

DESOTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

EUGENE C. THACH, PRESIDENT, PRESIDING

October 30, 2000

A. CALL TO ORDER

The October 30, 2000, meeting of the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors was called to order by Supervisor Eugene C. Thach of DeSoto County.

Chief Deputy Charlie Brown of the DeSoto County Sheriff 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 Gerald Clifton-----District 3 - ABSENT
- 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 Supervisor John Caldwell.

C. OLD BUSINESS

1. Forest Hill Sub-Division

County Road Manager Kenny Gunn stated that he had inspected the flared end sections of the culverts in the Forest Hill sub-division and they seem to be functioning properly. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said that he had been to the sub-division to look at the flared end sections of the culverts and since the shoulders of the road are wide enough to handle the drainage flow he felt the flared ends of the culverts would work. Supervisor Tommy Lewis stated that when the length of pipe is 30 feet or more that head walls are not necessary. Supervisor Lewis stated that problems occur when pipes are shorter than 30 feet are used, then head walls are necessary. Road Manager Kenny Gunn stated that the regulations have no description about the type of material required for head walls. Mr. Gunn also stated that when pipes cross the road at a 90-degree angle that you have problems with drainage if headwalls are not used.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made a motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to accept the flared end sections that are in the Forest Hill sub-division as they are as long as there are no problems with the road=s function. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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| Supervisor Jessie Medlin | YES |
| Supervisor Eugene C. Thach | YES |
| Supervisor Gerald Clifton | ABSENT |
| Supervisor John Caldwell | YES |
| Supervisor Tommy Lewis | YES |

Kenny Gunn asked that the new engineer work on the sub-division regulations for builders and developers to update the standards. ****See Exhibit C.1****

ITEM C, CONTINUED,

2. Roads to Cemetery

Board Attorney Bill Austin stated that the State Statutes= do not state the type of road but does state that for an existing road to the cemetery the county can improve a road up to 150 feet. Supervisor Tommy Lewis made a motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to have the Road Manager improve the road to the cemetery on Vaiden Road in accordance with state laws. The vote passed as follows:

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

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

3. Making Approval of Burn Ban Part of Minutes

County Administrator David Armstrong asked that approval of the Burn Ban in effect until November 6 be made part of the Board minutes. Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to accept the states approval of Burn Ban into the Board minutes. The vote passed as follows:

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

****See Exhibit C.3****

4. Starlanding Road

Supervisor John Caldwell stated that the County cannot use State Aid Funds= for Starlanding Road underpass. Mr. Caldwell asked that the County hire Engineering Associates Carl Ray Furr to begin work on estimates for the railroad underpass project. Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked how the County will pay for the engineering fees. County Administrator David Armstrong stated that he had talked with Carl Ray Furr and his estimate for the project verbally was \$2 Million. Mr. Armstrong stated that MDOT had tabled their vote on this project until November 7 and there should be an 80/20 split with Federal Funds of 80% and Local Funds of 20%.

Supervisor John Caldwell stated that he had talked with Andy Simpson with the IC Railroad and they will not participate with the County on the Starlanding Road project. County Administrator David Armstrong stated that the Congressional parties have been asked for help with the MDOT funds for expanding the Starlanding Road underpass and Engineering Associates is confident it will be done. Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked if we could use Bond money to start projects and to make at least a two-lane road under to overpass. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said he cannot support the expenditure until we know how much the state and federal funding will cover. No motions were made at this time. ****See Exhibit C.4****

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. Tax Exemptions

a. Memphis Propeller Service - Real & Personal

ITEM D.1.a, CONTINUED,

Mark Matthews with Memphis Propeller Service appeared before the Board of Supervisors asking for tax exemption for ten (10) years on real property and five (5) years on personal property. Supervisor Jessie Medlin made a motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to allow the ten (10) year real and five (5) year personal property tax exemptions for Memphis Propeller Service. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

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

b. Supreme Distribution - Freeport

Thomas Bruce from Supreme Distribution appeared before the Board of Supervisors asking for a Freeport Tax Exemption. Supervisor Eugene Thach made a motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to grant a Freeport Tax Exemption to Supreme Distribution. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

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

c. Treadways Corporation - Freeport

Director of DeSoto Council Jim Flanagan present Freeport Tax Exemption for Treadways Corporation. Mr. Flanagan stated that Treadways is a tire distributor and will have a grand opening in April 2001. Treadways will have \$16,000,000.00 assets in building and land. Supervisor Eugene Thach made a motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to grant Treadways a Freeport Tax Exemption in accordance with a former Memorandum of Understanding. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

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

d. Hallmark Flowers - Approval of Memorandum of Understanding

Bill Brewster President of Hallmark Flowers presented to the Board of Supervisors a Memorandum of Understanding asking for a tax exemption on property that was formerly Huff. Hallmark Flowers will be a fulfillment center for Gold Crown Stores and they will market directly to consumers at retail prices via the internet. Supervisor Eugene Thach asked how this company would effect a Florist in DeSoto County. Supervisor Thach stated that local Florists are not exempt from taxes and that he feels this might cause problems with local merchants. Jim Flanagan stated that the Hallmark Flowers deal with a third party center in Missouri and that

Hallmark Flowers main service will be to deliver to out of State customers where DeSoto County Florist

ITEM D.1.d, CONTINUED,

businesses will deal with consumers in DeSoto County. Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked if they will be charging Sales Tax. Mr. Brewster stated that they will adhere to all sales tax laws. Supervisor Tommy Lewis made a motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Hallmark Flowers. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

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

2. District Attorney Approval of Assistance to Victims of Crimes

County Administrator David Armstrong presented a Request for Payment of Medical Expense for Victims of Crimes to the Board of Supervisor for approval. Supervisor Jessie Medlin made a motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to pay directly to the Baptist Memorial - DeSoto Hospital the amount of \$870.81 for a victim=s expense for medical treatment. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

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

3. Courthouse Renovation - Change Order #3 - Seiler Building Corp.

County Administrator David Armstrong presented to the Board of Supervisors the change orders request for the Courthouse Renovation for approval. The changes requested are as follows:

1. Floor plan changes - Chancery Clerk Area	\$3,767.63
2. Repair floor drains	\$1,115.10
3. Fire Rate Mechanical Rooms 113,197, stairwell #110	\$2,272.20
4. Additional sink	\$ 812.70
Total	\$7,967,63

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made a motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve the expenses for the changes to the Courthouse Renovation. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

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

ITEM D, CONTINUED,

4. Investment of Surplus Funds

In accordance with Section 19-2-29 of the Mississippi Code, which states that whenever any county shall have on hand any bond and interest funds, any funds derived from the sale of bonds, special funds, or any other funds in excess of the sums which will be required to meet the current needs and demands of no more than seven (7) business days, the Board of Supervisors of such counties shall invest such excess funds.

Comptroller Joyce Riales presented a report for investment of surplus funds for approval of Board of Supervisors. Supervisor Jessie Medlin made a motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve the investment of funds as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u># Days Investment</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Date of Maturity</u>
10/16/00	\$10,000,000.00	59	6.48%	12/14/00
10/16/00	\$ 3,000,000.00	29	6.46%	11/14/00

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

County Administrator David Armstrong stated that the following investments were from the \$18,000,000.00 proceeds that the County received from the sale of bonds to the State Development Bank Pool. The Board of Supervisors said they were unaware the State Development Bank bought the bonds and that the sale of the bonds is complete. At the Board of Supervisors request David Armstrong explained the balance of the \$18,000,000.00 went to pay the bond issuance cost. Supervisor Eugene Thach made a motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve the investment of funds as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u># Days Investment</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Date of Maturity</u>
10/24/00	\$ 3,503,000.00	91	6.56%	1/23/01
10/24/00	\$14,000,000.00	182	6.50%	4/24/01
correction \$3,583,000.00 - Nov 28,2000				

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

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

5. Budget Amendment Final Year End FY00

In accordance with Section 7-7-211 of the Mississippi Code and in accordance with the Mississippi County Financial Accounting Manual, Comptroller Joyce Riales presented to the Board of Supervisors the Final Year End FY00 Budget Amendment for approval. Supervisor John Caldwell made a motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the Final Year End FY00 Budget Amendment. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

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

6. Budget Amendment - Building & Grounds

County Administrator David Armstrong asked the Board of Supervisors for the approval to transfer funds from the Planning Commission Budget FY01 to the Building and Grounds Budget FY01 to cover the expenses for the transferred employee. Mr. Armstrong stated that the Planning Commission will not ask for additional funds to replace these, since they will be transferring the job duties to Operations and Maintenance. Supervisor Tommy Lewis made a motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the Budget Transfer of Funds from the Planning Commission Budget to the Building and Grounds Budget. The transfer of funds will be as follows:

<u>Fund/Dept#</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Budget \$</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>Total</u>
001-107-410	Enforcement Officer	\$ 24,000.00		\$23,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
001-107-465	Retirement	\$ 37,222.00		\$ 2,109.00	\$ 35,113.00
001-107-466	FICA	\$ 29,205.00		\$ 1,655.00	\$ 27,550.00
001-107-468	Group Ins.	\$ 42,380.00		\$ 2,934.00	\$ 39,446.00
001-151-417	Bldg.& Maint.	\$142,459.00	\$21,625.00		\$164,084.00
001-151-465	Retirement	\$ 24,152.00	\$ 2,109.00		\$ 26,261.00
001-151-466	FICA	\$ 19,562.00	\$ 1,655.00		\$ 21,217.00
001-151-468	Group Ins.	\$39,120.00	\$ 2,934.00		\$ 42,054.00
001-151-653	Small Tools	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 688.00		\$ 1,688.00
001-151-586	Laundry/Cleaning	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 687.00		\$ 6,687.00
	TOTALS	\$365,100.00	\$29,698.00	\$29,698.00	\$365,100.00

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

****See Exhibit D.6****

7. Inter-Funds Transfer for Hacks Cross Roads

Comptroller Joyce Riales asked permission from the Board of Supervisors to transfer \$750,000.00 from Fund 156 (County Wide Road Maintenance Construction) to Fund 050 (CDBG-Hacks Cross Road). Supervisor Jessie Medlin made a motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to transfer funds from Road Maintenance to the CDBG-Hacks Cross Road funds as follows:

From: Central Maintenance 156-300-950
 To: Hacks Cross Road 050-000-384

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

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

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8. Hacks Cross Road - Traffic Analysis

County Administrator David Armstrong presented a letter from Steven Bigelow, City Engineer of Olive Branch, asking for the Board of Supervisors approval of County funds to help with the traffic analysis on Hacks Cross Road. Mr. Bigelow is asking for the Board to approve funds for 25 percent of the actual cost for a traffic analysis to be performed by Fisher & Arnold and not to exceed \$4,000.00. Supervisor Jessie Medlin made a motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve County funds for the Hacks Cross Road traffic analysis not to exceed \$4,000.00. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

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

9. Authorization for Horn Lake Creek Drainage District to use County Equipment Rental Bid Pricing

County Board Attorney Bill Austin stated that at the last meeting of the Horn Lake Creek Drainage District meeting, they asked for authorization from the Board of Supervisors for them to use County Equipment Rental Bid Pricing for equipment required for small projects within the district. Supervisor John Caldwell stated that the County has to justify getting equipment thru this process, and that it is usually for specialized equipment that the County does not have. Mr. Caldwell also stated that County vendors may not allow this authorization and asked Board Attorney Bill Austin to verify that this is legal. Supervisor John Caldwell made a motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve authorization for the Horn Lake Creek Drainage District to use the County Equipment Rental Bid Pricing after Board Attorney Bill Austin verifies that to do so is within state law. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

10. Central Dispatch

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked the Board of Supervisors if they still wanted the committee to look at Centralized Dispatch. The 911 Facility at Starlanding Road would be able to build a large enough space for a dispatch system for the County. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said that it would be valuable even if only the fire and ambulance dispatch are in the building, since the people have already paid for this thru their phone bills. Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked the possibility of putting the centralized dispatch in the new jail facility. County Administrator David Armstrong stated that it is possible but that there are no funds in the budget and there would be additional cost involved for the jail. County Board Attorney Bill Austin stated that he does not feel that the jail is the place for the centralized dispatch to be located as it may be risky to have communications and prisoners under one roof. Supervisor Tommy Lewis suggested that the committee keep working on the location for the centralized dispatch. No motions were made at this time.

11. Approval of Surrendered Licenses Tag Listing

In accordance with Section 27-19-31 of the Mississippi Code, Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion, and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to accept the listing of surrendered **ITEM D.11, CONTINUED,**

license plates for the period of October 1, 1999 through October 1, 2000, into the minutes as presented by the Tax Collector, Joey Treadway. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

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

12. Tax Assessor Request to Remove Erroneous Assessments

County Administrator David Armstrong presented the Board of Supervisor with a letter from William Bryant Tax Consultant requesting for deletion of Parcel Number 20620314.0 00062.00 from the Tax Rolls as this property has been erroneously assessed. Supervisor John Caldwell made a motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to remove this land parcel from the tax roll. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

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

13. Authorization for County Attorney Craig Treadway to Sign Purchase Requisitions and Approval to Remove Larry Vaughn from List

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made a motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion for the Board of Supervisors to authorize County Attorney Craig Treadway to sign Purchase Requisitions and to remove Larry Vaughn=s name from the list. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

14. Authorization for GIS Director Sam Russell to sign Purchase Requisitions

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made a motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion for the Board of Supervisors to authorize the GIS Director Sam Russell authority to sign purchase requisitions. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

ITEM D, CONTINUED,

15. Community Development Block Grant - Acceptance of Grant and Authorization for Board President to Sign

County Administrator David Armstrong presented the Community Development Block Grant for \$450,000.00 that has been awarded to DeSoto County for the signature of the Board of Supervisors President. This grant is for the public facilities project #000017-PF-01. Supervisor John Caldwell asked what County facilities will be in the building. Mr. Armstrong stated that the Department of Human Services will be located in building and the other offices will be State offices. Supervisor Jessie Medlin stated that the current building being used by these offices has not been sold and he does not feel like the Board should accept the grant until then. Mr. Armstrong stated that he had talked with Billy Meyers and felt like the deal would be completed by the end of the year. Supervisor Eugene Thach asked if the Board could accept the grant based on the contingent of the building being sold. Mr. Armstrong stated that he would find out the time frame for the acceptance of the grant and said that there was a fee of \$3,500.00 to be paid to the consultant, who did the application preparation for the grant, and that if we accepted the grant the fee would be \$65,000 based on the \$1,275,000.00 used to build the new facility. Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked that we hold over this decision on the grant until November 6th. Board meeting.

16. Authorize County Administrator to Sign as Authorized Official on Grants

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

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made a motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to authorize the County Administrator as the authorized official signature on the JAIBG Grant, Metro Narcotics Grant, and the Youth Court Victims Witness Coordinator Grant. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

17. Annual Fixed Asset Report

In 1998 the County contracted with Data Systems Management to make the Fixed Asset software Y2K compatible. The software as of this time is not Y2K compliant and will not run the Fixed Asset Inventory Report for FY00. Information Systems is currently negotiating with Delta Computer systems to provide updated software that will provide the report as soon as possible. The letter to Bill Pope, the State Property Auditor explaining the issue with the software was made a part of the minutes. We do have a hard copy for reference.

18. Approval of Resolution of Appreciation for Senator Trent Lott

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made a motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion for the Board to approve the Resolution for Appreciation for Senator Trent Lott. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

****See Exhibit D.18****

ITEM D, CONTINUED,

19. Waste Project - Authorization to Sign EPA Reimbursement

County Administrator David Armstrong presented the EPA reimbursement form for the Wastewater project. Mr. Armstrong stated that this statement will be a 55% Federal and 45% County funding. Mr. Armstrong asked the Board of Supervisors to approve the amount in expenses of \$83,220.96 to be on the November docket for payment and that we submit to EPA for their share back to the County in the amount of \$45,771.53. Supervisor Tommy Lewis stated that the Regional Utility Authority needs to approve the EPA bill. The Board decided to hold over this item until after the November 15th meeting of the Regional Utility Authority. ****See Exhibit D.19****

20. Chancery Clerk Allowances

Allowances for the Chancery Court Clerk were presented to the Board of Supervisors for the October 2000, term in the amount of \$ 2,396.66. Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin 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	YES
Supervisor Eugene C. Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	ABSENT
Supervisor John Caldwell	YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

****See Exhibit D.20.****

21. Circuit Clerk Allowances

On this date, County Administrator David Armstrong presented on behalf of the Circuit Court Clerk, an Order of Allowances to the Board of Supervisors for the Circuit Court Clerk for Vacation Days Allowances for October 2000 in the amount of \$2,160.00, for the August Term 2000 of Circuit Court in the amount of \$2,133.00, for the September Term 2000 of Circuit Court in the amount \$9,905.50, for the Youth Court Division for September 2000 in the amount of \$2,927.00, and County Court for the month of September 2000 in the amount of \$2,597.00 Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve payment, pursuant to Sections 25-7-13, and Section 25-7-13 of the Mississippi code of 1972, Annotated. The motion passed by vote as follows

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

****See Exhibit D.21**

22. Board of Education Request for Assistance from County - Hernando High School

The Superintendent of Education Jerry Baird sent a letter asking for the Board of Supervisors approval for the County to help construct a concrete driveway to the Hernando High School soccer field. Supervisor Eugene Thach said the County had never built a concrete driveway for the County and that the County school has more money to contract work than the County. Supervisor Tommy Lewis made a motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion for the County to assist the Hernando High School to construct a driveway to the soccer field. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

ITEM D.22, CONTINUED,

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

****See Exhibit D.22****

23. Youth Services - Approval of Contract for Drug Testing (Justice Network)

County Administrator David Armstrong presented the contract from the Justice Network of MS to DeSoto County. Mr. Austin said the cost was included in a grant from the Juvenile Accountability Fund. The County=s share will be 10% with a maximum amount of \$1400.00. The Board of Supervisors has already approved the grant. Supervisor Jessie Medlin made a motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve the contract with the Justice Network of MS of Southaven, Mississippi for drug testing for juveniles. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

****See Exhibit D.23****

24. Hacks Cross Roads - Change Order

County Engineer Daniel Murphy stated a change order is needed for Hacks Cross Road and the reason for the change order is because MDOT=s construction of the intersection at Hacks Cross Road and Highway 302 did not extend down to the project as verbally promised. Daniel Murphy stated that he was talking with MDOT about funds to complete the project. Mr. Murphy stated that one of the turn lanes at the intersection was breaking up because there was not any gravel underneath before being paved. The total cost for the repairs will be \$106,525. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said that the original estimate created funds contingent for overruns and utility issues so there should be enough money for the repair. Mr. Murphy stated that the City of Olive Branch should be contacted about paying for half of the repairs to the intersection. Supervisor Jessie Medlin made a motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion for the Board to approve the change order to repair the turn lane of the intersection at Hacks Cross Road and Highway 302 and to extend MDOT=s work to the project and to split the cost. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

E. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The AExecutive Session@ portion of this meeting is presented under the portion of minutes called AExecutive Session”.

F. OTHER ISSUES

1. Approval of Authorization for Emergency Fire Equipment

ITEM F.1, CONTINUED,

County Road Manager Kenny Gunn stated to the Board of Supervisors that T. H. Walker was the only County authority to declare an emergency in the case of a natural disaster. Mr. Gunn said that on October 29th he was traveling on Holly Springs Road and spotted a grass fire that was close to some homes. Mr. Gunn stated that at the request of the Fire Department, he called for some County equipment to come and help put the fire out before it got to the homes. Mr. Gunn wanted the Board's approval for his calling in the County equipment. Board Attorney Bill Austin said that he would check the State statute=s for authorized personnel in case of natural emergencies. The Board of Supervisors approved Mr. Gunn=s actions regarding the fire on Holly Springs Road.

2. County Landfill

County Road Manager Kenny Gunn stated that the work at the County Landfill will be completed the week of 10/30/00. They have filled the ponds with gravel and dirt and everything looks stable everywhere else on the property. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said that the County Road Manager may want to seed the property to prevent any erosion. No motions were made on this subject.

3. Approval for Bids for Road Equipment Sheds

County Road Manager Kenny Gunn asked for approval of the Board of Supervisors to get quotes for sheds for the storage of equipment and for a side shed for storage of salt to keep away from the equipment. Mr. Gunn stated that he will present the quotes to the Board for approval. No motions were made at this time.

4. Road Bonds

County Road Manager Kenny Gunn presented to the Board of Supervisors two sub-division that were ready to change the bonds. The Forest Hill P.U.D. Phase I, was recommended release of \$6,700.00 Maintenance Bond and put under County Maintenance Bond and Fox Glen 1st Addition was recommended the \$28,000.00 Construction Bond be reduced to a \$10,000.00 Maintenance Bond. Supervisor Jessie Medlin made a motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to hold decision on the Forest Hill sub-division and the approve the Fox Glen sub-division reduction from a \$28,000.00 construction bond to a \$10,000.00 maintenance bond. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

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

5. Approval for Bids for Road Overlay Contracts

County Road Manager Kenny Gunn stated that he wanted to put out contracts for new road overlays and asked the Board of Supervisors if the contracts should be for two (2) \$1,000,000.00 contract, or if the contract should be for just one (1) \$2,000,000.00. The Board of Supervisors stated to go with just one contract for \$2,000,000.00. No motions were made at this time.

6. Brick Mailboxes

County Road Manager Kenny Gunn presented to the Board of Supervisors a list of existing Brick Mailboxes on State-Aid Roads. Mr. Gunn stated that he had mailed out letters before when there were 30 brick mailboxes and all but the 13 listed have been taken down. Supervisor John Caldwell asked for Mr. Gunn to send out a certified letter to the following list of people and then to take the boxes down:

ITEM F.6, CONTINUED,

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Terry L. Whitlock	7376 Nail Rd., Walls, MS 38680
Harold Milan	2865 Church Rd., Nesbit, MS 38651
Willie Nelson	4726 Bluff Rd., Hernando, MS 38632
Jamie Ward Edwards	441 Oak Grove Rd., Hernando, MS 38632
Frank A. Hill	645 Church Rd., Southaven, MS 38671
James T. Hill	685 Church Rd., Southaven, MS 38671
Melissa A. Freeman	681 Church Rd., Southaven, MS 38671
Adell Dennis	5185 Getwell Rd., Southaven, MS 38671
Earl Wright	2230 Red Banks Rd., Byhalia, MS 38611
	2248, 2256, 2260 (All in one Structure)

No motions were made at this time. ****See Exhibit F.6****

7. Salvage Vehicle Listing

County Road Manager Kinney Gunn presented a listing of salvage vehicles on the maintenance yard to the Board of Supervisors. Supervisor John Caldwell asked for seal bids for as is scrap vehicles since they are just scrap. County Board Attorney Bill Austin stated that the condition of vehicles need to be cleared by Sheriffs Department so that the titles can be cleared and vehicles taken off of County insurance. Supervisor Eugene Thach asked that the vehicles in question be described by vehicle and put in the minutes to be carried over on November 6th Board Meeting.

****See Exhibit F.7****

8. Road Markers

County Road Manager Kenny Gunn presented to the Board of Supervisors a price quote from Cheek, Inc. for road reflector installation on County roads at \$5.00 each. Mr. Gunn stated that the County will put the reflector installation on the annual bids in the future. Mr. Gunn stated that the county could do the work for \$1.29 plus labor and had been doing some roads already. No motion was taken at this time.

****See Exhibit F.8****

9. McInvale Road

County Road Manager Kenny Gunn stated that the right-a-ways need to be surveyed for a section line. Supervisor John Caldwell made a motion and supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to authorize a survey of McInvale Road to identify a section line on the road. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked Hal Crenshaw who owns the property on McInvale Road if he plans to donate the right of way to extend McInvale Road. Mr. Crenshaw stated that he owned 53 feet on one side that is a recorded P.U.D and that Lehman Roberts owns 40 feet of property on the other side of McInvale Road and that land was zoned all residential property. He thinks the right of way was donated on the sub-division plat. Supervisor Tommy Lewis made a motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to hire the Board Attorney Bill Austin to secure the right-a-way deeds for McInvale Road. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene C. Thach	YES

ITEM F.9, CONTINUED,

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

10. Sub-Division Road Bond Report

County Road Manager Kenny Gunn presented listing of the Sub-division Road Bonds and asked the Board of Supervisors if Mr. Ivy has the authority to pull road bonds in Mr. Gunn=s absence. Mr. Gunn asked the procedure to pull bonds. Board Attorney Bill Austin stated the Bonds should be brought to the County Comptroller with a listing of roads. Mr. Austin said this bond money cannot be used for anything else. Supervisor Tommy Lewis said to make sure that the developer is informed that the County is calling the bond. Supervisor John Caldwell asked that the expired bonds be taken off the listing. Supervisor Eugene Thach he agreed if the bond has expired we cannot make the developer put up the money. No motions were made at this time. ****See Exhibit F.10****

11. Interim Bridge Inspection

County Engineer Daniel Murphy informed the Board of Supervisors that \$46.00 had been transferred from State Aid funds to match \$185.00 for Bridge funds. Supervisor Tommy Lewis made a motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the transfer of \$46.00 of State Aid. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

12. Horse Arena

Supervisor John Caldwell asked what steps are required for the County to go for and to set up a horse arena and make it available for use. Supervisor Eugene Thach stated that a committee should be set up with a representative citizen from each district and that they should determine what is needed, where it needs to be located, size of location and a time table accordingly. Supervisor John Caldwell made a motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to organize a committee made up from citizens of each district and the two supervisors that we previously appointed by the Board of Supervisors. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

13. Parks

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked if the County is responsible for Park land that has been annexed into City property. Board Attorney Bill Austin said that regarding the Olive Branch annexation, he received a report for the Attorney General which states parks are not automatically under the City umbrella when annexed. He explained that streets are conveyed to the City automatically thru annexation but not parks. No motions were made at this time.

ITEM F.14, CONTINUED,

14. Starlanding Road

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to authorize Daniel Murphy to draw up a conceptual plan to detail where improvements to Starlanding Road should go. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to adjourn until November 6, 2000 at 9:00 a.m. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

THIS the 30th. day of October 2000, these minutes have been read and approved by the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors.

Eugene C. Thach, President
DeSoto County Board of Supervisors