

DESOTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

EUGENE C. THACH, PRESIDENT, PRESIDING

November 20, 2000

A. CALL TO ORDER

The November 20, 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=s Department, was present and did open the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors meeting in a regular session to hear any and all business to come before the Board. The following were present:

- Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----District 1
- Supervisor Eugene C. Thach-----District 2
- Supervisor Gerald Clifton-----District 3
- Supervisor John Caldwell-----District 4
- Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----District 5
- W. E. ASluggo@ Davis-----Chancery Clerk
- David Armstrong-----County Administrator
- Sheriff James Albert Riley----DeSoto County Sheriff
- William Austin-----Board Attorney

B. INVOCATION

The invocation was presented by County Administrator David Armstrong.

C. OLD BUSINESS

1. Horse Arena Committee Appointee=s

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made a motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to appoint the following to the Horse Arena Committee to represent District 5.

<u>Representative</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Phone#</u>
Lim Couch	568 Laughter Rd. S., Hernando, MS	662-429-0802

The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

The District 3 appointment will be held over until December 4TH, 2000. County Administrator David Armstrong notified the Board of Supervisors about a group out of Mississippi State that will do an economic assessment to show what benefits the arena may bring to the County.

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. North Delta Planning & Development Report - Glen Brown

Glen Brown appeared before the Board of Supervisors and presented a report about the services being provided by the North Delta Planning & Development District, Inc. Area Agency on Aging. The services being provided are Homemaker, Congregated Meals, Home Delivered Meals, Case Management, Program Development, Recreation, Ombudsman Services, Information and Referral, Outreach, MICAP (Insurance Counseling, Title V Senior Employment, Legal Services, District Senior Olympics, Elder Abuse Prevention and Medicaid Waiver.

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Mr. Brown stated that the Agency had provided services to three hundred ninety-three unduplicated older persons residing in DeSoto County during the period of October 1, 1999 through September 30, 2000. Over this span \$198,969 total cumulative cost was spent on services to benefit these clients. The total contribution from DeSoto County in local match for Fiscal Year 2000 was \$40,000. Mr. Brown stated the need for a RN to serve in DeSoto County and also the need for two additional Homemakers which would allow the Agency to serve more elderly in DeSoto County. However North Delta has been unable to attract applicants to these positions which

Mr. Brown stated that the Medicaid Waiver Home and Community Based Services Program was established by the Mississippi Legislature Senate Bill 2213 Section 15. The DeSoto Waiver Project will carry a caseload of 100 clients. Mr. Brown gave a breakdown of services they provided for FY00 as follows:

MEALS PROGRAM TO HOMES FY00

<u>Location</u>	<u>Number of Elderly</u>
Southaven*	18,963
Hernando	13,923
Olive Branch	5,190
Cockrum	<u>5,141</u>
TOTAL	43,217 FOR AN AVERAGE OF 172 MEALS A DAY

MEALS PROGRAM AT CONGREGATED LOCATION FY00

<u>Location</u>	<u>Number of Elderly</u>
Southaven*	5,131
Hernando	0
Olive Branch	4,960
Cockrum	<u>3,449</u>
TOTAL	13,540 FOR AN AVERAGE OF 54 MEALS A DAY

Southaven serves the areas of Horn Lake, Walls, Lake Comorant, and Southaven in these services.

Mr. Brown stated that DeSoto County has a large number of disabled and elderly people. Some are not being sent to nursing homes and are being served by homemakers and with healthcare and meals through the Medicare Waiver Program. Mr. Brown stated that a social worker can only handle 50 clients and that DeSoto County has 28 clients being served at this time. Mr. Brown said that service is based on the poverty level of elderly and they are the first ones served. Mr. Brown stated that at this time they are trying to serve nearly 500 elderly whereas a few years ago only about 150 elderly was served. Mr. Brown said that they are trying to open up a meal site in the Walls area by December 2000, and this will relieve some of the home deliveries being made. Mr. Brown stated that more elderly could be served with meals if family members, friends, and even Churches would pick up meals and deliver the meals to the elderly.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin stated that he gets calls from elderly people who don't have family to help with their care. Mr. Brown stated that the homemakers can help the elderly with house cleaning, grocery shopping, and take them to get hair cuts.

Mr. Brown stated that he is making presentations to Counties about the elderly in their area and asking the County to supplement expenses needed to hire help that is required to serve the County. Mr. Brown said that Home Health Care salaries were in the range of \$40,000 but his allowed state budget was only \$34,000 for a RN and this is a reason for lack of interest in job applicants.

Mr. Brown presented the Board of Supervisors with a request for FY2001 Supplemental Funds in the amount of \$53,618 to get a RN and Two Full Time Homemakers. Mr. Brown stated to the Board of Supervisors that these funds were needed to help serve the growing number of elderly in DeSoto County. Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked how soon a worker could be in the field if the funds were approved. Mr. Brown stated that if the Board of Supervisors approved the Supplemental Funds at the December 4TH Board meeting, he could have someone in the field by the next week most likely. Mr. Brown stated that Tunica County had allotted Supplemental Funds for Tunica County elderly and this

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had allowed personnel to serve any other areas needed because of the additional help that Tunica County was giving. Supervisor John Caldwell asked for Mr. Brown to advertise for personnel without salary requirements so that he could have a list to work from when the Board makes their decision.

Supervisor John Caldwell made a motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to take the North Delta Planning & Development District, Inc. Area Agency on Aging Report under advisement and bring back to the Board of Supervisor meeting on December 4, 2000, for a recommendation concerning the FY01 Supplemental Funds required to serve the DeSoto County elderly. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit D.1****

2. Regional Utility Authority Request to Draw EPA Money

County Administrator David Armstrong stated that the Board of Supervisors had approved spending \$1,200,000 for the DeSoto County Wastewater System as the local match. The County has received a bill from EAI/WEI, LLC for the reimbursement for construction on the project. Mr. Armstrong stated that the Wastewater project is being funded 55% by Federal Funds and 45% by the County Funds.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked for the County to be updated every 30 to 60 days on the progress of this project and that the Regional Utility Authority approve the EPA bills prior to the County authorizing payment of funds.

Supervisor John Caldwell made a motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to approve and authorize the signature of Board President for the reimbursement payment request to the EPA as follows:

Request #1	Amount \$ 45,771.53
Request #2	Amount \$104,545.84

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

3. Approval of Easement Agreement with MDOT for Hwy 304 and Relocation East of Odom Road to East of I-55

County Administrator David Armstrong stated that Board Attorney Bill Austin had looked over the Easement Agreement and found everything in order and that he had asked Tom Childress, the County Engineer, to look over plans and bring a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Austin stated that the Easement Agreement only asked for the County to convey the road easement to the state and once the project is complete the state will then convey the road easement back to the county.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to convey the Hwy 304 easement agreement east of Odom Road to east of I-55 to MDOT to allow MDOT to realign the road and construct the new Hwy 304 provided MDOT returns the easements to DeSoto County when the work is complete. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

Mr. Childress stated that no time line had been set up for the work schedule and completion date. Mr. Childress stated that once the road relocation is done the road will go back to the county for maintenance. Supervisor John Caldwell stated that the state should maintain the new Hwy 304 and the old Hwy 304. Supervisor Eugene Thach said that because the road is a frontage road the state will maintain old Hwy 304. The Board of Supervisors questioned whether the state will still maintain Old Hwy 304, Mr. Childress was asked to check out the jurisdiction and clarification of Hwy 304 . Supervisor Jessie Medlin stated that the plans do not look like what was presented to the home owners

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at the Public Hearing meeting that was held early in the year. Supervisor Jessie Medlin stated that the

Board should not vote on something that was not agreed to by the homeowners.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made a motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to reconsider the previous motion and to get clarification of the route of Hwy 304 relocation and to have Tom Childress get with MDOT for the clarification. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made a motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to hold over this item until the December 4, 2000 Board meeting. The vote passed by a unanimous vote.

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

4. Comptroller - Joyce Riales

a. Inter-fund Transfer of Metro Seized Funds

At the recommendation of the Comptroller, Joyce Riales, Supervisor Gerald Clifton made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to authorize, pursuant to Section 41-29-185 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, the case #DC-0134-1-00 on Defendant Rodrick Leake, to transfer the following forfeited funds that were seized by Metro Narcotics.

Transfer from 123-900-950	Metro Seized	\$52.00
Transfer To 105-000-384	Metro Forfeitures	\$52.00

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

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

b. 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 County 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>
11/14/00	\$ 3,000,000.00	44	6.2%	12/28/00

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

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

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c. Supplemental Claim Docket

Comptroller Joyce Riales and Stephanie Hanks presented the supplementary claims docket showing claims that need to be paid for various departments as of November 20, 2000. In accordance with Section 19-13-31 and Section 19-11-23 of the Mississippi Code Annotated, Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to authorize the Chancery Clerk to pay the bills as presented by the Comptroller except for the bill to Panola Construction. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

****See Exhibit D4.c****

1. Panola Construction

County Administrator David Armstrong stated that the payment to Panola Construction in the amount of \$180,103.77 was for the County Administration Building and this is a portion of the 5% retainage fee the County held for the completion of building construction. Mr. Armstrong stated that he would recommend to the Board of Supervisors to hold the balance of \$172,500.00 until all disputed factors were resolved. Supervisor Eugene Thach asked if the \$58,000 for the architect fee was included in the amount. The Board of Supervisors asked the Board Attorney to look at the contract with Panola Construction to make sure that the Board had the right to hold funds. Supervisor John Caldwell stated that the funds should be held until all bills are in and covered before final payment to Panola Construction is made.

5. Kline Swinney Associates - Preliminary Presentation of Plans for DeSoto County Jail

David Kline stated that they made the presentation a couple of months ago and that the City had some concerns regarding the sewer drainage, road closures and the historical preservation. Mr. Kline presented the schematic presentation to the Board of Supervisors with the designs of how the water and sewer will flow and the type of equipment required having proper water pressure in the facility. Mr. Kline stated that the new facility would be equipped with sprinkler system, which was a code requirement for the facility. County Administrator David Armstrong asked why the old jail facility had passed state inspections and it did not have a sprinkler system. Supervisor Eugene Thach stated that there was a grandfather clause in regards to previous structures prior to the codes going into effect.

Mr. Kline stated that there would be detention ponds to slow down the outflow of water during storms and this would prevent standing water in areas. Mr. Kline stated that the City would be having a meeting on November 21ST at 7:30 P.M. to discuss the upgrade to West Street and the closing of Caffey street, and the other areas of the jail construction that they have problems with. Mr. Kline stated that there will be a sidewalk on the front of new and old jail only which was a code requirement. The new facility will have a multi-purpose and medical area, a training room, a file room, and a space for detectives and patrolmen for office space. Mr. Kline stated that the water line route had not been approved by the city and they are still discussing. Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked if the new facility would take all the land on West Street when added. Mr. Kline said yes and that there would not be any place for parking of vehicles except in front of building.

Mr. Kline stated that the new facility would have 160 new beds for inmates. The facility will hold the male inmates, and the women inmates and the juveniles in the existing building. Supervisor Eugene Thach asked that the facility keep separate the women from the men at all times. Mr. Kline stated that it was a state requirement that juveniles be separated from other inmates and cannot have any contact with other inmates. Men and women contact was discussed.

Mr. Kline stated that the outstanding issues would have to be settled before any contract would be let out for bid. These issues are as follows:

1. The existing building as presently constructed does not comply with current Standard Building Codes. To bring the building into compliance with building and fire codes the existing needs to be

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fully sprinkler and two 4-hour firewalls constructed. Does the County desire to address the issue during renovation?

2. Exterior materials and design to be accepted by the City.
3. Interior renovation of Kitchen and other spaces to be performed by owner at a later date. Kline Swinney recommends that the County, as a minimum, expand existing Kitchen to allow space for future growth.
4. Street closing and any agreements with the City related to same.

Mr. Kline stated that the City wanted a brick fence around facility, but they recommend a black vinyl see thru fence due to the possible escape of an inmate, they could be seen whereas with a brick fence you could not be seen. The fence is designed to keep the public away from doors and windows of facility.

Mr. Kenny Evans stated that he felt the sprinkler system to the old jail facility needed to be designed without exposed pipes showing. He stated that this would cause problems in facility with the exposed pipes. Sheriff Riley agreed that the exposed pipes would not work. Mr. Kline stated that the ceilings are low and the only way was to do enclosures around the pipes. The Board of Supervisors all stated that the sprinkler system needed to be put into place in the old jail facility and asked Mr. Kline to look at a way to handle that. Mr. Evans stated that the Kitchen facility should also be left out of the proposal since the functions would be sufficient as it is now.

Supervisor John Caldwell made a motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to go out for bids for the new square footage on the jail facility with the option on sprinkler system and fire walls being brought up to code, with a brick exterior wall and vinyl fence and to not include the renovation of the kitchen facility. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said he recognizes and supports the need for the jail expansion, but he feels there are too many unanswered questions to go forward at this time. ****See Exhibit D.5****

6. Days Water Association Approval of Days Water Bond

County Administrator David Armstrong presented application from the Days Water Association asking for approval of the \$2,000.00 Performance Bond. Supervisor Jessie Medlin made a motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve the Days Water Association Bond in the amount of \$2,000.00. The vote passed by a unanimous vote.

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

7. Approval of Purchase Agreement for Circuit Court Reporter Software

Supervisor Gerald Clifton made a motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve the purchase agreement of the Circuit Court Reporter Software Case CATALYST and the Audiosync Software for \$4,590.00 and authorize the Clerk to sign the same from Stenograph, LLC. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

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Supervisor Tommy Lewis	ABSENT
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****See Exhibit D.7****

8. Authorization to Open Bids for the Sale of Helicopters - Dec. 5, 2000

County Administrator David Armstrong presented to the Board of Supervisors for approval to authorize the County Administrator or his designee to open bids for seven helicopters that are property of DeSoto County for bid #00-200-002 on December 5TH, 2000. Supervisor Gerald Clifton made a motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to authorize notice to bidders for the seven helicopters that belong to the County. The motion passed as follows:

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

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

9. Starlanding Road Overpass - Report from Carl Ray Furr

County Administrator David Armstrong stated that \$1.8 Million has been approved by MDOT for the Starlanding Road Overpass which is about 80/20 split on the cost expected for repairs on the roadway. Mr. Armstrong stated that no details have been received. Supervisor Caldwell stated that the railroad crews were at the Starlanding Road Overpass this date and working on the site. They stated that they would be completed today with the railroad site. Supervisor Caldwell stated the County needs to negotiate with the railroad to help pay the County for the cost of repairs. No motions were made at this time.

10. Metro Narcotics - Authorization for Board President to Sign Federal Annual Certification Report

County Administrator David Armstrong presented the Federal Annual Certification Report for the DeSoto County Metro Narcotics Task Force and asked for approval of the Board of Supervisors for the signature of the Board President. Supervisor Gerald Clifton made a motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to authorize the Board President to sign the Federal Annual Certification Report for the DeSoto County Metro Narcotics Task Force. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

11. Approval to Advertise in Mississippi Supervisor Magazine

County Administrator David Armstrong asked the Board of Supervisors if they wanted to advertise in the Mississippi Supervisors Magazine for the coming year. Mr. Armstrong stated that in the past the County had purchased the front inside cover of the magazine. After discussion among the Board the decision was made to continue with the front inside cover add at the cost of \$775.00. Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to purchase advertising with the Mississippi Supervisor Magazine for the front inside cover at a cost of \$775.00 and authorize clerk to write check. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene C. Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES

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Supervisor John Caldwell	NO
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

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

12. State Development Bank - Request to Draw \$1.2 Million for Waste Water

County Administrator presented a list to the Board of Supervisors stating the break down of money being drawn from the State Development Bank. This list has the \$1.2 million needed for the Waste Water payment and we have bills due for part of that money. The money on this list was not budgeted by the County for this year. Mr. Armstrong recommended that the Board of Supervisors approve a resolution for the withdrawal of the \$1.2 million. Supervisor Gerald Clifton made a motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to authorize the adoption of the resolution to draw \$1,200,000 from the equipment and facilities pool for the regional Waste Water match money.

David Armstrong presented a list of projects to be funded by the \$18,000,000 bond issue and asked the Board of Supervisors to prioritize the list. The Board of Supervisors voted to hold this item over until December 4TH Board Meeting.

The Board of Supervisors discussed the possibility and advantage of drawing money thru the State Development Bank. The Board Attorney cautioned that the draw requests must accompany bills.

13. Hacks Cross Road - Traffic Analysis - Revision to Oct. 30 Minutes

County Administrator David Armstrong stated that the October 30 Board minutes stated that the contract for the Hacks Cross Road project was awarded to Fisher Arnold however the recommendation was to award the contract to Neel Schaffer. Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked why the County would award to the high bidder. Mr. Armstrong stated that he would get clarification on the recommendation and bring back to the Board on the December 4, 2000 Board Meeting.

E. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

F. JOEY TREADWAY - INTERNET TAX PAYMENT - PHIL BRYANT

Joey Treadway appeared before the Board of Supervisors and introduced Phil Bryant, State Auditor, Mike Assey and Phil Smith with the State Audit Department. He also introduced Mike Fry and Jason Johnson with Venture Technology. Mr. Treadway stated the Mr. Bryant was present to present to the Board of Supervisors the results of other counties in the state with the new internet car tag payment system and to answer any questions the Board may have regarding the states= position with this internet process. Mr. Treadway turned the meeting over to Mr. Bryant.

Mr. Bryant stated to the Board of Supervisors that the state=s of California, Texas, Florida, and Arizona have been set up the internet renewal of car tags and are having great results in collecting taxes on time without the worry of bad checks. The system is set up to use bank drafts, or credit cards to pay the taxes and once the money clears the tags are mailed to customers. Mr. Bryant stated that this process is also being looked at to handle property taxes as well. Mr. Bryant said that research in the programs and the laws and legal aspects for vendors supplying these services have been looked into by the state. Mr. Bryant stated that the vendors are independents and not connected with the state in any way and there would be no cost or special computers required for this service. The vendor will charge a fee of \$2.50 for each transaction that occurs and will be responsible for setting up the internet web site for the County. Mr. Bryant stated that the most important thing for the County is to facilitate the program for a comfort level. The money will be deposited immediately and a trail of the transaction will be online.

Mr. Bryant stated that the new generations of people are expecting this type on transactions from the government process and that it will also aid the people who live out of state but own land in the County to pay their taxes. These people can go online to make transactions necessary for their taxes.

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Mr. Bryant stated that the counties of Hinds, Rankin and Madison have set up a pilot program with Venture Technology for the purpose of a car tag renewal system. The public will still be allowed to come in to pay taxes, but where the counties pay approximately \$7.00 per person for a transaction in

person they will pay only about \$.35 per transaction on the internet system. Supervisor Eugene Thach stated that the County cannot pay any bank credit card fees= for transactions and asked how this would be handled. Mr. Bryant stated that the \$2.50 fee will be paid in addition to the car tag fee by the taxpayer.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked how long it would take for customer to receive tags. Mr. Joey Treadway stated that the turn around time should be two days. County Administrator David Armstrong asked Larry Wood, Director of Data Processing for the County, if the County system would be compatible for this direction on tax collections. Mr. Wood stated that the County had looked at another system early using EZGOV.com and that the only problem he saw was signing a one year contract. Other than that Mr. Wood saw no problems that the County would have. Mr. Armstrong asked if it was possible to have a six month contract instead of the year contract. Mr. Fry with Venture stated that, due to the expense the vendor would have on the front end by developing the web page and setting up connection for the twenty-four hour, seven days a week service, that they would have to require the year contract.

Mr. Jason Johnson with Venture stated that once the web page was set up that this would give the County free advertising thru the internet system. Mr. Johnson said that a web page could be set up within thirty days at no cost to the County. Mr. Wood said that if the County did a web page, they would have to hire a person to maintain the web page transaction for interest that the public may have in County activities advertised on the web page and that someone would have to respond to the online questions regarding the DeSoto County web page.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis stated that the County should look at this system and try to get the necessary negotiations done in order to have the program working for the County. Mr. Wood stated that this service is all the vendors= program and that there was no data required from the County=s system to get it started. Supervisor John Caldwell made a motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to authorize the County Administration and Board Attorney and Larry Wood to negotiate with Venture Technology for the County Web Page and the one year contract for the Venture Technology system that would allow the County to collect car tag taxes thru the internet. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Bill Bryant stated that he appreciated Joey Treadways= interest in this program and wanted to thank the Board of Supervisors for the time spent on this project.

G. OTHER ISSUES

1. Fees for Homestead Application

Chancery Clerk Sluggo Davis presented listing of fees to which he is entitled for homestead application and homestead roll under Mississippi Code 27-33-37M in the amount of \$5,850.08 and for personal and real roll under Mississippi Code 25-3-21 in the amount of \$3,202.74. Supervisor Jessie Medlin made a motion and Supervisors Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to approve payment of these funds to the Chancery Clerk and to apply to the following fund accounts:

Fund #001-101-450	Amount \$5,737.32
Fund #001-101-451	Amount <u>\$3,315.50</u>
Totals	\$ 9,052.82

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene C. Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	ABSENT

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Supervisor John Caldwell	YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

****See Exhibit G.1****

2. Approval of Chancery Court Allowances & Circuit Court Allowances

On this date, the County Administrator, David Armstrong, presented on behalf of the Chancery Court Clerk, W. E. Davis, an order of Allowances to the Board of Supervisors for the November, 2000 term in the amount of \$2,306.66. Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to approve these payments, pursuant to Section 25-7-9 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated. The motion passed by vote as follows:

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

****See Exhibit G.2****

On this date, County Administrator David Armstrong, presented on behalf of the Circuit Court Clerk Dale Thompson, an Order of Allowances to the Board of Supervisors for the Circuit Court for the October, 2000 term, in the amount of \$5,127.50, County Court for the month of October, term in the amount of \$2,795.00, Youth Court for the month of October, 2000 in the amount of \$2,507.00 and for Special Order of Allowances held in Brandon, MS for the month of October, 2000 in the amount of \$780.00. Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to approve these payments, 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	ABSENT
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	ABSENT

****See Exhibit G.2****

3. Hwy 301 and Starlanding Road

Supervisor John Caldwell asked Board Attorney Bill Austin about where the County stood on the right of ways for the Hwy 301 and Starlanding Road project. Mr. Austin stated that all of the right of ways have been acquired and that according to schedule to be let for December 2002 or no later than February 2003. Mr. Austin stated that this will be a seven mile project with two lanes and that it will be paid out in the 2003 budget.

Supervisor John Caldwell asked if the funds could come out of the Road fund or if the County would have to loan from the general fund to the road fund. Mr. Austin stated that the cost of \$1,271,000 for the project. Bill Austin said the County would need to approve an inter-fund loan from the general fund to the Road & Bridge Department. The Road & Bridge Department can pay the bills and when reimbursed in 2003 the Road & Bridge Department can repay the general fund. Supervisor Eugene Thach reminded the Board of Supervisors about the interest the County will loose. Supervisor John Caldwell said that the improvement may save someone=s life. Supervisor John Caldwell made a motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to take the issue under advisement. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES

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

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to adjourn until December 4, 2000 at 9:00 a.m. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

THIS the 20th. day of November 2000, these minutes have been read and approved by the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors.

Eugene C. Thach, President
DeSoto County Board of Supervisors