

DESOTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JESSIE L. MEDLIN, PRESIDENT, PRESIDING

March 1, 1999

A. CALL TO ORDER

The March 1, 1999, meeting of the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors was called to order by Supervisor Jessie L. 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/Interim County Administrator
- James Albert Riley-----Sheriff of DeSoto County, Absent
- William Austin-----Board Attorney

B. INVOCATION

The invocation was presented by Supervisor John Caldwell.

C. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY MINUTES

The official minutes of the Board of Supervisors were read for the month of February, 1999, pursuant to Section 19-3-27 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, annotated. Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the Board of Supervisor’s for February, 1999 subject to the revisions given to Vanessa Lynchard previously by the Board of Supervisors. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

D. DESOTO MUSEUM - BOB BARBER

Bob Barber of the DeSoto Museum appeared before the Board of Supervisors with an update on the DeSoto Museum.

Mr. Barber said he has spoken with the Board Attorney, William Austin in connection with legalities of a donation from the County. Mr. Barber said, according to Mississippi Code Section 39-9-1, the County can authorize a donation with a trust being created as setforth by the state statue, or authorize direct funding as setforth by a local and private legislative bill. Mr. Barber said at this time, the DeSoto Museum is requesting the donation by direct funding as setforth by a legislative bill.

ITEM D, CONTINUED,

J. L. M.

Mr. Barber said he has drafted options one (1) and two (2) for the donation to the DeSoto Museum for approval by the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Barber reminded the Board they requested recommendations as to the Museum receiving the donation in full versus the donation in two (2) payments of \$ 100,000.00 each. Mr. Barber said if the Museum receives the full \$ 200,000.00 donation up front, a lesser amount of money and interest would have to be repaid to the bank for a time period from April, 1999 to October, 1999.

Supervisor Eugene Thach said he has a problem with giving the full donation up front, as the taxpayers lose interest on their money. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said the County receives a 4% interest rate, as the Museum will have to pay prime interest rate on money borrowed.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion, and Supervisor Jake Pearson seconded the motion, to send a resolution of support to the State Legislature of the DeSoto Delegation of the local and private bill for the Historic DeSoto Museum and to authorize the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors to make the desired contribution of \$ 200,000.00 to the DeSoto Museum. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows with Supervisor Eugene Thach voting “no” to the full donation of \$ 200,000 to the museum instead of the \$ 100,000.00 budgeted for 1999:

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

Supervisor Eugene Thach expressed his wholehearted support for the museum effort otherwise.
****See Exhibit D****

E. OLD BUSINESS _____

1. Allen & Hoshall

a. Jail Renovation

David Nicholson of Allen & Hoshall notified the Board of Supervisors there will be no change order for the Jail Renovation nor any action required of the Board of Supervisors to modify the current contract. Mr. Nicholson said the sally port of the jail renovation will remain as originally bid. ****See Exhibit E.1.a.****

b. Courthouse Renovation/Administration Building

David Nicholson of Allen & Hoshall notified the Board of Supervisors, he will return on March 15th, 1999 with a report on projections for furniture for the Administration Building.

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked Mr. Nicholson if the projection for furniture is high. Mr. Nicholson replied additional furniture will be needed, however, this projection is not included in the contract with Panola. David Nicholson said the projections are less than the normal 8%.

Supervisor John Caldwell stated the Administration Building has been built on projections for the future. Supervisor John Caldwell asked Mr. Nicholson if all office space will be furnished as based on projections for the future. Mr. Nicholson replied, only office space which will be occupied by the present employees moving into the Administration Building will get furniture.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked Mr. Nicholson if Allen & Hoshall is ready to present final color schemes for the Courthouse Renovation. Mr. Nicholson recommended holding the color schemes for at least another sixty (60) days before going out for bid.

ITEM E.1.b., CONTINUED,

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Jay Silverman of Allen & Hoshall presented the color schemes of the Courthouse Renovation to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

Mr. Silverman explained to the Board of Supervisors, Designer Leslie Davis has recommended this color scheme to compliment colors presently used in the Rotunda of the Courthouse floor. Supervisor Eugene Thach asked Mr. Silverman if any work would be performed on the murals. Mr. Silverman reminded the Board, in keeping within the boundaries of the Historical Society, Ms. Davidson is recommending this color scheme to compliment colors presently in the Rotunda of the Courthouse, and the murals will remain untouched, however, additional lighting will be installed. Mr. Silverman added this color scheme has been presented and approved by Thomas Blackwell of the Historical Society.

Supervisor John Caldwell asked Mr. Silverman if the Board of Supervisors could possibly get a visual on the color scheme for the Courthouse. Supervisor Eugene Thach asked Ms. Davis how much of the color scheme design is she recommending. Ms. Davis replied, she derived this color scheme by using colors from the Rotunda as all of the Courthouses in this region seem to have used the same basic color scheme. Mr. Nicholson stated a visual of the color scheme for the Courthouse Renovation would be presented to the Board of Supervisors on March 15th, 1999.

At the recommendation of Leslie Davis, Designer for Allen & Hoshall, Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion, and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve the color scheme for the Courthouse Renovation. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

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

2. Appointment - Horn Lake Library Board - District 3

This item was held over until March 15th, 1999. ****See Exhibit E.2****

3. Resolution for Hernando Boneless Beef

Board Attorney, William Austin presented a Resolution and Deed for Hernando Boneless Beef to the Board of Supervisors for approval and for the signature of the Board President.

At the recommendation of the Board Attorney, William Austin, Supervisor Jake Pearson made the motion, and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to adopt the Resolution and Deed for Hernando Boneless Beef and authorizing the signature of the Board President.

****See Exhibit E.3****

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Keep Mississippi Beautiful - Ralph Hogan

Mr. Ralph Hogan did not appear before the Board of Supervisors, therefore, this item was held over. ****See Exhibit F.1****

2. Jail Inspection

In accordance with Section 19-5-1 of the Mississippi Code Annotated of 1972, which states that a least annually, and as often as it may think proper, the Board of Supervisors, or a competent person authorized by the Board of Supervisors, shall examine into the state and condition of the jail, in regard to its safety, sufficiency and accommodation of the prisoners, and from time to time take such legal measures as may best tend to secure the prisoners against escape, sickness and infection, and have the jail cleansed.

ITEM F.2, CONTINUED,

Having completed such inspection, Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion, and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to acknowledge the inspection of the DeSoto County jail by the Board of Supervisors as outlined in Section 19-5-1 of the Mississippi Code Annotated. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

3. Inventory Disposition - Bonnie Gatlin

Bonnie Gatlin presented the Inventory Control Dispositions to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

Ms. Gatlin notified the Board, the State Auditor will be here for an inspection on March 10th, 1999. Ms. Gatlin notified the Board she has conducted several meetings with the Department Heads in connection with Inventory Dispositions and Kenny Evans will be disposing of items listed on the inventory dispositions.

Ms. Gatlin said problems have occurred with computer display stations, and not receiving paperwork. Supervisor Tommy Lewis reminded Ms. Gatlin she has the authority from the Board to instruct the Department Heads on the proper procedures for inventory disposal.

Ms. Gatlin stated Kenny Evans knows what to do with items picked up for disposal. Supervisor Tommy Lewis said after Mr. Evans picks up items for disposal, signs off for items, there should be a line item on the report stating if disposed item was buried, or retained for auction purposes.

At the recommendation of the Board Secretary, Bonnie Gatlin, Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion, and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion, to accept the Inventory Disposition Report. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit F.3****

4. Dale Thompson, Comptroller

a. Claims Docket

Dale Thompson, Comptroller of DeSoto County presented the claims docket.

(1) Allen & Hoshall - Administrative Building

Bills in connection with the Administrative Building were presented by copy to each supervisor. ****See Exhibit F.4.(1)****

(2) Panola Construction - Administration Building

Bills in connection with the DeSoto County Administration Building were presented by copy to each supervisor. ****See Exhibit F.4.a.(2)****

(3) Waggoner Engineering - GIS Needs Assessment

Bills in connection with the GIS Needs Assessment were presented by copy to each supervisor. ****See Exhibit F.4.a.(3)****

(4) Neal Appraisal Services

Bills in connection with the Church Road right of ways were presented by copy to each supervisor. ****See Exhibit F.4.a.(4)****

ITEM F.4.a.(5), CONTINUED,

(5) Waggoner Engineering - Aerial Photography

Bills in connection with the DeSoto Aerial Photography were presented by copy to each supervisor. Vanessa Lynchard said Bob Beasley said aerial photographs should be delivered to Tax Assessor, Parker Pickle this week.

The Comptroller, Dale Thompson said this would also require a budget amendment from the general fund balance for \$ 38,000.00. Vanessa Lynchard said the lump sum compensation for this project was \$ 38,000.00, with \$ 19,000.00 due now, and the balance due upon receipt of the photographs. ****See Exhibit F.4.a.(5)****

In addition the following items were discussed on the claims docket.

1) Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked the Comptroller, Dale Thompson if payment for medical services for prisoners has been received from the cities. Ms. Thompson replied, all medical service payments for prisoners have been received to date, with the exception of the City of Southaven. Ms. Thompson said Robbie Riley of the Sheriff’s Department has spoken with the City of Southaven and has been informed they have no intention of paying for medical services for prisoners.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked County Administration/Chancery Court Clerk W. E. “Sluggo” Davis to contact Mayor Greg Davis of the City of Southaven to follow up on medical bills for prisoners and bring findings before the Board of Supervisors.

2) The Comptroller, Dale Thompson presented invoices in connection with the DeSoto County Sewer Study. Dale Thompson said these three (3) invoices from Waggoner also include reimbursable for the Project.

At the recommendation of the Comptroller, Dale Thompson, Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion, and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion, to approve payment of the contract portion of the invoices and to authorize the clerk to write the check. 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

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion, and Supervisor Jake Pearson seconded the motion to approve the claims docket; the payment and budget amendment for the aerial photography as follows; and to authorize the clerk to write the check.

Lower	001-901-999	cash balance	\$ 19,000.00
Increase	001-107-595	aerial photography	\$ 19,000.00

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

****See Exhibit F.4.a.(1).(2).(3).(4).(5)****

ITEM F.5, CONTINUED,

5. Dale Thompson - Budget Amendments

a. County Extension Services

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 Jake Pearson seconded the motion to approve the budget amendment for the County Extension Service under the provisions of Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated, Section 19-11-19 as follows:

Lower	001-631-401	salary/administration	\$ 500.00
Increase	001-631-534	office machine rent	\$ 500.00

The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit F.5.a****

b. County Administrator

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 Jake Pearson seconded the motion to approve the budget amendment for the County Administrator under the provisions of Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated, Section 19-11-19 as follows:

Lower	001-120-404	office clerical	\$ 2,000.00
Increase	001-120-581	contract service	\$ 2,000.00

The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit F.5.b****

c. Sheriff Department

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 Jake Pearson seconded the motion to accept the budget amendment for the Sheriff Department under the provisions of Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated, Section 19-11-19 as follows:

Lower	001-200-533	rent	\$ 500.00
	001-222-696	drugs	\$ 1,500.00
	116-228-565	buy money	\$ 150.00
	116-228-930	purchase van	\$ 244.00
Increase	001-200-571	dues	\$ 477.19
	001-220-523	printing	\$ 22.81
	001-222-618	medical supplies	\$ 1,500.00
	116-228-603	learning material	\$ 38.70
	116-228-615	other supplies	\$ 355.30

The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit F.5.c.****

ITEM F.6.a, CONTINUED,

6. Kenny Gunn - Central Maintenance

a. Road Report & Work Schedule

Kenny Gunn appeared before the Board of Supervisors to present the Road Report. Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked Mr. Gunn about the hill on Getwell south of Slocum. Mr. Gunn replied the hill will be cut down before DBST is done on this section of road. Mr. Gunn said hopefully only ten (10) miles of gravel roads will be left by the end of the year.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Jake Pearson seconded the motion to accept the Road Report for February, 1999 and Work Schedule for March, 1999, pursuant to Section 65-17-7 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, annotated. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit F.6.a****

7. Chancery Court - Allowances

Allowances for the Chancery Court Clerk were presented to the Board of Supervisors for the February, 1999, term in the amount of \$ 2,306.66. Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve the Chancery Clerk Allowances pursuant to Section 25-7-9 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****SEE EXHIBIT F.7****

8. Bailiff Pay

Pursuant to Section 25-7-27, Section 1, paragraph (e) which allows for Constables working as Bailiffs to be paid as provided under Section 25-3-69, of Mississippi Code of 1973, Annotated, Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Jake Pearson seconded the motion to pay Tommy Carr the amount of \$ 240.00 for the month of February, 1999; to pay Jerry Easley the amount of \$ 360.00 for the month of February, 1999, for their service as bailiff for DeSoto County Justice Court. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit F.8****

9. Justice Court Report

Justice Court Clerk Linda Aldridge presented the Justice Court Report to the Board of Supervisors for the month of February. Supervisor Jake Pearson made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to accept the Justice Court Report as presented by Linda Aldridge, for the month of February, 1999, pursuant to Section 9-11-19 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit F.9****

10. Publication of Board Proceeding

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to approve the publication of Board Proceedings in connection with Section 19-3-33 of the Mississippi Code which states that the Board of Supervisors may have its proceedings published in some newspaper in the county, and cause the same to be paid for out of the county treasury. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

ITEM F.11, CONTINUED,

11. Approval of Travel

In accordance with Section 25-3-41 Mississippi Code of 1972,

as amended, any official or employee of DeSoto County, Mississippi, is hereby authorized to travel during the period of March 1, 1999 to April 5, 1999, as necessary and incur travel expenses in the performance of their official duties for DeSoto County. That all such travel is hereby authorized contingent on funds being available in the departmental budget of the individual traveling. Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion to authorize travel for all officials and employees of DeSoto County for the period of March 1, 1999 to April 5, 1999. Supervisor Jake Pearson seconded the motion. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

12. Request for Assistance - Hernando High School; Hernando Middle School; Horn Lake High; Southaven High School

Vanessa Lynchard presented a letter from Jerry R. Baird, Superintendent of DeSoto County Schools requesting County assistance in hauling three (3) large trailer loads of sandy clay dirt from Benton County to Hernando High School; two (2) loads of sandy clay dirt to the new softball fields at Hernando Middle, Horn Lake High, and Southaven High School.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion, and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion, to approve County assistance in hauling sandy clay dirt from Benton County to Hernando High School, Hernando Middle, Horn Lake High, and Southaven High School. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit F.12****

Secondly, Mr. Baird, Superintendent of DeSoto County Schools requested the county's consideration of adding a turning lane at Dilworth and McIngvale Road, and also including Dilworth Lane for an overlay this year. Mr. Gunn reminded the Board of Supervisors, Dilworth Lane is in the city limits. Supervisor Eugene Thach suggested the School Board asking the City of Hernando to overlay Dilworth, as the County has already contracted overlays out for this year.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion, and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to instruct the Road Manager, Kenny Gunn to construct the base for a turning lane at Dilworth and McIngvale Road, with the City of Hernando supplying the overlay this year. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit F.12****

13. Accepting State Aid Annual Maintenance Inspection Report - as Part of the Minutes

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion, and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to accept the State Aid Annual Maintenance Inspection Report into the minutes. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit F.13****

14. Approval of G & W Steel Building Contract - Storage Shed -Central Maintenance

Supervisor Jake Pearson made the motion, and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve the proposed contract with G & W Steel Buildings for the construction of an equipment storage shed at Central Maintenance. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit F.14****

ITEM F.15, CONTINUED,

15. Approval to Bid

a. Annual Food Supply - Jail

That on this date, the County Administrator, W.E. "Sluggo" Davis requested authorization to advertise for bids for the purchase of food, paper and janitorial supplies at the DeSoto County Jail. Therefore, Supervisor Tommy Lewis made a motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to authorize obtaining bids for the purchase of food, paper and janitorial supplies at the DeSoto County Jail, and authorize advertisement, pursuant to Section 31-7-13(c), of the Mississippi Code of 1972, annotated, in a newspaper having a general circulation in DeSoto County, Mississippi. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

16. Authorize County Administrator to open bids

a. March 12th, 1999 - Removal Building & Debris - Eudora School

Supervisor Jake Pearson made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to authorize the County Administrator W. E. "Sluggo" Davis or his designee to open bids for the Removal of Building and Debris for Eudora School on March 12th, 1999 at 10:00 A.M. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit F.16.a.****

b. March 26th, 1999 - Uniforms

Supervisor Jake Pearson made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to authorize the County Administrator David Armstrong or his designee to open bids for Uniforms for DeSoto County on March 26th, 1999 at 10:00 A.M. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit F.16.b.****

17. Contract Approval - EMS

a. Danka - (Copier of Eudora Ambulance Service)

Vanessa Lynchard notified the Board of Supervisors, EMS has a current contract with Danka, she said the contract with Danka, is only a conversion in name from Eudora Ambulance Service to DeSoto County, and requested accepting the name change as part of the minutes, under the existing contract terms.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion, and Supervisor Jake Pearson seconded the motion to approve the name change from Eudora Ambulance Service to DeSoto County into part of the minutes, with the approval of Board Attorney, William Austin. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit F.17.a.****

b. Beepers Plus

Vanessa Lynchard notified the Board of Supervisors, EMS has a current contract with Beepers Plus, she said the approval of the service agreement with Beepers Plus, is a conversion in name only from Eudora and Lewisburg EMS to DeSoto County, and requesting accepting the name change as part of the minutes.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion, and Supervisor Jake Pearson seconded the motion to approve the name change from Eudora and Lewisburg EMS to DeSoto County as part of the minutes, with the approval of Board Attorney, William Austin. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit F.17.b.****

ITEM F.17.c., CONTINUED,

c. Computers - Walls EMS

Vanessa Lynchard notified the Board of Supervisors, EMS has a current contract with Sweet Computers, she said the approval of the support agreement

with Sweet Computer Services, Inc., is a conversion in name only from Walls EMS to DeSoto County, and requesting accepting the name change as part of the minutes.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion, and Supervisor Jake Pearson seconded the motion to approve the name change from Walls EMS to DeSoto County as part of the minutes, and with the approval of Board Attorney, William Austin. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit F.17.c.****

18. Approval of Lease for Repeater - Bobby Storey

Mr. Bobby Storey notified the Board of Supervisors the rental on the repeater in the amount of \$ 1,200.00 is due and payable. Mr. Storey said this lease for the repeater on Mr. Stan Elam's tower has never been under contract.

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked why the repeater is not on the E-911 tower. Vanessa Lynchard replied, the repeater cannot be placed on the E-911 tower due to the weight. Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked with the installation of the new towers, could the repeater be moved. Board Attorney, William Austin said he was unsure however, this has not been discussed. Board Attorney, William Austin recommended a contract be drawn up between DeSoto County and the private sector.

At the recommendation of the Board Attorney, William Austin, Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion to approve a lease in the amount of \$ 1,200,00 to Mr. Stan Elam for the EMS repeater tower; instructed Bobby Storey to research for alternative options for next year, and authorizing the clerk to write the check to Mr. Elam upon receipt of the lease. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit F.18****

G. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

1. OTHER ISSUES

1. City of Southaven - Mayor Greg Davis

Mayor Greg Davis and Chris Watson of the City of Southaven appeared before the Board of Supervisors with a note of thanks and a formal complaint.

Mayor Davis said, first of all, he would like to thank the county for the work completed on Tchulahoma north of Goodman. Mayor Davis requested the Road Department to pull back the road banks in order to create road shoulders. Mayor Davis said, at least now, traffic has a good visual on Tchulahoma, and in the future the city does have plans for widening this section of Tchulahoma.

Mayor Davis said, unfortunately he would like to make a formal complaint to the Board of Supervisors in connection with the I-55 Interchange at Nail Road.

ITEM H.1, CONTINUED,

Mayor Davis stated, evidently there has been some mis-communications with the I-55 Interchange at Nail Road. Mayor Davis said not one of the City Alderman nor himself had been informed of plans regarding this interchange. Mayor Davis informed the Board of Supervisors that the City of Southaven is responsible for the maintenance of lights, and working the accidents which do occur at these locations.

Mayor Davis presented a listing of 1997 traffic counts and stated the most traveled road was Airways and Swinnea, not Nail Road. Supervisor John Caldwell replied the Board of Supervisors have received the 1998 traffic counts for Nail Road, and assured Mayor Davis the counts have increased on Nail Road.

Supervisor John Caldwell said it is better for the city and county to work together on Economic Development, however, if the City of Southaven is against the I-55 Interchange, then the City of Southaven will need to work with MDOT. Mayor Davis replied to Supervisor Caldwell that Hope Sullivan is inside the city limits of Southaven, however, if not for the votes of Hope Sullivan, Supervisor Caldwell would not be in a Supervisory position today. Mayor Davis said he wanted to work with the Supervisors and cities regarding economic growth, however, Mayor Davis suggested focusing on the issues and not on personalities.

Mayor Davis said he has been working with the third largest mall developer in the country and now after this developer has spent hundreds of thousands of dollars, hired an engineering firm, has flown department store clientele over the sites, an I-55 Interchange at Nail Road could have an adverse effect on this project. Mayor Davis said he suggested the area around the Civic Center, however, the developer was concerned with the widening of Highway 51.

Mayor Davis said at this time he is requesting the Board of Supervisors hold off on any action in connection with the I-55 Interchange until the developer can meet with the MDOT officials on March 9th, 1999. Mayor Davis again reminded the Board that no one had asked what effect this would have on the other side of an interchange. Mayor Davis said if an interchange placed at I-55 and Nail Road would have no adverse effect on the mall project, then the City of Southaven would not be opposed to this interchange.

Mayor Davis said a mall could possibly produce \$ 140 million in revenue, with a strip mall initiating approximately an additional \$ 168 million in revenue for the city and county.

Supervisor John Caldwell reminded Mayor Davis communication is a two-way street between the county and the cities. Supervisor John Caldwell explained to Mayor Davis, the Mayor and Alderman of Horn Lake has kept him informed on the interchange, as he could not share this information with the City of Southaven.

Supervisor Eugene Thach said the county will accept an interchange anytime. Supervisor Eugene Thach said the Board of Supervisors sent a Resolution in Support of the I-55 Interchange at Nail Road, however, the development of the interchange could be several years away. Supervisor Tommy Lewis said the Board of Supervisors was not aware of a developer. Supervisor Tommy Lewis suggested all growth be channeled through the Economic Development Council. Mayor Davis suggested the Council of Government.

Supervisor John Caldwell said Church Road has not provided the traffic relief as anticipated, however, Nail Road would be the best road to relieve traffic congestion on Goodman. Mayor Davis replied, the County Engineer has stated Starlanding Road would be the best place for an interchange.

Mayor Davis said he did not particularly care about the needs of MDOT, as they only build interchanges where fuel stations can be built.

ITEM H.1, CONTINUED,

Mayor Davis said he is requesting that economic development be channeled through the Council of Governments, he said eventually taxes are going to be increased, and DeSoto County residents need a place to shop.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said we can get more done if we all work together.

No motions were made nor votes taken on this issue.

2. Homestead Exemptions

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve the petition to adjust homestead exemption supplemental roll as presented and recommended by the Chancery Clerk. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit H.2****

3. Tchulahoma Road - Central Maintenance - Kenny Gunn

The Road Manager, Kenny Gunn notified the Board of Supervisors, the City of Southaven has requested Central Maintenance to lay road banks back on Tchulahoma Road to establish a shoulder on the road.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion, and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to authorize Road Manager Kenny Gunn to lay road banks back on Tchulahoma Road to establish a should on the road. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

4. Summershill Fire Department - Central Maintenance - Kenny Gunn

The Road Manager, Kenny Gunn notified the Board of Supervisors, Jim Harris has approached him for assistance with pushing dirt upon donated trees. Mr. Gunn said this request from Summershill Fire Department should only require approximately two (2) hours of assistance. Board Attorney, William Austin, stated Central Maintenance can assist the fire department in this endeavor.

At the recommendation of the Board Attorney, William Austin, Supervisor Jake Pearson made the motion, and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion authorizing the Road Manager Kenny Gunn to assist Summershill Fire Department in the pushing of dirt to plant the donated trees. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

5. Parks - Maintenance

The Road Manager, Kenny Gunn requested direction from the Board of Supervisors in connection with the maintenance of County Parks.

Mr. Gunn said he is requesting clarification of responsibilities of Central Maintenance in connection with the maintenance of County Parks. Supervisor Jake Pearson recommended Central Maintenance haul dirt, repair bleachers, fences, and mow ball fields.

Supervisor Jake Pearson said if plumbing is a problem, refer this complaint to Jim Bearden. Supervisor John Caldwell suggested if Central Maintenance receives the complaint, forward pertinent information to proper department for handling, do not forward the incoming call to the proper department.

ITEM H.6, CONTINUED,

6. Civil Defense - Seminar - T. H. Walker

At the recommendation of Chancery Clerk/County Administrator, W. E. "Sluggo" Davis, Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion, and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to approve registration in the amount of \$ 300.00 per person for T. H. Walker and Tim Curtis to attend a seminar for Civil Defense and to authorize the clerk to write the

check.. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

7. Council of Government - Bill Bayne

Bill Bayne of the Commercial Appeal appealed to the Board of Supervisors for a Resolution in regards to the Council of Government meetings not being open to the public nor the press. Mr. Bayne said he is requesting this Resolution to require A) meeting to be held at a public facility; B) agenda to be published, and C) to clarify the public and the press can attend these meetings.

Supervisor John Caldwell said and Supervisor Eugene Thach were unaware the meetings of the Council of Governments were closed to the public and the press. Supervisor John Caldwell suggested forwarding a letter to Mr. Jim Flanagan of the DeSoto Council requesting clarification of whether meetings were open or closed.

Mr. Bayne also notified the Board of Supervisors, when the press asks the Council of Government for a copy of the minutes, they always reply with, the minutes are not ready.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked the date of the next scheduled meeting for the Council of Governments. Mr. Bayne replied, Friday, March 5th, 1999.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion, and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion, to get clarification from Mr. Jim Flanagan of the DeSoto Council in connection with the meetings for the Council of Governments, and to take this issue under advisement. 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

8. Refinancing of Bonds - Board Attorney, William Austin

Board Attorney, William Austin presented the Resolution for the Refinancing of Bonds. At the recommendation of the Board Attorney, William Austin, Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion, and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to approve the Resolution for the Refinancing of Bonds. 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 H.8****

ITEM H.9, CONTINUED,

9. Travel - GIS

At the recommendation of Chancery Clerk/Country Administrator, W. E. "Sluggo" Davis, Supervisor Tommy Lewis and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the registration for participants at the GIS Seminar in New Orleans, Louisiana. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

10. Sewer Study

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked where the county is on the local and private legislation on the sewer study. Board Attorney, William Austin said he will present it on Wednesday.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to recess until Wednesday, March 3, 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 1st day of March, 1999, these minutes have been read and approved by the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors.

JESSIE L. MEDLIN, President
DeSoto County Board of Supervisors