

**DESOTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**JESSIE L. MEDLIN, PRESIDENT, PRESIDING**

**February 16, 1999**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The February 16, 1999, meeting of the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors was called to order by Supervisor Jessie Medlin of DeSoto County.

Sheriff James Albert Riley of the DeSoto County Sheriff's Department 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/County Administrator  
James Albert Riley-----Sheriff of DeSoto County  
Bill Austin-----Board Attorney

**B. INVOCATION**

The invocation was presented by Supervisor Tommy Lewis.

**C. COUNTY WIDE EASTER EGG HUNT - DOUG JONES**

Mr. Doug Jones, owner and publisher of the DeSoto County Tribune appeared before the Board requesting the sponsorship of the County in connection with the County Wide Easter Egg Hunt to be held Saturday, April 3, 1999 at the Whispering Woods Hotel and Conference Center located in Olive Branch, Mississippi.

Mr. Jones asked the Board of Supervisors to participate as a corporate sponsor with a contribution of \$ 750.00 sponsorship fee. Mr. Jones asked the Board to sanction this event as a "County" event. Mr. Jones said this event will promote unity and a family atmosphere in DeSoto County.

Supervisor Jake Pearson made the motion, and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to advertise DeSoto County Resources by approving the contribution of \$ 750.00 sponsorship fee for the County Wide Easter Egg Hunt to be held Saturday, April 3, 1999 at the Whispering Woods Hotel and Convention Center located in Olive Branch, Mississippi. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. **\*\*See Exhibit C.\*\***

**ITEM D, CONTINUED,**

**D. OLD BUSINESS**

**1. Planning Commission**

**a. Red Oak Pointe "A"**

Supervisor Jake Pearson made the motion, and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to hold over the subdivision known as Red Oak Pointe "A" until March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1999. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. **\*\*See Exhibit D.1.a\*\***

**b. James Flynn - Minor Lot Subdivision**

At the recommendation of the Planning Commission, Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion, and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve the minor lot subdivision in District 2, section 12 and 13, Township 2, Range 7, for Mr. James Flynn, consisting of two (2) lots from fourteen (14) acres with a easement of 1000' located on the north west side of Pleasant Hill Road, south of College Road. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. **\*\*See Exhibit D.1.b\*\***

**c. Duplication of Subdivision Names**

Merritt Powell of the Planning Commission recommended the mayor's communicate with the city planners in connection with the duplication of subdivision names. Mr. Powell said city planners can forward a copy of their agenda to either Sam Russell or himself, identifying subdivision names. Mr. Powell said with this information, the Planning Commission can check for duplication of subdivision names between city and county Planning Commissions. Mr. Powell requested the Board of Supervisors discuss this at the next Council of Government meeting.

No motions were made nor votes taken on this issue. **\*\*See Exhibit D.1.c\*\***

**d. Request for Public Hearing for Density of Comprehensive Plan  
Vs Regulations**

Merritt Powell presented a copy of the Comprehensive Plan's Detailed Land Use Map and Minutes from the Planning Commission meetings where the Comprehensive Plan Revisions were discussed last year to the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Powell said the Planning Commission has held over eight (8) meetings to discuss the comprehensive plan revisions with no resolutions to these issues. Mr. Powell said the Planning Commission has a meeting scheduled for February 25<sup>th</sup>, 1999 to continue discussions of the comprehensive plan and is trying to move forward on this issue.

Supervisor John Caldwell said he would like to hold a public hearing in connection with the comprehensive plan with the focus on low density. Supervisor John Caldwell said the definition of low density needs clarification. Sam Russell said the present regulation states low density is 3 ½ units per acre, however, rural density states one (1) unit per acre.

Mr. Powell said a vote would be required before a public hearing can be held in connection with the comprehensive plan. Supervisor John Caldwell said the comprehensive plan becomes a problem when a developer has one hundred (100) acres; with ten (10) acres designated for a park; fifteen (15) acres for roads; as this leaves only seventy-five (75) acres buildable. Supervisor John Caldwell said this allows the developer to place three hundred fifty (350) units on seventy-five (75) acres. Supervisor John Caldwell said this is not the definition of low density.

**ITEM D.1.d, CONTINUED,**

Supervisor Eugene Thach said he thought the Planning Commission would make

recommendations to the Board of Supervisors regarding the comprehensive plan. Supervisor John Caldwell said the first motion by the Planning Commission regarding the comprehensive plan was made over three (3) years ago. Supervisor John Caldwell said regarding this particular issue, the Board of Supervisors are the policy makers, not the Planning Commission.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked Supervisor John Caldwell if he disagrees with the definition of low density. Supervisor Eugene Thach said a fifteen (15) member committee spent months getting the comprehensive plan together. Supervisor John Caldwell reminded the Board the Planning Commission has previously been asked for recommendations, and as of this date, they are still recommending more studies on this issue. Mr. Powell said the Board of Supervisors can reject the recommendation for further studies, and instruct the Planning Commission to bring forth a solid recommendation.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked Merritt Powell exactly how many developers have used the low density plan with the base of 3 ½ units per acre. Mr. Powell responded, the Planning Commission has a listing, however, the number is not exact. Sam Russell said developers like having the option of placing 3 ½ units per acre on the low density plan.

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked why the Planning Commission did not address this issue, and the Board is waiting on recommendations from the Planning Commission. Mr. Powell replied, the Planning Commission has no recommendations at this time, as the item has been tabled until the Planning Commission is fully staffed. Supervisor Eugene Thach recommended the Planning Commission holding special meeting to discuss this issue. Supervisor John Caldwell said the county’s regulations allow for abuse, and this issue can be corrected. Sam Russell said the Planning Commission members would expect compensation for the special meetings.

Supervisor Eugene Thach reminded the Board of Supervisors, he served on the Planning Commission for three (3) years, and he has all the confidence that the Planning Commission members can adequately address the issue. Supervisor Eugene Thach recommended the fifteen (15) committee members of the Planning Commission meet and bring recommendations to the Board of Supervisors regarding the comprehensive plan.

Mr. Powell asked the Board of Supervisors if they are ready to hold a public hearing in connection with the low density plan.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion, and Supervisor Jake Pearson seconded the motion to advertise for a public hearing to change the definition of low density from 3 ½ units per acre to 2 ½ units per acre. The **motion failed** by a vote as follows:

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

**\*\*See Exhibit D.1.d\*\***

**ITEM D.1.d, CONTINUED,**

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion, and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the

motion to return this issue to the Planning Commission, and to make the update of the comprehensive plan a priority in the Planning Commission, and to return with recommendations to the Board of Supervisors for approval in March if possible. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

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

Mr. Powell stated the public hearing would be held approximately March 15<sup>th</sup>, 1999.  
**\*\*See Exhibit D.1.d\*\***

**e. Road Bond - Walter Hopper**

Mr. Powell recommended lowering the road bond on Sheltopee Subdivision to a maintenance bond. At the recommendation of Mr. Powell, Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion, and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to lowering the road bond on Sheltopee Subdivision to a maintenance bond of \$ 5,000.00. This **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

**\*\*See Exhibit D.1.e\*\***

**2. Time Warner Refund - Joey Treadway & Bill Bryant**

Bill Bryant and Joey Treadway presented a settlement sheet in connection with the 1997 Tax Refund for Time Warner Communications to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

Mr. Bryant stated the 1997 Tax Refund due Time Warner Communications is as follows:

DeSoto County	74,617.89
Hernando	2,271.69
Horn Lake	5,439.68
Olive Branch	4,530.67
Southaven	<u>9,398.55</u>
Total Refund Due	96,258.48

Mr. Joey Treadway notified the Board of Supervisors the 1997 tax refund check in the amount of \$ 96,258.48 to Time Warner Communications will be written Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1999.

No motions were made nor votes taken on this issue. **\*\*See Exhibit D.2\*\***

**ITEM D.3.a, CONTINUED,**

**3. Appointments**

**a. Yazoo Management Delta - Vacancy left by Green Blythe**

Supervisor Jake Pearson made the motion, and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to appoint Tommy Koehler as a replacement for the vacancy left by Green Blythe on the YMD. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

**b. Resignation of Reba Little from Horn Lake Library Board**

Vanessa Lynchard presented a letter of resignation from Reba Little to the Board of Supervisors. Ms. Little’s letter stated she has moved from the Horn Lake Library Jurisdiction.

At the request of Ms. Reba Little, Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion, and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to accept the resignation of Ms. Reba Little from the Horn Lake Library Board. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. **\*\*See Exhibit D.3.b\*\***

**c. Summershill Fire Protection District - Vacancy left by Betty Drum**

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion, and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to appoint Naomi Brisco as a replacement for the vacancy left by Betty Drum to the Summershill Fire Protection District. 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

**d. Board of Adjustment - District 4**

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion, and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to re-appoint Vivian Berryhill to the Board of Adjustment in District 4. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

**4. Traffic Light - Malone & Stateline**

County Administrator, W. E. “Sluggo” Davis notified the Board of Supervisors he had spoken with Mayor Greg Davis in connection with the traffic light at Malone and Stateline.

Mr. Davis said Mayor Davis is in agreement to furnish the light for the intersection of Malone and Stateline, however, the County will need to make the traffic light red on all four (4) sides. Mr. Davis said Mayor Sam Rikard is in agreement to maintain the traffic light if the County will install the traffic light.

At the recommendation of the County Administrator, W. E. “Sluggo” Davis, Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion, and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to accept the traffic light from Southaven; the traffic light installation provided by the County; with the City of Olive Branch to maintain the traffic light at Malone and Stateline, and instructing Road Manager, Kenny Gunn to install the traffic light and pay for same from the Road Department budget, and to authorize the clerk to write the check. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. **\*\*See Exhibit D.4\*\***

**ITEM D.5, CONTINUED,**

**5. Amended Animal Control Ordinance - Tony Nowak**

At the recommendation of the Board Attorney, William Austin, Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion, and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to approve and adopt the amended Animal Control Ordinance for DeSoto County, and to authorize a public hearing for same. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. **\*\*See Exhibit D.5\*\***

#### **6. Administration Building - Change Order to adjust retainage**

Vanessa Lynchard presented a change order from Allen & Hoshall to adjust the retainage for the Administration Building to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

Vanessa Lynchard stated 10% is retained from all draws until the project reaches 50% completion. According to the Mississippi Code 31-5-33, the County must refund 50% of the retainage to date after the contract reaches 50% and continue to retain 5% of all future draws. The Board Attorney, William Austin recommended compliance with this code section.

At the recommendation of the Board Attorney, William Austin, Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion, and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to authorize the Comptroller, Dale Thompson to refund the 50% retainage after 50% of the project is completed; to approve the change order for Allen & Hoshall in connection with the retainage on the Administration Building; and to authorize the clerk write the check. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. **\*\*See Exhibit D.6\*\***

#### **7. Bids under Advisement**

##### **a. County Depository**

The Comptroller, Dale Thompson, said bids were received from all of the banks as noted on the bid tabulation sheet. Ms. Thompson said that it is necessary for all banks to respond to the bids in order to be considered for the investment of surplus funds.

At the recommendation of the Comptroller, Dale Thompson, Supervisor Jake Pearson made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve Peoples Bank & Trust Company as County Depository for the coming year, effective April 1, 1999, as outlined in the attached order. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. **\*\*See Exhibit D.7.a\*\***

##### **b. Equipment Storage Shed**

At the recommendation of Jim Bearden, Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion, and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to accept the low bid of G & W Steel Buildings, Inc., in the amount of \$ 20,866.00 for the construction of the Equipment Storage Shed in Nesbit, Mississippi. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. **\*\*See Exhibit D.7.b\*\***

#### **E. NEW BUSINESS**

##### **1. Four (4) Year Road Plan - Kenny Gunn**

Road Manager, Kenny Gunn presented the Four (4) Year Road Plan to the Board of Supervisors.

**ITEM E.1, CONTINUED,**

Mr. Gunn explained to the Board of Supervisors roads on the 1999 Hot-Mix Overlay with the asterisks indicate roads that are under contract now and will be completed this calendar year. Mr. Gunn said he has spoken with the County Engineer, Daniel Murphy in regards to the Bethel Road project, and this project will be under State Aid.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked Mr. Gunn if Tchulahoma south of Church Road is in the county. Mr. Gunn said, no, this area is in the city of Southaven.

Mr. Gunn notified the Board of Supervisors the next paving contract is not complete yet. Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked Mr. Gunn if he is ready to go out for bids on the paving contract. Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked Mr. Gunn if the striping is included in the contract. Mr. Gunn replied, no, the striping is a separate line item. Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked Mr. Gunn when will he be ready to advertise for bids. Mr. Gunn responded, possibly March 1<sup>st</sup>, 1999.

Supervisor John Caldwell recommended holding this item over, due to the inconsistency of the report. Supervisor Jessie Medlin stated Mr. Gunn is stating he does not have all of the pertinent information for the Four (4) Year Road Plan. Supervisor Jessie Medlin reminded the Board that as each contract is completed, roads are always being moved up to complete a contract. Supervisor John Caldwell said moving of the roads is not out of line, however, this report is not accurate.

Mr. Gunn said with using the county’s labor force and materials, figures are close to cost. Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked Mr. Gunn if there are any roads he would like to move up. Mr. Gunn said when the paving contract is approved, he will be able to move roads up from the 2000 projects. Mr. Gunn said the last paving contract cost approximately \$ 36,000.00 per mile, and he has estimated this year’s contract at \$ 40,0000.00 per mile.

Board Attorney, William Austin referred to Mississippi Code Section 65-7-117, pertaining to the Four (4) Year Road Plan. Mr. Austin reminded the Board of Supervisors Section 65-7-117 states the Board of Supervisors “shall” adopt a four (4) year old plan on or before February 1st.

At the recommendation of the Board Attorney, Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion, and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion, to take the four (4) year road plan under advisement. The **motion failed** by a vote as follows:

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

**\*\*See Exhibit E.1\*\***

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion to adopt the Four (4) Year Road Plan with instructions to the Road Manager, Kenny Gunn to arrange roads over the next four (4) years. Supervisor Tommy Lewis’s **motion died** for lack of second.

This item was held over until Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1999. **\*\*See Exhibit E.1\*\***

**ITEM E.2, CONTINUED,**

**2. Approval of Travel Reimbursement - Blue Ribbon Trip**

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion, and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve travel reimbursement and to authorize the clerk to write the checks in connection with the travel reimbursement for the Blue Ribbon Trip in Washington, D.C. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. **\*\*See Exhibit E.2\*\***

**3. The Washington Court Hotel - Approval of Payment - Blue Ribbon Trip**

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion, and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion, to approve the invoice from The Washington Court Hotel and to authorize the clerk to write the check to The Washington Court Hotel in connection with the Blue Ribbon Trip. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. **\*\*See Exhibit E.3\*\***

**4. IS - Approval to enter into a contract with Ideal Solution (Y2k)**

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion, and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve a contract between DeSoto County and Ideal Solutions in the amount not to exceed \$ 20,000.00 to convert the Planning Commission to Native mode and make it Y2K Compliant, pending approval of the Board Attorney, William Austin. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. **\*\*See Exhibit E.4\*\***

**5. Approval of Changes in Assessments**

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve the increases and reductions in assessments as presented by the Tax Assessor. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. **\*\*See Exhibit E.5\*\***

**6. Dale Thompson - Budget Amendments**

**a. Circuit Court Clerk**

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, 1998, and ending September 30, 1999. At the recommendation of the Comptroller, Dale Thompson, Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to accept the following budget amendment under the provisions of Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated, Section 19-11-19 as follows:

Lower	001-161-574	grand jury fees	\$ 500.00
Increase	001-161-934	furniture & fixtures	\$ 500.00
Increase	001-180-521	legal advertising Election Comm	\$ 390.00
Lower	001-180-544	service & maintenance contract	\$ 390.00
Lower	001-180-933	office machines	\$ 500.00
Increase	001-180-634	office fixtures	\$ 500.00

The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. **\*\*See Exhibit E.6.a\*\***

**ITEM E.6.b, CONTINUED,**

**b. 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 Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve the investment of surplus funds to First American Bank and Trustmark National Bank, who was the high bidder that placed their bid as follows:

<u>DATE OF INVESTMENT</u>	<u>BANK</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>DAYS</u>
02/10/99	Trust Mark National	\$ 1,342,000.00	4.633	85
02/10/99	First American	\$ 1,000,000.00	4.60	43
02/04/99	First American	\$ 2,745,745.00	4.65	28
02/04/99	First American	\$ 2,336,648.00	4.70	83
02/04/99	First American	\$ 6,109,950.00	4.75	91

The **motion passed** by unanimous vote. **\*\*SEE EXHIBIT E.6.b.\*\***

**7. Resolution - Flood Control**

The Board of Supervisors instructed Vanessa Lynchard to contact Art Smith and Wade Carter for further information in connection with the Flood Control Resolution. This item was held over until Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1999. **\*\*See Exhibit E.7\*\***

**8. Lube Truck - Approval of Financing Contract with First (1<sup>st</sup>) Tennessee**

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion, and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve the financing contract with First (1<sup>st</sup>) Tennessee Bank in connection with the lease purchase of one (1) 1999 International, Model 4700, Lube Truck, Vin # 1HTSCAAR3XH671356 with the approval of the Board Attorney, William Austin. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. **\*\*See Exhibit E.8\*\***

**Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion, and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to recess until 2:00 p.m. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.**

**9. Financing - Dale Thompson**

**a. Fingerprinting Machine - Sheriff's Department**

The Comptroller Dale Thompson notified the Board of Supervisors she has spoken with Sheriff James Albert Riley and Robbie Riley of the Sheriff's Department in connection with the fingerprinting machine.

Ms. Thompson said Sheriff Riley has \$ 25,000.00 in his budget, and she recommends the county funding the balance to purchase the fingerprinting machine instead of a lease purchase.

**ITEM E.9.a, CONTINUED,**

At the recommendation of the Comptroller, Dale Thompson, Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion to reject all lease purchase bids and to take issue under advisement. After further

discussion, Supervisor John Caldwell withdrew his motion.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion, and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to hold over this issue until Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1999. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. **\*\*See Exhibit E.9.a\*\***

**b. Backhoe Loader - Central Maintenance**

At the recommendation of the Comptroller, Dale Thompson, Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion, and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion, to purchase the Backhoe Loader instead of a lease purchase option. 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 E.9.b\*\***

The Board of Supervisors acknowledged it may be necessary to amend the budget for Central Maintenance at a later date.

**F. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

**G. OTHER ISSUES**

**1. Tax Assessor - Seminar, New Orleans - March 15<sup>th</sup>, 1999**

Bill Bryant of the Tax Assessor’s office notified the Board of Supervisors of a seminar to be held in New Orleans, regarding GIS. Mr. Bryant said he would like to attend this seminar. Mr. Bryant said he would like to recommend Larry Wood attend this seminar as GIS issue integrating with the Computer System.

Supervisor Jake Pearson asked Mr. Bryant what the cost is per person. Mr. Bryant replied, approximately \$ 1,750.00 per person. Mr. Bryant said individuals would need to be registered by March 15<sup>th</sup>, 1999.

Supervisor John Caldwell suggested County Administrator, W. E. “Sluggo” Davis meet with Tax Assessor, Parker Pickle to decide what individuals Mr. Pickle would like to attend the seminar in New Orleans.

**2. Oak Grove Elementary School**

Board Secretary, Bonnie Gatlin introduced the Board of Supervisors, Board Attorney, and the Chancery Clerk/County Administrator to the Oak Grove Elementary School.

**ITEM G.2, CONTINUED,**

Ms. Gatlin said the Oak Grove Elementary School wanted to view how county government is conducted.

The Board of Supervisors thanked Oak Grove Elementary School for attending the Board Meeting.

**3. Renaming a portion of Pigeon Roost between Old Hwy 78 & New Hwy 78 to Spur Cove**

Supervisor Jessie Medlin notified the Board of Supervisors a section of road between Old Highway 78 and New Highway 78 is presently named Pigeon Roost. Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion, and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to adopt and rename this section of Pigeon Roost to Spur Cove. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

**4. IRS Reduction for Reimbursement of Mileage Allowance**

The Comptroller, Dale Thompson notified the Board of Supervisors she is in receipt of acknowledgment from the Department of Finance and Administration in connection with the IRS reimbursement of mileage allowance.

Ms. Thompson said the IRS reduction is from \$ .325 to \$ .31 per mile, effective April 1, 1999. Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion, and Supervisor Jake Pearson seconded the motion to adopt the IRS Reduction for Reimbursement of Mileage Allowance to \$ .31 per mile, effective April 1, 1999. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. **\*\*See Exhibit G.4\*\***

**5. Petition to adjust - approval of Homestead Exemptions**

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve the petition to adjust homestead exemption supplemental roll as presented by the Chancery Clerk. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. **\*\*See Exhibit G.5\*\***

**6. Interlocal Agreement - DeSoto County & Hernando Civic Center**

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion, and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion, to approve the Interlocal Agreement between DeSoto County and the City of Hernando for the Hernando Civic Center. 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.6\*\***

**7. 4 WD Tractor Bid Options - Kenny Gunn - Central Maintenance**

Road Manager Kenny Gunn notified the Board of Supervisors Memphis New Holland would not be able to deliver the 4 WD Tractor until June 1<sup>st</sup>, 1999, however Mr. Gunn is in need of the 4 WD Tractor as soon as possible.

**ITEM G.7, CONTINUED,**

Supervisor John Caldwell asked Mr. Gunn what delivery date was on the bid. Mr. Gunn

replied, the delivery date was not specified. Mr. Gunn said he has spoken with Memphis New Holland regarding a loaner tractor until delivery is made. Supervisor John Caldwell suggested to go out for bid for lease of a tractor until the 4 WD Tractor is delivered. Mr. Gunn said to lease a tractor would cost approximately \$ 5,500.00 a month.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion, and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion authorizing Road Manager, Kenny Gunn to go out for bids on a short term lease for a 4 WD Tractor. 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. City Annexation - W. E. “Sluggo” Davis**

County Administrator, W. E. “Sluggo” Davis notified the Board of Supervisors, Mayor Greg Davis has requested a clarification of Board Minutes in connection with annexation by cities, with the county giving road right of way, when the roads are annexed. The Board of Supervisors agreed the road right of way goes with the road.

**9. Tax Assessor’s Office - Salary Increases**

The Comptroller, Dale Thompson notified the Board of Supervisors the Tax Assessor’s office has given two (2) salary increases. Ms. Thompson said with the loss of Eric Lockley, the Tax Assessor, Parker Pickle has promoted personnel to fill the void. Ms. Thompson said one (1) employee has received a \$ 2,000.00 increase over the next eight (8) months, and another employee has received a \$ 5,000.00 increase over the next eight (8) months.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked Ms. Thompson if Mr. Parker is using personnel on hand instead of replacing one employee. Ms. Thompson replied, yes. County Administrator, W. E. “Sluggo” Davis asked Ms. Thompson if Mr. Pickle has money in his budget for these increases. Ms. Thompson responded, yes, however, at the upcoming budget season, money will need to be allocated for the next fiscal year.

Supervisor Eugene Thach stated the Board of Supervisors should have been aware of these increases before the salary increases were given. Supervisor Tommy Lewis said Mr. Pickle had spoken with him previously regarding the transferring of personnel.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to recess until Monday, February 22, 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 16th day of February, 1999, these minutes have been read and approved by the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors.

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JESSIE L. MEDLIN, President  
DeSoto County Board of Supervisors