

DESOTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JESSIE L. MEDLIN, PRESIDENT, PRESIDING

June 22, 1999

A. CALL TO ORDER

The June 22, 1999, meeting of the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors was called to order by Supervisor Jessie Medlin, Board President.

Chief Deputy Charlie Brown, 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:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----District 1
Supervisor Eugene C. Thach-----District 2
Supervisor Jimmy James-----District 3
Supervisor John Caldwell-----District 4
Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----District 5
W. E. "Sluggo" Davis-----Chancery Clerk
David Armstrong-----County Administrator, Absent
James Albert Riley----- Sheriff of DeSoto County
William H. Austin, Jr.-----Board Attorney

B. INVOCATION

The invocation was presented by Supervisor John Caldwell.

C. OLD BUSINESS

1. Subdivision - Street Signs

Merritt Powell of the DeSoto County Planning Commission came before the Board of Supervisors to discuss the regulation regarding the adoption of street signs approved by the Board of Supervisors on June 9, 1999. Mr. Powell said the order states that no permits will be issued until street signs are up in the subdivision. Mr. Powell suggested the Board consider getting a cost for signs from Kenny Gunn and assessing the Developer with the cost to put up the signs, or to give them an option to put up the signs themselves. Mr. Powell said these options would help a person who buys a lot to pull a building permit. By not adding an additional provision, the developers' procrastination could prevent unassuming buyers from building.

Supervisor John Caldwell pointed out that, now that the county has a subdivision inspector, we can verify the signs are up more quickly. Supervisor Thach agreed the subdivision inspector may stop some of the problems.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis said he thought the options could make it easier on lot buyers.

ITEM C, CONTINUED,

The Board of Supervisors discussed the different signs being put up in the county.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said the developers build in phases and they would only have to apply signs to the phase they are building. The Board of Supervisor agreed to let the order dated June 9, 1999, stand as written.

2. Approval of MOU - Working County Employees on State Highways

This item was held over until July 6, 1999, to allow the Sheriff to present this request.

3. BFI - Approval of contract - Disposal of Medical Waste

Vanessa Lynchard presented a contract between DeSoto County and BFI for the disposal of medical waste in EMS. Vanessa said that the EMS department had previously handled this contract independently but now that they are under County management, they are requesting contract approval by the Board of Supervisors. Vanessa said that at the Board Attorney, Bill Austin's recommendation, the contracts were changed from three independent contracts to one master contract for the three services.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to authorize the Board President to sign the contracts for BFI. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit C4****

4. Walls Fire Station - Grass Cutting - Leased Property

The Board Attorney, Bill Austin, notified the Board of Supervisors that it is permissible to cut grass for a Fire Protection District according to Section 19-5-151. Supervisor Eugene Thach asked if the County is cutting all Fire Departments. Supervisor John Caldwell said that not all Fire Departments are for Fire Protection Districts. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said that some Fire Departments are owned by the County but this one is being leased by the Fire Protection District.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis verified that the County cannot cut grass on County for Fire Protection owned by the County. The Board Attorney advised that this is possible at the Walls Fire Station only because the Fire Protection District is leasing the property.

Supervisor Jimmy James made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve cutting the grass at the Walls Fire Station located at Highway 61 and Church Road. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

5. Bell South Negotiations

Vanessa Lynchard forwarded a letter for the County Administrator, David Armstrong from the Public Utilities Department to David Armstrong explaining that the Public Service Commission does not have jurisdiction to participate in the BellSouth negotiations.

ITEM C.6, CONTINUED,

6. Center Hill Subdivision

Merritt Powell of the DeSoto County Planning Commission notified the Board of Supervisors that the driveways on the plans for Center Hill subdivision have been changed so that no driveways come off of Center Hill Road. In addition, the lots will have to have an elevation certification. Therefore, Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve Miller-Center Hill Road subdivision for final approval of four lots on ten acres, located on the south side of Center Hill Road, east of Old Highway 78, Section 18, Township 2, Range 5 in DeSoto County, Mississippi. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

D. PUBLIC HEARING - ABANDON OR SEIZED PROPERTY

At ten o'clock the Board President did call for all those appearing in connection with the Public Hearing on the adoption of an ordinance for the disposition of lost, stolen, abandoned or seized property to step forward. No one attended the meeting to respond to the Public Hearing. Therefore, Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Jimmy James seconded the motion to approve the ordinance and authorize final steps for the adoption of same. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit D****

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Request for Payment -Victim/Witness Program

Vanessa Lynchard presented a request on behalf of a sexual assault victim for the reimbursement for medical expenses incurred by the victim as a result of sexual assault which occurred in DeSoto County in September 1998. The reimbursement is requested directly to the victim pursuant to Section 99-37-25 of the Mississippi Code Annotated as amended. Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Jimmy James seconded the motion to approve the reimbursement of the aforementioned medical expenses in connection with Section 99-37-25 of the Mississippi Code. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit E.1****

2. Budget Amendment

Vanessa Lynchard presented a request for a Budget Amendment in the DeSoto County Sheriff's Department as follows:

Vanessa Lynchard reminded the Board of Supervisors that the Sheriff had agreed to provide additional funding for the Jail Renovation Project in excess of the amount contracted for the Jail Renovation and a budget amendment was required to transfer the money appropriately. In addition, the Sheriff's Department is requesting a budget amendment moving other money around within his budget.

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, Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve the budget amendment as follows:

ITEM E.2, CONTINUED,

Lower	001-200-468	Insurance	\$ 3,145.00
Lower	001-200-469	Unemployment	\$ 2,000.00
Lower	001-202-403	Invest	\$17,363.00
Lower	001-202-431	Dispatch	\$21,151.00
Lower	001-202-441	Narcotic	\$ 3,671.00
Lower	001-220-432	Jailers	\$30,547.00
Lower	001-220-465	Retire	\$ 2,578.00
Lower	001-220-466	S/S	\$ 1,304.00
Lower	001-220-468	Insurance	\$ 8,912.00
Lower	001-223-442	Juvenile	\$24,798.00
Lower	001-223-465	Retire	\$ 2,417.00
Lower	001-223-466	S/S	\$ 1,937.00
Lower	001-223-468	Insurance	\$ 3,891.00
Increase	001-200-401	Chief's	\$ 5,574.00
Increase	001-200-436	C/S	\$ 9,339.00
Increase	001-200-465	Retire	\$ 877.00
Increase	001-200-466	S/S	\$ 504.00
Increase	001-202-412	Bailiff	\$ 3,225.00
Increase	001-202-433	Patrol	\$63,547.00
Increase	001-202-435	Fugitive	\$ 7,814.00
Increase	001-220-430	Service	\$17,834.00
Increase	001-000-221	Commission	\$12,000.00
		from Phones	
Increase	001-701-916	Jail Renovation	\$27,000.00

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

a. Jail Renovation and approval of late bill

Vanessa Lynchard presented a bill from Panola Construction Company, Incorporated, for charges associated with the Jail Renovation. Jim Bearden, Director of Operations & Maintenance, reported to the Board that Panola has installed the control board and a lot of material has been stored on the site. Mr. Bearden said that the sliding doors have been here, but due to the fact that there has been little other work done on the project, and the control panel is not operating properly, he cannot justify payment as requested. However, in order to accommodate the Contractor to pay for the materials on site, he recommends approving \$83,954.60 of the bill.

At the recommendation of Jim Bearden, Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to authorize the clerk to write the check to Panola Construction Company, Incorporated for their work on the Jail Renovation in the amount of \$83,954.60 and to withhold \$10,000.00 of this request for payment until the control board is operating correctly and an effort has been made to begin more work on the project. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

****See Exhibit E.2.a****

ITEM E.2.b, CONTINUED,

b. Tax Assessor

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. Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Jimmy James seconded the motion to approve the budget amendment for the Tax Assessor as follows:

From	501	Postage	\$1,000.00
To	934	Furniture	\$1,000.00
From	523	Printing	\$ 120.00
To	571	Dues	\$ 100.00
To	933	Equipment	\$ 20.00

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

c. Sheriff's 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. Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to approve the budget amendment as follows:

Lower	001-200-533	Rent	\$ 104.00
Lower	001-200-543	Repair Office Furn.	\$ 396.00
Lower	001-202-542	Vehicle Repair	\$ 3,500.00
Lower	001-202-545	Other Repair & Maint.	\$ 500.00
Lower	001-202-552	Medical	\$ 400.00
Lower	001-202-553	NCIC	\$ 900.00
Lower	001-202-587	Training	\$ 6,500.00
Lower	001-202-671	Gas	\$ 7,000.00
Lower	001-202-681	VEH Repair Parts	\$ 6,000.00
Lower	001-202-930	Auto	\$ 3,300.00
Lower	001-220-553	NCIC	\$ 1,450.00
Lower	001-220-616	Class Supplies	\$ 2,000.00
Lower	001-220-934	Furn. & Fixtures	\$ 1,500.00
Increase	001-200-501	Postage	\$ 500.00
Increase	001-202-674	Oil & Grease	\$ 1,000.00
Increase	001-202-680	Tires	\$ 3,350.00
Increase	001-202-935	Other Equip	\$ 1,000.00
Increase	001-220-534	Copy Machine Rental	\$ 1,000.00
Increase	001-220-568	Trans Prisoners	\$ 1,000.00
Increase	001-220-654	Cleaning Supplies	\$ 2,000.00
Increase	001-220-692	Inmate Goods	\$ 3,700.00
Increase	001-220-694	Food for Prisoners	\$20,000.00

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

ITEM E.3, CONTINUED,

3. 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 Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve the investment of surplus funds to First American Bank, who was the high bidder that placed their bid on time for funds as follows:

<u>Date of Investment</u>	<u>Bank</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Maturity Days</u>	<u># of Rate</u>
6/10/99	First American Bank	\$6,250,000.00	7/07/99	27	4.75
		\$6,000,000.00	8/10/99	61	4.85
		\$8,500,000.00	9/30/99	112	5.00

The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit E.3****

4. Approval of Metro Grant - Gary Smith

Gary Smith, Commander of Metro Narcotics came before the Board to present the grant application in connection with funding for Metro Narcotics. Mr. Smith said that the grant match totaled \$63,001.00 and requested the County go in 50/50 on the grant match. The Comptroller Dale Thompson, said that the issue with the grant match in the past concerned whether the grant would run through the Sheriff’s Department or directly through Metro Narcotics. The Board agreed since any unexpended funds could not be recuperated if the grant match was funded through Metro Narcotics that they would fund the grant through the Sheriff’s Department.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve the grant application and to authorize the Board President to sign the grant application and to budget the grant through the Sheriff’s Department. The **motion passed** by vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	Yes
Supervisor Eugene Thach	Yes
Supervisor Jimmy James	Yes
Supervisor John Caldwell	Absent
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	Yes

5. Approval of Inter Local Agreement with Metro Narcotics

Vanessa Lynchard presented the 1999 Inter local Agreement by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the cities of Hernando and Olive Branch, Mississippi, the Chiefs of the Hernando and Olive Branch, Mississippi Police Departments, the Board of Supervisors of DeSoto County, the Sheriff of DeSoto County, the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol and the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics. The Board Attorney, Bill Austin, reported to the Board that this agreement is like the one approved last year. Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Jimmy James seconded the motion to approve the Inter local Agreement and to authorize the President of the Board of Supervisors to sign same. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

ITEM E.6, CONTINUED,

6. 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, Mississippi Code of 1973, Annotated, Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Jimmy James seconded the motion to

approve Bailiff pay for Jerry Easley the amount of \$280.00. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

**7. Authorization for Board President to Execute Lease Documents for -
One 4 Wheel Drive Tractor**

Vanessa Lynchard presented documents in connection with the lease agreement for the four wheel drive tractor recently purchased in Central Maintenance. Vanessa reminded the Board of Supervisors that they had previously approved Great Southern Leasing as the low bidder for financing of this equipment and presented the documents in connection with this loan. Vanessa Lynchard said that this document has been forwarded to the Board Attorney, Comptroller and Road Manager and she has received approval on the documents from those individuals.

At the recommendation of the Board Attorney, Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to approve the lease agreement and authorize the Board President to sign the documents in connection with this lease. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

8. Approval of Contract - Alco Services - Metro Narcotics

Vanessa Lynchard presented a contract agreement between Alco Services and DeSoto County for alarm monitoring in the office of Metro Narcotics. Vanessa explained that this contract simply extends the current service that Alco is providing to Metro Narcotics and at the same yearly rate of \$250.00. Supervisor Jimmy James made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve the contract between Alco Services and DeSoto County for alarm monitoring in Metro Narcotics at \$250.00 per year. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

9. Bids Under Advisement

a. Hot Asphalt Overlay

Road Manager, Kenny Gunn, and County Engineer, Daniel Murphy, presented the bids under advisement for hot asphalt overlay to the Board of Supervisors. Supervisors Jessie Medlin asked how much money we have for this contract. Road Manager Kenny Gunn responded that his budget can probably handle the low bid amount. Kenny Gunn said that the items in this project were this years plans for the four year road plan. Supervisor Jessie Medlin verified that there is usually money left over in the Road Department budget every year.

Supervisor John Caldwell said that we should check to make sure the roads in the worst shape are fixed first. Daniel Murphy said that depends on the plant location to schedule the roads.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Jimmy James seconded the motion to accept the low bid from Lehman Roberts of \$764,504.00 in connection with Bid File 99-300-202 for hot asphalt overlay. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

ITEM E.10, CONTINUED,

10. Accepting Resolution of Participation From E-911 for GIS

The Board of Supervisors were presented with a resolution from the E-911 Commission stating their intent to participate in a digital mapping system for DeSoto County and their intent to supply a portion of funding if funds are available to do so. The Board Attorney, Bill Austin, said this agreement was passed by the E-911 Board.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion accept the resolution of E-911 Commission into the minutes of the Board of Supervisors. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

11. Request to Abandon - Roads - Poplar Corner

Attorney Mary Lee Walker Brown appeared before the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors to request that the Board of Supervisors abandon Poplar Corner Road where the properties of Gilbert Godson and Albert Gartrell meet. Mrs. Brown explained that the area between Church Road and Poplar Corner Road veers off and has not been used or maintained in over ten years. Mr. Gartrell explained to the Board that a previous Board asked that the road be blocked off and not used as this section of road seemed to attract some activities that were detrimental to the area. Therefore, Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to set up a committee to inspect this portion of Poplar Corner Road. The **motion passed** by unanimous vote.

Board President, Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to appoint Supervisor John Caldwell and Supervisor Tommy Lewis as the committee to inspect Poplar Corner Road for possible abandonment of a portion. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

12. Petition for Adoption of Road - Russell Cove

The Board of Supervisors were presented with a petition for the adoption Russell Cove. Supervisor Caldwell said that this road has always been maintained by DeSoto County but recently the County went to cut some trees from the right of way and were questioned by a landowner on the exact right of way. Upon checking for these documents it was determined that no right of way had ever been given for this road. Therefore, the County ceased maintenance on the road. Since that time the landowners have decided that they want the Cove adopted and maintained as a County road.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin questioned that the addresses of the petitioners are not on the list. Supervisor Caldwell responded that about eight of the names are people who live on the road. Supervisor Caldwell said he felt this was the appropriate way to adopt the road since the Board of Supervisors had recently adopted a County map and this road was not a part of that map.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to appoint a committee to inspect Russell Cove. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to appoint Supervisor Tommy Lewis and Supervisor Jimmy James as the committee to inspect Russell Cove. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

ITEM E.13, CONTINUED,

13. .61 Mills Tax Levy Requested by YMD Joint Water Management District For Fiscal Year 2000

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to refer the discussion on this item to the budget discussions for FY2000. The **motion passed** by unanimous vote.

14. 1/4 Mill Tax Levy Requested by Mississippi Firefighter's Memorial Burn

Association

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to refer the discussion on this item to the budget discussions for FY2000. The **motion passed** by unanimous vote.

15. Approval to Travel - Justice Court Judge

Vanessa Lynchard presented a request from Justice Court Judge Ken Adams to travel to the Mississippi Justice Court Judges Association Convention and Certification program in Biloxi, Mississippi from June 27 to July 1, 1999 at the Imperial Palace Hotel. Judge Adams asked that the County approve the certification fee of \$250.00 for registration to this convention.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve travel for Justice Court Judge Ken Adams to the Justice Court Judges Summer Convention and Certification and authorized the clerk to write the check in the amount of \$250.00 for registration to this seminar. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

16. Approval of Distribution of Fire Funds

Vanessa Lynchard presented an order approving proposals of County Volunteer Fire Departments and expenditure of rural fire protection funds to the County and providing for expending funds and forwarding the proposals.

In connection with Mississippi Code Section 83-1-9, Supervisor Jimmy James made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion as follows:

Section 1. That the above said Agreements were approved by the Board and are on file.

Section 2. That available funds for county volunteer fire departments under the provisions of Section 83-1-39, Mississippi Code of 1972 as amended for the year 1999 will be divided on the following basis and formula:

- a. All ten (10) volunteer fire departments shall share equally in 60% of all available funds.
- b. All ten (10) volunteer fire departments shall share according to their percentage of the population serviced by said fire departments in 40% of all the remaining available funds.

Section 3. That based on the preceding formula heretofore adopted by the Board of Supervisors for the division of funds among the various volunteer fire departments, the following allocations of the funds are to be made to the following fire departments:

ITEM E.16, CONTINUED,

<u>Fire Departments</u>	<u>Insurance Funds</u>
Alphaba, Cockrum,	
Ingram's Mill	\$ 12,992.54
Bridgetown	14,070.96
DeSoto Woods	14,867.18
Eudora	16,318.51
Fairhaven	15,159.46

Lewisburg	15,506.17
Love	16,056.46
Nesbit	17,691.23
Summershill	16,576.52
Walls	<u>26,338.74</u>
TOTAL	\$ 165,577.77

That the budgets submitted by the respective Fire Departments exceed the final allocation listed above, but all of the budgets are approved, subject to final approval of the State Fire Fighters School with the limitation that the amount to be spent by each department shall not exceed the amount of money first listed above in this section.

Any fire house or permanent building constructed by any of these funds must be on county owned property. None of the funds shall be used to purchase land.

Section 4: All departments receiving these funds shall refer to Section 83-1-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, regarding appropriate use of these funds. Furthermore, all departments receiving funds should be aware of State Purchasing procedures and the recommendation of the State Fire Coordinator regarding purchase procedures using these funds.

ORDER APPROVING EXPENDITURES TO FIRE DEPARTMENTS OF THE REMAINDER OF FUNDS AS AUTHORIZED UNDER SECTION 19-5-95, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972 AS AMENDED

BE IT ORDERED:

That on June 22, 1999, this Board of Supervisors did authorize payment of \$68,594.88 as the annual allocation of funds available to the DeSoto County Volunteer Fire Departments as authorized under Section 19-5-95 of the Mississippi Code of 1972 as amended. This date Clovis Reed, County Administrator, has informed this Board that the remaining funds available for distribution from the Fiscal Year 1999 budget, based on the millage adopted by the Board for these departments, amounts to \$68,594.88.

THEREFORE, the total allocations for the Volunteer Fire Department under the authority of Section 19-5-95 and Section 83-1-39 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, are as follows:

\$261,813.88	Total Revenue Received Fiscal Year End 1999
- 559,265.00	Less Total Expenses Fiscal Year 1999
<u>+366,046.00</u>	<u>Plus Budgeted Allocation Expense Fiscal Year 1999</u>
\$ 68,594.88	Total Available for Distribution from Fiscal Year 1999 Funds

ITEM E.16, CONTINUED,

WHEREAS, the following volunteer fire departments, to-wit: Bridgetown Volunteer Fire Department; Brights-Lewisburg Volunteer Fire Department; DeSoto Woods Volunteer Fire Department; Eudora Volunteer Fire Department; Fairhaven Volunteer Fire Department; Love Station Volunteer Fire Department; Nesbit Volunteer Fire Department; Summershill Volunteer Fire

Department, Alhaba, Cockrum, Ingram's Mill Volunteer Fire Department; and Walls Volunteer Fire Department are eligible to participate in the funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF DESOTO COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AS FOLLOWS:

That available funds for county volunteer fire departments under the provisions Sections 19-5-95 and 83-1-39, Mississippi Code of 1972 for the year 1999 will be divided on the following basis and formula:

- a. All ten (10) volunteer fire departments shall share equally in 60% of all available funds.
- b. All ten (10) volunteer fire departments shall share according to their percentage of the population serviced by said fire departments in 40% of all the remaining available funds.

That based on the preceding formula heretofore adopted by the Board of Supervisors for the division of funds among the various volunteer fire departments, the following allocations of the Fiscal Year 1999 funds are to be made to the following fire departments:

<u>Fire Departments</u>	<u>FY 1999 Budget Allocation Funds</u>
Alhaba, Cockrum, Ingram's Mill	\$ 5,382.50
Bridgetown	5,829.26
DeSoto Woods	6,159.11
Eudora	6,760.36
Fairhaven	6,280.20
Lewisburg	6,423.83
Love	6,651.81
Nesbit	7,329.05
Summershill	6,867.25
Walls	<u>10,911.51</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$ 68,594.88</u>

Any fire house or permanent building constructed by any of these funds must be on county owned property. None of the funds shall be used to purchase land.

All departments receiving these funds shall refer to Sections 19-5-95 and Sections 83-1-39, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended regarding appropriate use of these funds. Furthermore, each department shall account for these funds separately from all other allocations and available funds. State purchase procedures as detailed in the appropriate sections of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, shall be followed. All departments receiving these funds are subject to audit by the Mississippi Department of Audit, and that each department receiving these funds is directly accountable to the Mississippi State Auditor.

The **motion passed** by unanimous vote.

ITEM E.17, CONTINUED,

17. Advertise County Resources

- a. 11 Year Old All Stars - Cherry Valley Baseball to Grenada**

b. 12 Year Old All Stars - Hernando Baseball to Laurel

Vanessa Lynchard presented a request from the 11 year old All Star Team from Cherry Valley Baseball Park in Southaven to attend the Dizzy Dean State Tournaments held in Grenada, Mississippi from July 6 through July 10, 1999, and a request from the 12 year old Hernando All Star Team traveling to Laurel, Mississippi for a baseball tournament for the Board’s consideration to advertise County Resources. In addition, Supervisor John Caldwell presented a request from the 13 year old All Stars attending a ball tournament at Mooreville, Mississippi from to and the 14 year old All Stars traveling to Picayune, Mississippi from to with a request to advertise County resources.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion, and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to advertise DeSoto County Resources by contributing \$ 150.00 to the 11 year old All Stars going to Grenada, Mississippi, 12 year old All Stars going to Laurel, Mississippi, the 13 year old All Stars going to Mooreville, Mississippi and the 14 year old All Stars going to Picayune, Mississippi. In accordance with Section 17-3-3, of the Mississippi Code of 1972, the Board of Supervisors did make a determination that the above request would advertise the resources and possibilities of DeSoto County and thereby advance the moral, financial and other interests of DeSoto County. The Board of Supervisors noted that a banner must be placed at the site, advertising the resources of DeSoto County. In addition, the Board makes the 13 year old All Stars going to Mooreville and the 14 year old All Stars going to Picayune donation contingent upon their presenting a written request to the County Administrator’s Office. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

18. Approval to Pay Airline Tickets for Sewer Funding Trip to Washington

Vanessa Lynchard presented a quote from Travel N Tours for airfare for the County traveling to Washington, D.C. on the Sewer Proposal in the amount of \$1,091.00. Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Jimmy James seconded the motion to approve the expenditure to Travel N Tours for airfare to Washington, D.C. in connection with the Sewer Study at the end of June, 1999 and to authorize the clerk to write the check. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

The Board discussed that in the event the County Administrator was unable to attend the meeting in Washington in connection with the Sewer System, the Board should appoint a Board member to travel to Washington in his place. Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to authorize Supervisor John Caldwell as an alternate to attend the meeting in Washington, D.C. at the end of June, 1999 in connection with the County wide Sewer System. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to reconsider the authorization to pay the airfare expenditure to Travel N Tours in connection with the Washington, D.C. trip for the Sewer Study as the Board recognized that first class airfare was not appropriate. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve the expenditure to Travel N Tours for airfare for an individual in the County to attend the Sewer System meeting in Washington, D.C. at the end of June to include coach fares only, with the intent being to exclude a first class flight, at a cost not to exceed \$1,091.00. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

F. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

ITEM G, CONTINUED,

G. OTHER ISSUES

1. Horn Lake Road

Supervisor John Caldwell asked if the Horn Lake Road project had been closed out. Daniel Murphy

said that the project will not be closed out until we get a good stand of grass on the road sides.

2. Budget Amendment - Youth Court

The Comptroller, Dale Thompson, presented a request from Chester Beasley of Youth Court for a budget amendment as follows:

From	164-479	\$ 450.00
From	164-581	\$ 713.00
To	164-934	\$1163.00
From	164-587	\$ 325.00
From	164-552	\$ 150.00
To	164-933	\$ 475.00

One of the items included in the budget amendment was the purchase of chairs. The Board of Supervisors discussed that there may be some chairs available in the Courthouse renovation that could go to Youth Court. Therefore, Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to take the request for the budget amendment under advisement to see if some existing chairs could be used to feel the needs of Youth Services. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

3. Horseshoe Casino Request to Re-issue Check

The Comptroller, Dale Thompson, notified the Board of Supervisors that she has been contacted by Horseshoe Casino, who is requesting the County void two payroll checks that were cashed by County employees at the casino and then re-issue them in Horseshoe Casino's name. The Comptroller reported that she had told the Casino that would not be possible, but because they had an issue with that decision, she asked the Board for their direction. The Board of Supervisors agreed that the employees could come back at a later date and request the checks again. Therefore, Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Jimmy James seconded the motion to hold the item over for the Board Attorney to look into this request so the Comptroller can have the attorney's opinion in the future on these requests. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

4. Budget FY2000

The Comptroller, Dale Thompson, notified the Board of Supervisors that although a few late budgets have been dwindling in, most have been received and her department has entered the budgets into the system. Mrs. Thompson notified the Board of Supervisors that this has traditionally been the extent of her responsibility in the budget preparation.

5. Budget Amendment - County Engineer

The County Engineer, Daniel Murphy, notified the Board of Supervisors that the County is doing a Flood Study on Camp Creek in connection with the Church Road project and it is necessary to do a budget amendment to cover these costs.

ITEM G.5, CONTINUED,

At the request of the County Engineer, Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to approve a budget amendment as follows:

From	001	General Fund	\$ 16,000.00
To	156-555		\$ 16,000.00

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

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	Yes
Supervisor Eugene Thach	Absent
Supervisor Jimmy James	Yes
Supervisor John Caldwell	Yes
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	Yes

6. Resolution - DeSoto County EMS

Vanessa Lynchard explained to the Board of Supervisors that in order to continue billing Medicare and Medicaid, DeSoto County EMS needs a resolution explaining the combining the ambulance service into DeSoto County's name. Supervisor Jimmy James made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve a resolution combining DeSoto County EMS services in Walls, Eudora and Lewisburg under the umbrella of DeSoto County. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Jimmy James seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting until July 6, 1999. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

THIS the 22nd day of June, 1999, these minutes have been read and approved by the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors.

Jessie L. Medlin, President
DeSoto County Board of Supervisors