

DESOTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

TOMMY LEWIS, PRESIDENT, PRESIDING

November 4, 1998

A. CALL TO ORDER

The November 4, 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
- Tommy Lewis-----District 5
- W. E. "Sluggo" Davis-----Chancery Clerk
- James Albert Riley-----Sheriff of DeSoto County
- W.E."Sluggo" Davis-----Interim County Administrator
- Bill Austin-----Board Attorney

B. INVOCATION

The invocation was presented by Chancery Clerk W. E. "Sluggo" Davis.

C. PLANNING COMMISSION

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

A. OLD BUSINESS

1. Approval of Contract with Mardis Tank - Painting Water & Holding Tanks

Board Attorney, William Austin notified the Board of Supervisors the contract presented by Mardis Tank for Painting Water & Holding Tanks met with his approval after review.

At the recommendation of Board Attorney, William Austin, Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion, and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the to execute the contract in six (6) duplicates for the referenced project in connection with the Nesbit Water Project. This **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit D.1****

2. Civic Center - Approval Loan Agreement

This item was held over until November 16th, 1998. ****See Exhibit D.2****

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3. Bids Under Advisement - Jail Renovation

Because the low bid for the jail renovation was within 10% of the budgeted amount Section 31-7-13(d)(ii), allowed negotiations with the contractor. Allen & Hoshall prepared a list of non-essential items and talked to the low bidder, Panola Construction.

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| Omit ceiling @ storage & sally port..... | \$ 2,900.00 |
| Omit brick @ sally port..... | \$ 5,100.00 |
| Omit metal stud walls..... | \$ 2,300.00 |
| Add 8" CMU wall painted @ exterior walls of sally port..... | \$ 4,200.00 (add) |
| Reduce structure of pre-engineered metal building..... | \$ 2,300.00 |
| Change HVAC System as discussed @ sally port..... | \$ 9,100.00 |
| O.H. & Profit Reduction..... | \$ 1,500.00 |

Mr. Bovine of Allen & Hoshall came before the Board of Supervisors with the detailed list of deletions to the jail renovation bid to result in savings to DeSoto County. Mr. Bovine said with the suggested changes this would bring the negotiated contract to \$ 420,000.00.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked Mr. Bovine why would the Sally Port need to be heated and cooled. Rick Bovine said to do so is not absolutely necessary.

Supervisor Eugene Thach stated Sheriff Riley would like to proceed with all of the originally bid items in the renovations to the jail, and pay the difference from his budget.

Mr. Bovine replied the Sally Port will open and close when the squad car is either entering or exiting. Supervisor Eugene Thach asked if Sheriff Riley could budget for the difference in the renovations. Supervisor John Caldwell replied, the construction company could always return with a change order to either add/deduct the heat/air conditioning in the Sally Port.

Supervisor John Caldwell said to heat and cool a garage area seemed excessive. Supervisor Tommy Lewis suggested approving the contract as is without heat/air conditioning for the Sally Port. Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked how large the Sally Port is. Supervisor Eugene Thach said the Sheriff said he has the dollars in his budget. Mr. Bovine reminded the Board of Supervisors, the Sally Port area is 42' x 40', virtually square.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion, and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to accept the low bid from Panola Construction Company in connection with Bid File #98-120-005 in the amount of \$ 439,000.00, and to clarify with Sheriff Riley regarding heat/air condition in the Sally Port. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit D.3****

ITEM D.4, CONTINUED,

4. Brick Mailboxes - State Roadways

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County Engineer, Daniel Murphy presented a current list of remaining residents with brick mailboxes. Mr. Murphy said at the beginning, there were thirty-four (34) County residents with brick mailboxes, however, as of today only eleven (11) have been removed, leaving a remainder of twenty-three (23) mailboxes.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis instructed Board Attorney, William Austin, to forward a letter to the remaining residents for the removal of these brick mailboxes.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin stated there should be a ten foot (10') clearance along the right of ways on state roadways. Supervisor Eugene Thach asked Mr. Austin if these letters could state the County would help in the removal of these mailboxes.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis stated if compliance is not made by January 1, 1999, the remaining brick mailboxes will be subject to removal by the County.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion, and Supervisor Jake Pearson seconded the motion, for Board Attorney, William Austin to forward compliance letters to the remaining twenty-three (23) County residents with brick mailboxes on state roadways. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit D.4****

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. GIS/Aerial photos for Tax Assessor

Chancery Clerk/Interim County Administrator, W. E. "Sluggo" Davis met with Mr. Bob Beasley of Waggoner Engineering to discuss GIS/Aerial photos for the Tax Assessor's office.

Mr. Davis stated the Board had approved \$ 30,000.00 for the GIS Assessment, and the hiring of Waggoner Engineer for this assessment. Mr. Davis also stated he had spoken with Mr. Emad Al-Turk in connection with the GIS assessment, and Mr. Al-Turk suggested scheduling a meeting with the EPA in Atlanta to request assistance for this project.

Vanessa Lynchard explained to the Board of Supervisors, she also had spoken with Mr. Al-Turk in connection with the GIS Assessment. Vanessa said Mr. Al-Turk requested the County fly the County based on GIS needs. However, Vanessa Lynchard said the dollar amount if not available.

Vanessa Lynchard and Chancery Clerk/Interim County Administrator, W. E. "Sluggo" Davis had spoken with Bill Bryant of the Tax Assessor's office in regards to the GIS Assessment. Mr. Bryant said he knows a company which will fly Tate County for \$ 15,000.00 and Union County for \$ 16,000.00 which also included hard copy maps. Mr. Bryant said he could negotiate with the company for cost involved with digital maps, but estimates the cost to be near \$ 30,000.00. Vanessa said this option was the recommendation from the Tax Assessor.

Supervisor John Caldwell asked how long before the tax maps would need to be update again. Supervisor Tommy Lewis replied, ten (10) years. Supervisor John Caldwell recommended Bill Bryant, from the Tax Assessor's office, needs to become involved in the GIS Assessment.

ITEM E.1, CONTINUED,

Supervisor Tommy Lewis suggested the County Administrator, Vanessa Lynchard, Bill Bryant, and Parker Pickle meet to discuss the needs of the County in connection with the

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GIS Assessment. Supervisor Eugene Thach agreed the Tax Assessor's office needs to be involved.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion, and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion, for the Board President, Supervisor Tommy Lewis, to travel to Atlanta to represent DeSoto County in the GIS Assessment if necessary. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

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

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion, and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to take under advisement the options for flying the County. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

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

F. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

G. OTHER ISSUES

1. E 911 Bond Issue

The Board President called for anyone in opposition to the Bond Issuance for E 911 to present their opposition to the Board. No person was present wishing to discuss the bond issuance for E 911. Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion, and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion, to proceed with the bond issuance for the E-911 Bond Issue. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

2. Brannon Professional

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion, and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion, to hire Brannon Professional to pursue a replacement for the County Administrator's position. The Board of Supervisors requests that Brannon have candidates to interview by January 1, 1999, and requested the search in the South East U.S. The Board of Supervisors agree to pay Brannon Professional 20% of the 1st years salary if a successful candidate is found. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

ITEM G.3, CONTINUED,

3. Planning Commission

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Mr. Merritt Powell of the Planning Commission appeared before the Board of Supervisors to request a change in procedure in handling complaints by residents.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion to enact a policy change that the Planning Commission does not act on any complaint unless the requestor identifies himself in written form or from the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Powell recommended his office receive a written complaint from the resident, as this would coincide with County regulations. Supervisor Tommy Lewis stated no motion is needed to comply with County regulations. Supervisor Jessie Medlin with drew the motion.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to recess until Monday, November 16th, 1998 at 9:00 a.m. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

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

THIS the 4th day of November, 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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