

DESOTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

TOMMY LEWIS, PRESIDENT 2001, PRESIDING

August 6, 2001

A. CALL TO ORDER

The August 6, 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. Sluggo Davis-----Chancery Clerk
- James Albert Riley-----Sheriff
- David Armstrong-----County Administrator
- William H. Austin, Jr.-----Board Attorney

B. INVOCATION

Supervisor Eugene Thach presented the invocation.

C. APPROVAL OF JULY MINUTES

Supervisor John Caldwell asked if the Planning Commission minutes had been distributed for approval. Merritt Powell said they would be presented to the Board of Supervisors today. The other official minutes of the Board of Supervisors were read for the month of July 2001, pursuant to Section 19-3-27 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, annotated. Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the Board of Supervisors for July 2001, with various corrections as agreed by the Board of Supervisors and with the exception of the Planning Commission minutes, which will be held for approval until August 8, 2001. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

D. PUBLIC HEARING – REAL AND PERSONAL ASSESSMENT ROLLS

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made a motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to open the public hearing on the subject of tax assessments as approved by this Board of Supervisors on July 2, 2001 and as advertised in The DeSoto Times Today on July 11, 2001. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis called for anyone wishing to discuss the tax assessment as presented by the Tax Assessor on July 2, 2001, to come forward. No one came forward.

Having no one appear before the Board of Supervisors to officially protest the assessment rolls, Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to close the public hearing on the subject of the assessment rolls. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

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E. OLD BUSINESS

1. Approval of Contract with Austin Law Firm

County Administrator David Armstrong explained the changes made to the contract for legal services by the Austin Law Firm and Chamberlin * Nowak P. C. David Armstrong said the contract included the firm would meet at monthly meetings with the Board of Supervisors and would represent the County entities; Planning Commission, Board of Adjustments and the Emergency Communication District. David Armstrong stated the firm would represent the Sheriff's Department and do the required research for any County business that requires legal counsel. Supervisor Eugene Thach asked Bill Austin if he was the attorney for the Horn Lake Creek Interceptor Sewage Board. Bill Austin said yes. David Armstrong said the contract term is for one year commencing on July 1, 2001 and ending on June 30, 2002 and will be considered for renewal for regular periods of one year. The base salary is the same as the Supervisors salary. Supervisor Eugene Thach questioned the contract statement of research being subject to a separate hourly rate. David Armstrong said the base salary covers attending the monthly meetings and being prepared for the meeting and going over any papers prior to the meeting. The research and representation are different pay.

Bill Austin said when he talks with Vanessa Lynchard or David Armstrong regarding questions on bids, contractors employment, and other matters that he usually considers this to fall under the base salary. Bill Austin said he tried to be available to handle calls and return information in a short time frame. Supervisor Eugene Thach said the contract needs to specify all duties that are covered by the base salary.

Supervisor John Caldwell asked how the fee for the Planning Commission would be handled. Bobby Chamberlin said the Board could set a standard fee for this work. Merritt Powell, Planning Commission Director, said the fee for this year's budget is \$5,000 for the Planning Commission and Board of Adjustments. David Armstrong said all expenses would be submitted for the claims docket.

David Armstrong said Bill Austin would retire effective September 1, 2001 and then Bobby Chamberlin and Tony Nowak will assume the County Board Attorney position. David Armstrong said he recommends approval of the legal contract. Supervisor John Caldwell asked how the travel expenses would be handled. David Armstrong said the travel expenses would be handled as they are now for Bill Austin in addition to other fees. Bill Austin said the State mandate for travel of \$40.00 per day applies. Bobby Chamberlin said Bill Austin will be working with the Law Firm as a consultant after his retirement September 1, 2001.

Supervisor Gerald Clifton made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to accept the County Administrator's recommendation for approval of the Independent Contractor's Agreement for Legal Services with Austin Law Firm and Chamberlin Nowak Law Firm under the terms submitted in the contract. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit E.1****

2. Pleasant Hill Road – Turn Lane

County Administrator David Armstrong said he had talked with Daniel Murphy, Consulting County Engineer, about adding the turn lane to the Pleasant Hill Road and Church Road Intersection. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said the turn lanes should be on Church Road not Pleasant Hill Road. Supervisor John Caldwell said the whole intersection should have turn lanes. Supervisor Jessie Medlin agreed a turn lane should be on all four-lane intersection roadways. Supervisor Medlin said the County should request the City of Olive Branch to install a light at this intersection. The County Administrator said he would talk with Daniel Murphy. No motions were made on this item.

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F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval to Declare Morris Lee Brewer a Pauper

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to declare Morris Lee Brewer a pauper in accordance with Section 43-31-29 of the Mississippi Code, which states the Board of Supervisors shall also relieve, support or employ paupers found or being in the county, though not entitled to a settlement therein, and, in case of their deceased, shall decently bury them; and all expenses shall be chargeable to and recoverable from the County in which such pauper had a settlement; and the Board shall decently bury all strangers dying in the County. The motion included to authorize the Clerk to write a check in the amount of \$250.00 for funeral expenses for Morris Lee Brewer to Brantley Funeral Home in Olive Branch, MS. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

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

2. Beaver Control – Jothie Gee

Jothie Gee, Beaver Control Consultant for DeSoto County, appeared before the Board of Supervisors to give an update of work that has been done in the County, since being approved by the Board in March 2001. Mr. Gee stated he has worked mostly in the Delta area of the County. Mr. Gee said work has been done on Stateline Road, Old Hwy 61 & Hwy 302, Austin Road, and Church Road. Mr. Gee said everything in the County looks good for now.

Mr. Gee informed the Board that he would be attending the National Trapping Convention in Ohio to learn more trapping techniques.

Mr. Gee said he had done programs at La Petit daycare facilities for the children. Mr. Gee said he has done work for several private landowners around Lake Lipscomb and work for Robert Vinson and Charles Smith. Mr. Gee said he would return to the Board quarterly or when needed, but if any problems come up to just call. Mr. Gee said he keeps in contact with Kenny Gunn regularly.

3. Leadership DeSoto Donation of Equipment to Sheriff's Department

County Administrator David Armstrong said Paul LeBlanc and Diane Hill from the DeSoto County Economic Development Council's Leadership DeSoto were present to address the Board of Supervisors. Paul LeBlanc said Leadership DeSoto is a program designed for community oriented projects. He said his group's project was to raise money to purchase two defibrillators for DeSoto County Sheriff's Department cars and to provide training on their use. Mr. LeBlanc said they would like to present to the Sheriff's Department two automatic external defibrillators and explained that Leadership DeSoto group solicited donations from various businesses in the County to purchase the defibrillators. Mr. LeBlanc stated House Bill 954 will null the liability factor for the Sheriff's Department to use the defibrillators. Mr. LeBlanc said the Sheriff's Department personnel would be trained at no charge to use the defibrillators. David Armstrong asked the value of the defibrillators. Mr. LeBlanc said the value was \$1,700 each. Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked who will actually use the defibrillators. Mr. LeBlanc said the Sheriff and his administrators would determine who would carry the defibrillators.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis expressed the Board's appreciation for the donation of the defibrillators and asked who should be recognized for this donation. Ms. Diane Hill said the businesses involved with donations were Bancorp South, Car Quest, Auto Radio and Southaven Rotary Club.

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Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to accept the donation from the Leadership DeSoto Class of the two defibrillators. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

4. Joyce Riales – Comptroller

Comptroller Joyce Riales presented the budget amendment as follows to the Board of Supervisors:

a. Budget Amendment – Public Defender

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. Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to approve the budget amendment as follows:

| <u>Account #</u> | <u>Description</u> | <u>Budget Amt.</u> | <u>Increase</u> | <u>Decrease</u> |
|------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| <u>Total</u> | | | | |
| 001-170-575 | Witness Fees | 1,562 | 5,000 | 6,562 |
| 001-170-560 | Court Appt. Public Def. | 17,750 | 15,000 | 32,750 |
| 001-901-999 | Ending Cash Balance | <u>7,625,974</u> | | <u>20,000</u> |
| <u>7,605,974</u> | | | | |
| Totals | | 7,645,286 | 20,000 | 20,000 7,645,286 |

The motion passed by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit F.4.a****

b. Claims Docket

Comptroller Joyce Riales and Stephanie Hanks presented the claims docket showing claims that need to be paid for various departments as of August 6, 2001, in accordance with Section 19-13-31 and Section 19-11-23 of the Mississippi Code Annotated.

Chancery Clerk W. E. Davis said he did not sign two bills for Judge McClure, one that was for a programmer to do a software installation and the other was an insurance bill. Mr. Davis said the bills were legal and needed to be paid, but felt that the Judge should authorize payment.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton 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 the claims docket being \$1,943,661.74. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit F.4.b****

c. 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 Gerald Clifton made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to approve the investment of surplus funds to Trustmark National Bank for \$14,000,000 and to Citizens Bank & Trust for \$3,500,000, who were the high bidders that placed their bid on time for funds as follows:

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| <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> |
|---------------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------------|------------------|----------------------|------------|
| 07/24/2001 | Trustmark Bank | \$14,000,000 | 10/30/01 | 98 | 3.66% | 8609514 |
| 07/27/01 | Citizens Bank | \$3,500,000 | 9/28/01 | 63 | 3.71% | 5014262 |

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

d. 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 | \$15,721.92 |
| | | \$36,555.59 |

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 was 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 | \$40,122.73 |

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to ratify the bond payments as described above. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit F.4.d****

5. 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 August 6, 2001 to September 4, 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 Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to authorize travel during the period of August 6, 2001 to September 4, 2001, as necessary and incur travel expenses in the performance of their official duties for DeSoto County. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

6. 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 Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to pay Lee Hodge the amount of \$120.00 for the month of July, 2001; to pay Floyd Medlin the amount of \$200.00 for the month of July, 2001; to pay Joe Holmes the amount of \$80.00 for the month of July, 2001, for their service as bailiff's for DeSoto County Justice Court. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit F.6****

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7. 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 July 2001, pursuant to Section 9-11-19 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated. Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to accept the Justice Court Report for the month of July 2001. The vote passed by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit F.7****

8. Eudora Fire Department / Miller Voting Precinct – Fairhaven Fire Department

a. Approval of Contract with Contractor

County Administrator David Armstrong said the contractor's contract from Murphy & Sons Inc. for the Eudora Fire Department has the liquidated damage clause of \$350.00 per calendar day with the total cost of \$111,641.00. The contract for Miller Precinct / Fairhaven Fire Department from James E. Hays Contractors, Inc. does not have the liquidated damage clause and the total cost for the construction is \$320,200.00. Bobby Chamberlin said he had reviewed the contracts and they are the standard AIA documents. Bobby Chamberlin said the contract from James E. Hays should be amended to include the liquidated damage clause of \$350.00 per calendar day.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve the contractor's Murphy & Sons Inc., contract for the Eudora Fire Department construction and to approve the contractor J.E. Hayes Contractors, Inc's. contract for the Miller Precinct / Fairhaven Fire Department construction subject to the contract amendment for the liquidated damage clause of \$350.00 per calendar day in the James E. Hayes contract. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

****See Exhibit F.8.a****

b. Appointment of Superintendent & 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.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to appoint Jim Bearden as superintendent of the Eudora Fire Department and the

Miller Precinct / Fairhaven Fire Department construction and for the County to secure a \$50,000.00

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bond for the superintendent for each job. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

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 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 made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to appoint Supervisors Gerald Clifton and Tommy Lewis to be the inspection committee for the Eudora Fire Department and the Miller Precinct / Fairhaven Fire Department construction. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

d. Approval of Contract with Architect

County Administrator David Armstrong said the architect's contract from Marvin Johnson for the Eudora Fire Department has the fee at 6% of the construction cost of \$111,641. The Miller Precinct / Fairhaven Fire Department architect fee is 6% of the construction cost of \$320,200. Bobby Chamberlin said the Architect Agreement has an arbitration section, which he recommends to be taken out of the contract.

Supervisor John Caldwell said he thought Marvin Johnson was not charging the County for the Eudora Fire Department construction. Supervisor Caldwell asked to hold over the approval on the architect contract on Eudora Fire Department for clarification with Marvin Johnson.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to approve the Miller Precinct / Fairhaven Fire Department architect contract with the amendment to delete the arbitration section and to hold over the Eudora Fire Department architect contract for clarification with Marvin Johnson. 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 F.8.d****

9. Sheriff's Employee Report

Supervisor Gerald Clifton made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to acknowledge receipt of the Sheriff's Department Employee Reports for the month of July 2001. The report is attached and made a part of the minutes in Exhibit F.9. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit F.9****

10. Proposed Changes to DeSoto County Health Plan

County Administrator David Armstrong said he is recommending a benefit change to the **ITEM F.10, CONTINUED,**

County Health Plan. David Armstrong said he had discussed the benefit change with Bob Box at MAS. David Armstrong said in March the insurance plan was changed to differentiate the rate between an in network physician and an out of network physician. Baptist network listing does not include any chiropractors in their network; therefore our employees are being forced to pay the out of network deductible which is \$400 with a 75% benefit. David Armstrong said it has been requested to amend the insurance benefit for chiropractors to state that all visits would be paid at the in network rate which would be a \$250 deductible with a 90% benefit. Supervisor John Caldwell asked if there was a cap per calendar year. David Armstrong stated the cap was \$1,000 per calendar year.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to approve the County Administrator's recommendation for a benefit change to the County Health Plan for chiropractors and that all visits would be paid at the in network rate, which would be a \$250 deductible with a 90% benefit. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit F.10****

11. Approval of Agreements for Coldwater Bank Stabilization 2 – Byhalia Road

Supervisor Tommy Lewis said the agreement for the Bank Stabilization – Byhalia Road is with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service. They are requesting the County to obtain easements of the land for the purpose of stabilizing and erosion control. Supervisor Lewis said the cost for this work would be \$65,000, which the NRCS would pay and the County would be responsible for obtaining adequate land and water rights, permits, and licenses needed for the work improvements to Byhalia Road, moving the utilities and maintaining the site. County Road Manager Kenny Gunn said the County would have to pay to have the utilities moved. Kenny said there are gas and water lines that would have to be moved and the County would have to set up a pre-construction meeting. Board Attorney Bill Austin said the easements for this project have been recorded.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the agreement with the U. S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service for the Bank Stabilization – Byhalia Road project and to appoint County Road Manager Kenny Gunn as the County's representative to work with NRCS and the landowners. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit F.11****

12. Inventory Disposal – Accounting Department

The Board of Supervisors were given a list of equipment owned by the County in the Accounting Department that is either unrepairable or not cost effective to repair. Supervisor Gerald Clifton made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to accept receipts from the Inventory Clerk pursuant to Section 31-7-107 of the Mississippi Code and did approve the disposition on the report as noted on Exhibit 12 as follows:

| <u>Property #</u> | <u>Description</u> | <u>Serial #</u> | <u>Location</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 00274 | Victor 1250A Calculator | 12552958 | Accounting Dept. |
| 08031 | Victor 1570A Calculator | 29004323 | Accounting Dept. |

The motion passed by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit F.12****

13. Approval of Courthouse Renovation Change Order #8

County Administrator David Armstrong said Operations Manager Jim Bearden had worked with the architect for the Courthouse Renovation to provide a dry pipe sprinkler system in lieu of wet pipe in the North and South wings of the Courthouse as recommended by Allen &

Hoshall. The architect will be responsible for the expense to Seiler Construction to make these changes since the wet design was an error of Allen & Hoshall. Supervisor Eugene
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Thach said he wanted to recognize Vanessa Lynchard for her negotiations regarding this change order expense.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to approve the Courthouse Renovation change order #8 to provide a dry pipe sprinkler system in lieu of wet pipe in the North and South wings of the Courthouse at no expense to the County and to make the change a part of the Board minutes. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit F.13****

14. 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 June 28, 2001 thru July 25, 2001 and the Work Schedule for the month of August 2001.

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked if Getwell Road would have turn lanes at Pleasant Hill. Kenny Gunn said he has been asked to check this out with Daniel Murphy. Bill Austin said Ron Smith at Southaven says they will let the job with turn lanes all 4 ways at the intersection of Pleasant Hill and Getwell Road.

Supervisor John Caldwell said the County needed to regrade the hill at Church Road and Tulane Road. Supervisor Tommy Lewis said the road at Malone and Cleveland needs to be resealed and to try to reseal Ranch Road also. Supervisor Lewis said the overlay at Byhalia at Malone and Laughter has a bad drop off and they need to put gravel there.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the Road Report and Work Schedule presented by the Road Manager Kenny Gunn. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit F.14.a****

Kenny Gunn said the Baldwin Road and Starlanding Road interchange should be overlaid. Kenny Gunn said he would talk with Daniel Murphy to see what needs to be done to add this to the overlay contract. Kenny Gunn stated it would cost \$6,000 to do the overlay on the annual bid and if the County could amend the overlay contract and add it would save the County. Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to amend the overlay contract to include the Baldwin Road and Starlanding Road interchange. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

b. Road Bond Report

Road Manager Kenny Gunn presented the Road Bond Report to the Board of Supervisors for review. Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked if any bonds had expired. Kenny Gunn said there were a few. Mr. Ivy has contacted developers and handled some problems with a few of the banks. Kenny Gunn said the maintenance bonds are for one year. Supervisor Tommy Lewis said he thought a maintenance bond was for two years. Kenny Gunn said sometimes when there is a problem with a developer they require a two year maintenance bond. Kenny Gunn said subdivisions have to have 60% of the houses built before it can be put on a maintenance bond.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to accept the Road Bond Report. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit F.14.b****

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15. Approval of Publication of Board Proceedings

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to approve the publication of Board Proceedings in accordance 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.

16. Approval of Chancery Clerk Allowances

Chancery Court Clerk, W. E. Davis, presented an order of Allowances to the Board of Supervisors for the July, 2001 term in the amount of \$930.00. Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to approve these payments, pursuant to Section 25-7-9 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit F.16****

17. Granting Waterline Easement at Eudora School

Supervisor John Caldwell said the Eudora Water Association needs to move the waterlines due to the expansion of Hwy 304 Road. The deed they have shows the land belongs to the School District and not the County. Supervisor Tommy Lewis said this is a utility easement. Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to turn this matter over to the Board Attorney Bill Austin to research ownership of property in question and if it belongs to the County to prepare a deed for the easement. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit F.17****

18. Starlanding Road Widening (Hwy 51 to Underpass)

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked when Starlanding Road would be widened to Hwy 51. Supervisor John Caldwell said Daniel Murphy, Consulting County Engineer was waiting on the engineers who were doing the railroad bridge to see if they could do the project all together, or if they would have to be done separately. Supervisor Thach asked what budget year would this widening happen. Supervisor Caldwell said it should happen this coming year. County Road Manager Kenny Gunn suggested that the engineering be done first. Supervisor Tommy Lewis said for Kenny to talk with Daniel Murphy about the engineering.

Board Attorney Bill Austin said the Railroad process is moving but just moving slowly. They are considering four or five alternate construction plans. One plan was to build the road over the top of the existing railroad. A second plan is to build a parallel track to take the curve in the road out. Another plan is to build a track on the west side.

Bill Austin said the money spent must be approved by MDOT for the work. Supervisor Caldwell said the County could come up with a plan to cover money we have to use. The Railroad may have a stock plan that can be used. The Highway Commissioner has an order to approve this project. No motions were made on this item.

19. Approval of Increase & Reduction in Assessments

County Administrator David Armstrong said the Board has to approve these petitions for reduction of assessments for the Year 2000 Tax Rolls. Chancery Clerk Sluggo Davis said there have not been any changes since the July rolls.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the

motion to approve the petitions for reduction of assessments for the Year 2000 Tax Rolls for Real and Personal Property and to submit to the State Tax Commission the following tax parcels:

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| OWNER – Real Property | PARCEL NUMBER |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| Thompson & Company Investment LLC | 1069-3221.0-00187.00 |
| Thompson & Company Investment LLC | 1069-3221.0-00188.00 |
| Thompson & Company Investment LLC | 1069-3221.0-00189.00 |
| Thompson & Company Investment LLC | 1069-3221.0-00190.00 |
| Thompson & Company Investment LLC | 1069-3221.0-00191.00 |
| Thompson & Company Investment LLC | 1069-3221.0-00194.00 |
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| Thompson & Company Investment LLC | 1069-3221.0-00202.00 |
| Thompson & Company Investment LLC | 1069-3221.0-00209.00 |
| Thompson & Company Investment LLC | 1069-3221.0-00210.00 |
| Thompson & Company Investment LLC | 1069-3221.0-00211.00 |
| Thompson & Company Investment LLC | 1069-3221.0-00212.00 |
| Thompson & Company Investment LLC | 1069-3221.0-00213.00 |
| Thompson & Company Investment LLC | 1069-3221.0-00214.00 |
| Thompson & Company Investment LLC | 1069-3221.0-00215.00 |
| Thompson & Company Investment LLC | 1069-3221.0-00217.00 |
| Thompson & Company Investment LLC | 1069-3221.0-00218.00 |
| Thompson & Company Investment LLC | 1069-3221.0-00219.00 |
| Thompson & Company Investment LLC | 1069-3221.0-00220.00 |
| Thompson & Company Investment LLC | 1069-3221.0-00225.00 |
| Thompson & Company Investment LLC | 1069-3221.0-00226.00 |
| Thompson & Company Investment LLC | 1069-3221.0-00227.00 |
| Thompson & Company Investment LLC | 1069-3221.0-00228.00 |
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| Thompson & Company Investment LLC | 1069-3221.0-00231.00 |
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| Thompson & Company Investment LLC | 1069-3221.0-00258.00 |
| Thompson & Company Investment LLC | 1069-3221.0-00259.00 |
| Thompson & Company Investment LLC | 1069-3221.0-00264.00 |
| Thompson & Company Investment LLC | 1069-3221.0-00265.00 |
| Thompson & Company Investment LLC | 1069-3221.0-00266.00 |

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| Thompson & Company Investment LLC | 1069-3221.0-00192.00 |
| Thompson & Company Investment LLC | 1069-3221.0-00198.00 |
| Five Star Homes Inc. | 1069-3221.0-00207.00 |

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| OWNER – Real Property | PARCEL NUMBER |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| Five Star Homes Inc. | 1069-3221.0-00232.00 |
| Five Star Homes Inc. | 1069-3221.0-00233.00 |
| Thompson & Company Investment LLC | 1069-3221.0-00242.00 |
| Thompson & Company Investment LLC | 1069-3221.0-00247.00 |
| Five Star Homes Inc. | 1069-3221.0-00252.00 |
| Thompson & Company Investment LLC | 1069-3221.0-00261.00 |
| Parker, C. R. | 1069-3006.0-00036.00 |
| Eppenger, Sheree | 2079-3000.0-00009.01 |
| Brigance, Stacey A. Etux. | 2069-3200.0-00022.03 |
| Muse, James P. | 4086-1302.0-00223.00 |
| Newman, Charles W. Etux. | 1065-1600.0-00001.00 |
| Bailey, Jason | 3081-1209.0-00076.00 |
| Campbell, Gerald A. | 1069-3006.0-00026.00 |
| Herrington, James B. | 3061-0100.0-00017.00 |
| Sonnemann, William L. Etux. | 2082-0401.0-00004.00 |
| Cooper, Michael Etux. | 2082-0317.0-00300.00 |
| City of Olive Branch | 1069-3005.0-00097.00 |
| Whitesides, J Kathleen Etal | 1068-3457.3-00014.00 |
| Coleman-Hyneman Homes LLC | 2081-0104.0-00120.00 |
| Wilbert Mayes | 2073-0500.0-00021.04 |
| Greg A. Jones | 2069-3200.0-00022.04 |
| James Keith Bramlett Jr. | 3086-2404.1-00020.00 |
| Ella Mae Daniel | 3099-2900.0-00017.00 |
| OWNER – Personal Property | PARCEL NUMBER |
| Icon Receivables | 1085-000 |
| MLC Group | 1334-000 |
| Patricia O. McGee | 389-000 |
| Baptist Memorial Home Care | 1681-000 |
| Artillery Advertising & Promo | 290-000 |
| Lovelady's Auto | 604-000 |
| Gilder Law Firm | 570-000 |
| Yankee Wire Cloth | 2156-000 |
| NMAC-EFD | 2053-000 |
| NMAC-EFD | 2053-001 |
| Atlas Roll-Lite Door Corp. | 182-000 |
| Hewlett-Packard Co. | 660-003 |
| Barkeen Construction | 1565-001 |
| In-N-Out Grocery | 718-000 |

The motion passed by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit F.19****

20. Robert Vinson Jr. – Appeal of Taxes 2001 – Delta Bluff Apartments

County Administrator David Armstrong said Mr. Robert Vinson Jr., a representative for the Vinings Group who is the owner of the Delta Bluff Apartments at 7320 Highway 61 North in DeSoto County, was here to address the Board of Supervisors regarding the taxes for 2001. Mr. Vinson said the Delta Bluff Apartments have experienced a 17% vacancy as of December 2000 and a 31% vacancy as of May 2001. Mr. Vinson said he would like to request economic assistance on the 2001 taxes for the Delta Bluff Apartment Complex. David Armstrong asked when the apartments were built. Mr. Vinson said the Vinings Group purchased the apartments in 1996. Supervisor John Caldwell questioned if vacancy rate

could be used to calculate taxes. Bill Bryant of the Tax Assessors office said they sometimes use cost, income, and market value on the amount paid for the property to calculate taxes.

Supervisor John

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Caldwell asked Mr. Vinson if he had information to show the value of the property. Mr. Vinson said he was not aware of the purchase price of the property and he did not bring any information on the value of the property.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to deny the petition to appeal the taxes for 2001 on the Delta Bluff Apartments, 7320 Highway 61 North, DeSoto County, Mississippi, based on the fact they brought no evidence that the assessed value of the property was wrong. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

****See Exhibit F.20****

21. Approval of Tax Rolls

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to accept the final rolls as presented by the Tax Assessor and that the said assessment rolls, and the assessments therein contained, be and they are hereby accepted, approved and made final, and that the final recapitulation of said assessment rolls be certified to the State Tax Commission, on blanks furnished by it, within ten days after the adjournment of this meeting as provided by Section 97-99, Mississippi Code of 1942, and as required by law. The following is a RE-CAP of Taxes:

Full County Taxes

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|----------------|--------------------|
| Real | 442,051,347 |
| Personal | 83,029,033 |
| Public Utility | 21,806,456 |
| Mobile Homes | 1,573,149 |
| Automobiles | <u>171,760,680</u> |
| Total | 720,220,665 |

State & School / Road & Bridge

Real & Personal 34,282,994

State & School Tax Only

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|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| Real & Personal | <u>19,210,013</u> |
| Total Assessed Value | 773,713,672 |

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|-----------------|--------------------|
| August 2001 | 773,713,672 |
| August 2000 | <u>712,065,785</u> |
| Increase | 61,647,887 |

9.2% Increase

The motion passed by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit F.21****

22. Approval of Resolution of Appreciation - CVB

County Administrator David Armstrong said the County should acknowledge Martha Gatlin for her work during her term of public service and devotion of many hours fulfilling the duties and responsibilities necessary to organize the DeSoto Civic Center. Supervisor Tommy Lewis made a motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve

a resolution of appreciation to Martha Gatlin for her dedication and service necessary to organize the DeSoto Civic Center. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit F.22****

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G. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

H. OTHER ISSUES

1. Personnel -Chancery Clerk

Chancery Clerk Sluggo Davis introduced Jeff Brown who would be working in the Chancery Office to manage the computers.

2. Park Funds - District 4

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve \$20,000 from the District Four Park Funds to be used for the City of Horn Lake Park improvements according to the approved Inter-local Agreement with Horn Lake on December 6, 2000. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

3. Budget FY02

County Administrator David Armstrong said the Comptroller Joyce Riales had worked very hard to help him have the Budget FY02 ready to submit to the Board of Supervisors. David Armstrong said he would present the Budget to the Board by the end of the month.

4. Sheriff Department - Inmate Housing FY01/FY02

Supervisor John Caldwell asked where the County is at on the budget in the custody for Prisoners. Comptroller Joyce Riales said she is watching this area of the budget, so that she can bring any concerns to the Board. Joyce Riales said the initial amendment of \$150,000 were put in the budget. David Armstrong said the County has spent \$69,843 so far for inmate housing out of the County. Supervisor Caldwell asked if they had an annual expense figure.

Sheriff James Riley said he has 93 inmates in Tallahatchie County Jail and 155 in the DeSoto County Jail. Sheriff Riley said that, at the rate the County is going, they may want to look at an additional expansion to the new addition construction. Supervisor Gerald Clifton asked with the way the jail is designed if additional beds could be added. Supervisor Clifton said the jail design could help cut down on personnel and could cost the County less if we add onto it now.

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked if there were any prisoners that could be let out early now. Sheriff Riley said the pre-trial people are the problem for the County. The State will take them once the hearings are over. Sheriff Riley said he has 40 State inmates now. Supervisor Caldwell asked what percentage of inmates is brought in from the Cities. Sheriff Riley said approximately 50% come from the Cities.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked if there was a place to put trustees in a separate location. Sheriff Riley said he has 40 State trustees and 10 County trustees. Supervisor Lewis asked about the medical expense for inmates at Tallahatchie. Supervisor Clifton said the daily cost of \$31.00 per day per inmate only covers in house medical, and if they have to go to the hospital or doctor's office, then DeSoto County has to pay the bill.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said the County needs to find a place in the County to house inmates. Supervisor Thach asked if mobile units could be used at a cost of \$1,500 per month as this would save the County some money. He has a problem with safety hazards of transporting inmates. Sheriff Riley said the standard requirement of space for an inmate is 60

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feet per inmate. Supervisor Thach said he would like to see a cost comparison between the mobile units and a building. Supervisor Clifton said the building that was being looked at has a rent of \$4,100 a month and the owner will allow the first \$125,000 to be used for renovations including installing air conditioning. Supervisor Caldwell asked if the sallyport could be renovated into the jail facility and be used. Supervisor Thach suggested the Board make a decision to do something about the situation.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked if Jim Bearden, Director of Operations and Maintenance, could secure some cost on mobile buildings for the Board. Jim Bearden said the space required to put mobile units would have to be approved by the City of Hernando. David Armstrong said a fence would have to be put up for the facility, the building or the mobile units. Supervisor Tommy Lewis suggested the Board look at the space available on the jail grounds during their inspection of the jail.

Jim Bearden reported the mobile units would cost \$1,000 per month and \$200 for the security features for a 24 X 60 doublewide trailer that has 1,440 sq. ft. including the bath. Jim Bearden said a 35 sq. ft. requirement per trustee, per the architect, would allow the mobile unit to house 25 people in the trailer. David Armstrong asked how much land was available at the jail to locate the trailer. Jim Bearden said the trailer could be placed on the West Side of jail. The trailer would have to be hooked up to the water and sewer systems. Jim said the trailers are refurbished units.

Supervisor Gerald Clifton said he can't see the feasibility to use units when more space is available at the building across the street from the jail with 21,000 sq. ft. The building would house 80 prisoners with the partitions and air conditioning to be added by the County. Supervisor Clifton said the County could put Metro Narcotics and Civil Defense in the building. The rent would only be \$4,166 monthly with a five-year lease on the building.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked if the current trustee area in the jail could be used for other prisoners.

Supervisor John Caldwell said until the State inspector comes and says what the County can do, we can't make a decision about which way to go. David Armstrong said the State Department contracts with Ronald Welch to inspect the jail facilities. David Armstrong said Mr. Welch will come to inspect the jail and the County will have to have a check in the amount of \$3,000 to pay him on site. Bobby Chamberlin said the County should make a decision about what they want to do and how the plan will go before Mr. Welch comes to the County to inspect any facility. Bobby Chamberlin said the County Jail was under Federal Court Order regarding inmate housing. We need to make sure all records are updated regarding the jail expansion and have this information laid out before Mr. Welch comes.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion for the County Administrator to gather all the necessary information to have Mr. Welch come and inspect the facilities and to ask Mr. Welch to supply a hand rule book for compliance in court order, and to authorize the clerk to write the check for \$3,000 for Mr. Welch's fee. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

5. Central Maintenance - Disposal of Animals in Cities

County Road Manager Kenny Gunn said he had received a call from a resident within the city limits to come and pick up a dead horse. Kenny Gunn asked if it was the intent of the Board of Supervisors that the County be responsible for the disposal of dead animals in the cities. Supervisor John Caldwell said the County must do this. Supervisor Tommy Lewis said the County must do this to prevent the spread of any infectious disease and said the health and welfare of the County was important. Board Attorney Bill Austin asked if a Veterinary certificate was obtained before disposal. Kenny Gunn said his procedure requires a certificate

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first. No motions were made on this item.

6. Central Maintenance - Striping of City Streets

County Road Manager Kenny Gunn asked the Board of Supervisors if when the County was doing the overlay to the streets in the City, if they were to also stripe the streets. Kenny Gunn said he would get with the City to determine how to stripe if this was the Boards wishes. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said he thought the City should stripe the streets. Chancery Clerk Sluggo Davis said some of the city streets must have a temporary stripe. Board Attorney Bill Austin said the County must coordinate with the City but the County must do temporary striping. Supervisor John Caldwell said if the road is a section line road the County will stripe the road.

Kenny Gunn asked if the County would be responsible to stripe a residential subdivision that the County overlays. Supervisor Eugene Thach said he was concerned on how Cities would want their streets striped. Supervisor Tommy Lewis said the County should stripe the way they normally do and if the City wants something different they have to pay for. Supervisor Lewis said the County should have a hold harmless agreement with the City if the County does the striping.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion for the County to provide striping at County standards to overlayed City streets when the County does the overlay and to provide shoulder gravel to the streets that do not have curb and gutter and to have a hold harmless agreement with the City for any street that is striped. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

7. Sheriff Department - County Policy – Parking on Side of Roads

Supervisor John Caldwell asked what the County Policy was concerning parking on the sides of roads. Supervisor Tommy Lewis said that parking should not be done any closer than four or five feet from pavement. Supervisor Caldwell said the issue is with subdivisions that have small lots and they park on the side of the street. Supervisor Lewis said some of the subdivision convents requires pads to park on. Supervisor Caldwell asked if the County was regulating builders to build streets wide enough to allow parking on the streets. Supervisor Eugene Thach said if the area is not marked as a no-parking zone, they will park. Supervisor Caldwell asked if there was case law about parking on streets and who would be liable. Board Attorney Bill Austin said the County would have to do an ordinance and designate roads with no parking on the heavily traveled roads. No motions were made on this item.

8. Courthouse Renovation

a. Circuit Clerk Office

Supervisor John Caldwell said the beam in the middle of the Circuit Clerk's office needed to be removed. The beam was not in the original architect plans for renovations and Supervisor Caldwell asked why it is still there. Jim Bearden, Director of Operations and Maintenance, said the beam was not on the blue prints and when they started tearing out the walls the beam appeared. Jim Bearden said they were checking to see if the beam was supporting the floors above before it could be removed. Jim Bearden said the wall was build around the beam originally when the plans were drawn. No motions were

made on this item.

b. Circuit Clerk - Move

Jim Bearden, Director of Operations and Maintenance, said he has made plans to move the Circuit Clerk's offices the weekend of August 11, 2001. Jim Bearden said this was the third time he has tried to move the Circuit Clerk's office due to the contractor failing to

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complete the work.

Jim Bearden said he would like to have the Board approval to enforce a \$500 a day completion deadline of the new Jail addition construction. They are falling behind schedule due to the general contractors not holding the crew accountable. Jim Bearden said Kline Swinney has been at the Jail every week to push the contractors for completion of the schedule. No motions were made on this item.

9. Operations & Maintenance - Commerce Street Property

Supervisor John Caldwell said he would like to look at the stipulations that were put on the sale of the Commerce Street property that was sold to Billy Meyers, Jim Seay and Stan Elam. Supervisor Caldwell said the land is up for sale and he was of the understanding that the land was to be sold for economic development only. Board Attorney Bill Austin said the issues and terms would flow to any buyer of the property. Supervisor Caldwell said the problem was that getting the land back on the tax rolls could be a long drawn out process. The land will have to be rezoned by the City of Hernando and then be sold to a retailer. Bill Austin asked if it was the intent of the Board for the land to be sold to a retailer. Supervisor Caldwell said if Billy Meyers sells under the C4 zoning this would be ok, but if they sell out as parcels of land, this was not the intent of the Board when they sold the property. No motions were made on this item.

10. Bids – Election Equipment

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked if the election equipment specs are ready and if the Federal Election Commission has approved a certain type of equipment. Board Attorney Bill Austin said he believes the Federal Election Commission will approve a partial reimbursement to the Counties within the next year. Bobby Chamberlin said bills on election reforms are in the House being worked on. Bill Austin said some equipment does not meet ADA standards, due to the site impaired or hearing impaired people. Supervisor Thach said the County should make sure any equipment has been State approved. Bill Austin said that if the State standardizes election equipment and the County has already purchased a new system that doesn't comply, then we have to go back and repurchase equipment. Vanessa Lynchard said she has been waiting on the Justice Department's initial approval before going out for bid. Bill Austin said the Federal Government is expected to take one year to make recommendations. No motions were made on this item.

11. Authority for Austin Law Firm to Answer Audit Report

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to authorize the Austin Law Firm to respond to the FY01 Audit Report. 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 Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion

to recess until Wednesday, August 8, 2001 at 9:00 a.m. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

THIS the 6th. Day of August 2001, these minutes have been read and approved by the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors.

Tommy Lewis, President
DeSoto County Board of Supervisors