

DESOTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

TOMMY LEWIS, PRESIDENT, PRESIDING

August 25, 1998

A. CALL TO ORDER

The August 25, 1998, meeting of the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors was called to order by Supervisor Tommy Lewis of DeSoto County.

Sheriff James Albert Riley of DeSoto County 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, Absent
Tommy Lewis-----District 5
W. E. "Sluggo" Davis-----Chancery Clerk
James Albert Riley-----Sheriff of DeSoto County
Clovis Reed-----County Administrator
Bobby Chamberlin-----Board Attorney

B. INVOCATION

The invocation was presented by Supervisor Eugene Thach.

C. OLD BUSINESS

1. CENTRAL MAINTENANCE - EQUIPMENT SHEDS

Mr. O. Marvin Johnson, Architect and Road Manager Kenny Gunn came before the Board of Supervisors to present the floor plans with the average cost figures for construction of equipment sheds for Central Maintenance. Mr. Johnson said for this type of project the County did not need an Architect for this project.

Mr. Johnson did speak with several general contractors regarding size and cost of this project. Mr. Johnson presented a 40' x 75' floor plan with no walls, roof only. Cost of this construction would be \$ 23,300.00 which does not include contractor's markup nor engineering fees. Mr. Johnson said Central Maintenance could add a 6" concrete floor for an additional \$ 12,000.00 or perhaps a gravel floor, which would be installed by the County's own forces.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion for erecting one (1) building with a floor and one (1) building without a floor.

Road Manager Kenny Gunn said he had looked around and feels the 40' x 75' building would work fine. Mr. Gunn said he did not want walls erected as this would block the view of the yard. Mr. Gunn also stated at this time one (1) building would be sufficient as during the summer most of the equipment is out on the road.

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Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked Road Manager Kenny Gunn if 14' would be high enough for storage of equipment. Mr. Gunn replied, yes, and said if the roof was higher with the building open on all four (4) sides it could pose a problem during weather related storms.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked Mr. Gunn if he did not request two (2) sheds originally. Mr. Gunn replied yes, however, at this time one (1) shed would be sufficient and if a enclosed building was erected the view to the yard would be blocked.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion, and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve the purchase of one (1) 40' x 75' building, no walls, roof only and a gravel floor only.

The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

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

****EXHIBIT C****

2. MARSHA BAUGHN - UPDATE ON 2000 CONVERSION

Marsha Baughn came before the Board of Supervisors with recommendations on the 2000 Conversion. Ms. Baughn said she is waiting on letter of recommendations with cost involved from Data Systems Management for the 2000 Conversion. Ms. Baughn said they did not cover all aspects of the AS400 programs which would need updating.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked Ms. Baughn when could the Board expect information to be received. Ms. Baughn replied probably Wednesday, August 26, 1998. Ms. Baughn said Data Systems Management would be faxing information and she will bring it back before the Board as soon as possible.

3. STACY THOMAS - TAX PROTEST - TIME WARNER CABLE COMPANY

Mr. Stacy Thomas representing Time Warner Cable Company appeared before the Board of Supervisors requesting consideration for a reduction of 1997 Tax Assessment. Mr. Thomas presents a Summary of Significant Points regarding Reduction of Assessment. Mr. Thomas points out this summary shows there is a difference of \$ 5,937,844 between the assessed value and the highest appraisal Time Warner Cable Company received.

Mr. Thomas said the true value as submitted by Time Warner is \$ 4,226,872, however the assessed value by the Tax Assessor was \$ 10,379,716 which Time Warner did pay the assessment for 1997 under protest. Mr. Thomas said Time Warner began speaking with Bill Bryant of the Tax Assessors office regarding this tax protest. Mr. Thomas stated statue 27-35-143 of the Mississippi Code authorizes the Board to reduce an assessment when "the property has been assessed for more than its actual value".

Mr. Thomas stated Time Warner had no problem with the 1998 Tax Assessment in the amount of \$ 13,353,894, as Time Warner had made a 10 million capital improvement during the last quarter of 1997.

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Supervisor Eugene Thach asked Bill Bryant of the Tax Assessors office what is the last

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protest day. Bill Bryant responded the last day is August 31, 1998. Supervisor Eugene Thach asked Mr. Bryant what he recommends. Mr. Bryant responded at this time, he had no recommendations as the Tax Assessors office has not received an asset list with all appropriate information from Time Warner. Mr. Thomas said the asset listings was provided with all appropriate information on tax return to the Tax Assessors office and a difference of opinion arose on forms submitted for 1997 as compared to the same forms submitted for previous years and for 1998 tax year.

Mr. Thomas said renditions which were forwarded to the Tax Assessors office were broken down by category with acquisition costs. Mr. Thomas said that 80% of their property is tied up in underground cable, however the renditions show personal property with appraisals.

Bill Bryant said listings the Tax Assessors office received would not be of any benefit. Mr. Bryant wants to know the actual cost involved. Mr. Thomas stated this information was given in 1997 tax return and to please refer to last two (2) pages of handout. Mr. Bryant said the renditions are not beneficial to protest. Mr. Bryant said he is asking for an asset listing of equipment acquired and the cost of same. Mr. Thomas said this is the source of difference, as this form used for 1997 is the same form used on previous years and the 1998 year. Mr. Thomas said this goes back to sworn statement with statue of assessment more than true value.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked Mr. Thomas if Time Warner could give Mr. Bryant the list requested with cost of each item. Mr. Thomas said it is not cost effective to keep a listing of tools, such as wrenches, pliers, etc., or chairs by each item. Mr. Bryant responded Time Warner retains a itemized asset listing for depreciation purposes for the IRS.

Mr. Thomas said he does not want to waste the time of the Board of Supervisors. Supervisor Tommy Lewis said the Board is reluctant to change the tax assessment if the Tax Assessor has not been provided all pertinent information.

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked Mr. Thomas if Time Warner was objecting to any tax assessment except 1997. Bill Bryant replied, we are only asking for a 1997 asset listing with actual cost. Mr. Thomas replied Time Warner provided a asset list with cost on the 1997 tax return, and suggests maybe Mr. Bryant's definition of an asset listing is different than his. Again Mr. Thomas referred back to the Mississippi Code 27-35-143 and states the statue does not require acquisition nor cost. Mr. Thomas said Mr. Bryant is now asking Time Warner to regenerate all cost of items. Supervisor Eugene Thach asked Mr. Thomas can you supply this information.

Supervisor Eugene Thach said Time Warner is asking for a 6 million reduction and the Tax Assessor does not have pertinent information to make a determination. Bill Bryant replied, he is not ready to recommend anything at this time.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked Bill Bryant why the 1996 Tax Assessment was 2.6 million and the 1997 Tax Assessment was 10 million. Bill Bryant replied, he looked at the 1996/1997 hookup renditions submitted and in 1996 there was 17,220 hookups and in 1997 14,377 hookups in the County. Hookups for Hernando showed a slight difference; Horn Lake and Southaven remained the same; and Olive Branch showed a slight variance. Mr. Bryant said he did not feel there had been a decline in hookups for the County with the rapid growth the County is experiencing. Mr. Bryant said he arrived at the 10 million assessment by using the State Commissioners price of hookups at \$ 1,044 per hookup, with a depreciation of 50%, as this is the rule of the Tax Commission. Again Mr. Bryant said he cannot tell if Time Warner has been over assessed without an asset list.

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Mr. Thomas replied, \$ 1,044 per hookup is not constant.

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Supervisor Eugene Thach asked if this would not bring the depreciation back to zero. Mr. Thomas said a good depreciation would be 20% no matter how obsolete property gets.

Supervisor Jake Pearson asked Stacy Thomas how could there been such a loss of revenues between 1996 and 1997 with eight (8) families moving to DeSoto County a day.

Mr. Thomas said he would like to provide Mr. Bryant with what he is requesting, however he does not know if that is possible.

Chancery Clerk W.E. "Sluggo" Davis said this issue needs to be settled before August 31st, 1998, as information must be in Jackson, Mississippi, on August 31st, 1998 or protest will become a dead issue.

Mr. Thomas requested to be excused from the Board Meeting as to negotiate with the Tax Assessors office on this issue, and being able to return later in the day, hopefully with a compromise.

SECOND SESSION

Mr. Thomas returned before the Board of Supervisors after meeting with the Tax Assessors office regarding Time Warner Tax Protest. Mr. Thomas said he feels Time Warner has provided the Tax Assessors office with all pertinent information regarding 1997 Tax Assessment in a timely manner.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked Bill Bryant for his recommendation. Mr. Bryant replied, at this time he has no recommendations for this tax issue.

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked the Tax Assessor Parker Pickle for his recommendations to the Board of Supervisors concerning the Time Warner Tax Protest. Mr. Pickle said he would uphold the tax assessment. Supervisor Thach asked if Time Warner produced an asset listing, could the tax assessment be changed. The Tax Assessor Parker Pickle said no.

Mr. Thomas said some hookups were not included until 1998, however the letter presented to the Tax Assessors office stated there was a clerical error made. Mr. Thomas said the asset listing was not given on hookups, instead the items were listed by line item. Bill Bryant said he was asking for documentation for the renditions to clarify determination of figures.

Mr. Thomas asked the Board of Supervisors to review documentation of two (2) signed affidavits, an asset listing including cost and acquisition dates, showing a tax assessment in excess of true value.

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked is not the revenue made in hookups. Mr. Thomas replied, revenues are not made in hookups, only parcels in the County, as subscribers have nothing no impact on this issue.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked Mr. Thomas why Time Warner was not opposed to the 1998 Tax Assessment. Mr. Thomas replied, Time Warner had made a 10 million capital improvement in DeSoto County the last quarter of 1997.

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Supervisor Eugene Thach said Time Warner needs to provide the Tax Assessors office

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with pertinent information requested, as the Board will ask the Tax Assessor for a recommendation on a Tax Protest. Mr. Bryant responded, the Tax Assessors office needs documentation for renditions received to be able to make a determination. Supervisor Eugene Thach asked Mr. Thomas if this information could be provided. Supervisor Jake Pearson asked Mr. Thomas will you not give the Tax Assessor what he is requesting. Supervisor Eugene Thach said if Time Warner will provide information for the Tax Assessor, the Tax Assessor will work with Time Warner on this issue.

Bill Reed representing Time Warner said the Tax Assessor asked for an asset listing. Time Warner provided an asset listing showing cost, and acquisition dates. Mr. Reed said subscribers do not have a bearing on previous years nor the 1998 tax year.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked Mr. Reed could Time Warner give the Tax Assessors office what they are requesting, a rendition showing a overall loss of 3000 hookups, these figures had to originate from somewhere. Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked Mr. Reed, are you willing to give the Tax Assessors office what they have asked for. Mr. Reed replied, we have come before the Board three (3) times, the Tax Assessors office requested an asset listing, we have provided same, what more can we give to the Tax Assessor Parker Pickle and Bill Bryant.

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked if these were bogus figures submitted. Supervisor Jake Pearson said the Tax Assessors office and Time Warner are not working together on this issue. Supervisor Eugene Thach said this is a give and take situation, as it is placing the Board in a bad light.

Supervisor Jake Pearson made the motion, and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to uphold the Tax Assessment with the stipulation in the next three (3) days if Time Warner can provide requested information to the Assessors office, the Tax Assessor will reconsider 1997 assessment. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

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

****SEE EXHIBIT C.3****

D. NEW BUSINESS

**1. MERRITT POWELL/HALL BURLISON - BOND RELEASE -
a. Poplar Forest Neighborhood**

At the recommendation of Merritt Powell of the Planning Commission Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to release a road bond for a road in the Poplar Forest Neighborhood. Mr. Powell said he received an signed written request from the Road Manager Kenny Gunn to release the bond. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

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b. College Road East of Pleasant Hill

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Merritt Powell of the Planning Commission came before the Board of Supervisors requesting a Bond Reduction from \$ 170,000.00 to \$ 100,000.00 for College Road East of Pleasant Hill. Mr. Powell said the reduction of bond is sufficient to cover 1 ½" to the shoulder of the road with gravel.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion, and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the Bond Release on Poplar Forest Neighborhood and the Bond Reduction on College Road East of Pleasant Hill. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

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

****SEE EXHIBIT D.1.a. & b.****

2. DALE THOMPSON, COMPTROLLER

a. 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 Eugene Thach made the motion, and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the investment of surplus funds to Citizens Bank and First Security Bank, who were the high bidders that placed their bids on time for funds as follows:

Date of Investment	Bank	Amount	Maturity Date	# of Days	Rate
8/12/98	Citizens	\$ 1,000,000.00	9/25/98	44	5.1260
8/12/98	First Security	\$ 770,000.00	9/10/98	29	5.1100

The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

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

****SEE EXHIBIT D.2.a****

ITEM D.2.b.(1), CONTINUED,

b. Budget Amendments

(1) Metro Narcotics

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At the recommendation of the Comptroller, Dale Thompson, Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to authorize and instruct the Chancery Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, pursuant to Section 41-29-185 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, and pursuant to the attached Declaration of Forfeiture signed by County Attorney Larry Vaughn on Defendants:

Cathy Haygood case #DC-0094-1-98 Jose Angel Lopez case #DC-0109-1-98
 Allenza Johnson case #DC-0098-1-98 David D. Shook case #DC-0114-1-98
 Jason Bradley case #DC-0119-1-98

to transfer the following forfeited funds that were seized by Metro Narcotics.

From	623-900-950	Metro Seized	\$ 1,412.00
To	105-000-384	Metro Forfeitures	\$ 1,412.00

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion, and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the transfer of Metro Narcotics Seized funds to Metro Narcotics Forfeitures. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

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

***SEE EXHIBIT D.2.b.(1)**

(2) Solid Waste

BE IT ORDERED:

That on this date, Ms. Dale Thompson, Comptroller, requested authorization to transfer \$ 120,589.00 to Solid Waste Rubbish Fund (112-000-384) from General County Fund (001-900-950) per FY98 Budget. Pursuant to Section 19-11-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated, Supervisor Jessie Medlin made a motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis, seconded to authorize the transfer of \$ 120,589.00 to Solid Waste Rubbish Fund (112-000-384) from General County Fund (001-900-950) per FY98 Budget.

Lower	001-900-950	General County	\$ 120,589.00
Increase	112-000-384	Solid Waste Rubbish	\$ 120,589.00

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion, and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to approve the transfer for Solid Waste Rubbish. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

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

See Exhibit D.2.b.(2)
 ITEM D.2.c. CONTINUED,

c. Request for Payment - Tn. Valley Tech. Programs - License Renewal

Dale Thompson, Comptroller presented an invoice in the amount of \$ 250.00 for License Renewal for Kenny Evans and Paul Mullen from Tennessee Valley Technical Programs

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for approval of the Board of Supervisors. The bill represents two certifications at \$125.00 each.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion, and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to authorize the Chancery Clerk to sign a check in payment to Tennessee Valley Technical Programs for License Renewal in the amount of \$ 250.00 for Kenny Evans and Paul Mullen. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

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

****SEE EXHIBIT D.2.c****

d. Acknowledgment of Revenue - Carl Huffman - Stray Bull

Dale Thompson, Comptroller, came before the Board of Supervisors with a request for reimbursement in the amount of \$ 394.00 from Mr. Carl Huffman for retainage of a stray bull.

Ms. Thompson said she received a check from Billingsly Auction Sales, Senatobia, Mississippi in the amount of \$ 597.75 for the sale of one (1) black bull. Mr. Huffman stated the stray bull showed up in his pasture on 6/17/98, after being lose on Highway 51 and Oak Grove Road for approximately two (2) weeks. Mr. Huffman presented an expense breakdown of retaining stray bull in the amount of \$ 394.00. These charges were for repair of fence, boarding of stray for fifty-eight (58) days, and causing Mr. Huffman's bull to begin to fight, which resulted in Mr. Huffman having to sell his bull at the Billingsly Auction Sale in Senatobia, Mississippi.

Ms. Thompson said she has never had this type of situation to arise, and she is asking the Board of Supervisors for direction on this issue.

Supervisor Eugene Thach said this issue should be referred to the Board Attorney, Bobby Chamberlain for direction.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion, and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion for this item to be held over until August 31st, 1998, with review and recommendation from the Board Attorney, Bobby Chamberlain. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

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

****SEE EXHIBIT D.2.d****

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3. Love Fire Department - Asphalt Parking Lot/Moving Dirt

Supervisor Tommy Lewis presented a request from Love Fire Department for asphalt to resurface the parking lot.

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Supervisor Tommy Lewis suggested using money left in the park budget for resurfacing the Love Fire Department parking lot. Supervisor Tommy Lewis said the Fire Department was also requesting assistance from Central Maintenance with the use of a Backhoe to move dirt around on the Fire Departments lot.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion, and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to use remaining money from the park budget to resurface Love Fire Departments parking lot and for Central Maintenance to use a Backhoe to move dirt around on the lot of the Fire Department. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

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

****SEE EXHIBIT D.3****

(4) Appointment - Walls Sewer District

This item was held over until August 31st, 1998.

(5) Southaven Animal Shelter

County Administrator Clovis Reed presented a request from the Southaven Animal Shelter for assistance with expansion to the Animal Shelter. Mr. Reed said the approximate cost of the expansion to the shelter is \$ 15,000.00.

Supervisor Eugene Thach said the shelter does need to be expanded and asked if the County could pay \$ 7,500.00 out of the construction fund.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked if Southaven owns the building, is it legal for the County to approve money for an expansion if the city owns the building. Supervisor Medlin said he had no problem with approving funds , if it is legal.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked if the County helps with the expansion, can the shelter increase their fees. Supervisor Eugene Thach said the shelter is not planning on increasing fees at the present time.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion, and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve \$ 7,500.00 to the Southaven Animal Shelter for expansion of the shelter. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

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

****SEE EXHIBIT D.5****

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(6) Allied Expansion - Approval for Board President to Execute Contract

The Board Attorney, Bobby Chamberlain is to review the Allied Expansion Contract and present recommendations on this item which was held over until August 31st, 1998.

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E. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The "Executive Session" portion of this meeting is presented under the portion of minutes called "Executive Session"

F. BUDGET

1. Diane Hargrove/Pat Sylvester - DeSoto County Health Department

Ms. Diane Hargrove and Pat Sylvester appeared before the Board of Supervisors to appeal for the DeSoto County Health Department's Budget in the amount of \$ 18,060.00 additional funds.

Ms. Sylvester said the DeSoto County Health Department requested a budget of \$ 268,860.00, and the County Administrator Clovis Reed recommended \$ 250,800.00 which is a difference of \$ 18,060.00.

Ms. Sylvester said DeSoto County Health Department has incurred cost since July, 1998, which is a result of requesting additional funds. Ms. Sylvester said she was originally requesting \$ 38,000.00 additional funds which is a 13% increase over last year, however, the County Administrator Clovis Reed is recommending \$ 12,000.00 additional funds which is a 11% over last year. Supervisor Eugene Thach verified Ms. Sylvester, was requesting the full amount.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked how the additional funds would be expended. Ms. Sylvester replied for operating cost. Ms. Sylvester said she would like to share this information with the Board of Supervisors and hopes the Board will take into consideration the request for additional funds for the DeSoto County Health Department. Ms. Sylvester also stated perhaps the Board would consider a new building for the Health Department in the upcoming year or so.

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked Ms. Sylvester what was wrong with their new space. Ms. Sylvester said the layout of the building is in such a way that the patient flow is not good. Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked Diane Hargrove if the leaks in roof had been repaired. Ms. Hargrove replied, yes, and spoke highly of Jim Bearden's assistance in Operations and Maintenance Department. Diane Hargrove replied, the renovations are great, however, this will not fix the problem.

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked Ms. Sylvester if they receive funds from the State. Ms. Sylvester replied Health Department to operate in. Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked if the Health Department is needing all the additional money. Ms Sylvester replied yes and at this time we are requesting a new building for next year.

No motions were made nor votes taken on this issue.

****See Exhibit F.1.****

ITEM G., CONTINUED,

A. OTHER ISSUES

(1) Kenny Gunn - Petition - Remove Stop Signs - Holly Hills

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Road Manager Kenny Gunn presented a petition from residents in Holly Hills subdivision to remove the stop sign at Shannon Drive & Wendall Cove. Residents state there are two (2) stop signs within 75 yards of each other, effecting five (5) homes where residents will not be able to park around their homes.

Mr. Gunn said he has only received one (1) request from Ms. Teresa Crumpton for the stop signs to remain in place, as her children do play in the street. Mr. Gunn said he reviewed the area where the two (2) stops signs were located, and recommended that there is no need for two (2) stop signs located in this area.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said a lot of residents park in the road, as the drive ways are only wide enough to accommodate one (1) vehicle. Road Manager Kenny Gunn said the law states vehicles cannot park within twenty (20') feet of a stop sign.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis said the County cannot obtain the use of radar which does create a problem with speeders. Supervisor Jake Pearson said there are two (2) coves going into Shannon Drive and there are two (2) stop signs located within 75 yards of each other. Supervisor Pearson said there is no reason for both stop signs, and recommended removal of one.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked Sheriff Riley if one (1) stop sign was removed could his department monitor this area for speeders. Sheriff Riley replied, yes, as there had been several tickets written in this area for non-compliance of the stop sign.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked Kenny Gunn if he thinks the stop sign is necessary. Mr. Gunn said, to date, he has only received the one (1) call requesting the stop sign. However, he has received several calls for the removal of the stop sign.

Supervisor Jake Pearson made the motion, and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to authorize the removal of the one (1) stop sign at Shannon Drive and Wendell in Holly Hills subdivision. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

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

****SEE EXHIBIT G.(1)****

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(2) Kenny Gunn - Bond Release - Stateline Road

The Road Manager Kenny Gunn presented a Release of Bond on Stateline Road to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

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Kenny Gunn said he recommends the Bond Release on Stateline Road.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion, and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion at the recommendation of the Road Manager Kenny Gunn to approve the Release of Bond on Stateline Road. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

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

(3) Request - Angie Drive changed into a Public Road

Supervisor Tommy Lewis presented a petition in connection with Angie Drive. Petition is requesting Angie Drive be changed into a Public Road. Angie Drive is off Robinson-Gin Road.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis appointed Supervisor Jake Pearson and Supervisor Jessie Medlin to head up a committee regarding Angie Drive.

No motions were made nor votes taken on this issue. This item is being held over until September 8, 1998.

See Exhibit G.3.

(4) Kathy White - Human Services

County Director Kathy White of DeSoto County Department of Human Services presented to the Board of Supervisors the Annual Report.

Ms. White said total expenditures from July 1997 to June 1998 were \$ 43,695.44, however, total reimbursements from MDHS was \$ 27,328.56, which results in a net cost to DeSoto County of \$ 16,366.88. Ms. White said these figures only represent two (2) divisions of the Department of Human Services, however, the reimbursement rate for these two (2) divisions is averaging 62.54%.

****SEE EXHIBIT G.4****

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(5) Homestead Exemptions

The Chancery Clerk W.E. "Sluggo" Davis presented the Homestead Exemption Adjustments for approval by the Board of Supervisors.

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Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion, and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve the homestead exemption adjustments as recommended by the Chancery Clerk. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

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

****SEE EXHIBIT G.(5)****

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to recess until Wednesday, August 26, 1998 at 9:00 a.m.

THIS the 25th day of August, 1998, these minutes have been read and approved by the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors.

TOMMY LEWIS, President
DeSoto County Board of Supervisors

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