

DESOTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

EUGENE C. THACH, PRESIDENT, PRESIDING

January 5, 2000

A. CALL TO ORDER

The January 5, 2000, meeting of the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors was called to order by Supervisor Eugene C. Thach of DeSoto County.

Sheriff James A. 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:

- Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----District 1
- Supervisor Eugene C. Thach----- District 2
- Supervisor John Caldwell-----District 4
- Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----District 5
- W. E. "Sluggo" Davis-----Chancery Clerk
- James. A. Riley-----Sheriff
- David Armstrong-----County Administrator
- William Austin-----Board Attorney

B. INVOCATION

The invocation was presented by County Administrator David Armstrong.

C. 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.
****See Exhibit C****

D. OLD BUSINESS

1. Approval of Contract - Dr. Robert Meacham - Prisoner Medical Services

County Administrator David Armstrong notified the Board of Supervisors that he had spoken with Dr. Robert Meacham regarding the contract for prisoner medical services and Dr. Meacham informed him that he strongly requests a 5% increase in his salary in the new contract. Mr. Armstrong said that Dr. Meacham did not say he would not take the job without the increase but that he thought he deserved the 5% increase in pay. Mr. Armstrong said he recommended that the Board approve the new contract for one year with the 5% increase to make his salary \$82,687.50. Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to approve the contract for prisoner medical services with Dr. Robert Meacham at a salary of \$82,687.50 for the period of January 1, 2000 through January 2, 2001. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

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Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----YES

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Supervisor Eugene Thach-----YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton-----ABSENT
Supervisor John Caldwell-----YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----YES

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

2. Approval of Lease Agreements

a. Tiara Corporation

County Administrator David Armstrong informed the Board of Supervisors that the lease agreement with Tiara Corporation is a 1985 revenue bond in which no money flows through the county. Mr. Armstrong said that the last note on the revenue bond is due July 2001. Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the lease agreement with Tiara Corporation. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach-----YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton-----ABSENT
Supervisor John Caldwell-----YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----YES

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

b. 301 Sports Association

County Administrator David Armstrong informed the Board of Supervisors that the lease agreement with 301 Sports Association is for the 301 Park in District 3. Mr. Armstrong said he had talked to Supervisor Gerald Clifton about the lease agreement and Supervisor Clifton recommended that the agreement be approved. Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to ratify the lease agreement with the 301 Sports Association. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach-----YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton-----ABSENT
Supervisor John Caldwell-----YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----YES

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

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Jim Anderson and Marvin Johnson - Library - Space Assessment

Jim Anderson, Director of the First Regional Library, and Architect Marvin Johnson reported back to the Board of Supervisors regarding the space assessment of DeSoto County library buildings. Mr. Anderson said that population growth makes the expansion of the Hernando Library necessary. Mr. Anderson said that he took the population projection like he did for Hernando to determine the expansion needs of the other library service areas and presented it in the handout given by copy to each of the Supervisors. Mr. Anderson said the three factors

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affecting the need to expand the library system are growth in use, technological changes, and the growing population. Mr. Anderson said he projected the expansion need for the next ten years based on the ten year population projection listed in the *Source Book of Zip Code*

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Demographics.

Mr. Anderson said he proposed that the Board of Supervisors look at the long range view for DeSoto County when considering the expansion and determining what can actually be done with each branch. Mr. Anderson said that he and Marvin Johnson went to all of the libraries and assessed the need of each branch. Mr. Anderson said that he and Mr. Johnson recommend adding 15,000 to 17,000 square feet to the Hernando Library, adding a maximum of 10,000 square feet to Horn Lake, adding 10,000 square feet to Olive Branch, and 5,000 square feet to Southaven, and renovating the Walls Library to utilize more of its space.

County Administrator David Armstrong asked if it will be necessary to acquire land for any of the proposed expansions. Mr. Anderson said that land will be needed in both Hernando and Southaven.

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked Mr. Anderson if he is asking for a commitment to expand all of the branches now. Mr. Anderson said yes. Supervisor Thach said the Board would have to raise mills to 25 to accommodate the expansions. Mr. Anderson said raising the mills or a bond issue would be necessary. Supervisor Thach asked if the Cities would fund any of the expansions. Mr. Anderson said that the Cities contribute to the operating expenses and the County always has covered the construction expenses.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis said that in the future approximately 80% of homeowners will have access to computers to obtain information. Supervisor Lewis asked Mr. Anderson if this would affect the need for additional space. Mr. Anderson said that it has not affected the growth so far.

Supervisor Eugene Thach said that the Board needs a more immediate estimate and not a ten year plan. Supervisor John Caldwell said we do need to consider a long range plan. Mr. Anderson said that the plans need to include the projected need, otherwise, the expansion will be useless before it is finished.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked why the new construction will be \$110.00 per square foot and multi-stories will be \$135.00 per square foot. Mr. Johnson said that the ground floor is less expensive to build.

Supervisor John Caldwell asked if the Hernando Library is expanded and then a new library is constructed between Southaven and Olive Branch around Snowden Park, would this serve the more immediate need of DeSoto County. Mr. Anderson said that he would prioritize the Hernando expansion and the additional branch as the most immediate need with the expansion of the Olive Branch library being next on the list. Supervisor Medlin said that he thinks the need for another branch is in the eastern part of Olive Branch since the growth is to the east.

County Administrator David Armstrong asked how long the grant program is and if it will cover the next ten years. Mr. Anderson said that the State has allocated \$10 million but will not give it all to one county.

Supervisor Eugene Thach said that the Board has already given Mr. Anderson the authority to apply for a grant for the Hernando expansion. Mr. Anderson said that he needs to know before the deadline of February 15, 2000 if the Board wants him to apply for other projects besides Hernando. Mr. Anderson said he will not specify the exact size of the projects in the grant application.

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Supervisor John Caldwell asked Marvin Johnson to see what the Horn Lake Library will need to construct another driveway into the library.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to authorize Jim Anderson to apply for grants to expand the Hernando Library, to build a new

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library in Southaven, and to expand the Olive Branch Library. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach-----YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton-----ABSENT
Supervisor John Caldwell-----YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----YES

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

2. Consideration to Make Tax Exemption Retroactive - Mid America Engine, Inc.

Keith Coleman, owner of Mid America Engine, Inc., addressed the Board of Supervisors about making the tax exemption for Mid America Engine, Inc. retroactive. County Administrator David Armstrong said that the Board approved the tax exemption on November 29, 1999. Mr. Coleman said that his company is 22 years old and build generator sets with its primary business being exporting to Central and South America. Mr. Coleman said that Mid America Engine, Inc. currently employs 18 people at a minimum salary of \$15.00 an hour and plans to increase its work population by 10 people.

Mr. Coleman said that because of poor investors and an inadequate CPA firm, Mid America Engine had to pay \$42,000.00 in taxes in 1998. Mr. Coleman said he met with Anna Williams and Don White of the Tax Assessor's Office and Tax Collector Joey Treadway to see what he could do about his taxes. Mr. Coleman said he was told that he had to pay the 1998 taxes but that he could ask the Board of Supervisors for a Freeport Exemption for 1999. Anna Williams of the Tax Assessor's Office was present and said that she did tell Mr. Coleman that a Freeport Exemption would help but did not say that it would affect the 1999 taxes unless the Board made the exemption retroactive. Mr. Coleman said it was his understanding that as long as the exemption was granted in 1999 it would affect the 1999 taxes.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked Ms. Williams that when the Board approved tax exemptions in 1999 were they approving them for the 2000 taxes. Ms. Williams, said yes, the Freeport Exemption is supposed to be in place prior to December 31 for the next tax year. Board Attorney Bill Austin said that the lien date is January 1 of any year and without guidance to the Tax Assessor's Office, that is what is to be followed. Mr. Austin said any later than that should be specified as it being retroactive.

Supervisor Eugene Thach said that the reason the exemptions are not retroactive is because homestead exemptions could not be retroactive. Vanessa Lynchard said that the Freeport part of Mid America Engine is \$29,000.00. Vanessa said that she talked with the State Tax Commission and was told the decision for an exemption to be retroactive is left up to the Board of Supervisors. Vanessa said she also talked with Anna Williams and Bill Bryant yesterday about the issue. She said that Bill Bryant suggested making a cut off date after the tax rolls are printed in September.

Anna Williams informed the Board that they recently approved a retroactive exemption for Asics. Supervisor Thach said he did not realize that the Board had done this before.

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Supervisor John Caldwell asked Jim Flanagan, Director of the DeSoto Council, if Mr. Coleman is a member of the DeSoto Council. Mr. Flanagan said that he is.

Vanessa Lynchard told the Board that Mr. Coleman was concerned about the cut off date in December and had asked to address the Board before the end of December. Vanessa said that she checked with the State Tax Commission and was told that it would not affect the exemption.

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Supervisor Jessie Medlin made a motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to make the freeport warehouse exemption for Mid America Engine, Inc. that was approved on November 29, 1999 retroactive to affect the 1999 taxes. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----YES
 Supervisor Eugene Thach-----YES
 Supervisor Gerald Clifton-----ABSENT
 Supervisor John Caldwell-----YES
 Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----YES

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

3. Budget Amendment

a. Fire/EMS - To Purchase a Recorder

County Administrator David Armstrong notified the Board that this budget amendment request from Fire/EMS is to purchase a recorder. Mr. Armstrong asked the Board to hold this item until he could meet with EMS Director Bobby Storey and the 911 Commission to see if 911 will help fund the recorder. The Board of Supervisors held this item. ****See Exhibit E.3.a****

b. Sheriff's Department

County Administrator David Armstrong presented a budget amendment request from the Sheriff's Department to purchase scuba equipment. 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, 1999, and ending September 30, 2000. Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to approve the budget amendment for the Sheriff's Department under the provisions of Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated, Section 19-11-19 as follows:

Decrease	001-225-542	Repairs to Vehicles	\$ 100.00
Decrease	001-225-587	Training & Registration	\$ 500.00
Decrease	001-225-682	Equipment Repairs	\$ 100.00
Decrease	001-225-681	Repair Parts	\$ 200.00
Increase	001-225-935	Other Machinery & Equipment	\$ 900.00

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

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----YES
 Supervisor Eugene Thach-----YES
 Supervisor Gerald Clifton-----ABSENT
 Supervisor John Caldwell-----YES
 Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----YES

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

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4. Approval of Late Bill - Panola Construction - Administration Building

County Administrator David Armstrong presented a late bill from Panola Construction for the Administration Building for December 1999 to the Board of Supervisors for approval. Jim Bearden, Director of Operations and Maintenance, was present and recommended that the Board pay the bill. Vanessa Lynchard explained to the Board that the bill was late because Bill Burnett of Panola Construction was unable to get Bert Poletti of Allen & Hoshall to sign the bill because Mr. Poletti was on vacation.

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Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked what kind of liquidated damages provisions are in the contract. Vanessa said that Board Attorney Bill Austin had reviewed the contract and saw no provisions for liquidated damages in the jail contract. Supervisor Lewis said that the Board needed to make sure that there are provisions in the Courthouse renovation contract for liquidated damages.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to approve the late bill for Panola Construction for the Administration Building for the month of December 1999 in the amount of \$187,956.93 and authorized the Clerk to write the check. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach-----YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton-----ABSENT
Supervisor John Caldwell-----YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----YES

****See Exhibit E.4****

5. Accepting 2000 Bridge Inspection Report into Minutes

County Engineer Daniel Murphey presented the 2000 Bridge Inspection Report for DeSoto County to the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Murphey said he completed the report and submitted it to State Aid and that State Aid returned the report. Mr. Murphey said that the County has only one bridge on the report, the Sandidge Road Bridge, that is closed and will have to be completely redone. Mr. Murphey said that repairs to that bridge will not be enough. County Administrator David Armstrong asked if the bridge had to be repaired to receive State Aid funds. Mr. Murphey said that it won't necessarily have to be repaired to get any funds but that it will have to be addressed and the Board will need to decide whether or not the bridge needs to be closed or abandoned. Supervisor Eugene Thach said that the Board already discussed that the bridge is still a County bridge even though it is in the City of Olive Branch. Mr. Murphey said according to LSBP, the bridge is still the County's responsibility and that it could prevent LSBP funds from being used on other bridges if the bridge is not addressed. Mr. Murphey said he would talk to Mayor Sam Rikard of Olive Branch to see if Olive Branch wants to close the road so that the County can abandon the bridge.

Supervisor John Caldwell asked what the allocations are for State Aid and LSBP. Mr. Murphey said he did not have the figures with him but could get them if the Board wanted him to bring them back.

Mr. Murphey told the Board that there are three bridges over 30 years old that he recommends eliminating over the next four years. Mr. Murphey said the three bridges are on Vaiden Road, Jaybird Road, and on Stateline Road at Mineral Wells. Mr. Murphey said that he thinks all three of these bridges can be replaced by boxed culverts. Bill Bayne of the *Commercial Appeal* asked Mr. Murphey if State Aid can be used for the three bridges discussed. Mr. Murphey said

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a variety of funding can be used including State Aid, Federal Bridge Funds, and Local Funds accessed through State Aid.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to accept the 2000 Bridge Inspection Report for DeSoto County into the minutes. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach-----YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton-----ABSENT

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Supervisor John Caldwell-----YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----YES

****See Exhibit E.5****

6. Authorization for County Administrator to Open Bids on 01-20-00 for County Depository

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to authorize County Administrator David Armstrong or his designee to open the bids for the County Depository on January 20, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach-----YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton-----ABSENT
Supervisor John Caldwell-----YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----YES

7. 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.

Having completed such inspection, Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis 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 vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach-----YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton-----ABSENT
Supervisor John Caldwell-----YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----YES

8. Appointment of Assistant Inventory Clerks

County Administrator David Armstrong informed the Board that two assistant inventory clerks were inadvertently left off of the list of appointments approved by the Board on January 4, 2000. Mr. Armstrong said that Inventory Clerk Bonnie Gatlin recommends that the Board

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appoint Kim Northcutt of Central Maintenance and Sue Williams of the Sheriff's Department as assistant inventory clerks. Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to re-appoint Kim Northcutt of Central Maintenance and Sue Williams of the Sheriff's Department as assistant inventory clerks. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach-----YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton-----ABSENT
Supervisor John Caldwell-----YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----YES

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9. Approval of Contract - Paramount Uniform Rental, Inc.

County Administrator David Armstrong informed the Board of Supervisors that there are sixteen months remaining on the contract for Paramount Uniform Rental, Inc. for Central Maintenance. Mr. Armstrong said that Road Manager Kenny Gunn is satisfied with the service that Paramount Uniform Rental, Inc. has provided so far. Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to approve the contract for Central Maintenance with Paramount Uniform Rental, Inc. for a period of sixteen months ending April 30, 2001. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

- Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----YES
- Supervisor Eugene Thach-----YES
- Supervisor Gerald Clifton-----ABSENT
- Supervisor John Caldwell-----YES
- Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----YES

****See Exhibit E.9****

10. Request for Extension of CDBG on Hacks Cross Road

County Administrator David Armstrong informed the Board of Supervisors that an extension of the CDBG Grant on Hacks Cross Road is needed so that funding of the grant is not lost. Mr. Armstrong said that the request for an extension of the grant can only be for a period of six months at a time. Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to submit a request to the Department of Economic and Community Development, Division of Community Services, for an extension of the CDBG Grant Number 97-017-ED-IF-01, for a period of six months ending May 30, 2000. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

- Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----YES
- Supervisor Eugene Thach-----YES
- Supervisor Gerald Clifton-----ABSENT
- Supervisor John Caldwell-----YES
- Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----YES

****See Exhibit E.10****

A. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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B. OTHER ISSUES

1. County Engineer Job Description

Supervisor John Caldwell discussed the position of County Engineer with the Board of Supervisors. Supervisor Caldwell said that the load placed on County Engineer Daniel Murphey is too excessive and that a job description is needed for a full time County Engineer to cover all of the duties expected of him or her. Supervisor Eugene Thach said that work with State Aid and bridges keeps Mr. Murphey busy and that the Board needs to look for a full time consultant or engineer with hydraulic experience. Supervisor Caldwell said the Board needs to authorize the County Administrator to get with Department Heads and find out their needs and the level of expertise necessary. County Engineer Daniel Murphey said that the County will be restricting itself if it places too many tasks on the job description. Supervisor Tommy Lewis

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said that the County can hire an engineer and then send the engineer to schools to become more diversified. County Engineer Daniel Murphey said he would help the Board find an engineer and he will continue to do the State Aid work and the overlaying for the County. Supervisor John Caldwell made a motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to authorize the County Administrator to write a job description for the County Engineer and to present it back to the Board of Supervisors for approval before the position is advertised. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach-----YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton-----ABSENT
Supervisor John Caldwell-----YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----YES

2. EMS Employees

County Administrator David Armstrong notified the Board of Supervisors that he had talked with EMS Director Bobby Storey regarding the number of part-time employees at EMS. Mr. Armstrong reported that EMS has four part-time EMT positions and three part-time drivers.

3. Tax Assessor - Reassessment Update

County Administrator David Armstrong informed the Board of Supervisors that he asked Bill Bryant of the Tax Assessor's Office when the reassessment has to be completed. Mr. Armstrong said that Mr. Bryant said it has to be enacted by law within 3 years. Supervisor John Caldwell asked if it could be completed sooner. Board Attorney Bill Austin said that it could be completed sooner and did not have to take the entire 3 years.

4. Centralized Billing

EMS Director Bobby Storey reported to the Board of Supervisors that the County has turned in approximately \$20,000.00 per month since centralized billing was enacted.

5. College Road

Supervisor Eugene Thach instructed Road Manager Kenny Gunn to get with County Engineer Daniel Murphey about cutting down the hills on College Road. Supervisor Jessie Medlin told Mr. Gunn to work overtime when the project is started to get it finished as soon as possible in case the road has to be closed.

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6. Bass Landing Boat Ramp

Road Manager Kenny Gunn notified the Board of Supervisors that the County's cost including labor and equipment time on the repairs to the Bass Landing Boat Ramp is \$6,159.06. Mr. Gunn said that the Wildlife and Fishery Department sent a check in the amount of \$4,619.29 to cover 75% of that cost.

7. Vehicles for Supervisors

Road Manager Kenny Gunn informed the Board of Supervisors that Supervisor Gerald Clifton picked up the truck that Supervisor John Caldwell had. Mr. Gunn asked the Board if they wanted him to order the three vehicles for the Supervisors now. Supervisor Eugene Thach said to order the vehicles off of State Contract but out of budget for Central Maintenance. Supervisor John Caldwell said that in the future, the vehicles for Supervisors should not be in the Road Department's budget. The Board instructed Mr. Gunn to get with Supervisor Tommy

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Lewis, Supervisor Jessie Medlin, and Supervisor Gerald Clifton and order the vehicles they want and list them on the inventory for Central Maintenance.

8. Four Year Road Plan

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked Road Manager Kenny Gunn if he had reevaluated the Four Year Road Plan. Mr. Gunn said he is working on that now. Supervisor John Caldwell asked Mr. Gunn if it will be ready by the meeting on January 18, 2000. Mr. Gunn said that it would be.

9. Rubbish Pit

Supervisor Eugene Thach said that he thinks it is in the best interest of the County to not charge the Cities for using the rubbish pit for the remainder of this fiscal year. Supervisor John Caldwell said that the figures show that it is not in the best interest of the County to provide a free service to the Cities. Supervisor Caldwell said that there is no incentive to recycle if the service is free. Supervisor Tommy Lewis said his objection to charging a fee to the Cities is only that it is in the middle of their budget. Supervisor Eugene Thach made a motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to operate the rubbish pit as it is without charging a fee to the Cities for the next 9 months to allow time for the County and the Cities to work the fees into their budgets and to allow the County time to gather more reliable statistics. The **motion failed** by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----NO
Supervisor Eugene Thach-----YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton-----ABSENT
Supervisor John Caldwell-----NO
Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----YES

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made a motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to amend the fee charged to the Cities and County for the Rubbish Pit from \$4.00 to \$1.80 effective January 1, 2000 through December 31, 2000 and to reconsider the fee when discussing the budget for the next fiscal year. Residents will continue to have one free use per week. Commercial users will pay \$4.00 plus \$.50 to the County and State. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach-----YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton-----ABSENT

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Supervisor John Caldwell-----YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----NO

10. Bill Bayne

Bill Bayne of the *Commercial Appeal* informed the Board of Supervisors that he had been reassigned to cover the courts and that this is probably his last day to cover the Board meetings. Mr. Bayne said he has enjoyed working with the Board for the past ten years and that the work has been interesting. Mr. Bayne said he has tried to be fair throughout his reporting of the issues. Mr. Bayne said it was interesting to watch the Board deal with the rapid growth of DeSoto County. The Board of Supervisors wished Mr. Bayne well and thanked him for his service.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to recess until January 18, 2000 at 9:00 a.m. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

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Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach-----YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton-----ABSENT
Supervisor John Caldwell-----YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----ABSENT

THIS the 5th day of January, 2000, these minutes have been read and approved by the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors.

EUGENE C. THACH, President
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