

**DESOTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**EUGENE C. THACH, PRESIDENT, PRESIDING**

**October 2, 2000**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The October 2, 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, the 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  
Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----District 5  
W. E. ASluggo@ Davis-----Chancery Clerk  
David Armstrong-----County Administrator  
James Albert Riley-----DeSoto County Sheriff  
William Austin-----Board Attorney

**B. INVOCATION**

The invocation was presented by County Administrator David Armstrong.

**C. TAX COLLECTOR JOEY TREADWAY**

**1. Insolvency List**

The Tax Collector Joey Treadway presented the insolvency list to the Board of Supervisor as required by Section 27-49-1 of the Mississippi Code which states, the tax collector will present to the board of supervisors, at its meeting on the first Monday of October in each year, a report of all insolvent and delinquent taxpayers in his county, with the amount due from each.

Public utilities have been collected with the exception of 2.08% or \$44,038 remaining to be collected. Mr. Treadway reported that the lowest performance in his department is in collections on mobile homes. Mr. Treadway said that this trend holds true throughout the state and some of the other counties have even tried to improve their collections thru contracting with collection agencies. The figures for mobile homes show that 21% or \$32,742 are uncollected for mobile homes. Personal property has been collected with 1.84% delinquent or \$161,167.

Mr. Treadway notified the Board of Supervisor that the Tax Collectors office has not brought up any bad checks to the Board in the last 13 years. The auditor notified the Tax Collector that this must be done on a yearly basis. Therefore, he will be bringing a report to update the bad checks in the Tax Collectors office for the past 13 years, which totals= \$67,790. In accordance with Section 27-49-1of the Mississippi Code which states, the Tax Collector shall also include in his report any checks, drafts or orders for the payment of money which he has received in payment of ad valorem taxes and which have been returned to him because of insufficient funds in the account on which such checks, drafts or orders were drawn and that such checks, drafts or orders shall be accompanied by the affidavit of the Collector that he has exhausted all legal means of collecting such instruments, including the filing of a civil suit. Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to acknowledge the Tax Collector=s notice that he has made a diligent search to collect the

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taxes mentioned above and accept the insolvency list into the minutes. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

### 2. City Tax Collections Inter-local Agreement

The Tax Collector Joey Treadway told the Board of Supervisors the cities had met with him regarding collection of city taxes. Mr. Treadway says they are in the process of negotiating a contract for city collections. Mr. Treadway reported that one city wants to collect their own taxes as the county is making quite a bit of money from the city tax collections. Supervisor John Caldwell asks, how much money the county is making in collecting city taxes. County Administrator David Armstrong said last year \$260,000 was budgeted for the collections and the county received \$281,820.

Supervisor John Caldwell asked why the city of Horn Lake does not have a satellite office when the other cities do. Mr. Treadway responded that at the time the satellite offices were set up you had to have a certain percentage of population. Mr. Treadway said that the satellite offices were located throughout the county to make it more convenient for the taxpayers of the county to pay their taxes. Since the city of Horn Lake is so close to the city of Southaven, it was not feasible to put a satellite office in the city of Horn Lake. Supervisor John Caldwell said that option should be considered since the city of Horn Lake has increased in size over the years.

Supervisor Eugene Thach said that there is not a Health Department in Southaven and city residents are expected to travel to Hernando for Health Department services. Supervisor Thach said he questions why the county needs satellite offices for tax collections. Tax Collector Joey Treadway speculated that we are going to have a major battle if the county tries to close the satellites. Mr. Treadway said that he thinks the county has enough satellites in the area and they are spaced adequately already.

Supervisor Eugene Thach said that if the county is making money off the cities, he thinks we need to cut back the percentage of city collections. Supervisor Thach said he feels the county should collect what it costs to run the office. Mr. Treadway said that the county made more than \$100,000 from the city of Southaven and the city might like to keep that money by collecting the taxes themselves.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis said that he questions whether the county is making a lot of money from city tax collections. Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion to authorize the County Administrator to negotiate the contract with the collector and the mayor=s of the city. After a discussion of the possibility, Supervisor Caldwell withdrew his motion.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis says that he would rather see what the cities request before the supervisors negotiate the contract. Mr. Treadway said that he would set up a meeting with the mayor=s and the boards appointee to negotiate the contract. Supervisor Medlin said that with five cities and one county representative there may not be room for much negotiation.

Supervisor Eugene Thach said that the cities have not mentioned the issue of tax collection at the Council of Government meetings. Supervisor Jessie Medlin questioned whether the county would be able to continue putting money into the cities without a tax increase. Supervisor Eugene Thach said that if the county does not collect taxes for the city, the board should receive a report of how many extra employees it takes to collect city taxes. **\*\*See Exhibit C.2\*\***

### D. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER MINUTES

Supervisor John Caldwell asked to hold the approval of the minutes to allow him to look at the planning commission orders. Later in the meeting after the Director of the Planning Commission spoke to the Board, Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to correct the vote on adding signage for Jerry Lee Lewis to reflect that Supervisor John Caldwell voted no on the motion dated September 6th. and to assure that the Planning Commission minutes reflect the issue

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with Chuck Payton, requiring him to follow county ordinances on his property. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

Supervisor Clifton elected to abstain from the minutes, since he was not present at two of the September meetings.

**E. OLD BUSINESS**

**1. Agreement to Fly Model Planes on Landfill**

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to hold this item over until October 4. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **\*\*See Exhibit E.1\*\***

**2. Intersection of Starlanding Road and Highway 301**

Board Attorney Bill Austin reported to the Board of Supervisor=s that the Assistant Attorney General in charge of MDOT said that they have to draw up the contract and the county has to provide them with the terms. Mr. Austin said that he has been asked to meet with Jimmy Dickerson and he requested that the Road Manager go with him to the meeting to help work out the details of the project. Mr. Austin further requested that the Board let him know when the county expects the repayment of the money by MDOT. Mr. Austin said that he needs guidance from the Board to insure their issues are satisfied regarding this agreement.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to approve the Board Attorney and Road Manager to meet with MDOT to establish the terms of the project to improve the intersection to Starlanding Road and Highway 304 to state specifications and to have the state reimburse the county for the expenses to do so. The motion passed by vote as follows:

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

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

**3. Authorization to Reimburse Funds - Metro Narcotics**

The County Administrator David Armstrong said that the individuals involved with Metro Narcotics in seizing a 1993 Pontiac Firebird Trans AM, a Nokia cellular telephone and \$228 have entered into an out of court settlement which was delivered by their attorney D. Russell Jones in which the county would keep the property and return the \$228. At the recommendation of the County Administrator, Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to authorize the clerk to write a check in the amount of \$228 with said funds to be drawn from the DeSoto County Metro Narcotics seizure account. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **\*\*See Exhibit E.3**

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**4. Burn Ban - Recognition of Authorization to Lift Burn Ban**

Bobby Storey Director of Fire and EMS appeared before the Board of Supervisor=s and reported that he has talked to the State about them lifting the statewide burn ban. Mr. Storey said that although he requested the Board of Supervisor=s withdraw the county burn ban on Friday, Sept. 29, 2000, after having met with the Fire Chiefs over the weekend he has received reports that the county is still dangerously dry and with the burn ban in effect several of the volunteer fire departments seized the opportunity to perform maintenance on their vehicles. Therefore, they may not be in a position to handle the excessive uncontrolled fires that are likely to occur in such dry conditions if the burn ban is not in effect. The Board of Supervisors agreed to approve the request to keep the burn ban in place until October 16 as requested.

**Break - J. L. Hammett Company Groundbreaking**

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to recess until 11:30 A.M. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

**F. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Joy Anderson - Extension Service**

DeSoto County Horticulturist, Joy Anderson, introduced Dr. Paula Threadgill, of Family and Youth Programs, said she is coming to the Board to introduce Carol Cecilia who is the new 4-H Youth Agent, and Sandra Slocum who is the new Home Economist in DeSoto County. Ms. Threadgill said that their office appreciates the support of the Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors welcomed Ms. Cecilia and Ms. Slocum to their new positions.

**2. Joyce Riales, Comptroller**

**a. Budget Amendments**

**1. Elections**

At the recommendations of the County Administrator, Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to hold this item over until Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>.

**2. Public Defender**

In accordance with the provision set forth in Section 19-11-11 of the Mississippi Code for the Board of Supervisors did discuss an amendment to the budget for the Fiscal year beginning October 1, 2000, and ending September 30, 2001. At the recommendation of the

Comptroller, Joy Riales, Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to approve the Budget amendment for the Public Defenders as follows:

Lower	001-901-999	General County	\$5,000.00
Increase	001-170-560	Appointed Public Defender	\$5,000.00

The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **\*\*See Exhibit F.2.a.2\*\***

**3. Civic Center Operations**

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 19-11-11 of the Mississippi Code for the Board of Supervisors did discuss an amendment to the budget for the Fiscal year beginning

October 1, 2000, and ending September 30, 2001. At the recommendation of the Comptroller, Joyce Riales, Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis

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seconded the motion to approve the budget amendment for the Civic Center Operations as follows:

Lower	001-526-408	Marketing & Sales	\$ 35,875.00
Increase	001-526-402	Deputies/Asst.Mgrs.	\$225,500.00

The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **\*\*See Exhibit F.2.a.3\*\***

**b. Claims Docket**

**1. Seiler Building Corporation - Courthouse Renovation**

**2. Civic Center**

County Administrator David Armstrong said that at the request of the Board of Supervisors the claims docket is once again being presented by department. Mr. Armstrong also notified the Board of Supervisors that before any claim is put on the Claims Docket, the department heads or elected official must sign off to acknowledge their approval of the claims docket.

Supervisor Eugene Thach remarked that the mobile phone bills seem low for the month. Stephanie Hanks of the accounting department said that all the bills were not received before the claims docket was prepared.

Stephanie Hanks read the departmental totals on the claims docket.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked the accounting department to check into the District One Park Fund invoices to find out what those charges cover.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked if the charges to BFI covered both the cities and the county. Ms. Hanks said that it does and in the future she will put the names of the cities on the docket.

Supervisor John Caldwell asked if the claims docket could be given in vendor order as it has been recently.

County Administrator David Armstrong notified the Board of Supervisors that he and the Comptroller are meeting with Civic Center Representative, this week to find out how much money they have left to pay on the project.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the bills of the claims docket except for the invoice from Campbell=s Glass as requested by the Director of Operations and Maintenance. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **\*\*See Exhibit F.2.b**

**c. Inter-fund Transfer - Metro Narcotics**

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve the inter-fund transfer, pursuant to Section 41-29-185 of the Mississippi Code of 1972 as follows:

From	105-227-950	Forfeitures/Metro Narcotics	\$18,300.00
To	115-000-384	Metro Narcotics/Grant	\$18,300.00

From 001-200-950	General County/Sheriff Dept	\$18,305.50
To 115-000-384	Metro Narcotics/Grant	\$18,305.50

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Furthermore, this Board does approve, pursuant to Section 19-11-19 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, amending the Metro Narcotics operating budget as stated above. That this portion of the minutes shall be forwarded to the Comptroller, the Sheriffs Department, and the Unit Commander of the Metro Narcotics Unit. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

**\*\*See Exhibit F.2.c\*\***

**3. Kenny Gunn - Road Report and Work Schedule**

Road Manager Kenny Gunn met with the Board of Supervisors to present the Road Department Monthly Road Report for the Month of September 2000 and Work Schedule for the month of October 2000, pursuant to Section 65- of the Mississippi Code of 1972, annotated.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to accept the Road Report and Work schedule into the minutes. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

**4. Road Bond Report**

The Road Manager Kenny Gunn presented a Road Bond Report for the Supervisors review.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked if the bonds listed that expired August 11<sup>th</sup> had been re-posted. The Road Manager said no. Supervisor Eugene Thach asked the Road Manager what the county is supposed to do about the bonds that have expired. Supervisor Thach said the Road Manager should have pulled those bonds. The Road Manager said that he has never pulled any bonds and would like approval from the Board if he is to do so. The Board discussed the issue of pulling bonds of the developers. The Road Manager confirmed that letters are being sent to the developers prior to the bonds expiring. The Chancery Clerk, Sluggo Davis, suggested that the county develop a schedule for the bonds to make it easier for them to be maintained. Supervisor John Caldwell asked if the road bonds could be scheduled to expire together and if the amount of the bonds could be approved in particular increments. The Board Attorney said probably not as the bonding companies require each bond be handled on a separate basis usually. The Board discussed the option for handling bonds and asked the Road Manager and County Administrator to come back on Wednesday with a recommendation on how to handle the bonds. At the recommendation of the Road Manager, Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to release the two thousand dollar maintenance bond for Morrow Crest Section B and to put the roads under county maintenance. The motion passed by unanimous vote. **\*\*See Exhibit F.4**

**5. 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 Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to approve bailiff pay for service during the month of September. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **\*\*See Exhibit F.5**

**6. Justice Court Report**

The DeSoto County Justice Court Clerk, Linda Aldridge, presented the Justice Court Report to the Board of Supervisors, pursuant to Section 9-11-19 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the Justice Court Report. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

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

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**7. Publication of Board Proceeding**

Supervisor Gerald Clifton made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the publication of Board Proceedings in connection with Section 19-3-33 of the Mississippi Code which states that the Board of Supervisors may have its proceedings published in some newspaper published in the county, and cause the same to be paid for out of the county treasury. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

**8. Approval of Travel**

The County Administrator notified the Board of Supervisors that the county government meeting is scheduled to be held in Tunica on October 16 thru October 18 and he will need to know who on the Board will be traveling to the meetings.

In accordance with Section 25-3-41 Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, any official or employee of DeSoto County, Mississippi, is hereby authorized to travel as necessary and incur such travel expenses in the performance of their official duties for DeSoto County. That all such travel is hereby authorized contingent on funds being available in the departmental budget of the individual traveling.

Supervisor John Caldwell the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve travel for the month of October 2 thru November 6, 2000. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **\*\*See Exhibit F.8\*\***

**9. Sheriff=s Employee Report**

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made a motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to accept the Sheriff=s Employee Report for the period of September 10, 2000 through September 24, 2000 into the minutes. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **\*\*See Exhibit F.9\*\***

**10. Approval of Quarterly Appropriations**

In accordance with Section 27-1-32 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, which allows the Board of Supervisors to set aside, appropriate and expend moneys from the general fund for the purpose of supplementing the budget of the offices of Sheriff, Tax Collector and Tax Assessor, Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to approve the quarterly allocations for the Sheriff, Tax Assessor, and Tax Collector as recommended by the Comptroller. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

<b>a. Tax Assessor</b>	<b>\$ 210,601.25</b>
<b>b. Tax Collector</b>	<b>\$ 191,925.50</b>
<b>c. Sheriff=s Department</b>	<b>\$1,523,180.25</b>

**\*\*See Exhibit F.10\*\***

**11. Disposal of Inventory**

At the recommendation of Bonnie Gatlin, Inventory Clerk, Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the disposal of property

#30712, Panasonic Recorder, Serial #GG9f661580, from inventory of the Planning Commission. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **\*\*See Exhibit F.11\*\***

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**12. Chancery Clerk allowances**

In accordance with Section 25-7-9 of the Mississippi Code, Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to approve the Chancery Court allowances for September in the amount of \$1796.66. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **\*\*See Exhibit F.12**

**13. Circuit Clerk Allowances**

item At the recommendation of the County Administrator, Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the Circuit Clerk allowances for September, 2000 with the exception of the invoice for assisting election commissioners. That will be held over until October 4<sup>th</sup>. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **\*\*See Exhibit F.13\*\***

**14. Cellular Telephone Service for County Judge**

cellular At the recommendation of the County Administrator, Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to hold over the request to modify the phone service for the County Court Judge until October 4th. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **\*\*See Exhibit F.14\*\***

**15. Releasing Flavorite from Lease**

a The Board Attorney, Bill Austin, notified the Board of Supervisors that he has been working with out group of lawyers involved in the Flavorite transaction. Mr. Austin said that Flavorite is selling to a company in Michigan. The buyers want to pay off any industrial revenue bonds and get the lease cancelled. At the recommendation of the Board Attorney, the Board of Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to approve releasing Flavorite from their lease. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

**16. Acceptance of Grants**

- a. Youth Court Victims Witness Coordinator**
- b. Metro Narcotics**

At the recommendation of the County Administrator, Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to accept the Youth Service Victims Witness Coordinator Grant and the Metro Narcotics Grant, both of which are Byrne Formula Grants and authorize the Board President to sign for the acceptance of the grants. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **\*\*See Exhibit F.16,a,b\*\***

**17. Disposal of Surplus Property - Junk Cars**

Supervisor John Caldwell told the Board of Supervisors the county is keeping several junk cars from the Sheriff=s Department and the EMS Department and an old school bus on the Central Maintenance Property to use for spare parts. Supervisor Caldwell said that junk car lots keep cars for spare parts also however, the county requires them to clean their property and get rid of the junk cars. Supervisor Caldwell said that the county should be held to the same standards that it

expects the citizens to live by. Supervisor Caldwell suggested auctioning or selling the cars for scrap metal.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis said that he does not have a problem getting rid of the cars, if the appropriate offices have an opportunity to get the useful parts off the vehicles. Supervisor Clifton suggested bidding out the sale of the vehicles. The Board Attorney Bill Austin said it sounds as though the vehicles are no longer automobiles but salvage. Supervisor John Caldwell made the

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motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to authorize going out for bids to sell the junk vehicles and to take whatever steps necessary to remove the junk vehicles from the Central Maintenance yard and to declare these vehicles as surplus property. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

**18. Courthouse Renovation - Furniture - Budget Amendment and Approval to Order**

The County Administrator David Armstrong said that the Chancery Clerk and Vanessa Lynchard have come up with a list of furniture to be purchased for the Chancery Clerks office in the Courthouse renovation. Mr. Armstrong reminded the Board of Supervisors that on Sept. 25 the authorized a budget amendment of \$30,000.00 for furniture in the Courthouse renovation. Mr. Armstrong said that we are requesting additional \$21,000.00 for a total furniture budget of \$51,000 to be used for furniture in the Chancery Court area of the Courthouse Renovation. The amendment is to allow for the purchase of furniture through the Courthouse Renovation Bond Money. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Lower 361-702-914	Courthouse Renovation	\$21,000.00
Increase 361-702-934	Furniture	\$21,000.00

**\*\*See Exhibit F.18\*\***

**19. Appointment to 911 Commission**

- a. Sheriff**
- b. Board of Supervisors**

County Administrator David Armstrong notified the Board of Supervisors that the Board of Supervisors and the Sheriffs Department appointees to the 911 Commission have expired. Vanessa Lynchard reported to the Board that according to Robbie Riley, the Sheriffs Department plans to re-appoint Kinsey Wilhite as the appointee to the 911 Commission. Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to reappoint Bill Dahl as the Board of Supervisors Representative to the 911 Commission and to reappoint Kinsey Wilhite as the Sheriffs Department appointee to the 911 Commission for a term set to expire September 7, 2004. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **\*\*See Exhibit F.19\*\***

**20. Tax Parcel Mapping Amendment**

Emad AlTurk of Waggoner Engineering and Bill Bryant of the DeSoto County Tax Assessors Office appeared before the Board of Supervisors to request approval of an amendment to the Contract for Tax Parcel Mapping. The County Administrator David Armstrong reminded the Board of Supervisors that they have a contract with Waggoner Engineering to update the Tax Parcel Mapping for DeSoto County. Mr. Armstrong said that they met with the State Tax Commission who asked the County to draw up an agreement to reflect the anticipated date of completion of the Tax Parcel Mapping update of May 1, 2002. Mr. Armstrong said that the County does not anticipate any problems with the Tax Commission on the new date as

the Tax Mapping area. Commission is aware that the county has been making progress in the Tax Parcel date of the Emad AlTurk said the amendment allows only for a change in the completion ownership and land records data base from Jan 7, 2002 to May 1, 2002. Mr. AlTurk said that Waggoner Engineering is working on a six square mile area in the county to use as a test for the Tax Parcel Mapping system. County Administrator David Armstrong asked Bill Bryant if he sees any problems with the amendment. Bill Bryant said that he does not due to the fact that the county is doing more than the Tax Commission requires in going completely digital. Mr. Bryant said that the new system should provide a payoff every time the county is required to be

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re-flown in the future. Mr. Bryant said that the county had to decide what time frame they were going to update. Mr. Bryant recommended getting as much as possible out of the contract. Therefore, the extra time will be needed to update the 2002 roll. At the recommendation of the Tax Assessors Office, Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve amendment #4 between DeSoto County and EAI/WEI, LLC. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **\*\*See Exhibit F.20\*\***

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to recess until 1:30 PM. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

**21. DeSoto County EMA Coverage of Olive Branch**

The County Administrator said that Mayor Sam Rikard said that the City of Olive Branch does not plan to participate in the EMA Contract in the future. The Board Attorney said he asked the Civil Defense Director to get a list of what services the County Department provides to the City of Olive Branch. Mr. T. H. Walker did so and the report is attached herewith for the Board to review. **\*\*See Exhibit F.21\*\***

**H. OTHER ISSUES**

**1. RECOGNITION OF SERVICE FOR DESOTO COUNTY EMS**

The Director of Fire and EMS Bobby Storey reported to the Board of Supervisors that DeSoto County EMS handled a bus wreck where 143 people were transported to the hospital and the DeSoto County EMS transported 41 of the individuals by ambulance and helicopter. Mr. Storey said the College who had the bus has requested to send a letter of gratitude to the Governor on behalf of the performance of the DeSoto County EMS staff. Mr. Storey said that the total time in assisting the wreck was one hour and thirty-five minutes. Mr. Storey said that DeSoto County EMS, Law Enforcement and Civil Defense did a spectacular job in handling the situation.

**2. CENTRALIZED BILLING**

Bobby Storey, Director of Fire and EMS, reported that last month the centralized billing system for EMS collected \$31,000. At the request of the Board of Supervisors Bobby Storey said that he would try to get a percentage of collections back to the Board.

**3. Judge Rook Moore - MISSISSIPPI COURT OF APPEALS**

Judge Rook Moore of the Mississippi Court of Appeals appeared before the Board of Supervisors as a candidate for re-election to the Court of Appeals and requested their support on November 7, 2000. The Board of Supervisors thanked Mr. Moore for his attendance at the meeting.

**4. Pleasant Hill Road and Church Road**

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked the Road Manager if the intersection for Pleasant Hill Road and Church Road is in the city or county. The Road Manager confirmed that the intersection is in the city. Supervisor Medlin said that the area needs to be mowed by the city.

**5. Brick Mailboxes**

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said that he feels the Board should look into doing away with brick mailboxes behind curbs as the county has the same liability with brick mailboxes behind the curbs. Supervisor Eugene Thach said the curbs make the brick mail boxes safer. Supervisor Gerald Clifton suggested that, banning brick mailboxes, apply to busy roads and not the internal sub-division streets or non busy roads where there is not much traffic or speed. The Board Attorney

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confirmed that the Board could exclude interior sub-division roads from any county wide ban of brick mailboxes.

**6. Justice Court Outstanding Warrant=s**

The Justice Court Clerk, Linda Aldridge, notified the Board of Supervisors there were several outstanding checks over one year old that were still showing outstanding on the Justice Court bank account. Ms. Aldridge asked for directions to handle the outstanding checks. County Administrator David Armstrong suggested that Ms. Aldridge get with the comptroller to determine hold to handle the outstanding warrants.

**7. Convention and Visitors Bureau**

Due to the resignation of Rex Haynes from the Convention and Visitors Bureau Committee, Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to appoint Max L. May, to the Convention and Visitors Bureau as the District Four Representative to replace Rex Haynes.

Max L. May  
1764 Church Road West  
Horn Lake, Ms. 38637  
Home phone # 662-342-2541  
Work phone # 774-0600.

The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

**8. Approval of Resolutions to Allow Re-alignment of County Line Bridge on Red Banks Road**

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said the County has received a request from Tate County who is attempting to improve a County Line Bridge on Red Banks Road with State Aid money. Supervisor Medlin said that State Aid requires a re-alignment of the bridge and Tate County requested authority to do so on the DeSoto County side. Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to approve a resolution in support of allowing Tate County to repair or replace a County Line Bridge to State specifications. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **\*\*See Exhibit H.8\*\***

**9. Tax Collectors Depository**

The Tax Collector Joey Treadway notified the Board of Supervisors that he has bid out and switched depository for Tax Collector to Bank Corp South. Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to receive the Tax Collectors Report that the Tax Collectors Depository has changed to Bank Corp South. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

The Chancery Clerk reminded the Tax Collector to verify securities and to give the Chancery Clerk, the information to check securities as well, since it is the Clerk=s responsibility to have securities pledged for County funds.

**10. McInvale Road**

Supervisor Tommy Lewis requested the Boards authority to get the plans drawn up to extend McInvale Road from Byhalia Road to Green T Road. Supervisor Lewis said that if the county does not have the road in place, the State has already said and interchange at the new 304 will not go in. Supervisor John Caldwell asked if that road is in the City of Hernando. Supervisor Tommy Lewis said part is in the city and part is on the city-county line. Supervisor Tommy

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Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to authorize the new County Engineer, Tom Childress, to do the engineering and the drawing up plans to extend McInvale Road from Byhalia Road to Green T Road. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

**11. Engineering**

Supervisor John Caldwell said the Board needs a status list of the small projects that the County Consulting Engineer is working on to determine which projects need to be passed to the new County Engineer. The Board asked the County Administrator to compile the list.

**12. Utility Company Road Boring**

The Board of Supervisors discussed the need to get a written agreement for Utility Companies. The Board discussed damage that has occurred to streets and the expense of moving the utilities during road improvement. The Road Manager Kenny Gunn said a permit procedure has been in place for many years where the Utility Companies send the Road Manager form to sign acknowledging the counties awareness of the companies boring the road. Mr. Gunn said that sometimes this occurs and sometimes it does not. The Board of Supervisors discussed the effect of boring the county road on the new GIS systems.

The Board Attorney said he thinks there is a former Board order regarding such Utility Company Agreements.

THIS the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2000, these minutes have been read and approved by the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors.

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Eugene C. Thach, President  
DeSoto County Board of Supervisors