

DESOTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

EUGENE C. THACH, PRESIDENT, PRESIDING

JULY 31, 2000

A. CALL TO ORDER

The July 31, 2000, 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, Absent
- Supervisor Eugene C. Thach-----District 2
- Supervisor Gerald Clifton-----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 John Caldwell.

C. OLD BUSINESS

1. Approval of Resolution for Johnson Country USA

Steve Ottosen and Dennis Sassaman of Johnson Country USA came before the Board of Supervisors to request approval of a resolution for Johnson Country USA proposing the realignment and relocation of a segment of Old Highway 61 and Ciba Road. Mr. Ottosen said that the road realignment will be at no cost to the County. Mr. Ottosen further stated that the approval of the resolution by the Board of Supervisors is necessary to proceed with the next phase of the project, which will be feasibility studies. County Administrator David Armstrong asked if the right of ways and easements will be donated to the County. Mr. Ottosen said that the right of ways and easements will be given to the County.

Supervisor Gerald Clifton requested that Section 6 be added to the resolution indicating that the County's commitment to the project is subject to the financing of Johnson Country USA being completed by December 31, 2003 because the Board of Supervisors cannot contract past its current term of office. Mr. Ottosen said that they have no problem with the addition of Section 6. Board Attorney Bill Austin said the addition of Section 6 will not affect the agreement.

Supervisor Eugene Thach said the Board will not make a final commitment to the project until

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the roads are completed. Mr. Ottosen said that an alternate route will be installed before the realignment is completed. Supervisor Thach said that the agreement should also include any work that will need to be done to Green River Road. Board Attorney Bill Austin said that Green River Road is currently a gravel road that may need to be upgraded to help with traffic after the proposed road realignment.

Board Attorney Bill Austin also requested the addition of “acquisition costs of any and all easements and rights of way shall be born by Johnson Country USA or their assigns” at the end of Section 3 for further clarification. Mr. Austin also requested that a signature line be included in the agreement for Mr. Johnson, President of Johnson Country USA.

Supervisor Gerald Clifton made a motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to approve the resolution supporting Johnson Country USA, Inc. with section 3 amended to include the upgrade of Green River Road subject to the refinement of Ciba Road and state that the “acquisition costs of any and all easements and rights of way shall be born by Johnson Country USA or their assigns”, and the addition of Section 6 that will state “the above commitment of DeSoto County is contingent upon Johnson Country USA securing financing on or before December 31, 2003”, and the addition of a signature line on the resolution for G. W. Johnson, President of Johnson Country USA. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

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

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

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. David Kline - Jail Expansion Update

David Kline and Brent Grubb of Kline Swinney Associates presented an early schematic design of the jail expansion to the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Kline said that the next stage will be the design development stage, which will be more detailed with more accurate cost estimates. Mr. Kline said that the expansion will include the addition of 160 beds with future growth capacity, expanded kitchen and laundry areas, a new sheriff and patrol area, new multi-purpose and medical areas and a new visitation area, and the renovation of existing pods to be in compliance with State and American Correctional Association (ACA) guidelines.. Further, Mr. Kline stated that the women will move into the two existing pods currently being used for male inmates and the juveniles will move into the vacated women’s area.

Mr. Kline said that the housing unit will be a two story unit with four pods having access to the exercise yard, which will allow inmates to be moved in and out without staff. Mr. Kline further stated that the control room will have visibility of all areas.

Supervisor John Caldwell asked why the expansion includes a new sheriff and patrol area at a cost of \$473,000.00. Mr. Kline said that the Sheriff’s Department is understaffed with insufficient room for the patrol and detective divisions, filing, and warrants division. Supervisor Caldwell suggested that the sheriff and patrol area be included as an alternate expense. Sheriff James A. Riley said that the new area is needed because he currently has sixty employees working out of a 10' X 12' room with no room for files.

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Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked if the \$5 million estimated for the expansion includes all costs. Mr. Kline said the \$4.6 million estimate does not include soft costs or architectural fees. Supervisor Lewis asked if manpower had been discussed. Mr. Kline said that this will

continue to be addressed throughout the expansion but he thinks that an additional ten to fifteen employees will be needed. Mr. Kline said that the figure is based on three employees for the first two shifts and two employees on the midnight shift during lock-down hours. Sheriff Riley said that he hopes that only ten additional employees will be needed.

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked if the committee will meet again to review and revise the plans. Mr. Kline said he will make plans to meet with the committee at their convenience. The Board of Supervisors scheduled a committee meeting for Tuesday, August 8th at 10:30 a.m.

Supervisor John Caldwell made a motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to authorize Kline Swinney Associates to proceed with the 160 bed jail expansion, including the visitation, multi-purpose, and medical areas and the renovation of the kitchen and laundry with the addition of a sheriff and patrol division to be discussed further. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

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

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

Jimmy James, head of the DeSoto County Fire Chiefs Association, addressed the Board of Supervisors about plans to proceed with a centralized dispatch system. Mr. James said that the Fire Chiefs Association is opposed to having dispatchers in the same building as the Sheriff's Department unless the dispatch system is totally centralized. Supervisor Eugene Thach said that the goal is to have a centralized dispatch with E-911 subsidized by the County and Cities. Supervisor Thach said the proposed location for the central dispatch is Nesbit in the area of Starlanding Road and Gwynn Road.

Sheriff James A. Riley said he is willing to work together on the dispatch but by code, dispatching falls under law enforcement. Sheriff Riley said that they are losing communication with the public and the public is not getting the emergency services they deserve. Sheriff Riley said that there will never be a centralized dispatch if you try to please all parties. Mr. James said that the Fire Chiefs Association and EMS are both 100 percent in favor of the centralized dispatch system.

Supervisor John Caldwell said that he supports the idea of having a centralized dispatch and thinks that the citizens needs will be better served if the dispatch system is centralized. Board Attorney Bill Austin gave an update of the E-911 system. Mr. Austin said that E-911 will have the finest communication system available when installation of the microwave system is completed. Mr. Austin further stated that the E-911 commission has had a tentative design for the centralized dispatch system for the past few years and is ready to proceed when all parties reach the agreement that having a centralized dispatch will best serve the public's needs.

Supervisor John Caldwell made a motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to appoint Supervisor Eugene Thach and Supervisor Gerald Clifton to serve on a committee with Jesse Kennedy, representatives of the Sheriff's Department and E-911, and Bobby Storey to

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proceed with plans for a centralized dispatch system. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

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

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

2. Mark Babb - DeSoto Sunrise Homes

Dorothy Martin addressed the Board of Supervisors to request that the Board make quarterly allocations to the DeSoto Sunrise Homes instead of an annual allocation. Ms. Martin said that she has volunteered for the DeSoto Sunrise Homes for twenty-two years and is concerned that the original mission statement of the home will change now that there is a new director.

Lee Ann Krueger said that her stepson is currently in the DeSoto Sunrise Homes and that she chose the home because of Dennis and Vicky Moore. Ms. Krueger said that she has not removed her stepson from the home yet because there is no where else to place him with a home environment. Ms. Krueger said she has heard that the home is going to start taking first offenders and drug and alcohol patients and asked the Board to help keep the mission statement as it is now.

Mark Babb informed the Board of Supervisors that he resigned from the DeSoto Sunrise Homes Board of Directors due to Dennis Moore being asked to resign his position. Mr. Babb also requested that the Board consider allocating funds to the home on a quarterly basis and stipulate that funds will not be allocated if the original mission statement of the home is changed.

Supervisor Eugene Thach said that the Board of Supervisors will take the requests into consideration when the budget for the next fiscal year is discussed.

3. Budget Amendment

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 19-11-11 of the Mississippi Code, the Board of Supervisors did discuss amendments to the budget for the Fiscal year beginning October 1, 1999, and ending September 30, 2000. Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to hold the two budget amendments for account 001-701 and to approve budget amendments under the provisions of Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated, Section 19-11-19 as follows:

Planning Commission

Decrease	001-107-933	Office Machine & Equipment	\$1,300.00
Increase	001-107-534	Office Machine Rental	\$1,300.00

Animal Control

Increase	001-411-434	Overtime	\$ 274.00
Decrease	001-411-476	Meals & Lodging	\$ 150.00
Decrease	001-411-521	Legal Advertising	\$ 100.00
Decrease	001-411-584	Tags & Registration	\$ 33.00
Decrease	001-411-587	Training & Registration	\$ 100.00
Increase	001-411-671	Gasoline	\$ 700.00
Decrease	001-411-930	Purchase Truck	\$ 387.00

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Decrease	001-411-933	Office Equipment	\$ 150.00
Decrease	001-411-935	Other Equipment	\$ 54.00
Increase	001-000-383	Insurance Proceeds	\$1,445.00
Increase	001-411-542	Repairs Vehicles	\$1,445.00

Chancery Clerk

Increase	001-101-523	Contract Printing	\$ 300.00
Decrease	001-101-544	Service & Maintenance	\$ 300.00

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Increase	001-160-600	Books	\$1,150.00
Increase	001-160-603	Office Supplies	\$1,500.00
Decrease	001-160-933	Office Machine & Equipment	\$2,000.00
Decrease	001-160-570	Insurance & Bonds	\$ 650.00

Chancery Reporters

Increase	001-174-603	Office Supplies	\$ 550.00
Decrease	001-174-544	Maintenance Contract	\$ 400.00
Decrease	001-174-559	Transcript Fee	\$ 150.00

Chancery Court Administration

Increase	001-172-587	Training & Registration	\$ 347.00
Decrease	001-172-603	Office Supplies	\$ 347.00

Sheriff's Department

Increase	001-000-383	Insurance Proceeds	\$4,500.00
Increase	001-202-935	Other Equipment	\$4,500.00

Administration

Decrease	001-120-543	Repair Office Equipment	\$ 160.00
Decrease	001-120-521	Legal Advertising	\$ 83.00
Increase	001-120-570	Insurance & Fidelity Bonds	\$ 243.00
Decrease	001-120-674	Grease & Oil	\$ 90.00
Increase	001-120-671	Gasoline	\$ 90.00
Decrease	001-120-521	Legal Advertising	\$ 232.00
Increase	001-120-934	Furniture & Fixtures	\$ 232.00
Decrease	001-120-479	Travel - Out of State	\$ 525.00
Increase	001-120-933	Office Equipment	\$ 525.00

Port Commission

Increase	001-330-570	Insurance	\$ 75.00
Decrease	001-330-479	Travel - Out of State	\$ 75.00

Board of Supervisors

Increase	001-100-501	Postage	\$ 75.00
Increase	001-100-502	Phone	\$1,000.00
Decrease	001-100-543	Repairs to Equipment	\$ 100.00
Decrease	001-100-551	Auditing Fees	\$1,300.00
Decrease	001-100-554	Consultant Fees	\$ 520.00
Increase	001-100-570	Insurance & Fidelity Bonds	\$ 745.00
Increase	001-100-671	Gasoline	\$ 100.00

Accounting

Increase	001-123-523	Contract Printing	\$ 600.00
Decrease	001-123-936	Computer Equipment	\$ 600.00

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Buildings and Grounds

Increase	001-151-542	Vehicle Repair	\$ 340.00
Increase	001-000-383	Insurance Proceeds	\$ 340.00

Circuit Court

Increase	001-161-554	Language Translator	\$ 25.00
Decrease	001-161-543	Repairs to Equipment	\$ 25.00

Election Expense

Increase	001-180-544	Service & Maintenance Contract	\$ 11.00
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Decrease	001-180-571	Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 11.00
Increase	001-180-468	Insurance	\$1,550.00
Decrease	001-180-444	Election Workers	\$1,550.00
Decrease	001-180-465	Retirement	\$ 800.00
Increase	001-180-466	Social Security	\$ 800.00

County Court

Increase	001-162-523	Contract Printing	\$ 500.00
Increase	001-162-544	Service & Maintenance Contract	\$ 105.00
Decrease	001-162-543	Repairs to Office Equipment	\$ 200.00
Decrease	001-162-559	Transcript Fee	\$ 200.00
Decrease	001-162-572	On Line Computer Service	\$ 205.00

Economic Assistance

Decrease	001-450-543	Repair Office Equipment	\$ 100.00
Increase	001-450-523	Contract Printing	\$ 100.00

District 2 Park Fund

Decrease	001-522-913	Other Construction	\$35,000.00
Increase	001-522-770	Park Allocation	\$35,000.00

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

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

****See Exhibit D.3****

The budget amendments requested, but not approved are detailed in Exhibit D.3 and are exhibited with a notation "D.3 Not Approved".

4. Interfund Transfer - Metro Narcotics

At the recommendation of Comptroller Joyce Riales, Supervisor Gerald Clifton made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to authorize and instruct the Chancery Clerk, pursuant to Section 41-29-185 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, to transfer the following forfeited funds that were seized by Metro Narcotics:

<u>Case Number</u>	<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Date Seized</u>	<u>County Receipt #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
DC-0205-1-99	Kendrick R. Echols	10/20/99	10112	\$310.00

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Transfer From	123-900-950	Metro Narcotics Seized	\$ 310.00
Transfer To	105-000-388	Metro Narcotics Forfeitures	\$ 310.00

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

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

****See Exhibit D.4****

5. Approval of Contract

a. Ikon - Planning Commission

County Administrator David Armstrong informed the Board of Supervisors that Merritt Powell is requesting approval for a used color copier for the Planning Commission. Vanessa Lynchard said that maintenance is covered per copy in the contract. Vanessa said that the state contract price is four cents for each plain copy and sixteen cents for each color copy and the County's rate for plain copies is one cent and fourteen and half cents for color copies. Mr. Armstrong said we may determine it is more cost effective for the County to purchase the color copier instead of leasing it and if so, the matter will come back before the Board.

Supervisor John Caldwell made a motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to approve a 48 month contract with Ikon for a Canon CLC700 color copier for the Planning Commission at \$348.00 per month for the period of July 31, 2000 through July 31, 2004 plus .145 per copy for service. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

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

****See Exhibit D.5.a****

The Board of Supervisors requested that the Planning Commission charge for the use of the machine by the public in accordance with Section 25-61-5 and 25-61-7 of the Mississippi Code and adopted by the Board of Supervisors on March 23, 1998, which sets the rates in accordance with that of the Chancery Clerk as noted in Section 25-7-9 of the Mississippi Code, which states the Clerks of the Chancery Courts shall charge the fees for furnishing copies of any papers of record or on file and entering marginal notations on documents of record if performed by the clerk or his employee, per page \$.50 and if performed by any other person, per page \$.25.

b. Time Warner

County Administrator David Armstrong notified the Board of Supervisors that Larry Wood priced internet access with Time Warner and found that the cost per month with Time Warner is \$695.00 plus a five percent franchise fee for up to 100 people on the network. Mr. Armstrong said that the County is currently paying for dial-up internet access for fifteen employees at \$40.00 per month per person at a monthly cost of \$600.00. Mr. Armstrong said funds are in

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Mr. Wood's budget and it is recommended that a two year contract with Time Warner be approved.

Supervisor John Caldwell made a motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to approve a two year contract with Time Warner for internet access for up to 100 people at a cost of \$695.00 plus a five percent franchise fee per month. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

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

Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----YES

****See Exhibit D.5.b****

6. Approval to Waive Fee - Bethel Baptist Church

County Administrator David Armstrong informed the Board of Supervisors that Bethel Baptist Church is requesting that the building permit fee be waived for construction to be done at the church. Planning Director Merritt Powell said that it is standard to waive the fee for churches if the work is going to be done by the church members. Mr. Powell said that Monty Westmoreland will be supervising the construction at Bethel Baptist Church and the permit will be pulled in his name, but he will not be contracting the work. Mr. Powell said contractors for specialized portions of the project will pull a permit.

At the recommendation of Planning Director Merritt Powell, Supervisor Gerald Clifton made a motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to waive the building permit fee in the amount of \$3,100.00 for construction at Bethel Baptist Church. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

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

7. Making Resignation of Janet Jolley from Extension Service a Part of the Minutes

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made a motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to accept and make the letter of resignation of Janet M. Jolley, Extension 4-H Youth Agent and Home Economist for the Extension Service a part of the minutes. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

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

****See Exhibit D.7****

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8. Authorization for Board President to Sign Department of Environmental Quality Grant Agreement

Supervisor John Caldwell made a motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to authorize the Board President to sign the grant agreement between the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality and the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors for the project period of June 22, 2000 to December 31, 2001. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

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

****See Exhibit D.8****

9. Acceptance of Court Appointed Part-Time Public Defender

Supervisor John Caldwell made a motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to accept M. Darin Vance as a Part-Time Public Defender for the Justice Court and Youth Court effective July 1, 2000 as appointed by Circuit Court Judge Andrew C. Baker at the current budgeted salary. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

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

****See Exhibit D.9****

10. Request for Assistance - Horn Lake Middle School

In accordance with Attorney General Opinion 96-0739 and Section 19-3-42 of the Mississippi Code, which states the Board of Supervisors of any county is authorized, in its discretion, to maintain public school grounds of the county if the Board of Supervisors is requested to do so by the school board and certain other conditions are met, Supervisor John Caldwell made a motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to authorize Road Manager Kenny Gunn to inspect the entrances to the athletic field at Horn Lake Middle School and then to place rip-rap at the entrances of the athletic field if the work can be completed within a reasonable time period to be determined by the Road Manager with the materials being purchased through the County with the school then reimbursing the County for the cost of the materials. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

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

****See Exhibit D.10****

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11. Circuit Clerk Allowances

County Administrator David Armstrong gave an overview to the Board of Supervisors of the circuit clerk allowances as approved by the respective judge. Mr. Armstrong said each of the allowances are in accordance with the Mississippi Code.

The allowances for the Circuit Court Clerk for June 2000 in the amount of \$2,185.00 for Youth Court, for the June Term, 2000 in the amount of \$2,554.00 for the County Court Clerk, for the June Term of the Circuit Court Clerk in the amount of \$6,447.00, for assisting election commissioners for the quarter ending June 30, 2000 in the amount of \$1,190.00, and for vacation days for June 2000 in the amount of \$1,260.00 and for July 2000 in the amount of \$2,160.00 were presented to the Board of Supervisors for approval. Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to approve the Circuit Court Clerk Allowances pursuant to Sections 43-21-205 and 25-7-13(M) of the Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

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

****See Exhibit D.11****

12. Chancery Clerk Allowances

Allowances for the Chancery Court Clerk were presented to the Board of Supervisors for the July 2000, term in the amount of \$1,406.66. Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton 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 vote as follows:

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

****See Exhibit D.12****

13. Legislative Wish List

County Administrator David Armstrong informed the Board of Supervisors that it is time to prepare the Legislative Wish List. Vanessa Lynchard said that she will be scheduling a date in the next few weeks for the Legislators to come and discuss the Legislative Wish List with the Board. Vanessa said to let her know what needs to be added to the list or removed from the list. The Board instructed Vanessa Lynchard to remove the following items from the Legislative Wish List:

- Infrastructure - A. Rental of Heavy Equipment for Road Construction
- Administrative - C. Budget Clarification

****See Exhibit D.13****

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E. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

F. OTHER ISSUES

1. Circuit Clerk Budget

Circuit Clerk Dale Thompson presented budget amendments to the Board of Supervisors for approval. Ms. Thompson said that she does not have funds in her budget for the budget amendments and that she is requesting that funds be transferred from the general fund to cover each of them.

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 19-11-11 of the Mississippi Code, the Board of Supervisors did discuss amendments 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 a budget amendment for Election Expenses under the provisions of Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated, Section 19-11-19 as follows:

Increase	001-180-573	Election Workers	\$16,175.00
Decrease	001-901-999	General Fund Balance	\$16,175.00

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

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

****See Exhibit F.1.a****

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 19-11-11 of the Mississippi Code, the Board of Supervisors did discuss amendments to the budget for the Fiscal year beginning October 1, 1999, and ending September 30, 2000. Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to approve a budget amendment for the Circuit Court and Youth Services under the provisions of Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated, Section 19-11-19 as follows:

Circuit Court

Increase	001-161-412	Court Bailiff	\$ 4,000.00
Decrease	001-901-999	General Fund Balance	\$ 4,000.00

Youth Services

Increase	001-164-460	Clerks Fees for Petitions	\$ 7,500.00
Decrease	001-901-999	General Fund Balance	\$ 7,500.00

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

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

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Supervisor Gerald Clifton-----YES
 Supervisor John Caldwell-----YES
 Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----YES

****See Exhibit F.1.b****

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 19-11-11 of the Mississippi Code, the Board of Supervisors did discuss amendments to the budget for the Fiscal year beginning October 1, 1999, and ending September 30, 2000. Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to approve a budget amendment for the Circuit Clerk under the provisions of Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated, Section 19-11-19 as follows:

Increase	001-102-414	Record Preservation	\$ 3,000.00
Increase	001-102-465	Retirement	\$ 240.00
Increase	001-102-466	Social Security	\$ 153.00
Decrease	001-901-999	General Fund Balance	\$ 3,393.00

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

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

****See Exhibit F.1.c****

2. \$18 Million Bond Issue

Financial consultant Demery Grubbs addressed the Board of Supervisors regarding the \$18 million bond issue. Mr. Grubbs said the intent resolution for the bonds was not to exceed \$18 million and asked if the Board wanted to proceed with the full amount. Supervisor Tommy Lewis made a motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to authorize Demery Grubbs and Holley, Grubbs, Mitcham, & Phillips, Butler Snow, O'Mara, Stevens, & Cannada to proceed with general obligation bonds for capital improvements in the amount of \$18 million. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

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

Demery Grubbs advised the Board that there are two structures that can be used for the bonds. Mr. Grubbs said the Board can use the normal general obligation bond structure or sell the general obligation bonds to the State Development Bank at a variable rate. Mr. Grubbs recommended using the State Development Bank. Mr. Grubbs said that the initial cost through the State Development Bank is higher but in the end, he projects the County will save approximately \$2.5 million by using the variable rate. Mr. Grubbs said that the County can convert to a fixed rate at any time with 60 days notice at no cost to the County and that through the State Development Bank, the County can adjust amortization to best fit the County's needs.

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Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to authorize Demery Grubbs and Holley, Grubbs, Mitcham, & Phillips, Butler Snow, O'Mara, Stevens, & Cannada to obtain the \$18 million general obligation bonds for capital improvements through the State Development Bank Loan Structure. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

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

Demery Grubbs said that the paperwork for the credit line not to exceed \$10 million with the State Development Bank Pool is in process and will go to the State Development Bank on August 18th. Mr. Grubbs said that the funds will be available after that date for use as needed for various County projects.

Demery Grubbs asked the Board of Supervisors to prepare to travel to New York in August in connection with the sale of the bonds.

3. DeSoto County Regional Utility Authority

Supervisor Tommy Lewis informed the Board of Supervisors that Joe Waggoner requested that a committee be appointed to address issues that come up in between Board meetings during the EPA grant application process. Supervisor Eugene Thach said that he thought Supervisor Tommy Lewis had been appointed as the Board's representative for the Sewer Program. Supervisor Thach asked Vanessa Lynchard to check to see if Supervisor Lewis had been appointed to represent the Board in matters involving the Sewer Program. The Board of Supervisors agreed that Supervisor Lewis should do his best to handle situations that arise that do not require full Board approval.

4. Approval of Travel - Sewer Program

Supervisor Gerald Clifton informed the Board of Supervisors that Joe Waggoner said there may be a trip to Atlanta for the sewer program within the next ten to fourteen days. Supervisor Gerald Clifton made a motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to authorize travel for the Board of Supervisors and its representatives to Atlanta during the month of August 2000 for the Sewer Program. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

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

5. Civil Defense Deputy Director

Supervisor Gerald Clifton made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to advertise for the position of a full-time Civil Defense Deputy Director. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

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

ITEM F.5, CONTINUED,

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

****See Exhibit F.5****

6. Election Commission - Authorization to Pay Paul Beale

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to approve payment to Paul Beale, Election Commissioner, in the amount of \$1,330.00 for revision of the poll books for the months of May, June, and July 2000 and authorized the Clerk to write the check. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

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

****See Exhibit F.6****

Supervisor Gerald Clifton made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to adjourn until August 7, 2000 at 9:00 a.m. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

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

THIS the 31st day of July, 2000, these minutes have been read and approved by the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors.

Eugene C. Thach, President
DeSoto County Board of Supervisors

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