

DESOTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JESSIE L. MEDLIN, PRESIDENT, PRESIDING

September 8, 1999

A. CALL TO ORDER

The September 8, 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, DeSoto County Sheriff 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
- James Albert Riley-----DeSoto County Sheriff
- William Austin-----Board Attorney

B. INVOCATION

The invocation was presented by Supervisor Eugene Thach.

C. DEMERY GRUBBS - COURTHOUSE RENOVATION BONDS

Demery Grubbs, financial advisor, notified the Board of Supervisors that the \$3.5 million courthouse renovation bonds have to be issued by October 27, 1999. Mr. Grubbs said that the intent bonds had already been done and that the debt payment is already in the budget. Mr. Grubbs requested authorization to advertise and prepare the necessary documents so that the county can receive the bonds by October.

Demery Grubbs said that DeSoto County had issued bonds very conservatively and that DeSoto County was one of a few counties that retains an "A" bond rating. He said DeSoto County was in good shape because of the growth rate, the debt schedule is well organized, and because the county is paying the principal at a rapid rate. He said that he wanted to get the courthouse bonds issued before December and January due to the Y2K issue. Mr. Grubbs presented a bond schedule to the Board of Supervisors. ****See Exhibit C.****

Supervisor John Caldwell asked if the Board can reject the courthouse renovation bids. Demery Grubbs said the Board can reject the bids. He said advertising for bids only sets the renovation project in motion. He said that he would be back on September 20, 1999 to give an update to the Board.

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Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Jimmy James seconded the motion to authorize Demery Grubbs to advertise and prepare the paperwork for the courthouse renovation bonds. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

D. PLANNING COMMISSION

The Planning Commission brought several items before the Board of Supervisors as evidenced by the portion of the minutes submitted by the Planning Commission.

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. Nesbit Drivers License Building - MHP

County Administrator David Armstrong informed the Board that he met with Commissioner Jim Ingram about the Nesbit Driver License Building. Mr. Armstrong said that the meeting went well but additional funds were not available for the drivers license building. He said that Commissioner Ingram suggested that the Board should meet with the local legislators and advise them what they wanted to do and get their support. Mr. Armstrong said that the next meeting on the budget will be in Jackson on September 28, 1999 at the Legislative Budget Office.

Supervisor John Caldwell said he did not like the county paying to pave a state agency parking lot. Mr. Armstrong said that this should be discussed with attorneys to assure the county could participate. Supervisor Caldwell said he thinks the building should be bricked, the lot paved, and staffed by state funds.

Mr. Armstrong said that during the meeting with Commissioner Ingram, he also requested another MHP officer to be assigned to DeSoto County. Commissioner Ingram said that he would do what he could when the next MHP class graduates.

2. Appointment - Horn Lake Library Board, District 3

Supervisor Jimmy James made a motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to appoint Amy Austin to the Horn Lake Library Board as the District 3 representative. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit E.2.****

1. Legislative Wish List

The Legislative Wish List was addressed. Vanessa Lynchard said that the Legislative Wish List is not due this year until the end of October due to it being an election year. The Board of Supervisors agreed to get the list organized and take it before the Council of Governments at the next meeting to see what changes or additions they want to make. Then the Board of Supervisors will determine the final list.

Supervisor John Caldwell said the Mississippi Highway Patrol determined that the Highway Patrol could not run radar in the city limits for cities of a certain size. Supervisor Caldwell said it would promote the safety of all traveling to allow the Highway Patrol the use of radar. Supervisor Eugene Thach said the Board of Supervisors should ask the cities their opinion.

2. Justice Court - Approval to Purchase Software - Larry Woods

County Administrator David Armstrong said he discussed the software with Larry Woods and he said he wanted to go with Delta Computer Systems. Vanessa Lynchard said that it was her understanding that Larry Woods preferred the Data Systems Management because it is

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compatible with the current system. Larry Woods told the Board that he preferred the Data Systems Management because it was Y2K compatible and there would be less training

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involved with this system.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked Mr. Woods to justify why they should approve the higher estimate. Mr. Woods said that the Data System is more adaptable, the training is already there, and the system is preferred by the Justice Court. Vanessa Lynchard said that Data Systems Management has been declared as a sole source in the past and that an upgrade to the system is still a sole source. Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked which system would be less expensive in the long run. Larry Woods said the Data System is because the workers are used to the system, the new package is similar so training costs will be less and the down time for training will also be less.

Board Attorney Bill Austin asked about the training costs for the Delta System. Larry Woods said he did not know the conversion cost but the training cost is approximately \$2,600.00.

Supervisor Jimmy James made a motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve the purchase of software for Justice Court contingent on a letter justifying the higher bid. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit E.4.****

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. EMS - Approval for Contract with NWCC

Vanessa Lynchard presented a clinical contract for approval between Northwest Community College and the Eudora Ambulance Service. Vanessa asked Board Attorney Bill Austin if the contract looked okay. Mr. Austin said that it was fine. County Administrator David Armstrong asked if DeSoto County is liable in this contract to provide insurance coverage.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made a motion and Supervisor Jimmy James seconded the motion to approve the contract with NWCC. The motion and the second were withdrawn.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made a motion and Supervisor Jimmy James seconded the motion to hold this issue until the next meeting on September 20, 1999. The **motion passed** by unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit F.1.****

2. Making State Tax Commission Approval of Tax Exemptions a Part of the Minutes

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to accept the finally approved tax exemption for AFCO Industries, Inc. into the minutes and to approve a resolution to make the State Tax Commission's approval part of the minutes. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit F.2.****

G. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

H. OTHER ISSUES

1. Sheriff's Car

Sheriff James A. Riley notified the Board of Supervisors that he had money left over in his budget for FY99. The Sheriff requested that he be able to use the money to purchase a patrol

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car. County Administrator, David Armstrong said that he did project a carry over in the Sheriff's Budget and projected the excess proceeds to fund the FY00 budget. Supervisor Jimmy James made a motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to authorize the Sheriff's Department to purchase a patrol car with excess funds from the FY99 budget.

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

2. Declaring Mary Dukie McIntyre a Pauper

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion, and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to declare Mary Dukie McIntyre a pauper in accordance with Section 43-31-29 of the Mississippi Code, which states the board of supervisors shall also relieve, support or employ paupers found or being in the county, though not entitled to a settlement therein, and, in case of their deceased, shall decently bury them; and all expenses shall be chargeable to and recoverable from the county in which such pauper had a settlement; and the board shall decently bury all strangers dying the county. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit H.2.****

3. Bonds - Church Road

Demery Grubbs, financial advisor, notified the Board that work on the Church Road project will begin after the first of the year. He said that the project is estimated at \$6,000,000.00. He said that if an area of Church Road opens, within a 2 year period the assessed value of the area will likely cover the debt.

4. Authorization to Open Bids for Solid Waste Collection and Disposal

Supervisor Jimmy James made a motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to authorize County Administrator David Armstrong or his designee to open bids on September 15, 1999 at 11:00 a.m. for Solid Waste Collection and Disposal. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Jimmy James seconded the motion to recess until September 20, 1999 at 9:00 a.m. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

THIS the 8th day of September, 1999, these minutes have been read and approved by the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors.

Jessie L. Medlin, President
DeSoto County Board of Supervisors