

DESOTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

TOMMY LEWIS, PRESIDENT 2001, PRESIDING

May 7, 2001

A. CALL TO ORDER

The May 7, 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:

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
James Albert Riley-----Sheriff
David Armstrong-----County Administrator
William H. Austin, Jr.-----Board Attorney

B. INVOCATION

County Administrator David Armstrong presented the invocation.

C. APPROVAL OF APRIL MINUTES

The official minutes of the Board of Supervisors were read for the month of April 2001, pursuant to Section 19-3-27 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, annotated. Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the Board of Supervisors for April 2001. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

D. OLD BUSINESS

1. Bids Under Advisement – Election Equipment

County Administrator asked the Board Attorney Bill Austin how the purchase of election equipment should be handled. Board Attorney Bill Austin said he had checked the requirements and the election equipment must be bid. Bill Austin said if the County changes election equipment, they must request Justice Department approval. Bill Austin said he talked with the Justice Department and the Federal Election Commission and they sent him information on the aspects of election and comparison of voting equipment. Supervisor John Caldwell said the County could put the election equipment out for bid and award the system according to the Justice Department approval. Bill Austin said the bids would have to be contingent on the Justice Department approval.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked how many different types of election equipment have been

looked
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at by the County Election Commission. Circuit Clerk Dale Thompson said the have looked at the Touch Screen equipment and found it to be very expensive. The State of Florida has gone to the Optical Scan equipment, which is what the DeSoto County Election Commission is recommending for the County. Ted Mayhall said the Election Commission feels the ballots used with the Optical Scan equipment is very simple and could be hand counted easily.

David Armstrong asked if the Cities have been locked down with amounts to contribute for the purchase of the new election equipment. Dale Thompson said she would like to also ask for modems to be included in the bids, so the possibility of calling in voting results to the Courthouse could be done. David Armstrong said an alternate in the bid could allow for this purchase of modems.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked what happens when the equipment breaks down. Dale Thompson said the ballots would be contained in a box similar to what is used now and when the machine is repaired the ballots could be processed. There will only be one person responsible for seeing that the ballots are put in the machine. Ted Mayhall said the machine has a computer card in it and this is what would be replaced to carry on the voting if the machine broke down. Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked how the people procedure would be handled. Dale Thompson said the training for all ballot workers would be held to cover all procedures.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked if the State has recommended any specific system to be used. Ted Mayhall said the Secretary of State has not recommended an specific system. Supervisor Tommy Lewis gave copies on the information received from the Federal Election Commission on the pros and cons of election equipment to Ted Mayhall and Dale Thompson and asked them to look over the information and return to the Board on Wednesday, May 9, 2001 their recommendations.

Board Attorney Bill Austin said he had a detailed conversation with the Federal Election Commission regarding the card stock and paper grade used for ballots. Ted Mayhall said the company that would supply the equipment would be responsible for the ballots also. Supervisor Eugene Thach said Memphis uses the Touch Screen equipment. Ted Mayhall said the downfall to the touch screen was power failure problems and the loss of ballot counts. Supervisor Eugene Thach asked how pre-election ballots would be handled. Ted Mayhall said they would be put in envelope and verified and then counted. Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked if absentee vote by mail could be done. Supervisor Tommy Lewis said these questions need to be answered before the County purchased any equipment.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion for the County to put out for bid the election equipment with the lease option for purchase. If the equipment does not work the County would be able to get out of the lease. Dale Thompson said they have never looked at a lease option. The motion was voted for as follows:

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

Supervisor Eugene Thach made a motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to carry this item over until May 9, 2001 Board Meeting to allow for the Election Commission to go over all the information from the Federal Election Commission and to bring back a recommendation to the Board at that time. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked if the poll workers for the parties would be trained along with the County election people, since they would be using the County equipment. Ted Mayhall said most of the poll workers are from the older population and the parties assign their own poll

workers, which will require extensive training for all poll workers.
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E. NEW BUSINESS

1. RFP Under Advisement – Equestrian Architect

County Administrator David Armstrong said there were five proposals from architects and they had met with three of them to discuss their proposal. David Armstrong said the committee is ready to make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. Loraine Cady said they had interviewed the three applications and felt like the Johnson Bailey Henderson McNeel Firm was the one they wanted to recommend the County to use. Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked what was the price for the Equestrian Arena. Loraine Cady said there was no price yet as the committee would, upon the Board of Supervisors approval, begin negotiations on a price. Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to authorize the County Administrator to begin negotiations with Johnson Bailey Henderson McNeel as architects for an architectural fee on the Equestrian Arena. 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 E.1****

2. Ms. Renea Gibson – Development of a Community Center on McCracken Road in Memory of Johnnie White

Ms. Renea Galloway Gibson and Ms. Ester Galloway Dwight appeared before the Board of Supervisors regarding forty acres of property, which they were heirs to. Ms. Gibson stated they could not do anything with the property because there was not a road to the property. Ms. Gibson said the heirs wanted to donate a portion of the land to the County for the development of a Community Center for kids and senior citizens in memory of their sister Johnnie White. They would like to provide economic development to the property and they were told there is a possibility of grants for this purpose. The delay in all of this is the property access to a road and they are here to petition the County to build a road.

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked if the property was in the Hernando City limits. Ms. Gibson said no, but it is just right at the edge of the City limits and could eventually be brought into the City of Hernando. Ms. Gibson said they have to pay taxes on the property, but they are unable to develop on the property. Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked what other property owners were in the area. Ms. Gibson said the Eulo Lloyd property and the Hernando Industrial Park property were some of the surrounding property. Supervisor John Caldwell asked Ms. Gibson if she had spoken with the DeSoto Council regarding a use for the property for economic development, since they have projects that require land and the County looks for these types of developments in order to get roads to facilities. Ms. Gibson said she had spoken with personnel in Jackson, Mississippi regarding rural development for property. Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked if she had spoken with the local rural development. Ms. Gibson said she had spoken with Mr. Hill and with Director of Planning Merritt Powell for the last two years and was told that the property access to a road was the reason for the restrictions on what could be developed on the property.

County Administrator David Armstrong said he would put Ms. Gibson in contact with Mr. Jim Flanagan, Director of the DeSoto Council, so they could work together for the development of the property. No motions were made at this time.

3. Jail Expansion

David Kline and Randy Scott, of Kline Swinney Associates, appeared before the Board of Supervisors to give their recommendation for a contractor for the new jail addition.

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a. Bids Under Advisement

David Kline said their firm has never worked with Pryor & Frazier Construction, but they have done a review of the company, as they are the low bidder for the jail addition project, and they are recommending Pryor & Frazier Construction for the new jail addition. David Kline said the overall bid was \$4,180,000.00, which included alternate #1 for the kitchen additions and alternate #3 for the sprinkler system to the old jail facility.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to approve the recommendation from Kline Swinney Associates for the new jail addition to be awarded to the low bidder, Pryor & Frazier Construction, in the amount of \$4,180,000.00. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said the reason for his vote being no was due to the all brick building requirement. ****See Exhibit E.3.a****

b. Appoint Project Superintendent and Approve Bond

In accordance with Section 19-13-15 of the Mississippi Code Annotated, the value of the work done and material used in the performance of a contract, exceeding \$1,000.00, such value to be estimated by some competent person employed by the Board to superintend such work, and not until the superintendent shall furnish to the Board such estimate, in writing, or his oath as to the correctness of such estimate, which estimate, with the oath annexed thereto, shall be filed with and recorded in the minutes of the Board. Before such person employed by the Board shall enter upon the discharge of the duty of supervising such work, and before he shall furnish any estimate as to the value of the work done, he shall enter into bond in such penalty as may be fixed by the Board, with sufficient sureties, to be approved by the Board, and conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties as superintendent of such work, which bond shall be filed and preserved by the Board and shall be liable to suit. The Board shall not be bound by the estimate of such superintendent, nor shall the making of any partial payments on any public work, as above provided, be construed as an acceptance of the work and material so inspected by such superintendent.

County Administrator David Armstrong said he recommends Jim Bearden be appointed by the Board to be superintendent for the jail addition and a bond for \$50,000.00 to be established and paid for by the County, for the superintendent position. Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to appoint Jim Bearden as superintendent of the jail addition and for the County to secure a \$50,000.00 bond for the superintendent. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

c. Appoint Committee to Inspect

In accordance with Section 19-13-15 of the Mississippi Code Annotated, before the Board of Supervisors shall make a payment to any contractor for building or for doing any work on

public building where the contract price exceeds \$1,000.00, they must first have the same inspected and accepted by a committee, and have the certificate of the committee, under oath
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filed and entered on the minutes of the Board. Such committee shall be appointed by the Board of Supervisors for that purpose and shall consist of at least two (2) members of the Board of other districts than the one in which the work is done. The Board shall not make the final payment on any such works or building without first having the same inspected as a whole and accepted by a committee of the Board, as herein before provided, and until the specifications are complied with and the work completed.

Supervisor John Caldwell and Supervisor Gerald Clifton agreed to be the inspection committee for the new jail addition. Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to appoint Supervisors John Caldwell and Gerald Clifton to the inspection committee for the new jail addition. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

4. Circuit Clerk – Appoint Temporary Receiving Clerk

County Administrator David Armstrong said that Dale Thompson, Circuit Clerk, was asking the Board of Supervisors for approval to make Latrinda Hunter as a temporary receiving clerk for the Circuit Clerk's office. Supervisor Jessie Medlin made a motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve Latrinda Hunter as a temporary receiving clerk for the Circuit Clerk, in accordance with Section 31-7-101, which states the Supervisors of each County in the state shall establish a Central Purchase System, with approval of the Board of Supervisors, and shall appoint assistant receiving clerks when necessary. The receiving clerk and his assistants shall be solely responsible for accepting the delivery of all equipment, heavy equipment, machinery, supplies, commodities, materials and services purchased by the County. 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 E.4****

5. Chancery Court Allowances

Chancery Court Clerk, W. E. Davis, presented an order of Allowances to the Board of Supervisors for the April, 2001, term in the amount of \$1,890.00. Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell 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 E.5****

6. Budget Amendment – Planning Commission

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 19-11-11 of the Mississippi Code, the Board of Supervisors did discuss an amendment to the budget for the Fiscal year beginning October 1, 2000, and ending September 30, 2001. At the determination that the following budget amendment is needed and to authorize the transfer of funds to the Planning Commission budget, in order to make payment to Billy's DeSoto Road

Auto Salvage for the clean-up operation at the residence of Lars Madison at 4388 DeSoto Road, Walls, MS 38680, Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to

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approve the budget amendment as follows:

Increase	001-107-594	Other Contractual Services	\$63,710.00
Decrease	001-901-999	General Fund	\$63,710.00

The motion passed by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit E.6****

7. Budget Amendment – Health Insurance

County Administrator David Armstrong said he recommends a budget amendment for the County Health Insurance Fund, which would be \$325 a month per County employee through the end of this fiscal year. David Armstrong said the County had set the amount of \$385 a month back in March 2001, which was a change from last year of \$255 a month, but he thinks the County would be able change this amount to \$325 a month. David Armstrong said he had spoken with Bob Box to establish an amount the County should keep in the health insurance fund and said the Board of Supervisors could set the amount they feel is necessary.

David Armstrong said the County had tried to maintain \$1,000,000.00 in the health fund. David Armstrong said he would look at the health insurance fund during budget time and recommend reducing the fund if necessary.

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 19-11-11 of the Mississippi Code for the Board of Supervisors did discuss an amendment to the budget for the Fiscal year beginning October 1, 2000, and ending September 30, 2001. At the determination that the following budget amendment is needed and to authorize the transfer of funds in the amount of \$136,680 to the County Health Insurance Fund. Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the budget amendment as follows:

GENERAL COUNTY FUND

Increase:

<u>Group Insurance for the following Departments</u>	<u>Account Code</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Board of Supervisors	001-100-468	3,242
Tax Assessor	001-103-468	6,076
Tax Collector	001-104-468	3,187
Municipal Tax Fees	001-105-468	103
Planning Commission	001-107-468	3,879
GIS	001-109-468	541
Regional Utility Authority	001-110-468	55
County Administration	001-120-468	3,115
Purchasing	001-122-468	1,081
Board Attorney	001-130-468	487
Operations & Maintenance	001-150-468	1,081
Buildings & Grounds	001-151-468	2,233
Data Processing	001-152-468	3,246
County Engineer	001-156-468	1,884
PBX	001-157-468	541
Chancery Court	001-160-468	3,027
Circuit Court	001-161-468	3,017
County Court	001-162-468	1,737
Youth Court	001-164-468	46
Justice Court	001-166-468	4,994
Coroner	001-167-468	541
County Attorney	001-169-468	541
Victim Witness	001-171-468	1,081
Patrol/Law Enforcement	001-202-468	36,209

Custody of Prisoners & Jail	001-220-468	16,006
Juvenile Detention	001-223-468	7,045
County Ambulance	001-240-468	114
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Civil Defense	001-260-468	1,621
Constables	001-262-468	1,427
Animal Control	001-411-468	541
Civic Center	001-526-468	8,260
<u>Decrease:</u>		
Chancery Clerk	001-101-468	-1,723
Circuit Clerk	001-102-468	-1,724
Accounting	001-121-468	- 540
Elections	001-180-468	- 839
Totals		112,132
<u>Decrease</u>		
Ending Cash Balance	001-901-999	-112,132
METRO NARCOTICS GRANT		
<u>Increase</u>		
Group Insurance	115-226-468	1,374
<u>Decrease</u>		
Narcotics Officers	115-226-425	-1,374
COUNTY WIDE ROAD MAINTENANCE/CONSTRUCTION		
<u>Increase</u>		
Group Insurance	156-300-468	23,174
<u>Increase</u>		
Interest Income	156-000-330	13,174
<u>Increase</u>		
Checking Interest	156-000-339	10,000
Grand Totals Insurance		136,680

The motion passed by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit E.7****

8. Inter-Fund Loan - DeSoto School Board

County Administrator David Armstrong said the County Comptroller Joyce Riales is requesting permission to make an inter-fund loan in the amount of \$9,700.00 from the General County Fund (001) to the DeSoto School Interest and Sinking Fund (240) to cover the debt retirement payment due on the \$3,500,000.00 G.O. School Bond dated June 1, 1986. This is the last principal and interest payment due on this issue. This load can be repaid when sufficient tax receipts have been collected.

County Administrator David Armstrong said the \$3,000,000.00 G.O. School Bond dated April 1, 1986 was retired on April 1, 2001. Final administrative fees yet to be billed are estimated by Peoples Bank of Biloxi to be \$1,400.00 on the April 1, 1986 issue and \$1,300.00 on the June 1, 1986 issue and should be billed in the next couple of months.

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 19-11-11 of the Mississippi Code for the Board of Supervisors did discuss an Inter-Fund Loan from the General County Fund (001) for the Fiscal year beginning October 1, 2000, and ending September 30, 2001. At the recommendation of the Comptroller, Joyce Riales, Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve the Inter-Fund Loan to the DeSoto School Interest & Sinking Fund (240) as follows:

Lower	001-000-053	General Fund	\$9,700.00
Increase	240-000-148	DeSoto School Interest & Sinking	\$9,700.00

The motion passed by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit E.8****
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9. Inter-Fund Transfer – Metro Narcotics

a. Seized Funds to Forfeitures

Comptroller Joyce Riales said Attorney Stacey A. Spriggs has cleared these seized funds as forfeitures. At the recommendation of Comptroller Joyce Riales, Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis 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 #</u>	<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Date Seized</u>	<u>County Receipt #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
DC-0032-1-01	Kimberly Ferrell	02/10/01	11856	233.00
DC-0033-1-01	Kevin Jamison	02/14/01	11856	70.00
DC-0035-2-01	Kyle Blunt	02/24/01	11856	78.00
DC-0038-1-01	Cameron C. Clark	02/20/01	11856	40.00
DC-0042-1-01	Fredrick Lester	02/24/01	11856	150.00
Transfer from Metro Narcotics Seized		123-900-950		\$571.00
Transfer to Metro Narcotics Forfeitures		105-000-384		\$571.00

The motion passed by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit E.9****

b. Local Match to Metro Narcotics Grant

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 and to use for the County match to the Metro Narcotics Grant Fund:

Transfer From 105-227-950	Forfeitures - Metro Narcotics	\$10,033.00
Transfer To 105-000-384	Metro Narcotics - Grant	\$10,033.00

The motion passed by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit E.9.b****

10. Joyce Riales - Comptroller

a. Claims Docket

Comptroller Joyce Riales and Stephanie Hanks presented the claims docket showing claims that need to be paid for various departments as of May 7, 2001, in accordance with Section 19-13-31 and Section 19-11-23 of the Mississippi Code Annotated.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to authorize the Chancery Clerk to pay all the claims docket bills as presented by the Comptroller with the total amount of claims docket being \$2,968,987.48. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

****See Exhibit E.10.a ****

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County Administrator David Armstrong said he had received a letter from the Secretary of State Eric Clark regarding Bill 3056 for the Flag Election held on April 17, 2001. The State has set aside \$1,000,000.00 for the election expense and they will reimburse the County for expenses. The funds will not be available until July 1, 2001 for reimbursement.

1. Waggoner Engineering

County Administrator David Armstrong said that bill of \$174,220.18, from Waggoner Engineering was included in the total Claims Docket amount. David Armstrong said the County has paid \$2,356,793.72 to Waggoner, not including the payment this month. The County has been reimbursed by the EPA \$1,079,529.62, which is the 55% allotted. David Armstrong said some work that was done was not allowable by EPA and the County paid the amount of \$82,208.60 for this.

2. Late Bill – Civic Center

County Administrator David Armstrong said he received calls from Martha Gatlin and Stuart Taylor regarding payment to Howell's Landscaping in the amount of \$135,270.00, which they were requesting the County to pay. David Armstrong said Martha Gatlin had telephone polled the Civic Center Board for authority to submit the bill for payment. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said the Civic Center should call a special meeting to have this bill authorized for payment. Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to carry this item over until the Board Meeting on Wednesday, May 9, 2001. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit E.10.b.2****

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.

At the recommendation of the Comptroller, Joyce Riales, Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve the investment of surplus funds to Trustmark National Bank, who was the high bidder that placed their bid on time for funds as follows:

<u>Date of Investment</u>	<u>Bank</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u># of Days</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>CD#</u>
04/27/2001	Trustmark Bank	\$3,500,000.00	6/28/01	62	4.26%	8611594
04/24/2001	Trustmark Bank	\$14,000,000.00	7/24/01	91	4.29%	8611591

The motion passed by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit E.10.b****

c. Approval to Ratify Bond Payments

Verified loan repayment documents for DeSoto County Account #71-61-5881-3T 5 for a \$10,000,000 Mississippi Development Bank Promissory Note dated October 9, 2000 were presented by copy to each Supervisor. Payment was made to Hancock Bank against the following accounts as follows:

<u>Account #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Payment Amount</u>
001-801-800	Principal	\$20,833.67

001-801-801	Interest	<u>\$20,980.82</u>
		\$41,814.49

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Verified loan repayment documents for a \$18,000,000 MS Development Bank Special Obligation Bonds, Series 2000 (DeSoto County, MS General Obligation Public Improvement Bond Project) Issue #0350, were presented by copy to each Supervisor. Payment for variable rate interest to be made for a thirty day period to Trustmark Bank against the following account:

<u>Account #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Payment Amount</u>
215-800-801	Interest	\$58,778.64

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made a motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion for approval to the bond payment. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

****See Exhibit E.10.c****

11. Approval of Travel

In accordance with Section 25-3-41 Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, any official or employee of DeSoto County, Mississippi, is hereby authorized to travel during the period of May 7, 2001 to June 11, 2001, as necessary and incur travel expenses in the performance of their official duties for DeSoto County. That all such travel is hereby authorized contingent on funds being available in the departmental budget of the individual traveling.

Supervisor John Caldwell made a motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to authorize travel during the period of May 7, 2001 to June 11, 2001, as necessary and incur travel expenses in the performance of their official duties for DeSoto County. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

12. Justice Court Judges

Judges Karen Sanders, Ken Adams, and Billy Lantrip appeared before the Board of Supervisors regarding the security at the location of the Justice Court. Judge Sanders said they would like to have someone appointed to the court to maintain the metal detectors at the entrance to the building to Justice Court. Judge Sanders said the three Constables are present in the courtrooms, but there was no security where the fines are paid and this is where people sometimes get rude and angry with the County personnel.

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked if the Constables could be doubled up to handle this security. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said he felt like Constables did not get paid enough money to handle this type of security and that it would take them out of the courtrooms during court where they are also needed. Supervisor Eugene Thach asked how the Courthouse security was maintained. Chancery Clerk Sluggo Davis said the metal detectors are at the entrance to the courtrooms and the bailiff's are in the courtrooms to handle potential problems and protect the judge. Sluggo Davis said they might want to consider having the metal detectors put at the entrance to the Courthouse for security purposes for the entire Courthouse and this would eliminate a metal detector at the entrance to each courtroom. Supervisor John Caldwell said with the entry secure and one officer to man each courtroom would be the best way for the County to secure judicial facilities. Supervisor Eugene Thach said the Justice Court would need a deputy but asked how will this effect the Courthouse. Sluggo Davis said where every metal detector is located, there will have to be security.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said the Justice Court has an average of four days a week court. Judge Lantrip said a large amount of money comes out of court to the bank and they would like to have an officer to escort personnel to make the bank deposits. Judge Lantrip said they could use a sheriff's deputy or they could hire a security officer.

Sheriff Riley said they have to transport people to Justice Court in Southaven all the time and they need to hire someone for this position. This person could be utilized as security for the
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Justice Court.

Supervisor John Caldwell asked if the initial hearing could be done from the jail by closed circuit TV. Judge Adams said the Legislature passed a law that requires the County to have legal council available for persons without council, so this would require the Public Defender to be available. Sheriff Riley asked if the Public Defender could come to the jail for the initial hearing and then they would not have to transport to Southaven.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion for the County to look into purchasing Closed Circuit TV for the County Jail for the initial or preliminary hearing. The motion failed by a vote as follows:

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

Supervisor Tommy Lewis said he is not against the close circuit TV but they need to investigate this more. Board Attorney Bill Austin said the County would have to hire an additional Public Defender to be at the Jail, since they could not be in two places at once and they may be overloaded with cases.

Supervisor John Caldwell asked the Sheriff if they can choose who to transport. Sheriff Riley said they would set up certain time frames for each transport. Judge Sanders said the time frame for courts now is unpredictable and they may never be able to set an actual time. Supervisor Eugene Thach suggested setting up a time frame for the initial hearing. Judge Adams said the preliminary could be scheduled, but the initial can't, because the judges don't know if the person would appear.

County Administrator David Armstrong asked Sheriff Riley if the camera equipment was available, could it cut down on the transportation of prisoners. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said he would like to know more about the cost of the equipment and Supervisor Eugene Thach said the Board should investigate getting the equipment.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to hire a person for the Sheriff's Department to handle security and the metal detectors located at Justice Court. The money for salary will come from the general fund authorized budget amendment to the Sheriff's budget. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

13. Approval of Bailiff Pay

Pursuant to Section 25-7-27, Section 1, paragraph (e) which allows for Constables working as Bailiffs to be paid as provided under Section 25-3-69, Mississippi Code of 1973, Annotated, Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to pay Lee Hodge the amount of \$160.00 for the month of April, 2001; to pay Floyd Medlin the amount of \$240.00 for the month of April, 2001; to pay Joe Holmes the amount of \$160.00 for the month of April, 2001, for their service as bailiff for DeSoto County Justice Court. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit E.13****

14. Justice Court Report

The DeSoto County Justice Court Clerk, Linda Aldridge, presented to the Board of Supervisors the Justice Court Report for the month of April 2001, pursuant to Section 9-11-19 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated. Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion

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and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to accept the Justice Court Report for the month of April 2001. The vote passed by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit E.14****

15. Sheriff's Employee Report

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to acknowledge receipt of the Sheriff's Department Employee Reports for the month of April 2001. The report is attached and made a part of the minutes in Exhibit E.15. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit E.15****

16. Central Maintenance

a. Road Report and Work Schedule

Pursuant to Section 65-17-7 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, annotated, County Road Manager Kenny Gunn presented the Road Report for March 26, 2000 thru April 25, 2001 and the Work Schedule for the month of May 2001.

Supervisor John Caldwell asked Kenny Gunn if he had spoken with the Water Company about the streets in the Kentwood subdivision. Kenny Gunn said he has not done this yet. Kenny Gunn said Jim Green had worked up a report stating the County has placed one hundred culverts of varying sizes since the first of the year 2001.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked if the waterlines down the center of the road had been moved in the Ravenswood "A" subdivision. Supervisor Medlin said this needs to be worked out and moved before any paving is done to the road. Supervisor Tommy Lewis said he had talked with Barry Bridgforth about changing this before any paving could be done. Supervisor Lewis said they are looking into running new waterlines down the side of road. Kenny Gunn said they couldn't cut the lines in the road. Supervisor Medlin said the water association paid for part of the lines that were put down and there needs to be a clarification with the water association. Supervisor Lewis asked Kenny Gunn to check with the water association about the lines.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked if they have had any progress on the Sterlin Lane Subdivision. Kenny Gunn said the property owner built the inlets and if the County takes in the road they will have to be fixed. Supervisor Lewis said he thought the property owner had taken some of the inlets out and asked Kenny Gunn to check on this again.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said in the subdivision Estate of Center Hill there were some pipes that need headwalls on the road that runs east and west. Supervisor Medlin cautioned not to let this be pushed into a County road before that is addressed. Kenny Gunn said that subdivisions have to have sixty percent of the houses built before the County will take in the roads. Supervisor Lewis asked if headwalls allow for additional dirt. Kenny Gunn said it is up to the designer for the pipes.

b. Road Bond Report

Supervisor John Caldwell asked if the bonds have a description on the property in Kentwood. County Engineer Tom Childress said he has started this process but not finished with it yet.

Kenny Gunn said they are trying to get details worked out on the Subdivisions in Lake Forest, Section "B" and Kentwood Section "K" that are being developed by Lanier Hurdle.

Jim Ivy has sent out letters to Mr. Hurdle and they have asked Merritt Powell to hold all building permits in these subdivision until they hear from him.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the **ITEM E.16.b, CONTINUED,**

motion to accept the Road Report and Work Schedule and the Road Bond Report into the Board minutes. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit D16.a.b****

c. Hillsdale Road Drainage

Supervisor Eugene Thach said he showed pictures of the property on Hillsdale Road to each of the Supervisors with the flooding of the people's yards because of the drainage. Supervisor Thach said this problem is off of the County right of way. The request for rock to be put down years ago was never done. Supervisor Thach said he had spoken with Kenny Gunn about this and he said it would take about two hours for the job to be done. Board Attorney

Bill Austin said the property owner would have to grant the County an easement to maintain what needs to be done. Supervisor Thach said we created the situation and it needs to be fixed. Supervisor John Caldwell asked where would this stop. If the County went on private property to fix something once, how long would the County be responsible and have to maintain the area. Supervisor Thach said that if the County starts the work we would have to finish it. Supervisor Tommy Lewis said all districts have areas that have private property they want the County to fix.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion to repair the drainage problem on Hillsdale Road. The motion died for lack of a second. Supervisor Thach said he appreciated Kenny Gunn coming to the Board with this situation.

17. Approval of Publication of Board Proceedings

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

18. Board of Education Request

a. Assistance for Drainage to Horn Lake High School

County Administrator David Armstrong presented the request from the DeSoto County School Board for assistance from the Board of Supervisors for the Horn Lake High School softball field drainage problems. The school will pay for the dirt and the County will assist with spreading dirt on the softball field at Horn Lake High School to improve the drainage. ****See Exhibit E.18.a****

b. Assistance for Parking Lot at Transportation Facility

County Administrator David Armstrong presented the request from the DeSoto County School Board for assistance consisting of labor and equipment to build a parking lot for the school buses behind the Transportation Facility at 2211 Central Parkway in Southaven. The facility will require 1100 cubic yards of CR610 limestone with chat. The Board of Supervisors said the School Board would be responsible to pay for the limestone and for having it delivered to the transportation facility. The School Board requests the County to use their equipment and labor to create the parking lot. ****See Exhibit E.18.b****

c. Assistance to Grounds at Greenbrook Elementary School

County Administrator David Armstrong presented the request from the DeSoto County School Board for assistance from the Board of Supervisors to bushhog the northern part of the school property at Greenbrook Elementary School at 730 Rasco Road in Southaven. The

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School Board requests the County to mow the property as requested. ****See Exhibit E.18.c****

d. Assistance to Grounds at Chickasaw Elementary School

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said the school property at Chickasaw Elementary School needs mowing. The Board of Supervisors said it is necessary to get a letter from the School Board before the County could cut the grass at Chickasaw Elementary School.

Supervisor Eugene Thach said the County does a lot of work for the School Board and this keeps a lot of roadwork from getting done. Supervisor Thach asked if the School Board could contract out for this work. Supervisor John Caldwell said the School Board needs to hire a grounds keeper.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve the request from the School Board for the Horn Lake High School softball field drainage, the Transportation Facility to build a parking lot with the school to pay for the limestone delivered to the school, the Greenbrook Elementary School grass cutting, and to get a letter from the School Board for the grass cutting at the Chickasaw Elementary School. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

Kenny Gunn said they had cut the grass at the Walls Elementary School. Supervisor John Caldwell asked if the Board of Supervisors needs to address the School Board regarding these types of requests. Supervisor Eugene Thach said the Board had addressed this before and it had not done any good. Supervisor John Caldwell said when the County does the schoolbus turnarounds, how does the School Board know how to determine the material needed? Kenny Gunn said when he receives the request for the schoolbus turnarounds he goes and looks at the project and makes the determination for the County about what needs to be done instead of going by the actual request from the School Board.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis said the Board of Supervisors needs to establish guidelines for what the Board will do. Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion for the Board to form a committee consisting of Supervisors Eugene Thach and Jessie Medlin, to meet with the School Board to talk about their request. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

19. Bids Under Advisement for Asphalt Overlay Contract

County Consulting Engineer Daniel Murphy appeared before the Board of Supervisors to make a recommendation for the Asphalt Overlay Contract. Daniel Murphy said the bids received on May 1, 2001 came from two contractors. Lehman Roberts Company with a bid amount of \$2,207,364.25, and APAC – Tennessee, Inc. with a bid amount of \$2,446,085.00. The low bidder being Lehman Roberts is his recommendation to the Board. Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to accept the recommendation of the County Consulting Engineer Daniel Murphy for Lehman Roberts

Company, the low bidder for the Asphalt Overlay Contract. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit E.19****

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20. Bids Under Advisement for Food Supplies

County Administrator David Armstrong said the County only received one bid for food supplies and that was from Institutional Distributors. Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to accept the recommendation of the County Administrator David Armstrong to award the contract for food supplies to Institutional Distributors for the prices listed in the attached bid tabulation effective immediately. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit E.20****

21. Courthouse Renovation

a. Appoint Project Superintendent and Approve Bond

In accordance with Section 19-13-15 of the Mississippi Code Annotated, the value of the work done and material used in the performance of a contract, exceeding \$1,000.00, such value to be estimated by some competent person employed by the Board to superintend such work, and not until the superintendent shall furnish to the Board such estimate, in writing, or his oath as to the correctness of such estimate, which estimate, with the oath annexed thereto, shall be filed with and recorded in the minutes of the Board. Before such person employed by the Board shall enter upon the discharge of the duty of supervising such work, and before he shall furnish any estimate as to the value of the work done, he shall enter into bond in such penalty as may be fixed by the Board, with sufficient sureties, to be approved by the Board, and conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties as superintendent of such work, which bond shall be filed and preserved by the Board and shall be liable to suit. The Board shall not be bound by the estimate of such superintendent, nor shall the making of any partial payments on any public work, as above provided, be construed as an acceptance of the work and material so inspected by such superintendent.

County Administrator David Armstrong said he recommends Jim Bearden be appointed by the Board to be superintendent for the Courthouse Renovation of the 2ND.and 3RD floor and a bond for \$50,000.00 to be established and paid for by the County, for the superintendent position. Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to appoint Jim Bearden as superintendent of the Courthouse Renovation for the 2ND.and 3RD floor and for the County to secure a \$50,000.00 bond for the superintendent. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

b. Appoint Committee to Inspect 2nd and 3rd Floor Renovation

In accordance with Section 19-13-15 of the Mississippi Code Annotated, before the Board of Supervisors shall make a payment to any contractor for building or for doing any work on public building where the contract price exceeds \$1,000.00, they must first have the same inspected and accepted by a committee, and have the certificate of the committee, under oath filed and entered on the minutes of the Board. Such committee shall be appointed by the Board of Supervisors for that purpose and shall consist of at least two (2) members of the Board of other districts than the one in which the work is done. The Board shall not make the final payment on any such works or building without first having the same inspected as a whole and accepted by a committee of the Board, as herein before provided, and until the specifications are complied with and the work completed.

Supervisor Eugene Thach and Supervisor Jessie Medlin agreed to be the inspection committee for the Courthouse Renovation of the 2ND.and 3RD floor. Supervisor Tommy

Lewis made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to appoint Supervisors Eugene Thach and Jessie Medlin to be the inspection committee for the Courthouse Renovation of the 2ND.and 3RD floor. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

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c. Approval to Order Furniture for Phase II

County Administrator David Armstrong said he would like to hold this item over until Vanessa Lynchard can present this to the Board of Supervisors.

d. Approval to Bid Roller Shelving

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion for approval to bid roller shelving for the Courthouse renovation. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

22. Approval to Contract for the Beaver Control Assistance Program

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion for approval for the County to contract for the Beaver Control Assistance Program from July 1, 2001 to June 30, 2002 with an annual fee in the amount of \$2,000 for the County. 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 E.22****

23. Making Final Approval by State Tax Commission for Tax Exempt Astro Met, Inc. Part of Minutes

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve the ten (10) year ad valorem taxation exemption, except for state and school district taxes, to Astro Met, Inc. from January 1, 1999, with a total true value of \$484,363.00. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit E.23****

24. Property and Casualty Insurance

County Administrator David Armstrong said Rex Haynes, Brown & Haynes Insurance Agent, has worked with the County to secure the property and casualty insurance for the coming year. Mr. Haynes said they had sent out a request for bids on March 18, 2001 to St. Paul Insurance, Pointer Insurance, Cooke Insurance, and Coregis Insurance. Mr. Haynes said the County only received two bids back. The St. Paul Insurance only quoted a partial proposal, which was too high.

David Armstrong said they held a meeting with Sarah Edmiston, Gerald Clifton, Joyce Riales, and Rex Haynes to go over the proposals and be able to make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Haynes said the recommendation for the County was the bid from Coregis Insurance with a cost of \$589,047.00. Mr. Haynes said they had talked with Bob Lynam, the Risk Management Consultant, and he reinforced their selection of Coregis. Mr. Haynes said his office plans to handle the small claims for the County, like windshield repair, and not file on the insurance since the amount of claims filed on insurance is looked at when quoting prices and would increase the cost for the next year. Mr. Haynes said over the

last three years the County has had 80 to 85 claims a year and if the County can keep the small claims out of this they will be able to receive more quotes on insurance and have more options from which to choose.

Mr. Haynes said they sent the insurance companies a copy of the County's proposals in the **ITEM E.24, CONTINUED,**

risk management report when seeking bid proposals. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said the cost was \$455,808 for insurance this year and now it will be \$589,047.00, which is a big increase. Mr. Haynes said they had to show the new census figures and the earthquake status for this year bid. David Armstrong said the growth factors for the County had to be taken into consideration also. Mr. Haynes stated the help he received from Joyce Riales and her office staff in the submission for bids was a great asset to the County.

David Armstrong said the County's insurance expires on May 22, 2001 and it will be necessary for the Board to approve a budget amendment to cover the expense for the balance of this year's budget. Mr. Haynes said the fee for handling the small claims for the County would be \$10,000.00 and they would start on May 22, 2001 handling the small claims. Mr.

Haynes said the changes to the insurance policy would be one million dollars for earthquake, four million dollars for property (which is worth over thirty million dollars), the Law Enforcement was five thousand dollar deductible last year and will go to ten thousand dollars this year, and the property deductible will stay the same as one thousand dollars deductible.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the recommendation of Coregis Insurance as the County's Property and Casualty Insurance to be effective May 22, 2001 and for Rex Haynes to handle the County's small claims for a fee of \$10,000.00. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Eugene Thach said this is the second year the County has gone with just one bid. Supervisor Tommy Lewis said the reason is because the County has no risk management in place to determine areas of savings to the County. Supervisor John Caldwell said the Sheriff's Department needed risk management since this is where most of the insurance claims come from. Supervisor Tommy Lewis said the County had gone from 2 to 4 hundred thousand dollars in 2000 and now from 4 to 6 hundred thousand dollars in 2001. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said the addition of the Administration Building added to the expense in 2000. Supervisor Gerald Clifton said he was convinced the right research was done to secure insurance for the County.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the budget amendment required from the general fund to pay for the insurance coverage for the balance of the year for the following amount:

Increase	001-106-570	Insurance & Fidelity Bonds	138,917.00
Decrease	001-901-999	Ending Cash Balance	(138,917.00)

The motion passed by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit E.25****

25. Authority to Advertise for CDBG Consultant

County Administrator David Armstrong said he would like to hold this item over until Wednesday, May 9, 2002 when Chris Gouras would be present.

F. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

G. OTHER ISSUES

1. Hwy 301 & Starlanding Intersection

Supervisor John Caldwell asked the Board if they were ready to vote to start construction on **ITEM G.1, CONTINUED,**

the Hwy 301 and Starlanding Intersection. Supervisor Eugene Thach said he wanted the State to look at doing a four way stop sign first. Supervisor Caldwell said they had already turned this proposal down. Supervisor Thach said he wanted it in writing that they would not put up the stop signs. Supervisor Caldwell said he would get this in writing for the Board. No motions were made on this item.

2. Homestead Applications – Denied by State

Chancery Clerk Sluggo Davis said he had received a list of homestead applications back from the Mississippi State Tax Commission that have been disallowed. Sluggo Davis said he had prepared a listing of the applications that should be allowed by the state and a listing that accepted the disallowance. Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor John

Caldwell seconded the motion to approve the recommendation of the Chancery Clerk’s listing where some disallowances should be objected to and to accept the listing for disallowances from the state. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit G.2****

3. Petition to Adjust - Approval of Homestead Exemptions

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve the petition to adjust the homestead exemption supplemental roll as presented by the Chancery Clerk.

PARCEL NUMBER & LOCATION	PARCEL NUMBER & LOCATION
1069 2905.0 00077.00 – Olive Branch	1087 2601.0 003096.00 - Southaven
3086 1306.1 00027.00 - Hernando	2061 1101 000219.00 – Olive Branch
2082 0401.0 00006.00 - County	2082 0401.0 0004.00 - County

The motion passed by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit G.3****

4. Drivers License Road & Parking Lot

County Road Manager Kenny Gunn said work on the drainage at the drivers license building had been completed, the road paved, and they had sewn grass and put down straw. They were in the process of striping the road. No motions were taken on this item.

5. Brick Mailboxes – Getwell Road

County Road Manager Kenny Gunn said the overlay contract for Getwell Road at the SBEC location could not be programmed to get ready to let bid because there are some brick mailboxes on this stretch of road. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said to take the mailboxes down. Kenny Gunn said this area is in the City and he had sent a request to them to take the mailboxes down but they haven’t done this. Supervisor John Caldwell said to talk to the Mayor of Southaven.

Kenny Gunn reported that Daniel Murphy said that Getwell Road is a State Aid Road and he can’t let the bid until the brick mailboxes are down. Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked Kenny Gunn to get with Daniel Murphy to get clarification on the area of Getwell Road and to get with the City about taking the mailboxes down.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to send a letter to the Mayor of Southaven regarding the brick mailboxes on Getwell Road. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

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6. Interlocal Agreement – Village of Memphis

Supervisor Gerald Clifton presented to the Board of Supervisors an Inter-Local Agreement from the Village of Memphis asking the County to loan equipment and labor to the City for the purpose of construction or improvements for parks, playgrounds, bike trails, walking and/or jogging tracks or trails, picnic areas, athletic facilities and parking areas in any Village of Memphis park. Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion for the approval of the Inter-Local Agreement with the Village of Memphis. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit G.6****

7. Sheriff's Department – Jail Capacity

Sheriff James A. Riley appeared before the Board of Supervisors regarding the overcrowding of the County Jail. Sheriff Riley said he has 179 people in jail and he has talked with adjoining

Counties regarding the overcrowding to see if they could take in some of the prisoners. Sheriff Riley said the County could only have 160 prisoners in the jail and he has 27 State inmates in jail at this time. Sheriff Riley said he would like to transfer County inmates that are waiting to come to trial to relieve the overcrowding and keep the State inmates. Sheriff Riley said the County uses the State inmates to work in the County and if we ship these out, the County would have to hire people to do these jobs. It would be cheaper to place County inmates in other facilities and keep the State inmates here.

Sheriff Riley said he has had as many as 40 to 50 State inmates at one time and when the State sends down to get these inmates they pull the best ones from the County. Sheriff Riley said he would like to be able to determine which State inmates to send and the State should work with the County on this. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said every County jail is experiencing over crowding and the growing areas of the State are the ones that are overcrowded the most. Supervisor Medlin asked Sheriff Riley to check with some other Counties to see what their cost of housing would be and how many inmates they could handle. Sheriff Riley said he would only send the inmates that have been indicted.

Sheriff Riley said Bolivar County could hold fifteen (15) inmates at a fee of \$24.98 per day, Marshall County could hold ten (10) inmates at a fee of \$30.00 per day, and Tate County could hold five (5) inmates at a fee of \$40.00 per day.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked if there are any work camps authorized by the State. Supervisor John Caldwell asked how many prisoners are City prisoners. Sheriff Riley said he probably has 30 City inmates and more on the weekend. Supervisor Eugene Thach said some prisoners are bonded out and asked if this counts against the County. Supervisor John Caldwell said currently the Cities' inmates are at no charge and said the County may have to pass on a fee to the Cities.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked what would happen since each day will fluctuate in numbers. Bill Austin said to pick out 2 or 3 Counties and have a daily rate contract with each County. Sheriff Riley said that on the weekend he could have 160 inmates and then 30 or 40 more brought in over the time frame.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made a motion for the County to adopt an interlocal agreement with other Counties that would house the County inmates and for the Sheriff to be

responsible to find a facility to house the inmates when needed. Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked Sheriff Riley to check with Tallahatchie County to see if they could take any of the County inmates. Board Attorney Bill Austin said it would be best to have some pre-approved Counties and to authorize the Sheriff to use his discretion about inmates and limits. Sheriff Riley was instructed to report back after lunch on Tallahatchie

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County with cost and board and the Board would decide when to send the inmates.

Sheriff Riley reported that Tallahatchie County could handle 25 to 30 County inmates at a fee of \$31.00 per day and add more if their inmate tally came down. The Board agreed to send the County inmates to Tallahatchie County.

Sheriff Riley said he would start work to disperse the County inmates to get down to the 160 allowable in the jail. Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked who has the liability for the inmates that are transferred to other jails. Bill Austin said it depends on what happens to the inmates. Supervisor John Caldwell asked the Sheriff to send out healthy inmates to the other Counties.

8. Central Maintenance – Safety Shoes

County Road Manager Kenny Gunn said he has people working with tennis shoes on and he would like for the County to supply safety shoes for the Central Maintenance people. Kenny Gunn said he is looking at this from a production standpoint. Kenny Gunn said he has about 70 to 75 employees who would need the shoes. Board Attorney Bill Austin said this could be considered part of the County uniform. Supervisor John Caldwell said this would have to be a one-time issue on an annual requisition. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said the Board should look into this issue and decide how they can maintain this program. Supervisor Eugene Thach said the County already furnishes rubber boots to Central Maintenance. Board Attorney Bill Austin said he will look to see if there is a State statute. Supervisor Tommy Lewis said there will have to be a determination on how to handle discipline for not wearing the shoes once they are purchased. No motions were made at this time.

9. State Aid – Bridge Funds

Supervisor Eugene Thach said at the recent Supervisors Association meeting, Floyd Kirk, State Aid Road Engineer, was there and they discussed the LSBP money that the County didn't spend on bridges. Supervisor Thach said this LSBP money could be used for the County's commitment of \$750,000 for the Airways Road project. Supervisor Tommy Lewis said the Board would have to pass an order to get the work done and may have to farm out the job to get the work completed. Supervisor Thach said Elmore Road may need this money also, but the County would lose this money if they don't get it programmed. Supervisor Thach said he would like to get Daniel Murphy, County Consulting Engineer, to look at the Airways Road bridge to see if it could be accomplished with state money.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve Daniel Murphy, County Consulting Engineer, to process the Airways Road Bridge and any other bridges in the County and requested they be programmed with the LSBP money allotted to the County. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

10. Road Turn Lanes

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said the County needs to put in a turn lane at the Getwell Road and Church Road intersection. Supervisor Medlin asked Kenny Gunn to talk with State Aid and to talk with Daniel Murphy to see if the County has right of way available to do this.

Supervisor John Caldwell said the Church Road and Tulane Road intersection also needs turn lanes at this location and requested Kenny Gunn to look at the right of ways there to see if turn lanes could be added.

No motions were made at this time.

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11. New Fire Department at Center Hill Road

County Road Manager Kenny Gunn said a new Fire Department is being built on Center Hill Road and the ditch is washing away. Kenny Gunn said the County needs to put down rip rap to stabilize the ditch bank. This will cost the County about \$2,000.00. Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve the repair to the ditch bank on Center Hill Road at the new Fire Department at a cost not to exceed \$2,000.00. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

12. On The Job Training Program – Bobbie Oliver

Supervisor Tommy Lewis introduced Bobbie Oliver from the Mississippi Employment Agency. Ms. Oliver said she wanted to present the On The Job Training Program to the

County, which could be used to pay 50% reimbursement for salaries of workers hired by the County who were unskilled laborers. Ms. Oliver said guidelines have been developed and Mr. Jackie Jaynes, Mississippi Employment Security Commission, handled all the paperwork processing.

County Administrator David Armstrong asked what about fringe benefits. Ms. Oliver stated the people have to be on the County's salary, which would include Workmen Comp, IRS, and other benefits, and then the documents are processed.

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked what concerns about WIA did Ms. Oliver have and if she was satisfied with everything and the program could go forward. Ms. Oliver said she appreciated all the help that Supervisor Thach was for the WIA program, and the Three Rivers meeting turned out well and they were going to keep the building in DeSoto County. Supervisor Thach said there were a lot of appointments on the Board.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked if private enterprises can use the OJT Program and the County. Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked how long has money been available for the County. Ms. Oliver said on July 1, 2000, the WIA program was developed, but the guidelines were so tight, the money could not be gotten. The guidelines have been changed and the County has until June 30, 2001 to use the money. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said the County hired personnel in April, and could the money be used for these personnel? Ms. Oliver said she would check to see what time frame was necessary for the applications with Mr. Jaynes.

County Administrator David Armstrong asked what is the duration of the WIA program? Ms. Oliver said it started out as a five (5) year program, and Mississippi has only been in for two (2) years. She thinks maybe two to three years are left.

Ms. Oliver said the County could contact Mr. Jaynes and set up process for the County to utilize the OJT program, and she thanked the Board of Supervisors for allowing her to present this program to the County. The Board expressed their thanks to Ms. Oliver for coming to the County.

The Board agreed to send a letter to Mr. Jaynes to authorize the County personnel who would be responsible for application to the Mississippi Employment Security Commission,

for the OJT program. No motions were made on this item.

13. Summerwood Park

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said the Board had voted to do the Summerwood Park. Supervisor Medlin said the residents have indicated they do not have problems with the park being done in asphalt. Supervisor Medlin suggested Kenny Gunn look at his quote and consider the option. Supervisor Medlin said they wanted to start the work as quickly as possible, but if it is

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already scheduled with concrete then to go ahead with it.

14. Civic Center Landscaping

Supervisor John Caldwell said the road to the Civic Center was blocked off with orange barriers and a fire hose was being used across the road to water the landscape. Supervisor Caldwell said this is a public road access and asked David Armstrong to address the Civic Center about this situation.

15. County Limb Collection

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked Kenny Gunn how the limb collection in the County is being handled. Supervisor Medlin said he had seen several areas that need to be picked up and he may want to look at getting a new truck to help with the pickup. Kenny Gunn said he had two trucks picking up limbs but one had been broke down and in the shop, but is fixed now. Kenny Gunn said there are two times a year that limb collection gets heavy and that is the spring and fall of the year. During the winter months one truck can do the work. Kenny Gunn said the County might need to buy a new truck for when one is not available. Supervisor John Caldwell said that if a truck is kept it should be in working order. The County does not need to keep junk. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said the growth of the County will get to the point of using two trucks at a constant rate and may require three trucks sometimes to keep the County cleaned up. Kenny Gunn said he could just add another truck and not replace a truck at Central Maintenance. Supervisor John Caldwell said if Central Maintenance adds a truck and one keeps breaking down it should be gotten rid of. No motions were made on this item.

16. Holly Springs Road Paving

Supervisor Tommy Lewis said he had been approached about the paving of Holly Springs Road by the City of Hernando. This is a State Aid road being paved but there is about a half-mile into the City of Hernando that will not be paved. The City said they will pay for half of the paving which would cost about \$30,000.00 if the County would pave the road.

Supervisor Lewis asked Daniel Murphy, County Consulting Engineer, if this section of road could be added on to the Asphalt Overlay Contract by making an amendment to the contract.

Daniel Murphy said the County could do a change order to the contract for this half-mile of Holly Springs Road, but we need to wait until the work gets under way before making the change order. Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve a change order to the Asphalt Overlay Contract for the paving of the half-mile stretch of Holly Springs Road from the curve where State Aid paving leaves off into the City of Hernando, and to acknowledge that the City of Hernando will pay half of the cost of the change order. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to recess until Wednesday, May 9, 2001 at 9:00 a.m. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

THIS the 7TH. Day of May 2001, these minutes have been read and approved by the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors.

Tommy Lewis, President
DeSoto County Board of Supervisors