

DESOTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

TOMMY LEWIS, PRESIDENT 2001, PRESIDING

February 7, 2001

A. CALL TO ORDER

The February 7, 2001, meeting of the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors was called to order by Supervisor Tommy Lewis, Board President 2001.

Commander John Magness 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:

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

B. INVOCATION

County Administrator David Armstrong presented the invocation.

C. INSURANCE – HEALTH

County Administrator David Armstrong stated that he had talked with Bob Box of MAS Insurance, and gave him the changes that the Board of Supervisors wanted to make for the new coverage.

County Administrator David Armstrong stated that we have contacted seven other Counties to inquire about their insurance coverage. Six of the counties worked on a self-funded insurance and one was a fully funded insurance. The comparison of insurance rates showed DeSoto County's coverage is average. Supervisor Gerald Clifton asked how many employees use the out of network services. Vickie Richmann stated that 98% of the claims are for in network services. Mr. Armstrong stated that the County receives a discount of 30% when they use in network services. Mr. Armstrong stated that after talking with Vickie Richmann, he is recommending that the County eliminate the services of an Agent, which cost the County \$9600 a year. Mr. Armstrong said that Bob Box stated that he would help the County with any areas necessary. Mr. Armstrong stated that the County may want to look at hiring a consultant in the future to work for the County to investigate ways to reduce insurance cost to the County.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis said that the maximum cost is based on this past years claims, which have been high. Also the maximum shown does not pickup the run-out expense for the balance of the year.

ITEM C, CONTINUED,

Board Attorney Bill Austin said that the Insurance Commission does not take part in the process when as many employees as DeSoto County has are involved. Mr. Austin said that the Audit Department has no direct roll either.

At the recommendation of the County Administrator, Supervisor Tommy Lewis said that the Board has worked extra hard to keep the costs down but when medical cost goes up, we do the best job we can. Supervisor John Caldwell made a motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to keep MAS Insurance with no Agent and to make the following changes to policy limits:

	<u>Network</u>	<u>Non-Network</u>
Lifetime Maximum	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Individual Calendar Yr. Ded.	<u>\$250*</u>	<u>\$400*</u>
Family Deductible Maximum	\$600	<u>\$800*</u>
Coinsurance Percentage	90% / 10,000	<u>75% / 5,000*</u>
Individual Out of Pocket	\$1,000	<u>\$2,000*</u>
Family Out of Pocket	\$3,000	<u>\$5,000*</u>
Maternity	YES	YES
Primary Care Physician CoPay	\$10	<u>\$20*</u>
Specialist CoPay	<u>\$20*</u>	<u>\$20*</u>
Preventive Wellness Coverage	\$10 up to \$300 Annually	N/A
Supplemental Accident	\$300	\$300
Generic Drug	<u>\$5*</u>	
Brand Drug	<u>\$15*</u>	
	<u>Employee cost</u>	
Employee Only	<u>\$385.00*</u>	
Employee spouse	<u>\$165.00*</u>	
Employee Child	<u>\$145.00*</u>	
Employee Family	<u>\$185.00*</u>	

***Changes to policy**

The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

D. PLANNING COMMISSION

The Planning Commission brought several items before the Board of Supervisors as evidenced by the portion of the minutes submitted by the Planning Commission. ****See Exhibit D****

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. Report from Committee to Adopt County Road

Supervisor John Caldwell made a motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to carry this item over until February 20, 2001. 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	Absent

****See Exhibit E.1****

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2. 2001 Paving Contract

Supervisor John Caldwell made a motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to carry this item over until February 20, 2001. 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	Absent

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

3. Central Maintenance – Postage Meter

Vanessa Lynchard said that after checking with the Audit department, we can buy postage with the procurement card on the internet program. Larry Wood will verify the Central Maintenance printer to make sure that it works with the Internet postage purchase. Supervisor Eugene Thach made a motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve the purchase of postage for Central Maintenance through Stamps.Com using the procurement card. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	No
Supervisor Eugene Thach	Yes
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	Absent
Supervisor John Caldwell	Yes
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	Absent

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. E-911 – Approval of Contract Change Order with Spectra Site

Vanessa Lynchard said that she had received a letter from Mark Brant, of the Brant Engineering Firm, regarding the contract to install the Radio Towers for E-911, which stated that a change order was necessary to cover additional costs for tower foundations due to underground conditions and to make the ground seismic safe. It was his recommendation for the County to authorize this change and the E911 Commission agreed. Supervisor John Caldwell made a motion and supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve the change order from Spectra Site Construction for \$29,398.00 and to approve payment less retainage of –(\$2,939.80) for Total Due \$26,458.20 for foundations based on upgraded seismic considerations. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	No
Supervisor Eugene Thach	Yes
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	Absent
Supervisor John Caldwell	Yes
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	Absent

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

2. Jail Inspection

In accordance with Section 19-5-1 of the Mississippi Code Annotated of 1972, which states that at least annually, and as often as it may think proper, the Board of Supervisors, or a competent person authorized by the Board of Supervisors, shall examine into the state and condition of the

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jail, in regard to its safety, sufficiency and accommodation of the prisoners, and from time to time take such legal measures as may best tend to secure the prisoners against escape, sickness and infection, and have the jail cleansed.

Having completed such inspection, Supervisor John Caldwell made a motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to acknowledge the inspection of the DeSoto County Jail by the Board of Supervisors as outlined in Section 19-5-1 of the Mississippi Code Annotated. 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	Absent

3. Approval of Agreement with MDOT – Hwy 304

County Engineer Tom Childress said that MDOT has sent three agreements asking for approval for MDOT to adjust the County right of ways from Hwy 61 to Interstate 55. The County will give permission for MDOT to use the right of way for construction of roads and once the roads are complete, the right of way will be returned to the County. There was a question concerning the closing of Green T Road by MDOT. Mr. Childress stated that the old portion of Green T Road would be abandoned once the new relocation is in place and the road, old or new, would be available for travel at all times throughout the project. The Board of Supervisors noted the agreement does not say that. The Board of Supervisors previously approved the agreement for the portion of road from Odom Road to east of I-55 and that agreement needs to be made a part of the minutes.

- a. Hwy 61 to West of Hwy 301**
- b. West of Hwy 301 to Odom Rd.**
- c. Odom Rd. to East of I-55 (Old Business)**

Supervisor John Caldwell made a motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to carry this item on over until February 20, 2001 Board Meeting. 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	Absent

****See Exhibit F.3.a.b.c****

4. Civic Center Usage Fees

Supervisor John Caldwell said that he had talked with Supervisor Tommy Lewis about the Civic Center usage fees being high for non-profit use and one time usage. Supervisor Caldwell stated that this is independent of the Board of Supervisors. Supervisor Caldwell said that he was quoted a fee of \$75.00 for per meeting for Civic Groups for the smallest room, and was told that sometimes they waive the fee for Tour Groups. Supervisor Caldwell said that he would like for the Board of Supervisors to send a letter to the Civic Center asking them to revisit the way they set the fees.

Supervisor Eugene Thach said that they have to be able to cover expenses for letting groups use the facility, and from the beginning this was to be a self sustaining venture. Supervisor

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Caldwell said that the fee for the High School Graduations was going to run \$250.00, which was more than Northwest charged. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said he would like to see a breakdown of fees and a chart of how fees are assessed and he has gotten complaints regarding the parking fee of \$4.00. Supervisor Medlin said that he would like to see the Civic Center work for the people. It is nice to look at, but we need to get people inside the facility and if a parking fee is keeping them out, we have a problem. Supervisor Eugene Thach said that the parking fee goes to the County, and asked what the standard procedure is for fees at other arena's. Supervisor John Caldwell said that once the construction is closed, that public access in corridors should be addressed. Supervisor John Caldwell made a motion for the Board of Supervisors to send a letter and a list of issues that the Board of Supervisors have regarding fees at the Civic Center. Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion. 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	Absent

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said that he had talked with Dr. Franklin and been told that the lights are going up on the Civic Center Road to Church Road. Supervisor John Caldwell said that the video scoreboard would be installed by the first of March.

5. Approval to Pay Lodging for MAS, June 4-8

Vanessa Lynchard said that in order to hold rooms for the Board of Supervisors to attend the June 2001 meeting that the County must send a check to hold rooms. The cost per person is \$109.00 and there will be up to eight people going to the meeting. Supervisor Eugene Thach made a motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to have the clerk cut the check for lodging at \$109.00 per person, for the annual MAS meeting the week of June 4-8, 2001. 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	Absent

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

G. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The executive session portions of these minutes are recorded under the portion of the minutes called "Executive Session".

H. OTHER ISSUES

1. County Government Day - Russian Visitors

Chancery Clerk W. E. Davis said that he had received a call from the Southaven Rotary Club requesting the County sponsor a County Government Day. There will be fifteen Russian visitors visiting the week of April 19, 2001. The Rotary Club would like to bring the Russians to the Board of Supervisors meeting that morning and have a county director lead a tour for them this day. They requested that the County furnish lunch for the visitors that day also. Chancery Clerk Sluggo Davis said that the visitors would be attending the DeSoto County School Board meeting later that day. Mr. Davis said that they are also looking for sponsors to

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house the Russians during their stay in the County. There were no motions made on this item.

2. Brick Mailboxes

County Road Manager Kenny Gunn asked the Board of Supervisors when he should start taking down the Brick Mailboxes. Supervisor John Caldwell said that since the mailboxes are on the County right of way, that the County can take the mailboxes down legally. The Board of Supervisors discussed that according to Board Attorney Bill Austin the County cannot put up new mailboxes. Supervisor John Caldwell said for Kenny Gunn to send out one more letter either certified or registered mail, then to start taking the brick mailboxes down. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said for Kenny Gunn to try to find a phone number for the people with the brick mailboxes to notify them when they are coming to take the brick mailboxes down. Kenny Gunn said that he would try to contact the people. Supervisor Eugene Thach notified Kenny Gunn of a brick entrance that is built on Church Road. No motions were made on this item.

3. Committee Walk Through Courthouse

In Accordance with Section 19-13-15 of the Mississippi Code the Board of Supervisors shall appoint a committee for inspection before payment for any public building work that is done and said committee will inspect and accept public building work, and have the certificate of the committee, under oath filed and entered on the minutes of the Board. Such committee shall consist of at least two members of the Board of other districts than the one in which the work is done. The Board shall not make the final payments on any such works or building without first having the same inspected as a whole and accepted by a committee of the Board, as hereinbefore provided, and until the specifications are complied with and the work completed.

Assistant Vanessa Lynchard said that the Chancery Clerk’s Department would be moving into the new part of the Courthouse this weekend. Vanessa Lynchard said that a committee needed to be appointed to make a walk through of Phase I of the Courthouse prior to the move. Supervisor Eugene Thach and Supervisor John Caldwell volunteered to be the committee to make the walk through of the completed section of the Courthouse.

Supervisor John Caldwell made a motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to appoint a committee made up of Supervisor John Caldwell and Supervisor Eugene Thach to make a walk thru inspection of Phase I of the new Chancery Court section of the Courthouse. 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	Absent

****See Exhibit H.3****

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to recess until Thursday, February 15, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

THIS the 7th. day of February, 2001, these minutes have been read and approved by the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors.

Tommy Lewis, President
DeSoto County Board of Supervisors

