

# DESOTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

TOMMY LEWIS, PRESIDENT 2001, PRESIDING

March 19, 2001

### A. CALL TO ORDER

The March 19, 2001, meeting of the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors was called to order by Supervisor Tommy Lewis, Board President.

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:

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

Supervisor Eugene Thach presented the invocation.

### C. OLD BUSINESS

#### 1. Asphalt Contract

Daniel Murphy, County Consulting Engineer, said he had rode the roads that were on the 2001 Paving List and had estimated the cost for paving. Daniel Murphy gave a copy to the Board of Supervisors with the road locations, asphalt amount, unit price, and extended total amount per location. Daniel Murphy estimated the total cost of the contract at \$2,503,635.00 for the projects on the list. Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked if the Hwy 178 reimbursement from Olive Branch had been taken out of the total. Daniel Murphy said the total amount was \$109,800 for Hwy 178 and that \$54,900 would be reimbursed by the City of Olive Branch for a total County expense at \$2,448,735.

County Administrator David Armstrong asked what the "small project" amount covered. Daniel Murphy said this amount covered parking lot repairs, patching and small jobs.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked Kenny Gunn, County Road Manager, how much expense there would be for the rock and tar roads. Kenny Gunn said he would have to look at the budget but thought there was only about ten miles of rock and tar work to be done. Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked if any State Aid funds could be appropriated. Daniel

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Murphy said that a two mile portion of Starlanding Road from Baldwin Road to Hwy 301 could be considered State Aid Road. Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked if Starlanding Road is done under the State Aid could it be done this summer. Daniel Murphy said possibly but he would have to submit a request to the program for the project. Daniel Murphy said a portion of Nail Road from Horn Lake Road going west for one mile, could be applied for programming through State Aid. This could be put under the same project as Starlanding Road. Daniel Murphy said he recommended using the State Aid funds where possible, because it brings the roads up to a 80,000 pound upgrade. Supervisor Eugene Thach said College Road was a State Aid Road but would not qualify for State Aid because of the curves in the road. Supervisor Gerald Clifton said he wants Starlanding Road done under the State Aid program due to the amount of traffic traveling it. Daniel Murphy said he would fill out the State Aid request with the Board of Supervisors' approval.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis said he would like for Placid Cove in Bridgetown to be added to the paving list. Supervisors Gerald Clifton asked why the unit cost varies? Daniel Murphy said the distance from asphalt plant and how much asphalt is required for job varies.

Supervisor John Caldwell made a motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve having Daniel Murphy, County Engineer Consultant, to process request to State Aid to have two miles of Starlanding Road and one mile of Nail Road programmed under State Aid. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Supervisor John Caldwell made a motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to go out for bid on the Asphalt Contract and to add Placid Cove in Bridgetown to the paving contract, and to include Nail and Starlanding as alternates on the paving contract in case the roads are not approved for State Aid. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Daniel Murphy said the option to add to the contract would be added to this contract. Later in the meeting Supervisor John Caldwell made a motion for the Asphalt Contract to be amended to pave the Central Maintenance lot in Nesbit, MS. Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **\*\*See Exhibit C.1\*\***

## 2. Glen Brown – Introduction of Nurse for DeSoto County

Glen Brown, Director of North Delta Planning & Development District, Inc. appeared before the Board of Supervisors to introduce the DeSoto County staff for which the County had designated funds. Ms. Joanna Bryant, RN nurse, Ms. Lorraine Wisemen, License Social Worker, and Ms. Delois Hardiman, who is the Supervisor for all counties under North Delta Planning & Development District, Inc. Not present was Ms. Shirley Anglin, the Homemaker for DeSoto County. Glen Brown gave a copy of Ms. Anglin's weekly schedule to each Supervisor. Glen Brown stated the staff are native DeSoto Countians and they are familiar with the hospitals and doctors in the area.

Glen Brown presented a copy of the DeSoto County programs and a listing of all citizens being served. Glen Brown reported the progress of the Meals on Wheels Program and said the Walls, MS site would begin operation in April 2001. Glen Brown stated that there are 233 meals served daily in DeSoto County, with a waiting list of 52 people, still to be added. Glen Brown stated they are planning on adding a meal site in Horn Lake and Hernando at a later date.

Glen Brown said North Delta Planning & Development District, Inc. serves seven Counties in Mississippi and gave a copy of a brochure being used for reference.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said the Olive Branch area has Mid State Opportunities, which works with North Delta, but said they are not aggressive in handling new cases. Glen Brown said Mid State

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will only handle 100 people and they won't go over that limit. Glen Brown stated they have 18 people on the waiting list for the homemaker and they try to move people on the Medicaid list to get service as quickly as possible.

County Administrator David Armstrong asked if the money that was put into the budget would be sufficient. Glen Brown said their year ends in July. He said they can give the service, which will keep people out of nursing homes. Medicaid can pay the amount if the Doctor authorizes the service.

Supervisor Gerald Clifton asked how the meals are designated for the citizens who have certain types of diets. Glen Brown stated the doctor sets up type of diet for clients. Supervisor Clifton asked what company provides the meals. Glen Brown said Valley Management, Houston, MS provides the meals and they have offices in Oxford, MS. Glen Brown stated they try to move clients to the frozen meals where possible, so they can deliver a week at one time. When this is done, the clients don't have to sit and wait on meals to be delivered. Glen Brown said the Walls location uses frozen meals only.

David Armstrong asked how does DeSoto County waiting list compare with other Counties. Glen Brown said it is about the same, since they have to work list by deaths and doctors priority. DeSoto County has more qualified people but the client income to qualify has to be less than \$55,000.

The Board of Supervisors commended Glen Brown and his staff of workers and all they had accomplished for DeSoto County. **\*\*See Exhibit C.2\*\***

**3. Equestrian Committee Report**

Ms. Lorain Cady, member of the equestrian committee, appeared before the Board of Supervisors to provide an update on the progress of the Equestrian Committee and to present a view of the proposed area for a site location of the equestrian arena. Ms. Cady introduced, Lim Couch, Charles Tackett, Dr. Maer, Art Smith, and Sandy Slocum, all who have worked with the equestrian committee in seeking a location that would benefit DeSoto County. Ms. Cady said the committee had spoken with several people who worked with rodeos and also worked with cutting horses to plan a facility that will accommodate the citizens of DeSoto County. Ms. Cady said the 40 acres adjacent to the County landfill has the right elevation plan for the buildings required. Ms. Cady stated they would like to have a covered arena facility to house the horses that would be coming in for shows. The committee would like to also have a recreation area available for families to picnic during the show periods.

Supervisor Eugene Thach said the landfill area could not have any digging done to the site. Ms. Cady said the plans were to have riding \ walking trails only across the landfill site and she said this area would provide several trails.

Supervisor Gerald Clifton said Mr. Richard Leatherman had contacted him about another proposed property for the equestrian arena and he had been to look at the property which has no residents in the area. The property is located in the Delta area,  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile from Highway 61 and would require no groundwork to be done, but would provide plenty of area for expansion if necessary. Supervisor John Caldwell said he would like to hear what the committee presented before getting into a second location site.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked if there would be any enclosed stalls. Mr. Charles Tackett

said the plans call for 100-covered stalls to provide for events that are more than one day. Supervisor John Caldwell asked if the plans they were submitting would be subject to change. Mr. Lim Couch said the drawings are preliminary only and the visit to the Board

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was to just update the Board of Supervisors with what has been done and to see if the committee is on the right track.. Supervisor Gerald Clifton asked how many acres the arena would cover. Ms. Cady said they had not determined that, as the committee is waiting to go further until the Board of Supervisors approves the approach that the committee is taking. David Armstrong asked if people want to take children to ride horses, could they. Lim Couch said they had not taken the project to that level yet, but they have no plans currently to manage a stable.

Supervisor John Caldwell asked what the committee expected from the Board of Supervisors. Lim Couch said they wanted to know if they were going in the right direction for approval of the Board and for the Board to give them an amount to work with. Supervisor John Caldwell said with the preliminary done, now the job for the Board of Supervisors would be to select an architect and request a proposal. Supervisor Eugene Thach said he was interested in how the funding would be handled. Lim Couch said they were asking the County to fund the project. Supervisor John Caldwell made a motion to do a Request for Proposals for an architect for the project. Supervisor Gerald Clifton asked to hold the motion until the Board could hear from Mr. Leatherman. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Ms. Cady said the committee is trying to come in under one million dollars for building construction. The committee said they had not contacted any of the municipalities to help contribute to the arena. Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked what the preliminary covered. Ms. Cady stated it includes a parking lot, horse stalls, and building, but does not include any cost for land.

Tom Childress, County Engineer, said Lauderdale County built a similar facility and received a grant from the State for half million dollars. Lim Couch said this program has expired. Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked Mr. Leatherman to come forward and view the proposed site diagram.

Lim Couch said the committee's plans called for Bar-B-Q pits for family cook outs, jogging trails, riding trails, a place to wash down horses between shows, to build an open area for horses, and to build a covered area for horses. Mr. Couch said they did not want to board any horses due to the liability and personnel that this would require. Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked if part of the trails would be closed off for people to walk and some designated for horses. Mr. Couch said this would be considered as a park for the people of DeSoto County. Supervisor Gerald Clifton said he feels like this would have to expand in the future for people to stable horses and for local people to use the facility if possible. Supervisor Eugene Thach said the 40 acres of property is located in the center of the County and a chance to make this property look nicer would benefit the County. Supervisor Gerald Clifton asked if traffic would cause a problem on Starlanding Road and if it would create a dangerous intersection at Starlanding Road and Highway 51.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked Mr. Leatherman to present his offer for property to the Board. Mr. Leatherman said his property is located between Starlanding Road and Lake Cormorant in the Delta. He said he owns 160 acres with electricity already there, but said building, water and sewer would have to be brought in. Mr. Leatherman said that water would have to come through other property owners, but he didn't feel like there would be a problem with right of way donation, but the sewer would have to be looked into. Mr. Leatherman said he would like to donate 40 acres of land with nothing on either side of the property. Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked if Brantly Road would be wide enough to handle the traffic. Mr. Leatherman said he would place some conditions on the property

in the donation, like the time frame for construction of project and to make sure the financing would be approved on the project.

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Lim Couch said the Starlanding Road area would help provide a good road to the facility and said they are not looking at a boarding need for horses. The facility would be used for horse events and exhibits.

Supervisor John Caldwell asked how close Mr. Leatherman's property is to the Tunica arena. Mr. Leatherman said it was about 15 miles to the Tunica arena.

Ms. Cady said the committee appreciated the time of the Board of Supervisors to let them present their project, but didn't want to get ahead of the Board with their plans. Supervisor Gerald Clifton said he would like to have the option to expand for growth. Ms. Cady said the facility on Starlanding Road would meet what the committee had planned for. Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked how the area compares to the Circle G Arena. Mr. Couch said Circle G was build for quarter horses not saddle horses and they are trying to build for all needs in this facility.

Sandy Slocum said she would like to use the facility as an educational location to teach children how to develop skills for judging, horsemanship, and care of horses.

Supervisor Gerald Clifton asked if any employees would be required for facility. Mr. Couch said again that the committee had not gotten that far in planning. Supervisor Eugene Thach said they will have to have someone for security and possibly for administrative scheduling and speculated the administrative might be handled by the Civic Center.

Supervisor John Caldwell made a motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to take the equestrian committees' recommendations under advisement. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked the equestrian committee to look at the site offered by Mr. Leatherman and to go out for proposals for a consultant. **\*\*See Exhibit C.3\*\***

**4. Ravenswood "A" Concurrence of Final S/D approval of 30 lots on 9.66 acres, located on the west side of Horn Lake Road, north of Nail Road, Section 32, Township 1, Range 8**

Sam Russell passed out a copy of the Ravenswood "A" Subdivision plans and stated the purpose for today's meeting with the Board of Supervisors was for the Board to grant final approval on the Subdivision. Mr. Russell said the subdivision was first approved in 1998, but the regulations say after one year from approval the project must come back before the Board of Supervisors for final approval. Mr. Russell said nothing has changed since the subdivision was approved in 1998. Mr. Russell said the developers Ben Smith and Robbie Jones were present for the Board to ask any question necessary for the approval. Supervisor Eugene Thach asked if the problem was the underground drainage for the subdivision. Mr. Russell said the drainage was build down the center of the road and the County was not notified to do the inspections during the construction. Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked if Mr. Ivy had looked at the subdivision yet. Robbie Jones said the road is not completed only storm drains are installed. Tom Childress, County Engineer, said the road has not been paved and the compaction test that was done did meet the requirements and it could be acceptable. Mr. Childress said the problem is having storm drains down the center of road and if a problem happens with the drainage the road has to be torn up. Supervisor Gerald Clifton said he has been assured by Ben Smith and Robbie Jones the installation of the drainage pipe would not cause any problems and that

everything was standard procedure, and the problem was a communication break down. Supervisor John Caldwell said his concern is there is no assurance that the road won't cave in within the next 5 years. Supervisor Caldwell said he is having a problem in Kentwood because of

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sink holes, why do we hire inspectors and they don't get to inspect before the developer does the roads.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said he is leery of curb and gutter on streets because of the drainage problems. Mr. Ben Smith said the road has not been sub-based yet, so the opportunity to correct road can still be done. Supervisor Eugene Thach asked what the ordinance on the books stated. Tom Childress said he had walked the pipe but can't verify how the outside of pipe was covered. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said the City of Olive Branch requires drainage pipe in the street. Kenny Gunn, County Road Manager said in some situations when there is a water line laid down that causes a problem, the sidewalk can be taken out to fix the problem instead of the street. Supervisor John Caldwell said the developer needs to correct the problem in the subdivision and not finish out the same way.

Supervisor Gerald Clifton made a motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to grant final approval of Ravenswood "A" Concurrence of Final S/D approval of 30 lots on 9.66 acres, located on the west side of Horn Lake Road, north of Nail Road, Section 32, Township 1, Range 8. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

Supervisor Eugene Thach suggested having the County Engineer crawl through the pipe to check it out. Tom Childress, County Engineer, said he would check out the pipe. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said the County regulations need to be amended for the drainage down the road to get away from the roll type curbs and gutter and to have them installed with flat top instead of rolled pipe.

**5. Report to Adopt Road – Camp Currier & Goodrum Cemetery**

Supervisor Eugene Thach said he had been to look at the road and feels the petition from the landowners is warranted, since the Boy Scout Camp is on this road and it could create a large amount of traffic. Supervisor Eugene Thach made a motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion that the Board of Supervisors has determined the petition from the landowners to be a valid request, and to have the existing road which runs from Highway 304 past the entrance of Camp Currier to Goodrum Memorial Cemetery be accepted as a County road. In accordance with Mississippi Code Section 65-7-57, when any person shall desire to have a public road other than a road being maintained by the state highway department laid out, altered, or changed, a petition shall be presented to the Board of Supervisors of the County, signed by ten or more freeholders or householders of the County interested in the road, setting forth the commencement and termination and general course thereof and that the public interest or convenience requires the road to be laid out and opened or altered or changed, as shown in the petition. The name of the road is to be Camp Currier Road. The motion approved amending the County road map and register to include this road. Further, this road shall be named "Camp Currier Road." The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

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**\*\*See Exhibit C.5\*\***

**6. City of Horn Lake Extension of Center Street to Nail Road**

Supervisor Eugene Thach made a motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to carry this item over until the next Board meeting April 2, 2001. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

**D. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Bids Under Advisement – Sale of 16 Vehicles**

County Administrator David Armstrong said the bids that were opened for the 16 vehicles was for a total of \$500.00 and he recommends to decline the bid and re-advertise. Supervisor Eugene Thach said this is only \$41.00 per vehicle. Supervisor John Caldwell said the County has been trying for two years to get rid of these vehicles. Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked Board Attorney Bill Austin if the County declared the vehicles surplus can they sell them as scrap iron. Bill Austin said yes, but the County would need to look at the cost of transporting the cars. Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked Kenny Gunn how many vehicles could be transported on a truck. Kenny Gunn said the truck could only carry three vehicles. Kenny Gunn said he would call to see what the prices would be. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said he recommended taking three vehicles and selling them for scrap iron and see what the County can get for them. Supervisor John Caldwell said the County could keep the bids under advisement until they could find out what the vehicles would bring for scrap iron.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made a motion to reject the bids and Rebid. Supervisor John Caldwell suggested keeping the bids under advisement and selling three to see what we get. Supervisor Thach made a motion to keep the bids under advisement. Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Kenny Gunn, County Road Manager came back to the meeting later to report to the Board of Supervisors that he had talked with Martin Brothers Scrap Metal and that the scrap sale estimate for a Crown Victoria is \$78.00 per vehicle. Kenny Gunn said the County would have to load the vehicles on Martin Brothers trailer for hauling.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made a motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to reject the Bid #01-156-002 for the sixteen vehicles. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made a motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to send three vehicles to be sold for scrap iron and see what price the County received and then for Kenny Gunn to come back to the Board of Supervisors to report the benefits so the Board of Supervisors can determine the disposition of the remaining vehicles. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

Supervisor Tommy Lewis YES

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

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**2. Contract Approval – Thyssen Dover Elevator**

County Administrator David Armstrong said Jim Bearden, Director of Operations and Maintenance had gotten two quotes for the maintenance of the two elevators in the Administration Building. Jim Bearden’s recommendation is for the Board of Supervisors to approve a contract with Thyssen Dover Elevator, which is a four year contract to expire at the end of the Board’s term the first Monday in January 2004. David Armstrong said that Board Attorney Bill Austin had changed one item in the contract that stated the venue for any proceeding or lawsuit shall be in Shelby County to be in DeSoto County, MS. The monthly cost will be \$290.00, which will cover all repair parts and labor. Jim Bearden said when the Courthouse elevator is completed, this contract may be added to this coverage.

Supervisor John Caldwell made a motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve the Director of Operations and Maintenance recommendation for the contract with Thyssen Dover Elevator at a cost of \$290.00 monthly with said contract to expire December 31, 2003.

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

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

**3. Authorization to Open Bids for Metro Narcotics Truck March 30, 2001**

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made a motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion for authorization for the County Administrator or his designee to Open Bids for Metro Narcotics for a one pre-owned extended cab four wheel drive pick-up truck, with bid date of 10:00A.M., March 30, 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	YES

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

**4. Joyce Riales – Comptroller**

**a. Supplemental Claims Docket**

Comptroller Joyce Riales and Stephanie Hanks presented the supplementary claims docket showing claims of \$801,978.53 that need to be paid for various departments as of March 19, 2001. 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. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.  
**\*\*See Exhibit D.4.a\*\***

**b. Quarterly Budget Allotments**

In accordance with Section 27-1-32 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, which allows the  
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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 Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the quarterly allocations for the Sheriff, Tax Assessor, and Tax Collector as recommended by the Comptroller as follows:

1. Tax Assessor - Department 103 -\$207,409.25, Department 105 -\$3,192.00
2. Tax Collector – Department 104 -\$188,733.50, Department 105 - \$3,192.00
3. Sheriff’s Department
 

Department 200 (Sheriff)	\$158,541.75
Department 201 (Aviation)	\$ 35,907.00
Department 202 (Patrol/Law Enforcement)	\$852,893.75
Department 220 (Custody of Prisoners & Jail)	\$335,678.25
Department 222 (Prisoners Medical Expense)	\$118,750.00
Department 223 (Juvenile Detention)	\$ 40,191.50
Department 225 (Rescue Unit)	<u>\$ 1,225.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,543,187.25</b>

The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **\*\*See Exhibit D.4.b\*\***

**c. Interfund Transfer of Metro Seized Funds**

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

<u>Case Number</u>	<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Date Seized</u>	<u>County Receipt</u>	<u>Amount</u>
DC-0226-1-00	Haven L. Ramsey	11/01/00	11558	\$ 83.00
DC-0220-1-00	Genaro Morales-Balderas	10/22/00	11419	\$1146.00
DC-0220-1-00	Jose A. Soto	10/22/00	11419	\$ 13.00
DC-0220-1-00	Aguillon A. Vargas	10/22/00	11419	\$ 60.00
DC-0233-1-00	Weissinger Newberry	11/21/00	11558	\$ 720.00
DC-0219-1-00	Ashante Newberry	10/20/00	11419	\$ 108.00
DC-0236-1-00	Talmadge Jaco	11/28/00	11558	\$
165.00				
DC-0007-1-01	Paul David Webb	01/10/01	11718	\$1583.00
DC-0191-2-98	Matthew Gilliam	11/16/98	8963	\$5725.00
DC-0112-1-00	Jerod L. Larson	06/04/00	10902	\$ 341.00
DC-0013-1-01	Steven Dettelbach	01/17/01	11718	\$ 320.00
DC-0028-1-01	Billy Wayne Plunkett	02/08/01	11856	\$2365.00
DC-0026-1-01	Christopher McMahan	02/02/01	11856	\$ 196.00
DC-0024-1-01	Clarence Harmon	02/01/01	11856	\$ 201.00

Transfer From 123-900-950	Metro Narcotics Seized	\$13,026.00
Transfer To 105-000-384	Metro Narcotics Forfeitures	\$13,026.00

The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **\*\*See Exhibit E.4.c\*\***

**d. Budget Amendment – GIS / Data Processing**

County Administrator David Armstrong asked the Board of Supervisors for the approval to transfer funds from the GIS Budget FY01 to the Data Processing Budget FY01 to cover the expenses for assistant support personnel. Supervisor Eugene Thach made a motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to approve the Budget Transfer of Funds

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from the GIS Budget to the Data Processing Budget. The transfer of funds for salary and benefits will be as follows:

<u>Fund/Dept#</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>Total</u>
001-109-406	Engineer/Techincian	\$ 16,600.00		\$5,600.00	\$11,000.00
001-109-465	Retirement	\$ 4,300.00		\$ 546.00	\$ 3,754.00
001-109-466	Social Security	\$ 4,644.00		\$ 429.00	\$ 4,215.00
001-109-467	Workers Comp	\$ 1,742.00		\$ 155.00	\$ 1,587.00
001-152-443	Ass't Support	\$68,376.00	\$5,600.00		\$ 73,976.00
001-152-465	Retirement	\$12,794.00	\$ 546.00		\$ 13,340.00
001-152-466	Social Security	\$12,075.00	\$ 429.00		\$ 12,504.00
001-152-467	Workers Comp	\$ 552.00	\$ 155.00		\$ 707.00
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>\$121,083.00</b>	<b>\$6,730.00</b>	<b>\$6,730.00</b>	<b>\$121,083.00</b>

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

**\*\*See Exhibit D.4.d\*\***

**5. Kim Chamberlin – Hernando Chamber of Commerce**

**a. A-Fair**

Kim Chamberlin appeared before the Board of Supervisors seeking approval to use the sidewalks around the Courthouse for booth space at the Hernando A-Fair Event scheduled May 19, 2001. Ms. Chamberlin said there would be approximately 200 booths representing vendors from five states at the Hernando A-Fair. The people start coming in on Friday night for the Saturday event and they would like to have the access to the bathrooms at the Administration Building and the Courthouse for both days. Ms. Chamberlin said they would pay for the County to provide security and janitorial services for the event. Jim Bearden, Director of Operations and Maintenance, said the department would work with Ms. Chamberlin during this event and that he would make sure the sidewalk construction around the Courthouse was done in time for the event. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said the booths would be located on the sidewalks not the Courthouse lawn. Ms. Chamberlin said yes that no booths would be located on the lawn.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made a motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to open the Courthouse and the Administration Building the nights of May 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, 2001 for the Hernando A-Fair Event. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

**b. Celebration of Arts**

Kim Chamberlin appeared before the Board of Supervisors representing the Hernando Young Women's Club and the Optimist Club for the Celebration of Arts Festival scheduled for May 5, 2001. Ms. Chamberlin said the event raised \$18,000 last year. The money will be used from this year's event to replace the lights around the Hernando Courthouse and to place street signs at historical sites in Hernando and if possible, complete the banner project. Ms. Chamberlin said they would like approval

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to use the Administration Building for the Art Exhibits to be placed on all three levels. There will be nothing placed on the walls and there would be a \$50.00 charge for viewing the exhibits. Ms. Chamberlin said there would be a tent set up on the outside for the reception.

Supervisors Eugene Thach asked if they could charge entrance fees for a public building. Board Attorney Bill Austin said he would have to look into the charging for access to a County building. Ms. Chamberlin said the DeSoto Arts Council is sponsoring only DeSoto County Artist. Supervisor Thach asked if the artist would be selling portraits. Ms. Chamberlin said this is a showing not a sale. Supervisor Tommy Lewis said the Board needs to research about the entrance fee.

Jim Bearden, Director of Operations and Maintenance for the County, said the County would provide security and janitorial services for the event, which the event will pay. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said if a lot of people come to the reception the fee could be charged for the reception. Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked for the Board Attorney to research charging a fee for a County building, and report back to the Board on April 2, 2001.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made a motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to carry this item over until April 2, 2001. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

**c. Electricity for Hernando A-Fair**

Kim Chamberlin said at last and previous years A-Fair events the use of generators for electricity was used. Ms. Chamberlin said that this year they would like to put up poles and secure the poles to the existing light poles around the Courthouse, so that Entergy and Williams Electric can run the electricity for the generators. Jim Bearden stated that the poles can not be put in the ground at the Courthouse due to the sprinkler system that runs under ground on the lawn. Jim Bearden said if the electric outlets were put on the Courthouse light poles this would eliminate having to secure poles to the light poles. Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked Jim Bearden to see if the electric outlets could be installed on the light poles for a permanence and safety feature and if not to do a temporary arrangement for the electricity use. Supervisor Lewis asked that Jim Bearden contact Entergy to see how to meter for the electricity being used. Kim Chamberlin said Entergy might donate the electricity just for one day. The Board of Supervisors agreed to the temporary solution if a permanent solution is not available.

**6. City of Olive Branch – Request for Assistance to Expand Parking Lot**

County Road Manager Kenny Gunn said he had received a request from the City of Olive Branch to expand the parking lot at Pigeon Roost and Goodman Road in front of City Hall. They would like for the County to chip and seal approximately 8,000 square yards. They will furnish all materials for the County to do the work. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said this location will serve the new City Hall for Olive Branch in the future. Supervisor

Eugene Thach said other Cities do their own parking lots. Supervisor Tommy Lewis made a motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion for Kenny Gunn to do the requested work as requested pending a letter from the Mayor and Board of Alderman of Olive Branch. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **\*\*See Exhibit D.6\*\***

#### **7. Summerhill Fire Protection District - Appointment**

Supervisor Eugene Thach presented a letter from the Summerhill Fire Protection District requesting the Board of Supervisors appoint Mr. William E. Williams, 3351 Pleasant Hill  
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Rd., Olive Branch, MS 38654, to fill the vacancy left as a result of the death of Carlton Barnes. Supervisor Eugene Thach made a motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to appoint Mr. William E. Williams, 3351 Pleasant Hill Rd., Olive Branch, MS 38654, to the Summerhill Fire Protection District Committee to fill the unexpired term of Carlton Barnes. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **\*\*See Exhibit D.7\*\***

#### **8. MS Supervisor Magazine Ad**

County Administrator David Armstrong asked the Board of Supervisors to carry this item over until April 2, 2001, since they are trying to locate photo's of the Courthouse and Civic Center for the ad. Supervisor Eugene Thach made a motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to carry this item over until Board meeting April 2, 2001. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

#### **9. Introduction of Jothie Gee – Beaver Control Specialist**

Jothie Gee introduced himself and stated the goals for Wildlife management control. Mr. Gee said he would be working with public and private school systems concerning the need for wildlife management. Mr. Gee said he would like for the Road Manager to take him across DeSoto County to help him become familiar with the area. Mr. Gee said he would be working Marshall, Tate, and DeSoto Counties and he would work one County a month, but he would be available for calls when necessary.

#### **10. Contract – Oxner Landscaping**

County Administrator David Armstrong said the contract with Oxner Professional Landscaping for last year was \$28,500 with an amendment for the Administration Building added that stated a cost of \$175.00 for each time the grass was cut and \$50.00 for each time they vacuum the parking lot. David Armstrong said the contract for year 2001 was approved in error for \$31,350 for all areas of the County under the Oxner contract. David Armstrong said Oxner has come back to the Buildings and Grounds Director Kenny Evans requesting that the contract remain the same as the budget year 2000 contract. Jim Bearden and Kenny Evans don't want to change contractors, since this contractor does good work for the County and at a much lower price than other bidders. Supervisor Jessie Medlin made a motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to change the contract to Oxner Professional Landscaping for budget year 2001 to read, \$28,500 for buildings under contract and for the Administration Building to be \$175.00 per grass cutting and \$50.00 for each time the parking lot is vacuumed, with the Administration Building needs to be determined by the Director of Building and Grounds. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **\*\*See Exhibit D.10\*\***

#### **11. Contract for DeSoto County Website– J&D Resources**

County Administrator David Armstrong asked for the Board of Supervisors for approval to contract with J & D Resources to develop the DeSoto County web site. This will be a

basic web site that will provide worldwide exposure for DeSoto County. David Armstrong said the cost would be \$85.00 an hour with an estimate of 30 to 40 hours to complete. This would be about \$3,000 to \$3,500 total costs. Supervisor John Caldwell made a motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to contract with J & D Resources for the development of the DeSoto County Web Site for a cost up to \$3,000. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **\*\*See Exhibit D.11\*\***

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**12. Contract for DHS Building – Marvin Johnson**

County Administrator David Armstrong said the contract from Marvin Johnson, for building the DHS facility, requires the approval of the Board of Supervisors. The County has budgeted \$1,275,000 in Bond money plus grant money for the DHS facility. David Armstrong said the contract with Marvin Johnson would be \$85,962.00, which is 5.8% of the cost of the DHS facility. David Armstrong said that Marvin Johnson estimated the cost to come in at \$1,210,000.00 plus the grant. The Board of Supervisors discussed the benefit of building a facility to house the Health Department. David Armstrong said he did not ask Marvin Johnson to do that, but he can. Supervisor Tommy Lewis made a motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded to motion to approve the contract with Marvin Johnson and move forward with design of the DeSoto County DHS building and to allow for expanding for the Health Department. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

**13. Starlanding Road Underpass – Tom Childress**

Tom Childress, DeSoto County Engineer, said he has had conversations with Carl Ray Furr on the Starlanding Road Underpass, the field survey work and the design work is all complete. The next step would be to present the plan to the railroad to address their participation in the funding. Tom Childress said the time frame to have the project under construction would be six months, which would be for a five lane underpass. Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked what is the estimate for the construction. County Administrator David Armstrong said the preliminary cost was \$1,200,000.00. Supervisor Eugene Thach asked where the money would be coming in from. Supervisor John Caldwell stated the state would contribute 80% for the construction. Supervisor Eugene Thach asked how the state will pay. Tom Childress said the state would pay through the State Aid Project. No motions were made on this item.

**14. Approval for Board President to Sign Statement for Disclosure Information – Butler, Snow, O'Mara, Stevens & Cannada, PLLC**

Supervisor John Caldwell made a motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion for approval for the Board President to sign the bond disclosure statement with the bond issues. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

**15. Steve Bigelow – Request for Assistance for Two Traffic Lights on Germantown Road**

Steve Bigelow, City Engineer for the City of Olive Branch, appeared before the Board of Supervisors requesting assistance from the County, for the installation of two traffic lights on Germantown Road, one light at Germantown Road and Longwood, and one light at Germantown Road and Lake Shore. Mr. Bigelow stated these two locations have been the site for ten traffic accidents since January 2001. Mr. Bigelow gave a copy of two proposals for traffic signals to the Board of Supervisors, one being for new equipment from McCrory Electric, and the other proposal for used equipment from Shelby Electric. Mr. Bigelow stated that they had met with Shelby Electric to inspect the used equipment

and found it to be acceptable. Mr. Bigelow said the total cost for the used equipment would be \$62,324.00.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said this is a dangerous intersection and he recently approached the City to provide signalization due to the increasing number of accidents. Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked if all maintenance would be handled by the City of Olive Branch. Supervisor Eugene Thach asked if all the power would be provided by the City of Olive Branch. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said the traffic count for this section of Germantown Road demands help, since the citizens can't get out of their subdivision safely and he feels like the Board should help with this safety issue.

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Mr. Bigelow said the City of Olive Branch is in the process of acquiring the right of way along Germantown Road for the expansion to five lanes. Supervisor John Caldwell said that the Board should only commit to 50% of the cost for the traffic signals. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said the City of Olive Branch could pave the road and put turn out lanes. This would help buy time until the state could work the road. Mr. Bigelow said the lights will be replaced by the state when they work the roads and then these lights will be used in other areas of the City of Olive Branch.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made a motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion that in accordance with Mississippi Code 65-7-85, Counties of the state, acting by and through the Board of Supervisors thereof, are hereby invested, within their discretion, with full authority to expend monies and to do, within any municipalities of the County all acts regarding construction and maintenance of roads and streets that they may do within the County outside the limits of said municipalities, as a safeguard to the health and safety to all County citizens, and to assist the City of Olive Branch in the purchase of used traffic equipment from Shelby Electric, with the County to contribute \$31,162.00, which would be 50% of cost and these funds to come out of the road departments budget to provide signalization at Germantown Road and Longwood and Germantown Road and Lake Shore. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

**16. Cingular Telephone Contracts**

**a. Approval of Contract for Michael Garriga**

Vanessa Lynchard asked the Board of Supervisors to approve a Cingular phone for the Planning Commission Deputy Director, Michael Garriga. The Cingular services would be added to the County's existing plan. Supervisor John Caldwell made a motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to approve the Cingular services for Michael Garriga, Planning Commission Deputy Director, to the County's plan at 250 minutes plus rollover at \$29.99 per month. 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

**\*\*See Exhibit D.16.a\*\***

**b. Approval to Revise Contracts**

Vanessa Lynchard notified the Board of Supervisors that she has performed an analysis on the active cellular phone contracts for County personnel. This listing includes all the County personnel except the Sheriff's Department.

<u>Cellular Number</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Current Plan</u>	<u>Suggested Plan</u>
901-496-9709	Metro Narcotics	Keep current plan	
901-212-2854	Metro Narcotics	DL Free 325 minutes	\$29.99 / 250 min.
901-827-6591	Metro Narcotics	Keep current plan	
901-604-5892*	Central Maintenance	Keep current plan	
901-604-5890	Central Maintenance	Keep current plan	
901-604-5889	Central Maintenance	BS \$35/300R	\$19.99 / 100 min
901-604-5894	Central Maintenance	Keep current plan	
901-604-5891	Central Maintenance	Keep current plan	
901-604-5893	Central Maintenance	Keep current plan	

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<u>Cellular Number</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Current Plan</u>	<u>Suggested Plan</u>
901-828-3029	Lewisburg Ambulance	Keep current plan	
901-494-9080	EMS Director	Keep current plan	
901-827-5508	Paul LeBlanc	BS \$45/450	\$39.99 / 400 min
901-485-2346	Fire	Keep current plan	
901-486-3805	Coroner	Keep current plan	
901-486-9770	Ext. Service Director	Keep current plan	
901-604-4232	Board President	Keep current plan	
901-734-4747	County Administrator	Keep current plan	
901-212-3934	County Judge	Keep current plan	
901-603-7003	Jim Ivy	Keep current plan	
901-603-8242	Animal Control	Keep current plan	
901-268-6323	Eudora EMS	Keep current plan	
901-268-7623	Building & Grounds	BS \$35/300R	\$49.99 / 600 min. (C to C)
901-268-7624	Operations & Maint	DL Free 200  ID)	\$29.99 / 250 min. (CtoC & Caller
901-827-1970	Road Manager	Keep current plan	
901-827-2039	Fam & Children Svc	Keep current plan	
901-827-1037	Supervisor	Keep current plan	
901-604-4233	Supervisor	Keep current plan	
901-268-7481	Supervisor	BS \$45/250ANA	\$39.99 / 400 min.
901-262-7335	Civil Defense	Keep current plan	
901-603-3160	Data Processing	Keep current plan	
901-488-3416*	Walls EMS	Keep current plan	
901-413-8504	New Acct	Keep current plan	
901-413-8505	New Acct	Keep current plan	

\*Lines omitted from study

County Administrator David Armstrong stated the estimated savings to the County would be \$200 a month and that Vanessa has negotiated a one year contract for the changes. Supervisor Eugene Thach said the County should receive a discount on the number of phones. Supervisor Tommy Lewis made a motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to approve the listed recommendations for countywide cellular telephone service as recommended by Director of Administrative Services, Vanessa Lynchard, and the changes so noted. 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

**\*\*See Exhibit D.16.b\*\***

**E. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

**F. OTHER ISSUES**

**1. Chancery Clerk Allowances**

On this date, the Chancery Court Clerk, W. E. Davis presented an order of Allowances to **ITEM F.1, CONTINUED,**

the Board of Supervisors for the March 2001 term in the amount of \$1,526.66. Supervisor Eugene Thach 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 a unanimous vote. **\*\*See Exhibit F.1\*\***

**2. Neighborhood Watch Program**

Supervisor Gerald Clifton said he had been asked for the Board of Supervisors help to secure the purchase of signs and posts to be used in the Neighborhood Watch Program for the County. Supervisor Clifton said to purchase signs and posts in a quantity of 100 would cost the County approximately \$40.50. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said someone had called him to see if the County would be able to put up the signs. Supervisor John Caldwell said the Road Department should pay for and put up the signs on the County right of ways.

Supervisor Eugene Thach said he thought the Sheriff's Department had a program, which falls under Neighborhood Watch's jurisdiction. Supervisor Medlin said Captain Johnny Combes, from the Sheriff's Department, distributes the signs. Supervisor Clifton said there are no signs available at this time and they need a saturation of signs to cover the area. Supervisor John Caldwell asked if the signs could share a post with other County signs. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said the Sheriff's Department should let the Supervisors know if signs are needed and that the Road Department would put up the signs, but the Board needs to know where budget should be paid. Supervisor Thach said to check with the Sheriff's Department about the program first. Supervisor John Caldwell asked the Board Attorney if the Road Department could fund the signs and put them up. Board Attorney Bill Austin said there is a statue describing the type of signs that can be purchased from the Road Department, but the responsibility of health and safety of people could be looked at. Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked the Board Attorney to look at and see from where the funds should come. Board Attorney Bill Austin said he feels like it should be the Sheriff's Department. Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked for Bill Austin to report back on this Neighborhood Watch Program. Supervisor Gerald Clifton made a motion for the Board to take under advisement the Neighborhood Watch request and requested to carry this items over for the Board Attorney to report back to the Board. Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

**3. Starlanding and Hwy 301**

Board Attorney Bill Austin said he had received the proposed Agreement for the Starlanding Road and Hwy 301 project from Jimmy Dickerson at MDOT and he had some questions and issues with the contract itself. Bill Austin said he would fine tune the contract and send back it to MDOT for their revisions. No motions were made at this time.

#### **4. Interlocal Agreement with Cities for Comprehensive Plan**

Board Attorney Bill Austin said he has the Interlocal Governmental Agreement Between DeSoto County, Mississippi and the Cities of Olive Branch and Hernando and the Village of Memphis, Mississippi for providing for the sharing of costs in the preparation of a new comprehensive plan for DeSoto County and Its Municipalities, which the Board of Supervisors authorizes the signature by the Board President. Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to authorize the Board President to sign the Interlocal Governmental Agreement Between DeSoto County, Mississippi and the Cities of Olive Branch and Hernando and the Village of Memphis, Mississippi Providing for the Sharing of Costs in the Preparation of a New Comprehensive Plan for DeSoto County and Its Municipalities. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

**\*\*See Exhibit F.3\*\***

#### **ITEM F, CONTINUED,**

#### **5. Sandidge Road Bridge – Olive Branch**

County Administrator David Armstrong said that Board Attorney Bill Austin had spoken with the City of Olive Branch regarding the bridge situation for Sandidge Road and the situation has been closed. The Board of Supervisors said to let Daniel Murphy know. No motions were made on this item.

#### **6. Volunteer Fire Department – Funds**

Supervisor John Caldwell asked if the County had made disbursement of the Volunteer Fire Funds for this year. Comptroller Joyce Riales said that the County has received the ad valorem taxes but not the State Funds, which are used to disburse the Volunteer Fire Funds. Supervisor Eugene Thach said the County needs to make checks to disburse. Supervisor Thach made a motion to distribute the tax money portion to the Volunteer Fire Departments. Supervisor John Caldwell said he thought the County added \$10,000 to be given to each Volunteer Fire Department and asked if this amount had be distributed to the Volunteer Fire Departments. Supervisor Caldwell said last budget year the Volunteer Fire Departments asked for \$100,000 and the Board decided to give each Department \$10,000 in FY01. Supervisor Eugene Thach withdrew his motion back to distribute the tax funds. County Administrator David Armstrong said he thought the budget for the Volunteer Fire Departments was increased to take care of the \$100,000.00. Vanessa Lynchard said she would look at the minutes to see if the increase was approved and bring to the Board a copy of the minutes. No motions were made at this time.

#### **7. Merit Raises**

County Administrator David Armstrong gave each Supervisor a packet. David Armstrong said the packet contained a listing of County employees and their current salary level. Mr. Armstrong said he did not give the seniority level as a reference on the listing. Mr. Armstrong said he appreciated the help of Vickie Richmann and Supervisor John Caldwell, who worked on this project. Supervisor Eugene Thach asked if they were using the MS State schedule. David Armstrong said yes and they looked at Southaven's pay schedule as a guideline also. David Armstrong said they felt like the seniority in merit raises should be determined by the department head when making recommendations for raises. Supervisor Eugene Thach said the cost of living raise should not be 5% across the board when the County goes to merit raises. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said the lowest paid employee in the City of Olive Branch makes \$8.75 per hour and the County pays less than this. Supervisor Medlin said some departments hire two people for one job and lower the pay scale in order to hire two people. David Armstrong said there are some people in the Sheriff's Department who fall under this area, but said the elected officials can set their pay scales.

David Armstrong said this listing is given to the Supervisors to look over and discuss at a later date.

**8. Commerce Street Metal Building Storage**

County Administrator David Armstrong said he had received a letter from Attorney Billy Meyers concerning the rental of the metal building on Commerce Street, which the County is using as a storage facility for now. Mr. Armstrong said the letter was requesting a lease for \$1,000 a month for this building. Mr. Armstrong said since this was not in the County's original lease agreement he had sent a letter back to Mr. Meyers stating no lease would be signed by the County, and he had instructed Jim Bearden and Kenny Evans to move all items in storage at this location to the second floor section of the Administration Building. The County has thirty days to move. No motions were made on this item.

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Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to adjourn until Monday, April 2, 2001 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 19<sup>TH</sup>. day of March, 2001, these minutes have been read and approved by the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors.

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Tommy Lewis, President  
DeSoto County Board of Supervisors