

DESOTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

TOMMY LEWIS, PRESIDENT 2001, PRESIDING

December 17, 2001

A. CALL TO ORDER

The December 17, 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
- Bobby Chamberlin -----Board Attorney

B. INVOCATION

County Administrator David Armstrong presented the invocation.

C. OLD BUSINESS

D. NEW BUISINESS

1. County Engineer – Andy Swims

County Administrator David Armstrong introduced the new County Engineer, Andy Swims, to the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Armstrong said he had verified Mr. Swims references and everyone had good things to say about him. The effective start date for Mr. Swims will be January 7, 2002.

Mr. Swims said he was pleased to be working for DeSoto County and looking forward to helping the County to grow. No motions or actions were taken on this item.

2. Constables – Approval of Lost Cost

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 25-7-27 of the Mississippi Code, for serving all warrants and other process, attending all trials in state cases in which the state fails in the prosecution, to be paid out of the County treasury on the allowance of the Board of Supervisors without itemization, subject, however, to the condition that the marshal or constable must not have overcharged in the collection of fees for cost, contrary to the provisions of this section, annually not to exceed \$ 1,000.00/ Constable.

Supervisor John Caldwell made a motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve payment to three DeSoto County Constables for Lost Cost at \$1,000.00 each and to authorize the clerk to write the check. The motion passed by a

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unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit D.2****

3. Sheriff's Department – Prisoner Medical Report – Dr. Rob Meacham

Dr. Robert Meacham, Medical Director for the DeSoto County Jail, presented a copy to the Board of Supervisors of the Year End Report on DeSoto County Jail Medical Expenditures for the 2001 Fiscal Year. Dr. Meacham stated that the budget for 2001 was \$475,000 for the County Jail Medical Expense but the amount paid out was only \$399,977, which was 85% of the County budget. Dr. Meacham stated that the MDOC reimbursements were in the amount of \$32,232 to the County. Dr. Meacham said that the expenses have been under budget for the last two years.

Total expenses for the 2001 year by category are as follows:

Medical Director	\$ 84,341.32
Medicines	\$ 80,122.68
Ambulance	\$ 17,341.25
Hospitals	\$ 130,048.21
Radiology	\$ 16,593.30
Physicians	\$ 56,227.50
Supplies	\$ 11,532.84
Lab	\$ 2,924.40
Dental	\$ 32,835.00
Eyes	\$ 244.00
	<u>\$ 432,210.50</u>
MDOC Reimbursement	\$ (32,232.89)
TOTALS	<u>\$ 399,977.61</u>

Dr. Meacham said the ambulance service for the past four years has stabilized since he has been medical director for the jail, despite the escalating healthcare cost. Dr. Meacham said the Tallahatchie County medical expenses have added a variable over which he has no control. Dr. Meacham said whereas DeSoto County uses in house doctors, in Tallahatchie County they use out source doctors, which have higher costs.

Dr. Meacham said the addition of a fulltime nurse was an excellent decision, which has definitely proven efficient for the County. Supervisor Gerald Clifton asked if private insurance claims for inmates were being processed. Dr. Meacham said it was hard to get the inmates to supply information regarding insurance. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said if an inmate was employed and then was jailed, he should still have insurance from where he was employed. Dr. Meacham said it would take a full time person to research this area of insurance and that it was labor intensive work.

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked if the hospitals and doctors were charging based on Medicare rates to the County. Dr. Meacham said the problem is they have to have someone dedicated to look at codes and see what the allowances are. Dr. Meacham said the State facility is the only location receiving Medicare rates. Dr. Meacham said the County has to negotiate with the hospital and doctors to accept the Medicare rate and may want to pay a small amount above Medicare, to reduce the cost. Vanessa Lynchard, Director of Administrative Services, said the County had tried to negotiate with Baptist Hospital and they would only allow the County a 10% discount.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked if the \$75,000 in expenses for medicines and drugs included the Tallahatchie County expenses. Dr. Meacham said yes, but that he did not breakout the actual expenses for DeSoto vs Tallahatchie. County Administrator David Armstrong said the County is not reimbursed for medical expense for the inmates from the Cities. Supervisor Eugene Thach said the County should try to get the Cities to pay for the medical expense for their inmates.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to accept the Year End Report on DeSoto County Jail Medical Expenditures for

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the 2001 Fiscal Year from Dr. Rob Meacham submitted December 17, 2001. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit D.3****

4. Monthly Safety Officers Report

County Administrator David Armstrong said a copy of the Safety Reports from Tim Curtis and Jim Green were in the Supervisors packets for review. Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to accept the Safety Reports and to put the reports into the Board Minutes as follows:

Safety Report from Jim Green, Safety Officer, with a list of safety improvements and materials being issued as follows:

- A safety meeting with a safety film was held with all foremen on 11-13-01.
- A memo outlining safety procedures was included in with checks.
- Disposable cameras were issued to all foremen to put in their trucks for recording accidents.
- Welding screen installed in shop area.
- Fire extinguishers placed in trucks.
- Work Gloves.
- Safety vest.
- Safety glasses.
- Back support belts.

These items were mentioned in memo that they are available and their responsibility to ask and use these items.

The DeSoto County Administration Safety Report November 2001 by Tim Curtis, Safety Officer, as follows:

- Training – Twenty-five employees attended training in “Supervisory Accident Investigation.” Mr. Bob Lynam conducted this training. It centered on aiding the immediate supervisor with the handling of an employee’s accident. The training kit is now county property and can be utilized for additional training as needed.
- Accident Reports – Three Workers Compensation Claims were reported during the month of November. One incident occurred in July of this year and the affected volunteer just filled out the insurance claim.
- Safety Investigations – I have performed follow-up investigations on two separate W/C claims related to falls. Both falls resulted in minor injuries. The fall hazard in one location has been eliminated. I am currently researching available options to eliminate the other fall hazard.
- I met with Bob Lynam and Joyce Riales to establish a streamlined workers compensation and accident reporting system. We agreed that due to the confidential nature of the W/C claims that the accounting department could best serve as the central collection point for W/C claims and accident reports. Copies of the current accident report form were supplied to each department. We are examining other forms to assist in simplifying the process.

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

5. Quarterly Allotments

In accordance with Section 27-1-32 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, which allows the Board of Supervisors to set aside, appropriate and expend moneys from the general fund for the purpose of supplementing the budget of the offices of sheriff, tax collector and tax assessor, Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve the quarterly allocations for the Sheriff, Tax Assessor, and Tax Collector as recommended by Comptroller Joyce Riales as

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follows:

<u>Office</u>	<u>Department #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>Tax Assessor</u>	103	\$215,641.25
<u>Tax Collector</u>	104	\$201,919.75
<u>Sheriff</u>		
Sheriff	200	\$142,659.92
Aviation	201	\$ 22,474.25
Patrol/Law Enforcement	202	\$983,191.00
Custody of Prisoners & Jail	220	\$581,566.00
Prisoners Medical Expense	222	\$122,500.00
Juvenile Detention	223	\$ 42,268.25
Rescue Unit	225	\$ 7,315.00
TOTAL		\$1,901,974.42

The motion passed by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit D.5****

6. Joyce Riales – Comptroller

a. Supplemental Claims Docket

Comptroller Joyce Riales and Stephanie Hanks presented the supplemental claims docket showing claims that need to be paid for various departments as of December 17, 2001. In accordance with Section 19-13-31 and Section 19-11-23 of the Mississippi Code Annotated, Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to authorize the Chancery Clerk to pay the bills as presented by the Comptroller in the amount of \$664,015.55. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin and Supervisor Eugene Thach stated they were in favor of the amount of the supplemental claims docket with the exception of the payment to Mr. DeMarco from the insurance small claim fund.

b. Investment of Surplus Funds

In accordance with Section 19-2-29 of the Mississippi Code, which states that whenever any County shall have on hand any bond and interest funds, any funds derived from the sale of bonds, special funds, or any other funds in excess of the sums which will be required to meet the current needs and demands of no more than seven (7) business days, the Board of Supervisors of such County shall invest such excess funds.

At the recommendation of the Comptroller, Joyce Riales, Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve the investment of surplus funds to Peoples Bank & Trust for \$2,500,000, 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>
12/12/01	Peoples Bank & Trust	\$2,500,000	06/13/02183		2.366%	92582517

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

7. Chancery Clerk Allowances

On this date, County Administrator David Armstrong presented on behalf of Chancery Court Clerk W. E. Davis, a signed order of Allowances to the Board of

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Supervisors for the December 2001 term in the amount of \$870.00. Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to

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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	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	ABSENT

****See Exhibit D.7****

8. Chancery Clerk Tax Roll Compensation

In accordance with Mississippi Code Annotated, Section 25-3-21, the Board of Supervisors may allow its clerks reasonable compensation, to be paid out of the County treasury, for making copies of assessment rolls required by law, not to exceed one and one-half cents for each personal assessment or three cents for each separate assessment of lands per copy; but the Board of Supervisors may allow as much as one hundred fifty dollars in any case for copying the personal roll, and each copy thereof shall be considered a roll.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve tax roll compensation according to Mississippi Code Annotated, Section 25-3-21, to the Chancery Clerk for the following:

Homestead Roll (\$.09 X 29,607)	\$2,664.63
Personal Roll (2 copies @ \$.03)	\$ 300.00
Mobile Home Roll	\$ 300.00
Real Roll (\$.03 per copy- 2 copies @\$.06 X 50,438)	<u>\$3,026.28</u>
TOTALS	\$6,290.91

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

****See Exhibit D.8****

9. Hernando Civic Center Request – District 5 Park Fund

Supervisor Tommy Lewis said he had received a request from the Hernando Civic Center to commit funds for the improvement of the parks in District 5. Supervisor Lewis said they have requested \$26,650.00, but he is asking the Board of Supervisors to allocate \$12,500 and they will talk with the City of Hernando to have them match the funds.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to allocate \$12,500 from the District 5 Park Funds and to authorize the clerk to write the check to the Hernando Civic Center. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit D.9****

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10. Civil Defense – Designating a County Grant Administrator for Storm Shelter Program

T. H. Walker, Director of DeSoto County Civil Defense, said the people of DeSoto County are eligible for grant money to purchase storm shelters. Mr. Walker said the only people eligible at this time are the ones affected by the recent storms.

Mr. Walker said the County needs a person assigned to this project to process the paperwork to see that people meet the standard requirements. Mr. Walker said once the shelters were set up they would have inspections done. County Administrator David Armstrong recommended the County Engineer to inspect the shelters. Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked if the Grant Writer could do the paperwork and let the Civil Defense do the inspection. David Armstrong said no, because the grant administrator must inspect the shelters.

Mr. Walker said the people who are interested must file a claim and have it processed to the State with an application before December 31, 2001. Mr. Walker said this is a reimbursement program. The people have to put the money out for the shelter on the front end and then apply for reimbursement from the grant program.

Supervisor Gerald Clifton asked if the State puts money in the program, can they then put people into the shelter other than the family who had the shelter built? Mr. Walker said this is a family grant program. Mr. Walker said after the storm victims have applied for the grant money, if there is any money left in the grant, anyone who was not in the storm could apply for reimbursement.

Mr. Walker said that all the shelters built must meet Federal Government standards. Mr. Walker said the shelters can be built from fiberglass or concrete and that the engineering of the shelter has to certify that the standards were met. Mr. Walker said that FEMA must sign off on the plans and that the maximum reimbursement is \$3,500. Mr. Walker said the County needs to get the word out to the public about the program. Supervisor Eugene Thach asked if this program is based on income. Mr. Walker said no.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve letting the Civil Defense Director T. H. Walker and his office handle the Grant Administration for Storm Shelter Program. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

****See Exhibit D.10****

11. Acceptance of Local Law Enforcement Block Grant

County Administrator David Armstrong said the Board of Supervisors needs to approve the acceptance of the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant. The grant is for \$2500 with a County match of \$278. Supervisor Caldwell asked if the match is in the Sheriff's budget. David Armstrong said it is.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to accept the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant in the amount of \$2500 and to make it part of the Board minutes. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

****See Exhibit D.11****

12. Request for Donation for Veterans of Foreign Wars

County Administrator David Armstrong said the Veterans of Foreign Wars has requested the Board of Supervisors do an ad in their Winter Conference Book. Mr. Armstrong said the ad costs are ¼ page for \$30.00, ½ page for \$60.00 and a full page for \$100.00.

Board Attorney Bobby Chamberlin said the Board can do this as the Advertising of County Resources.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to approve advertising in the Veterans of Foreign Wars Winter Conference Book with a \$100.00 full page ad to be paid from Advertising County Resources. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit D.12****

13. Mid Winter Conference

County Administrator David Armstrong said they need to make reservations for the Supervisors Mid Winter Conference to be held January 7-9, 2002, in Jackson, MS.

The Supervisors discussed when to schedule the January Board meetings with the conference starting on the January 7. They decided to meet the morning of the 7th and to move the Planning Commission meeting to the 16th of January.

There were no motions or votes taken on this item. ****See Exhibit D.13****

14. Emergency Proclamation

T. H. Walker, Director of Emergency Management, requested the Board of Supervisors to extend the Emergency Proclamation for DeSoto County. Mr. Walker said the Federal Proclamation has not closed out the date of the declaration of November 24, 2001.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis said the weather in the County is causing a delay in the clean up. Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to extend the DeSoto County Emergency Proclamation for seven more days ending December 24, 2001. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **** See Exhibit D.14****

15. Health / Life Insurance Start Date

County Administrator David Armstrong said the policy start date for the County's health insurance and the Sheriff's Departments start date for health insurance is different and they need to be the same. Mr. Armstrong said that a County employee's insurance starts on the first day of the following month, but the Sheriff's Department requires a full thirty (30) days on the job before the insurance goes into effect, and then it begins on the first day of the month after the thirty days has been completed. Mr. Armstrong said the way the Sheriff's Department handles the insurance is the standard way that most companies handle insurance.

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Supervisor John Caldwell said this would penalize people that have a hard way to go regarding insurance. Mr. Armstrong said the County has to have the same policy across the board to be in compliance. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said sometimes a person starts at the end of the month and they would have to wait until the first of the following month for insurance to be effective. Supervisor Tommy Lewis said the

Board Attorney advises the County to have a uniform policy. Supervisor Eugene Thach said the Sheriff's Department has this as a part of their personnel policy manual. Board Attorney Bobby Chamberlin said the Audit Department is not happy if the insurance is done two ways. Comptroller Joyce Riales said the IRS has a problem with the dual systems also.

Mr. Armstrong said the effective date would be January 1, 2002, for new hires only. Mr. Armstrong said the County's Life Insurance policy would work the same way. Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to revise the Personnel Manual to approve a thirty day employment completion date before instituting health insurance on the first of the next month after the thirty day period is complete. 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

Mr. Armstrong said he would bring the Workers Comp proposal to the Board of Supervisors on Friday, December 21, 2001, to be approved. Bobby Chamberlin said the County's policy on family medical leave is ok.

Supervisor Eugene Thach said the County should try to start all employees on the first of the month. Supervisor John Caldwell said regarding the family leave for reservists, the County should waive State Law that allows for the Federal minimum. The County has to take the employee off the insurance by law after three months and then put them back on when they return to work. Bobby Chamberlin said he would check to see what the Attorney General's opinion is on this. ****See Exhibit D.15****

16. CDBG Approval for TDL Contractors on DHS Building

County Administrator David Armstrong said the County has received contractor clearance from the Mississippi Development Authority for T. D. L. Contractors, Inc. of Memphis, TN for the DeSoto County CDBG Human Services Building. Board Attorney Bobby Chamberlin said the only problem he had with the contract was to add that the contractor is required to post a performance bond at 5%.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to make the approval from the Mississippi Development Authority for the T.D.L. Contractors for the DeSoto County CDBG Human Services Building a part of the Board minutes, and to require the contractor to post the required bonds for the project. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit D.16****

E. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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F. OTHER ISSUES

1. Roads – Dean and Sparks

Supervisor John Caldwell said the residents on Dean Road and Sparks Road have requested the County to install a 4-way stop sign. Supervisor Caldwell said the Interim Road Manager Billbo Williams sent a letter to the Board requesting approval to install the 4-way stop sign. Supervisor Caldwell said he would like for the County Engineer to give a second review of the 4-way stop sign request.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to have the County Engineer Daniel Murphy review the request for a 4-way stop sign being installed at Dean Road and Sparks Road. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

2. Fairhaven Fire Department

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said he would like to have a change order done to the new construction for the Fairhaven Fire Department building, to have the light pole and flag pole moved next to the building. Supervisor Medlin said the cost would be between \$500 and \$700 for the change order. Supervisor Eugene Thach asked if this would come out of the 701 construction fund. Supervisor Medlin said Marvin Johnson had said the project was coming under budget.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to do a change order for the Fairhaven Fire Department to move the flag and light pole up close to the building with the cost up to \$700 for the change. 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

3. County Bridge Loan – Economic Development

County Administrator David Armstrong said the official EDA notice has been received so the County could send in the application for the water and sewer grant for the Brentwood project. The County bridge loan is for \$1,065,000, the EDA application is for \$2,130,000. The letter to the EDA states that the County agrees to proceed with construction on project at our own risk, but we are making a request for the full \$2,130,000 in the application for this project. Mr. Armstrong stated the County had guaranteed to commit funds to make the CDBG match, in order for the CDBG to release funds to the project. Supervisor Eugene Thach asked what if EDA doesn't come through. Mr. Armstrong said the County would be liable. No motions or actions were taken on this item.

4. Hernando Library – DHS – New Buildings

Supervisor Tommy Lewis said the County has two new buildings under construction - the DHS building and the Library renovation. Who will do the inspection on these buildings? Jim Bearden, Direction of Operations and Maintenance, said the County would do the inspections. Vanessa Lynchard, Director of Administrative Services, said the Mayor of Hernando, Ed Gale, had called to say that the City may waive the permit required, but the City Board has to approve it first and then he will advise the County.

No motions or actions were taken of this item.

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5. Garbage Collection

Supervisor Tommy Lewis said he had an extra garbage cart thrown into his yard over the week-end. He asked if the County had received any complaints regarding missing carts. Supervisor Lewis asked Jim Bearden, Director of Operations and Maintenance, to contact BFI about missing carts. Chancery Clerk Sluggo Davis said garbage carts are being left in roadways on McIngvale Road and around the Bridgetown areas. Mr. Davis said customers have complained that the lids are not closed on the carts and the rain has been collecting in the carts. Jim Bearden said he had instructed BFI to close the lids on the carts, but when the lids are closed on the carts, they are moved around by the airflow from passing vehicles on the roads. Supervisor Lewis said the carts should be one foot off the roadway, at least.

Jim Bearden said he was called out to Central Maintenance about people dumping household garbage into the recycling containers. Mr. Bearden said the County should pass an ordinance regarding household garbage collection and prosecute people who dump illegally. Supervisor John Caldwell said residents should have to have proof of an approved alternative to BFI for garbage collection. If they don't provide one, then BFI needs to bill them and pick up their garbage. Jim Bearden said the problem is in the rental houses in DeSoto County. The rental owner needs to be held responsible for garbage pick up and include this cost in his rent.

Supervisor John Caldwell said the area of Days Road east of Hwy 301 should be checked regarding garbage not in cans. Supervisor Tommy Lewis said during this time of year, people have extra garbage, where can a person take it? Jim Bearden said the rubbish pit has an area to take care of extra garbage and the supervisor of the rubbish pit handles this.

Supervisor Gerald Clifton said when a renter comes in they should have to put up a deposit for the garbage collection. Jim Bearden said BFI had fought to get this in the past, but it was waived.

Jim Bearden said there were 85 garbage carts destroyed by the storm in November and that due to the growth of DeSoto County, BFI has run short on garbage carts to supply people. Mr. Bearden said if the Supervisors have a problem in their areas regarding garbage carts, to call him and he would work something out with BFI.

Supervisor John Caldwell said to look at the contract with BFI to see if it needs to be reworded in order to bill for garbage collection and that trailer parks and apartments have rights to garbage pick up.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked what if he had extra garbage and it is not garbage day. Jim Bearden said there are two extra dumpsters at the rubbish pit that anyone can go to if they need to do so.

The Board of Supervisors agreed that BFI is doing a good job.

David Armstrong said he would work with the Board Attorney and Jim Bearden for a solution to the garbage collection problems. No motions were taken on this item.

6. Bridgetown Fire Truck

Bobby Storey, Director of DeSoto County Fire and EMS, appeared before the Board of Supervisors to discuss the recent bids on the Bridgetown Fire truck. Mr. Storey said there were two bids received on the bid date November 27, 2001, Ferrara Fire Apparatus, Inc., Holden, LA in the amount of \$236,010, and Pro-Fire Equipment LLC, Olive Branch, MS in the amount of \$237,348.60.

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Mr. Storey said the Chief of the Bridgetown Fire Department had spoken to him about the low bidder for the fire truck. Ferrara had stated in their bid that there was no exception to their bid. After looking over the bids there are exceptions in both bids. Mr. Storey said he had received a letter from the Love Fire Department, who received the last fire truck purchased from Ferrara and they say they are having a problem getting service for their fire truck. The Board of Supervisors agreed a local supplier should give better service than a vendor in Louisiana and the previous experience has proven that.

Supervisor John Caldwell said the bid provision would allow the County to accept the County supplier of their choice. Board Attorney Bobby Chamberlin said the Board of Supervisors could accept the "best" bid, and if it was determined Pro Fire is the "best" bid, based on past experience with Ferrara, Pro Fire can be selected.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to approve the purchase of the Bridgetown Fire truck from Pro-Fire Equipment LLC, Olive Branch, MS, based on both bids having exceptions to the bid, based on the recommendation of the County Fire Director, based on the performance of previous vehicles purchased and the service received from the low bidder, and due to there only being \$1,338.00 difference in the bids. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said on fire trucks the County is not out any money because the State pays and the local people pay for the fire trucks. ****See Exhibit F.6****

7. Amusement Vendors

Tax Collector Joey Treadway said that the City of Olive Branch, the City of Southaven and the City of Horn Lake issue permits for amusement vendors for one year and they have an ordinance against pool halls. Mr. Treadway said the Board of Supervisors can levy a tax for vendors in the County, but he needs to know what to do. Supervisor John Caldwell asked should the Board set a minimum on the number of machines or if they have to pay a fee by machine. Mr. Treadway said the State allows a fee for musical machines at \$27, a fee for unspecified machines at \$45 and a fee for riding machines at \$18.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to allow the Tax Collector to charge the maximum amount for amusement machine permits in the County. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

8. State Emergency Management Refund to DeSoto County

T. H. Walker, Director of DeSoto County EMA said a reimbursement check from the State EMA in the amount of \$6,250 has been received and sent to the general fund. Mr. Walker said this is a 24% reimbursement of expenses. No motions or actions were taken on this matter.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion, to recess the meeting until December 21, 2001 at 10:30 am. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

THIS the 17th day of December 2001, these minutes have been read and approved by the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors.

Tommy Lewis, President
DeSoto County Board of Supervisors