

D. OLD BUSINESS

1. Acceptance of Federal Flood Control Payment & Authorizing the Board President to Sign Compliance Form

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion, and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to accept payment of \$ 31,539.55 from the State of Mississippi under the Federal Flood Control Act, 33 U.S.C. 701c3 and to authorize the Board President to sign compliance forms in connection with the Federal Flood Control Payment. 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

****See Exhibit D.1.****

2. Bids under Advisement

a. Vending Machines

At the recommendation of the County Administrator, W. E. “Sluggo” Davis, Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve giving the proceeds from the vending machines to the Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services and allowing them to handle the vending service for County Buildings. 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

****See Exhibit D.2.a.****

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion, and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to instruct the Board Attorney, William Austin to draw up a resolution from the proceeds from vending to be used for an employee fund. 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

****See Exhibit D.2.a.****

ITEM D.2.b, CONTINUED,

b. Lawn Care

Vanessa Lynchard notified the Board of Supervisors she spoke with Benny Graves of Mississippi State who handles horticulture needs for the Department of Agriculture for exact state requirements for Lawn Care. Vanessa said for lawn care a license is not required for normal tree pruning, irrigation, cutting, edging and mulching, however, to plant flowers and use chemicals, a license is required.

Vanessa also stated Mr. Oxner has spoken with Quality Landscape, and Quality will provide a letter stating Quality and Oxner Landscaping are partners in the Lawn Care for the purpose of planting and pruning flowers, bushes, and shrubs until Oxner can get their own license.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve the low bid from Oxner Landscaping in connection with bid file #99-151-001 for Lawn Care and Landscaping at a low bid of \$ 28,500.00 contingent on the approval of the Board Attorney, William Austin. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

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

****See Exhibit D.2.b.****

c. Tone Alert Receivers

Vanessa Lynchard notified the Board of Supervisors Reach Electronic was the low bidder for the Tone Alert Receivers. Vanessa stated the Board of Education has agreed to pay the balance after the grant money has expired.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked if the County has received a letter from the Board of Education in connection with payment of the Tone Alert Receivers. Vanessa Lynchard said no, they have communicated through T. H. Walker.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve the low bid from Reach Electronics in connection with bid file #99-260-001 for the Tone Alert Receivers at a low bid of \$ 18,200.00 contingent on receipt of a letter from the Board of Education regarding their contribution in connection with the Tone Alert Receivers. 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

****See Exhibit D.2.c.****

ITEM D.2.d., CONTINUED,

d. Leasing - Boom Truck/Lube Truck

Vanessa Lynchard notified the Board of Supervisors the low bidder for the Boom Truck/Lube Truck is First Tennessee Bank at a interest rate of 4.29%.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to approve the low bid from First Tennessee Bank in connection with bid file #99-156-010 for the financing of one (1) Boom Truck and one (1) Lube Truck at a interest rate of 4.29%. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

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

****See Exhibit D.2.d.****

3. Amended Animal Control Ordinance

Tony Novak of Austin Law Firm presented a draft of the Amended Animal Control Ordinance. Mr. Novak explained the procedure of taking a dog into custody. Mr. Novak explained section 8 of the amended ordinance which is the appeal process.

Tony Novak said in the previous ordinance there was one penalty. This draft explains the penalty for each offense.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion, and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to hold this issue over until February 16th, 1999, pending review of the Amended Animal Control Ordinance by the Board of Supervisors. 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

****See Exhibit D.3****

ITEM E, CONTINUED,

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. Jim Flanagan - Tax Exemption

a. American National Can - Bob Hogarth

Jim Flanagan of the DeSoto Council said representative Bob Hogarth was unexpectedly called to Chicago, Illinois. Mr. Flanagan presented a recommendation from the Tax Advisory Committee for a tax exemption for American National Can on personal property in the amount of \$ 630,618.36 for a five (5) year exemption.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the tax exemption for American National Can on personal property for five (5) years at \$ 630,618.36 as recommended by the Tax Advisory Committee. 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

****See Exhibit E.1.a.****

b. Quebecor Printing - Dean Redden

Jim Flanagan of the DeSoto Council and representative Rick Smith of Quebecor Printing appeared before the Board of Supervisors to present a recommendation from the Tax Advisory Committee for a tax exemption on personal property in the amount of \$ 2,732,943.00 for a ten (10) year exemption.

Mr. Smith said Quebecor Printing has over 338 employees with a payroll in excess of \$ 32 million. Mr. Smith said due to the Capitol Investment, approximately 60 plus jobs have been created.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve the ten (10) year tax exemption on personal property for Quebecor Printing as recommended by the Tax Advisory Committee. 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

****See Exhibit E.1.b.****

ITEM E.1.c, CONTINUED,

c. Stylecraft Lamps - Jam Webster

Jim Flanagan of the DeSoto Council and representative Jim Webster of Stylecraft Lamps appeared before the Board of Supervisors to present a recommendation from the Tax Advisory Committee for a tax exemption on real property in the amount of

\$ 146,510.77 for ten (10) years and on personal property in the amount of \$ 199,386.31 for five (5) years.

Mr. Webster said this is Stylecraft's ninth (9th) expansion, as this will create a second shift for Stylecraft adding thirty-five (35) to forty (40) new jobs.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve the tax exemption of ten (10) years on real and five (5) years for personal property as recommended by the Tax Advisory Committee. 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

****See Exhibit E.1.c.****

d. AFCO - Mike Hartnett

Jim Flanagan of the DeSoto Council and representative Mike Hartnett of AFCO appeared before the Board of Supervisors to present a recommendation from the Tax Advisory Committee for a tax exemption on real property for ten (10) years and personal property for five (5) years in the amount of \$ 779,255.10.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve the tax exemption for AFCO on real property for ten (10) years and for five (5) years for personal property as recommended by the Tax Advisory Committee. 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

****See Exhibit E.1.d.****

2. Burt Poletti - Allen & Hoshall

a. Jail Renovation

This item was held over until Tuesday, February 16th, 1999.

ITEM E.2.b, CONTINUED,

b. Administrative Building - Courthouse (old business)

Vanessa Lynchard presented a corrected invoice from Allen & Hoshall in connection with the Administrative Building/Courthouse Renovation in the amount of \$ 24,836.25.

After further discussion, Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion, and Supervisor

Eugene Thach seconded the motion to hold this item over until Tuesday, February 16th, 1999. 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

****See Exhibit E.2.b.****

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion, and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to recess until 1:15 p.m. 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**

3. Office Space - Ms. State University - W. E. “Sluggo” Davis

County Administrator, W. E. “Sluggo” Davis notified the Board of Supervisors he is receipt of a letter from Art Smith, requesting possible office space for Mississippi State University to conduct a special project for some neighboring counties.

Mr. Davis said at the present time, DeSoto County is short on office space. Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion, and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion authorizing the County Administrator to forward a letter to Art Smith stating at the present time, DeSoto County cannot accommodate their request for office space. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

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

4. Appointing Assistant Receiving Clerk

Vanessa Lynchard notified the Board of Supervisors with Ann Richmond being the receiving clerk, and on sick leave, the County has no back up receiving clerk. Vanessa said Bonnie Gatlin, Board Secretary recommended appointing another receiving clerk.

Vanessa said she is recommending the appointments of Carol Hurt and Brenda Powell as Assistant Receiving Clerks, as they are the switchboard relief.

ITEM E.4, CONTINUED,

At the recommendation of Vanessa Lynchard, Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion, and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion appointing Carol Hurt and Brenda Powell as Assistant Receiving Clerks. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

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

John Caldwell-----Absent
Tommy Lewis----- Yes

Vanessa Lynchard notified the Board of Supervisors, EMS has requested the appointments of Judith Blaze and DeAnna Moore as Receiving Clerks for EMS.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion, and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion appointing Judith Blaze and DeAnna Moore as Receiving Clerks for EMS. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

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

5. Malone & Stateline - Blinking Light

Supervisor Jessie Medlin notified the Board of Supervisors, he received several phone calls requesting a blinking light be placed at the intersection of Malone and Stateline after the recent fatality at the intersection.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said with Southaven on the west side, and Olive Branch on the east side, the County is in the middle. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said Olive Branch is willing to pay at least 40% of the blinking light.

Road Manager, Kenny Gunn said after researching the purchase, and installation of a blinking light, the cost would be approximately \$ 5,000.00.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked if Olive Branch would be willing to pay the electric bill on the blinking light. Supervisor Eugene Thach said there is more traffic on Getwell and Stateline than on Malone and Stateline. Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked if Southaven could furnish the light; the County install the light; and Olive Branch maintain the light.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion for the Road Manager, Kenny Gunn to verify a blinking light is needed at the intersection of Malone and Stateline. After discussion, Supervisor Jessie Medlin withdrew his motion.

After further discussion, the Board of Supervisors instructed the County Administrator, W. E. "Sluggo" Davis to contact Mayor Greg Davis of the City of Southaven regarding a cost share of the blinking light at the intersection of Malone and Stateline. This item was held over contingent upon the County Administrator, W. E. "Sluggo" Davis meeting with Mayor Greg Davis of the City of Southaven regarding the cost share of the blinking light at Malone and Stateline. ****See Exhibit E.5****

ITEM E.6, CONTINUED,

6. Legislative Bill

Board Attorney, William Austin presented a Resolution for the Statewide Public Defender System, Senate Bill No. 2318, Senate Bill No. 2839, and Senate Bill No. 2909 for approval by the Board of Supervisors.

At the recommendation of the Board Attorney, William Austin, Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion, and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve

the Resolution for the Statewide Public Defender System. 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

****See Exhibit E.6****

C. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

C. OTHER ISSUES

1. Quitman county Board of Supervisors

Vanessa Lynchard presented a letter to the Board of Supervisors from Quitman County Board of Supervisors in connection with the Coldwater River Watershed Plan Committee and the Yazoo Mississippi Levee Board.

Vanessa Lynchard said this is for their information only.

2. Law Library Fees - City of Olive Branch

Vanessa Lynchard notified the Board of Supervisors the City of Olive Branch has collected \$ 417.00 in Law Library Fees during the month of January.

Vanessa said the Law Library have contacted the West Group to possibly change the date of the contracts in connection with the CD Rom’s as the Law Library still has not purchased a computer for the CD Rom’s.

3. Jim Flanagan - Washington, D. C. Trip

Jim Flanagan of the DeSoto Council presented the Board of Supervisors with an itinerary of the Washington, D. C. trip, departing on Tuesday, February 9th, 1999, and returning Sunday, February 14th, 1999. Mr. Flanagan also presented a list of issues for the meeting and the meeting agenda.

ITEM G.4, CONTINUED,

4. Board of Education - Request to haul dirt to Walls Elementary School

Supervisor Jessie Medlin presented a letter from Thomas L. Spencer, Principal at Walls Elementary School requesting assistance from the County to haul approximately two (2) to five (5) loads of dirt to the Walls Elementary School for the playground.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion, and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion for the County to haul approximately two (2) to five (5) loads of dirt to Walls Elementary School for the playground. 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

****See Exhibit G.4****

5. Brick Mailboxes

Vanessa Lynchard notified the Board of Supervisors a DeSoto County Resident, Michael Horton has approached her in connection with the brick mailboxes.

Vanessa said Mr. Horton has just completed a home in DeSoto County, and has been notified by the Planning Commission, a final inspection will not be approved until the brick mail box has been removed from the County's right of way. Vanessa said at this time, Mr. Horton has requested assistance from the County for the removal of the brick mailbox.

The Board of Supervisors instructed Vanessa Lynchard to retain a copy of the previous Board Minutes in connection with the Brick Mailboxes for the Board's review. The Board of Supervisors discussed the Board's responsibility and limits for handling the mailboxes.

6. Sandidge Road - Kenny Gunn

The Road Manager, Kenny Gunn notified the Board of Supervisors, the bridge on Sandidge Road has been closed as of this morning, February 3rd, 1999, as this bridge is unsafe.

Mr. Gunn said the County Engineer, Daniel Murphy has spoken with Mayor Rikard of the City of Olive Branch, and he has agreed for the City of Olive Branch to handle the closing of the road on Sandidge Road on the east side, and the County will handle the closing of the road on the west side.

7. Hernando Boneless Beef Company

Mr. Walter Huffman and Mr. Jim Jennings presented a request to the Board of Supervisors to purchase the Hernando Boneless Beef Company as stated in the Lease Agreement of 9/27/79.

Mr. Huffman said this lease agreement with DeSoto County gives Hernando Boneless Beef Company the option to purchase the land and the building for \$ 100.00 cash. Mr. Huffman said at this time, the Hernando Boneless Beef Company wishes to exercise this option.

ITEM G.7, CONTINUED,

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion, and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion, to accept the notification from Hernando Boneless Beef Company to purchase the land and the building for the amount of \$ 100.00 cash, and to authorize the Board Attorney, William Austin to prepare a deed and other appropriate paperwork for the transaction. 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

****See Exhibit G.7****

8. Public Hearing I-55

Vanessa Lynchard notified the Board of Supervisors, she is in receipt of legal notice from MDOT for the public hearing to be held on the I-55 improvement project in DeSoto County.

Vanessa stated this public hearing will be held at the DeSoto County Courthouse on Tuesday, March 9th, 1999 from 2 P.M. to 8 P.M.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to recess until Tuesday, February 16, 1999 at 9:00 a.m. 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

This the 3rd of February, 1999, these minutes have been read and approved by the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors.

JESSIE L. MEDLIN, President
DeSoto County Board of Supervisors