

**DESOTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**TOMMY LEWIS, PRESIDENT, PRESIDING**

**September 3, 1998**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The September 3, 1998, meeting of the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors was called to order by Supervisor Jake Pearson of DeSoto County.

Deputy Sheriff Don Cotham 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, Absent  
James D. Pearson-----District 3  
John Caldwell-----District 4  
Tommy Lewis-----District 5  
W. E. "Sluggo" Davis-----Chancery Clerk  
Don Cotham-----Deputy Sheriff of DeSoto County  
Clovis Reed-----County Administrator  
Bobby Chamberlain-----Board Attorney, Absent

**B. INVOCATION**

The invocation was presented by Supervisor John Caldwell.

**C. OLD BUSINESS**

**1. Appointments**

**a. Walls Sewer District**

This item was held over til September 8<sup>th</sup>, 1998.

**2. Approval of Expense - Terrorism Activity Conference**

At the request of T.H. Walker, Director of the Civil Defense Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion, and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to pay expenses in connection with the 1998 Terrorism Activity Conference, and to authorize the clerk to issue the checks as follows:

<u>CHECK ISSUED TO</u>	<u>BUDGET ACCOUNT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Travel & Tours	001-260-587.....	\$ 432.00
	001-202-475.....	\$ 432.00
	001-240-587.....	\$ 432.00
1998 Terrorism Conference	001-260-587.....	\$ 300.00
	001-240-587.....	\$ 150.00
The Grove Hotel	001-260-587.....	\$ 350.76
	001-240-587.....	\$ 350.76

**ITEM C.2, CONTINUED,**

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

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

**D. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. DALE THOMPSON, COMPTROLLER**

Dale Thompson, Comptroller, presented the budget amendments for approval by the Board of Supervisors.

**a. BUDGET AMENDMENT**

- (1) Animal Control**
- (2) Tax Assessor**
- (3) Tax Collector**
- (4) Accounting**
- (5) Purchasing**
- (6) Data Processing**
- (7) PBX**
- (8) Circuit Court**
- (9) County Court**
- (10) Chancery Court Reports**
- (11) Justice Court**
- (12) Prisoner Medical**
- (13) Advertising County Resources**
- (14) Justice Court**
- (15) Circuit Court Reporter**
- (16) Coroner**
- (17) County Buildings & Improvements**
- (18) Circuit Court Administrator**
- (19) Metro Narcotics Forfeitures Fund 105**
- (20) General Fund Transfer**

**ITEM D, CONTINUED,**

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.

Item D.1.a.(1) **Animal Control was held over.**

Item D.1.a (2) **Tax Assessor was held over.**

Lower	001-104-501	\$ 2659.00
Lower	001-104-570	\$ 1658.00
Lower	001-104-933	\$ 175.00
Lower	001-104-934	\$ 1246.00
Increase	001-104-502	\$ 3366.00
Increase	001-104-602	\$ 908.00
Increase	001-104-603	\$ 1289.00
Increase	001-104-936	\$ 175.00

The Comptroller Dale Thompson presented and recommended the above mentioned budget for approval for the **Tax Collector. \*\*SEE EXHIBIT D.1.a.(3)\*\***

Lower	001-121-523	\$ 460.00
Increase	001-121-603	\$ 460.00

The Comptroller Dale Thompson presented and recommended the above mentioned budget for approval for the **Accounting. \*\*SEE EXHIBIT D.1.a.(4)\*\***

Lower	001-122-523	\$ 137.00
Increase	001-161-468	\$ 137.00

The Comptroller Dale Thompson presented and recommended the above mentioned budget for approval for the **Purchasing. \*\*SEE EXHIBIT D.1.a.(5)\*\***

Lower	001-152-934	\$ 1500.00
Lower	001-152-443	\$ 22415.00
Increase	001-152-521	\$ 1312.00
Increase	001-152-554	\$ 14500.00
Increase	001-152-606	\$ 1998.00
Increase	001-152-544	\$ 4802.00
Increase	001-152-936	\$ 1303.00

The Comptroller Dale Thompson presented and recommended the above mentioned budget for approval for the **Data Processing. \*\*SEE EXHIBIT D.1.a.(6)\*\***

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Lower	001-901-999	\$ 18000.00
Increase	001-157-502	\$ 18000.00

The Comptroller Dale Thompson presented and recommended the above mentioned budget for approval for the **PBX**. **\*\*SEE EXHIBIT D.1.a.(7)\*\***

Lower	001-161-404	\$ 500.00
Lower	001-161-456	\$ 4700.00
Lower	001-161-556	\$ 2000.00
Lower	001-161-574	\$ 1200.00
Increase	001-161-412	\$ 200.00
Increase	001-161-502	\$ 358.00
Increase	001-161-575	\$ 4497.00
Increase	001-161-600	\$ 160.00
Increase	001-161-603	\$ 1073.00
Increase	001-161-607	\$ 2112.00

The Comptroller Dale Thompson presented and recommended the above mentioned budget for approval for the **Circuit Court**. **\*\*SEE EXHIBIT D.1.a.(8)\*\***

Lower	001-000-213	\$ 3966.00
Increase	001-162-575	\$ 3077.00
Increase	001-162-559	\$ 130.00
Increase	001-162-603	\$ 759.00

The Comptroller Dale Thompson presented and recommended the above mentioned budget for approval for the **County Court**. **\*\*SEE EXHIBIT D.1.a.(9)\*\***

Lower	001-174-475	\$ 2800.00
Lower	001-174-933	\$ 73.00
Lower	001-901-999	\$ 6415.00
Increase	001-174-411	\$ 9215.00
Increase	001-174-603	\$ 73.00

The Comptroller Dale Thompson presented and recommended the above mentioned budget for approval for the **Chancery Court Reports**. **\*\*SEE EXHIBIT D.1.a.(10)\*\***

Lower	001-166-606	\$ 386.00
Increase	001-166-934	\$ 386.00

The Comptroller Dale Thompson presented and recommended the above mentioned budget for approval for the **Justice Court**. **\*\*SEE EXHIBIT D.1.a.(11)\*\***

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Increase	001-222-552	\$ 23130.00
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Increase	001-000-323	\$ 12200.00
Lower	001-901-999	\$ 10930.00

The Comptroller Dale Thompson presented and recommended the above mentioned budget for approval for the **Prisoner Medical**. **\*\*SEE EXHIBIT D.1.a.(12)\*\***

Increase	001-675-522	\$ 961.00
Lower	001-901-999	\$ 961.00

The Comptroller Dale Thompson presented and recommended the above mentioned

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Increase	001-166-934	\$ 386.00
Lower	001-166-606	\$ 386.00

The Comptroller Dale Thompson presented and recommended the above mentioned budget for approval for the **Justice Court**. **\*\*SEE EXHIBIT D.1.a.(14)\*\***

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Lower	001-163-933	\$ 1000.00
Lower	001-163-559	\$ 1700.00
Lower	001-901-999	\$ 3267.00
Increase	001-163-411	\$ 5495.00
Increase	001-163-603	\$ 472.00

The Comptroller Dale Thompson presented and recommended the above mentioned budget for approval for the **Circuit Court Reporter**. **\*\*SEE EXHIBIT D.1.a.(15)\*\***

Lower	001-167-587	\$ 1000.00
Lower	001-167-502	\$ 600.00
Lower	001-901-999	\$ 6145.00
Increase	001-167-561	\$ 7404.00
Increase	001-167-543	\$ 371.00

The Comptroller Dale Thompson presented and recommended the above mentioned budget for approval for the **Coroner**. **\*\*SEE EXHIBIT D.1.a.(16)\*\***

Increase	001-701-564	\$ 18583.00
Lower	001-701-554	\$ 8239.00
Lower	001-701-555	\$ 6000.00
Lower	001-701-999	\$ 4344.00

The Comptroller Dale Thompson presented and recommended the above mentioned budget for approval for the **County Buildings & Improvements**. **\*\*SEE EXHIBIT D.1.a.(17)\*\***

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Lower	102-173-501	\$ 550.00
Lower	102-173-603	\$ 1900.00
Lower	102-901-999	\$ 16650.00
Increase	102-173-401	\$ 10524.00
Increase	102-173-440	\$ 1321.00
Increase	102-173-936	\$ 4351.00
Increase	102-173-523	\$ 116.00
Increase	102-173-502	\$ 1906.00
Increase	102-173-540	\$ 412.00
Increase	102-173-580	\$ 450.00
Increase	102-173-581	\$ 20.00

The Comptroller Dale Thompson presented and recommended the above mentioned budget for approval for the **Circuit Court Administrator**. **\*\*SEE EXHIBIT D.1.a.(18)\*\***

Increase	105-227-790	\$ 4203.00
Increase	105-227-711	\$ 900.00
Increase	105-227-533	\$ 75.00
Increase	105-227-535	\$ 1157.00
Increase	105-227-534	\$ 634.00
Increase	105-901-999	\$ 19081.00
Increase	105-000-382	\$ 7779.00

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Increase	105-000-347	\$ 5763.00
Increase	105-000-242	\$ 12000.00
Increase	105-000-235	\$ 508.00

The Comptroller Dale Thompson presented and recommended the above mentioned budget for approval for the **Metro Narcotics forfeitures Fund 105. \*\*SEE EXHIBIT D.1.a.(19)\*\***

Increase	001-900-950	\$ 53807.00
Lower	001-901-999	\$ 53807.00
Increase	101-000-384	\$ 53807.00
Lower	101-251-759	\$ 53807.00

The Comptroller Dale Thompson presented and recommended the above mentioned budget for approval for the **General Fund Transfer. \*\*SEE EXHIBIT D.1.a.(20)\*\***

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 Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve the budget amendments as listed above with the exception of Item D.1.a(1) Animal Control and Item D.1.a(1) Tax Assessor, these items were held over. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

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

**\*\*EXHIBIT D.a.(1).(2).(3).(4).(5).(6).(7).(8).(9).(10).  
(11).(12).(13).(14).(15).(16).(17).(18).(19). & (20).\*\***

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b. Transfer of Funds

(1) Grand Gulf Funds

Dale Thompson, Comptroller came before the Board of Supervisors requesting approval to transfer \$ 37,670.00 Grand Gulf Funds into the Solid Waste Fund 112 by an adjusting entry. County Administrator Clovis Reed asked Ms. Thompson how many transfers has been made. Ms. Thompson replied this is the first transfer of the Grand Gulf Funds.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion, and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve the deposit of \$ 37,670.00 of FY98 Grand Gulf Funds into the Solid Waste Fund 112 as follows:

Decrease	001-000-296	\$ 37,670.00
Increase	112-000-296	\$ 37,670.00

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

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

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

E. BUDGET

(1) Martha Gatlin - CVB - Request for additional \$ 27,500.00

Martha Gatlin of the Convention Visitors Bureau came before the Board of Supervisors to explain the request for funding in the amount of \$ 27,500.00 for the Bureau. Ms. Gatlin said Dr. Ed Franklin is the newest member of the Bureau and he will be heading up marketing for tourism.

Ms. Gatlin said these additional funds would be expended for tourism marketing. Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked Ms. Gatlin if all these funds could be pooled together with the Civic Center budget.

Supervisor John Caldwell said the cities should become involved in this as this is a county wide project. Ms. Gatlin said she has spoken with Olive Branch as they wish to promote their outstanding park facilities to host youth tournaments. Ms. Gatlin said DeSoto Council has pulled out of promoting tourism.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked Ms. Gatlin if these additional funds would be considered a loan. Ms. Gatlin replied additional funds would be for the Bureau's budget not the Civic Center. Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked Ms. Gatlin if the Bureau had budget proposal. Ms. Gatlin said no, however, the Bureau received \$ 20,000.00 from the Board two (2) years ago and those are the funds the Bureau has been operating on. Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked if money from the Civic Center operational budget can be used. Ms. Gatlin replied, she did not think that money could be used. Ms. Gatlin asked the Board of Supervisors, if they were going to have tourism marketing.

Supervisor John Caldwell said if this project is not a county wide effort, he would rather not fund this project as these could conflict with efforts of the cities. Supervisor John Caldwell said he would like to see the exact dollar amount of the cities for the project. Supervisor Tommy Lewis said he agreed with Supervisor John Caldwell. Ms. Gatlin said DeSoto Council has relinquished all components with the Bureau.

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Supervisor Tommy Lewis said there needs to be a meeting between the Convention and Visitors Bureau and the mayors to discuss this issue. Mr. Reed said the additional funding request should be in the amount of \$ 31,500.00, according to the sum of the figures on Exhibit E.1.

Mr. Reed asked Ms. Gatlin if these employees report to the Civic Center. Ms. Gatlin replied yes. Supervisor John Caldwell said this relates to the Civic Center. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said all of this relates to the Civic Center, and monies should come from Civic Center. Supervisor John Caldwell said office administration should also come from Civic Center money as employees would report to the Civic Center Manager.

Dale Thompson, Comptroller, asked Ms. Gatlin who funded the advertisement for the Civic Center manager. Dale Thompson said no county money was used for this advertisement. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said he thinks the CVB has done a good job and he wants to support their efforts, but it should be paid from the 2% tax.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis said he did not know where the Board stands with this issue. Supervisor Lewis said this should be funded from the 2% tourism tax or the county, but this issue needs to be resolved. Supervisor John Caldwell said requests should be funded from the 2% tourism tax.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said he is in favor of helping, but funds should come from the 2% tourism tax, not property tax. Supervisor Tommy Lewis said the bottom line is that we should take funds from the 2% tourism tax, if available. Supervisor Lewis said the 2% tourism tax funds cannot be used until November 1, 1998, but if the Bureau falls short, the county will make up the difference.

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Supervisor John Caldwell again asked if this money could be a loan. Dale Thompson, Comptroller, said why would they want to borrow more money than they actually needed. Supervisor Caldwell said we are not charging interest so what would it matter.

Supervisor John Caldwell asked if allocations would be set up for the Bureau for a period of time. Supervisor Tommy Lewis said the CVB was appointed by the Board and they do not receive any pay for their position. Supervisor Lewis said the Board does not need to be at odds with the CVB, as the communication lines need to be opened. Supervisor Lewis suggested the Board sit down with the CVB Board to discuss this issue. Supervisor Lewis requested a volunteer from the Board meet with the CVB. Supervisor John Caldwell said he would be glad to discuss this issue, however, he feels this money should be a loan. Supervisor John Caldwell asked where we stand with the legal verbiage on this issue. County Administrator Clovis Reed replied he would check with the Board Attorney on this matter.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said he would make a motion to approve this if it were a loan. Dale Thompson, Comptroller, and Clovis Reed, County Administrator suggested increasing the present line items. Mr. Reed said money could be increased for the Civic Center. However, the Civic Center could add an extra line item to their budget showing CVB. Mr. Reed said the Civic Center could divide money into their line items. This would be similar to E911 and Walls Sewer.

Dale Thompson, Comptroller said the County will handle their payroll, but the Civic Center will reimburse the County for payroll expense. Mr. Reed said \$ 150,000.00 would come from the General fund and the other \$ 150,000.00 from the Construction fund.

Supervisor Eugene Thach said when the Civic Center opens, if a concert is held, the Civic Center Manager would have to settle with the performers that evening. Supervisor Eugene Thach said with the Board approving all expenditures, the Manager would need authority to sign checks for such benefits. Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked who would oversee the expenditures. Dale Thompson, Comptroller said the state would audit the books at the Board's request.

#### **ITEM E, CONTINUED,**

Ms. Thompson said presently the Board has different agencies set up which the Board allocates funds to on a monthly basis for their expenses, and this would follow the same audit procedures. Mr. Reed said presently the Board allocates funds to DeSoto Council, E911, etc. These are political bodies of government as they are bonded and responsible for appropriation of funds.

Mr. Reed said presently the funds for the CVB are not sufficient to cover cost, as they are requesting supplemental funds.

Dale Thompson, Comptroller suggested funding through the Civic Center as a loan. Mr. Reed reminded the Board that money earned in the Civic Center will be going back into the Civic Center Building. Ms. Thompson asked how the Board going to manage this fund.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis said he wanted all expenses to come from the 2% tourism tax. Supervisor Lewis said the facility requires 10,000 seats for adequate seating. Supervisor Lewis said if money was going to be the issue, we either fund this project or cut the facility to less than ideal. Supervisor John Caldwell said if money is a loan, they need to justify the expenditures. Supervisor Jake Pearson asked for a breakdown of expenditures showing allocations per line item. Ms. Thompson asked Supervisor Caldwell if the Board requests budgets from other departments.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin suggested increasing funds by \$ 31,500.00 as a loan. Supervisor Tommy Lewis suggested to increasing funds by \$ 19,500.00 and meet with the CVB to work out differences. Supervisor John Caldwell said arguments would be over landscaping, entry ways, etc.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said the Board is protective of County money.

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Mr. Reed said the Board issued Bonds for this project, and the Board is held responsible for repayment of these bonds. Mr. Reed said presently there is \$ 150,000.00 allocated for this project. Mr. Reed suggested increasing the fund by \$ 19,500 bringing the allocation to \$ 169,500.00.

The Board discussed the need to support the Civic Center and the need to develop a procedure to do so.

Dale Thompson asked if she will continue to handle the construction account and the debt service fund. County Administrator Clovis Reed said this Board is responsible for payment of the proceeds because they issued the bonds.

Supervisor John Caldwell asked how Walls Sewer pays their loans. The Comptroller, Dale Thompson said the County does that, the Tax Collector does.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said this is a new process and involves a lot of money. He said it is going to take some time to work out the details.

## **2. BUDGET**

### **103-477 -**

The County Administrator said the Tax Assessor, Parker Pickle asked for \$ 15,000.00 in this line item and he recommended \$ 12,000.00 for travel in County. The Board of Supervisors agreed \$ 12,000.00 should cover this item.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked what reason the Tax Assessor gave for the \$ 15,000.00 request. The County Administrator said the Tax Assessor said there was an increase in work load.

## **ITEM E.2, CONTINUED,**

### **Tax Collector -**

County Administrator reported that a new position was included in the Tax Collector's budget of assistant bookkeeper.

### **Planning Commission -**

The County Administrator reported that the GIS Study was carried over in the FY99 budget.

### **Purchasing -**

The County Administrator said that the Director of Purchasing has notified him that they need \$ 1,000.00 more in account 523 due to forms that she has to have printed for that department.

### **Personnel Administration -**

The County Administrator said that an additional \$ 10,000.00 is needed for legal fees to finish the personnel manual. Supervisor Tommy Lewis said to leave that amount in the budget. The County Administrator said Jane Heidleberg will also need some office space to finish the manual for about two (2) months. Supervisor John Caldwell said the County needs the personnel manual handbook as promised by Jane Heidleberg as soon as possible.

### **Operations & Maintenance -**

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The County Administrator said that two (2) new positions were added to this department. One (1) additional position is a janitor for the Board of Education building and a Maintenance Mechanic and the other is a Maintenance Mechanic for the jail. The County Administrator said this will allow someone to be on call twenty-four (24) hours a day. Mr. Reed said that Operations & Maintenance had requested several new vehicles and he put one (1) in the budget.

**Data Processing -**

Mr. Reed said that the assistant's salary is in the budget at \$ 35 and should be changed to \$ 45,000.00 plus fringes in line item #443.

**PBX Systems -**

The Board directed the County Administrator to add \$ 6,000.00 increase in that budget for a part time person who will be necessary when Ann Richmond is out for six (6) weeks around December.

**Youth Service -**

The County Administrator said there is \$ 15,600.00 in the budget for a Youth Court Prosecutor and the office allowance was changed from \$ 2,400.00 to \$ 3,300.00 per year. The budget also reflects an increase in salaries for weekend service to juvenile workers to include a \$ 25.00 raise per weekend.

**Lunacy -**

The Board discussed whether Dr. Meacham is to do lunacy evaluations as part of his contract.

**ITEM E.2, CONTINUED,**

**Fire EMS -**

Supervisor John Caldwell brought up the issue of whether to go to centralized billing for EMS. Fire EMS Coordinator Bobbie Storey said he can speak for Eudora. Mr. Storey said he knows there are times when second notices should go out, but the work load will not allow it. To do it you would have to hire a billing clerk. Mr. Storey said his office is not equipped to take care of that. Mr. Storey said he thinks collections would go up if a billing clerk is hired. Mr. Storey said that some private companies save money with centralized purchasing. Mr. Storey said that these fire departments pay rent, gas, electric, and phone bills. EMS mandates that this goes up. Mr. Storey said that it would take \$ 68,000.00 for this and would increase his budget about \$ 240,000 to \$ 250,000.00. The Comptroller, Dale Thompson asked how much revenue it would bring in. Bobby Storey said probably enough to pay for the increase plus some. Dale Thompson said it would require more bookkeeping.

The County Administrator Clovis Reed asked when the service started out if it was all volunteer.

Bobby Storey said yes. Supervisor Tommy Lewis said his only concern is the legality of it.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said he had some questions about Walls getting back their uncollectibles. Supervisor John Caldwell asked how long it will take to clear this up. Comptroller, Dale Thompson said we are going to have to reconcile all three (3) accounts. Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked if there is money being spent for parties. Bobby Storey said there is not and that happened one (1) time and he showed the service where it was not allowable.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked when we can get this done. Bobby Storey answered that if the

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Comptroller will guide him, he will make it happen as soon as possible. The Comptroller, Dale Thompson, said that she will need the revenue from last year. Supervisor John Caldwell asked Mr. Storey to find out what bills were for the year and average them for a monthly figure. Bobby Storey said an upgrade was just done on the computer to update the billing program. Clovis Reed, the County Administrator said the County will need to put \$ 250,000.00 in revenues then come up with the line items that Mr. Storey needs. Bobby Storey said this should take care of County growth and increased expenses for EMS. The County Administrator cautioned Mr. Storey not to be wrong on the revenues.

**Fire -**

The Fire EMS Coordinator Bobby Storey brought Supervisor John Caldwell up to date on the request to contract volunteer firemen. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said he would like Mr. Storey to give the Board a map to reflect how it would be staffed with contract people.

Line Item #441-704 the Board authorized the County Administrator to change this item to \$ 15,000.00.

**Economic Assistance -**

The County Administrator said that Kathy White was concerned about a copier and notified the Board that she may come back with a request for a copy machine. The Board of Supervisors said that it is time to start billing this department for rent, but to do so will require the non-profit status for the building to be established. The Board instructed Bobby Chamberlain to start work on that non-profit status.

**ITEM E.2, CONTINUED,**

**Board of Education Building -**

Supervisor John Caldwell asked if the Board needs to get buildings and grounds to look at the renovation needs for the Board of Education building. Supervisor Caldwell said that he would like the Board to look at that before they spent money in each individual department. Dale Thompson, the Comptroller, said if they decide to they can move that money.

**Mid State Opportunities -**

The County Administrator said this budget dropped because the County has already paid for the buses.

**Emergency Shelter -**

County Administrator notified the Board that the DeSoto Sunrise has agreed to a five (5) year contract with a CPI adjustments for the fiscal years.

**Park -**

The County Administrator reminded the Board that the Park budget was cut to zero but each individual district park balance was carried over for FY99.

**Museum -**

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The Board of Supervisors discussed whether the budget should include the total \$ 200,000.00. Ellen Meacham who is on Museum Committee said if the Board wants to put \$ 100,000.00 this year into the project, then the Museum could get a loan on the other. Ms. Meacham reported that the Museum effort is going really well. Supervisor Tommy Lewis said there is no need in them paying interest on a loan while the County is earning interest on the money. Supervisor Jake Pearson asked how donations are going. Ellen Meacham responded that donations are going great. Supervisor Tommy Lewis said he thinks the Board should budget the amount promised to the Museum. All agreed to change that amount to \$ 200,000.00.

**DeSoto Council -**

The County Administrator reminded the Board of Supervisors that they had earlier changed this budget to \$ 225,000.00.

**Building & Improvements -**

The County Administrator said \$ 60,000.00 was in budget for the Miller Voting Precinct but he understands this will not cover all of the expenses.

**Parking Lots -**

Dale Thompson, the Comptroller, asked if the money was paid this year for the parking lots at various County buildings. The County Administrator said he was not sure that these expenses were paid this year.

**Architect Fees -**

The County Administrator said this is an undesigned line item in the budget but is always needed throughout the year. The Board of Supervisors discussed roofing County buildings and possible FY99 needs.

**ITEM E.2, CONTINUED,**

**New Construction -**

The County Administrator said \$ 350,000.00 is in this line item for the Allied building.

**Volunteer Fire Department -**

The County Administrator said that FY98 expenses to date were \$ 508,555.00. The request for FY99 was \$ 559,965.00 and he recommended \$ 559,265.00. The Comptroller, Dale Thompson asked if the County is splitting Bobby Storey's salary between Fire and EMS. The County Administrator said the County should be doing that.

**EMSOF -**

Dale Thompson said that line item was changed to carry over from last year.

**Solid Waste -**

Supervisor John Caldwell asked when the BFI contract will end. The County Administrator, Clovis Reed said that he needs to check to be sure. The County Administrator speculated that this line item needs to be increased.

**Metro Narcotics -**

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The County Administrator speculated that the Board of Supervisors needs a paper trail for expenditures for Metro Narcotics. Supervisor John Caldwell said the Board should be able to get a line item accounting from Metro Narcotics. The Board of Supervisors discussed that the County is under liability if the accounting is not handled properly. The County Administrator, Clovis Reed agreed and said the County pays the bills for Metro Narcotics.

**Road Improvements -**

The County Administrator said that line #19 on page 66 of the proposed budget reflects a difference of \$ 234,000.00 plus more than last year, but the Road Manager handed in 1.4 million dollar increase in his requested budget. The Comptroller, Dale Thompson said the beginning cash balance should be around 2 million dollars in that department.

**Justice Court Reports -**

Dale Thompson said the AOC billed the County for the June and that should be paid now.

**Circuit Court Administrator -**

The County Administrator said it will necessary to shift some money in this account but it does not reflect any additional money.

**Prisoner Medical -**

The Board discussed the possibilities for extending the Prisoner Medical Contract.

**F. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

**ITEM G, CONTINUED,**

**G. OTHER ISSUES**

**1. Eudora Property**

Supervisor John Caldwell said the County should advertise to see if we can get the building scrapped. Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion, and Supervisor Jake Pearson seconded the motion to advertise the Old Gym to see about having it torn down and having the property cleaned up. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

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

**2. Overtime**

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked if there was a Board order done for overtime pay in Central Maintenance. The Board discussed that there was a legal issue with payment of overtime on pay periods with a holiday.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to

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adjourn until Tuesday, September 8, 1998 at 9:00 a.m.

THIS the 3rd day of September, 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

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