

DESOTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

EUGENE C. THACH, PRESIDENT, PRESIDING

SPECIAL MEETING

MAY 15, 2000

A. CALL TO ORDER

The May 15, 2000, Special Meeting of the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors was called to order by Supervisor Eugene C. Thach 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 Gerald Clifton-----District 3
- Supervisor John Caldwell-----District 4, Absent
- 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. NEW BUSINESS

1. State Aid Bid Opening - Bethel Road

Mr. Dan Tolar of State Aid and County Engineer Daniel Murphy came before the Board of Supervisors for State Aid Project #STP-1969(2)B on Bethel Road. Mr. Tolar said the State Aid estimate for the project is \$ 568,345.00.

Mr. Tolar said two (2) bids were received. Mr. Tolar stated the bids were received as follows:

Lehman Roberts	\$ 498,146.81
APAC-Tennessee, Incorporated	\$ 549,531.93

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to take the bids under advisement. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----YES

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

Later in the meeting, and at the recommendation of State Aid Representative Dan Tolar, and County Engineer Daniel Murphy, Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion, and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to award State Aid Project #STP-1969(2)B on Bethel Road to Lehman Roberts as the low bidder to meet the bid specifications for this project at a bid of \$ 498,146.81. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

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

****See Exhibit C.1****

2. Approval of Contract Amendment #3 - Waggoner Engineering

County Administrator David Armstrong informed the Board of Supervisors that the DeSoto County Regional Utility Authority reviewed Amendment #3 and had questions about it. Mr. Armstrong said the committee will send a Resolution in Support of Amendment #3 to the Board of Supervisors after their questions have been answered. Mr. Armstrong said this item was placed on the agenda for the special meeting because the trip to Atlanta for the meeting with EPA was scheduled for May 18, 2000 and they wanted it approved by the Board before they went. Mr. Armstrong said this item can be held over now if necessary because the date of the Atlanta meeting was changed to May 24, 2000.

Later in the meeting, Jim Hust of Waggoner Engineering, Bob Bailey of Pickering & Associates, and Rob Manuel of Engineering Associates presented the Resolution in Support of Amendment #3 submitted by the DeSoto County Regional Utility Authority.

Jim Hust reminded the Board of Supervisors that Amendment #1 was for the preparation of the EPA application and Amendment #2 outlined the scope of work. Mr. Armstrong said that EPA has designated the funds and Amendment #3 will define how the funds will be spent with EPA overseeing the spending.

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked if the Board can take this item under advisement until May 22nd since the Atlanta trip has been extended. Mr. Hust said that decision is left up to the Board.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked if the \$3.8 million will be drawn at one time or as the work is done. Mr. Hust said that funds will be drawn as the work is done.

Mr. Armstrong asked how far will the preliminary engineering phase take the County into the project. Mr. Hust said that the preliminary engineering phase will cover 30% of the design and at the conclusion of this phase, they will know how much land will be needed. Mr. Armstrong asked if Amendment #3 will cover the next two years. Mr. Hust said yes, unless, an Environmental Impact Statement is required, which will delay the project.

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked what the estimate is on the final design. Mr. Hust said that it is **ITEM C.2, CONTINUED,**

\$1.8 million.

Supervisor Gerald Clifton asked if there is a precedence for this project. Mr. Hust said they are currently working on two EPA grants.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked if the Board needs to review Amendment #3. Mr. Armstrong said that he is confident with it and that EPA will oversee it. Board Attorney Bill Austin said that there are no surprises in Amendment #3 and that the figures in it are the same figures the Board has seen over the last few years.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked if funds will be available at the beginning of the project or if the County will have to pay and then be reimbursed. Mr. Hust said they would get a definite answer at the Atlanta meeting. Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked how it will affect the cash flow and if Waggoner will wait on their money until the EPA money arrives. Mr. Hust said that will also be discussed in Atlanta.

Mr. Hust said that the plan is to submit monthly invoices to EPA and that they are usually reimbursed on a monthly basis.

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked if the aerial photography received will be suitable for the tax assessments. Mr. Hust said yes and that it will be a basis for a GIS service.

Supervisor Gerald Clifton asked if EPA will have time to review Amendment #3 if the Board holds this until May 22nd. Mr. Hust said yes because EPA is not going to sign off on it at the Atlanta meeting.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made a motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to hold this item until May 22, 2000. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

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

****See Exhibit C.2****

Supervisor Gerald Clifton made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to recess until May 22, 2000 at 9:00 a.m. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

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

THIS the 15th day of May, 2000, these minutes have been read and approved by the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors.

Eugene C. Thach, President
DeSoto County Board of Supervisors