the percentage presented by Mayor Davis with the county paying 31% and the city paying 69%, doing a separate loan with the county's portion being 10 years, using the same bonding attorneys and professionals as the city, and it is desired that the county's portion of the money be designated for work on the thru streets of Airways and Southcrest; the motion was amended to include supporting the TIF request from the City of Olive Branch using the same formula to determine the county's portion as was used to determine the county's portion in the Southaven TIF request. The motion passed by vote as follows:

Jessie Medlin-----Yes

Eugene C. Thach-----Yes
James D. Pearson-----Yes
John Caldwell-----No
Tommy Lewis-----Yes

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said when the road bids come in to approve Hacks Cross Road, he wants the Board to revisit this issue to determine additional help for that road.

6. TIF - Olive Branch

The TIF for the City of Southaven was brought before the Board of Supervisors prior to the TIF of Olive Branch. At the request of Supervisor Jessie Medlin this TIF was discussed with the TIF from the City of Southaven and included in the motion for the City of Southaven. However the motion will be repeated in both items of business in this set of minutes.

David Kelly notified the Board of Supervisors that the City of Olive Branch wants the county to participate in the development of Hacks Cross Road as it was originally designed. Mr. Kelly said that the cost of the project was more, therefore the design was scaled down to meet the available money for the project. The Board of Supervisors compared the numbers on the Flying J project with those in connection with the request from the City of Southaven. Supervisor Jessie Medlin pointed out that using the same financial structure for this TIF will not benefit the Hacks Cross Road project to the same degree the Southaven project will benefit. David Kelly said that the City wants the county to consider the Hacks Road development as originally designed.

Supervisor John Caldwell said he does not know why the design of Hacks Cross Road was changed anyway. Supervisor Jessie Medlin explained the need of developing Hacks Cross Road for the Industrial Parks. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said at the time the project was brought up most of Hacks Cross Road was in the county and when the cost was determined there was no development on the other end of Hacks Cross Road, therefore since money was limited it was determined that it would serve the greater good to 5 lane the highway in the area of the Industrial Park. Supervisor Medlin said that at this time traffic on the other end of Hacks Cross Road has increased to 20,000 to 30,000 cars per day.

Supervisor John Caldwell asked if the county is going to fund curb and gutter for this project.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said that both the TIF for the City of Southaven and the TIF for the City of Olive Branch are important for the growth in the county. Supervisor Medlin reminded the Board that when the Hacks Cross Road expansion began two-thirds of the road was in the county.

Supervisor John Caldwell said that we don't want the cities to annex our operating budget through approval from TIF's.

Supervisor Eugene Thach said that he sees a problem with changing the funding formulas for different projects.

Supervisor John Caldwell said you are not comparing apples to apples.

Supervisor Caldwell said that the companies near the Hacks Cross project do not compete with other surrounding businesses, however the TIF from the City of Southaven concerns retail developments in which there is competition. Supervisor Eugene Thach said that the truck stop is a retail development. Supervisor Caldwell said he does not support unfair advantage between retail developments but he is ready to help the Industrial Parks.

Supervisor Medlin said they are looking for help to finish the road whether it is through a TIF or other means. David Kelly said that is exactly right, and said there is another industry that will increase usage of the road therefore making it even

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more important to 5 lane Hacks Cross Road. Mayor Greg Davis said that he would suggest the formula is fair that the City of Southaven is using and would suggest the motion be amended to include the TIF request from the City of Olive Branch for Hacks Cross Road and then have the Board decide if the county can put in some more money later. Supervisor John Caldwell said this includes the existing businesses in Southaven. The net benefit with the county is not there.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said that he thinks when Dale Wilson bought the property he thought Hacks Cross Road would be a 4 lane road as those were the plans at that time. The County Administrator Clovis Reed said that he has not talked to Dale Wilson but the original project was to 4 lane Hacks Cross Road all the way through.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said it doesn't matter to him whether the Board of Supervisors does a TIF, but the county needs to help with the traffic on Hacks Cross Road.

Supervisor Eugene Thach said that if we don't establish a formula we are going to have problems with other such requests for TIF's.

The County Administrator Clovis Reed said if the formula is fair then we need to give Olive Branch the opportunity to accept the Boards offer then we can come back later with additional funding.

Supervisor Eugene Thach said he would like to amend the previous motion concerning the City of Southaven to read as follows:

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7.Appoint Liaison Officer for Contract with Natural Resources Conservation Service for Dean, College and Bright Roads

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to appoint Kenny Gunn as Liaison Officer for contract with Natural Resources Conservation Service for Dean, College, and Bright Roads. The **motion passed** by unanimous vote.

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. Board of Education - Request for Culvert at Horn Lake High School

The County Administrator Clovis Reed presented a request from the Board of Education for installing culverts at Horn Lake High School to alleviate drainage problems they are experiencing. Supervisor Tommy Lewis suggested leaving openings in the culvert to clean them out since this is such a large area. Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve putting the culvert in as needed at Horn Lake High School with the Board of Education paying for the material the county doing the work subject to the approval by the city in an effort to ensure this will not conflict with plans of the city for that road. The **motion passed** by unanimous vote. **See Exhibit D.1**

2. Making Fully Executed Copy of Contract with BellSouth Part of the Minutes

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Jake Pearson seconded the motion to approve making the fully executed contract with BellSouth for the DeSoto County Jail part of the minutes. The **motion passed** by unanimous vote. **See Exhibit D.3**

3. Appointment - Horn Lake Creek Basin Interceptor Sewer District (Richard Wright)

Supervisor Jake Pearson made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to appoint Ernest Peak as Commissioner of the Horn Lake Creek Basis Interceptor Sewer District to serve for a term beginning May 4, 1998 and continuing through May 3, 2002. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

4. DeSoto Woods Park

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to quick claim whatever the county has known as the DeSoto Woods Park to the City of Southaven with the City's attorney doing the work. The **motion passed** by unanimous vote.

5. Chancery Clerk Allowance

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 April, 1998, term in the amount of \$2,216.66. Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Jake Pearson seconded the motion to approve this payment, pursuant to Section 25-7-9 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit D.5**

6. Central Maintenance - Replacement of Fence

Supervisor Tommy Lewis notified the Board of Supervisors that he is being contacted by a landowner on Fulton Road who wants the county to purchase the materials necessary to replace his fence that occurred when Fulton Road was widened. The Road Manager Kenny Gunn said that the county agreed to replace

the fence before the road improvements occurred. Supervisor Lewis said that the landowner would like to replace the fence himself rather than have the county do so, however he would like the county to purchase the materials.

Kenny Gunn said that he has determined there to be 1200 linear feet of fence that needs to be replaced and has estimated 70 cents per linear foot to cover the cost of materials and labor necessary to construct the fence.

The County Administrator Clovis Reed notified the Board that there was a verbal agreement to replace the fence when the road was widened. Mr. Reed said that he has spoken with Rob Robinson of the Auditor's office who says a paper trail needs to happen in these situations, however Mr. Robinson has said that the landowner needs to submit a damage claim in writing for the county to reimburse him for the fence.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis said the county probably gets a better price for materials than the landowner can get. Mr. Gunn said that the 70 cents per foot estimate was based on retail pricing at the Co-op. The Board requested the landowner to submit the damage claim and have the county reimburse the expense of replacing the fence as recommended by the Road Manager.

7. Approval of Petty Cash Reimbursement for Sheriff's Department

At the recommendation of the Comptroller Dale Thompson, Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the petty cash reimbursement for the Sheriff's department to Mr. C. P. Wallace for expenses in the amount of \$720.60. The **motion passed** by unanimous vote. **See Exhibit D.7**

8. Approval to Execute Architectural Services Contract for Jail Renovation

Supervisor Jake Pearson made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to authorize the Board President, Supervisor Tommy Lewis to execute the Architectural Services Contract for the jail renovation with Allen &

Hoshall. The **motion passed** by unanimous vote. See **Exhibit D.8**

E. EXECUTIVE SESSION

F. OTHER ISSUES

1. Invitations and Opportunities

Supervisor Tommy Lewis notified the Board of Supervisors that the Leadership 2000 has presented a last chance to participate in the program. Any names to be submitted by the Board should be done as soon as possible. Supervisor Lewis presented invitations to the Board for Board participation from North Delta and the Vicksburg District Corp. of Engineers.

2. Tax Increment Financing - Southaven, Olive Branch

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to authorize the Board Attorney to draw up a meets and bounds description of what was included in the Tax Increment Financing request to bring back to the May 4, 1998 Board meeting. The **motion passed** by unanimous vote.

3. I-69 Report

Supervisor Eugene Thach presented a report from his recent trip to Washington concerning the I-69 corridor . A copy of this report is attached herewith. See **Exhibit F.3**

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Jake Pearson seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting until May 4, 1998 at 9:00 a. m.

THIS the 28th day of April, 1998, these minutes have been read and approved by the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors.

TOMMY LEWIS, President
DeSoto County Board of Supervisors
