

DESOTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

TOMMY LEWIS, PRESIDENT 2001, PRESIDING

June 18, 2001

A. CALL TO ORDER

The June 18, 2001, meeting of the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors was called to order by Supervisor Tommy Lewis, Board President 2001.

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

B. INVOCATION

Deputy Johnny Combes of the DeSoto County Sheriff's Department presented the invocation.

C. OLD BUSINESS

1. Bids Under Advisement

a. Uniforms – Building and Grounds

County Administrator David Armstrong said Buildings & Grounds is currently renting uniforms. All employees except one wash their uniforms now, because of laundry issues with Paramount, but the group still has to pay to rent uniforms at a cost of \$100.00 per week whether the uniforms were washed by Paramount or not. David Armstrong said when Kenny Evans, Director of Buildings & Grounds, was getting proposals it was \$2,400.00 cheaper to purchase uniforms rather than rent uniforms. Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked when personnel leaves County employment how would the uniforms be handled. Kenny Evans said he has to get uniforms back from employees now and he would continue to do so and would inventory the uniforms for replacement employees. Supervisor Tommy Lewis said if the County buys the uniforms how would we enforce the employee being responsible for keeping the uniform clean? Kenny Evans said when a person is hired, the employee hand book states they must maintain a neat appearance. Kenny Evans said all of the employees wash their uniforms now.

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David Armstrong said the current cost to rent uniforms was \$4,800, but the bid to buy uniforms was \$2,650. Kenny Evans said it was a waste of County money to rent uniforms.

David Armstrong asked Kenny Evans if any of his personnel should wear steel toe shoes. Kenny Evans said he had six people that should wear steel toe shoes, but the money was not in his budget to buy them. Supervisor John Caldwell said the Central Maintenance's reason for the steel toe shoes was for safety requirements. Kenny Evans said his people do a lot of lifting and moving heavy equipment and they should really have back braces and steel toe shoes.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked what the total cost per individual would be. Kenny Evans said for the men it is \$247.50 and for the women it is \$225.00. Supervisor John Caldwell asked for Kenny Evans to check with Kenny Gunn about the steel toe shoes. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said to plan the shoes at budget time.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to accept the low bid to buy uniforms for Buildings & Grounds from Work'n Gear, with the understanding that the uniforms be kept clean and to purchase steel toe shoes for personnel who work in hazardous conditions.

The bid file number 01-151-002, with bid opening date of May 31, 2001 at 10 a. m. for uniforms for DeSoto County Buildings & grounds was tabulated as follows:

Item	Paramount	Shapiro	Unifirst	Uniform Shop Op1	Uniform Shop Op2	Work'n Gear
Paints, Men	\$20.79	\$16.95	\$16.50	\$17.10	\$17.10	\$11.50
Pants, Women	\$23.43	\$22.95	\$26.00	\$17.10	\$17.10	\$18.00
Long Sleeve Shirt 100% Cotton	\$17.60	\$29.95	\$16.00	\$17.00	\$17.00	\$13.00
Jacket	\$39.60	\$32.35	\$30.00	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$22.50
Golf/Polo Shirt	\$28.60	\$14.80	\$18.00	\$18.00	\$18.00	\$11.50
Womens SS Smock	\$18.70	\$15.85	\$14.50	\$25.00	\$18.00	\$12.25
ALTERNATIVE						
Coveralls	\$35.20	\$57.75	\$69.00	\$64.00	\$64.00	\$45.00
INITIAL SET UP CHARGE	\$3.50			\$5.00 per item	\$5.00 per item	
ADDITIONAL CHARGE						
TOTAL	\$187.42	\$190.60	\$190.00	\$193.20	\$186.20	\$133.75
Comments	ISC per shirt if emblems are required	If computer disk is needed additional \$75 to \$150 depending on size of design and colors	Size 18+ add \$2.00	1.2x, 3x, 4x pants add 2% 2.For emblems need to see artwork to give cost. \$5 per item to be named 3.Name, monogram included	1. 2x, 3x, 4x pants add 2% 2. For emblems need to see artwork to give cost. \$5 per item to be named 3. Name, monogram included	
Exceptions			1. Women's pants w/0 elastic waistband 2.Long Sleeve shirt 65/35			

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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

****See Exhibit C.1.a****

2. Authorize Board President to sign Lease Agreement with ASCOM for Mail Machine

County Administrator David Armstrong said the lease agreement with ASCOM was carried over from June 13 Board meeting to allow the Board Attorney to meet with ASCOM and clarify the contract to read that the agreement shall be governed by the laws of Mississippi, and any legal actions shall be brought in a court located in DeSoto County Mississippi and various other changes. The contract was changed accordingly. Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to authorize the Board President to sign the lease agreement with ASCOM for the County's mail machine with a monthly rental fee of \$108.66 for time period of sixty months beginning October 1, 2001 and ending September 30, 2002, and any fiscal funding agreement. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit C.2****

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. Joey Treadway – Tax Collector

County Administrator David Armstrong said Tax Collector Joey Treadway was present to address the Board of Supervisors regarding the State Tax Departments recent notice of County reimbursement on car tag collections.

Mr. Treadway said the State has notified the DeSoto County Tax Collector's office that the settlement check for the month of May 2001 will be issued at 91.7802% refund to the County. The State Legislature has decided to short pay all 82 Counties for May 2001 Car Tag Collections. The State Tax Department said the shortage would be returned to the County, hopefully, within the next two months. Mr. Treadway said the State Tax Department would also cut the Cities and the School portions.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked if this has ever happened before. Mr. Treadway said he could recall one other time since he has been in office. The County did receive the shortage within the next month. Mr. Treadway said the total refund for May was \$81,606 and the County's portion would be \$33,568 and the balance would have to be broken down for the Cities and the School. Mr. Treadway said the State could fluctuate between 5% and 7% to hold back in times of shortage in revenue. David Armstrong restated that this shortage was statewide. Mr. Treadway said the State estimated a three million-dollar shortage for the State, and we really don't know when the reimbursement will come to the County. Mr. Treadway said he has spoken with the Tax Department about taking the shortage from the June collections, but the Tax Department said he would have to break the settlement for transactions in May, which would add a tremendous amount of work. Supervisor John Caldwell asked why the County can't settle on the June settlement. Mr. Treadway said the Tax Department said due to the break down for the monthly settlement and the millage change in June, they won't let the County take out the shortage for May in June.

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Mr. Treadway said this shortage would hurt several small Counties in Mississippi that depend on this money. Mr. Treadway said he would advise the School and Cities about the shortage. The State Fiscal Year begins July 1 and starts the millage at 5.2. Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked if the State does not have the money at year end, what would happen. Mr. Treadway said they would rollover the debt until the next month in the new fiscal year. No actions were taken on this item.

2. Authorization to Open Bids on July 17, 2001

County Administrator David Armstrong said he had put \$325,000 in the 701 fund for new construction. David Armstrong said the Board had asked him to get with Marvin Johnson to determine the cost for construction for the Eudora Fire Department's new ambulance bay and the construction of the Miller Voting Precinct/Fairhaven Fire Department in Olive Branch. Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to authorize the County Administrator or his designee to open bids on July 17, 2001 at 2:00 P.M. for the following new construction:

- a. Eudora Fire Department New Ambulance Bay**
- b. Miller Voting Precinct / Fairhaven Fire Department**

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

****See Exhibit D.2.a.b****

3. Making the City of Olive Branch's Approval to Close Sandidge Rd. Part of the Minutes

County Administrator David Armstrong said the Board Attorney recommended making the City of Olive Branch's approval to close Sandidge Road part of the Board minutes. Board Attorney Bill Austin said this would be in records as to why the road is closed if questioned in the future because of its ties to the County's LSBP funds. Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to approve making the City of Olive Branch's approval to close Sandidge Road part of the Board minutes. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit D.3****

4. Approval of Agreement of IKON – Purchasing –Copier

County Administrator David Armstrong said the Purchasing Department is requesting an upgrade to their copier and are asking for approval of an Agreement with IKON for a 12 month term at \$208.00 per month. David Armstrong said this agreement would expire with the other copier agreements the County has in June 2002. Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to approve the agreement with IKON for a copier for the Purchasing Department. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit D.4****

5. Authorize Board President to sign Agreement to Extend MDEQ Grant to 12/31/01

County Administrator David Armstrong said the MDEQ has extended the date for the Waste Tire Program Project #WT101-M1 for DeSoto County until December 31, 2001. At the recommendation of the County Administrator David Armstrong, Supervisor John

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Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to authorize the Board President to sign the Agreement to extend the MDEQ Grant for the Waste Tire Program #WT101-M1 for expiration on 12/31/01. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit D.5****

6. Budget Amendments

County Administrator David Armstrong said the County had received a grant from the Department of Justice for the Sheriff’s Department for bulletproof vests in the amount of \$9,740.00. He said Chief Deputy Charlie Brown at the Sheriff’s Department had advised the cost to supply bulletproof vests for the officers would be \$19,818.00. The Board had tasked David Armstrong to find in the Sheriff Department’s Budget the 50% match from the County to purchase the bulletproof vests. David Armstrong stated that he couldn’t find the funds in the budget and recommended the County’s portion in the amount of \$9,740.00 come from the General Fund to match the grant.

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 recommendation of the Comptroller, Joyce Riales, Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to approve the budget amendment as follows:

a. Sheriff’s Department Bulletproof Vests Grant

<u>Acct #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Budget Amt</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>Total</u>
001-202-691	Uniforms	\$ 27,000	\$9,700		\$36,740
001-901-999	End Cash Bal	<u>7,844,365</u>		\$9,740	<u>7,834,625</u>
TOTAL		7,871,365	9,740	9,740	7,871,365

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

Supervisor Eugene Thach said the reason for his objection is that he has a problem with taking funds from the General Fund when they should come out of the Sheriff’s budget. ****See Exhibit D.6.a****

County Administrator David Armstrong said Robbie Riley, of the Sheriff’s Department, had advised him that with the additional hires in the Sheriff’s Department there was not enough money in the Budget to cover the group insurance fund. David Armstrong said the County had increased the insurance amount from \$271.67, which is what the FY01 Budget was planned at, to be \$385.00/mo. when the new insurance year started. The amount for insurance was then taken down to \$325.00/mo., but the budget is still short due to the increase in these insurance rates.

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked how much has gone into the general fund since the new insurance rates started? David Armstrong said the money for insurance goes into the insurance fund not the general fund. Supervisor Thach said if we collected more money for the pool, can we not take from the pool. Joyce Riales, Comptroller, said the County couldn’t take money out of the pool.

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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 recommendation of the Comptroller, Joyce Riales, Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to approve the budget amendment as follows:

b. Group Insurance-Jail

<u>Acct #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Budget Amt</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>Total</u>
001-220-468	Group Ins	133,3664,926		138,292	
001-901-999	End Cash Bal	<u>7,834,625</u>		4,926	<u>7,829,699</u>
TOTAL		7,967,991	4,926	4,926	7,967,991

c. Group Insurance-Patrolmen

<u>Acct #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Budget Amt</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>Total</u>
001-202-468	Group Ins	325,654	10,766		336,420
001-901-999	End Cash Bal	<u>7,829,699</u>		10,766	<u>7,818,933</u>
TOTAL		8,155,353	10,766	10,766	8,155,353

d. Group Insurance-Sheriff

<u>Acct #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Budget Amt</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>Total</u>
001-200-468	Group Ins	39,120	6,560		45,680
001-901-999	End Cash Bal	<u>7,818,933</u>		6,560	<u>7,812,373</u>
TOTAL		7,858,053	6,560	6,560	7,858,053

e. Group Insurance-Juvenile/Sheriff's

<u>Acct #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Budget Amt</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>Total</u>
001-223-468	Group Ins	26,605		3,145	23,460
001-901-999	End Cash Bal	<u>7,812,373</u>	3,145		<u>7,815,518</u>
TOTAL		7,838,978	3,145	3,145	7,838,978

The motion passed by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit D.6.b.c.d.e****

7. Repayment of Interfund Loan

At the recommendation of Joyce Riales, Comptroller, Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve the repayment of the Inter-fund Loan, which was created on November 6, 2000, to the General Fund account as follows:

From:	\$18,000,000 GO Debt Retirement Fund (215-000-148)	\$275,000
To:	General Fund (001-000-053)	\$275,000

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

8. Joyce Riales – Comptroller – Supplement Claims Docket

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked when the County started paying expenses for tips. Board Attorney Bill Austin said the Audit Department has approved payment of tips when traveling. Joyce Riales said the Audit Department had approved this, so the County put it on the docket. David Armstrong said the County has paid for cab fare tips in the past and if the Board wants to set a policy, it needs to be set. Supervisor Thach said there is a need for clarification on the amount for tips and this would apply for the whole County when traveling. David Armstrong said he would bring a recommendation back to the Board on tips.

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked how the bill to Johnson & Bailey Henderson McNeel

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was paid? David Armstrong said there was a separate account set up to use. This account has one million dollars in it. Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked if the equestrian facility was designed for certain types of horses and said it should be a multi-purpose facility for the County. David Armstrong said the plan is for the facility to include the needs of different equestrian events.

Comptroller Joyce Riales and Stephanie Hanks presented the supplemental claims docket showing claims that need to be paid for various departments as of June 18, 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 Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to authorize the Chancery Clerk to pay the bills in the amount of \$768,112.63 as presented by the Comptroller. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.
****See Exhibit D.8****

9. Extension of Building Permits

The Planning Commission brought the following items before the Board of Supervisors.

a. Forest Hill North – Nancy Jones

Merritt Powell, Director of Planning, said Ms. Nancy Jones was present today to address the Board of Supervisors for an extension on a building permit for her home in Forest Hill North, that was issued August 12, 1998. Merritt Powell said Ms. Jones was issued an extension in January for an additional 120 days. Merritt Powell said the cost of a building permit for her home has gone from \$628, which was the original cost, to \$934 for a two year permit.

Ms. Jones said she and her husband are building their home themselves. This is a large home with two levels. Ms. Jones said the main level should be completed by July 1, 2001, but the second level still has a lot of work to be done. Ms. Jones said she and her husband run a business and have donated booths for the Southaven Spring Festival. This year's Festival was larger and required more booths to be built. Ms. Jones said she takes care of four people in their eighties. She takes them to the doctor, grocery shopping and to church. Ms. Jones said a portion of the home would be for her elderly parents. Ms. Jones said she knows that some homes that have been close to completion have passed final inspection and some haven't; it depends on who the inspector is. Supervisor Tommy Lewis said the inspectors are not suppose to operate that way.

Supervisor Eugene Thach said they have already been given a 210 day extension and when other builders do not get such an extension it causes a problem. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said the home is in his district and he gets complaints of the unsightly yard, storage of building materials, and the backhoe noise day and night. Supervisor Medlin asked Ms. Jones if she understood that the County has a 40 ft. right of way on property for roads, and the County is responsible for this right of way property.

Supervisor Medlin asked the Board Attorney Bill Austin how these cases have been handled. Bill Austin said it has been the policy of the Board to rely on the Building Officials to grant the first extension and any additional extensions have to come before the Board of Supervisors. The experience in the past has been to take out a new permit and pay the full amount for the permit. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said he wants the property cleaned up.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion for Ms. Nancy Jones to purchase a new building permit for the full amount, which will give her two years to complete her home. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin NO

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

****See Exhibit D.9.a****

b. Whispering Pines – Bobby Champlin

Merritt Powell, Director of Planning, said Bobby Champlin was present today to request from the Board of Supervisors an extension on a building permit for his home in Whispering Pines. Merritt Powell said several letters have been sent to Mr. Champlin regarding complaints about the way the property looks. The building permit has expired and Mr. Champlin has been building on this home for seven years. He has purchased a new building permit each time in the past, but the cost for the building permit on his home was \$456, and the new cost for the building permit is \$856.

Supervisor Thach asked had any extensions been given. Merritt Powell said during the first issued building permit extensions were granted, but since then he has purchased new building permits. Supervisor John Caldwell asked if the property was in compliance. Merritt Powell said the property needs to be cleaned up due to bricks and dirt being piled up in the yard, which is causing complaints. Mr. Champlin said he has had bad luck with the contractors. Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked what are his plans for the house. Mr. Champlin said he plans to live in it. Supervisor Medlin said Mr. Champlin need to clean up the front and put everything in the back of the property. Supervisor Medlin asked how long before the house would be complete. Mr. Champlin said the contractors are not following through on the work, so he does not know how long it will take. Supervisor Medlin said it would be necessary for a new permit to be issued then and that the building code enforcement would work with him.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion for Mr. Bobby Champlin to purchase a new building permit for his home in Whispering Pines. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit D.9.b****

10. Chancery Clerk Allowances

On this date, the Chancery Court Clerk, W. E. Davis, presented an order of Allowances to the Board of Supervisors for the June 2001 term in the amount of \$1,346.66. Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach 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 D.10****

11. Making the State Tax Commission Final Approval of Tax Exemption for Williams-Sonoma Part of the Minutes

County Administrator David Armstrong said the final approval of Tax Exemption for Williams-Sonoma Retail Services, Inc. / Hewson-DeSoto Phase I, LLC has been approved by the Mississippi State Tax Commission for a period of ten years from July 4, 1999, with a true value of \$42,346,687.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to make the final approval of Tax Exemption for Williams-Sonoma Retail Services, Inc. / Hewson-DeSoto Phase I, LLC, that has been approved by the Mississippi State Tax Commission for a period of ten years from July 4, 1999 with a true value of \$42,346,687, a part of the Board Minutes this June 18, 2001. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit D.11****

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12. Making the Continuing Disclosure Statement for FY01 Part of the Minutes

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to make the Continuing Disclosure Statement for FY01 from Butler, Snow, O’Mara, Stevens & Cannada, PLLC a part of the Board minutes, and to authorize the clerk to issue a check in the amount of \$1,000.00 for the services of Butler, Snow, O’Mara, Stevens & Cannada, PLLC for the preparation and submission of the Continuing Disclosure Statement. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit D.12****

13. Making the Circuit Clerk’s Corrected Fee Report Part of the Minutes

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to make the Circuit Clerk’s Corrected Fee Report, which has been filed with the State Auditor’s Office, a part of the Board minutes this June 18, 2001. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit D.13****

14. Approval for New Contract with Cingular and Youth Court Services

County Administrator David Armstrong said Judge Mills Barbee has requested approval from the Board of Supervisors for a new contract with Cingular for the Youth Court Service workers who are on call at nights and weekends. They do not have a phone.

Supervisor Gerald Clifton made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to approve the new contract with Cingular and Youth Court Services in the amount of \$35.00 for monthly services with 350 minutes, free nights and weekends, and free long distance in Mississippi, and for a \$29.99 Nokia phone. 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

****See Exhibit D.14****

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. Approval to Accept the Services for the 2001 CDBG Grant

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion that based on the advertisement that was done in the *DeSoto Times Today* newspaper for proposals from qualified firms for professional services required for application, preparation and subsequent implementation of the 2001 Community Development Block Grant Economic Development Program, which were opened on May 22, 2001, to accept the services of the following:

Project Administrator – Chris Gouras, Gouras & Associates
Project Engineer - Allen & Hoshell – Jackson, MS

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Project Attorney - Austin Law Firm

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

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

2. Asphalt Contract for 2002

Supervisor Tommy Lewis said he would like for the Board to have the Asphalt Contract for 2002 ready by October 1, 2001, so that bids could be let as soon as the new budget year starts. County Road Manager Kenny Gunn asked how much money would go into the budget. Supervisor Lewis said two million dollars would go into the budget and for Kenny Gunn to work up the proposals for the Board to go over. No motion were made on this item.

3. Time Warner Price Increase

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said Time Warner had a price increase on June 6, 2001 and people are complaining to the County. The County receives a franchise fee from Time Warner, but the County never has any input on fees being charged. Supervisor Medlin said this reflects on the Board of Supervisors when Time Warner increases their price because the County is listed as the regulatory board. No motions were made on this item.

4. Mid State Opportunity – Mitzi Woods

Ms. Mitzi Woods, Director of Mid State Opportunity, appeared before the Board of Supervisors regarding the Boards vote on Wednesday, June 13, 2001 for the relocation of the Olive Branch Offices of Mid State Opportunity.

Ms. Woods said Mid State Opportunity has allocated to DeSoto County \$177,000 for services to the residents of DeSoto County and from January to June of 2001, they have served 1,012 clients. Ms. Woods said they supply medicine, blankets, and fans to the elderly. Ms. Woods said the move of the Olive Branch Offices would be hard for the clients they are serving and asked the Board of Supervisor to reconsider their decision to relocate the Mid State Opportunity offices.

County Administrator David Armstrong said he thought that Mid State Opportunity had found a house on Hwy 305 in which to relocate. Ms. Woods said they do not have the money in the budget for rent and that the house could not be ready for the move in August. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said he had spoken with Pat Syvester at the Health Department and Tammy Berryhill who runs the office and they are willing to supply an office for Mid State Opportunity. Supervisor Medlin said they could go to the Fairhaven Fire Department and look at those offices. If they want to work out of the Fairhaven office and pay rent to cover expenses, when the Fire Department moves, they could have the complete building to work in. Ms. Woods asked why the County didn't use the Fairhaven location for the Drivers License office. Supervisor Medlin said the Fairhaven location does not have enough parking facility to hand the traffic for drivers license applicants.

Ms. Woods said all the money they receive goes to aid the elderly and they don't have
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any money for rent in this budget year. Ms. Woods said with the client load from February 12, 2001 through April 30, 2001, they spent \$93,000 on the 505 applications that were processed. The applicants were scheduled for visits every thirty minutes and Mid State Opportunity had to hire help to service the people.

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked how many senior citizens eat at this location. Ms. Woods said six or seven eat at the site and the rest of the meals are delivered to the homes.

Supervisor John Caldwell said the Board of Supervisors has made the decision on the drivers license location. Supervisor Caldwell asked Ms. Woods if she had a solution for relocation of the Mid State Opportunity Offices. Ms. Woods said if they have to move they need rent money. Supervisor Eugene Thach said all other facilities that use County buildings pay rent. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said the Health Department in Olive Branch uses a County building, but they don't pay rent and if Mid State Opportunity moved their offices to this location they would not have rent. Ms. Woods said this move should not be done at the expense of the elderly. Ms. Woods said she has not looked at any of the facilities offered, but she is told they are not adequate.

Supervisor John Caldwell asked where the customers for Mid State Opportunity come from. Ms. Woods said Olive Branch. Ms. Woods said if the move does not have to be done immediately, the meals would be going statewide to the frozen meals.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis said the Board of Supervisors are here to serve the public. Supervisor Lewis asked Ms. Woods what is wrong with the Fairhaven facility for their use. Supervisor John Caldwell asked if Mid State Opportunity had talked with the City of Olive Branch? Supervisor Jessie Medlin said he had spoken with Mayor Rikard about a location for Mid State Opportunity and the only offices they have available are upstairs at City Hall and they are not handicap compliant.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to take under advisement the issue and to continue to look at a solution for Mid State Opportunity. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to adjourn until Monday, July 2, 2001 at 9:00 a.m. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

THIS the 18TH. Day of June 2001, these minutes have been read and approved by the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors.

Tommy Lewis, President
DeSoto County Board of Supervisors