

DESOTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

TOMMY LEWIS, PRESIDENT 2001, PRESIDING

November 5, 2001

A. CALL TO ORDER

The November 5, 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---ABSENT
Supervisor John Caldwell-----District 4
Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----District 5
W. E. Sluggo Davis-----Chancery Clerk
James Albert Riley -----Sheriff
David Armstrong-----County Administrator
Tony Nowak -----Board Attorney

B. INVOCATION

County Administrator David Armstrong presented the invocation.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board of Supervisors held this item until Wednesday, November 7th, to allow these minutes to be reviewed more closely.

D. OLD BUSINESS

1. Port Commission

The Board of Supervisors held this item over until November 7th.

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. DCRUA—Request to Forgive Interest on Loan

BJ Page appeared before the Board of Supervisors on behalf of the DeSoto County Regional Utility Authority. Mr. Page said that the Utility Authority has been working for sometime on the Regional Utility System. He reported that the Authority is on the verge of beginning some construction. Mr. Page said that the Utility Authority receives operating funds and grant matching funds from the County. Mr. Page said the Utility Authority is thankful for this funding, and they wouldn't be in business without it. Recently, the Utility Authority has been signing actual paperwork obligating the Authority for the loans the County gives. At the last meeting the Utility Authority signed an agreement for every thing up until this point, and the Utility Authority has asked Mr. Page to talk to the Board of Supervisors about the interest being charged on this money.

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Mr. Page said that much of what this loan was based on was because that was the way the Civic Center was handled, however there was a difference in the operation of the Regional Utility Authority and the Civic Center in terms of their revenues and from where the revenues come. All the Civic Center revenue is based on a choice by the users, but Regional Utility Authority's revenue stream is based on payments by the users. The Utility Authority does not want the County to go in the hole on the efforts of the Utility Authority. The initial loan paperwork calls for a five- percent rate of interest, and that is in excess of any interest the County currently pays. These funds come directly from the users. The Utility Authority is asking for reconsideration of this rate of interest.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked what the total funds were owed by the Utility Authority. David Armstrong said the amount is \$1,088,381.32.

Supervisor Eugene Thach says that he supports the Utility Authority paying interest, because it costs the County to loan the Utility Authority the money. However, Mr. Thach said that he does not have a problem dropping it back to what the County is getting on CDs. BJ Page said that may be a valid argument for money that comes from the general fund, but not grant money and loan money.

Supervisor John Caldwell said the County has different interest rates that we pay on different loans. The higher amount would be fair. Supervisor Caldwell said that the County can't pay off the loan on their highest interest because the Utility Authority is using the County's money. Supervisor Caldwell said that he does not mind forgiving all of the interest if the Utility Authority is ready to start paying the County back. Supervisor Caldwell said he feels that this consideration is premature.

Supervisor Eugene Thach said he does not think the Board of Supervisors should be making money off the Regional Utility Authority. Supervisor Thach said the Board of Supervisors should adjust this loan agreement as well as the loan agreement for the Civic Center.

County Administrator David Armstrong suggested he and Joyce Riales determine the average interest the County is paying. Mr. Armstrong said the State Revolving Loan Fund is 1.75%. Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion to take the matter under advisement. The motion died for lack of a second.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion to let the Comptroller run a breakdown of the money given to the Utility Authority to determine from where it came. The motion died for lack of a second.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion to charge the Utility Authority what the County pays, subject to the Board's approval. Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

2. 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 November 5, 2001 to December 3, 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 the motion to authorize travel for all officials and

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employees of DeSoto County for the period of November 5, 2001 to December 3, 2001. Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

3. Joyce Riales—Comptroller

a. Claims Docket

Comptroller Joyce Riales presented the claims docket showing claims that need to be paid for various departments as of November 5, 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 the bills in the amount of \$3,194,776.54 as presented by the Comptroller. 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.3.a**

b. Budget Amendments

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 19-11-11 of the Mississippi Code for the Board of Supervisors did discuss these amendments to the budget for the Fiscal year beginning October 1, 2001, and ending September 30, 2002. At the recommendation of the Comptroller, Joyce Riales, Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve the budget amendment for the Sheriff's Department as follows:

Fund #	Description	Budget	Amt.Increase	Decrease	Total
001-202-932	Motorcycles		\$46,497		\$46,497
001-901-999	Ending Cash Balance	\$7,988,284		\$46,497	\$7,941,787
001-200-940	Settlement of Claims		\$17,500		\$17,500
001-901-999	Ending Cash Balance	\$8,005,784		\$17,500	\$ 7,988,284

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.3.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

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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 John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the investment of surplus funds to Trustmark National Bank for \$5,000,000, that was the highest bidder that placed its 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>
10/30/2001	Trustmark National Bank	\$5,000,000	11/29/2001	30	2.3000%	8609517

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.3.c**

d. 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, 2001 were presented by copy to each Supervisor. Payment was made to Hancock Bank against the 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>\$14,210.96</u>
		\$35,044.63

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), 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	\$35,709.04

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to ratify the bond payments as described above. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

****See Exhibit E.3.d**

e. Interfund Loan

Comptroller Joyce Riales requested approval to make an inter-fund loan as follows:

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\$298,407.98 from General County Fund (001) to the Administration Building Interest & Sinking Fund (212) to cover the debt retirement payment due on the County Administration Building. This load will be repaid when sufficient tax receipts have been collected.

Supervisor John Caldwell made a motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion for the County Comptroller to transfer \$298,407.98 from General County Fund (001) to the Administration Building Interest and Sinking Fund (212). 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.3.e**

f. Interfund Transfer

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 Transfer from the General Fund/Sheriff's Department (001) for the Fiscal year beginning October 1, 2001, and ending September 30, 2002. At the recommendation of the Comptroller, Joyce Riales, Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve the Inter-Fund Transfer to the Metro Narcotics/Grant Fund (115) as follows:

Lower	001-200-950	General Fund/Sheriff's Dept.	\$26,490
Increase	115-000-384	Metro Narcotics/Grant	\$26,490

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.3.f**

g. Interfund Transfer and Budget Amendment

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 19-11-11 of the Mississippi Code, the Board of Supervisors did discuss these amendments to the budget for the Fiscal year beginning October 1, 2001, and ending September 30, 2002. At the recommendation of the Comptroller, Joyce Riales, Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve the budget amendment and interfund transfer as follows:

Interfund Transfer

From: DeSoto School Interest & Sinking	240-900-950	\$132,424.00
To: General County Fund	001-000-384	\$132,424.00

Budget Amendment

Increase: Realty/Personal Taxes	240-000-200	\$12,000.00
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Increase: Beginning Cash Balance	240-000-398	\$22,687.00
Increase: Checking & Other Interest	240-000-339	\$1,000.00
Increase: Interfund Transfers Out	240-900-950	\$35,687.00
Increase: Interfund Transfers In	001-000-384	\$35,687.00
Increase: Ending Cash Balance	001-901-999	\$35,687.00

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.3.g**

4. Inventory Disposal

The Board of Supervisors were given a list of equipment owned by the county that is either unrepairable or not cost effective to repair. Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to accept receipts from Bonnie Gatlin, Inventory Clerk, pursuant to Section 31-7-107 of the Mississippi Code and did approve the disposition on the report as noted on Exhibit E.4 as follows:

<u>Property #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Serial #</u>
9025	Time Clock	N/A
11158	966 Nuclear Hand Radio	1470673
11159	966 Hand Held Radio	1470673
30174	Cell Phone	00417601
1093	Smoke Detectors	N/A

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. Central Maintenance

a. Road Report and Work Schedule

At the recommendation of the interim Road Manager, Bilbo Williams, Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to accept the Road Report and Work Schedule into the minutes and to approve the reductions and releases of bonds as recommended by Mr. Williams. 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.5.a**

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b. Road Bond Report

At the recommendation of the interim Road Manager, Bilbo Williams, Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to accept the Road Bond Report. 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.5.b**

6. Sheriff's Department Employee Report

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to acknowledge receipt of the Sheriff's Department Employee Reports for the month of October, 2001. The report is attached and made a part of the minutes in Exhibit E.6. 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.6**

7. Justice Court Report

At the recommendation of the Justice Court Clerk Linda Aldridge, Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve the Justice Court Report for the month of October 2001. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

****See Exhibit E.7**

8. 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 John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to pay Joe Holmes the amount of \$120.00 for the month of October, 2001; to pay Lee Hodge the amount of \$200.00 for the month of October, 2001; to pay Floyd Medlin the amount of \$200.00 for the month of October, 2001, for their service as bailiff for DeSoto County Justice Court. The motion passed by 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.8**

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9. Approval for the Publication of Board Proceedings

Supervisor Eugene Thach 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 vote as follows:

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

10. Approval to Authorize Board President to Sign Grant Closeout Packages

a. Metro Narcotics

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to authorize the Board President to sign the Grant Closeout packages for the Metro Narcotics Grant for FY01. 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.10.a**

b. Youth Court Victims Witness Coordinator

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to authorize the Board President to sign the Grant Closeout packages for the Youth Court Victims Witness Coordinator Grant for FY01. 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.10.b**

11. Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant

At the recommendation of Brigette Herring, Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to authorize the Board President to sign the modification to the grant extending the closeout date to February 28, 2002. 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.11**

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12. Approval to Remove Julie McMath as Receiving Clerk

At the recommendation of the County Administrator, Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to remove Julie McMath as receiving clerk for DeSoto County and remove her bond. 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.12**

13.Board of Education—Request for Assistance at Olive Branch Middle School

Board of Education Superintendent Jerry Baird requested the County’s assistance in grading a school bus lot behind the school and a motor patrol to scrape the infield on the old baseball field. In accordance with the authority granted the County in Section 19-3-42 of the Mississippi Code, Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to authorize the Road Department to handle these requests. 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.13**

14.Chancery Clerk Allowance

On this date, Chancery Court Clerk, W. E. Davis, presented an order of Allowances to the Board of Supervisors for the October, 2001, term in the amount of \$1,050.00. Supervisor John Caldwell 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 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.14**

15.Making State Tax Commission Approval of Exemption Part of the Minutes

- a. **Rexam Beverage Company**
- b. **Quebecor Worldwide, Olive Branch**
- c. **Sherwin Williams**
- d. **Williams Sonoma**
- e. **Stylecraft Lamps, Inc.**
- f. **H C Industries/Alcoa Closure**
- g. **Milwaukee Electric Tool Corporation**
- h. **Alcoa Extrusions**
- i. **Treadway’s Corporation**

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At the recommendation of the County Administrator, Supervisor Eugene Thach made the

motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to make the State Tax Commission’s approval of the tax exemptions for Rexam Beverage Company, Quebecor Worldwide, Sherwin Williams, Williams Sonoma, Stylecraft Lamps, Inc., HC Industries/Alcoa Closure, Milwaukee Electric Tool Corporation, Alcoa Extrusions, and Treadway’s Corporation a part of the minutes. A 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.15**

16.Bids Under Advisement—First Regional Library Expansion

Architect Marvin Johnson and Jim Anderson, Director of the First Regional Library, presented the bids for the First Regional Library Hernando Office Expansion to the Board of Supervisors and recommended the low bidder, TDL Contractors.

Supervisor John Caldwell asked if TDL is located in Mississippi. Marvin Johnson said their office is in Tennessee, but they live in Mississippi.

a. Approval of Bid

b. Approval of Contract

At the recommendation of Marvin Johnson, Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to approve the low bid of TDL Contractors and authorize entering into a contract with TDL for the First Regional Library addition in Hernando, MS. 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.16.b**

c. Appoint Superintendent for Project

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to appoint Jim Bearden as Superintendent of the First Regional Library addition and authorize the County to bond Jim Bearden in accordance with state law. 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

d. Appoint Committee to Inspect

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to appoint Supervisor Eugene Thach and Supervisor Gerald Clifton as the Committee to inspect the First Regional Library Addition. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES

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

At the request of Jim Anderson, Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to authorize bidding for furniture for the First Regional Library expansion and authorize and expenditure up to \$350,000. 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

17. Making Fully Executed MOU for Brentwood Part of the Minutes

At the recommendation of the County Administrator, Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to approve and make the executed memorandum of understanding for the Brentwood Project part of the minutes. 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.17**

18. Ratifying the BOS' Approval to Cremate Unclaimed Corpse

The Board of Supervisors acknowledged a call they received in October notifying them of an unclaimed body in need of cremation. This person was a drowning victim. Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to ratify the Board's prior approval to cremate the body known as John Doe and authorize payment in the amount of \$255.00 for the cremation to Central Mississippi Crematory, Inc. 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.18**

19. Request for Letter of Support for JBHM for NWCC

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to take this matter under advisement. 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

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20. McInvale Road Washing Problem

Supervisor Tommy Lewis explained that when work was being done on McInvale Road, a silt

screen was not put up, and dirt and silt washed onto the adjoining golf course. The golf course has attempted to remedy the problem but have asked if the grass does not come back next year that the County help fix the problem. Supervisor Lewis acknowledged the dirt and silt had damaged the grass, and the Board of Supervisors agreed the County should fix the problem if the golf course determines the grass is not going to come back. No motions were made nor votes taken on this portion of the minutes.

21. Tax Exemption—Exel (Freeport)

Attorney Mark Aquadro appeared before the Board of Supervisors on behalf of Exel Corporation requesting a Freeport Warehouse exemption. Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve the Freeport exemption for Exel in accordance with a prior memorandum of understanding for Exel. 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

22. Authorization for County Administrator or Designee to Open Bids

- a. Bridgetown Fire Truck on November 27**
- b. E911 Un-Interruptible Power Supply**

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to authorize opening bids for the Bridgetown Fire Truck on November 27th and the E911 Un-Interruptible Power Supply on November 28th. 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. Rural Water Opportunity

Supervisor Tommy Lewis explained that he and Supervisor Medlin had been talking to people in the Alphaba, Cockrum and Ingram Mills area and with Rural Development about getting a water system in the area. There have been some developmental meetings and the project is now on the stage of finding out if there is enough public participation to proceed with the project. Supervisor Lewis and Supervisor Medlin asked for approval to mail letters to residents in Alphaba, Cockrum and Ingram Mills inviting them to public meetings concerning the Rural Water Project. Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve letters to be mailed to the public in Alphaba, Cockrum and Ingram Mills inviting them to a public meeting concerning a rural water system. 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

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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. Personnel—Central Maintenance

At the recommendation of the interim Road Manager, Bilbo Williams, Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to hire Michael Smart as full time employee at the same rate of pay, effective November 5th. 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

2. Central Maintenance—Parking Lot

Road Manager Bilbo Williams reported to the Board of Supervisors that the Central Maintenance parking lot will be paved soon. Supervisor Eugene Thach asked if the lot went all the way to the road. Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked how much is being paved. Bilbo Williams said the front and sides are going to be paved, and they are going to pour a 16-foot slab in the back. Mr. Williams said that Lehman-Roberts will do this work one day this week.

3. Roads—Church Road

County Administrator David Armstrong said that signage was never put on the Church Road project to indicate the Board of Supervisors were sponsoring the project. Bilbo Williams said he has some signs at Central Maintenance that he thinks could be put on the project. Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to get signs up on Church Road on both the East and West ends that showed this is a County sponsored project. 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

4. Central Maintenance—2002 Paving Contract

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked how far along the previous Road Manager was on getting the paving contract underway for next year. Bilbo Williams said he was working on that issue.

5. Roads—Nesbit Road

Supervisor John Caldwell asked if the Mayor of Hernando had contacted any of the Supervisors regarding the paving on Nesbit Road. Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked if the City would be paying half the cost for the project. Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to modify the paving contract to include seven tenths of a mile on Nesbit Road between Hwy 51 and Gwen Road, provided the City of Hernando pays half of the paving. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

Supervisor Tommy Lewis YES

6. Economic Development—Brentwood

Attorney Tony Nowak requested approval for Chamberlin Nowak to obtain right-of-ways and perform contract negotiations and other legal work associated with the Brentwood Project. Mr. Nowak said that their firm has been instructed verbally to do several items on the Brentwood Project but was asking for formal Board approval on these actions. Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to hire the Chamberlin Nowak Law Firm to handle legal matters including but not limited to right-of-way acquisition and contract negotiations for the Brentwood Originals Projects. 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

7. Days Water Association Bond

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to accept the bond from Days Water Association and authorize the Board President to sign the bond. 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

8. Bid Opening—Water Tank

Nathan Husman of Engineering Associates appeared before the Board of Supervisors in connection to bid opening for the elevated water tank. The bids were opened and read aloud as follows:

Company	Alternate "A"	Alternate "B"
Phoenix Fabricators and Erectors, Inc.	No Bid	\$823,540.00
Caldwell Tanks, Inc.	\$769,000.00	\$737,700.00
CB&I Constructors, Inc.	\$713,000.00	\$696,000.00

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to take the matter under advisement to allow the bids to be reviewed. 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

ITEM G.8, CONTINUED,

Later in the meeting, Nathan Husman returned and recommended the low bid from Chicago Bridge and Iron. Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve the low bid from Chicago Bridge and Iron for the elevated water storage tank, contingent upon approval of funding through EDA and contingent upon the contractor being cleared through MDA. 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

9. District Attorney

District Attorney John Champion appeared before the Board of Supervisors and forwarded the appreciation of the former District Attorney, Ann Lamar, for the Board of Supervisors' support during her tenure as District Attorney.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion, to recess the meeting until November. 7, 2001 at 9:00 am. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

THIS the 5th day of November 2001, these minutes have been read and approved by the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors.

Tommy Lewis, President
DeSoto County Board of Supervisors